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## School mourns over drowned student

By Lucy Hough and Scott Viau

Eighteen year-old freshman DeVante Billups died Friday, Aug. 27 off the shore of Lake Superior near Picnic Rocks. Billups' death is the latest in a series of drownings this summer.

Billups had been swimming with fellow students Jacqueline Diekman and Jordan Rasch when he began struggling in the water. Diekman and Rasch attempted to help Billups but had to abandon efforts when their own lives were in danger.

Emergency personnel was contacted around 6:40 p.m. and Billups was recovered several minutes later and then trans-

ferred to Marquette General Hospital. He was pronounced dead at 8 p.m.

A memorial event for Billups was held by Meyland Hall on Sunday near Picnic Rocks. He had been an active member of his house and volunteered for several activities.

"The memorial that they put on is going to be a very helpful thing. I think the challenge is going to be to get back into the routine that helps people move forward," said Director of Housing and Residence Life Carl Holm.

For students affected by this death, Holm said the counseling center is contacted to help anyone who may be having a difficult time coping with this sudden

loss.

"They're standing by in case we need to get in touch with them," Holm said.

Holm added that students always need to be smart and careful when swimming in the lake.

"I think that we live in a really beautiful area, and just like any area there are risks that people take when they go about doing things," Holm said.

According to Holm, changing current practices to prevent an incident like this from happening again is not an issue that is specific to Housing, but something that the university will consider as a whole.

Associate Provost of Student Services Bill Bernard said that students are in-

formed of the dangers of Lake Superior during orientation and throughout their time at Northern in various ways.

"We'll continue to do that, and we'll evaluate to see if there's another way we could have possibly communicated to students and the campus community on this particular type of tragedy," Bernard said.

Jacqueline Diekman serves as a Resident Advisor on the first floor of Meyland Hall, but was not an RA for Billups, who lived on the second floor.

"The young woman was not acting in a capacity of a Resident Advisor," Bernard said. "She was a student swimming at the beach, as were many other students that day."

## Struggle continues for PEIF pass

By Lucy Hough  
editor in chief

After 2,048 students voted last semester in favor of the campus recreation pass being added to tuition, some were surprised to find their tuition and fees for the Fall 2010 semester did not include the cost of a PEIF pass. Though NMU administration is making efforts now to see the pass through to fruition for all students, this comes after debate of whether the initial wording on the referendum ballot was confusing for students.

"I think when you get to money issues, you want to be clear. I didn't want students walking in saying, 'Well hold it, it was an advisory vote, now why are you charging me.' I didn't want to all of a sudden have a campus debate on was it real or was it not real," said NMU president Les Wong.

The referendum process, which the PEIF pass initiative was a part of last semester, is a vote by students as to whether they are will-

ing to increase their student activity fee or to increase tuition and fees for a student-related cause — like the PEIF pass for all students. Initiatives that are passed by a vote through referendum are then brought to the Board of Trustees. The PEIF initiative was never seen by the Board.

The wording as it was presented to students was thorough, detailing that students would be paying \$50 a semester and informing students where the money would go if it passed. In addition, however, it also stated that the vote was non-binding, and that if it was passed, it didn't necessarily mean that it would be passed as fact at NMU. Administrators felt that because this vote offered the non-binding proclamation and the others didn't, though those are certainly non-binding votes as well, students might have voted for this one in particular as an advisory vote, not fact.

"I couldn't help thinking that it was an advisory vote, that students weren't saying, 'Yep, go

ahead and charge me the 50 dollars,'" Wong said

To rectify the situation, Wong asked ASNMU president Lucia Lopez this summer to prepare for an additional referendum this semester so that there wouldn't be confusion if the charge were to be incurred by students. Though Lopez went forward with these plans, the ASNMU board voting August 23 to hold the referendum this semester, she was informed three days later that a vote would no longer be necessary.

"My old phrase that I use a lot is 'better to have a plan and not need one then to need one and not have one,'" Wong said. "So I asked (ASNMU President) Lucia, maybe you can kind of set up everything and then, if you need it, you're ready. If you don't need it, then you thank everyone for their work."

In deciding that a vote was no longer necessary, Wong said that Vice President of Finance Gavin

## ASNMU president may leave mid-term

By The North Wind staff

ASNMU president Lucia Lopez has registered for December graduation, despite having committed to serve as the student body president for the Fall 2010 to Winter 2011 semesters. According to NMU's website, she registered on July 21, three months after taking office. Just because she is registered does not mean that she is necessarily graduating. Students can decide not to graduate at any time.

According to the ASNMU constitution and bylaws, if the president steps down, the vice president will take his or her place. Courtney Russell, the current vice president, said that if it happens she will accept responsibility as the new president.

"I knew this is something

that could have happened. It's my responsibility to step up and be as ready as I can be," Russell said. "I'm not giving up."

Lopez stated that though she has registered for graduation, she is not necessarily planning on graduating in December. She said that she is looking at her options for the upcoming semester.

ASNMU advisor Chris Greer stated that she didn't know about Lopez's registration for graduation, but that NMU students often graduate early or mid-year so it's not entirely unheard of. She said that if Lopez were to graduate, there wouldn't be large implications.

"I don't know if there would be any problem with it," Greer said. "I think it could be a seamless transition if they do it right."

## Briefs

### Students prepare for GRE

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science is offering a free Graduate Record Examination (GRE) prep class for students. The GRE is the standardized test required in order to pursue an academic master's or doctorate degree. The course will cover the verbal, quantitative and writing analysis portions of the general test. Students may also request to study the mathematics and computer science subject tests.

The class will be taught by Andy Poe, an associate professor of mathematics and computer science. It is open to all students, regardless of major. The class will follow an open format, accommodating students with all levels of familiarity with the GRE. Students are not required to attend every session.

The class will take place Mondays from at 5:00 p.m. in NSF 1207, beginning Aug. 30. It will last through the end of the school year.

— Amanda Cook

### Cancer research seeks grant

The Upper Michigan Brain Tumor Center (UMBTC) is seeking a \$250,000 award from the Pepsi Refresh Project. The UMBTC was founded by faculty from the Marquette General Hospital and Northern Michigan University. As stated on their website, their mission is to "empower patients and their families through advocacy, education, treatment and research." Currently the UMBTC is ranked 94th out of 1223 contestants for the \$250,000 prize. Their spot in the top 100 allows them to continue their involvement in the contest into September.

To show support, students and the public can cast a vote for the Upper Michigan Brain Tumor Center at [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com)

— Brandon Lee

### Michigan law class offered

This fall, NMU will hold the second annual People's Law School. It will cover citizens' rights and responsibilities and will be offered in 105 Jamrich on Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. from Sept. 22 to Nov. 10.

Attorneys from the Upper Peninsula, including four judges, will present on various topics including rules of evidence, elder law, probate, wills and family law, said Steve Nelson, a political science professor at NMU. Students may attend any or all presentations.

The program is sponsored by the NMU department of political science and public administration, the NMU Student Law Forum, the Pence and Numinen law firm and the Michigan Association for Justice.

The event is open to the public for a \$25 materials fee. Those interested can register at [www.pencenuminen.com](http://www.pencenuminen.com).

— Margaret Ylitalo

## Corrections

In the ASNMU update from Aug. 26, Dani Thoun should have been credited as motioning to approve the special referendum.

In the "Granholt talks to NMU" outline of the Aug. 26 newspaper, Granholt should have been said to finish her term in January of 2011.

## Marketplace changes things up



Paul Goodrich/NW

NMU students enter the Marketplace through its new entrance in the hallway between Gant/Spalding and Payne/Halverson. The Marketplace has made several other changes, including a new trayless policy.

## ASNMU update

### Bike share committee formed to expand program

By James Dyer  
news editor

ASNMU discussed different appointments and committee creations at their meeting on Monday Aug. 30.

The meeting began with the announcement that the free speech board will be returning to the LRC. The board, which allowed students to voice their opinions on various issues, will be displayed again this year near the Starbucks entrance.

The first action item on the agenda was to fill the chairs of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Student Affairs Committee. Dani Thoun was nominated to be chair of the Student Affairs Committee, and Zach Fix was nominated as chair of the Academic

Affairs Committee. Both are currently off-campus representatives. The general assembly voted to approve both positions.

The board next moved to consider discussion items. Kim Martino, an off campus representative, gave an update on the bike share program. Martino suggested forming a committee to help make the program more efficient.

"If we had a committee to oversee (the bike share program), it would make everything run a lot smoother," she said.

Vice President Courtney Russell worked with Martino to develop a plan of action for the possible bike share committee. Two major goals of the committee will be to formalize fees for late/stolen bikes, and to create a main-

tenance schedule to keep the bikes in good condition.

Another goal of the committee will be to expand the program to the PEIF, and allow bikes to be rented there as well. ten bikes are currently available for rent at the LRC. An expansion of the program to the PEIF would require five more bikes, Martino said.

The general assembly voted in favor of creating the Bike Share Committee. A chair has yet to be selected for the committee.

Discussion next moved to the creation of a Wildcat Wallet Committee. The goal of the committee would be to send letters to local businesses to try to secure more student discounts. Discussion was halted on the committee until more information is made available.

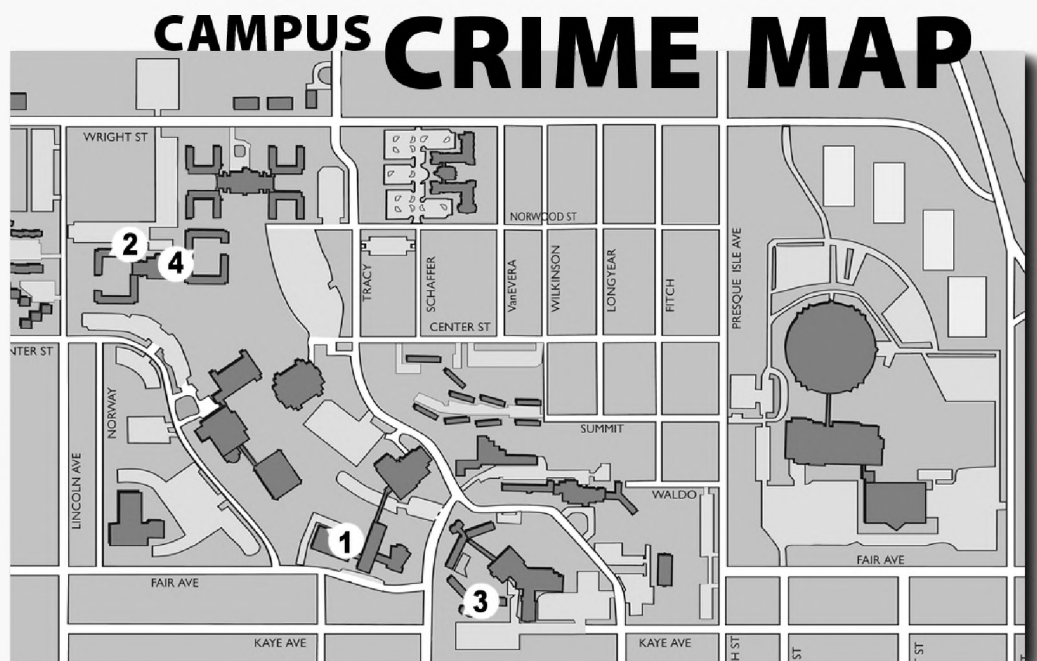
### Map Key

1) A textbook was stolen from a backpack at 3:40 p.m. on Aug. 26 in McClintock.

