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John O'Bryan, an undeclared sophomore, helps maintain grass at this year's Environmental Fair, which took place on Wednesday, April 21. The fair was one of several events taking place at NMU in honor of Earth Day.

Earth Day: activities help NMU grow

By James Dyer
staff writer

Thursday, April 22 marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, and to celebrate the holiday, the Environmental Science Organization (ESO) has sponsored a series of events such as the Environmental Fair on Wednesday, April 21.

The Environmental Fair took place in the basement of the Learning Resource Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and exhibited different booths from organizations at NMU and in the Marquette community.

The fair is part of a series of events the ESO is sponsoring to make up Earth Week at NMU. Among other presenters during the week were the Marquette Children's Museum, the Nature Conservancy and environmental activist John Cronin.

John O'Bryan, the president of NMU's Spirit Wheels and one of the presenters at the Environmental Fair spoke about composting and how to create a worm compost bin.

"Anyone can start (a worm farm) in their dorm room. It's a great way to limit waste and live more sustainably," O'Bryan said.

O'Bryan, an undeclared sophomore, said the goal of Spirit Wheels is to show students that becoming more sustainable can be a good way to save money as well as improve the environment.

"We want to look at ways to cut costs and become more sustainable at an institutional level. It's all about realizing that everyone has an impact on the earth," he said.

Among groups from NMU and the Marquette community who presented were the U.S. National Park Service, Greenpeace and Save the Wild U.P.

These presentations are meant to inform students of environmental issues and inspire them to become

more active in improving the environment, said Zachary Bartel, the president of the ESO.

"We want to make students aware of what's going on. We want to provide these organizations with a way to get the word out about local issues and inspire networking within the community," Bartel said.

Many people associate environmentalism with negativity and sacrifice, but it is important also to see all of the opportunities for positive changes that becoming more sustainable can present, he said.

"I think that a lot of environmentalists preach a sort of gloom and doom message, and in the ESO, we try to use a more positive approach. We try to show students ways to think globally and act locally," Bartel said.

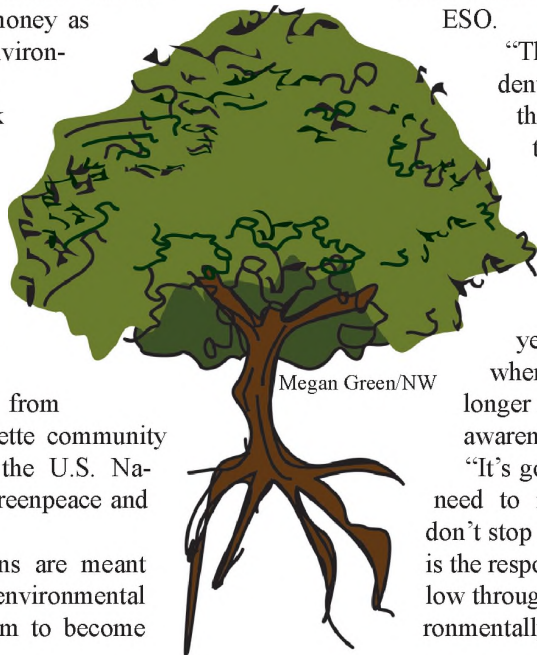
The ESO will also be running an Earth Day campus cleanup on Thursday, April 22. Volunteers will meet in the academic mall at 11 a.m. and spread across campus to clean up the garbage that has accumulated on campus during the winter and has become uncovered as the snow has melted, Bartel said. Each volunteer will receive a voucher for a free lunch at Fiera's restaurant.

Simple things like riding a bike or walking instead of driving and turning off the water while brushing your teeth can have a significant impact on the environment if enough people follow suit, said Professor Ronald Sundell, who is the faculty adviser of ESO.

"There are a lot of little things students can do to help. If everyone did their part, we could greatly improve the environment we live in," Sundell said.

Sundell remembers the first Earth Day, and though the involvement in the holiday has waxed and waned over the years, he looks forward to a time when a holiday like Earth Day is no longer needed to promote environmental awareness.

"It's good to have an Earth Day, but we need to make sure sustainable activities don't stop at the end of the day," he said. "It is the responsibility of each individual to follow through and make our planet more environmentally sustainable."



Wells Fargo to be new campus bank

By Cameron Witbeck
news editor

The TCF Bank branch at NMU will be closing this summer after nearly four years of serving as the campus bank for many students, faculty and staff.

The Minnesota-based bank had a branch located in the University Center (U.C.) and four ATMs on campus. TCF customers can maintain their accounts, which will not be affected despite the branch closing.

Wells Fargo, one of the largest banks in the United States in terms of assets, will replace TCF as NMU's campus bank. TCF is expected to vacate their location in the U.C. by Wednesday, June 30 of this year.

Art Gischia, associate vice president of business and auxiliary services at NMU, said that TCF and the university had engaged in a five year contract which allowed for either party to opt out. TCF notified the university that they would be leaving in the fourth year of the contract. Gischia said that TCF cited the state of the economy as a reason

for their withdrawal.

"It was a financially-driven decision, but the contract provided for that," he said. "They decided that it didn't work for them anymore. We took that notice and decided to develop a new plan."

Gischia said that university officials sent out a notice to banks in the region, and Wells Fargo responded with a successful bid for NMU's campus bank position.

"Wells Fargo has a strong local and upper Midwest base. The transition should be relatively seamless for (customers), and they are committed to making the transition as smooth as possible," Gischia said.

TCF provided programs like "TCF Super Fan" to the NMU community and helped sponsor Make a Difference Day. Gischia said that he expects Wells Fargo, which has committed \$10,000 for annual marketing efforts, to continue comparable involvement.

"We are hopeful they'll be successful in this experience here at NMU; we'll do everything we can to support that experience," he said.

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Administration sees changes in positions

By Lucy Hough
editor in chief

With the upcoming retirement of Associate Provost Cynthia Prosen, Northern will see some shifting in personnel as positions are filled before next semester. For a two-year appointment, Terry Seethoff, current dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will become the associate provost for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies, during that time organizing a group of faculty, staff and students to bring forward recommendations to the provost on a permanent replacement.

"Dr. Seethoff brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and skill to this important assignment," said Provost Susan Koch. "He is widely respected by all members of the NMU community. I am particularly appreciative that he brings creativity and extraordinary analytical skills as well as a broad understanding of the entire university to this new assignment."

Seethoff will assume the positions that Prosen is leaving. She spent three years as associate provost and five as dean of graduate studies, research, and continuing education. Koch feels that Seethoff is an ideal choice for this position.

"Dr. Prosen is a terrific example of an academic leader who always puts students first. Dr. Seethoff has that same orientation, and I am confident that students will be well-served with his leadership," Koch said.

Seethoff feels that his experiences as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences have prepared him for the new position, and he is excited for the opportunity to face the challenges that will come with the job and for the opportunity to learn.

Seethoff also said that the changes that the university is experiencing as a result of Prosen's retirement will ultimately benefit Northern, and he hopes that the community is not intimidated by

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Group collects change for charity

On Thursday, April 22, students from the NMU Model United Nations club (MUN) will be painting faces to promote the charity Pennies for Peace.

Students from MUN will be in the academic mall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be encouraging students to donate their loose change to the charity.

Pennies for Peace was started by Greg Mortensen in 1994 to promote and fund community-based schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. One of the goals of the charity is to increase the educational opportunities for women.

Furthering education for women in these countries increases the quality of education for the community, said Nancy Kenok, the president of MUN. Poor communities in Afghanistan and Pakistan are breeding grounds for terrorist organizations, and if the women in these communities are educated, they are less likely to allow their children join, she said.

MUN has set a goal of 15,000 pennies, or \$150. Students who wish to donate may do so in the academic mall during the face painting or at donation jars that can be found around campus.

— James Dyer

Film series fosters understanding

On Thursday, April 22, the Department of Modern Languages and Literature will be sponsoring an international film night featuring a film from the 2009 Global Lens series.

The film, "What a Wonderful World," is set in Morocco and will be presented in French and Arabic with English subtitles.

The film is part of the Global Lens Series, a compilation of 10 foreign films put out each year that promote cultural understanding. The films are often shown in different languages with English subtitles.

Anthony Gibbs, a graduate student at NMU, contacted the Global Film Initiative to procure the films for the event.

The purpose of the film night is to educate students about different cultures as well as to entertain, Gibbs said.

"What a Wonderful World" will be shown in the Whitman Commons at 4 p.m. and will be shown free of charge.

— James Dyer

Visiting writer to give reading

Novelist Jeff Vande Zande will give a free reading at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Women's Federated Clubhouse in Marquette.

Vande Zande, an English professor at Delta College in Midland, has had two novels published: "Into the Desperate Country" and "Landscape with Fragmented Figures." He has also published a collection of stories called "Emergency Stopping and Other Stories" and recently released his novella, "Threatened Species and Other Stories."

Some of his individual stories have appeared in "Coe Review," "Existere," "Passages North," "Iron Horse Literary Review" and "Smokelong Quarterly."

This presentation is sponsored by Northern Michigan University's English department and "Passages North" Literary magazine.

— NMU News Bureau

Bigfoot afoot on campus



Justin Key/NW

A group of NMU students participated in a flash mob, which is a surprise performance, during which they pursued a man dressed in a yeti costume through the Academic Mall. The event took place on Wednesday, April 21 at 9:50 a.m.

ASNMU update

Board votes in favor of 24-hour study lounge for students

By Ben Hocking

assistant news editor

On Monday, April 19, the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) board members unanimously voted to approve funding for a 24-hour study lounge beginning in the fall 2010 semester.

The study lounge, which will be in the bottom floor of the Learning Resource Center, is scheduled to be implemented on Oct. 15, 2010 and run through the remainder of the semester.

The money would come from the ASNMU budget and would be used to pay Public Safety student officers to supervise the area.

"I think (the study lounge) will pro-

vide a great forum for students to be able study," said President Lucia Lopez. "I'm glad we were able to get this passed in two weeks."

Three students spoke in support of the 24-hour study lounge at the beginning of the meeting.

"I'm an off-campus student and I'd like to voice my support for the 24-hour study lounge," said freshman criminal justice major Cris Durley. "I think it would be great for students (who live off-campus)."

ASNMU members raised concern about the availability of printers since the upper floor printers located in the Olsen Library would remain closed.

Lopez said that she was willing to work with Public Safety to try to pro-

vide access to the printers located in the Help Desk area.

In other news, off campus representative Dani Thoun announced plans to look into possibly implementing a policy where incoming freshmen would receive a bike if they did not purchase a parking pass their first year.

The program would be paid for by the school. She said that at other universities, bikes have cost around \$450 apiece.

Michael Skrobeck was elected as the chair of the Dozing Discounts committee over Thoun.

Vanessa Thibado was sworn in by Lopez as a representative for the College of Graduate Studies.

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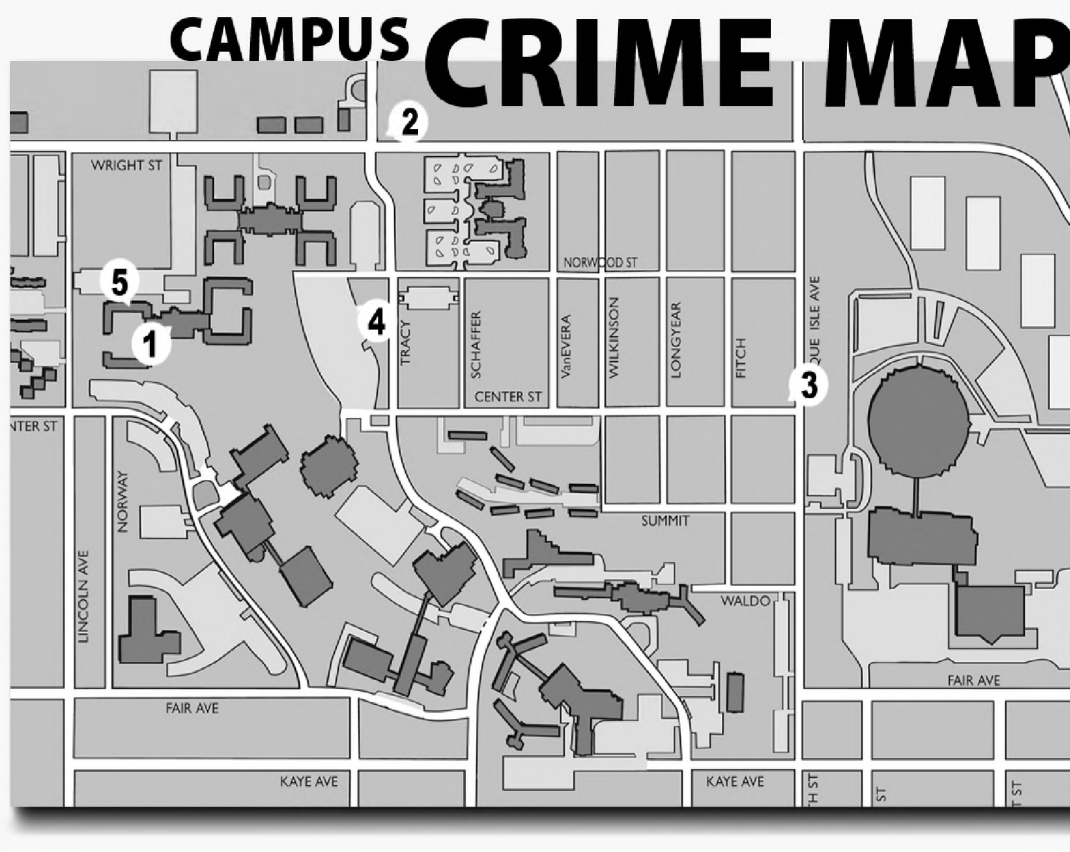
1) Graffiti was reported on the walls at 2:31 a.m. on April 16 in Gant Hall.

