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Rep. Bart Stupak announced Friday, April 9 that he will not be seeking re-election to Congress when his term expires this November.

Stupak announces his upcoming retirement

By Ben Hocking
assistant news editor

Congressman Bart Stupak, a democrat and member of the House of Representatives, announced Friday, April 9 at a press conference in the Superior Dome that he wouldn't seek re-election when his term expires in November.

Stupak said he reached the decision on Wednesday, April 7 to step down after 18 years of holding Michigan's 1st district seat, citing the recent approval of the health care reform bill as a major factor in his decision, something he said has been working to pass in Congress since first taking of-

ice in 1992.

"We finally accomplished what I set out to do 18 years ago. We passed comprehensive national health care reform," he said. "Throughout the past year, I've worked alongside my colleagues to achieve health care reform, and I'm proud to have helped bring it across the finish line."

Stupak said he wanted to step down to spend more time with his wife, Laurie, who also spoke at the press conference.

Stupak, started his public service career as an Escanaba Mich. police officer, is credited with raising debate regarding the health care bill's stance on feder-

ally funded abortions, which he opposed. He later voted to approve the health care bill after he felt assured by an executive order from President Obama that funding for abortion wouldn't come from tax dollars.

Upon raising these concerns about the bill, Stupak received numerous threats from angry citizens for changing his stance on the health care bill, but said he still believes he could be re-elected if he had chosen to run for a 10th term, since he thinks that most of the threats came from outside his district.

"I've enjoyed almost every

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Federal grant to re-charge electrical program

By Robyn Goodman
contributing writer

NMU will receive over \$670,000 from the national government to add on to the electric power technician program that will train about 40 entry-level electrical technicians a year.

Starting in the fall semester of 2010, NMU will add many new classes and technology to the 2-year associate-degree in the electric power technician program. This major is directly related to substation technology, which involves changing voltages and repairing substations that

are malfunctioning. The objective of this addition is to train people who are currently out of work and provide them with the skills to enter a new field of electronics.

Michael Rudisill, head of the engineering technology department at NMU, and the entire staff of the engineering department are very excited for the new classes being created and believe it will bring in more students, Rudisill.

"Because of our hands-on experience, NMU already has a lot of students coming here," Rudisill said, "But we believe this extended major will bring even more students."

This program started last fall, but with the grant money, the university will be able to expand the amount and variety of classes and personnel that are directly related to this major. The grant money is coming from last year's economic stimulus bill. President Barack Obama set aside \$5 million for the state of Michigan.

Many community groups are already supporting this new major financially, including the American Transmission Company and the Lake Superior Community Partnership. Rudisill hopes more will join in once the new classes are added.

"I think this grant will raise Northern's profile in this area," Rudisill said. "It will make us one of the big players in the electrical technology field."

According to Rudisill, an electric power technician major will directly affect Northern Michigan and its surrounding area. This major will prepare students for jobs in mines, paper mills and any large factory that brings in more power than the average company, said Rudisill. These students will be able to fix the electrical problems that those companies may face because of the large amount of electricity they are producing

and using.

Rudisill said there are many scholarships available to students who want to enter this major. There are also many career opportunities for students who graduate with this degree. Throughout the past couple of years, the university has conducted many surveys to make sure the addition of this major will be successful.

"Two years ago, we did a survey in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin and found out there was a big demand in this field," said Rudisill.

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'The Sparrow' Chosen for 2010 One Book One Community

By Alex Eisner
staff writer

The Marquette County One Book One Community committee has announced "The Sparrow" as the 2010 book selection.

"The Sparrow," written by Mary Doria Russell, is a science fiction novel that takes the reader to the planet Rakhat. According to the One Book One Community Web site, "A man returns to Earth – sole survivor of an interplanetary expedition – horribly disfigured and guarding a shocking secret. What happened to Emilio Sandoz on the planet Rakhat?"

"The book is about first contact and what happens when you step into another culture," said Dana Schulz, an employee at Snowbound Books and One Book One Community committee member. "It's about relationships with other cultures."

Schulz said the book can be enjoyed in many different ways.

"I'm really excited for this book because it's really thought provoking," added Schulz. "It's an incredibly fun read."

Different events surrounding the book will take place this year to give NMU and the community a chance to come together. One of the first events that has been planned will be the author visit on Oct. 26. There is also a dinner and a movie night planned at the Peter White Library that will show the movie "Avatar," a recent science-fiction film, said Sue Szczepanski, an instructor in NMU's School of Education and One Book One Community committee member.

Other events still being planned include book discussions, a presentation with Scott Stobbelaar about other planets in our solar system, and this year the committee is working to try to find a companion book for younger readers, said Szczepanski.

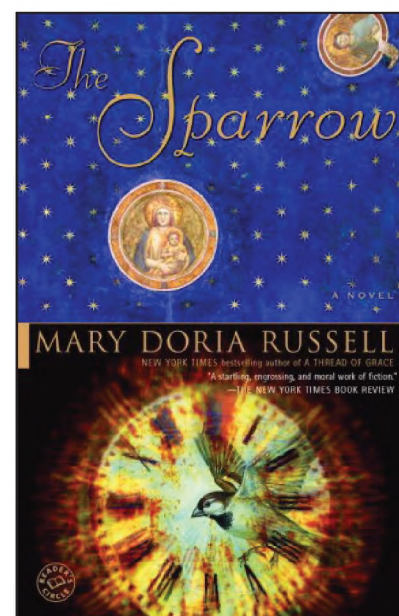
"(We) would like to extend this to our younger readers," Szczepanski said.

The One Book One Community program has been around for several years, and "The Sparrow" is the fifth book chosen. When choosing the book the committee looks for a variety of criteria and different authors, said Szczepanski.

"We look for a book that appeals to a wide audience," she said.

"The Sparrow" was chosen for a number of reasons, said Tom Rich, an English graduate student and president of Sigma Tau Delta English honor society. The committee felt the science fiction elements of the book would appeal to students and they wanted a female author, he said.

"They've done a number of male authors in the last few years, and there was a feeling amongst some of the committee that it might be nice to (have) a female author this time around," Rich said.



"The Sparrow," a popular science-fiction novel, will be read by the NMU and Marquette communities next year.

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Briefs

Charges against student dropped

The charges against Jason Morgan, former president of the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU), which were imposed by the Dean of Students Office last week have been dropped. The disciplinary hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 was cancelled.

Morgan had been charged with "disorderly conduct" and "personal abuse," because of a letter to the editor that he had written and was published in the April 1 issue of the North Wind.

An agreement was reached between Morgan and Andrew Foster, ASNMU treasurer, who had filed a complaint with the Dean of Students Office which led to the charges.

— Cameron Witbeck

Winner of competition decided

On Tuesday, April 8, the College of Business sponsored a competition to showcase different business proposals from NMU students.

The New Business Venture competition was held from 11 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. and gave seven finalists the chance to present their business proposals to a panel of judges from the local business community.

The goal of the competition is to provide students a venue to develop their individual business ideas and to receive feedback from business professionals in the area, said Ray Amtmann, an instructor at the College of Business who helped organize the event this year.

Competitors were judged three different categories. Chad Walker and Steve Farr won the overall competition with their business pitch, Great Lakes Cremation Services, and received the \$4,000 first place prize. Runners-up were Joshua Petrovich, who received second place with Pulsar Backup, a remote data backup company, and Kris Kohtala and Jessica Beaver, who received third place with their juice café business.

— James Dyer

MFA graduates to give reading

NMU's Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing and Passages North Literary Magazine will be sponsoring an event called "Celebration of Poetry, Fiction and Creative Nonfiction" in the Federated Women's Clubhouse, 104 W. Ridge St. Marquette, on Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

The event will showcase five graduating students. Three will share poetry and two will share nonfiction. Student take about 15 minutes and read from a book-length manuscript each has written that has the culmination of their work from the program, said Paul Lehmborg, professor of English at NMU.

The event happens once a year and is meant to acknowledge and praise graduating students for the work they have done, he said. For more information contact Paul Lehmborg at plehmbor@nmu.edu.

— Gary Seaman

Corrections

In the April 8 edition of The North Wind, the "Spring into Service" event should have been listed as taking place on April 17.

Dynamic artist depicts pop culture icons



Justin Key/NW

Students were treated to an exciting blend of commentary, art and pop culture iconography at artist David Garibaldi's presentation, which took place Wednesday, April 14 in the Vandeventer Arena.

ASNMU update

New board and administration are sworn in for 2010-11

By Ben Hocking
assistant news editor

On Monday, April 12, the newly elected Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) representatives were sworn into their new positions by the chairman of the All Student Judiciary, Joseph Gonzales.

Lucia Lopez and Courtney Russell attended their first meeting as the new president and vice president of the organization. Upon becoming the new president, Lopez appointed Andrew Foster as the new treasurer of ASNMU. The treasurer doubles as the chair of the Student Finance Committee.

"I'm excited to start the new year and the new administration," said Lopez. "The personal feelings and the drama

(within ASNMU) have to be put aside."

Three former members of ASNMU spoke out against the appointment of Foster at the meeting and called on the new board members to vote against his appointment to the treasurer position.

"I urge you all to vote against Andrew Foster for treasurer," said former ASNMU president Jason Morgan.

No vote took place on Foster's appointment. The constitution states, "The treasurer shall be appointed by the president."

Drew Janego was elected as the new chair of the assembly over Michael Skrobeck by the new board members.

Lopez discussed plans on to use up to \$4,000 of ASNMU funds to open a 24-hour study lounge in the bottom floor of the LRC. The money would be spent

to hire Public Safety student officers to work in the LRC from 3-7 a.m. when the building would normally be closed. Some board members raised concerns about whether the cost of the study lounge was too much.

"It's just not reasonable," said representative Zach Fix. "It's a good idea to have it open, but it's not a wise way for (ASNMU) to use our money."

Foster said that the program would be beneficial, because it would pay both student employees and give students a place to study at all times, something he said would be positive because the money ASNMU is allocated comes directly from students.

"When you spend money on students, it's a return on their investment," he said.

Map Key

1) An individual was cited for marijuana possession at 12:42 a.m. on April 10 at Wright Street and Lincoln Avenue.

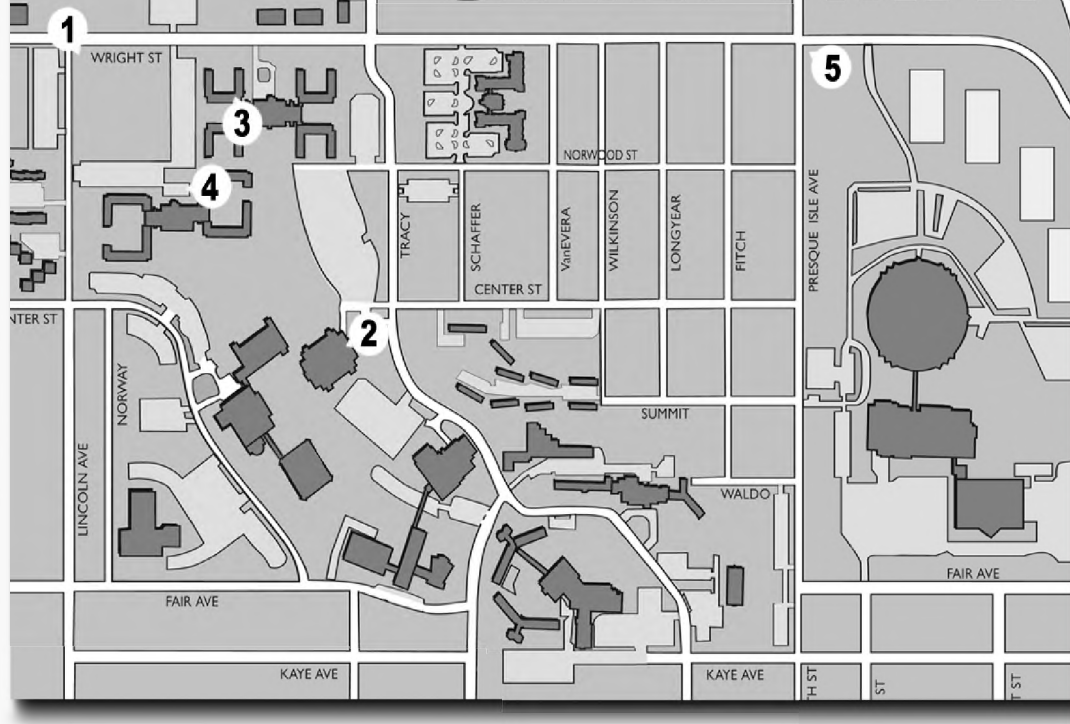
2) A student was cited for an MIP at 12:20 a.m. on April 11 in Lot 46.