2) There was a report of a sexual assault against a student between 10 p.m. and midnight on Aug. 27 in Gant Hall.

3) A student was referred to the Dean of Students for possession of marijuana at 9:15 p.m. on Aug. 29 in West Hall.

4) There was a report of harassing communication between two students at 10:45 p.m. on Aug. 29 in the Payne/Halverson lobby.



# New course management program to replace WebCT

By Adelle Whitefoot  
staff writer

Northern Michigan University started using a new course management system this fall called EduCat for hybrid, web-enhanced face-to-face classes and online classes.

EduCat will replace WebCT, the former course management system. Any courses that are using WebCT this semester will be switched over to EduCat by the beginning of Winter semester, said Matt Smock, the NMU director of instructional design, technology and media.

"There might be a few exceptions. Professors who are retiring at the end of the winter semester, we won't force to migrate a course over (to EduCat) just to use for one semester," Smock said.

EduCat is powered by an open source course system called Moodle, a software package for creating internet-based courses and websites. NMU is switching

because the vendor that supports WebCT will no longer be licensing the software, said Smock. NMU's license with WebCT expires in July 2011.

"We had to switch to something," said Smock. "Whether

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— Darlene Walch  
dean of academic information services

we switch to another commercial product like WebCT or an open-source like Moodle."

An open-source course management system like Moodle doesn't require the purchasing of a license every year and gives NMU more freedom to design the website. NMU is allowed to copy, use and modify Moodle, provided that they agree to provide the source to

others, not modify or remove the original license and copyrights, and apply this same license to any resulting work.

"It's basically built by its users," said Smock. "There is a central group at Moodle.org that manages all the development, but people work on programming improvements on it all over the world."

Darlene Walch, dean of academic information services, said she is optimistic about the switch to EduCat. Walch hopes that EduCat will be at least as easy, if not easier to use than WebCT.

"One advantage of EduCat is that we will be relying on our NMU programming staff expertise to help troubleshoot rather than having to contact a vendor and wait for a response," she said.

Walch worked with various faculty and staff to assess options and prepare to migrate from one

system to another. Her main involvement is to help staff get the resources they need to implement and support EduCat.

"It will look a little different than WebCT," said Walch. "But we have tried to preserve the functionality that faculty and students experience with WebCT."

Some features available in EduCat include the course syllabus, course schedule, announcements, discussion modules, exams and quizzes, assignments, reserve readings and tutorials.

"We concluded that moving to an open-source system could offer some flexibility we wouldn't have in other products," said Walch. "For example, we have more opportunity to tailor introductory screens with NMU specific information."

Students can access EduCat at <https://educat.nmu.edu>. There are instructional videos under the Student Resources link to help educate students on how to use and navigate the EduCat website.

# Wildcat Market gives student entrepreneurs a chance to prowl

By John Berry  
contributing writer

"Your imagination, your product, your profit" is the tagline for NMU's Wildcat Market, a new entrepreneurial fair that is designed for students or student organizations to sell their goods or services. The first Wildcat Mar-

ket was held Wednesday, Sept. 1 in the academic mall. According to the Student Activities and Leadership Programs office, this program will continue to happen on the first Wednesday of every month for the next two years, and will occur in the downstairs area of the Learning Resource Center.

Wildcat Market coordinator Victoria Leonhardt said that NMU faculty sought inspiration from a similar market at the University of South Florida called the Bull Market.

The market coordinator added that the majority participating are students selling their goods.

"Most of the people we have

are art students," said Leonhardt. "We also have a masseuse who's coming to book appointments as well as offer massages."

The newly created market is being funded by the Wildcat Innovation Fund, which will support the event for the next two years. The grant was established in 2009 and has already funded seven academic projects since 2009. David Bonsall, the director at the Student Activities and Leadership Programs office, said that Associate Professor of Economics Tawni Ferrarini helped put the Marketplace together by requesting the Innovation fund.

"Tawni Ferrarini worked with us, and some of our students were also interested," Bonsall said. "They (students and staff) put together a proposal for a Wildcat Incentive Grant, so they got that to help fund the expenses."

Bonsall also said that students will be able to use the Wildcat Marketplace this year to sell their products or services.

"This is a chance for individual students or student organizations to come up with a good or service that they can sell... The one stipulation (is that) it has to be something (the students) create," said Bonsall.

Senior art and design major Jaelyn Kraemer is using the Wildcat Market to provide affordable artwork for Northern students.

"I try to cater my jewelry and

## PEIF

Leach is working on a plan to implement the \$50 into students' tuition and fees by winter semester, that is if they haven't already purchased the year-round pass. Specifics of this plan are unclear at this time as Leach was not available for comment.

"Everyone did the right thing, there was just that little hiccup but I think we're going to get over that. So I hope students will be satisfied and we'll see the service at the PEIF to be better," Wong said. "That's the nature of the university, you can get over the hiccups quickly."

Lopez expressed concern that the vote was interrupted from being presented to the Board of Trustees by administration, especially when the result was overwhelming in the first place. She has said since that she is glad that administration has "come around."

Efforts to add the PEIF pass to students' tuition and fees have been ongoing for many years. Brian Gaudreau, associate director of programming for recreation sports, said that the key element to the initiative's overwhelming success during referendum was the student groups' passion for making it happen.

"I've learned a great deal about how important the student voice is, and I'm very proud of this group," he said.

According to Gaudreau, if the initiative is passed for the fall semester, students will likely see the money returned to them in increased program and improved equipment. He said the assurance of \$100 from each student every academic year will mean that income can be calculated at a time when rising costs and budgets cuts are uncertain.

apparel to college kids, because I know that they don't come to school with a whole lot of money," Kraemer said.

Kraemer, whose artwork includes tie-dyed shirts and multimedia paintings, said she found out about this opportunity late last semester.

"I saw a flyer for this at the end of the spring semester at the art building, and was like, 'Wow, this could be a sweet opportunity,'" said Kraemer. "I think this will be really great for a lot of organizations."

It's \$20 to sign up for a table, and if the participator completes five learning modules, they receive a \$10 refund.

To sign up for the Wildcat Market, students can visit the Center for Student Enrichment for an application.



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Rachel Davis, a sophomore elementary education major, browses through student made jewelry at NMU's first Wildcat Market.

# AP Union settles on three-year contract

By Alex Eisner  
staff writer

The administrative/professional (AP) union, UAW Local 2178, ratified a new three-year contract this month, with the first year of the contract being from Oct. 1, 2009 to Sept. 30, 2010 and the second year of the contract going into effect Oct. 1, 2010.

The last contract ended in Sept. of 2009 and a new contract has been in discussion since. Due to disagreements among members of the union and a new compensation system, the union rejected two other proposed contracts this past year.

According to Kathy Godec, the AP union president, the ratified contract would give union members a \$425 bonus for the first year (October 2009-September 2010), a 1.5% salary increase the second, and the contract will be re-examined in the third year.

"We have an economic reopener (in the third year) because there may or may not be money," said Godec. "We're hoping that the economy in the nation and in the state picks up."

The contract will also begin a change in the classification system, from an internal system used by NMU to a system used by other universities. Salaries will be

based on the average of what others at the universities in the same employment position make. The change to this new system is the main reason the contract took so long to be ratified, Godec said.

"It has taken some time to iron out those details," said Godec.

She also said the change in the system will allow NMU to recruit new employees competitively and offer salaries comparable with other universities.

Another part of the contract will decrease the amount of retirement funds for employees hired after Oct. 1. Jon Barch, Assistant Director of the Center for Student Enrichment at NMU and member

of the bargaining committee for the union, said he does not agree with this part of the contract.

"Bottom line is I don't think we should be taking away people's retirement funds," said Barch. "I just don't think it's right."

Although Barch disagreed to that part of the contract, he did support the rest.

"I voted for the contract," Barch said. "I think it's the best we're going to get right now."

According to Barch, the second proposed contract was turned down mostly because they were going to change the retirement funds of current employees.

Barch said the contract agree-

ment was reached by picking bargainers. Bargainers are people on the elected bargainer committee that represent the members of the union at the meeting. Also in attendance at the meetings are the director of Human Resources and a team of senior administrators (non-union employees that supervise the AP members), said Barch. There is also a union representative outside of the university who attends on behalf of the union.

The contract will have to be approved by the Board of Trustees in order to take effect and is on the agenda of the September meeting. Both Barch and Godec said they believe it will be passed.

# NMU one of top military-friendly schools

By Robyn Goodman  
assistant news editor

NMU has been rated as one of the top military-friendly schools in the nation for the 2011 school year, according to the military magazine, G.I. Jobs. This list is compiled of schools that have done their part to embrace students that have served in the military.

G.I. Jobs polls more than 7,000 schools every year all around the nation. The top 15 percent are rated as military-friendly. This list shows veterans which schools are the best to fit their needs.

In order to be considered for

this recognition, universities, trade schools and colleges must show that they have put in an effort to recruit and retain military and veteran students. This is the second consecutive year that NMU has received this distinction.

NMU helps many veteran soldiers with financial aid and getting credit for their service. Soldiers take classes in the military that can help them once they are no longer serving.

One of the criteria for becoming a military-friendly school is the recruitment of veterans. Current veteran students are the one's who do the actual recruiting, said Capt.

Ben Hormann, NMU's Executive Officer and assistant professor of military science.

"It's mainly soldiers talking to other soldiers and talking about what credits they received because of their basic training," he said.

If a student has served in the military, once they get to NMU they only have to take a few classes and they will have a military science minor. This brings many veterans in because of the small amount of classes they have to take, Hormann said.

On top of the military science classes, if a veteran worked in a specific branch of the military, such

as Communications, they could be eligible for even more credits in that department.

There isn't one specific person who helps veterans get credit for their duty so the secretary in the military science office, Susan Henderson, has taken over that job.

"There are a lot of schools that don't give credit for service in the military," said Henderson. "All of our departments work together to get our veteran students credit for the work they have already done."

There are a number of students who have served in the military that go to school at NMU, said Lt. Col. Kyle Rambo, the head of the

department of military science and a professor of military science.