2) An MIP was issued to a student at 12:35 a.m. on April 16 in Lot 20. The case was referred to the dean.

3) An MIP was issued to a student at 10:38 p.m. on April 15 in Van Antwerp. The case was referred to the dean.

4) Domestic Violence was reported at 1 p.m. on April 19 in the Lincoln Apartments.

5) Electronic Harassment was reported at 12:49 p.m. on April 15 in the Mar-



Student groups seek approval for funding

By Robyn Goodman
contributing writer

Student organizations that receive funding from the Student Discretionary Activity Fee will meet with the Student Finance Committee (SFC) this week to take part in a biannual assessment of the budgets and overall performances of the groups.

On Thursday, April 23, at 8 p.m., all Earmarked Fund Groups (EFGs) will be meeting in the ASNMU office. EFGs are student groups that receive an exact amount of money set aside by the SFC from the Student Activity Fee for the academic year.

Andrew Foster, chairman of the SFC, said that at the meeting the organization will be considering how responsible, organized and effective each group is.

"Each EFG currently serves a niche on campus and has proven consistent excellence in execution and quality of events," Foster said.

The groups will submit a programming plan that outlines the programs that the EFG plans to implement in the Fall 2010 semester. They will estimate an amount that would adequately fund various aspects of the programming plan and the expected response by the university community to the programs in terms of attendance and contribution to the university's atmosphere.

"EFG review is to ensure current EFGs are still meeting the high standards expected of them and to consider giving earmarked fund status to any other group that shows the same level of excellence," Foster said.

Both qualitative and quantitative measure will be considered by the SFC at this meeting, said Foster. Each EFG must submit a form that outlines the number of students that attended their shows and the cost per student of each activity.

Campus Cinema is one of the EFGs that will be meeting on Friday April 23. They will be discussing student attendance to their events this semester, student costs and the new president who will be taking over next semester. Joseph Kubis, a senior management major, has been the president of Campus Cinema for a year and a half and has been a member of Campus Cinema for five years.

"As an EFG, we have an extra degree of responsibility because, if the officers don't manage the group properly and manage events properly, that could mean dire consequences for that group," Kubis said. "We're held up to higher standards because we

answer to the SFC."

Before a group becomes an EFG, the group must submit a request for funds to the SFC for the activities they want to have or hold fundraisers. If the EFG does not use all of those funds, the money is either given back to the SFC or it carries over to the next semester. Jordan Buzzy, a senior art and design and sociology major, has been the president of First Aid Productions for one semester. He said that the SFC always would prefer the groups to spend the money than to give it back.

"The SFC always wants us to spend the money, which would show that we are being successful," Buzzy said.

First Aid Productions will be discussing bringing Derrick Ashong, a political activist and reggae singer, to perform during the next school year.

"First Aid Productions is trying to branch out and do other things than bringing in just musicians," Buzzy said.

Ashong is a (musician and is part) of the youth political social movement. Along with his band playing, he could give a speech at the United Conference on NMU's campus in the fall.

This sort of activity would bring more students and would offer a unique and different event at NMU that could potentially ensure status as an EFG, Buzzy said.

SFC Criteria for Earmarked Fund Groups

A student organization may apply to become an Earmarked Fund Group if the organization:

1. Has existed for at least three calendar years previous to the organization's first application for the EFG status;
2. Has previously received Student Discretionary Activity Fee money and has received favorable reviews from the SDAF program evaluation, if applicable;
3. Has been complying with the requirements for student organizations as stated in this EFG by-laws) document;
4. Has a purpose which addresses a need not being met by another EFG;
5. Has sufficient student membership during the year it will be receiving earmarked funding to carry out its stated programming goals;
6. Has a demand on campus which affects a wide range of the student body.



Ashley Wiggins/NW

TCF Bank, which has been on NMU's campus since 2006, will close its University Center branch by June 30. Wells Fargo, the fourth largest bank in the United States, will be replacing TCF this summer.

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Ensuring that students would help staff the campus bank branch was something that NMU was heavily concerned with, Gischia said.

Mary Erspamer, the Marquette district manager for Wells Fargo, said that the bank employs NMU students at nearly all of their five area locations and plans to have between five and seven positions for students at the campus branch.

Erspamer said that she thinks Wells Fargo will be a good fit for

NMU due to the bank's multiple locations throughout town and its involvement in the community.

"I think it's going to be a great opportunity for Wells Fargo to partner with NMU, and our team is very excited about it," she said.

Wells Fargo has a "College Combo" for students, which includes a free checking account, a free savings account and both text and online banking. The bank also offers a financial education program for students.

Erspamer said the bank will be present during the summer orientation period to set up accounts

with new students. For current NMU students, Erspamer said that those wishing to open accounts with Wells Fargo should visit either the Third Street location or the main downtown location.

According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991, a bank must inform its customers a branch closure at least 90 days in advance, which TCF began on Tuesday, March 30.

For further information about TCF or the branch closure, call 1-800-TCF-BANK.

ASJ accepting applications

By Ben Hocking

assistant news editor

The All Student Judiciary (ASJ), the campus organization responsible for making decisions regarding disciplinary actions for violations of the Student Code, is looking for interested students to recruit.

ASJ is looking for six to eight new members for the upcoming fall 2010 semester. Interested students can fill out an application located on the Dean of Students Office website.

In order to become a member of ASJ, a student needs a GPA of 2.0 or above, have completed 12 credit hours at NMU and be free of any sort of probation at NMU. The Dean of Students Office nominates what applicants they see fit to serve on ASJ. It would then be up to the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) to approve the potential new members.

"The most important common denominator shared by (ASJ) board members is a commitment to community," said Mary Brundage, the associate dean of students and ASJ adviser. "Members of (ASJ) have a direct impact on the NMU community."

The ASJ consists of up to 16 students who hear cases concerning minor violations of the Student Code such as alcohol infractions, destruction of property and noise violations. The group will only make a decision on a case if the

student denies the charges brought against them. The judicial hearings are made up of one of three student co-chairs and a board of six to seven ASJ voting members. The chair would cast the decisive vote if the members had a tie vote. If a student is found guilty of one of these minor infractions, they typically receive a warning or are placed on a probation by the university.

Brundage said that it is important for ASJ to be made up of students from different majors and backgrounds in order to get larger scope of viewpoints on incidents, the organization determines.

"The goal is to have the All Student Judiciary represent the student population as much as possible," she said. "As the adviser, I like to see a good blend of background, major, personality preferences (and) ways of thinking."

Joseph Gonzales, an English secondary education major and co-chair of ASJ, said that a lot of students aren't aware of ASJ's presence on campus. He also said that ASJ tries to look out for what is best for everyone in the NMU community.

"It's one of those organizations that you don't hear about a lot," he said. "But it's one that helps the campus operate smoothly. We are here to help and that's all we are here for."

Gonzalez said that being a member of ASJ has been beneficial to his education while being a student at NMU.

"It has been helpful in my academic career and has opened my eyes to many different viewpoints," he said. "If you can see things in other people eyes (you would make a good member of ASJ)."

If a disputed case involves repeated small offenses or a major offense that could warrant a large suspension or expulsion, the case would be handled by the Student Faculty Judiciary (SFJ), which is made up of both students and faculty on campus. One-time offenses that could warrant a long term suspension or expulsion would be different charges of assault or drug dealing on campus. Members of ASJ sometimes double as members of the SFJ after they have gained experience on the ASJ board.

"If someone had six noise violations and they don't get the point, then SFJ would take over the hearing," said Darren Widder, an ASJ co-chair and member of the SFJ. "They are (traditionally) things that would have a high bearing on the university community."

Widder said that his experiences on ASJ and SFJ have been positive and encouraged anyone interested in becoming a member of ASJ to apply.

"Don't sell yourself short," he said. "Most likely it will be something you are interested in no matter what your background is, and you can be a service to your university community."

Communication key to cohabitation

By Lukas Anderson
contributing writer

When Lain McGrath and her three friends moved into their new house after their sophomore year, they didn't think anything could go wrong.

They'd spent the last two years living together and becoming close friends in the residence halls. McGrath said that getting their first rental home felt like an exhilarating new step.

Then, one roommate decided to get a dog, which left the others taking care of it and cleaning up for it while she was away. When one girl moved out, the remaining roommates were forced to find the first of several sub-leasers.

"These and other roommate-related issues, like cleaning and borrowing each others' things, ultimately led to the dissolution of our friendship," McGrath said. "By the end of the fall semester, we were all basically at odds with each other."

Between lease agreements and landlords, the issue of finding suitable roommates is one that can often fall by the wayside. Yet once the paperwork is filled out and the furniture is in its place, it's the roommates that ultimately determine the success or failure of a living arrangement. Many students fail to give this topic much prior consideration, assuming that

their closest friends will automatically make good roommates.

"It turns out you can't make those assumptions," said Kevin Conlin, NMU Apartment Services Coordinator.

Conlin said that he has personal experience with this, having encountered problems as a college student himself when he and a long-time high school friend chose to be roommates.

Young students moving into their first private home face a lot of new challenges. Maintaining healthy relationships with their roommates being just one of them. What it comes down to is the fact that living together involves a lot of different situations that being friends does not.

"I think having lifestyles that mesh is really the most important issue in a living situation," said Ariel Powers-Schaub, a resident advisor and senior psychology major at NMU. "Whether or not you have the same political views isn't going to matter if someone isn't doing the dishes."

Such lifestyle issues can include basic concerns such as school and work schedules, smoking or drinking habits and ideas regarding personal hygiene and cleanliness.

"These are things that can be uncomfortable to talk about for some people," Powers-Schaub said. "But they are important



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because sometimes one person's idea of cleanliness is different from another person's."

According to Powers-Schaub, it can be hard for friends to also be roommates, but that doesn't mean it never works. It's simply not something that should be taken for granted.

"I think in an apartment setting it might be easier for friends to get along, but that just ultimately depends on the friendship," Powers-Schaub said.

It is also important to talk ahead of time about additional expenses that are going to come up, such as

phone bills, Internet access, heating and food, said Conlin. Often students assume that such expenses will be shared evenly, but doing so isn't always so simple. Discussing these potential issues and developing a plan ahead of time will make it easier to handle problems when they arise.

Conlin suggests that potential roommates make sure to "talk early and talk often."

McGrath's experience with her first house is an example of how important it is to have these discussions between housemates early on.

"It really boiled down to a total lack of communication between myself and my roommates," she said.

In the end, this failure to communicate was an expensive mistake on their part, as they were left without their security deposit and in debt to their landlord.

"My advice is, don't let problems with your roommates accumulate. Talk about your expectations ahead of time and work together to lay out some ground rules. Unfortunately, I had to learn this the hard way," McGrath said.

College Greens add to NMU's political spectrum

By Gary Seaman
contributing writer

A recently formed student group, which is affiliated with the Green Party, has taken root at Northern to diversify the political landscape.

The NMU College Greens officially started this month. Aaron Loudenslager, a sophomore political science pre-law and economics major, started the group. He said the College Greens "offer an alternative political group for students with progressive ideals."

Loudenslager hopes getting students involved with a third party during college will help to establish a stronger progressive presence in Washington in the future. The group only has a handful of current members at NMU, but will be using summer break to work on recruitment plans for gaining membership, Loudenslager said.

"We hope to gain participation through debates and guest speakers next year," Loudenslager said. "There are a lot of pretty liberal Democrats out there not having their views supported. We're looking (for people) that are dissatisfied with the current system."

Loudenslager said the College

Greens are affiliated with the national Green Party. He also said that the organization will be focusing a lot of effort against special interest groups and large corporations, which he said many progressives feel get an unfair amount of power and government support.

"We support the average person," Loudenslager said. "We want to educate people to realize there are reforms to help the average to poor citizen, and we want a system of government that works for the average citizen not the big companies."

Steven Nelson, professor of political science and faculty advisor for the College Greens, said he thinks the College Greens will help give a voice to many Democrats whose political views aren't common in the Democratic Party.

"Our country is designed to work for a two-party system, but there's a huge group within the Democratic Party with views out of the mainstream," Nelson said. "(The Democratic Party) is not really representing the 10 percent of the population that votes for Ralph Nader."

Nelson said the College Greens should do well here at NMU and they will be a good fit for campus. He said that he thinks many students

share in the group's progressive ideals, and that organizing students at the college level will really advance the Green Party.

"The Green Party can give an alternative to the democrats . . . it would be nice if there were some candidates across the state running for the Greens," he said.

Billy Littlejohn, a sophomore entertainment and sports promotion major and member of the College Greens, said that the organization is for the decentralization of power in big corporations and more government involvement to help out the people who need it. The group, he said, still has a lot of work to be done for next year.

"Right now we're a very rough edged group as we just started last week," Littlejohn said. "We're just trying to get more known on campus (and) get students more active and educated."

Littlejohn said he feels that a multi party system would be good for everyone and that the College Greens will improve representation on campus.

For more information about the Collage Greens, contact Aaron Loudenslager at aloudens@nmu.edu.

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such adjustments.

"For me, change is good." Change is part of the academic life. Change presents challenges and opportunities for growth, change is at the heart of intellectual pursuit," Seethoff said. "There will be several (changes) as a result of this, I don't see them as having negative consequences. They give us a chance to think again about what we want to do and what's important."

Seethoff has been dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for 11 years. He said that he is appreciative of his experiences as dean and will miss the position.

"This has, so far, been the joy of my life. The opportunity to interview candidates for faculty positions . . . we just have delightful discussions, it's very satisfying to know that I'm a part of the process that brings the classroom teachers that the students are going to come to enjoy."

To replace Seethoff as Arts and Sciences dean is Michael Broadway, who currently sits as associate dean to the college and interim director of the honors program.

"Northern has been good to me," Broadway said. "I've been here 13 and a half years,

so I think I have some loyalty to this institution. Moving up into administration is in some ways a way of repaying the faith that people have put into you."