3) Electronic harassment was reported at 11:52 p.m. on April 11 in Hunt Hall.

4) A student was cited for a fraudulent parking pass at 9:10 a.m. on April 12 in Lot 27.

5) An individual was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 2:17 a.m. on April 13 at Presque Isle Avenue and Wright Street.

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



Series focuses on proposed mine project

By James Dyer
staff writer

The NMU Economic Student Association (ESA) hosted a series of presentations to inform students about the economic impacts of the Kennecott Eagle Mine Project, a copper and nickel mine that may be built by the Rio Tinto mining company on an area of land called the Yellow Dog Plains.

The two-part series began Tuesday, April 6 in Jamrich 105 with a presentation by representatives from Rio Tinto and ended Thursday, April 8 with a presentation from Save the Wild U.P., which is against the project.

The series was sponsored by the ESA to encourage economic discussion on issues that affect students and community members in the Upper Peninsula, said Keith Voorheis, a senior economics and political science major and co-president of the ESA.

"We're trying to do an event each semester to foster economic discussion. It's important for students to learn as much as possible in order to make an informed decision," Voorheis said.

The organization sponsored similar forums last year to discuss Michigan's financial crisis and methods of financing corporate America.

According to Voorheis, the goal of the series was to present two different perspectives on

the mining issue. It was important to make sure that the ESA stood aside from the debate and remained unbiased organizers of the event, he said.

"Both (organizations) prepared themselves. We wanted to offer a forum for people to learn the two sides," Voorheis said.

At the first presentation, attendees heard from a representative of Rio Tinto, an international mining group operating from its headquarters in London that wishes to begin mining for nickel and copper in the Yellow Dog Plains, approximately 13 miles from Lake Superior.

In 2006, Michigan tightened restrictions on mining laws, and made it very difficult for organizations like Rio Tinto to conduct business, said Chantae Lessard, a representative from Rio Tinto who attended the presentations. Even though the company has worked with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to obtain mining permits, many still have objections to the mining projects, she said.

"All of our (mining) permits have been challenged in court. The courts have always ruled in our favor," Lessard said.

According to Rio Tinto's presentation, the constructions of the mine will create 200 jobs for local U.P. residents and will help combat an increasing unemployment rate in the U.P.

The main opposition to the



James Dyer/NW

Representatives from Save the Wild U.P. give a presentation before NMU students and the Marquette community. The Economic Student Association of NMU put on a series of speakers who addressed the economic impact of mining.

mining projects comes from environmental groups who fear that these mine sites will contaminate the surrounding environment, Lessard said.

"We will be mining well underneath the headwater of the Yellow Dog River. There is new mining technology available that will put in place controls to prevent any contamination," she said.

On Thursday, April 8, members of the Save the Wild U.P. gave reasons why the Yellow Dog river mining project is detrimental to the economy and environ-

ment of the U.P.

"In the short run, this project could create jobs and money, but in the long run it will cost us," said Adrian Bakker, a media technology specialist for Save the Wild U.P.

The project could net a total of \$80 billion, but the community will only get \$135 million of the profit; this means a total two percent of the gross income goes back into the community, Bakker said.

"I'm mostly interested in the fact that Marquette is gaining nothing. How will (the mine)

affect tourism jobs in the U.P.," Bakker said.

Bakker lives on the shores of Lake Independence, and he said that his home could face pollution from the mine. Many homeowners in the area are opposed to Rio Tinto's mining proposal, he said.

Bakker said that he wants NMU students to learn as much as they can about the situation and realize what the mine could mean for the U.P.

"This (mine) is bad for the U.P. Most people enjoy the way we live up here, and we don't want it to change," Bakker said.

Federal bill reforms student loans

By Delaney Lovett
staff writer

The Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010, was passed by Congress on Thursday, March 25. The bill will affect college students nationwide by changing the nature of how some student loans are funded and increasing federal grants.

Under the H.R. 4872 bill signed by President Obama on Tuesday, March 30, the government will no longer subsidize private banks for federal student loans, although they will continue to use the direct loan system. Some of the money saved by this will be used to increase the maximum award amount of the Pell Grant, which provides need-based financial aid to college students.

Michigan universities will benefit from a strengthened Pell Grant program and more affordable loan payment, Bart Stupak, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, said in an interview. The legislation also offers increased funding for low-income students attending college to learn skills such as debt management.

"Michigan students can expect the maximum Pell grant award to increase from \$5,550 to \$5,975," Stupak said. "The Pell grants will also be increased in future years to help keep pace with the rising cost of college due to inflation."

Although the direct loans are derived from the government, the law requires that all of the loans are facilitated by private lenders, so services to students remain the same.

"The federal government has already proven that it can originate loans more efficiently, reliably and at a lower cost than private lenders. Where private lenders have excelled is in servicing loans to students (by) ensuring that borrowers pay back loans on time, providing financial literacy and helping prevent loan defaults," Stupak said.

The student loan legislation is expected to improve Michigan's economy by increasing the number of citizens with higher education, and less debt from student loans creates more financial benefits and higher salaries, stimulating the economy and state revenues, Stupak said.

Mike Rotundo, director of

financial aid at NMU, is optimistic about the student loan legislation, because it will not negatively affect NMU.

"In fact, we're going to come out stronger because of it," Rotundo said.

NMU has had two federal loan delivery systems since the mid 1990s: one is through private banks, the Federal Family Education Loan Program, and the second is direct loans through the Department of Education.

The system that the government is switching to is one of the two that is already in place at NMU, Rotundo said. NMU will not have to change any of its business practices, since it doesn't work with the banks.

Over a span of 10 years, the student-loan legislature is expected to save \$61 billion in tax subsidies, with roughly \$40 billion of it diverted to higher education, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

"(The legislation) really strengthens the Pell grant system. The poor economy has really put some pressure on the Pell grant, and more families are becoming high-need. We have a lot of high-need folks

just because the U.P. has always been hit hard economically," Rotundo said.

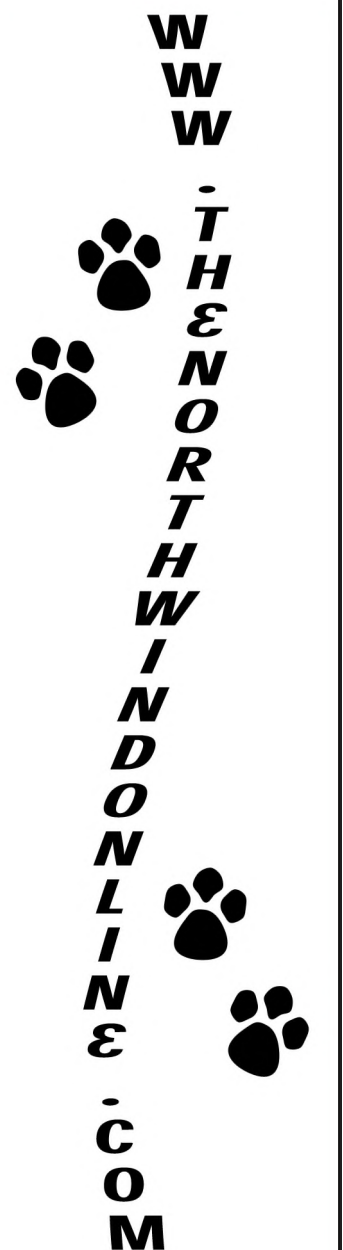
Erika Purdy, a junior sports science major, is a recipient of the Pell grant and has been since her freshman year.

"There has been much less stress on myself and my family to come up with the money to pay for school ... (or) for me to have a job," Purdy said.

The student-loan legislation also makes changes to income-based loan repayment starting in 2014, lowering the cap on repayment from 15 to 10 percent of graduates' discretionary income. Those who keep up with payments will have their remaining debt forgiven after 20 years, down from the current 25 years. Those who enter a field in public services will have their debt repaid after 10 years.

"I think income-based loan repayment is good in theory, but the people who give loans need to make money too, and if students graduate and don't get a job right away, then someone else isn't making money either," Purdy said.

For more information, go to www.gpo.gov/ or www.gov-track.us/congress/.



Degree awarded to deceased student

By Justin Daugherty
contributing writer

The Academic Senate voted this week to award to Becky Blackburn, an NMU student who passed away earlier this year.

The decision came following a joint proposal by Blackburn's family and her major department to award her the honorary degree. The proposal was passed by the Senate on Tuesday, April 6 in a unanimous vote.

"We appreciate the hard work she did as a student and regret that her life was brought to a tragic and abrupt end," said Andy Poe, a professor in the mathematics and computer science department and chair of the Academic Senate.

Josh Corbat, a student representative on the Academic Senate, said that it was fitting that the proposal was presented to the Senate.

"It was good that it was brought to us," Corbat said. "It

was appropriate."

Daryl Kobic, head of the technology and occupational sciences department, and Becky's family submitted a proposal for the honorary degree to the Academic Senate on March 12.

Becky was less than a semester away from finishing her degree and was a student in good standing with the department. She was scheduled to graduate with an associate of applied sciences degree in general university studies with an emphasis in hospitality management.

Blackburn, a 20 year old senior, passed away during the weekend of February 12 in an automobile accident. She worked at Vango's and the Ramada Inn. She was 20 years old.

"Her dream job was to manage a ski resort after she finished college," said Brittany Blackburn, Becky's sister.

Becky intended to move to Colorado following graduation

to work and spend her free time skiing.

"She went into hospitality management because she always loved helping and working with people," Brittany said.

She also said that the awarding of the degree is a bitter-sweet gesture.

"We love the idea of having the degree because she earned it, but we would have much rather had her walk up there and accept it," Brittany said.

The family is honored that the degree was awarded by the Academic Senate and Northern, Brittany said.

"When a special person like Becky comes so close to making their dreams a reality and then something tragic like this happens, it gives the people left behind some closure," Brittany said.

Becky is survived by her parents, two brothers, two sisters, a nephew, a niece and her friends.



Photos courtesy of the family of Becky Blackburn
NMU's Academic Senate recently awarded Becky Blackburn a posthumous degree. Blackburn died in February, a few months short of graduation.

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Robert Marlor, an associate professor in the engineering technology department, said that the new classes added to the electrical power technician program will bring in many new students.

"The demand for electricity is pretty steady, so the ups and downs experienced in other industries are relatively mild in the electrical power industry," he said.

Marlor said that this new technology, including a substation that will be placed outside of Jacobetti, will be available for students in other majors such as electronics engineering technology, industrial technology and mechanical engineering technology. This will create more hands-on experience for the students.

"The new faculty and equipment being brought in for this could provide learning opportunities for existing faculty and students," Marlor said.

This new program will show Michigan legislators that NMU is doing its part to help the economy, Marlor said. When the legislators are deciding how to allocate the funds next year, they will see that NMU is thriving in their engineering department and is helping with the local economy.

Many students have already taken advantage of the few classes already offered in this major. Chris Aepelbacher, a senior in the electronic engineering technology major, is taking a class that is offered in the substation technology major. Aepelbacher said that being able to visit working substations in the field provides great experience for students but having an actual substation on campus would be more convenient and provide even more hands-on experience.

"Adding a substation to the program would be a big help to students because they can take their knowledge and theory from the classroom and apply it to a real-world situation," Aepelbacher said.