"There are even some students who are still soldiers in active duty that attend school at NMU because of the amount of benefits they are offered," said Rambo.

Not only does NMU offer veterans credit for courses, there are also financial aid benefits that veterans can apply for. On top of the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill and the Montgomery G.I. Bill, all veterans can receive a scholarship worth \$500 if they are eligible. The requirements for this scholarship can be found on the financial aid section of the NMU web page.

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# Lopez misleads students

Last semester, Lucia Lopez ran for ASN-MU president on a platform of transparency. It comes as a surprise then that she has registered to graduate in December, interrupting her term as president. She insists she has not determined yet whether or not she will indeed graduate, she registered in July, fully aware of her commitment as president.

We are disappointed that Lopez, who ran specifically on a mantra of transparency, has been keeping this from her peers and students.

Though she mentioned the possibility of graduation to vice president Courtney Russell after being elected, Russell said she didn't know that Lopez was registered. ASN-MU adviser and Dean of Students Chris Greer didn't know either.

We worry that this sets a precedent that Lopez will be making decisions that affect the ASN-MU board and the students without informing them beforehand.

Lopez hasn't walked across the stage; any person who has signed up for graduation can drop at any time. That doesn't change the fact that Lopez had registered months ago, fully aware of her commitment as president.

If a president leaves mid-year, it minimizes the amount she can accomplish and will therefore affect the students.

Many people hoped that Lopez would charge into the presidency and clear up the cloudiness that comes with ASN-MU's poor image, but this is a wake-up call. Maybe students shouldn't get too comfortable with Lopez.

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Melissa Pinskey/ N.W

# Mine opponents have the right to protest

In the past few years, an area on state land about 20 miles away from Marquette has caught the eye of a mining company called Kennecott. The area is called Eagle Rock in the Yellow Dog Plains, and is expected to yield 250 to 300 million pounds of nickel and about 200 million pounds of copper, as well as several other minerals. The project is expected to create many jobs in the Upper Peninsula, as well as encourage new mining operations here.

The site is also a sacred site to the Ojibwa Nation. The land was ceded to them in an 1842 treaty. This treaty gave Native Americans the right to hunt, gather, fish and conduct sacred ceremonies on Eagle Rock in the Yellow Dog Plains and all public lands in the central and western Upper Peninsula, stretching into Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Many against the mine have cited several reasons for their position, among them environmental concerns and the numerous controversies surrounding Kennecott's parent company, Rio Tinto. But of all the reasons to be against this mine, the mining of a sacred site of a Native American tribe is the most concerning.

Although the Ojibwa was given this land by a federal treaty, the land was leased to Kennecott by the state of Michigan. And so the sacred site has been fenced off from the very people who have gone there for generations to pray and perform ritual.

On April 20, a woman named Cynthia Pyror was arrested on the land, allegedly for trespassing. She

claims she was sitting on a tree stump with her dog near the mine when Kennecott security called police and had her arrested. Kennecott claims she was actively interfering in their operations. Pyror believed she had a right to be there because it was state land.

Since Pyror's release, a camp was formed by several protesters outside of the mine. They camped peacefully along the fence on state land, the same land on which they are allowed to live by federal treaty. They were there for a month before Kennecott called the police. Six people were at the camp at that time on May 27. Two who refused to leave were arrested for trespassing on leased property. The police, who believed a riot was going to break out, sent 20 police cars, according to Save the Wild UP.

One of the people arrested, Charlotte Loonsfoot, returned a few months later to camp outside of the mine, even though her trial was fast approaching in September. The new camp is located on private property, a half mile away from the mine.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has an obligation to find out if Eagle Rock should be protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA.) According to their website, Eagle Rock could be considered a "traditional cultural property" under the NHPA. If it does apply, the EPA would be forced to review the mining permits they have issued to Kennecott and possibly stop the mine from operating.

The EPA said on its website that "regulations require EPA to seek

input from all affected tribes and interested parties. If the NHPA is applicable, EPA will consider any possible adverse affect of a ... permit." While the EPA is making their so-careful assessment of the situation, Kennecott has begun construction on the mine. Native Americans are left to watch their sacred site be occupied and fenced off from their use.

For years, Native Americans argued that Eagle Rock was a place of worship and therefore should be protected from the interests of Kennecott. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was reviewing the claim and when it became clear that the DEQ was going to cease to exist and instead be incorporated into the new Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, the DEQ rushed their decision. Two days before the DEQ ceased to exist, they declared that "places of worship" can only include buildings.

The ruling was monumentally ignorant. The Jordan River in the Middle East, for instance, is a sacred site to three major religions on the earth: Islam, Christianity and Judaism. I understand that Eagle Rock has a similar function for the Ojibwa tribe. It is a site where one goes to pray and do ritual. That sounds a lot like worship to me. Are we supposed to believe that there is nothing sacred about this site simply because it is not a building?

Currently, the protestors are asking for donations to keep their camp going. They also welcome fellow protestors. To find out more about the protest, go to [www.savethewildup.org](http://www.savethewildup.org).

# Den shouldn't have changed



Staff Column

Lucy Hough

Last semester, the North Wind staff went to the Wildcat Den after stressful Friday meetings to relax, laugh, and be ourselves without the burden of what we might have done wrong in that week's paper. It was a chance for us to be more than coworkers. We became friends with the same passions and learned a lot about each other during those lunches.

Unfortunately this semester, weekly get-togethers at the Den aren't really an option. With the new all-you-can-eat mandate, we don't make enough money (nor have the appetite) for such a huge meal. Our staff opts out of having to pay \$7.95 for a Den lunch when previously they could have purchased just a grilled cheese for little more than three dollars.

The change was made in order to prevent theft from the Den, as previously people were easily walking out with food in hand. While, understandably, this is a problem that has to be rectified, there must be a way to prevent theft without forcing people to pay for an all-you-can-eat meal. This change has completely changed the dynamic of the dining facility, turning the once informal and easy eatery into an exclusive cafeteria, a place that reminds me of times I prefer to forget, like high school or living in the dorms.

Admittedly, the North Wind did run an editorial in the summer edition stating that Dining Services made a good decision in making the switch. Now, fully realizing

the consequences of this change, I have to disagree with that. The promises that Dining Services made are not being delivered. The bookstore cart's options pale in comparison with the Den's variety. Every time I have been to the bookstore, the person working the cart is standing in a corner looking incredibly bored.

The University Center is a unique building on campus because it attracts a variety of people from throughout the university and community. The change in the Den makes the eatery in this versatile building less inviting.

No longer can people go to the Den to relax and do homework with friends or meet up with a professor to discuss their performance in class; now, the only way would involve forking over \$7.95 instead of just enjoying a coffee in the middle of the day.

Charging on-campus students so much for a meal is one thing, especially when oftentimes they must have meal plans that make the day-to-day cost a little easier. But professors, staff and even off-campus residents who frequent the University Center should be trusted enough to purchase what they like and only that. It feels as though Dining Services is alienating the very people the Den once catered to.

Last week, after our staff's first Friday meeting of the semester, I encouraged the new editors to come down to the Den for a quick meal, and all of them declined, not having the money. It's disappointing seeing the dynamic of our staff and the U.C.'s eateries changing so frivolously. I hope Dining Services can find a way to eliminate theft without charging me \$7.95 for a grilled cheese.

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# Every student should take a CPR class



## Staff Column

Savannah  
Rondeau

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation can seem to be a scary phrase, but it can save lives. According to the American Heritage Science Dictionary, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, more commonly known as CPR, is “an emergency procedure in which the heart and lungs are made to work by manually compressing the chest overlying the heart and forcing air into the lungs.” CPR is an easy skill to learn. It can also mean the difference of life or death. Therefore, every able-bodied person should learn CPR.

Before classes began on Aug. 23, a friend of mine passed away from suffocation and cardiac arrest. His roommate discovered him, but was only vaguely familiar

with CPR. No one is blaming the roommate for my friend’s death, but some wonder what would have happened if he knew CPR. Would my friend still be alive?

This scenario is not uncommon. HealthSafety.com states that over 70 percent of all cardiac and breathing emergencies occur in the home. Does your roommate know CPR?

CPR is a series of compressions and breaths used to mimic the heart circulating blood and lungs filling with oxygen. Compressions consist of a rescuer pushing the chest down about two inches. This is important to circulate blood throughout the vital organs. The breaths are comprised of the rescuer breathing into the victim for a breath of about one second to force oxygen into the lungs that will be circulated with the compressions. One cycle of CPR is 30 compressions and two breaths.

The Automated External Defi-

brillator, or AED, is a device that is vital to the survival of a cardiac victim. The AED has the ability to analyze the heart’s rhythm and, if necessary, send a shock to the victim’s heart to hopefully restore the heart’s electrical system to allow the heart to begin pumping blood effectively. Typically, AEDs hang on the wall in plain sight in the public and can look intimidating. However, these devices have been modified many times over the years and will tell the rescuer exactly how to use them.

As an Emergency Medical Technician, I know emergency personnel do all they can to ensure a quick response time; however, sometimes that is not enough. The national average response time of Emergency Medical Services is eight to ten minutes. Four to six minutes of little or no oxygen reaching the brain is all it takes for brain death to begin, and at eight minutes the brain death is permanent. Also, each minute the

AED is not used on a victim, the chance of that victim’s survival reduces ten percent for the eight minutes it could take for EMS to arrive. Without bystander CPR/AED means the victim’s chance of survival is only 20 percent and permanent brain death has occurred. This is where bystander CPR saves lives.

According to the American Heart Association, only 27.4 percent of all cardiac arrest victims who are in an out-of-hospital setting receive bystander CPR, and approximately 94 percent of cardiac arrest victims die before reaching the hospital. Knowing CPR can save someone’s life.

CPR can be used for a variety of emergency situations other than cardiac arrest. A modified version of CPR can be used for victims who are unconscious and choking. CPR can be used for victims of drowning. As a community that is lakeside and has already experienced many drownings in Lake

Superior this past summer, it is vital that people understand CPR. They can potentially save the victims of drowning.

One excuse many people use to avoid getting their CPR certification is time - especially students with a full course load. A CPR course can be taught in less than one day and, depending on the course, can be taught in as little as three to four hours. Hopefully, a student can spare three to four hours of his or her Saturday afternoon to learn how to save someone’s life. If not, what kind of world are we living in?

Northern Michigan University offers a variety of safety and wellness classes to the students and the community. Visit [webb.nmu.edu/SportsRecSports/](http://webb.nmu.edu/SportsRecSports/) and click “Certification Classes” for the complete list of classes offered at NMU.

Also, Katie Theut, fitness and informal recreation manager, can be reached with any class questions at [ktheut@nmu.edu](mailto:ktheut@nmu.edu).