Broadway believes that this promotion will be a good challenge, and he looks forward to the increased responsibility and chance to learn more in the position.

"One of the things about being an academic, you're a lifelong learner," Broadway said. "I'm a lifelong learner, and this is an opportunity for me to learn a new skill set, hopefully, and learn more about the university and how it works."

Broadway has decided to step down as interim director of the honors program due to the increased responsibility that comes with his new position. After two years as interim director, he has enjoyed working with honors students and appreciates the changes he has seen to the program.

"I enjoyed my two years, and I think the honors program is in pretty good shape right now," Broadway said. "There's a whole series of reforms that I think are going to result in a significantly improved honors program."

Prosen has sent an e-mail to all faculty asking for letters of interest in becoming interim director before Friday, April 23.

Summer employment still possible for college students

By Amber Snyder
staff writer

Despite a struggling national economy, some job opportunities still exist for those students who haven't found summer employment.

Steve LaFond, the assistant director of Career Services, said that President Obama's Stimulus Bill has improved the job market for students.

"The Stimulus Bill has allowed the federal government to create jobs for students even in this economy," LaFond said. "The age limit for student jobs used to be 18 or 19, but because of this bill, even people in their 20s can apply."

Students should try to look for summer jobs related to what they want to do in the future, LaFond said.

"Summer jobs can be a great way to build professional skills," he said. "Students can see what it's really like in the field and get hands on skills."

LaFond said that resources for jobs both inside and outside of Marquette County can be found on the Career Services website. He said that the Internet is just one way students can search for a summer job.

"Students can drive around town and look for help wanted signs," he said. "You can also approach employers that hire sea-

sonal workers. Lots of tourist destinations, restaurants and hotels hire seasonally."

Jesse Carlson, a junior entertainment and sports promotion major, was able to find work outside of Marquette for the summer. She will be working at Fishing Bridge Lodge in Yellowstone National Park as a waitress and hostess.

Carlson said that she wants to get out of the Marquette area for the summer.

"Marquette is such a small town," she said. "I want to be somewhere else for a while. I've always wanted to go out West, and this was the perfect opportunity."

Carlson said that she took the job to gain new experiences.

"I'm hoping to grow as a person while I'm there," Carlson said. "I want to meet new people and enjoy Yellowstone when I'm not working. I love to travel, and I'm hoping being out West will give me a new perspective."

Despite the opportunities created by the Stimulus Bill, some students are still feeling the bite of Michigan's 14.1 percent unemployment rate. Kayla Blodgett, a sophomore English secondary education major, said that she struggled to find a job before being hired as a student custodian in the dorms.

"I really struggled to find a job," Blodgett said. "I applied for about 30 jobs over the past year and only got two interviews. I was

really lucky to find this job."

Blodgett said that finding a summer job was easier than finding employment during the regular school year.

"Employers seemed to be looking more for students in the summer," Blodgett said. "I think it's a little easier now because so many students are leaving Marquette for the summer to go home."

For more information about job opportunities and Career Services, go to www.nmu.edu/careers.

Resources for Finding Summer Employment

Michigan Works

www.michiganworks.org

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Staff Editorial



Lina Blair/NW

North Wind honored to receive award

The North Wind was honored last week with Organization of the Year – university funded – at the Leadership Recognition Banquet on Thursday, April 15. We were up against some of the most prominent organizations on campus, including Radio X and ASNMU. We really appreciate recognition of the efforts that we have made in order to provide the most important information to the students.

Like many of the organizations we were up against in the competition, we have spent much of our time over the past year working toward a certain goal. We have made a significant effort to provide the Northern community with the kind of information that they deserve to know. There have been many late production nights writing, laying out pages and editing. We have conducted numerous interviews, asked many questions and written and edited countless articles. We have worked hard to produce the best quality product for the students of this university, trying our best to find out what students need to know and then going out and getting the facts for them. It is an honor to be awarded for these efforts by the university, and we can't thank it enough for

the recognition.

Yet there is much more work ahead of our staff for next semester. There are many more stories to break, events to cover and situations to make sure students understand. We will strive to be the best newspaper we can be because we understand the importance of a student newspaper for its constituency.

Next year, we will have several new people on staff and we are certain they will help this paper become an even better organization to produce quality product for the students of our university. They will help strengthen our paper by providing a new perspective on the day to day workings of the paper and the issues we face every week as an organization.

This year, students voted for our referendum, which will help us in our goal. We'd like to thank them as well for their votes and we will make sure that money will not go to waste.

It is an honor to cover the happenings of this university, to be an important part of its function, and we hope to continue to report on the events and situations of this university in the best and most successful way possible.



Letters to the Editor

Smoking ban is disrespectful

In response to Alex Belz's op-ed on the proposed campus ban on smoking, I agree that areas on campus should be set aside where smokers can gather, but I have a much stronger opinion to offer.

Did you ever wonder why those students who are so offended by walking 30 feet past a crowd of smokers seem to have no problem walking 30 yards through a parking lot of cars warming their engines? Exactly whose fumes are the more harmful or "deadly"?

And have you noticed that the 30-foot limit assures that smokers have no overhead protection? So does the administration really care about the health of these students or does it prefer to scapegoat them by imposing sanctions against them that can best be described as downright cruel, considering that smoking is about to be abolished in bars as well?

And all this is going on in an atmosphere where "tolerance" and "understanding" are supposedly being taught. Smoking is an established social custom under fierce attack from those who would like to banish it completely, regardless of the consequences of criminalizing nearly a quarter of the adult population.

If this policy goes into effect, perhaps that day should be declared "Contempt and Disrespect Day" in recognition of NMU's hypocrisy on the issue of which customs deserve respect and which deserve condemnation.

Jack Bowers

Kennecott Mine should be questioned

Alex Belz was spot on in his questioning of Rio Tinto's human and workers rights record in his article last week, tough questions Rio Tinto has had the luxury of avoiding in our area. He also raised solid questions about what the real economics of mining are.

Before the current recession even began, Michigan lost 79,000 jobs directly due to our trade relationship with China, Rio Tinto's largest single investor and driver of new metal demand. It's simple: we sell China raw materials, such as metals, and buy a manufactured product back. In the process, we've lost millions of American manufacturing jobs.

And the plan is to let a foreign company mine our ore to send to other countries for processing, manufacturing and use? No wonder the Economist magazine predicts Michigan will remain in the economic "Dark Ages" for another 15 years.

Currently, less than two-tenths of one percent of Michigan's economy directly employs workers in "natural resources and mining" (mining, logging, fishing and some agriculture). The only other listed sector providing fewer jobs is "rail transportation." It's truly a crime that Michigan regulators and politicians are willing to continue strangling Michigan's economy for the benefit of Rio Tinto.

Gabriel Caplett
Skandia, Michigan

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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



Tom Cory/ N.W

Tea Partiers are giving libertarians a bad name

I first heard about the Tea Party movement in the Spring of 2009 when it was still young. It was in the media a lot during the lead-up to tax day that year.

As a social libertarian, I must admit I was excited. Here was a grassroots effort to protest the bailouts and the stimulus package.

It seemed to be a sign that there were people in this country willing to stand up and protest for what they believed in. I was idealistic enough to think that this movement meant that great changes could take place. I thought perhaps this was a start of a great change in America.

Yet as the Tea Party movement grew, it never really centralized to become a vibrant political force. As a result, the phrase "Tea Party" has lost its meaning and the protests have lost their way.

The more I hear about the Tea Party, the more I wish the word "libertarian" wasn't associated with it. They're doing more damage to that word than anything else ever could.

If one looks at the previous month alone, there's a long list of terrible events associated with the phrase.

For example, on March 16, 2010, at a protest outside of the office of Representative Mary Jo Kilroy, a protestor mocked a man with Parkinson's Disease and threw dollar bills at him. Several other protestors joined in. The protestor later apologized for his actions.

On March 20, protestors of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in Washington, D.C., were accused of shouting racial slurs at several black lawmakers.

Though many at the protest deny these accusations, so far there seems to be no evidence that these allegations did not happen.

A Tea Party protester in Lynchburg attempted to post the home address of Congressman Tom Perriello on a local blog, encouraging readers to "drop by" his address and express their anger at him for his vote for the health care bill.

Instead, the protester accidentally posted the address of Perriello's brother.

The next day, a severed gas line was found in Perriello's brother's yard and it was determined that it was intentionally cut.

None of these occurrences are necessarily endorsed by any official Tea Party organization. Yet they all seem to have happened as a result of Tea Party fervor.

When I tell people I'm a social libertarian, I'm immediately associated with these people because we share a similar ideology. I find these sort of acts deplorable. It's insulting to be lumped in with these people.

Even if one were to look at all of this as isolated incidents, there is trouble with the Tea Party movement even at the very top levels of the various organizations behind it.

Near the time of the start of the Tea Parties, claims that the movement was actually made to look like a spontaneous movement from average citizens by national organizations surfaced separately in a New York Times editorial and a Playboy article in February of 2009.

Due to libel claims, the articles were removed, yet no lawsuit ever actually occurred.

These allegations didn't stop there. They continued in a variety of editorials and articles throughout 2009.

Conservative groups Americans for Prosperity, FreedomWorks and dontGO are the three main groups who have provided funding for the Tea Party protests and events, as well as guidance and organization.

All three deny the allegations of astroturfing. The problem, though, is that when a protest is organized by a corporation and that corporation hires public relations firms to help promote the event, it is no longer a grassroots phenomenon.

By being organized by these groups, rather than from the ground up as a true grassroots protest would be, Tea Party events have become a smokescreen for the agendas of basically anyone who feels like they want to call themselves a Tea Party activist.

Now, every time I hear the phrase "Tea Party" in the news, I cringe. I always think to myself, "Oh, no. What have they done this time?"

Sports editor says goodbye

Staff Column



Trevor Pellerite

Throughout my young adulthood, I've held a few different jobs. I've been a shoe salesman, little league umpire and a grounds worker at a golf course. Surprisingly, dealing with ridiculous customers, getting screamed at by overzealous parents and waking up at 4 a.m. to mow lawns (respectively) didn't do a whole lot for me. For a long time, that was the way my employment went: I would hate going and couldn't wait to be done working. Finally, I found sanctuary at the North Wind. As sports editor, all my previous problems were solved. The ridiculous customers were the problem of the business staff, I became the fan heckling the officials and could tell my staff reporters to wake up at ridiculous hours to get stories and interviews.

But even more than that, my job as sports editor was something I could finally look forward to every week. Spending 14 hours in the North Wind office every Wednesday was a pleasure unlike anything I've known in a previous job.

My favorite part of working at the North Wind was the degree of freedom and creativity the job afforded me. Of course I had to work within general guidelines, such as "get a paper out every week" and "spell things correctly," but these usually posed few problems.

Everything from headlines to photo selection was up to me, and I enjoyed the fact that the job had very little repetition from week to week.

Another thing I loved about

being sports editor was the chance to form personal relationships with many figures within the athletic department. Every single encounter I had with a coach or athlete, whether at the varsity or club level, was enjoyable, painless and useful. The university has done a fantastic job with all of the sports at NMU, and it was a great experience to deal with everyone involved.

I have been an avid fan of Wildcat hockey since I arrived at Northern as a lowly freshman, and this job gave me the chance to experience the team's season on a whole new level. I'll remember a lot of my experiences with the team for a long time, from my first post-game interview with head coach Walt Kyle to sitting in the press box at Joe Louis Arena cheering for the team in the CCHA playoffs. This was a great season to end my college career on, and I hope the team will have even more success next year.

I very much doubt that my time at the North Wind would have been as much fun without a fantastic staff surrounding me in the office. Everyone was easy to work with, and we shared a sense of humor that allowed us to make jokes that would likely have gotten us arrested in any other workplace. Granted, if everyone focused on whatever task was at hand, the newspaper could probably have been completed about five hours earlier than usual, but to me, that was part of the fun of the job.

I wish everyone luck in their continued endeavors, whether they are in journalism, poetry, advertising, photography or garbage collection.

Thank you, NMU for the good times and the bad times. As I go forth into the 'real world' without an encouraging job prospect, I am sure that my experiences here will remain with me.

Business manager excited for life ahead



Staff Column

Whitney Oppenhuizen

I'm graduating from Northern Michigan University on May 1, 2010. As I stare at the cursor blinking right after that sentence I don't know what to think. For the past five years I've lived in Marquette and created my own family through close friends and numerous adventures.

Somewhere in there, I also managed to acquire a hundred or so credits that amount to a degree, not that I know what exactly I want to do with it yet.

It's difficult now to look back and see at what point I became an "adult." On some level, I still feel

like I'm 15 years old dreaming about how great going to a university would be and my great job after college.

The funny thing is, I had no idea what the job was or what I wanted a degree in. All I've ever known is I'm going to do it on my own. So when did this shift occur? The only constant that I see over the past few years is that everything changed and I grabbed on to every new experience I could.

I lived in Uganda for a semester. I went to Paris with my first and best college roommate; a dream I wanted to fulfill since I saw Funny Face as a little girl. Claire Abent was also the one to introduce me to The North Wind. She mentioned one day that they were hiring a sales rep.

I applied and ended up not getting it the first time around, then I got a call a few months later

asking if I still wanted the position. I never thought that a semester later I would be the business manager basically running all the behind the scenes stuff here at the paper.

That's what I really want to impress on anyone reading this: just roll with life. You never know what's going to come your way. I've never really had a plan and the past five years of my life have been absolutely unbelievable. I've faced some really difficult challenges in every part of my life. Yet the entire time, I had the words my dad and mom used to tell me on bike trips in the back of my head: "pedal, pedal, push, push."

Well, I've done that and have had my head down pedaling for the last year straight. I'm finally looking up now after a whirlwind year filled with more internships

and leadership positions then I care to name.

Like most of my fellow graduates, I don't have a job lined up. I'm staring down the barrel of a gun. All I see is me moving back into my childhood bedroom and starting over.