Stupak

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minute," he said. "I have never been afraid to make tough decisions."

The first district of Michigan covers the entire Upper Peninsula and the Northern part of the Lower Peninsula. An area which Stupak said he believes can continue to be represented by a member of the Democratic Party.

"I'm committed to helping

the Democrats retain this seat," he said. "I believe we must continue to fight for our working families and small businesses, our economic and national security, for our Great Lakes and for our quality of life."

NMU President Les Wong, who was one of several people to introduce Stupak at the press conference, credited him with supporting the USOEC and WiMax programs at NMU.

"He cares about the health and vitality of our university," he said. "We are, in his eyes, a

hidden jewel."

Lindsay Hagner, a senior marketing major, didn't grow up in Michigan but said she was encouraged by what she had learned about Stupak's achievements as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I don't follow politics a lot, so it was really cool to hear more about (Stupak's career)," she said. "I was really impressed by what he had to say and to learn more about how he worked to keep the area as beautiful as it is."

Event discusses the power of words



Photos courtesy of Kaylee Place

Alan Willis, an associate professor of history at NMU, speaks about hate crimes at the "Myth Busting: Sticks and Stones" event, which was held on Tuesday, April 13 in Jamrich 104.

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The mission of the One Book One Community program is to "provide an opportunity for the NMU community and Marquette County to share the joy of reading, the life of the mind and the free exchange of ideas."

Each year students and faculty of NMU, community members, and committee members

submit ideas that they think would be a good book to be chosen. Then the committee of about 8-12 people narrows the list down based on criteria like the strength of writing, ability to prompt discussion and author availability until one book is chosen, said Rich.

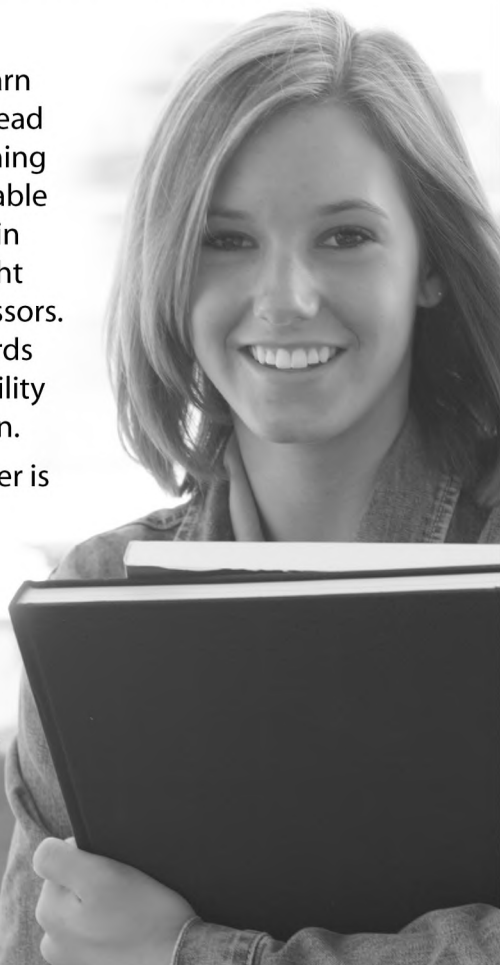
More information and updates on official events going on can be found at webb.nmu.edu/OneBook/.

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Cerebral Palsy: Myths and realities

Cerebral palsy is a major disability affecting body movements that is usually caused by a brain injury early in a child's development. It can also affect adults.

Dr. Paneth will discuss:

- the impact on quality of life and economics
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- new concepts about how the disability occurs.

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The public is invited to this free event.

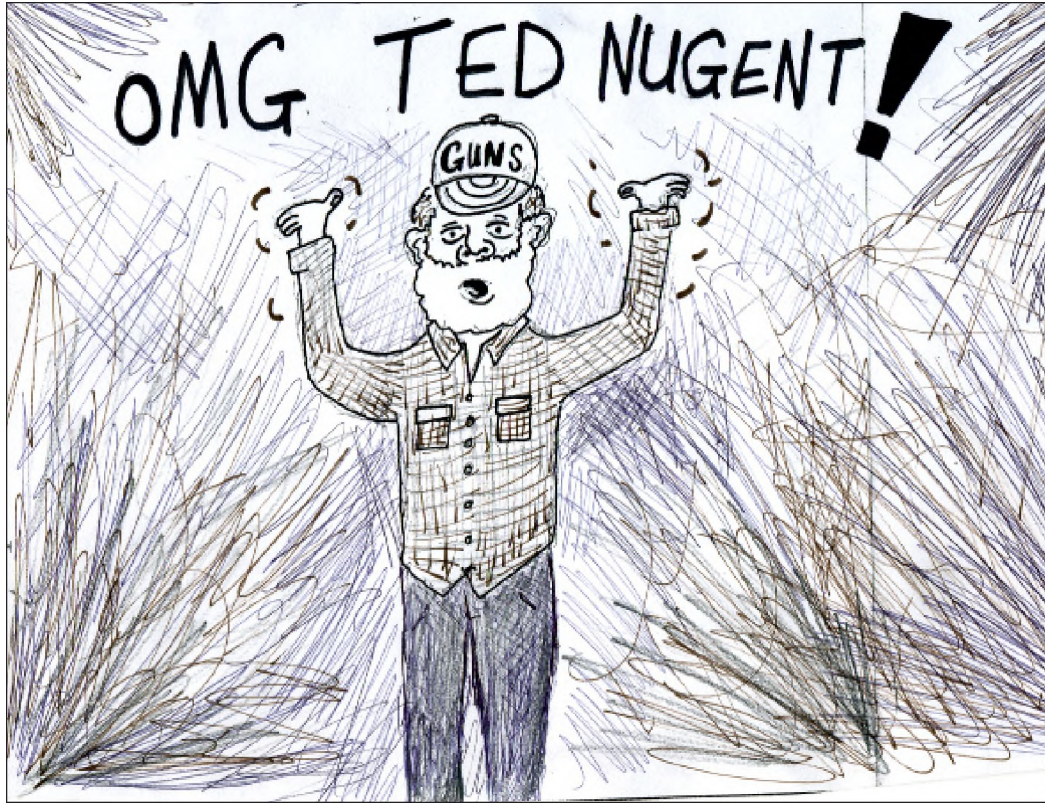


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Nugent inspired good conversation

Controversy was sparked on campus with the announcement of Ted Nugent coming to Northern, an event which took place on Tuesday, April 13. Response from the university community to some of his outlandish remarks in the past have created what we believe is a healthy dialogue amongst students, faculty, staff and community members.

The conversation initiated by bringing people with such strong opinions to campus forces us to think about what we really believe in and sometimes helps us form new ideas.

Ted Nugent's speech, as well as the Sticks and Stones event, are the kind of event that is essential for our university community, because it encourages growth of thought and shared experiences through different viewpoints.

The decision to hold an alternative event by groups who opposed Ted Nugent coming to NMU was a mature way to counter what they felt so strongly against. There is no doubt that Nugent is controversial, but that's not to say that he's a bad person.

At his speech, he talked quite a bit about the importance of taking care of oneself

and other people. His way of expressing what he believes in, however, often is what causes backlash, with swearing and hyperbolic sentences, but that isn't cause for acting rashly. We are proud of the Marquette community for respecting Nugent's visit to the city.

Those who supported Nugent clearly enjoyed the event, with enthusiasm electric through the Berry, and it's awesome that Nugent was able to speak to so many people who truly admire and respect him.

For those who didn't want to see Nugent, the Sticks and Stones event, hosted by various groups across campus, featured speakers about different forms of hate speech. This was an intelligent way to offer an alternative. Both events encouraged people, in their own way, to stick up for themselves.

We believe that both events this week, held on Tuesday, April 13, encouraged an intelligent dialogue that is too often missed on campus. We encourage such controversial and loud figures to be brought to campus in the future in order to challenge us to consider where we stand on basic issues.

Letters to the Editor

Former and current ASNMU members clear the air

For those of you who have been reading the North Wind recently, you have seen negativity that we'd like to make right. We are both determined and passionate about our beliefs. At times this means we disagree, but we would like to make it known that disagreeing should not lead to disrespect. We both agree that looking forward is far more important than dwelling on the past. As we've agreed to not comment further on this matter, we hope that those of you who supported us respectively join us in moving forward and get past our differences. Thank you for your support.

From Jason: Andrew is highly qualified for any position that he should hold in the future and did a great job as ASNMU Treasurer during his time on the board. He went above and beyond his job duties, and I have every confidence that he will continue to do such a great job. Impeachment of Andrew was not considered by ASNMU or me.

From Andrew: Jason has served tirelessly as ASNMU President and I can whole heartedly say he has been a true advocate for students. His efforts were not highly publicized, but do make a difference. I wish him continued success in the future.

Jason Morgan and
Andrew Foster

Nugent and Sticks and Stones disappointing

As self-labeled independents, we attended Ted Nugent's talk with the expectation of being entertained, maybe shocked and, most importantly, informed on the conservative platform, much ma-

igned on campus per the College Republicans. Over the course of an hour, we heard plenty on machine guns, truth, fat chicks and equality; were entertained by a Cat Scratch Fever rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner; and were subjected to emotional appeals about the disintegration of America's moral fabric at the hands of pimps and prostitutes. But not once was the audience intellectually challenged, nor could an actual argument for the conservative platform be discerned on the hot topic issues on which he was billed to speak.

There is a pattern developing here with our political debate on campus that we have brought upon ourselves. We have allowed theatrics, which may or may not pertain to real issues, to take precedence over substance. Intelligent, civil discussion is needed to create sustainable solutions, irrespective of how far we can push the limits of Constitutional protections. A lesson in conflict resolution is needed.

To the College Republicans: Is this really the guy you want as the spokesperson for your platform? In America, over-the-top pays good money, but there comes a point when we have to say, "Come on. Treat us like adults. You can be funny and entertaining but, please, make an argument." To the College Democrats: You missed a really excellent opportunity to take the high road. The program you and allied groups put together was a program of substance. The timing of the "Sticks and Stones" program was unfortunate and counter-productive. If this kind of shock-jock approach to politics is what we can expect from conservative speakers and low-blow reactions by liberals on campus in the future, count us out.