# Sagging pants an expression in question



## Staff Column

Meghan  
Marquardt

There is nothing more poetic in this world than a perfectly sagging pair of blue jeans. The way the waistband manages to cling to the thighs of the wearer just barely saving them from a citation for indecent exposure—fabulous. The artistically ruffled pair of boxer shorts exposed to the world—inspired. The way the excess fabric pools effortlessly around the wearer’s tennis shoes, framing the overly-white leather like an angel’s halo—exquisite. Yes, one can almost immediately envision a future where the topmost echelon of fashion consists of thousands, nay, millions of models parading down

the runway with their thongs exposed, their sagging waistbands perfectly framing their thin, graceful hips.

Okay, so maybe I hold a bit of contempt for those who choose to wear their pants practically at their feet. Maybe it’s my overwhelming sense of practicality. Perhaps it’s a certain air of fashion snobbery, or just a sense of jealousy that my own pants do not defy gravity on a regular basis. Whatever the reason, I don’t like it when people wear their pants “a la gangsta.”

Maybe it’s because I am forced to see things that I don’t want to see. Really, making people view your nearly-bare backside conveys a certain air of disrespect.

Now, don’t get me wrong. I believe that fashion is an important aspect of individual expression. But where does individualism become disregard for others—or in this case, their poor, innocent eyes? It is an issue that’s perhaps

under-considered, especially by our age group: the balance between individual expression and respect.

If you go to [www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com), you’ll find that the definition of individualism is both “1 a (1): a doctrine that the interests of the individual are or ought to be ethically paramount; also: conduct guided by such a doctrine” and “2 a: individuality.” This is an indication that individuality can easily become disrespect.

When we focus on our own needs (in this case, the need for expression), we can sometimes forget that our actions impact others. We’ve seen it our whole lives—you remember the kid who felt he was above waiting in line on pizza day in elementary school, so you ended up having to take pepperoni when you really wanted cheese? Expression can act in a similar manner. If we forget that our actions affect others, we can end up

unintentionally hurting people. This is a tricky situation—are sagging pants merely a nuisance, or do they encroach on the rights of the people who are forced to view them? Is it okay to force your expression on others? What if that expression is conveying a social or political message? What if it’s just an expression of individuality?

It’s something to consider. In our daily lives, we come into contact with hundreds, if not thousands, of people who may not appreciate the same modes of expression or ideas that we do. This is a given. For example, my “little” football-playing, power-lifting brother thinks that it’s cool to fall asleep to rap music with the bass turned all the way up. Because I was trying to sleep in the room beneath his, I disagreed. So I knocked on his door and told him to shut off his music. His right to express himself was getting in my way. I had the right to tell him

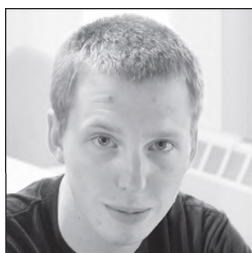
to stop, didn’t I? Was my right to sleep more important than his right to enjoy his music? This is a problem that has no definitive answer, because there are two parties involved, and both have the right to, well, their rights.

So, what do we need to do? My suggestion is a little bit of thought, as well as compromise. Take the time to consider the impact that you are having when you express yourself in public and find a way to do so with both individuality and respect, and realize that there may be consequences if you don’t. For example, if you want to expose your underwear for the entire world to see, understand that others (like me) may not appreciate it, and realize that I have the right to (good-naturedly) poke a bit of fun at you. It’s really a matter of thought. It’s important to find a balance: for example, try balancing your pants on your hips ... please?

## Sound Off

*How do you feel about everyone having a PEIF pass for \$50 a semester?*

*compiled by Justin Key*



**Josh McGeorge**  
sophomore  
criminal justice

*“I feel that paying an extra \$50 a semester is worth having a PEIF pass.”*



**Jamie Burgan**  
sophomore  
speech, language and hearing sciences

*“I think it’s an awesome idea.”*



**Tania Levy**  
sophomore  
photography

*“That would be great.”*



**Alex Nye**  
sophomore  
art education

*“I think it would be a great idea, more students would participate in intramurals and the resources at the PEIF would improve.”*



**Jessie Kohler**  
freshman  
radiology

*“That would be an excellent idea. Everyone should be involved in the PEIF.”*



## Labor Day parade celebrates workers

By Delaney Lovett  
features editor

The theme of Marquette County's parade this Labor Day reiterates what the holiday was created for: "Honoring America's Workers."

"Workers are the ones who make America go 'round. Without them, where would (our country) be?" said Russ Williams, Marquette Commissioners' Committee member.

The parade runs just over a mile along Euclid Street, Main Street, Division Street and Lakeshore Drive in Ishpeming. Following the parade will be an array of activities for all ages; there will be a picnic, a rally, free mine museum tours and even a giant inflatable bouncers for attending children.

"We try to draw people from all over the Upper Peninsula. My favorite part is the picnic and all of the people I see and get to talk to. The rest of the year I'm usually busy working. It's just great to see everyone having a good time," Williams said.

The Labor Day parade will act as a sort of fundraiser as well. The Ishpeming athletic booster club will be selling popcorn and ice cream throughout the day.

"We wanted to give a local organization the chance to get involved," Williams said.

Tickets for meals cost \$4 and



Photo courtesy of [www.mqtlabor.org](http://www.mqtlabor.org)

Organizations across the U.P. represent America's workers by marching in the Marquette County Labor Day Parade. Around 3,000 community members attended last year, and Mike Thibault said that he expects a larger turn out this time around.

include the choice of a pasty or two hot dogs, dessert and pop.

"After the parade, we usually take time to have a sandwich. Then we have a list of guest speakers that starts around 1:30," said Mike Thibault, president of the Marquette County Labor Council.

On the list of speakers for the rally are elected officials

and candidates including state representatives and co-parade marshals Mike Lahti and Gary McDowell, as well as Senator Mike Prusi. The celebration will also feature music by the Fast Eddie's Blues Band.

"The past few years, attendance has been around 3,000. A lot of the community and union workers get involved," Thibault

said.

The Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum is offering free tours for participants on Labor Day, but is accepting donations. This museum is where the parade starts and finishes.

The parade starts at the Mine Museum on Monday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m., followed by the picnic and rally that run from noon to

4 p.m.

Local unions are encouraged to march and enter floats in the parade. Marq-Tran will provide transportation to and from the parade, and the Marquette stop is at the JCPenney at the Westwood Mall. For more details, contact Williams at (906) 475-9518 or visit [mi.aflcio.org/mqtlabor](http://mi.aflcio.org/mqtlabor).



Photo courtesy of Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum

The Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum is offering free tours after the conclusion of the Labor Day parade. At this museum, they present the unique history of the longest operating underground mine in history. Also in Ishpeming is the Marquette Range Iron Mining Heritage Theme Park.

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## *Ingrid Blixt*

By Katie Mara  
contributing writer

Among classmates with unspecified interests, undeclared majors, and undecided career paths, it is often difficult to get a clear picture of this undetermined future.

“Against inert uniformity, life sparks as an anomaly, as a storm, as lightning and tells us that there’s more beyond,” Ingrid Blixt said in reference to her artwork, compiled together to form the “Against Inert Uniformity” exhibit.

Carol Phillips, the exhibit’s curator, described the collection as setting a “sad tone,” similar to college students’ feelings as they depart from the life they’ve known.

Phillips said, “It’s really good art work: very inspiring. It’s a perfect example as to what a presenting artist’s show should be,” similar to that of a student looking ahead to their very promising future.

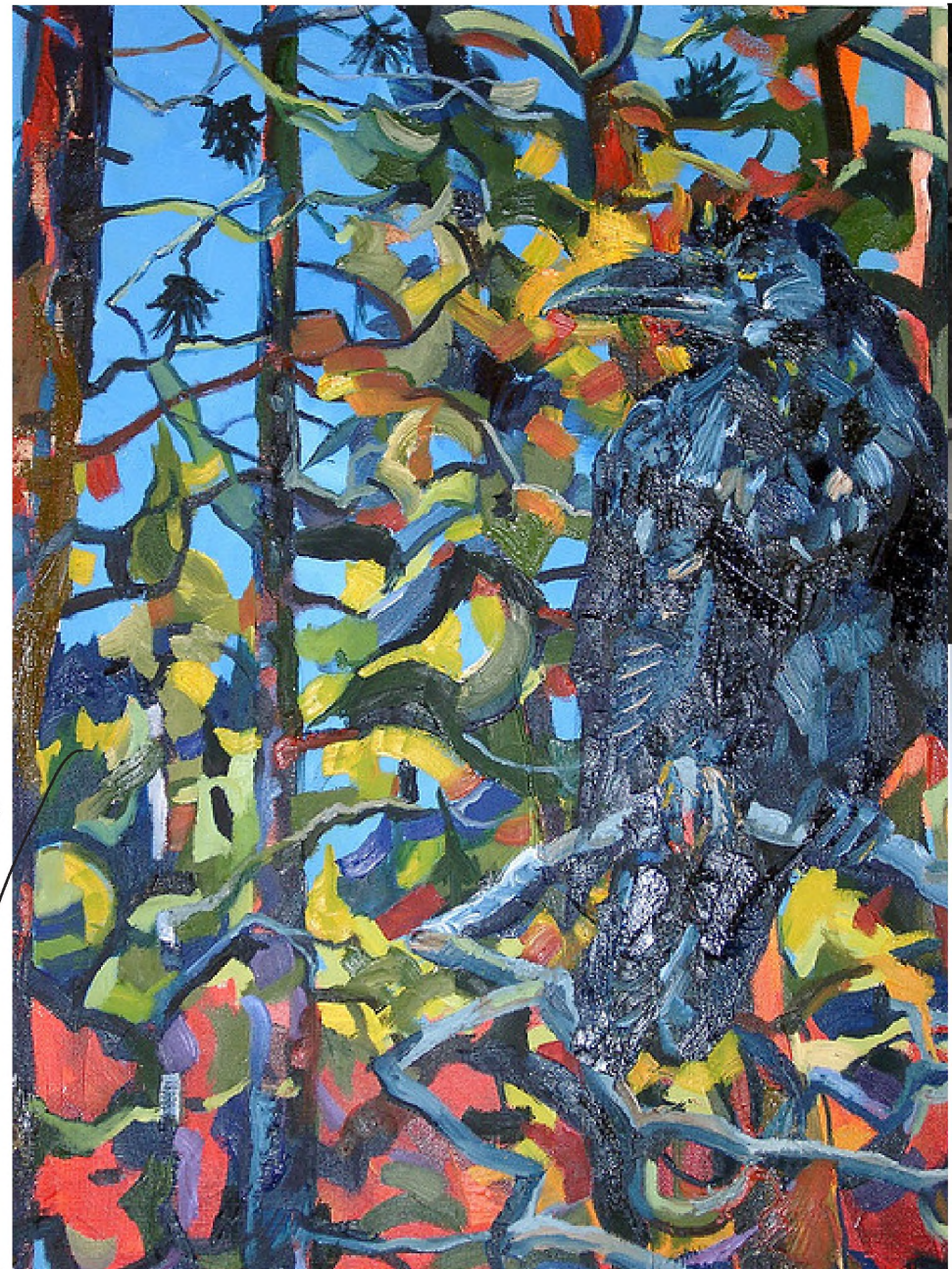
You don’t have to be an art major to appreciate this exhibit. “All people would benefit from this viewing. It’s incredibly inspiring to see the real-life experience Ingrid Blixt brings to her pieces.” said Phillips. Whether it’s for cultural exposure or just to get out on the town, all NMU students would improve themselves by attending this exhibit.

