

## Board votes to increase tuition

By John Berry  
contributing writer

On July 9, the NMU Board of Trustees voted to raise the tuition at NMU. Tuition this year will increase approximately \$205 per semester for resident undergraduates, \$226 for non-resident undergraduates, and graduate tuition and fees will increase \$28 per credit hour. However, students will not feel this increase until the winter semester. For this fall semester, tuition will only increase by \$13 due to federal stimulus funding that has been applied to students' tuition costs at NMU.

For geography professor and AAUP president Ron Sundell, this wasn't an easy decision, but he felt it was necessary.

"No one really wants an increase ... Certainly, the board of trustees and all those involved take it very seriously and deliberated quite a bit by trying to determine what kind of an impact this will have on the students. [This percentage increase] is a large enough one that will keep us moving in the right direction," Sundell said.

Even after the tuition hike,

NMU will remain the second least expensive university in the state. This was a point that professor Sundell stressed.

"It's a modest rise in increase when you look at it. You also have to look at it in context with the other universities around the state. We still have one of the lowest tuitions of all the state schools," Sundell said. "If we don't fund ourselves in an adequate fashion, it's just going to hurt students in the long run."

Sundell also said the result of low funding from the state of Michigan is due to courses being taught less and a decrease in staff.

"One of our concerns is that we're stretched thin, as far as faculty goes," said Sundell. "If we can't offer these courses as much as we should be (offering them), that causes students to spend an extra semester or two here and that costs them more, certainly more than a tuition increase."

While the increase doesn't sit well with NMU President Les Wong, he feels that it is necessary for a positive future for Northern.

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### Granholm talks to NMU



James Dyer/NW

On Thursday August 19, Governor Jennifer Granholm made an appearance at NMU to speak about the current economic situation in Michigan.

In the speech, Granholm outlined her plans to revive Michigan's economy. Diversifying the economy and ensuring the further education of Michigan's workforce were a few of her talking points.

"It will still take some years to fully recover," Granholm said. "We have hit rock bottom, and started to emerge."

Granholm will finish her second and final term as Governor in November. While these past 8 years have been tough, being Governor during this period has been a privilege, she said.

"You have to take what you're given and try to make the best out of it. All my decisions were made purely out of love for this state," she said.

## Financially strapped students take long road to graduation

By Cameron Witbeck  
staff writer

Sean Baptist wakes up at 6:30 a.m. and packs his lunch. It is a half hour drive to the jobsite where he and his father, a contractor, are building a 3,000-square-foot addition to a home. After setting up the equipment he will need for the day, he works until his 25-minute break at noon. He continues on until 6 p.m. when he puts away his tools and drives home in time for a family dinner. Baptist then goes to sleep, wakes up and does it all over again.

Baptist, a senior illustration major at NMU, is taking the Fall 2010 semester off so he can earn the money he needs to continue his education.

"It seems like I've been doing this for a month, but it's been three. The grind, it distorts your perception of time," he said.

For Baptist, who enrolled at

his first college in 2005, this is the fifth time he has had to drop out of school to work. Baptist said that he doesn't qualify for federal assistance, like Pell Grants or loans, because of his parents income.

"(The government) doesn't take into consideration other factors, like my parents supporting my grandparents," Baptist said.

He hopes that the money he makes this semester will allow him to graduate in Fall 2011, over six years since his first enrollment.

"At face value, I think people view you as if you're incompetent or lazy. I always get this look like, 'Seriously?'" he said. "If I can explain a little bit, I always get a look of admiration and people say, 'Good for you.'"

Like Baptist, students across the nation have found that graduating in four years is difficult. According to a recent report by The College Board, only 56.1

percent of students who enter a baccalaureate program graduate in six years or less.

Paul Duby, associate vice president for institutional research at NMU, said that the university graduates between 50 and 52 percent of students seeking a bachelor's degree in six years or less. While this is marginally below the national average, Duby said that it is related to NMU's unique position as an accessible and affordable school for students who might not attend college otherwise.

"It's a different clientele. It's not that the students can't make it, it's that they have different obstacles," he said. "It's kind of like a balance where the more obstacles you face, the harder you have to work and the longer it takes in order to be successful."

Duby said that over 30 percent of students at NMU receive the Pell Grant and approximately 81

percent of students work while in school, some working and taking classes full time.

"One of the driving factors around the country and at NMU is the need for students to work and support themselves while they're at school," he said. "In a sense, the more you work, the less time you have to work on your studies."

Amanda Cook, a senior English writing major, works to support herself. Cook, who expects to graduate within the next two years, said that she was set back by losing credits when transferring from a community college and by changing her major.

"It was all a part of the whole 'trying to find myself' phase that I was going through. I studied ecology for a while, and then I branched out into art for a little bit. Then I took a writing class and I realized how important it was to me," she said.

Cook, who is the first person

in her family to attend college, said she grew up thinking she would graduate in four years.

"I think that my expectations came mostly from high school and my parents," she said. "I don't feel that everything I learned was taught to me by people who understand how college works necessarily."

Baptist and Cook both said that if they had it to do over again they would have taken greater advantage of resources on NMU's campus like the Academic and Career Advising Center and their faculty advisers. They also said that while their extra time in college has been challenging and frustrating, it has also made them appreciate their educations more.

"I know a lot of people who have gotten their degrees and done nothing with them," Baptist said. "I think that through my experiences, I've become someone I'm really proud of."



## Briefs

### Wong gives fall convocation

On Wednesday, August 18, NMU President Les Wong gave his annual convocation speech to faculty and staff about the obstacles they have overcome and those they have yet to face.

In his speech, Wong acknowledged the current recession, but stated that NMU has endured by keeping with their academic attitude.

"... We have not lost sight of the very attribute that defines the Northern Experience: the quality of our human contact with one another and with our students," Wong said.

Wong and the administration intend to evaluate certain areas regarding what students need and how that can be obtained.

"This two-pronged step involves significant reviews of our academic and athletic programs," Wong said.

Provost Susan Koch said that it is Wong's view of the future that are most important.

"I think that's what people appreciate about a convocation," Koch said. "I'm especially pleased that he closed his remarks with a reminder that above all, we need to continue to focus on our work with students."

— Scott Viau

### Program seeks volunteers

The Teaching Family Homes Mentoring Program will hold its orientation for new volunteers during the first week of September. This program is responsible for the many different activities on campus that help underprivileged families and their children. The group got its start by students who were part of the Student Leader Fellowship Program as a community service internship project three years ago and developed into a school-wide program, said Hannah Kratz, a volunteer with the group. Five major events are planned for this semester which include a welcome barbeque, corn maze, make a difference day, PEIF day, and a holiday party to close the semester.

If any students are interested in volunteering with the Teaching Family Homes Mentoring Program, they must attend one of the two orientations. The dates of the orientations are Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 9 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Back Room in the University Center.

— Robyn Goodman

### Marquette hosts Blues Festival

On Saturday, Sept. 4 and Sunday Sept. 5 the Marquette Area Blues Society will present the seventh annual Blues Festival.

The event will take place at Mattson Lower Harbor Park with music beginning at 1 p.m. on both days and the gates opening at noon. Tickets for NMU students have been specially priced at \$10 for a day pass. All tickets will be available at EZ ticket outlets.

Walt Lindala, who is coordinating the event, said the reason for creating the festival was the large number of folk fans in the area.

"There used to be a concert festival at Northern, but they stopped doing that," Lindala said. "We thought it would be nice to do something. It gives people a chance to see bands, artists and a style of music that normally wouldn't be here."

The festival is looking for volunteers. Those interested may inquire about it at the information tent during the festival. Volunteering for a shift of 3 to 4 hours will allow concert goers to recoup the price of their ticket.

— Scott Viau

### Having fun at Fall Fest



Mark Flemming/NW

Students enjoy free food and games at NMU's annual fall fest. The event is organized by the Center for Student Enrichment as a way for NMU students to get involved with student organizations on campus.

## ASNMU update

### Board announces re-vote on initiative four in referendum

By James Dyer  
news editor

On Monday, Aug. 23, ASNMU General Assembly held its first official meeting of the semester in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

Professor Larry Pagel gave a presentation to ASNMU members on the importance of parliamentary procedure.

"The purpose ... is to expedite conducting business," Pagel said.

Pagel also discussed the necessity of representing constituents without bringing personal views into the equation.

"You all represent (your constituency). It's not about you, it's about

the students," he said.

The general assembly next opened discussion on the possibility of a special referendum taking place in a non-referendum year.

In last year's referendum, initiative four was a non-binding question that would increase tuition for all students by \$50, thereby allowing students to have access to the PEIF facilities without having to pay an extra fee. The initiative passed by a vote of 2,048 for and 251 against, but in order for it to take effect it requires approval by the NMU Board of Trustees.

According to ASNMU president Lucia Lopez, the referendum initiative was left off the board agenda this past summer because the word-

ing may have been misleading.

"All referendum initiatives are non-binding. Because this referendum proposal actually stated that it was non-binding, it was possibly unclear to students," she said.

In order for the referendum proposal to be considered by the Board of Trustees, the students would have to vote again on a revised referendum proposal with more clear wording.

Treasurer Andrew Foster made a motion to vote on allowing a special referendum to take place.

The motion was approved by the General Assembly. A date for the special referendum has not been set, but it will take place before the Sept. 23 board meeting, according to Lopez.

## CAMPUS CRIME MAP

- 1) Money was reported stolen from Berry Events Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Aug. 20.
- 2) An incident of indecent exposure was reported at 2:06 p.m. on Aug. 20 in Lot 58.
- 3) One student was issued an OWI and two students were issued MIPs on Fair Ave. at 2:02 a.m. on Aug. 21.
- 4) A mirror on a student's car was broken at 4 p.m. on Aug. 23 in Lot 20.
- 5) A bicycle was reported stolen from a bike rack in front of the TFA building at 3:50 p.m. on Aug. 24.

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# NMU WiMAX extends to Sawyer and Gwinn

By Audrey Menninga  
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Recently, the WiMAX program, created a little over a year ago, has been extended into the Sawyer and Gwinn areas.