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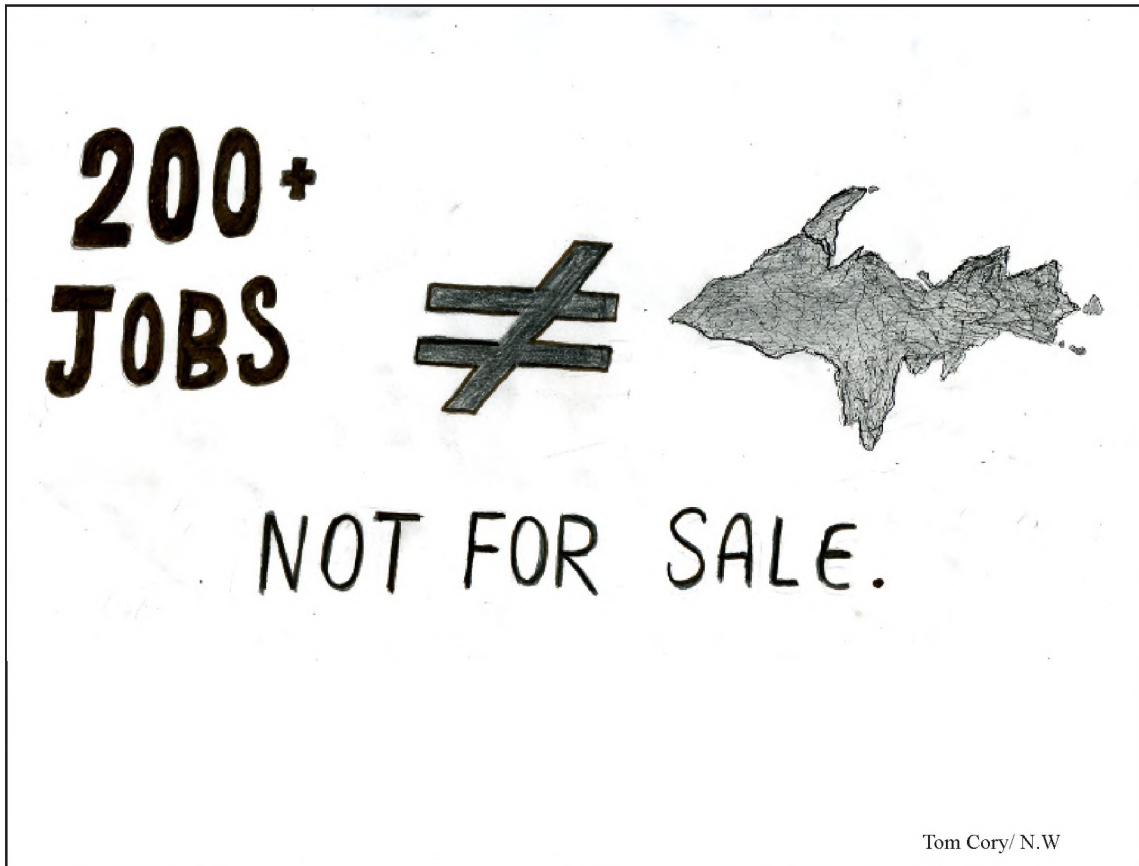
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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



Tom Cory/ N.W

Eagle Mine is not right for Marquette County

As a college student these past few years here in the Upper Peninsula, I've often heard about the controversial proposed Kennecott Eagle Mine Project. I've seen the bumper stickers around town arguing for and against sulfide mining, but it wasn't until recently that I researched the debate and discovered that this could be one of the worst things to happen to the U.P.

It's no secret that Kennecott has been engaged in litigation battles since its 2006 mining application was sent to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The copper and nickel mine, which would be in the Yellow Dog Plains along the Salmon Trout River, would mine a six-acre underground deposit. The project is expected to yield 250 to 300 million pounds of nickel and about 200 million pounds of copper, providing between 120 and 200 jobs. Additionally, Kennecott, as well as other mining businesses, may look to expand their business in the U.P. should this plan work out.

This all sounds good on the surface. After all, Michigan has been hit the hardest by this recession, having had economic troubles long before the rest of the nation felt it. The biggest argument for the mine, at least among local supporters, is that it would help boost the economy and create jobs in the region. I'm not against the idea of bringing the mining industry back and creating jobs in the UP, but I do think that this is too great a price to pay for some short-term benefits. Kennecott's plans for the millions

of pounds of nickel and copper are to send them by rail to a plant in Canada for "further processing."

So Kennecott will produce jobs for the region and for short-term prosperity, then take the nickel and the copper out of the region, leaving us with the very expensive cost of probable environmental cleanup in our watershed and the Salmon Trout River. That does not seem like economic growth to me.

Before we allow Kennecott to come in and pollute our groundwater in order to produce jobs, perhaps we should look at Kennecott itself. According to a 2005 article in ABC News, Rio Tinto, Kennecott's parent company, co-owns one of the largest uranium mines in the world with the government of Iran. Residents of Papua New Guinea filed suit against Rio Tinto in 2000 for human rights abuses. And the PR News reported in February that Rio Tinto locked out 600 workers who refused to go from full-time jobs with benefits to temporary positions with limited benefits. Is this the kind of employer we want to have in our region?

Perhaps one of the most alarming among the many arguments against the Kennecott mine itself was brought to light by a 2007 report by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). In this report, the NWF outlines many environmental problems with the proposed mine, including the possible collapse of the roof of the mine, which would drain the Salmon Trout River. It also outlines the

concerns with sulfide acid drainage, which could contaminate the groundwater of the region. Both events would affect the entire watershed of the area, including Native American reservations and surrounding townships.

Recently, the Kennecott mine has withdrawn their application for a permit to discharge treated water underground. Instead, they've re-designed their method to release the treated water into the groundwater above ground. Because of this, Kennecott believes it no longer needs a permit. The EPA was in the process of reviewing their claim when Kennecott announced it was going ahead with its plans to begin construction on the mine within a few months.

Both the EPA and the National Wildlife Federation have disputed this claim that Kennecott can go ahead without a permit. I think it is outrageous that Kennecott seems to think it is above the law and that it is unwilling to wait until the EPA has made its decision. These environmental concerns affect everyone in the nearby area and it is extremely alarming to hear that Kennecott is going ahead with their plan.

According to mining law, proposed mines must prove they will not "pollute, impair or destroy" land. If Kennecott is telling the truth and their mine is safe, as their press releases and marketing campaigns would have me believe, I want to know why they won't wait for the EPA to approve their request. What are they so afraid of?

Obama serving corporate needs



Guest Column

Aaron Loudenslager

Thomas Jefferson once said, "I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations which dare already to challenge our government to a trial by strength and bid defiance to the laws of our country." Thomas Jefferson had the intellect to realize even in the 1700s the power corporations could yield against the interests of the American people.

Now the Obama administration's decision to expand offshore oil drilling along the Atlantic Ocean and the eastern Gulf of Mexico shows the continuation of the United States becoming more and more a government dominated by corporate interests instead of serving the needs of ordinary citizens.

President Barack Obama first buckled to the corporate interests of the health care companies. This new health care bill still leaves 23 million Americans uninsured and a study by the American Journal of Public Health estimates 180,000 people will have died by 2014 when the health care bill is implemented because they will not be able to afford it. Our current health care system wastes up to \$800 billion per year.

This bill simply subsidizes private insurance companies who will receive at least \$447 billion per year from the federal government with no provisions to contain skyrocketing health care costs including waste and fraud. Insurers gain more customers while their financial incentive still remains to find ways to deny care and overcharge for gross profits.

After 25 years of banning offshore drilling, Obama has fallen prey to the corporate oil industry machine. Maybe he did too much listening to the "Drill, Baby, Drill" chants at the 2008 Republican National Convention.

The corporate-dominated Republican Party and their oil contributors would like the American people to think that drilling for more oil would put downward pressure on future gas prices. If you believe this, you have fallen to their propaganda bombardment.

The Earth Policy Institute has written, "The U.S. Department of Energy projects that opening the Arctic National Wildlife

Refuge and Outer Continental Shelf would reduce the price of gasoline by at most six cents—and this would not be seen for at least another decade."

If opening up offshore drilling doesn't really put much downward pressure on prices, especially considering it wouldn't happen for a decade, why is this policy even being discussed, much less implemented?

It would sound more reasonable to push for electric cars and hybrids with better fuel standards, because these would have more of an impact in utilizing oil than drilling for more oil which wouldn't do much. The oil that the United States could get out of drilling would be less than one percent of our current consumption.

There is something even worse than the economic reasons against offshore drilling. It's called "mother nature." The Houston Chronicle has found that there has been 595 oil spills across four state coastlines and nine million gallons spilled in the events after Hurricane Katrina and Rita. The environmental costs of offshore drilling are far more important than any economic costs that can be found.

These policies show how much power corporations have over regular citizens and voters. The American people deserve a government of, for and by the people. Instead we have gotten a government of the Exxons, for the General Motors and by the DuPonts.

Some people may think that Obama is simply being pragmatic on these political issues, and he has been, but he has not been able to step up to corporate interests when they are clearly against the will and interests of the people.

If citizens think the situation will get better in the future, I think they are living in a fantasy.

With the Supreme Court decision in recent months that has equated unlimited spending of money by corporations as "free speech" under the First Amendment, Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, we can expect more politicians who will put their political contributors' interests before their constituents' interests.

Unless the American people get serious about reforming the amount of influence corporations have we can only expect to get more marginalized. We must find a way to end this corporate domination of our country we call the United States of America.

Taxes should increase to rid national debt



Professor's Corner

Dwight Brady

With the filing deadline for income taxes here, I would like to take this time to gripe about my taxes. I pay far too little in federal income taxes. Yes, you heard me right: I feel my monetary contribution to my country is too wimpy. After child tax credits and deductions for this and that, I shamefully admit I contributed a measly two percent of my income to the common good of our country this past year. So, as I gleefully eyed the big fat refund coming my way on line 72, I also felt a sense of guilt, like I wasn't doing my fair share to help our nation wage war upon the most insidious, most potentially destructive enemy we have faced in recent time. This vile enemy is not a rogue nation or shadowy ter-

rorist organization; it is our \$12.6 trillion national debt. To put this in perspective, every American taxpayer owes \$115,000 dollars to our creditors. Our creditors in this case are our children, grandchildren and foreign countries that have financed our debt. China and Japan alone account for \$1.7 trillion in financing.

The contention that "deficits don't matter" is true if you are a savvy politician looking to regain your office, but they do matter to the millions of baby boomers about to retire. The boomers will soon be looking to reel in the money they have paid into Medicare and Social Security. Deficits do matter when you need to repair crumbling infrastructure. Deficits do matter when a nation's public schools are failing and college tuition is spiraling out of control. Deficits do matter when we need to defend our country, but we can't get the financing to do so.

We are quickly approaching a scenario not seen since the end of

World War II, when our national debt exceeded our Gross Domestic Product. Thankfully, we were able to quickly pay down this postwar debt during the next decade due to tremendous economic expansion and the budget-conscious leadership of Dwight D. Eisenhower who maintained that taxes could not be cut until the budget was balanced. Ike understood sacrifice; he had watched nearly 450,000 soldiers die in service to their nation in WWII and in Korea. As a Five-Star General, he expected sacrifice as well from the average American citizen. The tax rate for the wealthiest Americans at that time was 90 percent. Despite calling on his country to be fiscally responsible, he left office as one of the most popular and revered presidents in our nation's history.

In contrast to Ike, George W. Bush cut taxes and dramatically increased federal spending during his two terms in office. He inherited a \$128 billion annual budget surplus in 2001 and left office

with annual deficits around \$350 billion. His cut-and-borrow strategy bought him temporal popularity, but Bush left office as one of the least popular presidents of all time.

With the economy now seemingly stabilized since the free fall in late 2008, President Obama needs to take on the deficit as his top priority. First, Obama will need to conduct a complete audit of federal spending at all levels, even at the Pentagon. Once he has identified opportunities for greater fiscal efficiency (spending cuts), he must call the nation to sacrifice. As John F. Kennedy challenged our nation to get to the moon in one decade, Obama must challenge this nation to erase the debt incurred by members of Congress who have repeatedly promised the moon in order to stay in office.

In addition to demanding our government be more accountable and more efficient, it is also incumbent upon us, "we the people," to be willing to make financial sac-

rifices for the good of the republic. We are taught as children to sing the song My Country 'Tis of Thee. Well, it is "our" country, and just like citizens who preceded us, we must be willing to make sacrifices in order to ensure our country's long-term viability. We must take ownership of "our" country, or China and a host of other foreign creditors will when they decide to call in the \$3.7 trillion we owe them.

So, if a politician musters the temerity to ask the American people to sacrifice, don't complain: salute him or her for joining the ranks of our greatest leaders like old Ike. Politicians who promise "tax relief" paid for with borrowed money do so for the sole purpose of buying your vote today. Those who call a nation to sacrifice for the purpose of achieving tomorrow's grand vision provide true leadership. Here's to hoping for courageous leadership, more efficient government and a tax increase to pay off our national debt.

Tiger Woods should continue playing golf



Staff Column

Ben Hocking

Tiger Woods' return to competitive golf this past weekend at the Masters was the best way to resurrect his destroyed public image while at the same time directing the media's focus away from his family and infidelities.

Woods' fall from grace has been an over-arching story in both sports and popular culture ever since adulterous rumors surrounding a car accident on Nov. 27, 2009 snowballed into his admitting infidelities with as many as 15 differ-

ent women. Over the past several months, Woods has opened himself to scrutiny by taking a leave of absence from golf to tend to family issues. This seemed to be a noble move at first but has consequently allowed the media to dwell on his personal shortcomings rather than his place as one of the greatest golfers of all time. In my opinion, this move has only served to draw focus to both issues for Woods and the members of his family.