A public reception will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. to welcome Blixt and her artwork for their one-month visit to Marquette for the exhibit. The Marquette Arts and Culture Center will be hosting the exhibit in the gallery of the lower level of the Peter White Public Library, located at 217 North Front St.

While the reception of the artwork is a limited engagement, the exhibit will be housed in the gallery until Oct. 2, giving the public plenty of time to view the pieces again and again.

If not for the reasons already discussed, students in attendance will simply better familiarize themselves with the community of Marquette, re-establishing ties and forming bonds with the local area off-campus.

If interested in attending the exhibit and would like further information, visit [www.uproc.lib.mi.us/pwpl/](http://www.uproc.lib.mi.us/pwpl/) or call the Marquette Arts and Culture Center at (906) 228-0472.



*Megan Flannery*

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By Delaney Lovett  
features editor

NMU graduate and local artist Meegan Flannery will display her artwork in the Huron Mountain Club Gallery of the Peter White Public Library. Her opening reception, which is free of charge, will be on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 5 – 7 p.m. The exhibit will run throughout the month.

Flannery is represented by the Michigamme Moonshine Art Gallery, and Friedericke Roche is the owner and curator of the exhibit.

A native to the U.P., she uses her surroundings and imagination as ideas for her paintings, in which she takes advantage of the flexible medium by painting with thick layers. She creates works of varying sizes of the local area and portraits.

Flannery graduated from Northern with a BFA in painting and drawing, and turned her passion into a career. For more information, call (906) 323-6546.

Information courtesy of the Peter White Public Library and Marquette Monthly



*Ingrid Blixt*

*The Truckey Boys*

By Delaney Lovett  
features editor

Brothers Dan and Drew Truckey began playing music together when they were college roommates at NMU. The Truckey Boys went their separate ways after graduation, now 250 miles apart; Dan remained in Marquette, and Drew moved to Duluth, Minnesota. Although both of the artists have performed solo and as members of other duos and bands, they are reuniting this week.

They will perform at the Peter White Public Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2 as part of the Marquette Arts and Culture Center's First Thursday Concert Series, which occurs the first Thursday of each month.

Donations of \$2 to \$5 are suggested at the door for the band.

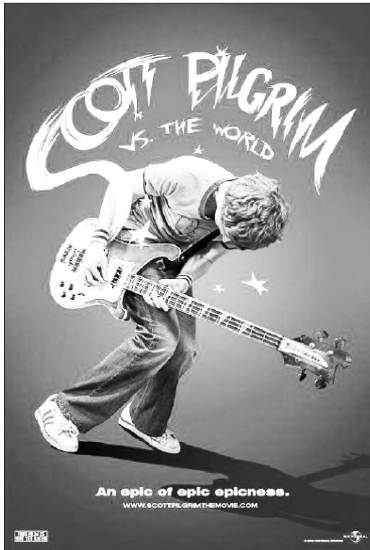
The Truckeys grew up in Michigan and graduated from Munising High School. Dan Truckey is now the director and curator of the Beaumier Heritage Center at NMU. He has produced three albums in his 17-year music career: "New World View," "Way UP 'Dere" and "Lately." Drew is currently a member of a Duluth band, Abner's Kravitz.

For further information about the program and the Marquette Arts and Culture Center, call (906) 228-0472.

Information courtesy of Peter White Public Library and The Mining Journal.

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# 'Scott Pilgrim' an epic masterpiece



Film: Scott Pilgrim vs. the World  
 Director: Edgar Wright  
 Producers: Marc Platt, Eric Gitter, Nira Park  
 Writer: Michael Bacall  
 Starring: Michael Cera, Mary Elizabeth Winstead  
 Runtime: 113 minutes  
 Rating: PG-13

of his life may result in the end of it.

Say what you will about Cera and his penchant for being type-cast as the gangly and awkward individual, here his performance is delightful and adorable. Yeah, it's a bit of the same routine we've gotten from him before, but he also exudes confidence, sex appeal and a bit of hipster coolness, all in addition to just being a total badass. Winstead's performance is sweet and sincere. She portrays the character of Ramona as the kind of girl who anyone could fall in love with. I think the most surprising performance, though, comes from Kieran Culkin as Scott's gay roommate, Wallace. He's funny and is the sole voice of reason amid the otherwise insane chaos.

Director Edgar Wright has fashioned what is one of the most fast-paced, frenetic and entertaining films of the year. Based on the comic book series by Bryan Lee O'Malley, "Scott Pilgrim" is filled with fun video-game-themed references that will put a smile on your face throughout the entire movie. For instance, the name of Scott Pilgrim's band

is "Sex Bob-omb," which is an obvious reference to "Super Mario Bros. 2." In addition to video games, there's even a use of the theme from "Seinfeld."

Wright's superb use of editing is reminiscent not only on comic-book panels but also of his previous film, "Hot Fuzz." Wright even uses comic-book-like narration to describe the on-screen action. It's something I can't say I've ever seen before in an adaptation and it works ex-

tremely well.

Wright's adapted screenplay is both smart and clever, with wonderful examples of foreshadowing that impact a giddy or surprising punch toward the end of the film.

It may have been a box office "bob-omb," but it shouldn't have been. It's an incredible and fun film that expresses the awkwardness of youth and lengths we're willing to go to obtain our heart's desire.



By Scott Viau  
 managing editor

Early word of mouth for Edgar Wright's latest film, "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World," was high. Yet when it was released to theaters, the \$60 million movie bombed, opening in fifth place with a weekend total of only \$10 million. It's unfortunate that

more people aren't going to see the epic experience that is "Scott Pilgrim."

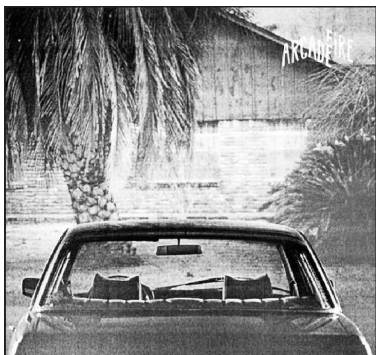
Scott Pilgrim (Cera) has a lot on his mind. His current girlfriend is an impressionable, 17-year-old high school student, the band he plays in sucks and in order to win the heart of Ramona Flowers (Winstead), the girl of his dreams, he's going to have to defeat her seven evil exes. However, with each evil ex the stakes are raised, and Scott Pilgrim will find out that fighting for the love



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

Scott Pilgrim (left) has to defeat Ramona Flowers' (right) seven evil exes before he can date her. Introducing himself is another matter.

## Arcade Fire hits home with 'Suburbs'



Album: The Suburbs  
 Artist: Arcade Fire  
 Label: Merge  
 Tracks: 16  
 Release: Aug. 3, 2010

a lot of variation among them or any standouts as far as singles are concerned. "Sprawl II (Mountains Beyond Mountains)" has more of an electro-pop sound to it, which works well, but most of the album's songs produce a similar sound. The most rewarding aspects are subsurface, in the message that Butler's lyrics deliver. For those of us who spent childhoods and adolescent years in the suburbs, some familiar feelings are stirred up. "The Suburbs" doesn't make attacks on suburban life; it questions it and tries to make sense of how it shapes its youth.

Fans of previous work won't be disappointed. For those who haven't given them a listen before, let the album grow on you. There is a huge amount of substance in their music and their songwriting abilities have been honed to near perfection.

In addition to being top-notch musicians, Arcade Fire pledged to match public donations up to a million dollars in the Haiti relief effort this year. Musicians who take their art seriously and give back to their fans are surprisingly hard to find.

If there is a lesson to be learned from "The Suburbs," it's that modern disillusionment can be taxing, but take comfort in knowing we're all in this life together.

One of the most rudimentary and attractive things about Arcade Fire is their devotion to creating albums that flow from start to finish. At an impressive 16 tracks, "The Suburbs" packs in all the evocative power of their past releases — perhaps even more so. The album starts strong with the catchy title track, "The Suburbs," which shapes the aesthetics for the rest of the album. The tone for most of the songs is somewhat melancholy, but ultimately uplifting and hopeful. Tracks like "Ready to Start" adhere to a simpler rock song structure, while "Rococo" soars on clever string arrangements. Where Arcade Fire may have been overzealous on "Neon Bible," they sound matured and very much in control of their compositions.

Despite Arcade Fire's popularity, this is not a hugely accessible group of songs. There is not



By Nolan Krebs  
 contributing writer

Since the 2004 release of their transcendent debut album, "Funeral," Arcade Fire has risen to become one of indie rock's most respected and attention-grabbing acts. Fronted by the husband and wife duo, Win Butler and Régine Chassagne, the Montreal-based group has a reputation for creating huge-sounding compositions that have the honesty and originality that popular music so often lacks. Despite a sophomore effort ("Neon Bible," 2007) that some critics viewed as overstated and lacking the nostalgic charm that their first album produced, Arcade Fire returns with their third release, "The Suburbs."

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# New snack cart opens in Jamrich Hall

By Austin Irwin  
contributing writer

Within and around campus, many students and faculty can find places to eat, ranging from hall marketplaces to cleverly placed vending machines.

However, hidden near the lecture halls and snuggled in between regular classrooms lies one of NMU's newest choices of eateries.

Jamrich Java Cart opened the day classes started on Monday, Aug. 23. Located in Jamrich 205, it is home to a menu of subs, salads, sandwiches, coffee, and an array of baked goods. Founder of the Jamrich Java Cart, Jeff Smith opened the store for one main reason: convenience.

"When the weather starts getting nasty out, being able to grab a meal and refreshment without

leaving the building will be incredibly convenient for students who have classes in the University Plaza," Smith said.

Having both food and drink under one roof is a great addition to the tunnels and hamster hallways in the plaza. Now students won't have to go back to their hall or back into town to eat in between classes.

"Everything on the Jamrich Java Hut menu is below \$6. This is a very affordable choice for those on the go," employee Cora Smith said. "We are also getting an Espresso/Cappuccino machine hopefully within the next two weeks."

As far as payment options go, students can use the CatCash or Dining Dollars on their Wildcat Express Card.