At a Board of Trustees meeting this summer, President Les Wong announced that with the signature of agreements from Sawyer and Gwinn, Northern's WiMAX would now cover Marquette, Marquette Township, Negaunee, Ishpeming, Big Bay, Sawyer and Gwinn. With the addition to towers in Chocolay, Northern's WiMAX now covers a large portion of Marquette County.

"We felt that being connected to NMU wherever you lived, worked, studied would benefit NMU," said Wong.

News of Marquette's WiMAX capabilities has brought several important people to campus. According to Cindy Paavola, the director of communications and marketing at NMU, the presidents, vice-presidents and regional directors of Intel, Lenovo and some of the other technology partners were on campus Wednesday through Friday to see the computer distribution.

With the new installation of three towers, the WiMAX will extend another 30 to 40 miles in the Gwinn and Sawyer areas.

"Getting between 30-40 square

miles on three towers, which is what we have now, is amazing," said Paavola.

David Maki, the chief of technology officer at NMU, explained that when Northern decides to expand WiMAX, they have to find a tower or high point that is going to provide the best coverage.

"We go to whoever owns the facility. We call them up, sit down and explain what we want to do and why we want to do it. Then we basically enter into these long-term agreements," said Maki.

In exchange for allowing NMU to use the town's towers, Sawyer and Gwinn emergency vehicles, including police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances, have full access to the internet. This assists them while they carry out their duties on a daily basis.

There are still plans to continue expanding. According to Maki, the next idea is to extend out into the direction of Big Bay, though the Huron Mountains may prove to be a problem. They also plan to expand WiMAX in the Chocolay and Harvey area.

Maki warns that students and faculty on campus should not always choose WiMAX over WiFi. In general, the WiFi will run faster than WiMAX.

"The general rule should be if you want the maximum performance, you should always plug into a wire. And then second, use

the wireless, and then if there's no WiFi, use WiMAX," Maki said.

There is equipment available for purchase in the Micro Repair of the LRC that can be hooked up to a house that will spread the WiMAX network throughout the house. These devices are called Motorola CPE i150 indoor and CPEo 450 outdoor.

However, the WiMAX is not

without its faults. Allie Ramirez, a junior nursing student, has some difficulties with the WiMAX network in Marquette.

"If it disconnects, the WiMAX signal will sometimes disappear for a couple minutes. Other times it just refuses to connect for some reason, but it always connects the second time," said Ramirez.

For all of its problems, Ramirez

still stresses that it is much better than having no internet.

According to Wong, this kind of technology has not been seen extensively in the U.S.

"I have been able to show PowerPoint presentations and use the internet in a number of public presentations away from campus," said Wong. "This was unheard of just two years ago."



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WiMax coverage area now extends another 30-40 miles into the Gwinn and Sawyer areas.

## Bookstore implements trial rental service

By Adelle Whitefoot  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University Bookstore is giving students the option to rent their textbooks this fall as a way to save money.

The Textbook Rental Program started Friday, Aug. 13 for

students to use. Books will be available to rent until the end of the third week of classes. When a student rents a book this semester it must be returned by Monday, Dec. 13 to the bookstore.

"Rental programs have been around at colleges and universities for most of the last 100 years in different formats," said Paul

Wright, NMU Bookstore assistant manager. "We are always looking for additional services and programs that we can offer to students."

Paul Wright has been overseeing the completion and execution of the Textbook Rental Program. This is the first semester that NMU has offered students the

option to rent their textbooks, so there is a limited selection of textbooks that are available for rent. Currently there are 36 titles that are part of the program, he said.

"This is our 'beta test' semester," said Wright. "The NMU Bookstore has made a select number of their most popular textbooks available for rental (this semester)."

To rent a textbook, students have to provide their NMU IN, NMU e-mail and a valid credit card at the cash register. Rented textbooks are approximately 50 percent off the cost of a new book.

"For example, the PY 100L textbook is available to purchase used for \$114.40," said Wright. "The (PY 100L textbook) is also available to rent for \$71.85."

The student's credit card will be charged a late fee and a replacement fee if the book that is rented is not returned to the bookstore on time. Students will be sent a reminder e-mail prior to the end of the semester.

"Students need to remember to take care of and return the rental book(s)," said Michael Kuzak, NMU Bookstore manager.

The most difficult part of a starting a rental program is the

start-up costs, which include purchasing the inventory, Kuzak said. All books that are rented by NMU Bookstore are part of Nebraska Book Company's (NBC) rental partnership program. To eliminate the start-up cost, the books will be made available to NBC at the end of each semester to then sell to college stores around the country.

"The rental program is a great way for the NMU Bookstore to expand our services to those students who find rentals to be useful for their needs," Kuzak said.

Jackie Wiles, a sophomore majoring in digital cinema, is one student who has taken advantage of the Textbook Rental Program.

"It was originally going to be \$139 to buy new, and I have to pay my parents back for my books," said Wiles. "So the cheaper the book the better."

Wiles was allowed to rent one of the six books that she had to get this semester. She rented Sociology 101 textbook for about \$84 as opposed to purchasing it used for \$104.75.

"I do recommend renting your books, because your books in general are cheaper," said Wiles. "Even though you won't get money back at the end, you save money by renting."



Justin Key/NW

The new Textbook Rental Program gives students the option to rent rather than buy their textbooks. Select titles were made available Aug. 13 and are due back to the bookstore by Dec. 13.



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“The tuition increase provides adequate funds to maintain education standards,” Wong said. “I don’t like the idea of a tuition increase, but I don’t want to give up the (NMU) experience.”

Board member Gil Zeigler was the only person to vote against the tuition hike, due to the current economic situation.

“Michigan has raised unemployment. One of the highest rates is in the U.P. I have had a hard time backing a tuition increase. There just isn’t enough money out there,” Zeigler said.

Sophomore illustration major Joe Cornelia feels he has enough to pay for, and a tuition increase will make things tougher finan-

cially.

“The problem that I have with the raise is that I’m already paying a lot of money for the dorms and food,” Cornelia said. “That, and the fact that they make you live in the dorms for two years ... that’s a lot of money out of my pocket.”

Junior Graphics Communications major Paul Bastien isn’t thrilled about the increase, but supports it because he thinks it will make the university a better place for students.

“As much as I don’t want to pay more, I’m sure Northern has something in store for campus, whether it’s new buildings, additions, dorms, or adding to the PEIF,” Bastien said. “Tuition will pretty much always go up. I’ve come to terms with that.”

Northern Michigan Universi-

ty isn’t the only state college to see more than a five percent increase in its tuition. All but one of the state-funded universities raised their tuition this summer. Eastern Michigan was the only university that did not increase tuition. Grand Valley State rose 5.3 percent, while Saginaw Valley State increased their tuition by 5.9 percent. But the highest out of all the state schools is Western Michigan University, with a 7.4 percent increase in its yearly tuition.

Nearly every board member agrees that the current state of the economy is not stable. President Les Wong points towards education as the solution.

“We will direct our own change,” Wong said. “Education is the way out of this economic turmoil.”

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## Staff Editorial



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## Staying safe in this seaside town

The excitement of a new school year is hard to deny, and with that comes the desire to party. A common way to celebrate a new beginning is to throw a couple back and be with the friends you missed all summer. Whether what's being thrown back is alcoholic or not, students need to be aware of how they can keep themselves safe.

In this seemingly sleepy seaside town, it can sometimes seem like safety is not a concern. Despite appearances, it can be dangerous this time of year with all these new people in town and the contagious excitement of the new year. Here are some tips NMU Public Safety offered.

- Secure your property. This includes getting your bike registered and locking up valuables. Although we live in a small, idyllic city, it doesn't negate "better safe than sorry."

- Walk and park in well-lit locations. Also, walk in numbers.

- Take a self-defense class. While average students may not be able to find enough time in their schedule to carve out a place for a class of this nature, it's important to realize that being able to protect yourself and recognize dan-

ger when it occurs is helpful when going out at night with friends.

- Watch your drinks. If you've set your drink down and walked away from it, do not resume drinking it. Anybody at anytime may have put something in your drink without your knowing it that can result in sexual assault or even death. If you are drinking at a party, make sure that you have your drink with you at all times.

- Do not leave parties with strangers. Make a plan for who you're going to a party with and leave with them; this will prevent something bad from happening if you're inebriated and aren't making the most informed decisions.

- Make a plan to get out of bad situations and put 911 on speed dial.

- Utilize the Escort program if you ever feel unsafe on campus. To ask for an escort, call Public Safety at 906-227-2151. Escorts are student employees who have been carefully screened and selected.

We hope that students will heed these suggestions as they party this semester, starting off the year in the absolute best way possible: safe and fun.

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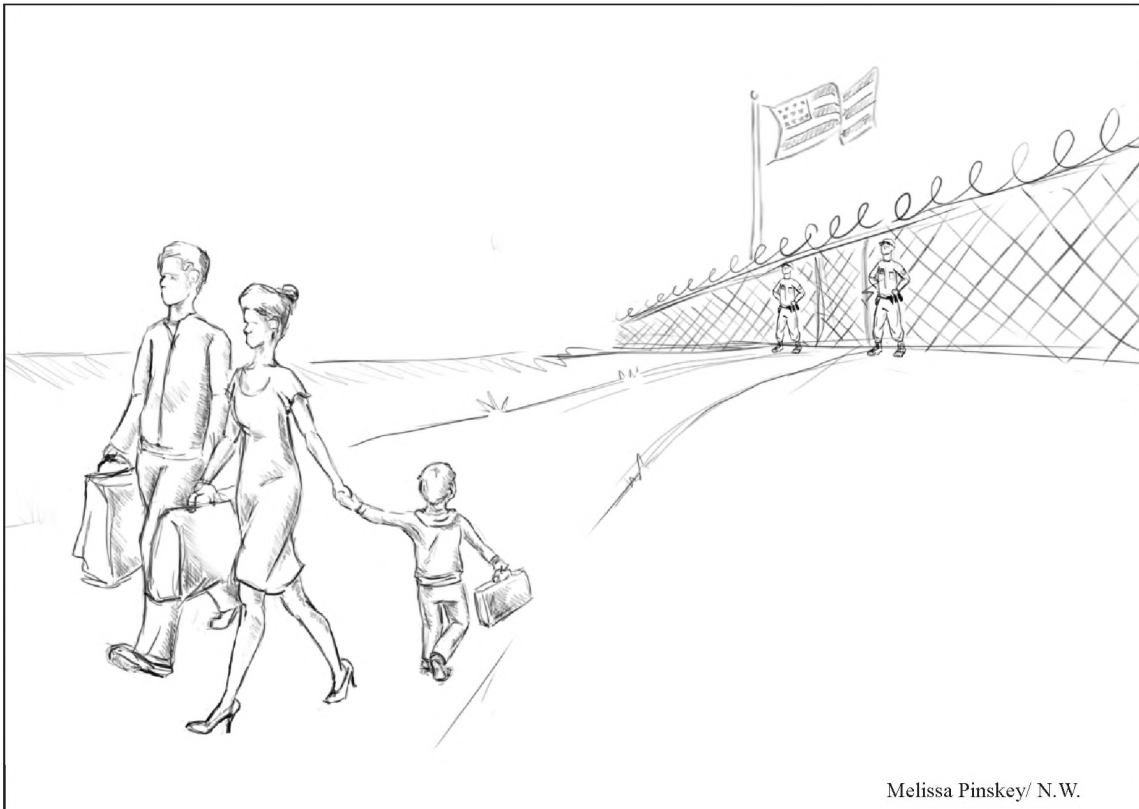
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## For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