But, you know what? Don't sweat it. We are so young. Go home, take a month. Hell, take the whole summer. Put your feet up and enjoy it. We have all earned it. But while you're doing that, keep your eyes out for an opportunity that really speaks to you. Don't just run out and get a job because it's what we should do.

Finally, I want to send a quick thank you to all the wonderful people I've had the pleasure of knowing here at The North Wind, at NMU and my friends and family for always being behind me, even when I come up with hair-

brained ideas like moving half way across the world.

Lucy, you are an amazing co-worker. I can't wait to see what you do with the North Wind and where you go after NMU. I don't doubt you will follow 'it' the whole time.

To Jim Cantrill and Bill Bernard, thank you for keeping me motivated and always being there with advice.

Finally to Claire, Alisha and the Summit Street gang, you are the best friends anyone could ask for. You were always there for a laugh, a cry, some porch talk or a "what the hell happened?"

We are officially armed with a college degree and some crazy life experiences. This is only the beginning of a long, wonderful life. Let's make the most of it. Never settle and always follow your gut.

News editor reflects on his time at paper



Staff Column

Cameron Witbeck

As a kid, I never dreamed of becoming a journalist. The earliest jobs I can remember wanting were, in order, astronaut, advertising executive and painter (not an artist — think barns and houses).

But at some point I found myself in The North Wind office as a sophomore looking for a minor. I'm leaving that office this week as a senior with what has become

an obsession.

In my tenure at our student paper, I have learned more about this university, people in general and myself than I ever thought possible.

I have learned how to deal with the dread of approaching deadlines and difficulties with sources/writers/readers. I have met some of the most interesting people on campus and developed professional relationships with many of my sources. My own writing has improved out of necessity and by proximity to the very talented people (not Scott) around me. But perhaps most importantly, my time as news editor has helped me grow as a person in my maturity and ethics.

I was forced to make difficult decisions about what stories to cover and how to cover them. Part of my job was to ask myself what the students needed to know about the things that affected them. I then had to find a clear way to communicate that necessary information to them. I had to keep the student body and our readership in mind when I made these decisions, because ultimately it was to them that I was responsible.

Sure, this job has been stressful, has cost me more than a few friends and put strains on my relationships with others, but it has also been the most rewarding job I have ever held. Every Thursday morning, I would read the paper

after a twelve to sixteen hour workday on Wednesday nights, and I would be proud of what our staff had created and the hard work that my writers put into their stories.

Seeing students walking around campus with The North Wind was always a source of great pride for me because it was visible proof that at least someone was appreciating our hard work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made a difference in my time as news editor and as an undergraduate at NMU. First of all I'd like to thank my writers and the two assistant news editors that I've had this semester, Alex Belz and

Ben Hocking, for their dedication to keeping the students informed of what is happening on campus.

I'd like to thank Jim McCommons and Cate Terwilliger for being wise advisors at The North Wind and helping me become a better journalist. I'd like to thank my coworkers, specifically Lucy Hough, who has been my boss for over two years and has always helped reign in my overzealousness.

I'd like to thank Katie Hanson for being the best academic advisor a student could ask for.

Finally, I'd like to thank my girlfriend, Thao, for putting up with the late nights, the stressful days and my inability to let anything go.

Sound Off

How are you dealing with the stress of finals?

compiled by Justin Key



Chad Allard
sophomore
English

"Take it one test at a time; try not to think about it too much."



Emily Blake
freshman
English writing

"Finals are always stressful but I know if I study I will do well."



Megan Nelson
sophomore
digital cinema

"Completely ignoring the work altogether and letting it creep up on me."



Rachael Raspatello
junior
Secondary Education, biology

"Just thinking about grades now and telling myself not to worry too much."



T.J. Carter
sophomore
digital cinema

"Trying to study early and having a lot of friends to help me study."

Calcium is an important part of health



Chew on this

Sasha James

Calcium deficiency is a major problem in the United States. The Diet Channel reports an estimated 44 to 87 percent of Americans do not get enough of this mineral. The body absorbs dietary calcium quite efficiently during childhood to early adulthood when bone is forming. However, calcium absorption becomes less efficient with age and drops off significantly after age 50.

Proper calcium intake and

optimal bone density is especially important for women during their childbearing years. As a fetus develops it can impact on the bone structure of the mother. If calcium intake is too low and the bone matrix of the mother is weak, the fetus will take what it needs leaving the mother at risk for osteoporosis later in life. Calcium is also needed to produce breast milk.

Much of the calcium in our body, 99 percent, is stored in bone, which is constantly being broken down and rebuilt. The other one percent circulates in the blood to ensure proper blood clotting, muscle and nerve function.

Calcium is critical for children during their growing years to build strong bones. A bit less is

required during the middle years to keep bones strong, and much more calcium is needed later in life to prevent bone loss.

Recommended dietary intake for calcium is 1,300 mg a day for ages 9 to 19 and 1,000 mg a day from ages 19 through 50. Calcium requirements increase after age 50 to 1,500 mg per day.

Milk and dairy products are one of the best sources of dietary calcium. One 8 ounce glass of milk provides 30 percent of your calcium needs.

However, some people have trouble digesting milk. Those following a vegan diet may also need to pay attention to calcium-containing foods to assure that they get enough.

Calcium-fortified soy milk and juice, calcium-set tofu, soy-

beans and soy nuts, bok choy, broccoli, kale, mustard greens, and okra are all excellent sources of calcium. If diet alone cannot meet calcium needs, supplementation is recommended.

Weight-bearing exercises force muscles to work against gravity and stimulate cells to grow new bone. It enhances bone growth and increases bone density. Include walking, jogging, running, jumping jacks, weight lifting and other resistance training in your workout routine.

Adequate levels of vitamin D are necessary to absorb calcium. Research shows that vitamin D and calcium are needed in adequate amounts to support calcium absorption and bone health. The body synthesizes vitamin D from the sun and other fortified

foods.

The American Dietetic Association has provided research that a lack of vitamin D in the body leads to a higher risk of osteoporosis and softening of the bones.

Calcium plays many roles within the body. It helps grow strong bones which provide skeletal structure and contributes to proper organ function and overall good health. Adequate calcium consumption paired with vitamin D and weight bearing physical activity will build strong bones and reduce the risk of osteoporosis later in life. Your bones deserve your attention, and when cared for properly, they will bring you the long-term well-being you deserve.

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Students hope for money at buyback



Ben Hocking/NW

An NMU bookstore worker gives out money to a student returning her books. The bookstore will continue to accept books for buyback through this week and the next.

By Scott Viau

Features editor

With the semester drawing to a close, one of the most anticipated events of the year by NMU students is now in full swing: the buyback from the NMU bookstore.

Assistant manager Paul Wright said that last year the bookstore bought back nearly \$400,000 in books, but realizes that money is spread thin with 9,000 students on campus.

"That only averages \$40 a student, but not everybody brings their books in," Wright said.

Wright said that the best time for students to bring their books in for cash is during the final two weeks of the semester.

"That's when we need the books and haven't gone looking anywhere else," Wright said. "We expect to buy certain numbers from the students, and they are our best for the books."

On May 3, Wright said he will start looking for needed textbooks elsewhere because he can't be sure if students will bring in the necessary texts.

Students may often feel frustrated when they go to return their books but aren't offered a lot of money for it. This is often because professors haven't selected their books for the next semester. Wright said there are a number of reasons as to why some professors don't report what they need right away.

"Some of them haven't been assigned their classes yet, so we can't buy their books back," Wright said. "If the faculty is researching other books and they're not sure which book they're going to use, then we wouldn't have ordered the book yet."

According to Wright, books brought in can't be too beat up.

"As long as it's in good condition or new condition and we need it for campus, then we'll pay half the new price," Wright said.

The amount of money students get for each book depends on what the national market is for it, Wright said.

"If there's a great need for a book around the country, then the price is going to be higher," Wright said.

Students who aren't getting paid much for a book may want to wait until the next semester the class is offered since the bookstore will have more demand for it then.

"Sometimes if it's a winter-only class, they might want to wait until next December, and if we need the

books we'll buy them again," Wright said.

While some may be able to wait, those who need the money right away may want to try selling their books at other stores or online, but other places may not be offering the best price, either.

"For one student, we were offering 50 cents on a book and he refused it," Wright said. "He was back in about 20 minutes because it was only a penny on Amazon.com."

Wright said he is able to commiserate with students who get upset when they are not given what they expect on their textbooks.

"They've got some number in their head they want to get back and when we offer them very little for their books it can be pretty upsetting, especially if they were expecting to spend that money on gas to get home or for rent next month," Wright said.

The books that are receiving the most money during buyback are the chemistry and biology books.

"Those are big, expensive books, and we're paying quite a bit for them," Wright said. "We need them and we know we need them."

Junior Matthew Randell was hoping to get as much money back as he could but was disappointed with what he ended up with.

"You spend so much and you get half back," Randell said. "As a college student struggling for money you want to get as much back (as possible)."

Randell also said he's thought about selling books elsewhere, but that it was a bit of a bother.

"I've bought books online, and I always say I'm going to sell them online, but (it's a) hassle trying to sell it and set it up and then making sure that I get it mailed out," Randell said.

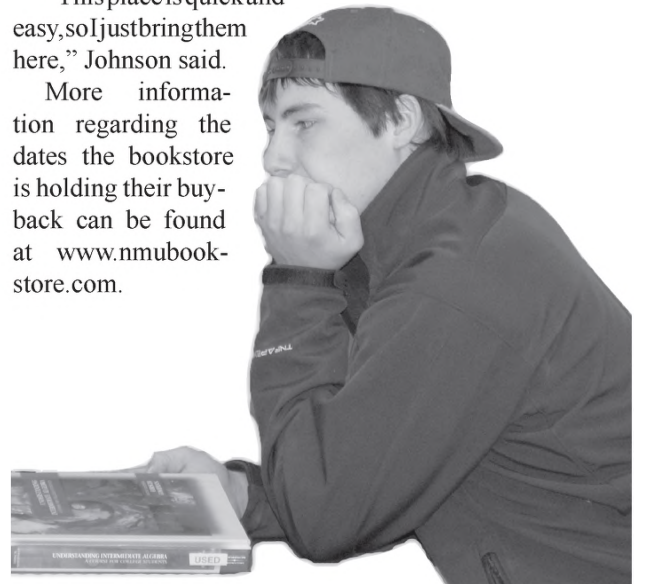
Julie Johnson is a senior social work major and paid around \$500 for her books. When she brought them back, she received \$46.

"I'd like \$100 at least to make up for all the hundreds I'd spent," Johnson said. "A lot of the teachers have been requiring two or three textbooks for each class, and it's ridiculous."

Johnson said she knew she wasn't going to get a good price because she's brought her books back to the bookstore before but continues to go there because of the convenience.

"This place is quick and easy, so I just bring them here," Johnson said.

More information regarding the dates the bookstore is holding their buyback can be found at www.nmubookstore.com.



Playing with the band



Yin Tang/NW

NMU's 14 Annual Jazz Festival took place Friday, April 16 in the Kaufman Auditorium. Performing with the jazz band and jazz combos were local high school and middle school students.

places to camp

By John Becker
staff writer

Camping is a relatively inexpensive way for students to get out and enjoy the wilderness of the U.P., especially during the summer months. Below is a list of different areas to camp, with varying costs and difficulties ranging from beginner to expert.

Grand Island National Recreation Area, Munising, MI, 906-387-3503

The only way to this secluded island is by private boat or the ferry that runs from the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend to Oct. 9. Ferry tickets cost \$15 per person, but tent camping is free whether at random campsites or designated sites, however fires are restricted to the provided metal fire rings.

Perkins Park, Big Bay, MI 906-345-9353

This campground has both full-electric and no-electric hook-up sites for camping, but the real benefit here is the option to rent-a-tent. No hook-up sites cost \$15 per night, and tent rental is \$20 per night, with a fire ring and picnic table provided. Open May 15-Sept. 15.

Van Riper State Park 906-339-4461

This 1,044-acre campground boasts sandy beaches, trails for hiking and biking and the opportunity to rent cabins. Rustic sites are also available for \$14 per night. Because of the large amount of standing water in the region, the opportunity to see moose is high. Take U.S. 41 westward 35 miles out of Marquette.

Hiawatha National Forest

There are many campgrounds in the Hiawatha National Forest. For those who don't want to make the trip out to Grand Island, Island Lake is the perfect camp-

ground, as there is a very close proximity from Island Lake to Grand Island, Wagner Falls Scenic Site and historical lighthouses.

Island Lake

Island Lake is home to a large population of panfish, so anglers can hope for some good game here. From Wetmore, Mich., take County Route H13 south for 12 miles to Forest Route 2268. Turn right onto Route 2268 and go 2.1 miles to campground sign. Turn left onto Forest Route 2557 and go 0.8 miles to campground. Sites cost \$16 per night. Another camping area in Hiawatha is

Indian River

Indian River campground rests on a bluff overlooking the Indian River. Camping costs \$12 per night. From Marquette, take M-28 east to Shingleton, Mich. From Shingleton, take M-94 south 14.6 miles to campground on the right.

Little Bass Lake

Little Bass Lake is another campground resting under the jurisdiction of the Hiawatha National Forest. Carry-down access for boats makes canoeing popular in this area; powered boats are prohibited adding to the natural setting of the campground. While it's called Little Bass, largemouth bass, bluegill, Northern pike and perch can all be found in this prosperous lake. From Shingleton, MI, take M-94 south 11.5 miles to M-437. Turn right onto Route 437 and go 1.8 miles through Steuben. Just past Steuben, turn left onto Bass Lake Road and go 1.4 miles to campground entrance on right. Go another 0.6 miles to campground. Colwell Lake offers campers a good chance to have a lakeside campsite, as a majority of sites are in that location. The fish here is diverse and students can expect Northern pike, perch, bluegill, and largemouth bass. In addition, a wheelchair-friendly fishing pier is available at

this site. Open May 15- Oct. 7

Manistee National Forest

Widewaters campground loops between Irwin Lake and the Indian River. Varying from dense forest to open areas, this campground offers a close proximity to multiple lakes for fishing, boating and canoeing. There is a 7-mile trail, Bruno's Run Hiking Trail, which loops around the lakes as well. Camping costs \$16 per night, and the grounds are open May 15-Sept. 30.