Employee Carolyn Lantzy said, "Everything on the menu

is made ready to order. This is a 'Grab 'n' Go' type of restaurant."

Although meals are ready to go once paid for, students also have a choice to stick around and dine in. Jamrich Java Cart offers both tables and couches for those wishing to relax and eat.

The coffee is from a brewery company out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. NMU is only the third university to sell Stone Creek Coffee Roasters brews on its campus.

"The choice was made to buy from a regional brewery because, not only do they support fair trade, Stone Creek is also socially responsible as a business. I wanted to buy from a local business, and the fact they are socially responsible really helped me reach my decision," Smith said.

Regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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# Wildcats start new season, offense

By **Brice Burge**  
assistant sports editor

The Northern Michigan University football team will be taking the turf today, Sept. 2, in Mankato, Minnesota against the No. 21 Minnesota State University-Mankato Mavericks at 7 p.m. The game is the first of the season, and junior quarterback Carter Kopach said the Wildcats are excited to do their part in the new offense.

"The (offense) puts the ball in my hands a lot more," Kopach said. "Last year I had reads like this, but this year we're going to throw the ball more. It's really our strength."

The 2009 season was a rushing focused offensive attack for the 'Cats. Mark Bossuah, Antonio Wallace and Brandon Smith carried the ball for more than 1500 yards and 26 touchdowns, allowing Kopach to be more of a game manager than an offensive weapon. However, that all changed after Bossuah used his final year of eligibility, and Wallace and Smith left Northern.

"Last year we had a three-headed attack in the backfield. Now we have four guys all in the mix, but I don't think any of them are the caliber of a feature back yet. The ball is going to be in my hands more and we're going to have some wide receivers step up," Kopach said.

Kopach did what he could during the summer to be a better quarterback, as he spent time with other players and professional prospects for the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Rush of

the Arena Football League.

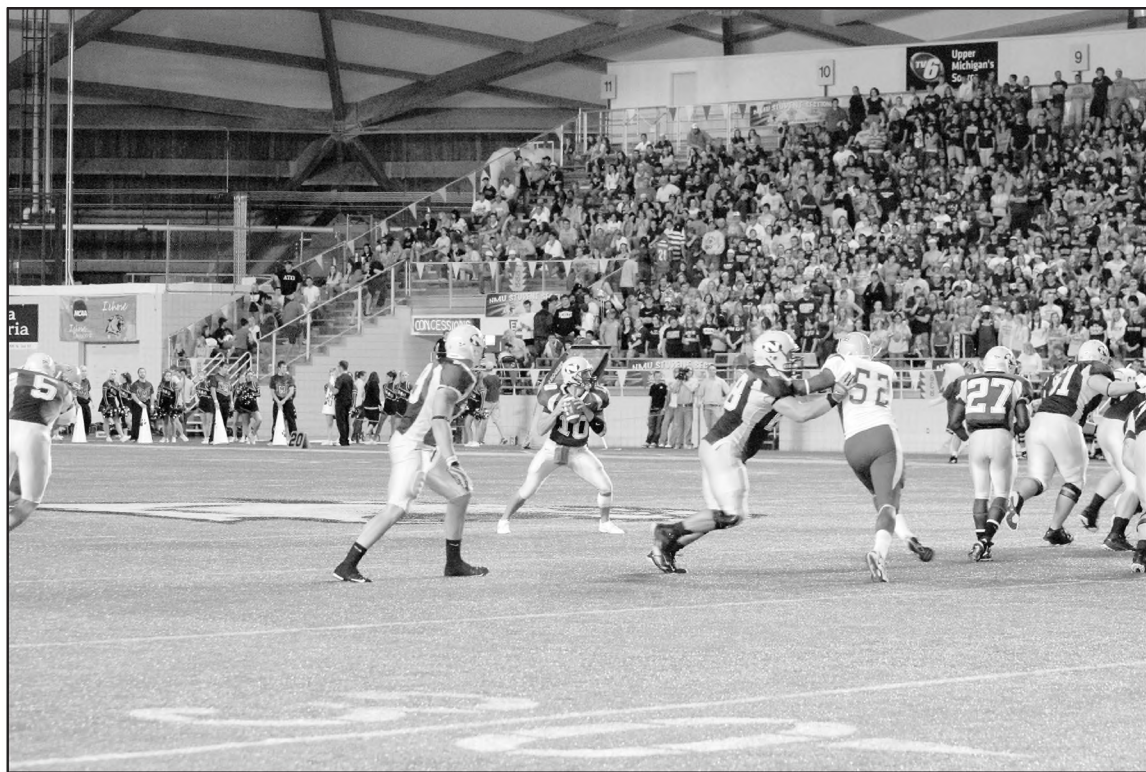
"I've been trying to get bigger in the weight room. I'm faster, had a better vertical (jump) and had 21 reps of 225 pounds (in the bench press). I put on about 25 pounds trying to take (my game) to the next level," the 6-foot, 220-pound quarterback said.

While many questions of Kopach's abilities as the cornerstone of the offense have been answered, many questions have arisen with regards to who will catch his passes. Zach Nichols, the top receiver from the 2009 season, graduated while Brian Mitz and Christian Jessie, the second and third wide receivers on the depth chart, were ruled ineligible after the beginning of training camp.

"We made some adjustments, but it happens and we have to move on," said Offensive Coordinator Chris Ostrowsky. "I don't think we spent too much time on thinking 'poor us.' It's unfortunate that we lost those two guys, but we'll move on and be ok."

The top wide receiver for the 'Cats this year will be Dustin Brancheau. The 6-foot, 200-pound senior had 33 receptions for 329 yards and two touchdowns last year. Brancheau will be joined by juniors Tony Awrey and Kyle Senn, sophomores Lee Figures and Sam Celentino and freshmen Christian Marble-King and Julian Gaines. The offense will also have Blake Crider, Craig Thompson and Brent Parrett available as tight ends.

On the defensive side of the ball, things have been a lot more stable, as Coordinator Randy



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Junior quarterback Carter Kopach is defended by the offensive line as he looks to make a pass. Kopach's completion average was 57.9 percent as he threw for 1,373 yards and 14 touchdowns during the 2009 season.

Awrey is entering his third season in charge of the defense. Northern showed a bend-don't-break defensive ideology as the Wildcats gave up 312.4 yards per game, but was eighth in the country for defensive scoring, allowing only 16.1 points per game and 17 touchdowns all season.

"Defense looks strong this year," said junior linebacker Eddie Knoblock. "We got a strong d-line and some experience coming back. It should be a good year."

The biggest issue for the defense will be filling the holes left by graduating seniors Nathan Yelk and Zach Gauthier and ineligible Demetri Stewart. All

three played the same position, as Yelk and Gauthier were inside linebackers and Stewart was an outside linebacker.

"Those are big shoes to fill, but I think we're ready—very ready," Knoblock said. "We're going to do better than they did."

Special teams will also be a big part of the Wildcats' game this year as that group will be highlighted by sophomore kicker Rockne Belmonte and junior punter Garrett Peck. Belmonte made 36 of 42 PATs and five of seven field goals.

Peck was named Division II honorable mention All-American by Consensus Draft Services. The NMU punter finished

second in the GLIAC in punting average behind Brian Schmeidebusch of Findlay, but Peck was used in a single punter program. Findlay and Hillsdale used one punter for long distances and another for shorter distances during home games last season. Peck has used the summer to improve as a player and as a punter.

"I've been working a lot on directional punting and keeping the ball out of the end zones. I've been working left and right and using the sidelines to our advantage," Peck said.

The Wildcats' first home game will be on Saturday, Sept. 11 against the University of Findlay Oilers at 2 p.m.

## Women's club soccer

# Season is serious business for team

By **Brad Gicopoulos**  
contributing writer

Often misconstrued as just an extracurricular activity to play for fun, NMU club sports are much more. The women's club soccer team is just as dedicated as any other team, and is already training hard for the upcoming season.

"We do a lot of conditioning right now, and we're learning new formations," said president of women's club soccer, junior Lana Bannow.

Practicing three to four times a week and traveling almost every weekend, club soccer requires hard work and dedication.

Although club sports might seem like just a fun thing to do in addition to the tough work of a college education, vice president and junior Kayla Knoll said they require a lot of time, effort and

money as well.

"Commitment is huge, because with nobody wanting to come to the U.P. due to the distance, it's that much more traveling and dedication every weekend," Knoll said.

One thing that makes clubs a lot different from varsity sports is that athletes must pay to play. The women's club team pays \$200 for the season. This fee covers things like uniforms, hotels on road trips and referees for the games.

With club soccer not being funded directly by the school, Knoll said it makes things difficult for players to continue year after year.

"We lost players to money, commitment and time," she said.

Even though the team is very competitive, Knoll said it is about

having fun at the same time. As with any sport played, championships are great to win and records are fun to break, but the memories

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— Kayla Knoll  
junior, women's club soccer

the teammates share are what will last forever.

"I love hanging out with the girls, doing everything together on the weekends and just playing soccer," Knoll said.

With only one week of practice under their belts, Robbins said the athletes are still trying to get a feel for how they play together on the field.

"I'm looking forward to seeing where everyone fits best and what groups of girls really work well together on the field. Chemistry is what makes plays happen," Robbins said.

Last year the team had a winning record at 6-4 overall (5-1 Great Lakes Division, Women's Midwest Athletic Conference) and qualified for regional playoffs, only to be cut short by weather conditions.

Along with new formations, the 'Cats also have some new faces in the roster. Bannow said more than 10 freshmen are expected to join the team.

"This year we have a whole new team and also a whole new squad, so I think we have a chance to compete with the bigger teams," Bannow said.

Sophomore Kelly Robbins said she is looking forward to working

with the new roster.

"We pretty much started over with girls, and I'm really excited to see how we mesh," she said.

Bannow said some of the teams the Wildcats will face within their challenging lineup are Ohio State University, Bowling Green, Marquette University, DePaul University and their Upper Peninsula rival, Michigan Tech.

"I'm really looking forward to playing Marquette University because they've always been a really dominant team, and they've always beat us," Bannow said.

The team is looking forward to the season and can't wait to kick it off on Saturday, Sept. 4, at 3 p.m. against the University of Illinois-Chicago Flames at the outdoor fields. On Sunday, Sept. 5, the 'Cats will square off against Michigan Tech Huskies at the same time and location.

# Volleyball holds annual scrimmage

By David Pleyel  
contributing writer

With the regular season of the NMU's women's volleyball team about to begin, the team honed their skills against each other in the annual Green and Gold match. It was a close match as both teams went head-to-head until the final round.

The Green team swept the Gold in three sets, winning 25-19, 25-17 and 25-14. Freshman hitter Ana Lopes led the Green team with eight kills, and also earned four serve aces. Sophomore middle Sami Vierk followed closely with seven kills.