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# Undocumented kids shouldn't be punished

Lately, there has been a lot of talk about the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM) among activists across the country. The bill, which was introduced in the House in March of 2009, would allow children of illegal immigrants to apply for five years of conditional permanent residency in the country if they serve two years in the military or at university.

While Congress is waiting to decide whether these people can apply for legal residency, some are being deported to their home countries. The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE) is handling cases involving illegal immigrants eligible for the DREAM act on a case-by-case basis, rather than deferring every case until Congress makes its decision. Congress is expected to vote on the legislation this fall.

If Congress votes the bill into law, the people who are being deported this year and last will be ineligible to apply once they are out of the country. Some of them are prevented from coming back for up to ten years.

How can we force them to leave and not come back for so long, when in a month or two Congress may decide that they were eligible for legal residency after all? These cases need to be deferred. These people deserve a chance to stay, and, if there's a possibility that act could pass, we owe it to these potential U.S. citizens to give them that chance.

The problem is that currently there is no way for an illegal immigrant who came here as a minor

to apply for residency. These are people who grew up in America and happened to have been born somewhere else. They didn't knowingly come here. They deserve a chance for a choice: to stay or to leave.

In some of the cases, the people have little or no relation to their home countries anymore. This is the case for Ivan Nikolov, a Russian illegal immigrant who came to this country with his mother when he was 11 years old. His mother married a U.S. citizen, and they've been living in the states for over a decade.

Nikolov is now 23 and lives in a suburb of Detroit, engaged to a girl who was born here. On May 5, his home was raided by ICE. Although he barely speaks Russian and has little ties to his birth country, he was held in jail from then until this past Monday, Aug. 23, when he was released with an ankle bracelet to monitor his movements. Now, Nikolov is just waiting for the news of when he will be deported, and his mother already has been.

It is one thing to deny residency to an illegal immigrant who came here knowing they were violating the law. It is quite another to prevent someone from staying who may never have had a choice to come here, especially if that person spent almost all of their most formative years in America.

Strangely, progressive Democrats, every bit as much as hard-line Republicans, have been delaying the discussion of the bill on the floor. The Democrats want comprehensive immigration reform

and don't think that voting on this bill by itself is enough. They want a bill to increase security along the Mexican border and give long-time illegal immigrants amnesty, even those who knowingly violated our immigration laws. The hope in this reform is that people on all sides of the political spectrum can get behind it.

Unfortunately, by waiting for some magical, perfectly comprehensive illegal immigration bill, these Congressmen are allowing people like Ivan Nikolov to be deported every year.

I'd love to live in a world where such comprehensive reform can be introduced. However, I have a feeling that's a pipe dream that won't occur for a long time.

Think about how long it took progressive Democrats to get health care reform to be seriously considered in Congress. "Comprehensive immigration reform" may take another twenty years.

While Congress is dawdling, trying to figure out what it is going to do for these people they might decide can legally stay here, the loved ones of people like Ivan Nikolov are wondering whether their friends or spouses or boy-friends or co-workers are going to have to leave the country permanently.

People like Ivan Nikolov don't have twenty years to wait around for the magical comprehensive immigration reform to save them.

They're waiting to learn if they're going to be deported today, tomorrow, next week. And for some of them, it's already too late.

# Learning to be yourself



Guest Column

Mohey Mowafy

First things first: if you are reading your student newspaper on the first week of the semester, and most especially if you are a freshman, you have already won my heart and my respect (actually, it is almost impossible to earn one without the other). There are two reasons to feel proud of your self.

Naturally, the first is how monumentally important reading is when you set out to be a learner (or even a student). And secondly, it is also important to be aware of and better yet involved in your campus life. The evidence proving this is actually overwhelming. So, here is a congratulatory "bravo" and a wish that you continue this wonderful habit.

Of course, I cannot write a column just to congratulate you on a brilliant move. I would like to share with you some well known secrets about how to not only succeed in your college journey, but also develop good nurturing and lasting friendships, enjoy a part of the U.S. that is as close to paradise as any earthly location can be, and most important of all, establish meaningful and mentoring connections with your teachers (or instructors if you insist on viewing them this way).

Personally, I am a teacher who needs learners and even more so needs their permission for me to be their teacher. The glaring and unambiguous truth is this: college is never about reading book chapters only to parrot them back on the day of a test.

College is meant to assist you in becoming who you really are, a sacred endeavor as far as I am

concerned. It is also to forge your mind into a fiercely independent one with a handsome capacity to think analytically and critically and never tire of seeking credible evidence before leaping into erroneous conclusions based on the work of parts of the brain more responsible for emotions than for thinking clearly and deciding relatively wisely.

Our country is going through very demanding times these days, and it is no exaggeration to say that our collective future depends heavily on our action and inaction now, and on a day-to-day basis. I do not mean to paralyze you with anxiety or saddle you with unduly unburnable weight, but if you carve a portion of your time (which is nothing but life units) to be aware and a keen observer of global events and politics, you will be far more equipped to tease empty (and often misleading) rhetoric from hard, cold, truthful facts. You will participate in the glorious process of becoming who you authentically are and you will be an informed intellectual. Believe me; this is closer to the ultimately genuine triumph than any other accomplishment.

An easy way to do that is to seriously and diligently organize your time. Calendars and reminders on cell phones are the best for this, at least in my experience.

An integral type of your scholarly work is carving time to rejuvenate and nurture your overall sense of self. In my case, because I am much older than you, I need solo walks and hikes, and I need to spend time just chatting with my learners over coffee/tea or having them join me on some of those walks/hikes. So, consider yourself invited, whoever you are.

I do wish you the best of that which you wish for yourself and welcome you to NMU, your home away from home, albeit for a relatively brief sojourn.

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# New York mosque no threat to America



## Guest Column

James Dyer

In recent months, it's been difficult to turn on a television or read the newspaper without hearing from different interest groups weighing in on the controversy surrounding the Cordoba House, a Muslim community center being built near Ground Zero in New York City. Misinformation has run amok, from rumors that the community center is being built on Ground Zero (it isn't) to news reports stating it will open on the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks (it won't).

The Cordoba House is scheduled to be built a full two blocks away from Ground Zero; it won't even be within sight of where the

World Trade Center once stood. Yet many Americans, Republican and Democrat, are furious.

The mass opposition to the Cordoba House brings to light a growing anti-Muslim sentiment that has spread in America since 9/11. Many Americans still feel that the entire Muslim religion is to blame. People need to recognize the attack on the World Trade Center was the work of Muslim extremists, and in no way represents the feelings and beliefs of the majority of those who follow Islam.

Ironically, the entire point of the Cordoba House is to increase American understanding of the Muslim faith, and to promote general religious acceptance between different faiths. Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, the leader of the proposed community center, has said that the Cordoba House will help show the world that Muslim extremists represent a

minority of Muslims. Rauf heads an organization called the Cordoba Initiative, the goal of which is to improve relations between the Muslim Community and the West. According to Rauf, most Muslims are moderate practitioners of the faith and condemn the terrorist actions of Islam's few extremist followers.

Despite this, many Americans see the "Ground Zero Mosque" as an insult to the victims of 9/11. Some of the strongest opposition to the Cordoba House has been from the Christian Evangelical voter base. Christian leader Pat Robertson has filed a lawsuit against the New York City planning committee for allowing the mosque to be built. Robertson has said in the past that Islam is not a religion but a political machine bent on world domination, and to allow Muslims to practice freely in America could have dangerous consequences. This is an interest-

ing stance to take, considering the fact that our founding fathers seemed to have only praise for Islam. Thomas Jefferson and George Washington were both strong advocates for religious freedom that included Christians, Jews, Pagans, and Muslims. Benjamin Rush, a co-signer of the Constitution, even suggested that the morals of Islam were superior to those of Christianity.

Former President George W. Bush gave his views on Islam immediately prior to the 9/11 attacks at a Islamic Center in Washington D.C.

"The face of terror is not the true face of Islam ... That's not what Islam is about. Islam is peace."

It really isn't hard to understand where the opponents of the Cordoba House are coming from. On Sept. 11, 2001, two planes being piloted by Muslim extremists showed America that

we are indeed vulnerable. We needed someone to blame, and Islam seemed to be the obvious scapegoat.

The Cordoba House is an attempt by Muslim leaders to heal the damage done to the reputation of Islam in America. It will help foster understanding between all categories of belief and will do honor to the memory of those who perished on 9/11.

What America needs to do now is forgive. Several extremists operating on the radical fringe of a peaceful religion have made us forsake the values that we hold so dear.

A gem of advice was offered once by a well known (but sometimes overlooked) prophet from Nazareth.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

# GOP obstruction an attempt to win votes



## Guest Column

Aaron Loudenslager

The Republican Party has been waiting for this upcoming election since President Barack Obama defeated John McCain in a historic landslide. With a possible takeover of the House of Representatives looming, the Republicans are obstructing all Democratic legislation, without regard for the Americans it hurts.