McCormick Wilderness

The McCormick Wilderness is it the quintessential backwoods camping experience; no electricity, no motorized vehicles, not even a fire pit. There are only two maintained trails in, lying on opposite sides of the 27-square-mile wilderness, and neither trail covers the entire expanse of rocky outcrops and dense forest. Directions to the White Deer Lake Trail: From Marquette, take U.S.-41 North about 38 miles to County Road 607 and turn right. About nine miles down, there is a sign that says "Ottawa National Forest." Turn right at the sign into a gravel parking lot. The trailhead is not directly visible from the road, but there is a reverse "C-shaped" trail leading up to the sign-in kiosk. Camping is free, and campfires are allowed unless there is a fire ban; camp stoves are encouraged. County Road 607 is plowed often, but may become impassable for short periods of time following large snowfalls.

Because the wilderness is in such a pristine condition, it's essential to abide by "leave no trace" principles when camping or hiking. Visitors should pack out everything they pack in. If there are no vault toilets, human waste should be buried in a hole at least six inches deep and at least 200 feet from any water source. Fires should be put out, and if there is no fire ring, cooled ashes should be scattered to minimize impact.

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Camping at Pictured Rocks

By Douglas Straka

contributing writer

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is characterized by the towering sandstone cliffs that rise above the Lake Superior shoreline. With natural attractions, the park also offers an accessible and affordable travel destination for Northern Michigan students. Just an hour-long drive from Marquette, the park — that does not charge a park entrance fee — offers scenic areas, short day hikes, campgrounds and backcountry camping trails.

The park's scenery, affordability and proximity to NMU draw students to Pictured Rocks.

"It was cheap, convenient and close," said NMU junior and environment science major, Ginger Wojciechowski, who visited the park last summer. "It's one of the more beautiful areas of Michigan."

The 73,000-acre park spans 42 miles along Lake Superior from Munising to Grand Marais. Visitors to the park have a variety of options, from day hikes to multi-day backpacking trips.

"You can spend just an afternoon here and get an idea of what the pictured rocks are about," said national park official Brenda St. Martin. If time is a factor, she recommends beginning in Munising at the Pictured Rocks cliffs. "The rest of the park is beautiful, but if you only have a little bit of time, you probably go to Miners Castle," she said.

Miners Castle is the most famous and identifiable rock formation in the park, and it is the one place visitors can go directly to see the pictured rocks. Erosion has given the nine-story-high

sandstone cliff a unique shape, prompting its name. A viewing platform gives visitors an elevated view of the formation and a short path leads to the top of the rock cliff.

The waterfalls and dunes within the park are also easily accessible.

"Those are all easy to get to — short hikes — and they are must-sees if you really want to see the park," says Autumn Jauck, a Hiawatha National Forest official at the Interagency Visitor Center in Munising.

The park is home to seven waterfalls. Most of the falls are accessible by short hikes from a parking area, making them favorite stops for both day visitors and those spending more time in the park said Jauck. Munising Falls and Miners Falls in the western half of the park are particularly impressive. Both waterfalls drop water over 50 feet, carving away the rocks below and showering the area with a thin mist.

The Log Slide dune, near Grand Marais, which acquired its name from a chute constructed on the dune to transport logs to the beach below during the region's logging heyday, is another popular day-trip location said Jauck. Logging no longer occurs there and the chute has been removed, but visitors flock to the site to climb down the giant sand dune to the beach 300 feet below.

Over 90 miles of hiking trails within the park provide plenty of options for those looking for longer day hikes. Stopping at the Interagency Visitor Center in Munising or the Grand Sable Visitor Center near Grand Marais, students can pick up detailed trail maps and ask for trail recommendations from the

knowledgeable staff.

The 10-mile Chapel Loop Trail, approximately 19 miles east of Munising, is popular with hikers wanting to move beyond the shorter, more crowded trails. The loop follows the shoreline of Lake Superior between Mosquito Beach and Chapel Beach and moves inland with highlights such as Chapel Falls and Chapel Lake.

"It's a must-see day hike for people that really want to do some hiking," says Jauck.

The Lakeshore Trail runs the 42-mile expanse of the park from Munising to Grand Marais. The trail is part of the North Country National Scenic Trail which extends through seven states from North Dakota to New York. Many backpackers choose to hike some portion of the trail on trips into the backcountry.

Students with more time can get a better view of Pictured Rocks by camping.

"People who backpack and camp through it are getting a more intimate view of the park than someone who is just visiting for the day," said Jauck.

The park has three campgrounds, each with its own specific features. The smallest, with only eight sites, is Little Beaver Lake, tucked next to a secluded inland lake 20 miles northeast of Munising. The quiet location is popular with campers who bring a canoe or kayak to use on the lake. Twelvemile Beach Campground, 15 miles west of Grand Marais, sits on a sandy plateau with views of Lake Superior. Twelve miles west of Grand Marais, the sites at the third campground, Hurricane River, are divided into two loops and the densely wooded area provides privacy from other

campers. Campsites in the park are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with fees ranging from \$14 to \$16 a night.

Backcountry camping is even more affordable. Backcountry permits are available at the Interagency Visitor Center or the Grand Sable Visitor Center the day of a trip or the day prior, and cost \$5 per person per day. Backpackers have the freedom to navigate the park's extensive trail system but must stay in one of the 13 designated backcountry camping areas.

Students planning a summer trip to the park should consider two factors: insects and tourists.

"Black flies reach a peak in mid-May," said St. Martin. "If insects bother somebody, come before that."

Several hundred thousand tourists people visit the park each year, although most come in mid-summer when the temperatures are the warmest and the black flies begin to decrease. July and August are the busiest months.

The park is large enough to always find a quiet trail or peaceful scenic spot, but during the height of the tourist season students may find the prominent attractions crowded and prime camping spots already taken.

But no matter when students choose to go or how long they decide to spend in Pictured Rocks, the park is likely to provide a unique experience.

"There is nothing else like the Pictured Rocks anywhere else on Lake Superior or on the Great Lakes," said St. Martin.

For more information on Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, call 906-387-3700 or, visit <http://www.nps.gov/piro/index.htm>.



'Death' can't live up to original classic



Film: Death at a Funeral
 Director: Neil LaBute
 Producers: Jim Tauber
 Bruce Toll, Dean Craig
 Writer: Dean Craig
 Starring: Chris Rock,
 Martin Lawrence
 Runtime: 90 minutes
 Rating: R



By Brett Hilbrandt
 staff writer

In 2004, Frank Oz created the magnificent comedy "Death at a Funeral." The widely popular film was giving a state side release and received praise from critics everywhere. Now, in 2010, we get the same film, with the same exact title, but the performers have been replaced with popular black actors. This is what happens when Hollywood runs out of ideas.

"Funeral" is set on the day of Aaron's (Rock) father's funeral.

What is supposed to be a day filled with sorrow becomes a constant struggle to control Aaron's family. As his family arrives to his childhood home, everything begins to go wrong. The body of his father is misplaced with a Chinese man, one man is given LSD and Aaron is blackmailed by a gay midget. As the day progresses, Aaron must find a way to solve his family's numerous problems and somehow keep his sanity.

I understand this movie is not to be taken seriously, but the acting is awful and the script is even worse. Most of the dialogue is recycled from the original, but many of the lines have been dumbed down in an attempt to be

original. Rock is very weak in the lead role, but he still manages to have some funny moments. Loretta Devine is awful, but Martin Lawrence is the worst actor in "Funeral." He made me want to leave the theater every time he attempted to be funny. Tracy Morgan is the reason I'm giving this film two stars. He is hysterical, and I loved every scene he is in. Danny Glover is much too young to play his role, but that's a mistake in casting. James Marsden is pretty funny, but his counterpart in the film, Zoe Saldana, was simply annoying. Luke Wilson has no point in this movie, but he is the only character they changed from the original film.

The plot is the best part of this film. The problems that occur are hysterical, and the idea of using one of the most depressing situations is ingenious. "Funeral" uses every actor at the perfect moment, and the weak cast benefits from the brilliant story. They never use the same character for an extended amount of time, and they manage to give every character a unique image, which is very impressive. The entire film is filled with a quirky sense of humor that was present throughout the original film, but the newly added dialogue takes away from numerous hysterical events. There is a lot of potential for this remake, but the attempt to remove the original

dry-humor does not work.

Director Neil LaBute should be ashamed for not using one ounce of creativity or originality. I could have left the theater for 10 minutes and still have known everything that happened. I don't even want to call this a remake because I think that takes away from the original. It may seem unfair to compare the two films this much, but when you use every single scene of a great film you are asking for disaster. Beyond this large issue, I still have trouble understanding why they made every character an idiot. The complete lack of intelligence is insulting, and it makes the movie look bad.

I'm not a big fan of the cin-

ematography by Rogier Stoffers. The moving shots are sloppy, and the rest is generic. The music by Christophe Beck is terrible. The annoying tunes that constantly play could be declared elevator music, and the rest of the score is taken from the original film.

Overall, this is one of the most pointless remakes since "Psycho." I do not know why anyone thought remaking "Funeral" would be a good idea, but it ends up being one big mess. There are a few funny moments, and Morgan is great, but overall I did not enjoy this film. I recommend it for anyone looking for a lighthearted comedy. But if you have seen the original, avoid this film.



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Michelle (Regina Hall) is shocked when she finds out that Aaron's (Rock) father's dead body has been misplaced with the body of a Chinese man.

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USOEC boxers land knockout blows

By Trevor Pellerite
 sports editor

The USOEC boxers took home top honors at the Golden Gloves Regional finals, and six fighters will now prepare for the National championships, which begin on Monday, May 3.

Three fighters fought in the regional finals on Saturday, April 17, and all three came away with gold medals. NMU freshman Chris Pearson won the 152 pound weight class, freshman Manny Lopez took the 141 pound title and senior Ricky Alvarez won a decision over his 132 pound class opponent.

Two other USOEC fighters, Carlos Santos and Hasim Rachman, advanced to the National championships uncontested and freshman Darnell Parker advanced after winning the Kansas City Regional earlier in the season.

Head coach Al Mitchell was impressed and surprised by his team's performance.

"I thought they did a good job. Where they're at right now, I didn't expect them to be until next year. I've got a lot of athletes that aren't seasoned, they're young," Mitchell said. "Condition really won the bouts for us, first round was close in all three bouts, but the second and third, they just took the bouts away."

According to Mitchell, the team's success stemmed from three big factors, the first being conditioning and control in the ring.

"The second thing, I think it was discipline in the ring; they stayed to the game plan. Third, they listened to me and stayed to the game plan. You need those three factors in any sport to win, and they put it together for me."

Alvarez started the day off for the squad on the right foot. He took out Juan Tavarez of the Kenosha Boxing Club by unanimous decision and quelled Mitchell's fears that he would be unable to remain consistent after a solid semifinal bout.

"Both bouts, he was consistent, he stayed to the game plan, he didn't get sloppy or nothing," Mitchell said.

Alvarez felt that listening to

... and we just gotta do what he says, and we'll usually come out on top."

Lopez fought second, winning by points in his first official fight since August of last year. Lopez thought that he needed some time to get out of the comfort of sparring during practices, but figured things out quickly.

"You spar the same people, you fall into this comfort zone. The first round, I was a little shaky, but

but this time he threw a punch to hurt me, and I just blocked it. I just kept boxing and made him look too funny."

Mitchell also noticed his fighter's newfound control.

"Manny is one guy, he gets hit, he's stepping to you and he's fighting now. And I'm trying to get that out of him. In this bout he showed me that he can do it. And he listened, he stayed to the game plan and he boxed," Mitchell said.

Pearson said. "I did catch him in the first, and I gave him an eight-count. I thought I was going to get him out of there in the first, but he survived. Last round, I picked it up a little bit."

Pearson explained that he made a few adjustments as the fight went on to bypass Boyd's defensive style.

"He was covering his head and he was bending down and ducking to avoid the head shots, so I shot it more to the body. He'd try to brace for that and when he braced he would pull out with his head up, that was how I was able to catch him up top to hurt him."

Mitchell was impressed with Pearson's performance but wasn't surprised. He has seen Pearson's potential since he arrived at the USOEC.

"He can fight, but he still has to understand where to be at in the ring, the discipline factor. But, he's gutty as I don't know what. He's going to be an extraordinary boxer," Mitchell said. "All my guys are really coming into their own, but I really think Chris, (with) a little more discipline, I don't see nobody beating him in the next couple years."

Mitchell said that if Pearson can focus himself both inside and outside the boxing ring, there could be no limits to his potential.

"Sometimes too much outside of your sport'll kill you. If he stays focused, just like he's getting focused in the ring, and focus outside the ring, I got a guy that I think can make the Olympic team," Mitchell said.

In preparation for the National championships on May 3-8, Mitchell is going to have his team working on speed, technique and discipline.



Trevor Pellerite/NW

NMU freshman Manny Lopez (left) spars with senior teammate Ricky Alvarez during a USOEC practice. Both fighters took the gold medals in their respective weight classes last weekend at the Golden Gloves Regional Finals.

and following Mitchell's fight plan was the key to success.

"I wanted to get my timing right. Just range, timing, everything I wanted to get precise so when I finally calculated everything by the second round, everything was just working out the way we had planned," Alvarez said. "(Mitchell's) got the master plan to win every fight. He studies all our opponents, while we're sleeping, he's up all night watching tape

after the first 15 or 30 seconds, I got back into my groove and everything got back to normal," he said.