Freshmen hitters Kalli Herron and Ellen Lemos led the Gold team with seven kills each, followed by sophomore hitter Andree Ring with six.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said he had positive feelings about the game.

"The team has been very anxious lately to get the season started," Yoder said. "It's warm-up games like these that have everyone involved and have everyone experiencing the real deal. The things that we were very glad to see were that they went out there and made it competitive."

Vierk, one of the team captains, said the 'Cats felt great going into the game because of

their preparedness.

"This game gave us a great chance to show off some new moves, get the entire team involved, and just show everyone we are on top of our game," Vierk said.

The 'Cats played hard and stayed aggressive, senior Katie Twardzik said, and it was a great point of reference for the team.

"We struggled a little bit in

the last set, but we all played hard and focused on consistency," Twardzik said. "In the end, we all had a lot of fun."

With the Green and Gold match behind them, the Wildcats are looking toward their first match against Wisconsin-Parkside. The Wildcats are focusing both on the physical and mental aspects of the game, Yoder said.

"The most important thing I

want to see happen is first contact," he said. "We need to get them right where we want them and control the ball on serving and passing serve."

Yoder said part of the mental game is gaining confidence on the court.

"I also want us to have confident mindsets so we can go out there and get the desired effects that we know we are capable of

getting," he said.

The Wildcats had a very competitive game the last time they took on UW-Parkside, winning in the fourth set with scores of 22-25, 25-14, 26-24 and 25-23. Vierk said the team is anticipating a challenging opponent once again this year.

"We need to just stay focused on individuals' skills and remember everything we practiced for," Vierk said. "I don't think we have anything to be concerned about."

Twardzik said the team has trained hard and is ready for the season to begin.

"We've watched film of the team in the past and we know what we need to focus on and what we need to do in order to win," Twardzik said. "There is no doubt in my mind we are going to make this a very competitive match and we won't settle for anything less than victory."

The 'Cats will begin the Wildcat Open against UW-Parkside on Thursday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. in the Vandament Arena. The Wildcats will then take on Winona State on Friday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m.

In games three and four of the Wildcat Open, the team will face off against Minnesota-Crookston at 12:30 p.m. and American International at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4.



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Sophomore middle hitter Sami Vierk of the Green team splits freshmen Danielle Kowalski (left) and Kalli Herron of the gold team for the point in last Friday's Green and Gold match. Green won in three straight sets.

## Cross Country training hard while preparing for U.P. Collegiate Opener

By Laura Conway  
contributing writer

The NMU cross country team will begin their 2010 competitive season on Sept. 3 at the UP Collegiate Opener in Houghton, Mich. The competition will serve as an important benchmark for how the Wildcats are racing in actual competition versus practice.

Sophomore Olivia Juntila said she was impressed with her team's performance in the time trials earlier last week.

"We actually just had our team trials ... and the results were awesome. The top seven girls were all within 30 seconds of each other and the times were just as impressive," Juntila said.

Juntila was the top runner for the Wildcats at the NCAA Regionals and second at the GLIAC Championships. Juntila said she wants to make memories this season and improve her times.

"Hopefully, one of those memories will be running an 18-minute 5K," she said.

The 2009 Wildcat cross country team ended with high hopes for the upcoming year. Though the team's top two runners, alumni Bibiane Mahy and Jenny Wiedmeyer, were out with H1N1, the 'Cats still managed to place seventh out of 12 at the GLIAC

Championship in October 2009. The champion Grand Valley State University runners were only ahead of the Wildcats by two minutes, with the entire NMU team finishing between 22 and 24 minutes in the 6K race.

At the NCAA Division 2 Regionals, the 'Cats finished 13th out of 19 against some of the best teams in the region.

NMU head coach Jenny Ryan said the girls did a lot of training over the summer.

"Because of the intense workouts and dedication of last year's girls, the team has come back very strong," she said.

Ryan said she is expecting huge improvements in placement at the GLIAC Championships this year, and added that the team aims to qualify for the NCAA Nationals by placing in the top four at the regional event.

"Olivia Juntila is our top returning athlete with the graduation of the two seniors, but I also expect senior Kristen Schulz, junior Nora Kiilunen and sophomore Rita Voitias to be at the top," Ryan said. "Christina Turman (formerly Gillis) will be one of our top runners after redshirting last year."

One of the biggest events of the season, besides the champi-

onships, is the Roy Griak Invitational, Sept. 25 in Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Wildcat cross country team has been working hard to reach its high goals. The 'Cats work out at least twice a day, with regimens including running, weightlifting and plyometrics.

Sometimes the team even has a third workout in the form of an extra run. Most of the athletes are in two sports, competing in cross country skiing or track and field, to keep performance at the highest

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— Jenny Ryan  
cross country head coach

peak possible throughout the year. They are also the top team in the school in regards to academic performance, having earned a team average 3.43 GPA. Ryan credited this to the closeness of the team and their dedication to helping each other succeed in both athletics and academic endeavors.

The Wildcats lone home meet will be the U.P. Championship at the NMU Golf Course off of M-28 on Oct. 22, at 4 p.m.

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# Men's soccer victorious without coach

By Brice Burge  
assistant sports editor

Despite the crisp passes, intense physical fitness and deep team unity from the 20 players at the men's club soccer team practice, an unsettling absence of someone has the team in a unique position: they don't have a coach.

Senior captain and team president Dale Dexter has taken control of the practice. He set up boundary markers for a keep away drill and his voice can be heard alongside the other captains, shouting out things like "keep the ball down" or "talk to the person you're passing the ball to."

"(The team) is kind of run by everyone," Dexter said. "I'm not really like a coach, but I handle the financing and scheduling more."

The lack of an actual coach isn't hurting the club's recent success, as they are looking to improve on their 8-2-2 record from the 2009 season. The team also finished seventh of 45 in the final rankings of Midwest schools in the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association and made their first regional championship tournament appearance.

"We're actually one of the few club teams left without a coach that's paid for the position. What we're able to accomplish with that considered is pretty impressive," Dexter said.

The lack of a coach can hurt with game plans for other teams, but on a club sports level, low finances or lack of equipment for game tapes makes more conventional coaching techniques irrelevant.

"It's all about the resources we have," Dexter said. "Honestly since I've been here, a lot of the teams have been at the same skill level. We can judge by (our opponents') records and other teams they've played against to see how good they can be."

Fourteen players are returning from last year's roster, including goalkeeper Aric Bekaert. The club feels that the junior's presence will be a strength for the 'Cats.

Graduate student and midfielder Joe Gillespie said it's good to have a seasoned goalie this year, as opposed to previous seasons.

"The last three years, we've had three different goalies," Gillespie said. "Now that (Bekaert is) coming back we can work with him more in practice. I feel pretty comfortable about him being in net."

Gillespie said another strength for the team will be the defense.

"We have the most experience in defense," Gillespie said. "The last couple years have been the same defense and everyone knows where to move and how each other are going to play."

The team runs a standard 4-4-2 offensive scheme, where four

defenders, four midfielders and two forwards are on the field. The midfielders are then broken up into two smaller groups, as two outer players watch the sidelines while the other two take on either an attacking or defending role over the center of the pitch.

"(The midfielders) are really playing the position, but by putting the title on (the position), we keep them where they're supposed to be," Dexter said. "They can rotate too, if one is more fit-

ted to defend against a particular player on another team, then they can do that."

The 12-game schedule is highlighted by a trip downstate for non-divisional games against Ferris State and Grand Valley on Sept. 25 and 26, and a double header against UW-Stevens Point and UW-Stout on Saturday Oct. 2. The season opener for the team will be against rival Michigan Tech Huskies on Saturday, Sept. 4. The game is scheduled

for 3 p.m., but may be delayed depending on the length of the varsity women's game against Concordia-St. Paul.

Dexter said he's expecting the game against Tech to be close, even though the Wildcats have always come out on top.

"We've never lost to Tech before," Dexter said. "We come out and give it our all, but we know they will too. Hopefully we get a lot of people to come out and put on a show and beat Tech."



Photo courtesy of Dale Dexter

Senior defenseman Seth Mayhew makes a good clearing attempt against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds. The men's club soccer team finished the 2009 season with an 8-2-2 record.

## NMU Sailing Club hosts first ever 'Try Sailing Day'

The NMU sailing club hosted its first "Try Sailing Day" on Saturday, Aug. 28. Mike Stoodley, commodore of the sailing club, said about 80 NMU students showed up at the event.

"It was definitely a success," he said. "We had a whole lot of people show up to try sailing, which is what our goal was."

Stoodley said the event helped to get the sailing club's name out there, even more so than Fall Fest because of the different demographic that the club reached.

"We had a lot of people other than freshmen show up, and we were really excited to see that," Stoodley said.

Stoodley said anyone who wishes to join the club could show up at either the recreational practice on Mondays and Wednesdays, or the racing practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Both practices are held from 5-7 p.m. at Lower Harbor in Marquette.

— John Becker



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**Stephanie G.** — Welcome to the jungle. — **NW Staff**

**Bill** — Thanks for all your help (and honesty) this week. — **Lucy**

**Lina** — Really loved watching Nanook with you on your birthday. Glad we got to celebrate together (on your birthday and every day). love — **Lucy**

**Gellhorn** — Nothing personal. I'm still hoping we can start a literary movement and write on typewriters. Hope you feel the same. — **Hemingway**

**Beaches** — Thanks for being there — **Happy Beach Bum**

**Lacan** — I could not disagree with you more. Sometimes a mirror's just a mirror. — **Grad Student**

**Coolman** — Happy birthday! And thanks again for all your help getting the scoop — **Belz**

**Lola and Nemo** — Can we seriously get the band back together? It was fun while it lasted — **The Chief**

**Mickdiq** — We should discuss the inaccuracy of language some more one of these days. — **Belz**

**So Loco Crew** — Prepare to assemble — **Belz**

**ME** — Thanks for your help this week, it made a world of difference. — **EIC**

**OE** — You left me with an entire column of shout outs to do. Why couldn't you come up with more stupid nonsense so I don't have to? — **EIC**

**Page 4 & 1:30 a.m.** — Not cool. Not cool at all. — **ME, EIC, NE**

**NE** — Sometimes pages disappear, it has happened to the best of us (seriously) (even me) (but never Scott because, well, he's amazing). — **EIC**

**Lina** — I loved that chocolate cake so much. Thank you so much for bringing it in. — **Scott**

**FE** — You're doing so well, D-Love. I is so proud of you! — **ME**

**Sally** — That milkshake last week was sooo good. Please let me buy you another one last week. Maybe we can even use one straw. — **Suzie**