In an election year, all common sense and the contribution to the common good go out the door. All that matters ultimately for the political parties is an electoral victory, no matter the rhetoric that has to be spewed, or who has to suffer in order to achieve that goal.

The Republicans have been

obstructing legislation ever since the Democrats swept both congressional chambers and the White House. Just last year Republicans set a record of filibusters in the Senate with 61 and this year have already used the filibuster 53 times, with months left still to spare.

They claim to be protecting the people from "reckless spending" and from "adding to our children's future debt." Some of this is the truth, true to their description as so-called "fiscal conservatives;" they like to balance a budget, which means no spending of governmental money. Remember, though, this only applies to people who need assistance and help from the government. If you happen to be rich or a big corporation, they suddenly have room in the government's budget to help you out.

Democrats used an odd method in the House to try to pay for all of the medical needs of the people who worked at Ground

Zero on September 11, 2001, a method which required a two-thirds majority instead of a simple majority vote. Democrats could not get the two-thirds they needed to pass this legislation to help the workers who contracted chronic medical problems from the dust and ash on that sad day.

The Republicans said they couldn't vote for this bill because it "added" taxes on the American people to fund this bill. This was a lie. The bill levied taxes on corporations trying to seek tax havens in other countries. Congressman Anthony Wiener (D-NY) took the floor to debate and was so upset that he yelled when debating at the opposition, obviously feeling the pain of those who tried to help others on 9/11 and couldn't afford health care for the chronic conditions they incurred that day.

The Republicans don't think our country can afford to spend \$1 trillion to fix our crumbling infrastructure, spend money to

give every American citizen universal health care coverage or free college tuition.

The party of "no" is really the party of "yes." They say yes to the rich and wealthy. They can't help Americans with the necessities of life, but have room in the budget to try to extend President Bush's tax cuts favoring the richest one percent of citizens and wealthy corporations, even though two-thirds of all U.S. corporations paid no income tax between 1998 and 2005. It must be hard being a corporation with all of that corporate welfare.

They are fighting tooth and nail against implementing the estate tax, once again citing that it will be "destructive," even though billionaire Warren Buffet says that the rich owe it to the American public to pay this tax.

As always, the Republicans have money to fund wars. Just like the illegal and deceptive war in Iraq, they are continuing to fund the war in Afghanistan.

They continue to fund this war as the White House and Congress know that the U.S. military is indirectly funding tens of millions of dollars to warlords and corrupt public officials to protect supply convoys in Afghanistan, who then use that money to turn and fight against the United States.

According to The Guardian, the funds that the United States contribute to Pakistan have been given secretly via the Inter-Services Intelligence to the insurgents in Afghanistan since 2004. What country could fund a war where they also fund their enemies knowingly? This is crazy.

The Republicans are using obstruction simply as a tool to motivate their political base and to stand up for their corporate campaign contributors, not caring about trying to help the American people with their needs. The Republican Party needs to look in the mirror and see Dr. Jekyll has turned into Mr. Hyde.

## Sound Off

What are you most looking forward to this semester?

compiled by Paul Goodrich



**Jolene Prah**  
freshman  
political science

"Having Gant win everything."



**Rory Garrity**  
junior  
physical education

"Hockey!"



**Kyle Cuhlman**  
freshman  
outdoor recreation

"Being in the wilderness and snowboarding."



**Dan Hurt**  
sophomore  
industrial technology

"Being back at school."



**April Pratico**  
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"Meeting fun people."





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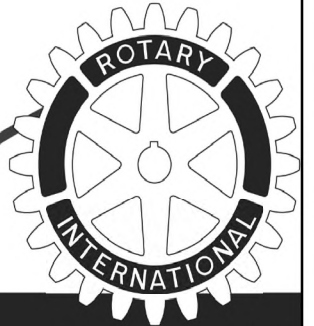
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## Author promotes books and paddling

By Delaney Lovett  
features editor

Now that summer's winding down, the mosquitoes have backed off and the leaves will soon change colors, it's prime time to paddle down one of Michigan's beautiful rivers.

Canoeing and kayaking author and enthusiast Doc Fletcher said he couldn't think of a better way to spend his time.

"I can tell my wife, 'Honey, I've got to go to work,'" Fletcher said, jokingly.

He sometimes refers to his writing as an excuse to stay out on the river as long as he possibly can. Fletcher's upcoming photo presentation at the Peter White Public Library (PWPL), promoting his books "Weekend Canoeing in Michigan" and "Michigan Rivers Less Paddled," follows his journeys down seven different rivers in Michigan and Wisconsin.

Fletcher likes to include a brief history on a nearby town in each chapter he writes, as well as things to do along the rivers.

"Half of the fun of canoeing or kayaking is learning a little bit about that town and sharing that (knowledge) with people when they read my books," Fletcher said. "I end each chapter by direct-

ing people to an old time tavern in that town, a great place to put your feet up, have a good burger, and kind of relive the day on the river with your friends."

Another benefit of paddling, besides the exercise, beauty and fresh air, is the affordability due to liveries. All of the featured rivers are serviced by canoe/kayak liveries, so people can enjoy the trips whether they own a boat or not.

"Whether the river is fast or slow, canoeing or kayaking is

**It's the time of year that nature paints a beautiful picture for us, floating down the streams.**

— Doc Fletcher,  
author and paddling enthusiast

an affordable diversion in a time when the cost of getaways is harder and harder to come by," Fletcher said.

Although the temperatures will soon drop, it's still a great time of year to paddle, according to Fletcher.

"I think it's the time of year that nature paints a beautiful picture for us, floating down the streams," he said.

The PWPL brought Fletcher to Marquette because they like featuring authors, especially those

with local ties, and promoting reading, said programming coordinator Margaret Boyle.

"His writing style is laid back and colloquial," Boyle said. "I think he's got a pretty good sense of humor, and he's an engaging kind of speaker."

Canoeing and kayaking are popular activities in the U.P., and Fletcher includes rivers with different degrees of difficulty, obstacles, length, landmarks encountered and what makes each river unique.

"I'm really glad his talk here isn't until the semester begins, because there are many students interested. There are so many beautiful days left, and it's just a great way to enjoy the outdoors," Boyle said.

Fletcher's photo presentation will be followed by a book signing. In addition, there will be a drawing to win a free liveried canoe or kayaking trip with a choice out of four day trips. This adventure is sponsored by local canoe liveries.

Canoeing and Kayaking through Michigan and Wisconsin with Doc Fletcher will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the PWPL, and there is no admission charge. For more information regarding Doc Fletcher, visit [www.canoeingmichiganrivers.com](http://www.canoeingmichiganrivers.com).



Photos courtesy of Doc Fletcher

Doc Fletcher spends as much time as possible out of the rivers of Michigan, canoeing and kayaking with his friends and loved ones. Afterward, he said he enjoys relaxing at an old time tavern.

### Liveries around the Upper Peninsula

Canoe liveries are businesses along rivers and often wildlife refuges that rent out canoes, kayaks, and sometimes rafts and tubes. From outfitters to campgrounds, the member liveries of the Michigan Association of Paddlesport Providers (MAPP) maintain well-inspected equipment and promote the protection of Michigan resources. Listed below are some of the U.P.'s liveries.

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Photos courtesy of Doc Fletcher

Canoe enthusiast Doc Fletcher and his wife Maggie paddle down a Michigan river in a canoe. His latest books are about less-traveled rivers throughout the state and in the U.P.



## *Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue*



Troy Andrews, better known as Shorty, is New Orleans's up-and-coming musician. This is the opening act of the series and will take place on Thursday, Sept. 16 at the Kaufman Auditorium.

## *The Israeli Ethnic Ensemble*



Sponsored by Arts Midwest World Fest, the Israeli Ethnic Ensemble will perform at the Forest Roberts Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 16. A week prior to their performance, these five musicians will be conducting workshops at NMU and at area schools.

## *Lepisto & Lehti*



Troy Lepisto and Lehti will perform in Marquette on their first U.S. tour. Their folk-jazz style deeply engages those who listen, creating a unique music experience.



Argentine folk-groove band, Los Pinguos, will perform in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center on Saturday, Feb. 12. Their performance, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, won't stick to just one genre.



*Los Pinguos*

Mauvais Sort, one of the most popular folk acts from Quebec, created the genre, "Folk 'n' roll." The dance floor of the Great Lakes Rooms will be open for their performance on Thursday, March 31.



*Mauvais Sort*

Canadian jazz trumpeter Ingrid Jensen will be the closing act of the series. In collaboration with NMU's Department of Music, Jensen will perform a concert with her ensemble on Friday, April 14, and a concert with the NMU Jazz Ensemble the following night.



*Ingrid Jensen*



# Sharp teeth, wit make 'Piranha' a hit



Film: Piranha 3D

Director: Alexandre Aja

Producers: Alexandre Aja, Marc Toberoff

Writers: Josh Stolberg, Pete Goldfinger

Starring: Elisabeth Shue, Jerry O'Connell

Runtime: 89 minutes

Rating: R



By Scott Viau  
managing editor

Every few years a horror film is released that is so drenched in blood and gore that it simply can't be taken seriously. The best part about "Piranha" is that the filmmakers all know this, which results in a campy, fun and thoroughly ludicrous tale about killer fish.

For the teenagers of Lake Victoria, Ariz., the only thing that seems to be on their minds is partying and where on the beach they can get a perfect tan. But when a local fisherman goes missing,

Sheriff Julie Forester (Shue) is on the case. Soon, she and her partner locate the missing man's mutilated, piranha-bitten body and decide that the best plan of action would be to shut down the lake until the problem can be taken care of. However, with beaches packed and nobody heeding their warning, the fun-seeking citizens will soon discover the destruction and death living just below the surface of their lake.