When Woods announced he was taking an indefinite leave from competitive golf, it was obvious that he was doing so to fix a troubled marriage and to attempt to salvage a life with his family outside of golf, but the plan has largely worked against him. Woods failed to take into account that most of the media's coverage

of golf was centered on his day-to-day exploits. With the gaping hole created by his absence from the golf course, which players such as Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh lack the star power to fill, the media has been somewhat forced to shift their focus from his undeniable talent to the mysteries surrounding the laundry list of women claiming to have had inappropriate relations with the former golden boy of golf. Woods wanted to take the press conference approach to settling the public relations nightmare, but admitting that he felt sorry (while omitting any specifics to what he was sorry for) only served to feed the speculation about what he could have been doing while out of the public eye.

The best comparison to the current Woods fiasco is when

NBA star Kobe Bryant was facing charges of sexual assault from a 19-year-old Colorado woman in 2003. As a result of these allegations, which were later dropped, Bryant's popularity plummeted. Although he lost millions from endorsement deals from companies such as McDonalds, Bryant was able to divert attention from the scandal by continuing to play basketball. Although there was still considerable coverage given to the controversy, Bryant was able to force the media's hand into acknowledging his elite play on the court rather than what was going on in the courtroom. It seems that Woods is finally starting to follow suit. I know people will say what they want about Kobe, but he knows how to handle the media.

It seems that Woods is finally

seeing a return to the golf course as a way of slowing the downward spiral. Woods has realized that the sooner he wins on the golf course, the sooner he will go back to the man who shattered the social perception of golf from a game dominated by old white men, to a game that could include players of all ages and races. Personally I don't believe there has been a more influential sports star that has been able to transcend the sport as Woods' has been able to do since he first broke on the national scene in his early 20s. I know Tiger is damaged, but due to his talent, he is far from broken if he can re-establish his dominance on the course.

In short, Tiger, let your driver do the talking, and maybe people will stop listening only to the tabloids.

Sound Off

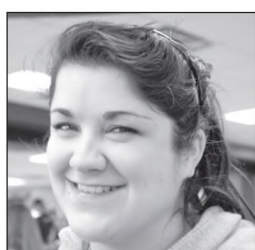
How do you feel about Ted Nugent coming to campus?

compiled by Tiffany Paradine



Amanda Forrester
sophomore
education

"I don't really care. I think he is crazy."



Heather Bowley
junior
psychology

"I don't know much about him, but he seems a little weird."



Daniel Alexander
sophomore
English writing

"He should keep his mouth shut and just play guitar."



Jordan Buzzy
senior
art and design, sociology

"He does a lot of good things for children such as 'Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids.' I'm not a fan of his music."



Dylan Weiler
post-baccalaureate
art history

"I think it is strange he was invited to our school ... when we could spend money on more educational programs."



The sound of silence

By Charlie Steen
staff writer

Paul Goodrich/NW

Students protest for the rights of gay people over the world in honor of Day of Silence, where people silence themselves in order to make known the plight GLBT people who don't have a voice. The events took place all throughout the week. The actual Day of Silence takes place on Friday, April 16.

Events held for National Day of Silence

In the spirit of the National Day of Silence, NMU Outlook, one of Northern's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) student organizations, will be holding silent themed events throughout the week to speak out on the anti-GLBT actions taking place across the United States.

NMU Outlook offers a social, safe and friendly environment for the GLBT community and friends. "We are equal part activism, equal part safe place," said Eliot Nutt, NMU Outlook's

treasurer. "We are always here to help."

Hosting a variety of events open to all friends and community from dances to movie nights to weekly meetings taking place in the University Center, NMU Outlook is striving to be there for those who need a safe place belong.

People who need a safe place to go or somewhere where they can safely report any cases of abuse or personal stories should look to NMU Outlook's "nest"

located at Hedgecock 3001F.

"One thing we hope to accomplish this week is to find students who don't know where to find a place to go for support," said Elizabeth Hightower, NMU Outlook's member.

Students wanting to get involved in NMU Outlook, or are just looking for a safe, welcoming place, their meetings take place at 9:30 p.m. in the University Center's Marquette Room on Tuesday nights. "Everyone is welcome to join us," Hightower said.

Film about gay persecution screened

On Monday, April 12, NMU Outlook screened a silent film made in 1919, "Different From the Others," in the spirit of the National Day of Silence. The movie tells the story of a violinist, Paul Korner, who falls in love with one of his male students.

"Others" was originally made as a form of protest to the law that made homosexuality a criminal offense in Germany.

Part of the story is told through a series of flashbacks, during which we see Korner's first discovery of his sexual orientation, his attempts to change it and sub-

sequent understanding of it. Korner ends up in court for his orientation, and even though he is released by a sympathetic judge, his orientation becomes public and ruins his career, bringing him to suicide.

The movie is symbolic of what NMU Outlook is attempting to achieve.

"We are reflecting on those that can no longer speak on their own," said Joshua Garnett, NMU Outlook's member. "We are trying to achieve more visibility on how certain members of our community are treated and how

it is unfair."

On Tuesday, April 13 various members of NMU Outlook stood in the Academic Mall reading police reports and stories, as well as allowing those who are willing to share their own personal stories aloud to passing students. Outlook hopes to raise the awareness of students by the use of real stories that have happened and that these events happen to real people.

"We want to get people thinking," Hightower said. "We want to help those that have been silenced."

Students fight for gay rights

NMU Outlook took action with the silent protests in the academic mall on Wednesday, April 14 for the National Day of Silence (officially on Friday, April 16, 2010).

"By the time I get through with all things I admire about people, what they do with their private parts is so low on the list that it is irrelevant" read a sign held by Outlook's Hightower, quoting actor, director and humanitarian Paul Newman. Hightower and several other members stood in silent protest for the GLBT community who have been silenced and bringing awareness to the injustices that they endure.

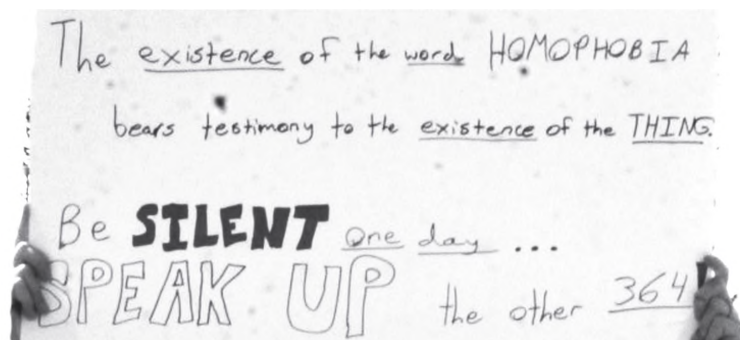
"Since I've joined Outlook, I have really wanted to do an activism thing. GLBT are always silenced and turned a blind eye to," said Meredith Gasco, a member of NMU Outlook. "A Day of Silence is really about driving

this point home."

The Day of Silence is a national youth movement bringing attention to the silence faced by GLBT people and friends by harassment and bullying. Now in its 14th year, the Day of Silence has grown to be the biggest student-led action for creating safer schools and communities.

In this non-violent, non-confrontational and respectful protest to students and the academic process, NMU Outlook members proudly stood in silence, with tape over their mouths for added symbolism, and were handing out fliers, holding posters and sporting hand-made shirts for the voices that are no longer heard and in hope for more acceptance of their lifestyle.

"It is our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," Gasco said.



What are *you* doing to end the silence?

Nugent talks with

By James Dyer
staff writer

In response to the article “Nugent’s presentation inspires protests,” Ted Nugent contacted The North Wind prior to his event on campus in order to share his opinions.

Could you give a short summary of what you will be talking about at your “Kill it and Grill it” presentation?

I never plan an outline for any of my many speaking celebrations, but rather follow my 61-year-old adventurous heart to instinctually share my love for my amazing nonstop American Dream of being an asset to my family, community, country and environment by being the best that I can be and disciplining myself to be ultimately aware of my accountability. Though “Kill It & Grill It” is a wonderful title of my wife Shemane’s and my great cookbook from nearly ten years ago, my speaking presentations go far beyond the perfection of venison and the desperate need for a more conscientious diet in America.

Is this a kickoff for your book tour?

If so, why did you decide to come to NMU?

My last New York Times Best Seller, TED WHITE and BLUE-The Nugent Manifesto from 2008 is coming out in paperback next month, so this event is not necessarily related to that release, but certainly a must-read for Americans with positive dreams. I was invited by my great UP BloodBrothers of the NMU College Republicans and Sportsmen’s Gun Club, how could I say no? Not only do I love the magnificent UP of my beloved birth state of Mich. and her wonderful people, but I love NMU, College Republicans and certainly all Sportsmen’s Gun Clubs. I’m such a fun guy, how dare I not share my buoyancy, goodwill and humor with my UP friends!

What is your reaction to the NMU College Democrats’ alternative presentation “MYTH BUSTING: Sticks and Stones”

No reaction really. I am getting used to some pathetic Americans acting like wan-

‘Kill it’ speech aims

By Delaney Lovett
staff writer

Although Ted Nugent played a song for the crowd, he didn’t come to NMU to showcase his musical talents. The musician, outdoorsman and conservative political activist shared his views with an audience much composed of camouflage and plaid.

Nugent’s speech, “Kill It and Grill It,” promoted some of his outspoken stands on topics like gun control, hunting, being drug- and alcohol-free, political correctness and environmentalism.

Nugent warned the audience not to just sit back and let the government provide them what they need, challenging Americans to practice self-government and take a stand.

“If you think I’m talking to you when I say you’re too stupid to take care of yourself and if you’re feeling a little angry, that would be guilt,” Nugent said. “The worst curse of mankind is dependency. It will render you soulless.”

He encouraged the audience members to dedicate themselves to rid life of the bad and the unhealthy things like drugs and debt, and make more room for good things like hunting, in his case. It shouldn’t be the responsibility of the government, he said.

“Those of you who demand independence ... you put your heart and soul into doing the best that you can do, you scrutinize and scowl at the status quo, and you question everything and you bravely poke your finger into the chest of authority and

go ‘prove it.’”

Sixty-one year old Nugent has been clean and sober his entire life. He said that nearly all health problems are poor choices people make repeatedly.

“I am a perfect human being. I perfectly blow it on occasion and I stumble perfectly and I make perfect asinine mistakes, but only a couple times until I figure it out. Don’t do it anymore,” he said.

Nugent, who said that President Obama was raised by communists, is strongly opposed to the recently passed health care bill.

“No health care. Care about your health. Tell (your peers) to respect themselves and that it breaks your heart to see the people you love intentionally killing themselves and then sending you the bill,” Nugent said.

Nugent mentioned how many people view him as an angry, gutless, distasteful man. He countered this by explaining his role in Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids and the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger.

Nugent’s speech began and ended with a big salute to members of the military, to whom he said people owe for the ability to live, go to school, go fishing, party on the weekends and feel safe.

“The United States military is charging into burning buildings of terrorism right now so that you can be free and I think that’s

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nabe Euro sheep, going out of their way to intentionally misrepresent truth, logic and the American Way. I think they are funny, funny people, and I thank them for identifying me as the obvious good guy. God bless them all.

How would you define “hate speech?” Do you think that you have ever engaged in it?

I would hope sensible people would know hate-anything when they see or hear it. The evil, inbred rhetoric of the soulless KKK would be hate speech, I hope, to everyone. I have never engaged in anything remotely related to such intellectual vacuity. On the contrary, I have fought hard against it.

One of the reasons the alternative presentation has been organized is that many don’t think your statements encourage positive discussion pertaining to issues such as gun control and freedom of speech. What do you have to say about this?

I shall elaborate the transparency of

such asinine allegations and those that foolishly allege them on April 13. Bring your friends. This is gonna be fun.