Lopez explained that in the past, he has gotten upset and attacked quickly when he took a hard punch, and he was pleased with his ability to overcome that in the finals.

"Last year, if someone threw a punch to hurt me, I would come back like 'Okay, it's time to fight,'

In the third and most dramatic fight for the USOEC, Pearson pummeled Kristian Boyd of the Milwaukee United Boxing Center until the Boyd's corner eventually threw in the towel in the third round. The performance earned Pearson the Outstanding Boxer Award.

"It was kind of a tough fight. It wasn't that he was real tough, he just kept his (defense) up real tight, so it was hard to get to him,"

Volleyball ends season on high note

By John Becker
 staff writer

The NMU volleyball team finished the spring season strongly at the University of Minnesota-Duluth Tournament on Saturday, April 17, with three victories, one loss and one tie against the reigning three-time NCAA Division II National Champions.

Two sets were played in all games of the tournament.

The Wildcats (8-6-1) started the tournament off slowly with a 0-2 loss to the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs with set scores of 19-25 and 15-25.

Sophomore middle hitter Emma Wolfe led with seven kills and sophomore libero Becca Feuerherd had eight digs. NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said the early morning match did not go as he'd expected.

"We just didn't play like we were supposed to play," Yoder said.

The Wildcats picked up steam in the second game, where they swept the Wisconsin Superior Yellowjackets 25-12 and 25-15. Freshman middle Sami Vierk led with six kills, followed by Wolfe and freshman right hitter Sarah Hamilton with four. Freshman right Dani Branco had five aces.

In the third game, the Wildcats earned a sweeping victory against the St. Cloud State University Huskies 25-18 and 25-17.

Vierk led the offense with seven kills, followed by Wolfe with five. Defensively, Branco led with six digs.

The Wildcats finessed the Concordia-St. Paul Golden Bears into a stalemate in the fourth game of the tournament, tying

the 3-time national champions 18-25 and 25-21.

Wolfe earned 10 kills, followed by Branco with five. Feuerherd stopped the opponent's offense with nine digs, and junior right side Katie Twardzik followed with eight.

Wolfe said the tie proved that the 'Cats have the ability to be a dominating force in the fall because the Golden Bears were 37-0 last season.

"It was such a great accomplishment to see that we can take a set from a national champion," Wolfe said.

Yoder said he was proud that the Wildcats were able to take a set from a team that lost only six sets during their undefeated season.

"They're a good team, and we played really to our potential. I think that was a good indicator of

what we're capable of doing as a young group as long as we stay mentally strong and focused," he said.

The final game of the tournament was another sweeping win for the Wildcats, as they defeated the College of St. Scholastica Saints 25-15, and 25-18.

Wolfe led the offense with seven kills, followed by Dani Kowalski with five.

Vierk contributed three kills and three aces. Feuerherd dug 11 of the team's 23 digs for the win.

With the spring season over, Yoder said he's able to look back and see how far the younger athletes have come.

"The young players really found their own," he said. "The fall was kind of an adjustment period for them, and this spring really gave them an opportu-

nity to explore who they were and create an identity for themselves."

Yoder said he didn't expect great improvement out of the upperclassmen, but he knows they will return as a leading force next season.

"Our senior and our juniors really understand what is necessary for the team to be successful in the fall," he said.

As one of only three upperclassmen for next year's roster, Wolfe said she benefited from the learning experience of the spring season.

"I feel like I have become more confident in my position and have become more of a leader on the court," Wolfe said.

Wolfe's plan for the offseason includes sprinting, weightlifting, and beach volleyball to improve as an outside hitter.

Wildcat football springs into action

By Drew Kochanny
assistant sports editor

A new year and breed of NMU football began Saturday, April 17, in the Superior Dome during the annual NMU spring game. It may be until next fall, however, until we see what that new style of football may be.

Injuries kept many of last year's starters from the game as spring practices concluded after three

weeks. Parents and fans alike turned out to the Dome to witness the strengths NMU has heading into the 2010 season. "We didn't look as good as we wanted to

look, and we have a lot of work to do," head coach Bernie Anderson said. "Anytime you take all your talent and put it into one game, there's a number of players who aren't ready to play. But by the time you take your best and put your best 11 on the field at one time, I think we have a pretty good piece of work."

Anderson went on to evaluate the strength in numbers of the team.

"Depth will be a concern," he said.

New faces were jotted into nearly every position and spring injuries contributed to the absence of many on both sides of the ball. The lack of depth at certain positions kept the game from a

score and statistics. Offensively, the Wildcats return two-year starting quarterback Carter Kopach, entering his junior season. Kopach completed 117 of 202 passes last season for 1,373 yards and 14 touchdowns. Saturday, Kopach was forced to take the majority of the snaps because of thin depth at the quarterback position. A leadership roll, however, is one that Anderson feels Kopach is ready to handle.

"Carter had a good spring. He's a veteran player," Anderson said. "We expect him to be the leader

on offense and make the big plays on offense. We think he's very capable of that."

Kopach himself knows, because of the concerns surrounding the running game entering the fall, a stronger performance from the quarterback position is expected.

"Hopefully I can live up to that role to the best of my abilities," Kopach said. "I feel like I'm getting more confident every day and understanding the offense, but now with two new coaches it should be a little different."

Following the spring game, it was announced to players that offensive coordinator and offensive line coach Jeff Duvendeck, along with quarterbacks and wide receivers coach Dan Mettlach, will be leaving from the program. Regardless of who the replacements will be, the offense should still find success, thanks in part to the relationship between Kopach and senior wide receiver Dustin Brancheau.

The two connected on numerous occasions Saturday and may have been showing a glimpse of what is to come next fall. Brancheau looks to be the next top wideout for the Wildcats in a decade, which includes ex-Wildcat receiving great Vinny Mayfield, Fred Wells, Danny Elmore and

Zach Nichols.

"He's been consistent all spring, no surprise there," Kopach said. "A very vocal leader, kind of filling that role as a returning captain. He's doing whatever we ask and that's all you can ask for."

Brancheau felt the same about the Kopach relationship and sees big things coming from it next fall.

"Me and Carter got pretty good chemistry right now, and throughout the summer, we were going to continue to grow on it," Brancheau said. "Come next fall hopefully we'll be hooking up a lot more."

Defensively the Wildcats felt the injury bug the hardest Saturday.

"We had Demetri Stewart, John Blessing and Ricky Neaves all sitting today and probably three of our leaders, along with Matt Forward the fourth one who was missing off that starting defense," An-

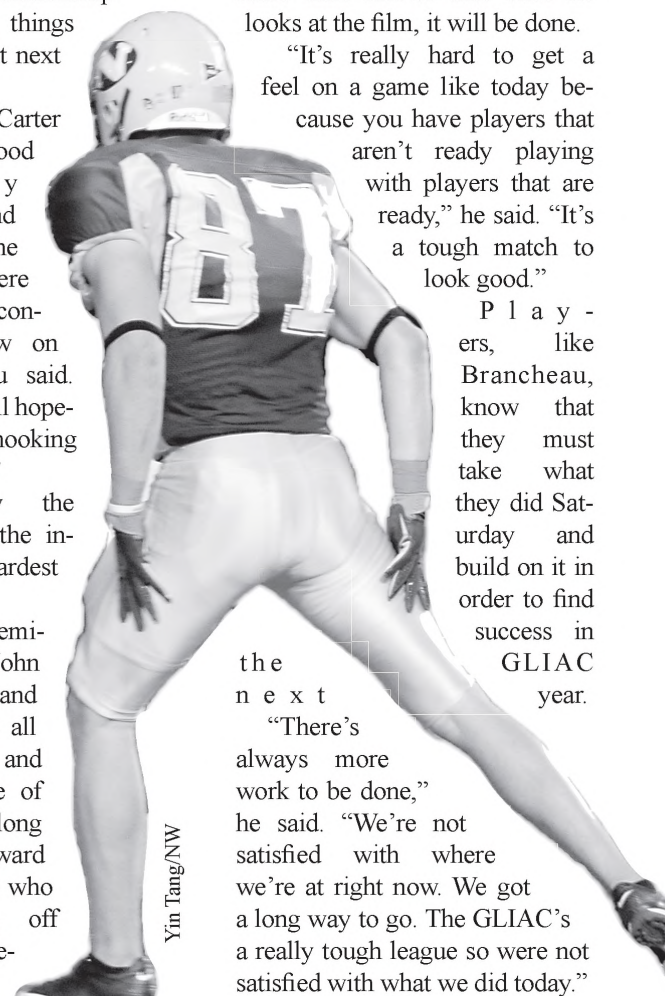
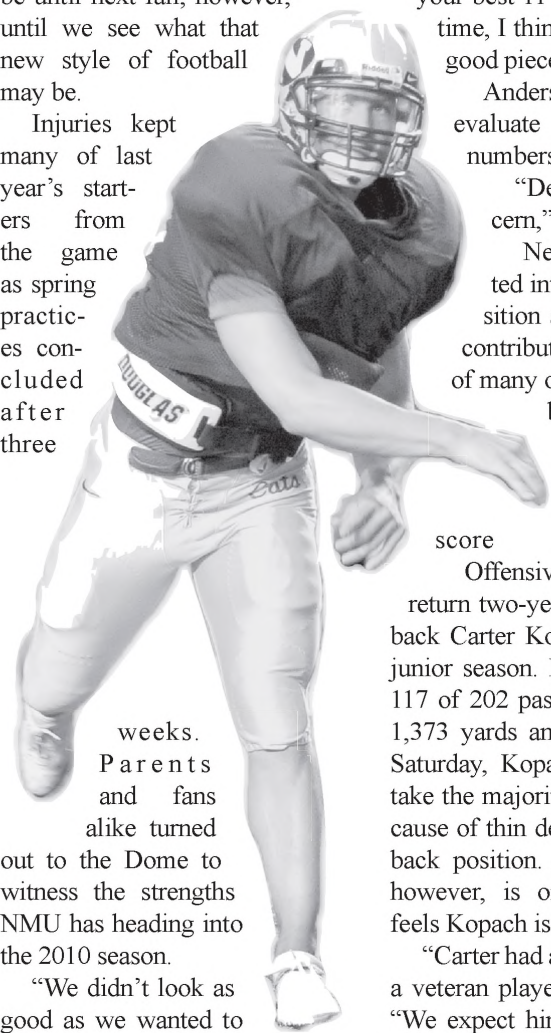
derson said. "So four starters off last year's defense didn't suit up today and that will make a difference."

Walking away with a grade from Saturday's game may be a tough task for Anderson to do with so many faces missing. But at the same time knows that once he looks at the film, it will be done.

"It's really hard to get a feel on a game like today because you have players that aren't ready playing with players that are ready," he said. "It's a tough match to look good."

Play ers, like Brancheau, know that they must take what they did Saturday and build on it in order to find success in the GLIAC year.

the next "There's always more work to be done," he said. "We're not satisfied with where we're at right now. We got a long way to go. The GLIAC's a really tough league so were not satisfied with what we did today."



Yin Tang/NW

How Northern decides what we play

By Drew Kochanny
assistant sports editor

Nothing brings a college institution or community together more so than athletics and sporting events, and which sporting events a college chooses to take part in becomes the grey area where questions and arguments may arise.

Northern Michigan University is currently enrolled in 12 varsity athletic events: five men's sports and seven women's.

Two of the sports, basketball and Nordic skiing, are shared events. Most in which NMU participates are NCAA Division II qualified, with the exception of the men's hockey team and ski teams.

NMU athletic director Ken Godfrey sees the return sports bring to a program such as Northern.

"There are a lot of advantages for certain sports," he said. "They bring a lot of students in. There's also studies done that say every student athlete that comes to school brings another two to three with them."

Talks of adding competitive events like a men's track team, women's softball, or lacrosse goes much deeper than finding the funding for the athletic

event.

Adding or dropping an athletic event at a university involves numerous factors, according to NMU president Les Wong. Scheduling, conference restrictions, Title IX, and student interest can all be restrictions holding down certain sports from being added.

"You do have to have roster sizes that represent your enrollment by gender on campus," Wong said. "Ultimately, if you add men's track, you might have to add two women's sports just to equal the numbers."

Northern currently has a student body enrollment which is nearly 55 percent women and 45 percent men, so the athletic department must represent those numbers.

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 was implemented to ban sex discrimination in schools, either academics or athletics.

Title IX gives schools the freedom to choose sports based on student body interest, geographic influences, budget restraints and gender ratio.

To be a beneficiary of federal funds, a school must show compliance with any of the three prongs set into Title IX. The first, athletic opportunities provided

be in a proportion to the number of students enrolled; the second, exhibit increased athletic opportunities for the sex that is under represented; third, the under represented sex interest together with ability should be accommodated wholly and effectively.

According to Godfrey, NMU is in compliance with all of Title IX's requirements for federal funding.

Over the years, many have argued that Title IX be to blame of sports going under at certain places because of the restrictions. Godfrey thinks this is just a scapegoat tactic.

"We do meet and will always meet the gender equity of it," Godfrey said. "Over the years, people have cut programs and blamed Title IX. I don't think it was really justified. I'm not saying it didn't play a factor in things. But I think sometimes it was an easy way to make a decision."

Conference limitations are another issue that deal with holding back certain sports. NMU currently has a club men's lacrosse team and has gained interest over the years of the possibility of it becoming a varsity sport. More than half of the schools containing Division I and II lacrosse programs are located on the East

Coast. Finding a conference in the Michigan area would be near impossible.

"If we had lacrosse who are we going to schedule those contests with? There's a lot of club sports, but not a lot of intercollegiate in this area," Godfrey said.

It's no secret that NMU and Marquette are in unique situations in the state of Michigan being so far north. Currently NMU resides in the GLIAC home to schools of, anywhere from Michigan and Ohio, to Indiana.