"Piranha" succeeds where other films have failed because of its constant winking eye to the audience. The opening scene features Richard Dreyfuss with a very sly but recognizable tip of the hat to "Jaws." Christopher Lloyd's performance as the pet shop owner that clues Forester in to what kind

of problem she is dealing with is given with the same kind of gusto and bravado that he gave to the character of Doc Brown in the "Back to the Future" trilogy. In fact, if Forester had not understood the circumstances I would've have expected him to tell her she was "not thinking fourth dimensionally." It's great to see Shue playing against type again (her last performance that comes to mind was when she played herself in "Hamlet 2"), and her presence is calming and effective against all the chaos in the film. O'Connell plays Derrick Jones in what is an obvious reference to and parody of "Girls Gone Wild" creator Joe Francis. O'Connell is entertaining and energetic, even though his character displays a vulgar and misogynistic demeanor.

As a horror fan, it's hard to truly be shocked by what flashes across the screen of a theater, but with its buckets of blood and imaginative kill scenes, "Piranha" was able to do just that. There will undoubtedly be at least one death during the lake massacre scene that will make each audience member squirm in their seat and laugh with fiendish delight. At some points, it felt like I was watching an interpretation of the opening of "Saving Private Ryan" by Troma Studios. If the mayhem of that scene doesn't do it, then

perhaps the dismembered computer generated image (CGI) of a penis will.

This brings me to my next point. Although CGI allows filmmakers to accomplish more graphically, the fact that it's so obviously CGI substantially diminishes its capacity to truly shock. Granted, this is not for all aspects of the movie, but the more gruesome scenes contain it and it's easy to brush off the disturbing images on screen as just a little bit of movie magic. Had "Piranha" contained more actual make-up effects the horror of what is happening would be all the better for it.

Director Alexandre Aja's re-

sume ensures that viewers who know of him will know what they're getting themselves into. His previous efforts include "High Tension," which, despite it's disappointing and confusing ending, was still one of the best horror films in a long time. He knows the genre very well and what fans have come to expect of it.

I'm glad to say that "Piranha" is one of those rare remakes that actually work. It's not as heavy-handed in its self-righteousness as the "Saw" films, and it doesn't take itself as seriously, either. Audience members looking for a gruesomely gory time with a date or even by themselves will need to look no further than "Piranha."



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

Sheriff Julie Forester (right) and friends futilely help rescue an already dying man from the piranha-infested waters.

# Pace of 'Love' too slow to warm heart



Film: Eat Pray Love

Director: Ryan Murphy

Producers: Brad Pitt, Dede Gardner

Writer: Ryan Murphy, Jennifer Salf

Starring: Julia Roberts, Javier Bardem

Runtime: 133 minutes

Rating: PG-13



By Delaney Lovett  
features editor

The combination of a bestselling book and Julia Roberts should be magic, but "Eat Pray Love" fell a little short of expectations.

"Love" follows the journey of Elizabeth Gilbert (Roberts), a woman who leaves everything behind for a year to travel the world. She sets out to find who she is without a man in her life, spending four months each in Italy, India and Bali.

She goes to Italy first, learning how to speak Italian for her enjoyment and exploring the landmarks. She eats, gaining back the weight she needed (and then some) from a drawn out, difficult divorce from the husband she once loved. In India, she visits the ashram of a Guru introduced to her by an ex-boyfriend, David (James Franco). There, she faces the difficult task of clearing her mind and opening her heart. This is when she really discovers herself and overcomes obstacles. On the Indonesian island of Bali, she finds balance with the help of a ninth-generation medicine man and, at first unwillingly,

opens herself back up to love.

Roberts wonderfully portrays the difficult role of Elizabeth, a woman who transforms from depressed to enlightened, and from insecure to content and in love. Richard Jenkins steals the show with his role as Richard from Texas, Gilbert's friend at the ashram who tells her the truth, even when it's not what she wants to hear. Ketut (Subiyanto), the medicine man, brings a toothless cheer to the big screen; he and Gilbert have a heartwarming bond that audiences will admire.

If nothing more, "Love" is a treat to the eyes, filmed on location with the direction of Ryan Murphy ("Glee") and the cinematography of Robert Richardson ("Inglourious Basterds"). There are fork-twirling, finger-licking Italian dishes that looked so delicious they made my mouth water. India and Bali are filled with fresh markets, breathtaking views, and traditional culture.

"Love" is based on the memoir by Elizabeth Gilbert. As with most books turned movies, there are pieces left out of the film that could have benefited the understanding or enjoyment of the viewers. Without reading the book, it might be difficult to understand some of the actions she takes. The film doesn't

nearly capture the same humor or dozens of witty comments she makes in her book.

Screenwriters Murphy and Scott, did a fairly impressive job creating the characters of Elizabeth's ex-husband, Stephen (Billy Crudup), and ex-boyfriend, David, who were merely memories in Gilbert's book.

The 133-minute runtime is excessive, splitting each country into a 30-minute-plus segment. As much as I enjoyed the scenery, I still found myself squirming in my seat. It would be beneficial if the screenplay were more like the

book, where instead of beginning with a large segment about her past and relationships, the viewer saw only pieces of the person she used to be at a time. That would've allowed the viewer to better see how she changes as a person throughout the film, as well as modifying the pace.

"Love" has a strong start, encouraging strength and bravery in women. The pace slows at the end and since it's based on a true story, it doesn't have a overly dramatic ending. Rather, Gilbert learns how to be in love without conforming to a man.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

Writer Elizabeth Gilbert (left) teaches an Indonesian medicine man, Ketut (right), English in return for his help in finding balance in her life.





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Musician Drew Nelson will visit the Peter White Library to play a concert and teach a songwriting workshop.

# Concert benefits nature

By Ariana Grams  
contributing writer

When students go to a library, it is normally to study, do research, or get homework done. There are many available resources at libraries, including books to read for entertainment. But a library is not normally the first place that comes to mind when it comes to entertainment.

Mary Schneeberger, a Peter White Public Library (PWPL) assistant, hopes that an event being held there this Saturday will bring students to the library for a different reason from now on.

There will be a songwriting workshop being taught by award winning Grand Rapids singer-songwriter Drew Nelson. He will follow this workshop with a con-

cert.

"It's going to be really great music," says Schneeberger. "He really puts himself into the music and it's close to his heart."

She hopes that after this event, students will realize what the library has to offer besides the obvious. "There are many free shows that the library hosts," says Schneeberger. She says it's good for students because they do not have to spend money for good entertainment.

The songwriting workshop, which will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., and is something that "anybody can do," said Nelson. He is going to teach about the songwriting process and answer questions. There is no special talent needed to write songs; it just takes practice, Nelson said.

The concert, which starts at 7:30 p.m., will be opened by a local artist, Mike Waite. Nelson hopes that many people come out for this event. "The main reason I'm coming is to support the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve (YDWP). We need to take care of nature," said Nelson.

Nelson's music is about real people, and he said he tries to find the little gems about them to make his songs. His songs also reflect his love for nature, and he hopes that people take that to heart.

The PWPL and the YDWP are working together to present and sponsor this event. It is being held in the Community Room of the PWPL. It is free of charge and for high school students and older.

For more about Nelson, visit [www.drewnelson.net](http://www.drewnelson.net).

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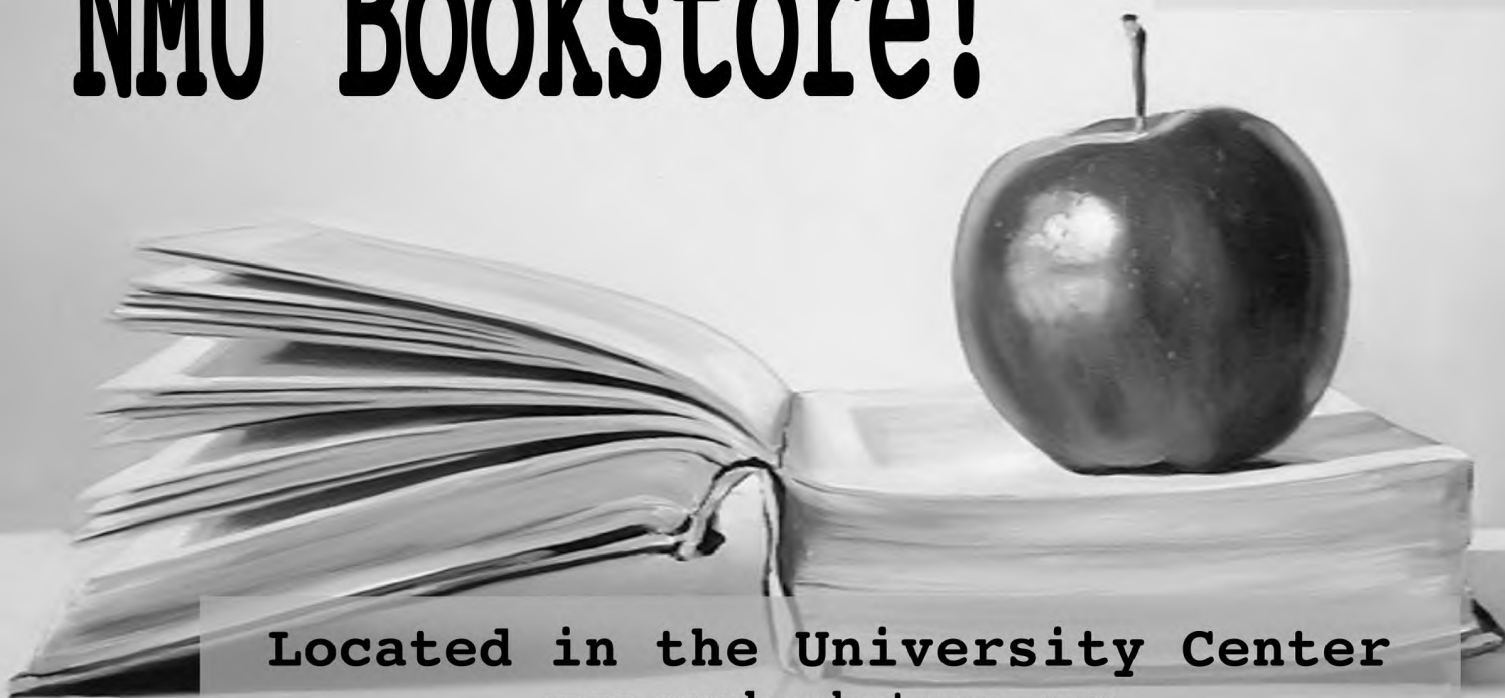
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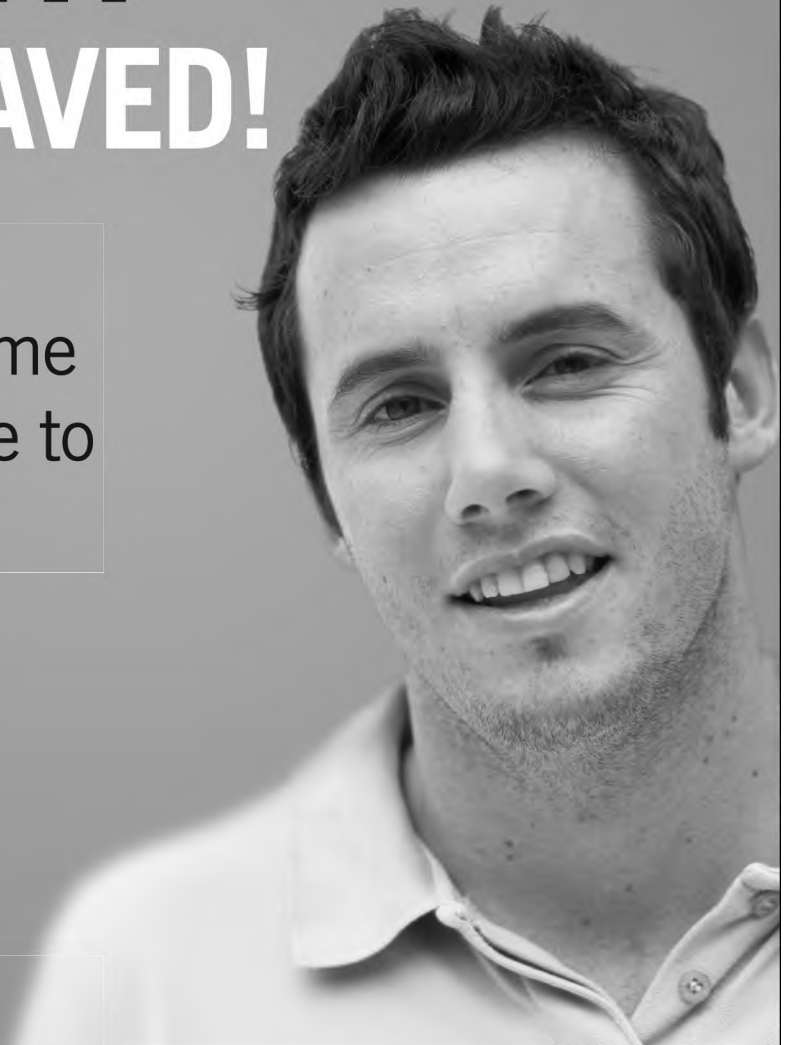
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# Young team prepares for season play