In your opinion, should there be any limitations to free speech?

Actual speech, no.

How do you feel about the proposed Michigan Bill that could allow concealed weapons on college campuses?

I am a big fan of self defense via keeping and bearing arms and condemn the condition of unarmed helplessness. Evil craves unarmed helplessness. Only a fool would deny that gun-free zones are the playground of murderers, and therefore complicit in said evil.

Will we hear any more new music from you in the future?

High energy, fiery, passionate, soulful, ferocious animal dance/breeding BBQ music for the truly alive, at dangerous volume, yes.

s to teach Americans

something we have to remind ourselves of each and every day in this precious, glorious American dream,” Nugent said.

Nugent thanked NMU by playing them a hard rock version of the Star Spangled banner on a tiger-striped guitar.

“I am so thankful that someone sees me and hears me. The spirit of what I’m trying to do is stand up for what makes America the only last best place in the world to live,” Nugent said.

The College Republicans look for speakers and events that they predict will be successful, which made bringing Nugent to NMU an easy decision.

“Controversy is one of the big things that we look for. We thought Ted Nugent would be a great speaker to bring since a lot of people in the U.P. know about him, and he can relate to a lot of people in the U.P.,” said Matthew Fusilier, the president of College Republicans.

Nugent has a strong fan base in the U.P., much due to the many gun supporters at NMU. Even those who aren’t gun supporters may still agree with his environmentalist views, Fusilier said. Lots of people like his music, too.

Aside from the entertainment value, “Kill It and Grill it” was a learning experience for students and the public who attended, as Nugent makes really good intellectual points about the freedom of speech and the Second Amendment, Fusilier said.

“We’re really glad we can bring you somebody that people at NMU really want to see,” Fusilier said.

The NMU Sportsmen’s Gun Club thought that Nugent would be a great speaker to have because its timely with events on campus regarding concealed weapons like the empty holster protest, and because he’s entertaining.

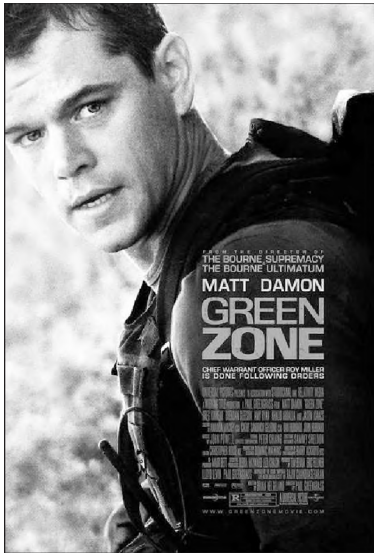
“When a celebrity talks about issues, they’re more listened to and their views are more susceptible to criticism and support,” said Fredric Gygi, president of the Sportsmen’s Gun Club. “People will listen whether they like what he says or not.”

Gygi said that “Kill it and Grill it” was a great opportunity to see a public figure with strong beliefs speak about things that he has a passion for.

Nugent presented “Kill It and Grill It” in the Berry Events Center on Tuesday, April 13, an event sponsored by NMU’s College Republicans and the Sportsmen’s Gun Club.



Confusing 'Zone' lacks substance



Film: Green Zone

Director: Paul Greengrass

Producers: Paul Greengrass,
Lloyd Levin

Writer: Brian Helgeland

Starring: Matt Damon,
Amy Ryan, Brendan Gleeson

Runtime: 115 minutes

Rating: R



By Brett Hilbrandt
staff writer

A great conspiracy film like "Chinatown" or "North by Northwest" can make you question what is capable within the realms of reality. Since the war in Iraq began and conspiracy documentaries like "Zeitgeist" hit the Internet, it was only a matter of time until someone made a film about a corrupted government and its ability to manipulate the citizens of a nation. "Green Zone" does exactly that.

In the American invasion of

Iraq in 2003, Chief Officer Roy Miller (Damon) is in charge of hunting down weapons of mass destruction. After three missions that show no sign of WMDs, Miller begins to question the intel that has been given to him by the government's secret source known as "Magellan." With the help of CIA agent Martin Brown (Gleeson), Miller goes rogue in order to track down Iraqi General Al Rawi when he believes is "Magellan." As Miller dives deeper into his search for "Magellan," he must first outsmart corrupt government officials in order to find the WMDs.

The acting here is impacted greatly by the weak script. Damon is always a solid actor, but this is one of his weaker roles. His char-

acter is uninteresting, and Damon does nothing but yell obscenities and walk at a very fast pace for the majority of the film. Greg Kinnear plays a very weak villain. I never once felt any type of menacing quality that would make him any different than most generic bad guys. Amy Ryan plays the only female lead, but her screen time is far too limited to make an impact in the film. Brendan Gleeson is the most impressive actor in "Zone," but his role is far too small. The supporting cast is weak, and that lack of support makes the lead actors look a lot worse than they should have.

The plot is more confusing than it needs to be. "Zone" attempts to run at a break neck pace in some sections of story development, and it makes some points almost unbearable. The reasoning seems to be lost in all the mayhem that occurs on screen, but when the film hits moments of action it shines. The opening sequence of Baghdad being destroyed is done perfectly, and the last action scene is very entertaining.

Director Paul Greengrass does not live up to his potential in this film. The last two "Bourne" movies were great, but this film felt stale, and I can safely say Matt Damon was a bad choice for this film. His "Bourne" movies succeeded where "Green Zone" failed, by using a fast pace, but

still having a solid flowing pace. The confusing fast-paced conspiracy aspect falls flat on its face, and the weak finale has been done in numerous other films. Also, the overuse of ambient noise in this film is unforgivable. There are numerous parts that I could not hear one word of dialogue due to loud background noises.

The score by John Powell is solid. The constant buildup of army-like beats gives this film much more tension, and the action scenes are aided by the great techno inspired sounds. The sound effects are outstanding, and they make you feel like you are very close to the action. The cinematography by Barry Ackroyd is

a mixed bag. While I enjoy how the film uses numerous great shots of a war-torn Baghdad, I did not appreciate how fast the camera moved during numerous scenes. The constant cuts made me lose my place in the action, and in scenes of dialogue there is no need to constantly switch camera angles to the point where I worry about having an epileptic seizure.

Overall, this is just another modern war movie that does nothing special. I am not saying "Green Zone" does not contain some solid moments, because it certainly does, but it shoots itself in the foot with an underwhelming story. "Zone" is worth a rental, but don't expect anything special.



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Miller (Damon) typically hunts down WMDs, but is sidetracked when possibly faulty intel makes him question the information he's received.

'Night' has laughs, just not very many



Film: Date Night

Director: Shawn Levy

Producers: Shawn Levy,
Tom McNulty

Writer: Josh Klausner

Starring: Steve Carell,
Tina Fey

Runtime: 88 minutes

Rating: PG-13



By Scott Viau
features editor

When Tina Fey and Steve Carell headline a film together, the natural assumption is that the end result is going to be a hilarious ride where the laughs never stop coming. Unfortunately, the end result does add up to the expectations.

Claire and Phil Foster (Fey and Carell) lead a very boring life. They get up in the morning, take care of their kids, go to work, come

home and go to sleep, only to do it all again the next morning. Their only reprieve from the monotony of their life is their weekly date night, but even then they do the same thing. When the divorce of friends awakens them to their dormant marital state, Phil decides to spice things up a bit by taking his wife out to a fancy dinner in the city. But when stealing someone's reservation leads to trouble with a pair of crooked cops, the Fosters will go to extreme lengths to clear their name.

Carell and Fey are a lot of fun to watch, even though the material they have to work with isn't

that fresh. Although I enjoy him quite a bit in "The Office," Carell still feels a little bit his character Michael Scott from said show, if only slightly smarter and more aware. The thugs chasing the Fosters throughout the film feel more like caricatures than true villains, which may be the point. Mark Wahlberg's performance is really underwhelming, as he doesn't do anything with enthusiasm and appears to be just waiting for a paycheck. Perhaps that's the reason he has his shirt off for the majority of his screen time.

With the recent spew of films featuring marital couples trying to work out their differences, I was hoping "Date" would be the odd man out in the bunch and deliver something truly original and clever. That's not entirely the case here. It actually feels like a grown-up version of "Adventures in Babysitting," which offers a mixed bag of emotion. The humor employed by Fey is reminiscent of her character on "30 Rock," especially when she makes a quip about having to eat food off the floor when someone throws her dish to the ground. But for comedians as great as Fey and Carell are, there really aren't too many laughs, or at least not as many as I was expecting.

The action here also isn't that

exciting. The audience knows that neither Carell nor Fey is going to be seriously injured in any way. Any moments of danger they find themselves in are wasted by the fact that the results hold no real moments of jeopardy. It's action for the sake of action and that brings the film down a bit.

The screenplay by Josh Klausner is able to foreshadow a number of things that are called upon later in the film, but these plot points often border on being entirely cliché. The film also ends upon a note that anybody could have figured out. I wasn't really looking for a mind-

blowing ending, but something a little different than a husband and wife rediscovering their love for one another would have been kind of nice.

Director Shawn Levy directs "Date" in a by-the-numbers fashion. He doesn't take any chances in crafting a story that might be different from its predecessors. I suppose that's the point, though, but with Fey and Carell headlining the film, it's almost assured that the film will make money.

"Date" is a funny movie to be sure, but with a better script it definitely could have been better.



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Claire and Phil Foster (Fey and Carell) call the babysitter watching their kids to warn her about the gangsters that are relentlessly tracking them.

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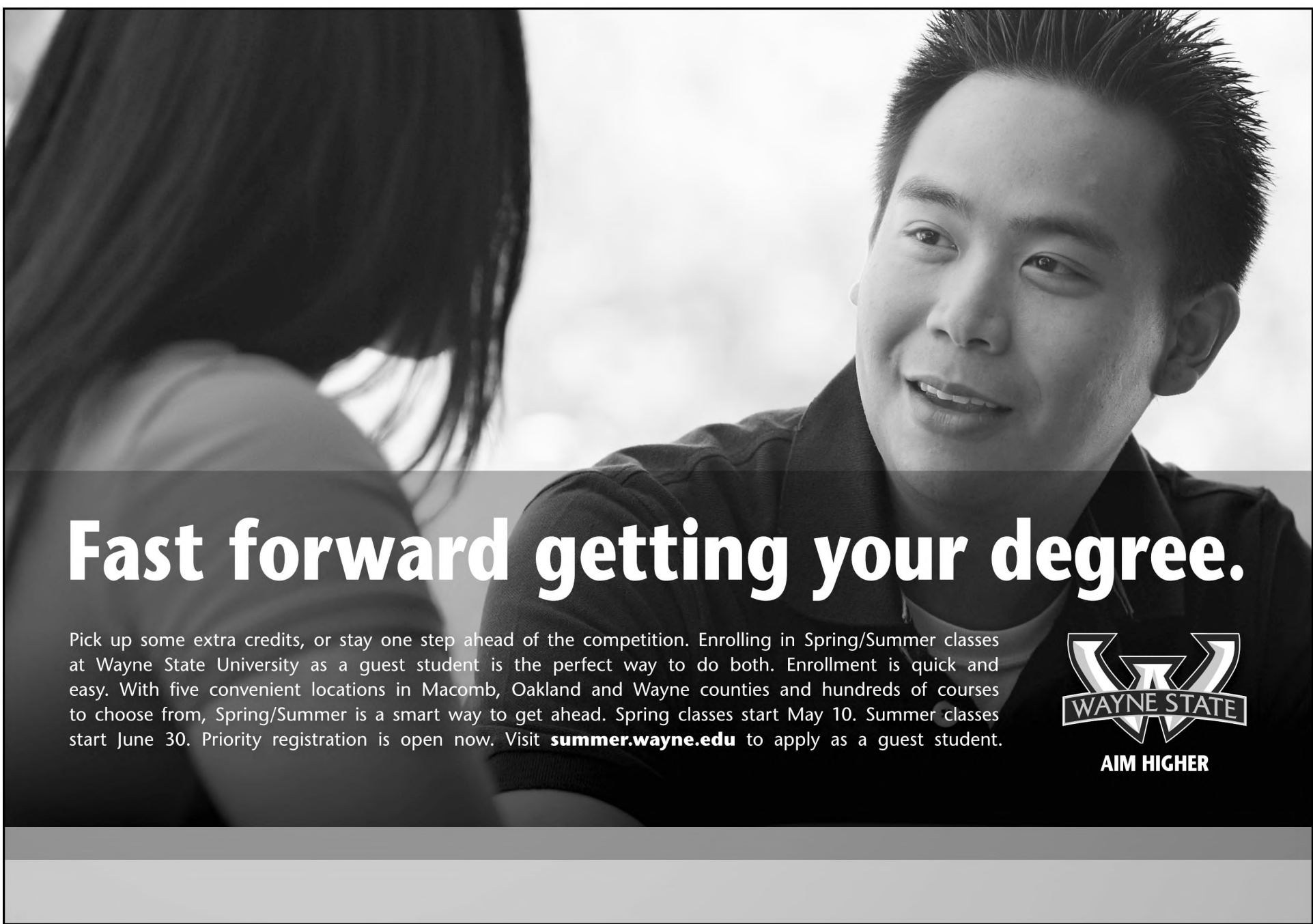


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Boxers look to Golden Gloves finals

By Trevor Pellerite
 sports editor

After two successful semifinal matches on Saturday, April 10, all the USOEC boxers are poised to make deep runs into the championship round of the Golden Gloves Regional competitions this weekend. USOEC senior Ricky Alvarez and freshman Chris Pearson each earned a victory in their semifinal bouts in Racine, Wisc. and will advance in the competition, while

four other athletes all had byes to the final round.

