

Work study funds take cuts

By Robyn Goodman
assistant news editor

NMU had to cut its work study program this year because the state could not contribute funding for the 2010-2011 school year. Though the federal work study funding has not been cut, the university lost \$150,000 because of the loss of state funding.

The condition of the Michigan economy is affecting the public universities. When the government decided that it would not be able to contribute funding to the work study programs, NMU had to cut its work study program, said Mike Rotundo, director of financial aid.

"The loss of funding combined with students filing their FAFSA earlier and more students demonstrating financial need for work study caused us to run out of our projected work study funds by the end of July," Rotundo said.

The financial aid office has been busier than usual because of the smaller number of students who were awarded work study, Rotundo said.

Many students were not awarded work study because of the cut in funds. The state only funds 15 percent of the total work study funding, but at a smaller university like NMU, this affects many students, Rotundo said.

Work study is based on a student's financial need. If a student wishes to be evaluated to receive work study, they must say so on their FAFSA, demonstrate financial need through the results of their FAFSA and meet the satisfactory and measurable progress standards.

The sooner a student files their FAFSA, the sooner they will be considered when the financial aid office allocates the funds.

Since NMU does not assign work study, the students who are eligible must apply for a job once they get to campus. The PEIF and dining services are two specific places that accommodate students with work study. Many departments on campus hire a large number of students who have work study.

"Work study is not the traditional financial aid," said Rotundo. "It does not go through the billing department; it goes to the

students directly through a paycheck."

Work study funding is specifically put toward the student's paychecks. The student gets a normal paycheck but the money comes from a different place, said Steven LaFond, assistant director of career services. The university only has to pay 25 percent of the student paycheck, while the state and federal funding pays the remaining 75 percent.

"The (work study) funding ultimately saves the university money," LaFond said.

While most of the work study jobs are on campus, there are a few jobs off campus that students can apply for. The best way to find a work study job is to search the career services section of the NMU website, LaFond said. The website has all of the on-campus jobs and some off-campus jobs that are available.

"The career services center will help any student that comes into the office, but their best bet is to look on the website," LaFond said. "We update it daily."

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— Steve LaFond
assistant director of career services

Many academic departments on campus do not have the funds to hire many students, but with the help of the work study funds, they can hire more students, he said.

The Wildcat Den is one place where many work study students can find employment. Katrena Spierling, junior elementary education major, has been a work study employee in the Wildcat Den for the past two years. Spierling filled out her FAFSA in the summer and included that she wanted to be considered for work study.

"Once I got to school, I filled out an all-campus job application," said Spierling. "I've been working at the Den ever since."

While there is currently no funding left for work study, the financial aid office will be reviewing the usage of work study funds in October to determine if there are funds that can be given to more students. They are currently taking requests to put on file.

Step Afrika brings the moves



Justin Key/NW

Professional stepping group Step Afrika performed on campus Tuesday, Sept. 14. The dance group travels to South Africa every year to learn new dances and choreography.

International students welcomed to Northern

By Cameron Witbeck
staff writer

NMU has entered into an agreement with a Chinese university that has allowed several international students to continue their education at NMU.

This semester, 22 students from China have become full-time Northern students as a part of a program that allows them to take their first two years of college in China before coming to America to finish their baccalaureate degrees. Capital University in Beijing, the school where 21 of the students were previously enrolled, established an exchange of credits between the two schools.

Rehema Clarken, of NMU's Office of International Programs, described it as a "two plus two" agreement. She said that both the university and the international students benefit from the exchange.

"It's a win-win situation, because the Chinese students can stay in their home country for two years but still graduate with a U.S. degree," Clarken said. "It's also good for our Chinese language class here because those students can now have language partners."

She said that the students will benefit from their experiences at NMU, because the education they will receive will complement what they have already learned.

"These students will have a unique perspective, because

they will have spent time in both Chinese and U.S. universities," Clarken said. "They'll know the best and worst of both worlds. They'll be able to get jobs both in China and America and be able to understand the intricacies of international politics and business that others students might not."

The program of exchange with Capital University is expected to continue, said Clarken. She also said that her department would like to see similar programs extended to other countries in the future.