By David Pleyel  
 contributing writer

Rigorous practice sessions have begun as the Wildcats prepare for not only their opponents, but the challenging goals that lie ahead of them.

The NMU volleyball team has lost five of its key senior players from last year. On the offensive side, hitters Mandie Meyer, Amy Andersen-Goldsworthy and Katt Garvick graduated. Defensively, the 'Cats lost defensive specialist Rachel Green and libero Cassie Osiecki, leaving the newcomers with little experience and no taste for defeat. Head coach Dominic Yoder said the team has a lot of new faces, and that the trials ahead will be tough, but he has confidence they will pull through.

"I see this more as a strength rather than a weakness," Yoder said. "Yes, we did lose some outstanding players, but this is also a great opportunity, because even though the new additions to the team lack the experience, they have fire, energy and absolutely no fear."

Senior captain Katie Twardzik is the only senior now on the team, and she is doing her best to pass on her experience as a volleyball player to her teammates.

"One of the most important things I try to tell players is to

stay relaxed, do the techniques we practice, and then apply it to the game," Twardzik said.

Twardzik also said she feels this year's team is energetic and strong-willed.

"Everyone stays pretty positive, and we try to keep everyone motivated and help players with the system," she said.

Volleyball has been a fun experience for Twardzik, but this will

be her final season with the NMU volleyball team as she continues to pursue her career in teaching.

Even though the volleyball team has lost some valuable players, they also welcome 10 new freshmen as well as one transfer student. Among those new freshmen is a new international player from Brazil, Ana "Lena" Lopes, who said she is excited to have the opportunity at NMU.

"It's a great feeling to be here and I'm looking forward to four years of not only playing volleyball but to also doing well in my studies."

Lopes said she has a strong passion for the game, so she wants to make the most of collegiate competition.

"I love everything about volleyball, and it is very exciting for me to play it," she said. "The im-

portant thing is that I want to have fun and enjoy it while I am here at NMU."

With energy and determination like this, any fan would think the NMU team would be unstoppable, but the head coach looks at it from a different angle.

"We have to be careful of the 'no fear' part because these girls come right out of high school and have done very well there, and have yet to see what defeat is. That is where the experience comes into play.

The NMU volleyball team will hold their annual Green and Gold game this Saturday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. The Wildcats will have their season home opener as part of the Wildcat Open, a four-game tournament which begins on Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers. NMU will also play Winona State, American International and University of Minnesota - Crookston.

Yoder said the team has high expectations and is ready to get the season underway.

"With discipline, hard work, and paying very close attention to details we will not only make up for the lack of experience but we will succeed in anything we set our minds to this season," Yoder said. "The fans will definitely be in for a real treat."



File photo/NW  
 Junior setter Maddie Ogden, left, backs up junior middle hitter Emma Wolfe, right, as she goes for the kill against a Ferris State athlete. Wolfe earned 206 kills last season, an average of 1.81 kills per set.

# Soccer kicks off with exhibition win

By Brad Gicopoulos  
 contributing writer

The NMU women's soccer team opened their season yesterday with a 2-1 victory against Lewis University in an exhibition.

The Wildcats (10-9-1, 7-6-1 GLIAC) are looking to rebound from the defeat during the GLIAC Championship semifinals last season.

Once again, the Wildcats find themselves in one of the toughest conferences in the country.

In his seventh season as head coach, Matt Granstrand said he will gauge the team's ability based on the regional rankings and not necessarily the win-loss record.

"We always play one of the toughest schedules in the country every year, which makes our record not look as impressive," Granstrand said. "But it shows how tough our record is by our regional ranking every year."

Last year, the Wildcats finished fourth in the GLIAC, giving the Wildcats a first-round home game for the first time in team history.

Granstrand said he feels posi-

tive about the upcoming season. He said that the team this year is very close, with each member contributing throughout the entire preseason. The team is expecting every game to be close in the goal statistic.

"I think our freshmen are going to fit in really well, even though as usual with freshman it will take a little bit of time. But I do expect some to start right away," Granstrand said.

The 'Cats have announced seniors Dana Bush, Dana Stephens and Kari Buckel as the captains for the 2010-2011 season.

Granstrand said the team lost a quality group of players and brought in a quality group of players. He also said that having athletes graduate is just part of collegiate sports.

Granstrand also said that this is not a rebuilding year; the athletes coming in will take over for those lost.

Stephens led the team in goals, points, and had a team high six game winning goals. Buckel led the team in shots taken and assists. She also chipped in one game winning goal.

Granstrand said while the captains are the designated lead-

ers, all the seniors and juniors are expected to set a good example for their younger teammates.

"We're only as good as our upperclassmen," he said.

When talking with some of the team, they seem to all have one goal: to win the conference championship and get into the NCAA tournament.

Junior recruit Rosie Pruzinsky said she has high expectations for this season.

"My personal goal is to work hard to get playing time," she said.

The team has been working vigorously for a couple weeks preparing for the upcoming season. Granstrand feels the team is fit, ready and where they should be for this time of year.

Pruzinsky said she has been working hard to condition herself to the higher level of play that is new to her, since she was recruited from the club soccer team.

"Coming into the season I had to be more fit, and also the pace of the game is a lot faster this year," Pruzinsky said.

The first regular season game of the year is Saturday, Sept. 4 against Concordia-St. Paul who finished 8-10-3 last season.

"I'm looking forward to the first game. I'm excited to see how we do as a team," Pruzinsky said.

The 'Cats are looking forward

to another strong season, with an impressive schedule, good incoming freshmen and quality senior leadership. These will all be keys to Wildcat victories.



File photo/NW  
 Senior goalkeeper Dana Bush makes a leaping save to stop the opponent's offense. Bush redshirted last season, extending her eligibility to this year.



# Weightlifters conditioned for victory

By John Becker  
sports editor

The USOEC weightlifting team was busy all summer competing in some of the highest-level tournaments in the world as they strive for higher feats of athleticism.

The USOEC competed at the USA Senior National Championships, in Peoria, Illinois, June 11-13. Graduate student Breanne Carlson (53 kg division) placed third. She snatched 61 kg and put up 78 kg in the clean-and-jerk, for a total of 139 kg.

USOEC head coach Andy Tysz said it was a new personal record (PR) for Carlson.

"Her past PR was set only seven weeks before that, so it was a very good performance," Tysz said.

Sophomore lifter Chris Lenahen (94 kg division) and Brandon Jackson (105 kg division) placed seventh in their respective weight classes. Lenahen lifted a total of 286 kg, and Jackson put up 277 kg total. Tysz said Lenahen's effort was a personal best, but Jackson's lift was down from previous competition.

"It wasn't a bad performance considering what we've been doing, and (Jackson) was only about 10 weeks off from a broken ankle, so not bad at all," he said.

Lenahen said his goals for this year include lifting a total of 300 kg in competition and to earn a top

five finish at the American Open. "I'm 14 kg away, we've had a pretty strong lifting and training over the summer, so I feel confident in December that the numbers will be there," Lenahen said.

Tysz said the USA Senior National Championships is the highest national competition for weightlifting. "At the senior nationals, you're getting the best in the nation," he said. "Olympians go there to lift."