Saturday's semifinals were a return to formal competition for both Alvarez and Pearson. Alvarez had not competed since last June. He won by decision on Saturday, beating Duarn Vue from the Sheboygan Boxing Club in the 132 pound weight class.

"He looked sharp," said head coach Al Mitchell. "He kept the space, he listened, he stayed to the game plan. What I liked about

him, he stayed behind the jab and he kept his spaces. The athlete was shorter than him and kept pressuring him, but because he kept the space, every time the athlete came to him he hopped back. He had him leaning in, he would counter him. He outboxed him so easy."

Alvarez said that he was happy to be back into the swing of competition.

"It felt good to finally get the ring rust out of me and ready to keep fighting. It feels good to be

back in the ring, it's just a great feeling," he said.

According to Mitchell, Alvarez has shown flashes of brilliance in the past but failed to stay consistent in the following fight. He tried to take steps to fix that this year.

"What I did this semester, I put heavier work on him. He's 132 (pounds), so I put the 152 on him, and make him fight 'em back, made him hold his ground, box him back. I could see the difference in him in the competition," Mitchell said, adding that he was excited to watch Alvarez's championship fight. "He should be ready to go. Now he's got the confidence, he knows he's better than he thinks he is."

Pearson finished his opponent in the 152 pound class with a first round knockout. Pearson explained that he fell early in the match after throwing a punch off-balance and that it had counted as a knockdown. Since his opponent was from Racine, the crowd got excited.

"When it happened, it was funny, because I saw how the crowd reacted, and I knew what it really was," Pearson said. "I was kind of anxious, but I had to be smart, because in boxing, if you're over-anxious, you can get caught and then really get hurt."

Pearson came back with focus and knocked his opponent to the

mat twice to end the bout. Mitchell was impressed with Pearson's ability to bounce back from the fluke knockdown.

"That match that he got dropped and got up, he showed me pose, calm, and discipline. He didn't panic or nothing. He's ready for anything," Mitchell said.

Up next for the USOEC squad is the championship round of the Golden Gloves regional meet. Alvarez and Pearson will compete, along with sophomore Rafael Santos, Manuel Lopez, Hasim Rahman and Marquis Moore. Mitchell expects all his athletes to have success.

"Next Saturday, it looks like everybody should be on point, and what I mean by that is each guy looked better and better and better, so that means they're coming along at the right time for the championship," he said. He added that he thinks every one of his fighters has the ability to win their weight class.

With just days left before the championships, Mitchell has his squad perfecting their technique rather than working on fitness.

"We're working on balance, we're working on stepping around, staying behind the jab, and working on the angles," Mitchell said.

"And the most important thing, listening to me."

Next Saturday, it looks like everybody should be on point ... They're coming along at the right time.

— Al Mitchell
 USOEC boxing coach



Trevor Pellerite/NW

Senior USOEC athlete Ricky Alvarez (left) throws a punch while sparring during practice. Alvarez won by decision in the Golden Gloves semifinals on Saturday, April 10. It was his first bout since June of last year.

Wrestlers earn medals at ASICS meet

By Brice Burge
 staff writer

The United States Olympic Education Center men's Greco-Roman wrestling team performed well at the ASICS University Nationals on April 8 in Akron, Ohio, as they had six of the 10 overall individual champions.

"We were competitive at all weight classes," said USOEC Head Greco-Roman wrestling coach Dennis Hall. "Six champions, I'm satisfied by that."

The University Nationals is a championship tournament open to any wrestler currently enrolled at a college or university. This includes school-sponsored teams, U.S. Olympic teams and club teams.

The USOEC team was led by senior Spenser Mango who won

the 60 kilogram division by pin in the second period. Mango was able to make a move called a gutwrench, where he placed a pin on second place Dmitry Ryabchinskiy of the New York Athletic Club.

"He kind of got lazy," said Mango. "I got on top and was able to expose his back, so I went for the pin and ended up getting it."

Mango was also named the Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament, as he was the only champion to win by pin.

Sophomore Max Nowry and senior Andrew Bisek won the 55 kilogram and 79 kilogram weight classes, respectively, by technical fall, a mercy rule based on points given in a match. Senior Ben Sanchez, junior Aaron Briggs and freshman Mark Stenberg also won their weight classes by decision.

"It was good," Bisek said. "I thought I wrestled well and stayed aggressive in all my matches."

Something shared by members of the team was their ability to outlast their opponents in

these matches.

"It's not so much as the physical things," said Bisek. "I think (Hall) is doing a good job on stressing to put everything you got into a match."

The USOEC team also showed depth to their squad as freshman Ben Provisor, sophomore Alex Fleming and junior Jonathan Drendel took third place in their respective weight classes.

"We had some thirds and fourths," Hall said. "We had only three guys not place, but I saw good things out of them. It was a good tournament for development."

The USOEC women's freestyle team also competed at the University Nationals.

Freshman Carlene Sluberski and Ahnjahlee Akuna placed third in the 48 kilogram and 67 kilogram weight classes respectively and were the only two competitors to medal. Sluberski and Akuna were also a part of the five freestyle athletes to place in a consolation match.

"I think you have to put it in perspective," said head freestyle wrestling coach Shannyn

Gillespie. "We had six or seven members move on to the (U.S. Olympic) team in Colorado Springs and nine new members. It's a rebuilding process."

Gillespie also said that age and experience play into the differences.

"We have athletes from ages 16-26 including a couple high schoolers," he said. "It can be difficult to train when you have four or five different development skill levels trying to improve."

In addition to the University Nationals Championship title, each winner receives a bye to the World Championships, where they face the winner of the World Team Trials. The losers at this tournament can reenter and will have another tournament to take on University Greco Champions like Mango, Briggs and Bisek in a best of three battle.

"I haven't been back to the tournament since 2006, when I won the world championship," said Mango. "Hopefully, I can win it back."

Up next for the team are the Junior and Senior National

Championships in Cleveland on Wednesday April 21. This meet will allow non-university participants, as the participants will try to qualify for the World Team Trials.

Wrestlers 20 years old and younger will be competing in the Junior Championship, while athletes 21 or older will be in the Seniors.

"At the age level we competed at, we did a real good job," said Hall, "but (National's) is where they qualify. Hopefully our guys will be real prepared for that tournament."

For some USOEC wrestlers, the University Championships was a great warm-up for the upcoming tournament, as this was the first opportunity to get competitive on the mats this year.

"Just being able to have myself wrestling aggressively in a match, it means a lot," Bisek said.

Mango agreed, saying the focus is on the next opportunity to compete.

"I felt like this was a good warm-up. Next weekend will be the big thing," he said.



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Volleyball splits in St. Cloud tourney

By John Becker
staff writer

The NMU volleyball team split their four games on Saturday April 10, in the St. Cloud State Tournament and will be facing another tournament next weekend to finish out the spring season.

NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said the team is still working on keeping their heads in the game 100 percent.

"We became a little more consistent overall, but we were still inconsistent at times, and that's where our youth was showing through," Yoder said.

The Wildcats (5-5) were defeated 2-1 by the Bemidji State University Beavers with set scores of 20-25, 16-25, and 15-10. Sophomore outside Emma Wolfe headed the offense with seven kills, followed by freshman middle Sami Vierk with six and junior outside Katie Twardzik with five.

Defensively, sophomore right libero Becca Feuerherd led with 15 digs, followed by freshman outside Daniela Branco with 10.

In the noon game, the 'Cats swept the SCSU Huskies with scores of 25-16, 25-22, and 15-12. Vierk led with 11 kills and Wolfe was close behind with 10. Branco led with 10 digs and Feuerherd

followed with eight.

The Wildcats were swept by the Southwest Minnesota State Mustangs (SMSU) in the third game 21-25, 19-25 and 15-13. Wolfe, Vierk, and freshman Abby Lovell all had five kills. Feuerherd earned 20 digs and Branco had nine.

The 'Cats handled the fourth game with a two-set victory over the SCSU Alumni 25-21 and 25-20. Andree Ring led with 10 kills, Branco and Vierk followed with five. Feuerherd dug 12 and Branco contributed 10 digs to the defense.

Feuerherd averaged five digs per set in the tournament, which she said was her goal for each game earlier in the season. Feuerherd currently has four and a half digs per set on the season.

Wolfe said the four-game tournament was tiring, but that most of the athletes are conditioned for tournament play.

"A lot of us played in those types of tournaments in high school," she said.

As a player who will be a junior next year, Wolfe said she's doing her best to be a good role model for the team.

"I was in that spot once, where I didn't know all of what was going on. You just need to go out and help everyone," Wolfe said.

Yoder said the team is progressing well but that some individual efforts need to be picked up, especially when it comes to personal discipline and the will to compete.

"Some players are starting to make their positions more concrete and others are still kind of opening up the opportunity for the new players coming in," he said.

Branco said she feels the team is becoming closer every day.

"It's difficult because we're all young, some things are hard to figure out," Branco said. "But we're more united. We're learning together to reach our goals as a team."

Wolfe agreed that the 'Cats are a young team, but she said once everything falls into place, they will be better than ever.

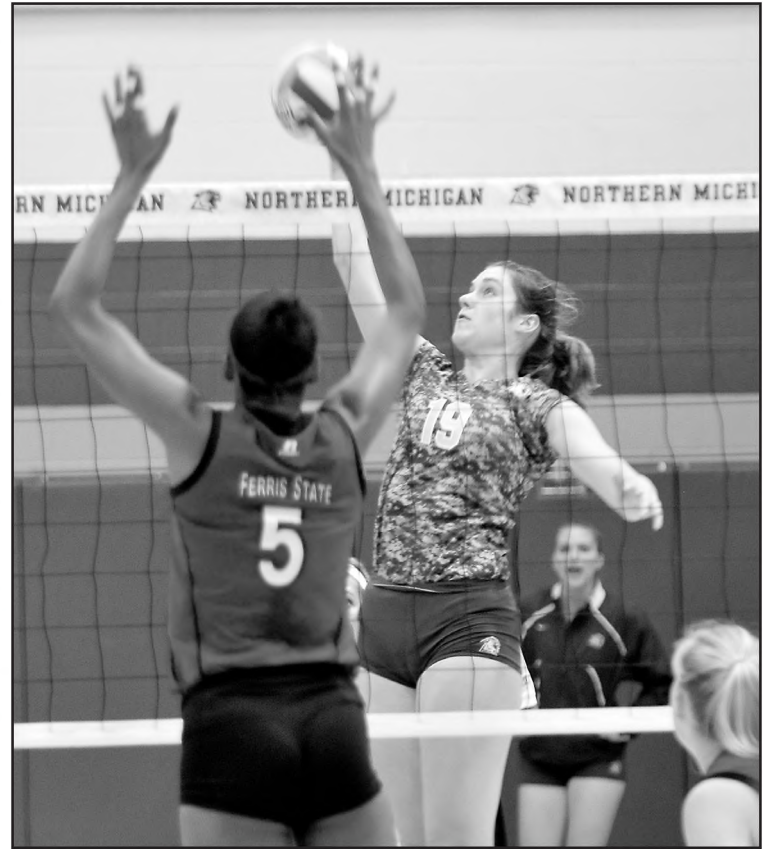
"With a lot of people playing new positions and getting into new roles, they're learning how to step up and create opportunities," Wolfe said. She also said the 'Cats' win/loss record doesn't show how good they are.