**North Wind** — Congratulations, you now own my soul. — **NE**

**EIC** — You wrote half my section this week! I owe you ice cream and a puppy — **NE**

**Grammy** — I hope Danny remembers to take out the garbage — **Jimmy-boy**

**Danny-boy** — You're sixteen! Go do something crazy. Make me proud boyo. — **Jimmy-boy**

**Inhabitants of the peach** — I wuv you thiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiis much — **Fuzzy face**

**EIC** — It bears repeating, thanks for hearing me out. We sho done good this week. — **ME**

**NE** — Despite what the EIC said, I have lost my pages. I got really upset, swore a lot and then kicked the bike rack outside. — **ME**

**EIC** — We definitely need to get together and hang out. — **ME**

**OE** — Friendship club. — **ME**

**LL** — Just doing our jobs. — **ME**

**Suzie** — Maybe we should skip the milkshake and go to the drive-in. — **Sally**

**NE** — I'm sorry you weren't properly informed when you took the position. This job will absolutely own your soul. — **EIC**

**OE, ME** — You guys were right, 1 a.m. was a lofty goal. — **EIC at approximately 2:20, staying to finish shout outs.**

**Lina** — I love how much fun we have, always. I'm kind of really excited about this weekend. And your new lens :) — **Lucy**

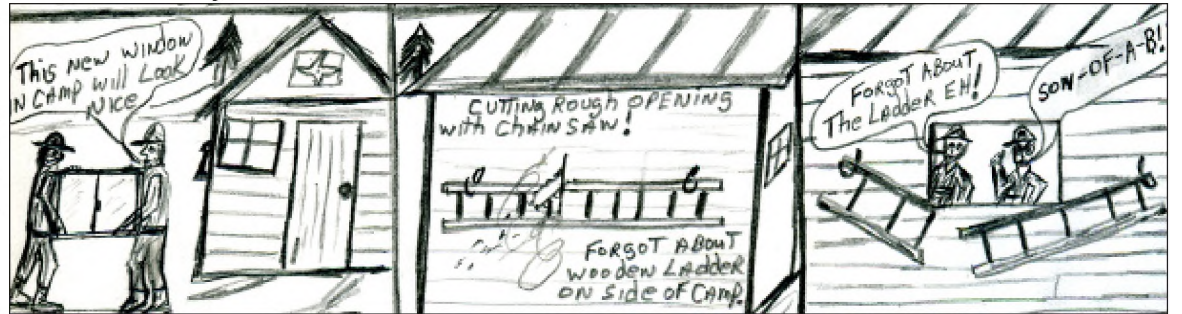
**Tini** — Hope you're stoked about Monopoly night, it's going to be a riot. — **Lucy**

**Mia, Jaime** — We should plan weekly hang outs. In the meantime, I'm going to miss you guys this weekend. — **Lucy**

**This week's paper** — Thank goodness you are over. It's been a rough week. — **Lucy**

- Inspirations**
- Wrong information
  - Strapped
  - One of those Wednesdays
  - His House
  - Dim's pipe and beard
  - Scott's sneezes
  - Chocolate cake

**CAMPLIFE** — John A. Timonen



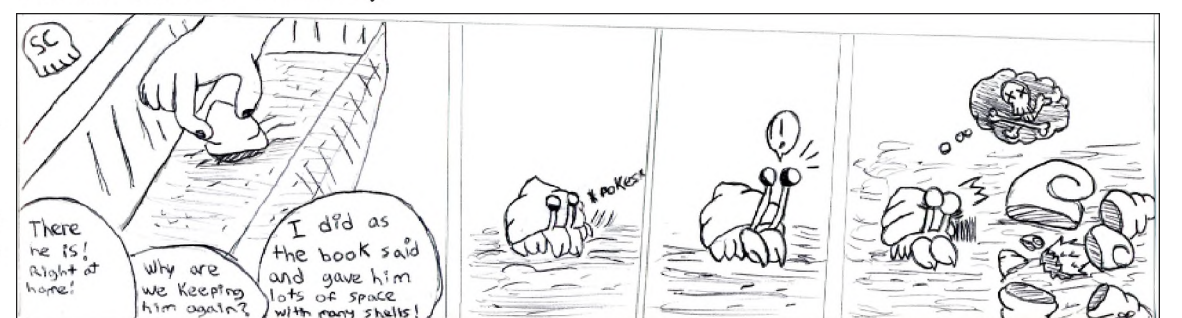
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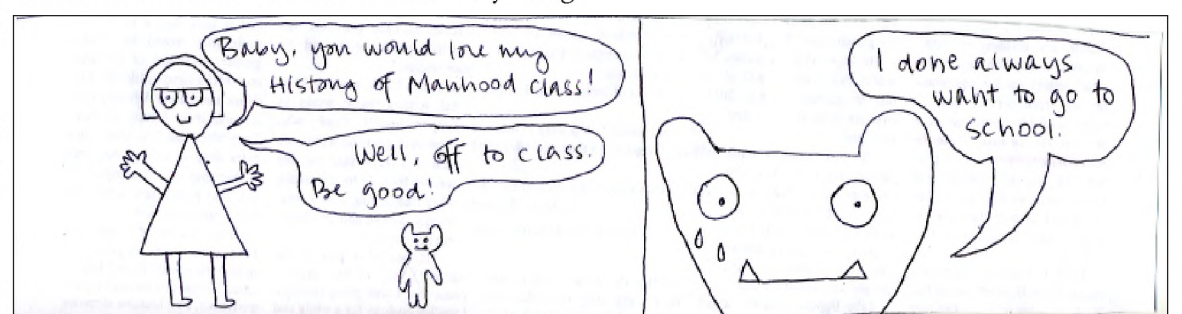
**SANDY CLAWS** - Dana Perry

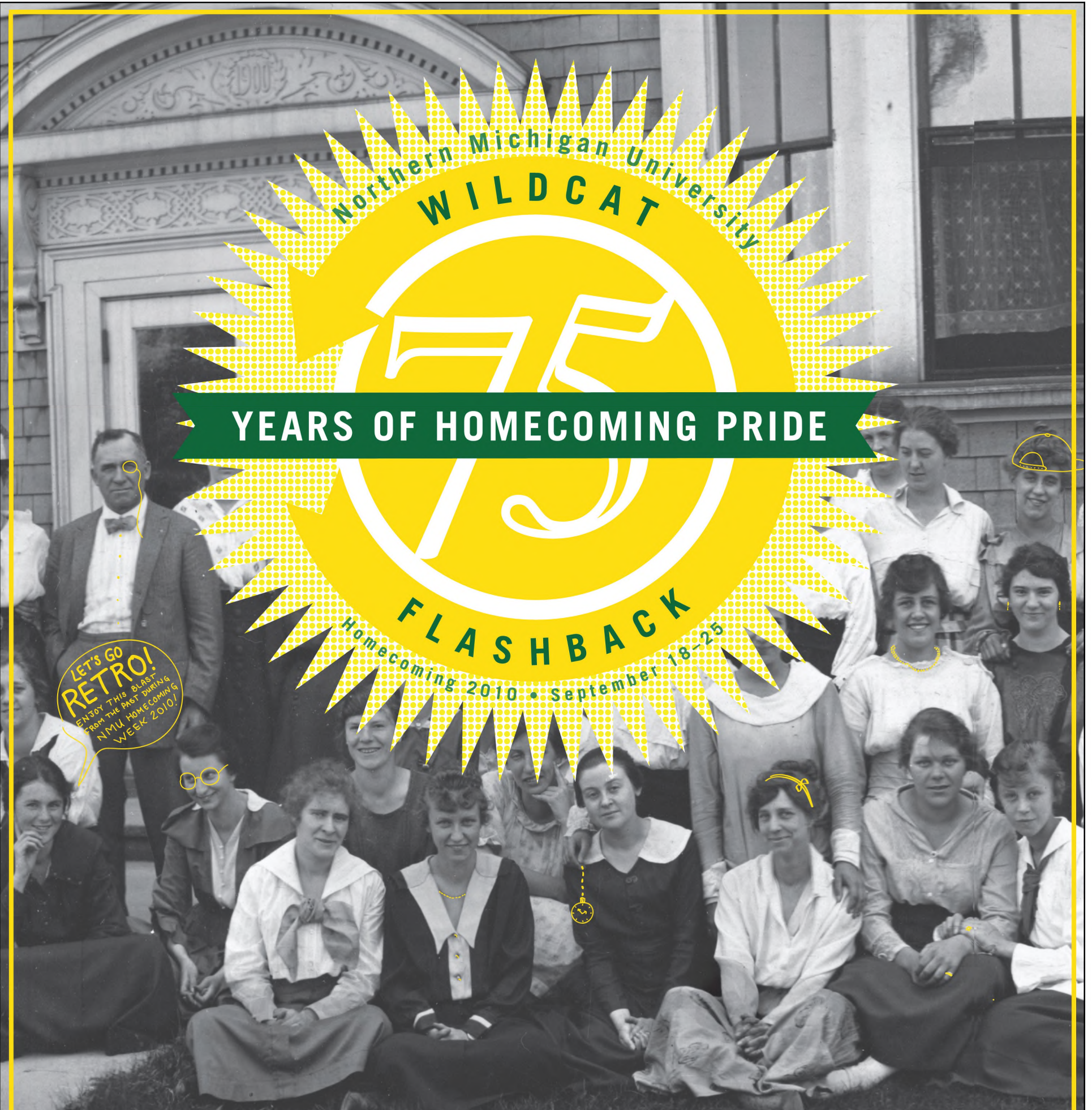


**ACADIA ACADEMIA** - Andy Harmon



**THE ADVENTURES OF BABY** - Lucy Hough





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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Striking Out Cancer Softball Tournament  
8 a.m.  
River Park Sports Complex

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Dead River Games  
2-4 p.m.  
Dead River Bridge

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Scavenger Hunt  
6:30 p.m.  
Great Lakes Rooms (University Center)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

Stepping Competition  
7 p.m.  
Jamrich 102

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

King & Queen Competition  
7 p.m.  
Great Lakes Rooms (University Center)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

Homecoming Bingo Night  
9 p.m.-Midnight  
The Marketplace

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

NMU Soccer vs. Saginaw Valley State  
2 p.m.  
Outdoor Fields

Parade  
5:30 p.m.  
Third Street

NMU Volleyball vs. Northwood  
7 p.m.  
Vandament Arena

All-Alumni Reception  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Landmark Inn

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

NMU Volleyball vs. Lake Superior State  
1:30 p.m.  
Vandament Arena

Tailgate Party  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Superior Dome

NMU Football vs. Ashland University  
4 p.m.  
Superior Dome

Fifth Quarter Reception  
7 p.m.  
Holiday Inn

Homecoming Party  
10 p.m.-2 a.m.  
Great Lakes Rooms, UC feat. Ying Yang Twins

**EVENT ENTRY DEADLINE:** Tuesday, September 14

**SPIRIT POLICE:** September 6-16

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