"We hope that NMU will have many more programs such as this one and that this one will con-

tinue on into the future," she said. "We're interested in doing this sort of 'two plus two' program with other universities and countries such as India."

Clarken said that the Office of International Programs worked closely with College of Business and the Registrar's Office to ensure a successful transfer of credits for the students, who are seeking degrees in business.

NMU's English department has also been active in assisting the international students adjust to American college classes. Z.Z. Lehmberg, an English professor

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Photo courtesy of Rehema Clarken

International students Yi Chen, Han Meng and Yixin Zhou are among 21 students who transferred to NMU from Capital University in Beijing.

Briefs

Board member talks diversity

The NMU political science and public administration departments are sponsoring a presentation titled *Emphasizing Diversity: Stability in an Uncertain Economy*.

Speaker Brian Cloyd is the global vice president and chief diversity officer for Steelcase, Inc., as well as a member of the NMU board of trustees. He speaks around the country about diversity in America. In the symposium, he will focus on gender and racial diversity both in and out of the workplace.

"The more diversity you have in race and gender and international origin, the more you're going to learn from each other and the better product you will turn out in the workplace," said event coordinator David Haynes, associate professor of political science. "The more we understand about each other and our life experiences, the more we will be able to add to innovation and team building."

The event will be held at the Mead Auditorium in the West Science building on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 3 to 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

— Amanda Cook

NCLL prescribes drug safety

A presentation from the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning (NCLL) titled *Prescription Drug Abuse in our County* will take place on Wed. Sept. 22 in the Superior Dome. The NCLL will be hosting Sarah Derwin, a Marquette County Health Department educator, who will cover the breadth of the prescription drug problem and what can be done to prevent it from ever happening in the lives of our families.

"The program is about prescription drug use and the steps that may lead to abuse and ultimately violence or theft in obtaining more drugs, and the sources of help and rehabilitation in our county for those that need it, as well as the safe storage of your own prescriptions today to ensure that you do not become the victim of theft," said class liaison Carol Margrif. The event will take place in the Superior Dome, room C-108 at 7 p.m.

— Travis Rogers

Hypnosis workshop planned

The Student Leaders Fellowship Program (SLFP) has organized a Skill Builder! titled *Self-Hypnosis for Personal Development*. The SLFP has organized the event to assist any students interested in self hypnosis. The workshop will be led by Dr. John MacDevitt.

Hypnosis isn't something that the doctor can prescribe, since it's known as holistic medicine, MacDevitt said. The workshop will go over how to use self-hypnosis to help improve study, exercise, and social habits.

Self-hypnosis can be used to help with many things, such as the fear of public speaking.

"Self-hypnosis is related to meditation and guided imagery, but better lends itself to changing specific attitudes and behaviors," MacDevitt said.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Back Room at the University Center.

"Don't expect a show at the workshop. Expect an experience," MacDevitt said.

— Chelsea Parrish

Dancers get funky at the UP Folklife festival



Photo courtesy of Elise Desjarlais

Upper Peninsula Folklife Festival participants kick off the festival at the Funky Folk Dance on Friday, Sept. 10. The Funky Folk Dance featured Upper Peninsula folk music including The PasiCats and Congo Se Menne.

ASNMU update

Lopez announces plan stay ASNMU president for winter

By Margaret Ylitalo
staff writer

ASNMU president Lucia Lopez, who is registered for December graduation, announced plans to retain her presidency until the end of the school year at the Monday, Sept. 13 ASNMU meeting.

"Even though you're graduated, as long as you're enrolled for six or more credits as a student, you're eligible to be a part of ASNMU," Lopez said. "That's what I plan on doing."

Lopez gave an update on the 24-hour study lounge that will be available in the lower level Learning Resource Center. According to Lopez, the lounge will probably be ready for student use by Oct. 13, but a definite date has not

been set. Lopez also announced her plans to meet with Greg Minner, director of Dining Services, to discuss keeping Starbucks or a beverage cart open until 1 or 2 a.m.