The Wildcat volleyball team will finish the spring season on Saturday April 17, when they play five 2-set games in the University of Minnesota-Duluth Tournament. Games will be played against Concordia-St. Paul, SCSU, St.

Scholastica, UMD and the UMD Alumni. Concordia went 37-0 last season and Yoder said he expects them to test the mettle of the Wildcats.

Yoder said the tournament will provide one last learning experience for the team before the fall season.

"We've seen most of (the teams), so it's just going to be about us getting in the gym and playing hard," Yoder said. He also said the record doesn't matter so much in the spring season, and that he cares more about the athletes maturing and learning all the facets of volleyball.



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So far this spring, Wolfe leads the Wildcat offense with 74 kills, an average of 2.85 kills per set and is second in overall serve aces with 10.

Personal efforts bring success to track team

The NMU women's outdoor track and field team took part in the Bulldog Invitational on Saturday, April 10 at Ferris State University. No team scores were kept, but multiple athletes gave quality individual efforts in multiple events.

NMU head coach Tom Barnes said there was a strong headwind, a wind that worked against the athletes instead of with them, but the team worked through the added challenge.

In the 100-meter dash, sophomore Catherine Angeli earned first with a time of 12.71 seconds. Freshman Alyssa Erspamer came in fifth at 13.14 and junior Brittnee Balbierz was hot on the trail at 13.18. Angeli took second in the 200-meter dash, missing first place by .01. Balbierz came in fifth at 26.98.

Angeli, Balbierz, sophomore Melissa Christensen and Erspamer took second in the 4x100 relay with a time of 49.06. Grand Valley State University took first (48.40).

Barnes said the handoff has really improved from the last meet, especially because it is a blind handoff.

"They missed the school record by about 0.16 of a second in the 4x100," Barnes said.

In the field events, Bailey Franklin earned first

in the high jump, and Kayleigh Coulson tied for sixth (5-01). Karin Diebold vaulted for third with a measurement of 10-06.

Franklin also captured the long jump, leaping 17-05.25. Christensen and freshman Brooke Granquist were sixth and seventh respectively in the long jump. Franklin came in second in the triple jump (36-11.50).

Junior Angela Leckson threw the shot put 42-04.75 for third, and senior Krista Squiers tossed the discus 118-06 for eighth.

Squiers was victorious in the javelin (114-03) and Leckson followed, earning second (111-07). Squiers also earned third in the hammer throw, tossing 166-07.

The Wildcats will be in Midland, Mich. on Thursday, April 15 to compete in the Northwood Multi-events and the Northwood Invitational on Saturday, April 17.

As the team nears the end of the outdoor spring season, Barnes said the 'Cats are just trying to hone their skills one bit at a time.

"We're working on the little facets of throws, jumps or running forms," Barnes said.

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Offensive and defensive linemen are literally separated by just a couple of inches and are the largest people on the field. So often though, they go unnoticed and unappreciated. With the NFL draft just one week away, crunch time to finalize scouting perspectives for NFL owners, coaches and general managers has most likely set in. One position they all should take a close look at is between the trenches along the offensive and defensive lines.

Drafting an offensive lineman is not the glamorous pick, actually far from it. Defensive linemen

bring a bit of excitement to a fan come draft day. Even still, compared to the touchdown scoring picks like the running backs and wide receivers, defensive linemen are just linemen. It seems, however, fans should reverse their attitudes about drafting the high profile wideout as opposed to the little-known offensive lineman.

A combined 2009 record of 14-66 rests on their shoulders. of St. Louis, Detroit, Tampa Bay, Washington, and Kansas City, the first five teams to draft in the April 22-24 NFL Draft. The number of linemen, both defensive and offensive, on the teams 2009 roster that made a Pro Bowl since the 2006 season combined totaled just four players, none of whom made the 2009 Pro Bowl. Of the last five teams drafting in the first round, San Diego, New York (Jets), Minnesota, Indianapolis, and New Orleans, 20 total linemen made a Pro Bowl, including 15 in 2009. The teams combined for a record of 61-19 last season. Still rooting for your team to draft that flashy wide receiver?

NFL teams are beginning to catch on to the trend. Offensive tackles are predicted to be the

one of the most selected positions this year. Since 2004 the number of linemen selected in the first round has increased or matched the previous year's total every draft, starting with eight in 2004 to 14 last year. In 2008, the draft saw a record seven offensive tackles taken in the first round. As many as 18 offensive and defensive linemen could end up with their names being called in the first round this year, with a staggering seven linemen who could go in the top 10. Nebraska's Ndamukong Suh and Oklahoma's Gerald McCoy, both defensive tackles, are predicted to be the second and third overall picks.

Teams need to take no other lesson than from the 2007 and 2008 drafts. In 2007, six wide receivers were taken in the first round. Of the six players, none besides the Lions Calvin Johnson caught more than 47 passes during the 2009 season. Two brought in fewer than 10 catches.

It is really no wonder that a year later in the 2008 draft, an NFL record eight offensive tackles were selected in the first round and no wide receivers were selected in the first round, also a draft record. Of the eight

linemen selected, all started every game they played in 2009, with the fewest being 13 games. Three played a 16 complete game season. Two, Miami's Jake Long and Denver's Ryan Clady, have made Pro Bowl appearances in each of their first two seasons.

For teams looking for their next breakout running back or wide receiver, the second or third round may be where they should look. The later rounds of the NFL Draft have been gold mines for teams drafting skill positions. In 2005 San Diego found wideout Vincent Jackson in the second round, and the San Francisco 49ers found running back Frank Gore in the third. The second round was also friendly in 2006, providing Pro Bowl running back Maurice Jones-Drew. Newly acquired Baltimore wide receiver Anquan Boldin was plucked from the second round by the Arizona Cardinals in 2003 and last season's breakout wide receiver for the New York Giants, Steve Smith, was also a round two selection in 2007.

Skill position players just have to be found. Sometimes the best players aren't the ones who break out in the weight room or at the NFL Combine, but on the

field. Imagine that.

For this year's 2010 NFL Draft, no other players have dominated the draft guru talk, most notably ESPN analysts Todd McShay and Mel Kiper, as much as defensive lineman Suh and McCoy. Oklahoma State's Russell Okung and Iowa's Byran Bulaga along with Oklahoma's Trent Williams have dominated talks along the offensive line and are almost undoubtedly all sure-fire top 10 selections.

Owners looking to find wins in the NFL, not make their fans joyful come draft day, should be considering filling their line. Maybe if the Detroit Lions would have selected offensive or defensive linemen between 2003 and 2005, when the team chose a wide receiver three straight years, they wouldn't be drafting second overall.

Some teams have more glaring needs than offensive or defensive line, that is at times clear, but teams who may be leaning on the fence should skip the gamble and pick a big ugly. Just remember to be happy if your team does select a lineman. Clearly, a solid group of players within the inches of the trenches brings wins in itself.

Parker takes first in Kansas City Finals



USOEC Athlete Darnell Parker took home top honors at the Kansas City Golden Gloves finals April 8-10, earning the title of 'Outstanding Boxer' in the process. Despite his success, he knows there is room for improvement.

"I would give myself maybe a C on both performances," Parker said. "I felt like my timing was a little bit off, I felt like I let a few dudes off the hook that I would have finished if I had been in the swing of things. My timing would have been on, I could have got a few dudes out of there, but

I got the 'W' so I really can't complain too much."

It was Parker's second consecutive year earning the 'Outstanding Boxer', an honor not lost on him.

"I felt real good. My coach has been in the game over 40 years, he said he's never seen it happen," he said.

—Trevor Pellerite

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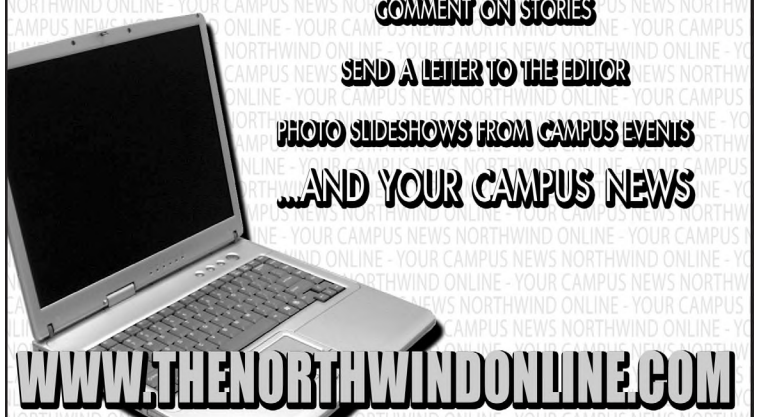
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All previous OEs — Thanks for the inspiration. Hopefully, I'm carrying the torch well— **Current OE**

C-Dawg — I hope that you will be able to relax this week after having such a stressful week. I love you!— **T-Dozer**

Sarah — Happy 21st Birthday! — **Drew**

NMU — Thanks for finally letting me graduate in a week. It's about time. — **ANE**

My Dear Disco — Please come back to town soon. — **Happy listener**

Lola, Nemo and Steph — Let's build more Jamaican huts. — **Alex**

Katie J — You and I have to go on an adventure before school ends.— **Alex**

Coolman — Thanks for tolerating mounds of dishes and messy living rooms this semester. Let's tear it up this weekend. — **Belz**

Cameron — knife + long hair + sword + thor's hammer = dragon shirt — **the entire world.**

Thao-er of Power — I love you, but I would destroy you in a cook-off— **The Cammers**

Thao — Yes, that is a challenge. Kisses!— **Cameron**

Ben — Three and you're out— **Fellow Rouletter**

Prey — I'll always be watching— **The Predator**

NW Staff — This week was alarmingly slow, I loved it! — **EIC**

Editors who are graduating — Though there won't be scotch and cigars next week, we'll make it a good week. I love you all mucho. — **EIC**

Yamsy — We love your presence in the office. — **NW Staff**

FE — We're hanging out quite a bit this weekend, and Mama's looking forward to it. — **EIC**

Fall 2010 editors — Welcome to the staff, it's going to be a wild ride. — **NW staff**

Summer edition — You're already starting to stress me out. — **Mama**

Claire, Whitney and Soneill — We all need to hang out soon before graduation. It's been an awesome year. — **Lucy**

Yamsy — I look forward to every day with you and every moment. It's going to be a great weekend. — **Lucy**

EIC — I'm excited to see The Mousetrap with you! It's gonna be a lot of fun! I'm also glad Yamsy is coming with us. It's gonna be amazing. — **FE**

This weekend — I look forward to doing absolutely nothing with you this weekend — **Scotty J**

LOST — You're getting crazy good. Poor Illana. Why'd ya do it? Why?! — **SCOTT**

Vampire Weekend — I'm surprised at just how much I'm enjoying you. — **S**

NW — Kisses! — **FE**

- Inspirations**
- Lack of ridonkulas situations
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