Andrew Vrabel (69 kg) snatched 93 kg and lifted 125 kg in the clean-and-jerk, finishing eighth with his total of 218 kg. Dan Gorelik (77 kg) put up 108 kg in the snatch and 130 kg clean-and-jerk. His 138 kg total earned him 11th place.

On June 16, Sara Cowles (58 kg) placed in the top 20 at the Junior World Weightlifting Championships in Sophia, Bulgaria. Cowles lifted 85 kg in the clean-and-jerk and 70 kg in the snatch. Her total of 155 kg earned her 17th place. Tysz said the competition is fierce, because the junior world championship is the highest level of competition for weightlifters 20 and younger.

Robin Feuerman (63 kg) completed one snatch at 69 kg but missed the other two. She missed on all her snatch attempts and did not post a total. Tysz said he felt that Feuerman could have done better though; she had many setbacks before the competition.

"She got hurt early in the semester with her back... so we had to really reduce training in the middle of the semester," Tysz said. "She was ready for better numbers than that, but it was just one of those days."

On July 4, Allie Henry earned a bronze medal at the World University Championships in Taichung City, Chinese Taipei. Henry posted a PR of 80 kg in the snatch and put up 90 kg in the clean-and-jerk. Tysz said her finish was phenomenal, given her experience at the international level.

"That's the highest level of

competition for collegiate athletes," he said. "It was her second international meet and she finished on the medal podium, so that's pretty good."

Collin Ito earned fourth place on July 5 with a snatch of 150 kg and a clean of 200 kg, for a total of 350 kg.

Ito said he felt he could have done better, as he thought he'd completed his final clean-and-jerk, but the officials did not rule it as a good lift.

"It would have given me an extra lift, so I could have gone for a new personal best," Ito said.

Ito was only 2 kg away from a new PR in the clean-and-jerk.

Tysz said Ito has a lot of potential, because he hasn't reached the pinnacle of his training.

"He's very young for a super-heavyweight lifter, they're not really maturing until their mid and later 20s, which is when they really start putting up some big numbers," Tysz said.

Tysz said he has high expectations for this year and wants to see improvements across the board.

"I want each and every one of (the USOEC weightlifters) to rise in the rankings list."



John Becker/NW

Collin Ito, pictured here at the 2010 USA Weightlifting National Championships, was just short of a podium finish at the World University Championships, held in Taichung City, Chinese Taipei, on July 5.

# Football team hires multiple coaches

By Brice Burge  
assistant sports editor

The Northern Michigan University football program has four new coaches to help the team improve on last year's 6-4 record.

The team was left looking for new staff after offensive coordinator/line coach Jeff Duvendeck and quarterback/wide receiver coach Dan Mettlach resigned. Both coaches had been with the program since head coach Bernie Anderson took over in 2007.

Chris Ostrowsky will be taking the helm of the offense. The former quarterbacks coach and recruiting director for the now-defunct Northeastern University football program will also work with the quarterbacks.

"The transition has been real easy, the staff's been great, the players have really bought into the system and it has been as smooth as could be expected," Ostrowsky said.

Ostrowsky's influence on the NMU team will be seen immediately through a new offensive strategy: a multiple spread offense that focuses more on the passing game than the rushing attack.

"(The new offense) is a system that is fun to play in and they want to be a part of. We will hopefully be fast and score a lot of points," Ostrowsky said.

Ostrowsky will have help on the offense from new wide receivers coach Marty Higgins. Higgins held the same position at Western Michigan from 1987-90 and Eastern Illinois from 1985-87. The former South Dakota State quarterback left coaching after the 1990 season when his first child was born, and opened up his own business.

"I've been out of coaching for a while," Higgins said. "My son is now a senior and our business was bought out, so my wife sug-

gested that since I like coaching that maybe I should get back into it. It was the first time she had to tell me only once to do something."

Higgins will work well in Ostrowsky's offensive gameplan as the Broncos and the Panthers

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— Chris Ostrowsky  
offensive coordinator/QB coach

both ran one tailback offenses like Northern will run.

"Coach Ostrowsky's schemes are a perfect fit for what I've been in. You spread (the players) out, and you take advantage of what the defense is going to give you," Higgins said.

The last new piece of the

Wildcats' offense is not that new. Former offensive and defensive lineman Rob Boss will coach the offensive line. Boss was a student assistant coach last year.

"Last year, I was finishing up my degree, and to come back and really spend all my time on coaching was something I was looking forward to," Boss said. "It gives you a lot of opportunity to work with the kids and not have to put your effort somewhere else."

Boss missed coaching spring football practices with the Wildcats because he was playing in games his own. Boss played for the Chicago Rush of the Arena Football League as an offensive and defensive lineman. He was the 2007 co-rookie of the year for the club, but gave up playing to coach for the 'Cats.

"To me when I sat down and looked at it, I could coach a lot longer than I could play," Boss said. "As much fun as playing was in Chicago, my future plans

were to coach and to come back to my alma mater and start my coaching career is a great opportunity."

The last addition to the coaching staff is on the defensive side of the ball, as Mark Paun will be the new defensive line coach. Paun recorded 34 tackles in his four-year career for the University of Miami (OH) Redhawks.

"The biggest adjustment was how to handle myself in a meeting, it's a little different drawing things up on the board and teaching guys what to do than being the one trying to learn. It's learning how to teach rather than learning from the teaching."

The four new Wildcat coaches will make their debuts in the first game of the year at Minnesota State-Mankato on Thursday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m.

The Wildcats will compete against the University of Findlay Oilers in their home opener on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m.



# Boxers compete during the summer

By Brice Burge  
staff writer

It was a busy summer for the United States Olympic Education Center Boxing team, with the team training and competing deep into the summer.

"The team was here a lot longer than they usually are," said USOEC head boxing coach Al Mitchell. "We had a long winter of training and then had nationals in June."

The first competition for the team was the State Games of Michigan held on June 26-27 in Grand Rapids. The team was able to pull in three gold medals.

"It was good boxing matches down there," Mitchell said. "Michigan is ranked very high in amateur boxing."

Manuel Lopez was able to defeat Burim Beqiri from Kentwood, 5-0 on Saturday to give him a spot in the final against Tyler Fish from Grand Rapids on Sunday. Lopez was again able to win with a 5-0 decision for the title.

"(Beqiri) was pretty strong, so I threw a lot of body shots,"

Lopez said. "He kept pressing me, but I felt like I won the fight. (Fish) was a lot easier, I just had to use my basic jabs and things we were working on in the gym. I felt I won both of them pretty easy and I was happy to take the gold."

Jesse Hart also won gold with a one-fight title against Christian Thomas.

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— Manuel Lopez  
USOEC boxer

According to Mitchell, the State Games of Michigan was meant as a warm up for the US Nationals held from June 12 to July 17. This was the first trip to the Nationals for many members of the team. Extra weight was placed on this tournament because national rankings were derived from the results.

Hart again fought well, but fell just short of gold. After knocking out his first two opponents in the

first round, his third would-be opponent scratched. Hart then found himself in the title match against Luis Arias. After the two 165 pounders tying for three rounds, Arias was given the win on tie breakers.

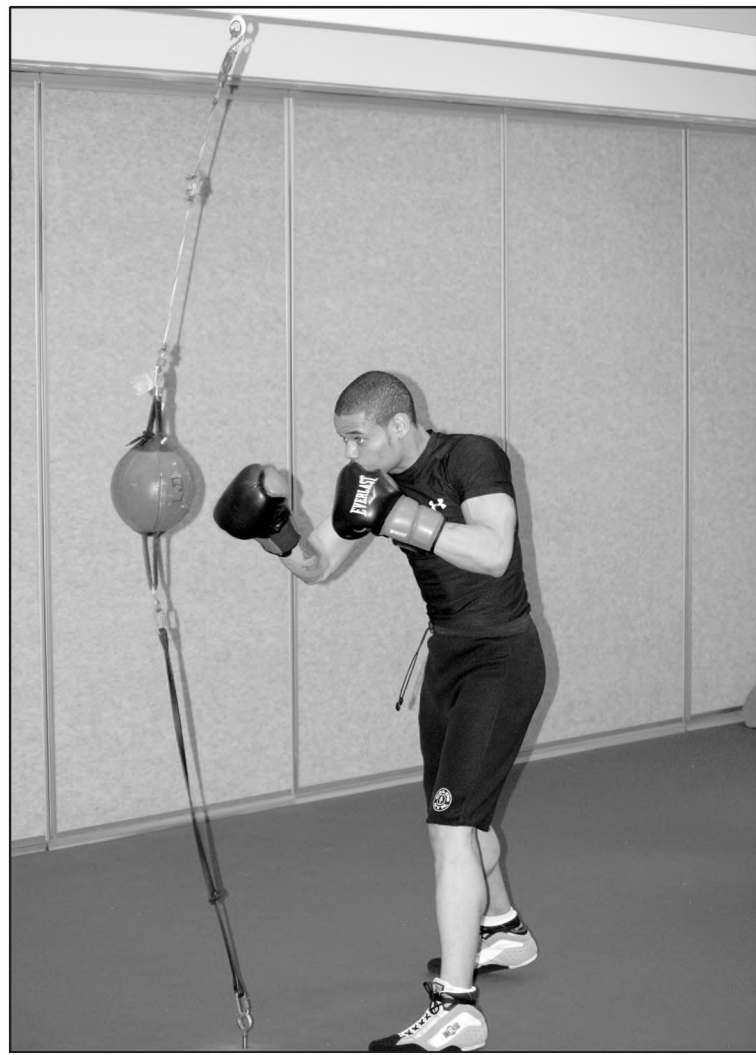
Pearson also felt the heartbreak of a judges' decision. After three rounds ended in a 4-4 tie, Pearson fell by decision.

"It was a good fight, they both were tough, but we felt he had it," Mitchell said. "You have to take it out of the hands of the judges."

During the summer, the team practiced up to three times a day to further the development of the boxers. The team would practice as early as 5 a.m. and would end their final practice at midnight if the athletes were having problems making their weight goals. This work paid off for the team as they are on schedule for the big competition in October.

"They're right where I want them at," Mitchell said. "Next year is the Olympic trials, so they should continue to improve."