Travel cost to and from athletic events, even in conference, can be quite a costly affair. In the GLIAC, the shortest distance outside of the Upper Peninsula that NMU has to travel to is Northwood, located in Midland, Michigan, a distance of 340 miles.

The shortest distance a team like Northwood has to travel in a given season is 16 miles to Saginaw Valley State University, in University Center Mich.

Having sports in which men's and women's teams can travel on the same bus can also be an important aspect. Sports such as basketball and skiing are examples.

The NMU swim team, which only offers women's, finds problems in teams that have both a

men's and women's team and doesn't want to send only a women's team to compete.

"Should we have a men's and women's swimming team to make it more cost effective?" Godfrey said. "It's not that schools don't want to travel to NMU, it's just cost prohibited."

NMU, which currently owns a golf course, holds no home meets for its men's team and must travel as far as Kentucky to compete. As for funding and revenue concerns, however, Wong sees the golf team as a non-issue.

"I think men's golf for us since the roster size is pretty small and travel cost and schedule is pretty small I think we break pretty even," Wong said. "The issue is, regardless of cost, we need to have men's golf simply to comply with federal regulations."

When it comes down to deciding which sports the athletic program can offer to students, perhaps no other aspect is more important than the feedback from the student body.

The future of NMU athletics may find some new additions and perhaps some cutbacks.

"We're looking at everything. There's no closed doors," Godfrey said. "Just about any sport that our conference offers, we're looking at and considering."

Northern hosts lifting championships

By John Becker
staff writer

Not many people can say they have lifted the weight equivalent of two freezers or a golf cart, but these athletes can. NMU hosted the USA Weightlifting National Collegiate Championships last weekend, April 16-18. Both USOEC and NMU weightlifters made strong showings at the competition where multiple ath-

letes earned medals.

USOEC athlete and NMU freshman Britta Carlson earned fourth place in the women's 48 kg division with a total of 89 kg lifted. In the women's 53 kg division, USOEC resident and NMU graduate student Breanne Carlson took silver by putting up 59 kg in the snatch and a clean and jerk of 71 kg for a total lift of 130 kg. The latter Carlson's lift was a personal best.

USOEC head coach Andy Tysz said the first day of weightlifting went well but could have been a bit better.

"(Breanne Carlson) didn't do what she was able to do, but she's still improved a lot lately," he said.

In the women's 58 kg, USOEC resident and NMU sophomore Sara Cowles earned the bronze medal and set a new personal best of 157 kg. Tysz said he was happy with her lift.

"She's going to the Junior Worlds in June and this (was) a great prep meet for that," he said.

USOEC resident and NMU sophomore Joshua Barnett lifted a total of 190 kg and was uncontested in the men's 56 kg division, but his total bested the nearest 2009 competitor who lifted 171 kg.

In the men's 69 kg division, USOEC athlete and NMU freshman Michael Evans lifted a total of 220 kg for sixth place, fellow freshman Andrew Vrabel put up a total of 205 kg for eighth and Max Cretcher had a total of 195 kg for 10th.

On Saturday, April 17, USOEC athlete and NMU freshman Chris Lenahen earned the gold

medal in the men's 94 kg division by his second clean and jerk, but decided to best his medal winning lift with a 158 kg clean for a total of 283 kg.

In the women's 69 kg, USOEC Athlete and NMU sophomore Allie Henry snatched 74 kg and cleaned 93 kg for a total of 167 kg which earned her a silver medal.

USOEC sophomore Robin Feuerman earned fourth with a total of 162 kg.

On Sunday, April 18, NMU athlete Thomas Braddy put up 129 kg in the snatch and a powerful 190 kg in the clean and jerk. He attempted to break the 193 kg national collegiate record with a clean of 196 kg, but failed. Braddy's 319 kg total earned him silver in the competition.

The final event, the men's 105-plus kg division, saw USOEC resident and NMU graduate student Collin Ito earn a silver medal with a 155 kg snatch, and 197 kg clean, totaling 352 kg. Ito bested his previous clean and jerk, which was the national collegiate record; however his competitor Fernando Reis (Lindenwood University) set new national collegiate records in the snatch (168 kg), clean and jerk (202 kg), and

total weight (370 kg). Before his lift, Ito said his goal was to beat his 2009 clean of 195 kg, and while he succeeded, he said on any given day a weightlifter can perform better or worse based on multiple factors.

"How rested you are, how training has been going, or dealing with everyday life can affect your performance," Ito said.

Ito said he felt really good before the lift, especially because he was well rested and didn't have to go far for the competition.

"I feel more at ease. I think it's pretty good to be in the hometown. It's right down the street from where I live," Ito said.

Last year, Ito had to endure eight hours of flying before the national competition, which was held in Shreveport, La.

Tysz said he was impressed overall with the effort of the USOEC athletes and he expects them to only get better from here.

"We're a young group and we won a couple of classes, but we're placing second and third behind some athletes that are flat out older than us. I think in a few years, when we get to mature a little more we'll do even better," he said.



Trevor Pellerite/NW

USOEC athlete Collin Ito performs a snatch lift. Ito earned second place overall by lifting a total of 352 kg, equivalent to two full-size fridges.

Schulz breaks school steeple record

By Brice Burge
staff writer

The NMU women's track and field team found success Thursday, April 15 through Saturday, April 17, at the Northwood Invitational meet.

The meet included a heptathlon, where each competitor will compete in seven different events and point totals are given on Thursday and Friday of the meet based on their results. Sophomore Bailey Franklin won six of seven events to win with a score of 4406.

"The weather was perfect to compete in and everything started to click," Franklin said. "I think I surprised myself with how well I finished."

The field events were the key to the Wildcats success at the meet. Franklin won the high jump (1.76m), second in the tri-

ple jump (11.07m) and seventh in the long jump (4.65m).

Senior Krista Squiers finished second in the hammer throw (48.89m) and fifth in the discus (36.09m).

"Just another meet, really," Squiers said. "Every meet, you go into it with the best you got. We're used to the weather because we're running outside, throwing outside wasn't much of a difference."

She also won the javelin (33.37m), an event NMU did well in as senior Angie Leckson finished second and freshman Mariah Beaman finished sixth.

"We have a good javelin program," said head coach Tom Barnes. "We finished three in the top five last year at conference. We're hoping to get three in the top eight this year."

A school record fell in the steeplechase as junior Kristen

Schulz won the event. Her time of 11:37.64 eclipsed the former record by five seconds, set by Brittney Coehoorn in 2006.

"I was pretty excited when I set it because it is one of my goals for the season," Schulz said.

The steeplechase is a 3,000-meter race containing five steeples, or non-moving hurdles. A competitor must jump over the steeples throughout the race. One of the hurdles is a 12-foot long water pit that the competitor must try to dodge, usually by stepping on the steeple to launch over the pit. Over the course of the race, Schulz jumped over 35 steeples and seven water pits to grab the win.

"During the race, I was just trying to stay focused and work on going steeple to steeple," said Schulz. "There was one other girl in the race that was really

competing with me, but in the last 800 (meters), I was able to break away and have a strong finish."

The Wildcats had mixed success in the sprints as Catherine Angeli and Britnee Balbierz finished first and third in the 100-meter dash and second and fifth in the 200-meter dash. No individual Wildcats finished higher than fourth in any other sprinting event.

Balbierz and Angeli were able to pair up, along with sophomore Melissa Christensen and freshman Alyssa Erspamer in the 4x100 relay for first place with a time of 49.34 seconds.

NMU also did well in the other relay of the meet, as they finished second and sixth in the 4x400 relay.

The distance events failed to match the numbers put up by that of sprints or field events. With the

exception of Schulz in the steeplechase, freshman Rita Woitas's fourth of seven in the 5,000-meter with a time of 19:26.05 was the top placement for the 'Cats. Junior Kristen Hoklas was the top NMU finisher in the 3,000-meter with 11:48.04 and redshirt freshman Nora Kiilunen finished in eighth in the 1,500-meter with a 5:06.89. Despite the placements, Barnes is still satisfied by their performances.

"We just need the right day," he said. "We're not trying to get our best times every week, but we're peaking towards the GLIAC Championships. Once we lighten up our training, our times will really jump."

Up next for the Wildcats will be the Gina Relays Thursday, April 22 at Hillsdale and they will compete against GLIAC foes Saginaw Valley, Ferris State and Northwood.

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-Albert Einstein



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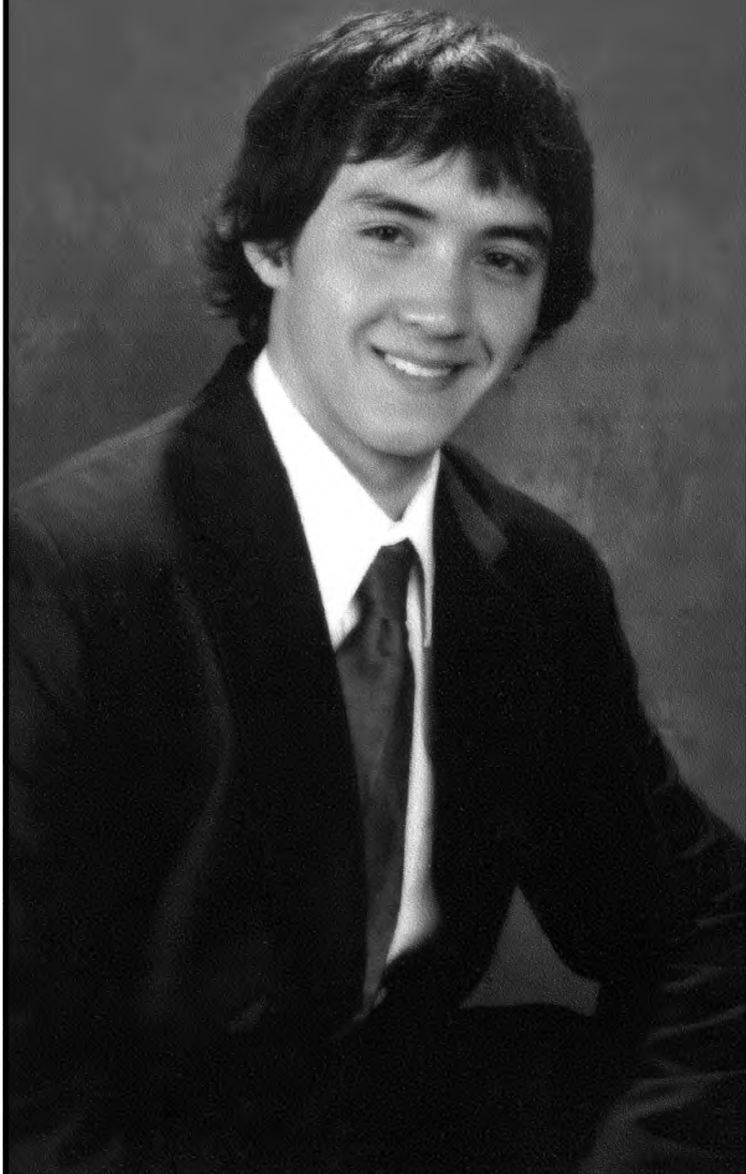
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You have been a blessing and a joy. You have earned this day. God bless you and we love you.



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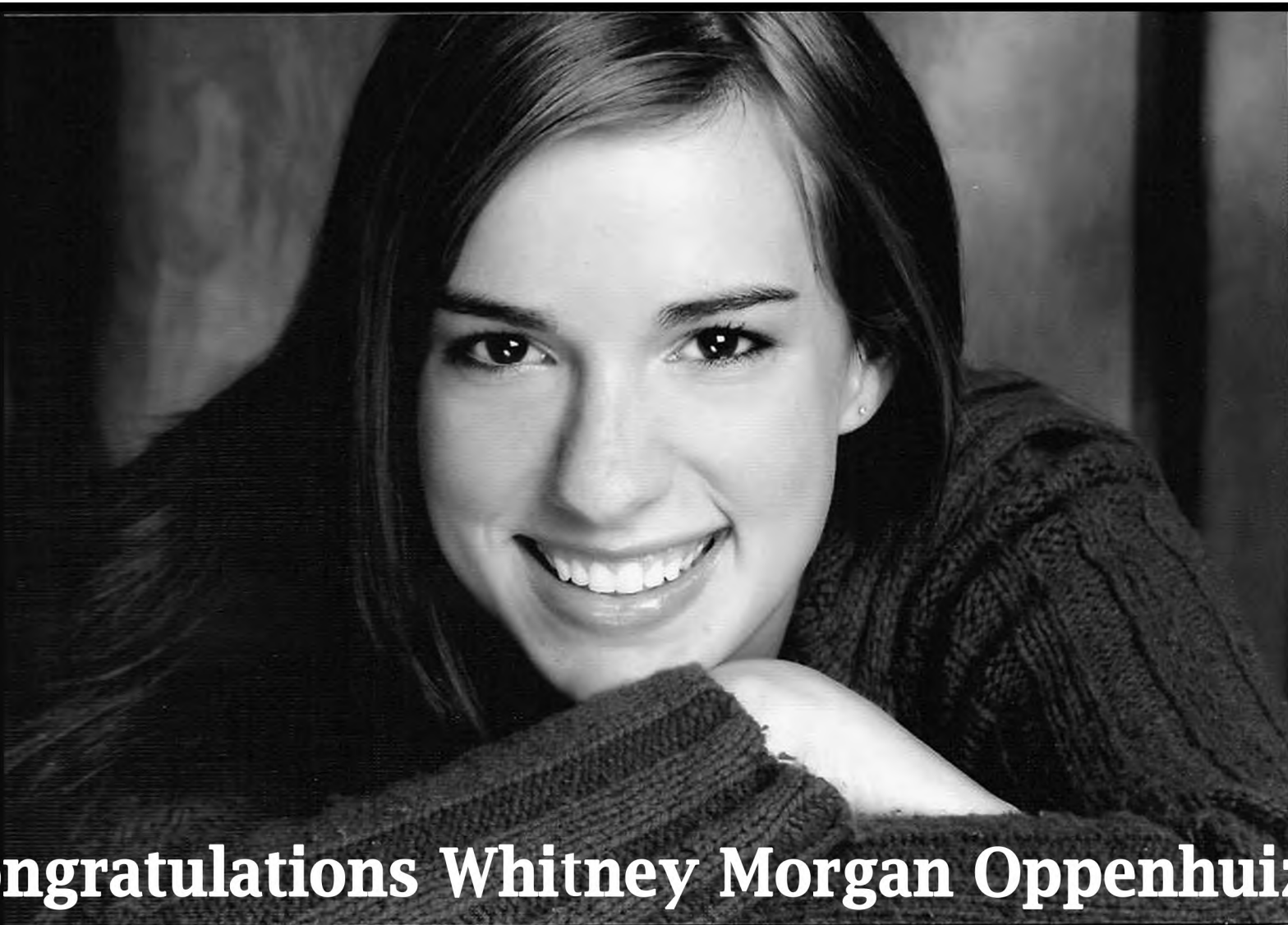
Kelly Coulter

You have worked very hard for this day, and you have earned your diploma. You have a gift that will benefit lives that you have touched and helped.