The next competition for the team will be Oct. 19-24 at the National PAL Championships in San Antonio, Texas.



File Photo/NW  
Darnell Parker practices jabs on a bag in the USOEC gym. Parker earned a bronze medal at the Meijer State Games of Michigan on June 26.

## Voigt named as new swim and diving coach

Heidi Voigt has been named the head swimming and diving coach at Northern Michigan University, according to NMU Athletic Director Ken Godfrey. She spent the past two seasons (2008-10) as an assistant coach at New Mexico State working with the distance freestyle group, arranging team travel and handling administration duties.

Voigt said she looks forward to the challenge of turning the NMU program around.

"I am very excited about taking the helm of the NMU swimming and diving program," Voigt said. "I believe we can turn this program around and look for great accomplishments from them in the next few years. We have some rebuilding and recruiting to do, but I am ready and motivated."

During the 2009-10 season, she helped direct the Aggies to a program-best second-place showing at the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championships with 494 points. The distance freestyle crew made an impact for New Mexico State at the meet with five Aggies placing in the top 12 in the 1,650-yard freestyle. New Mexico State's team GPA was also ranked ninth nationally on the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Division I Team Scholar All-America Fall 2009 list.

"We are extremely happy and excited to have Heidi take over the swimming and diving program," said Godfrey. "She has some rebuilding to do, but I feel confident she can get the job done."

Voigt joined the Aggies after five seasons at University of Wyoming (2003-08). She spent her first two years at Wyoming as the graduate assistant with the men's and women's programs and the last three as the assistant coach. Voigt produced 25 men and 30 women to all-league honors during her time as a graduate assistant.

Prior to her stint at Wyoming she was a high school coach in Seattle and Montana. Voigt was named the age group coach of the year for the state of Montana in 2002.

She graduated from the University of Washington in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in athletic training, where she was a team captain. While swimming for the Huskies, Voigt was voted the Most Inspirational Swimmer for three consecutive years. Voigt later went on to earn a master's degree in health and kinesiology from Wyoming in 2005.

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## NMU sailing club invites students to try seafaring

The NMU sailing team will be holding the first-ever Try Sailing Day this Saturday, Aug. 28 at Lower Harbor. A meet-and-greet with food and refreshments will commence at 2 p.m. from the Marquette Yacht Club. Mike Stoodley, commodore of the NMU sailing team, said the event is free.

"There isn't anything (students) need to bring; we'll give them a life jacket," Stoodley said. "They just need to show up."

Stoodley said the objective of the event

is to generate interest in both the recreational and racing groups that collectively make up the NMU sailing team's roster.

"My hope is that people will enjoy sailing, and that it will get our name out there," he said.

Stoodley also said students should not worry about getting wet, as the boats are all stable and seaworthy.

"Chances are, if they drop something, it's going to be in the bottom of the boat," he said.

—John Becker

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**Fri., Aug. 27**

**Event:** There will be a women's volleyball vs. Green and Gold Match at 7 p.m. in the PEIF.

**Event:** Seafood Fest will be at Lower Harbor from 4 until 10 p.m. There will be free food and live entertainment for all ages.

**Sat., Aug 28**

**Event:** Tryouts for both the Club Dance Team and the NMU Dance will be will at the PEIF. Sign in starts at 8:30 a.m. and tryouts begin at 9 a.m.

**Event:** Seafood Fest will be held at Lower Harbor from 12 noon until 10 p.m. Free food and live entertainment for all ages.

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**Sun., Aug 29**

**Event:** An art show featuring the work of mixed media artist Laura Stahl Maxe will be held at the Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery in Michigamme.

**Event:** There will be tours of the Big Bay Lighthouse beginning at 1:30 p.m. The guides are asking participants to meet in front of the tower on the lake side.

**Mon., Aug 30**

**Event:** There will be an interest meeting for the Volunteer Abroad Adventure in Central America. The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in 141 Whitman Hall.

**Event:** There will be a presentation at the Shiras Planetarium at 7:30 p.m. at Marquette Senior High School.

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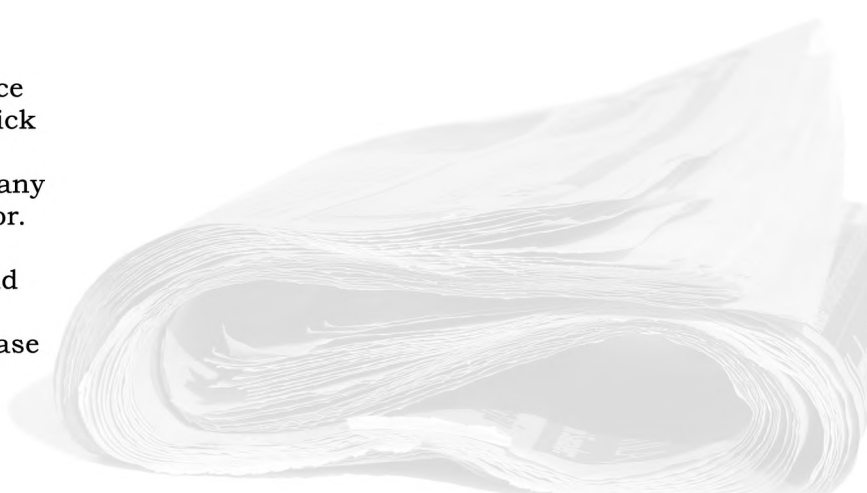
It is required that all applicants have a working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop. Interested applicants should have a basic working knowledge of design & layout.

**How to Apply**

Stop into the North Wind office (2310 University Center) to pick up a "Business Application". Applications are available at any time on North Wind office door.

If you have questions or would like more information about the Ad Designer position, please send us an email:

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**Shout Outs**

**ME** — Thanks for all the help this week. — **OE**

**NE** — You're pretty great at writing columns, man. Thanks for being the first one to bite the bullet— **OE**

**Break-up** — It feels good to win one once in a while. Thanks for giving me the chance — **Winner**

**To all adopted freshman** — Be ready — **Sincerely, your upper-classman**

**Dragon** — Miss you already. Come visit the jungle soon — **Lion**

**Liz** — Happy birthday!!! — **Thao**

**Cameron** — I hope your first week of teaching went tremendously well. I love you! — **Panda Monkey Bear**

**Brad** — Good job on your first article this week! I love you. xoxo — **Delaney**

**ME** — Thanks for running over to my desk to help every half second! — **FE**

**Chief** — We got some good scoops this week — **Belzy**

**Lucy** — The fall is here, finally! You continue to amaze me; I love you! — **Lina**

**Baby** — Thanks for keeping me company this summer. You've been replaced, sorry. — **Lina**

**NW Staff** — Thanks for being so awesome as we get everything going. It's going to be a great semester, I can feel it. — **EIC**

**ME** — You've been amazing. Thank you so much. — **EIC**

**Lina** — Everything makes sense when we're together. I wub you with my whole heart. — **Wucy**

**Lynn** — Sorry things have been hard lately. I wish I was home to be with you guys. — **Pumpkin head**

**Dentist** — Definitely not looking forward to you in t-minus 7 hours. — **Ouch**

**Lina** — Oh, and happy birthday bestie. — **Lucy**

**Headache** — I desperately need you to go away. Plz. lyke omg plz. — **Ouch**

**NE** — Despite the late night, you still did a great job. Don't beat yourself up over any of it. — **ME**

**EIC** — I had forgotten how well we work together as a team on production night. Tonight made me excited for the rest of the semester. — **ME**

**Lina** — I hope to see your real shoes someday. — **ME**

**Suzie** — Let's go grab an ice cream cone after school tomorrow. — **Johnny Ray Hewitt**

**SE** — It bears repeating. God bless you John Becker. — **ME**

**The Docta** — You healed my section with your magical goodness — **NE**

**NewsWriters** — You all stepped up this week. Beardrubs for all! — **NE**

**Black Lotus** — I forgot the first part of my name — \*\*\*\*\* **Mustard Fingers**

**Assistants everywhere** — You will never be as awesome as Robyn. — **NE**

**Boss Lady** — Your fire hair intimidates me — **NE**

**Black Lotus** — I'm super excited about our underground society of sorts — **William T. Langford III**

**Dentist** — Definitely not looking forward to you in t-minus 6 hours. — **Double ouch**

**Baby** — I hope you're glad I provided you with another creative outlet. — **Mama bear**

**North Wind & NMU** — It's good to be back. — **All the world**

**SE** — Your truffles rocked and you did a fantastic job tonight. Winners all around. — **EIC**

**Pixelization** — Not a fan. — **Concerned citizen**

**Portside** — Super stoked about soup and breadsticks for dinner. — **Thursdays are the best day of the week**

- Inspirations**
- New year
  - Feeding Scott's mouth
  - Staff-drawn comics
  - Back copies of the NW
  - Coupons
  - Oreo truffles
  - Lina's shoes

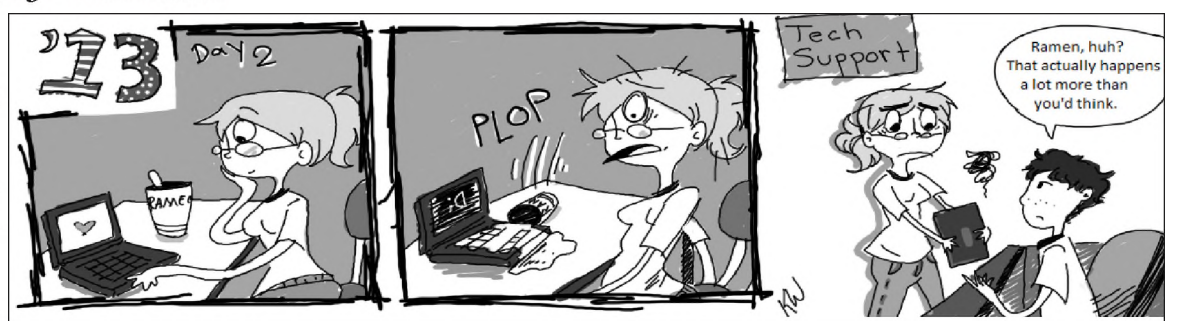
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**NUMERO UNO** — James Highfield



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