We, your parents, are so very proud of you.

Congratulations!
Love Mom & Dad





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Volunteer of the Month March



Lauren Veale

The NMU Volunteer Center and Casa Calabria would like to congratulate the March 2010 Volunteer of the Month, Lauren Veale, a junior in the Elementary Education program. Lauren is the President of the Student United Way. She helped to organize and participated in the Alternative Spring Break in Marquette. The project took place at the Lake Superior Village Youth and Family Center. Lauren recruited volunteers to help build benches, paint bathrooms and trim, design fun murals for the bathrooms, put up extra storage hooks, and clean craft closets. She says "It was a lot of fun, especially working with the kids to finish the murals and designs for the bathrooms. They were so excited about all the improvements and it was a rewarding experience for me." Lauren is also volunteers at Wildcat Weekends, and weekly helps to clean her church. We would like to congratulate Lauren for her wonderful commitment to service, and congratulate her on being named March 2010's Volunteer of the Month.



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Congratulations, Sara!
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Mom, Dad, Allison, and Gary

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We knew you were special from the day you were born. But you beat all expectations. We are so proud of you. Congrats on another great accomplishment, your Master's Degree.

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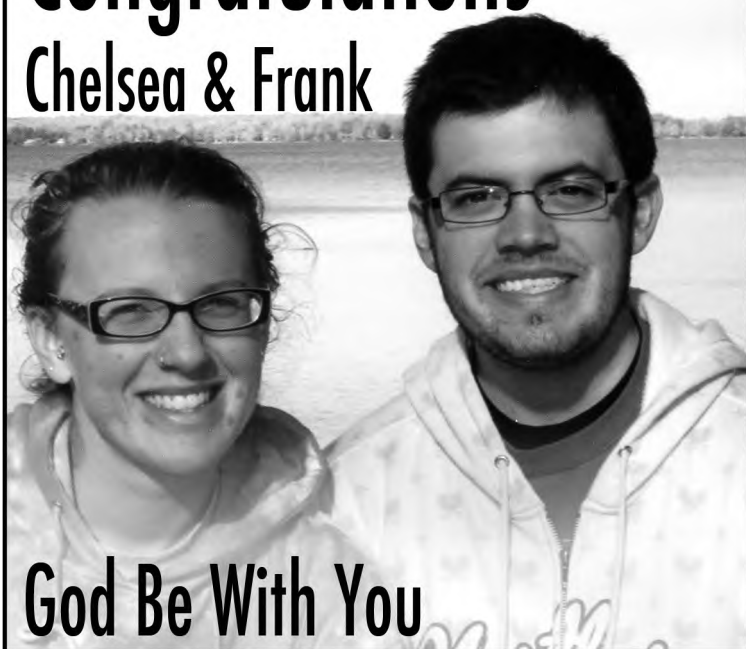
You did it. Your hard work paid off. Relax and enjoy the day. You are right where you need to be on your journey.

We love you and we are very proud.

Mom, Dad, & Eliisa



**Congratulations
Chelsea & Frank**



God Be With You

Amanda Whitens, Hermansville, Michigan, has earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Art & Design, Psychology Minor from NMU and will graduate May 5, 2010. Congratulations, Amanda! We are very proud of you!



Love, Mom, Dad, Joe, Anthony & Kevin

HEATHER JEAN LUEBKE

Graduating with a masters of arts focusing on creative writing. You are so talented and I'm very proud and grateful that you are my daughter.

Love,
Mom

CONGRATULATIONS



Amanda Portice,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you and your outstanding accomplishments. Cherish the awesome memories and the great friends you have gained at NMU. We are proud of you! As you continue through your life journey, let the world change you as you strive to have a positive effect on the world around you. Embrace life to its fullest and never forget to live, laugh, and love. We are very proud of you. We love you very much!

Love,
Dad, Mom and Adam Portice

To Our Daughter Holly C. Kasberger

We feel very happy with your determination to make your future better, congratulations as you graduate and good luck working for your Masters Degree.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Congratulations!
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Christina! Looking
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Corey,
you've exceeded all our expectations. In all the things you have accomplished, we're so proud of you. The joy that fills our hearts has been our revelation. I pray that God will watch over you no matter what you do, and that you give glory to God for all that He will enable you to do.

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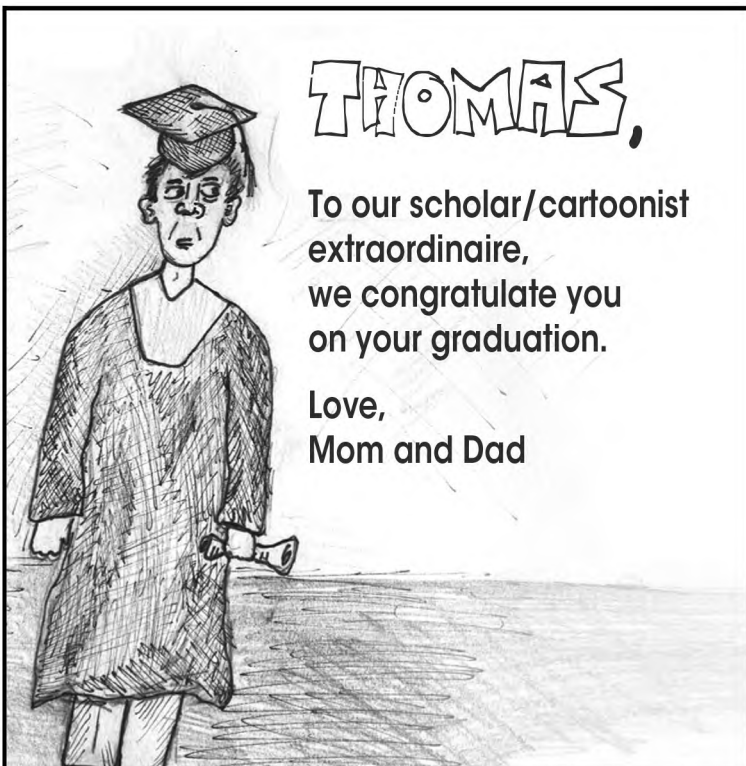
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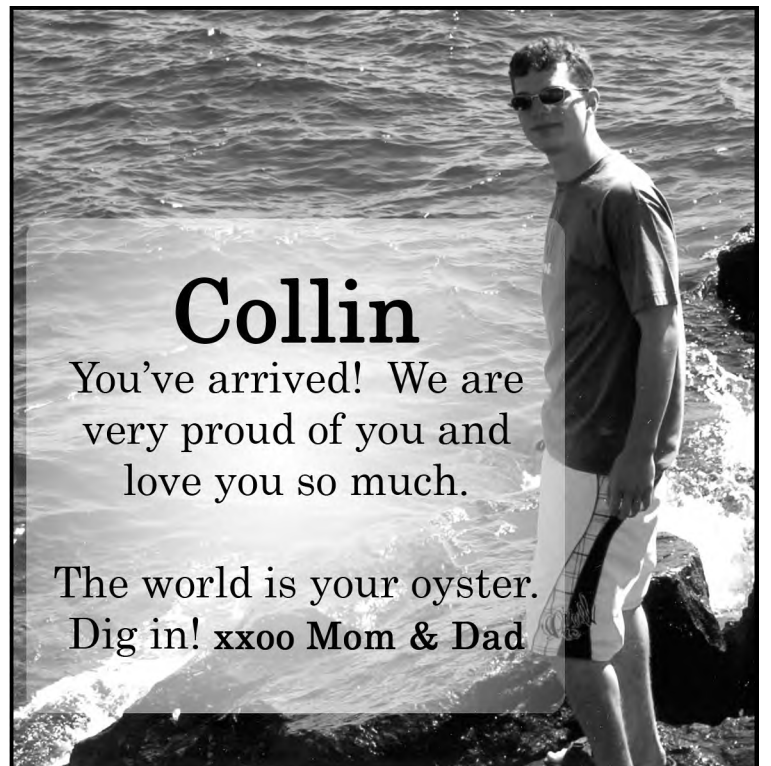
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Alex - Congrats Grad!! - **Thao**

Thao - Thanks! And I'm glad we got sushi and pitchers yesterday. Good times, friend. - **Alex**

Sam - Watch out for the bear traps - **Alex**

FE - I know we disagree sometimes but I still love you. We're just like a married couple: fighting by day, loving by night. - **EIC**

Coolman - Thanks for being an awesome roommate! - **Belz**

Yamsy - Thank you, for everything. I'm so lucky. - **Lucy**

Campaigners and supporters - Thank you for all your help, and for your time. You won't regret it. - **ASNMU President**

Holly - 90s dance music? Really? I'm so glad you're staying. I don't know what I'd do without you. - **Lu**

NW Staff - Thanks for tolerating my grumpiness for our last paper - **Belz**

Graduating North Winders - Way to be. I will miss you all, except for Ben. - **Lucia**

Lina - Nom. Nom. Nom. Cookie! - **You know who this be.**

Scotty J. - I miss you face. Let's see each other more often. - **Taco Belle**

Mickdiq - One last missionary adventure this weekend? - **Belz**

Matty - Hope you're ready for some quatro craziness - **Alex**

NE - Thanks for training me how to be an editor. You taught me a lot, friend. But the seax is still not cool. - **OE**

NW Staff - All of you have inspired me more than I can verbalize. Thank you for an amazing semester, and I will always remember the passion that we shared (hot). - **EIC**

Lynn - Thank you for the cookies: they were delicious and completely gone in a couple of hours. - **NW Staff**

ALEX NYE THE COMIC GUY - Alex Nye



AP STYLISTS - Tom Cory



T-rev - Vas a hacer grandes cosas. I know you'll miss me. - **Your favorite Mexican**

NW Staff - No joke, this was the best experience of my college career. All ya'll be kickin'. - **SE**

The Abyss - Alright, bring it on. Let's do this. - **Trevor**

Lucia - Incorrect. - **SE**

Thaah - Hiya! Last shout out of the year! Wonder how things will turn out. - **Tevah**

Leaving Editors - I will miss you all. - **FE**

New North Winders - Watch out for that ginger and good luck! - **Lucia**

The World - I'm cool as hell. - **Cammy of the Dragon-Shirt Clan**

Thao - I love you darkness. You've made me a better person. - **Cameron**

NW Staff - Thanks for putting up with my 'tude. - **Cameron**

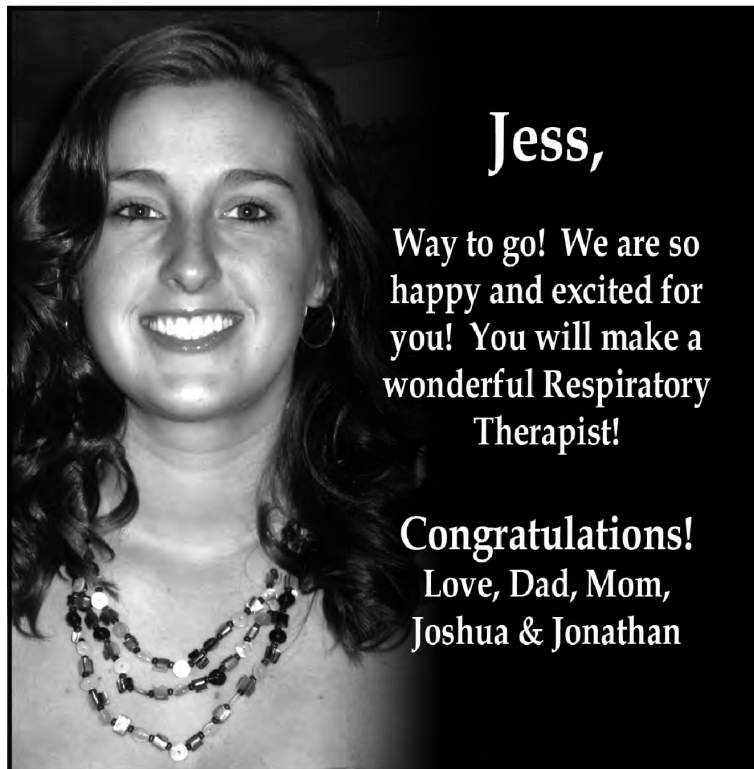
Former OE - Thank you for always being here for me. It means more than you know. - **EIC**

EIC - I'm so proud. Always. I have no clue how I made it without you. - **Former OE**

Lina - Thanks for coming in with your camera. The pictures look fantastic. - **NW Staff**

New Staff - Have a great summer and get ready for '10-'11. - **EIC**

- Inspirations
- Cigars
- Yeti Costume
- 5 pounds of cookies
- Good night and good luck
- Last paper
- The Lion King
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