Aaron Loudenslager presented a resolution to ASNMU stating that NMU should opt out of its contract with Wells Fargo "as soon as is legally permitted." At the end of every year, both NMU and Wells Fargo have the option to opt out of the contract. Signing an exclusive contract with Wells Fargo violates student rights by preventing students from forming a not-for-profit credit union on campus, Loudenslager said.

Loudenslager presented a second resolution stating that student rights are violated when NMU administra-

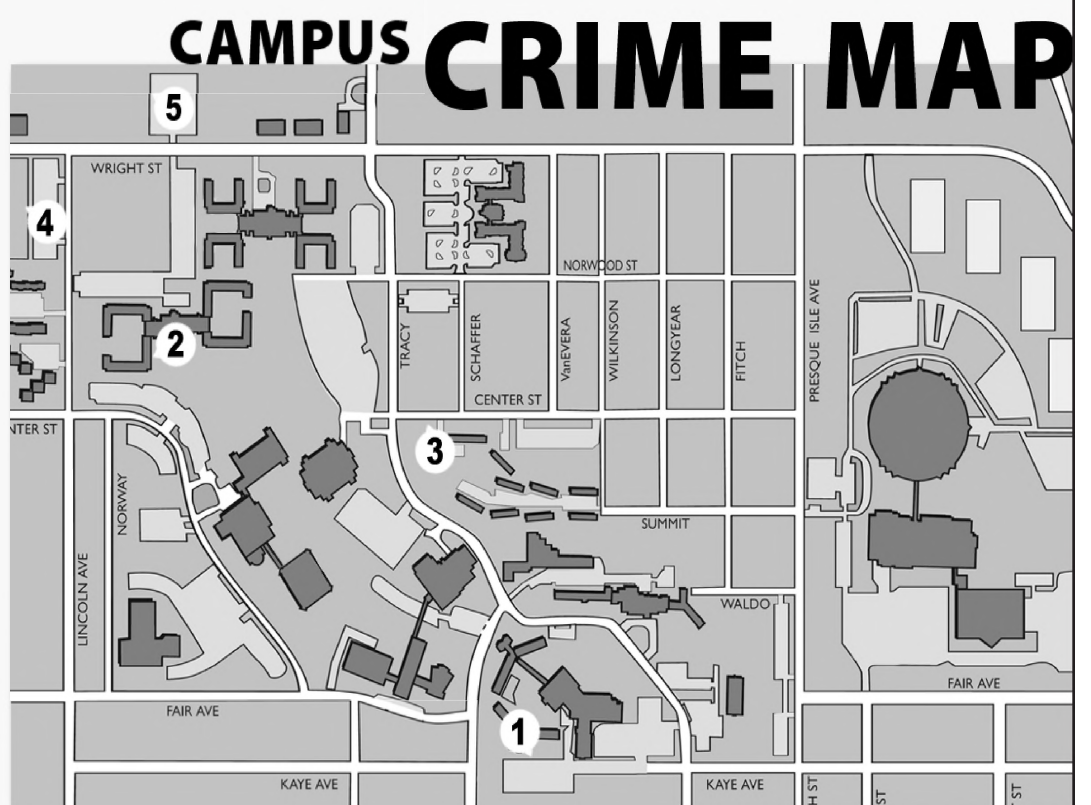
tors enter exclusive contracts with private companies by not allowing for a "meeting of the minds" that includes students. The resolution supported a no exclusive contracts policy to encourage competition on campus.

College of Business Rep. Alysa Diebolt was voted to the appointments committee to fill the vacant position left by Jordan Neal. She will be among the five appointments committee members who interview potential representatives for available ASNMU positions.

Michael Carroll was unanimously approved for reappointment to the Student Finance Committee, and Megan Persons, Caine Besse and Cara Kummer were unanimously approved for appointment to the Student Finance Committee.

Map Key

- 1) A student was caught in possession of marijuana at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 9 in West Hall.
- 2) Money was reported stolen from a student at 4:07 p.m. on Sept. 9 at the Marketplace.
- 3) A student was referred to the dean of students for an MIP at 2 a.m. on Sept. 11 in Lot 6.
- 4) A student was given a MIP and arrested for fleeing and eluding at 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 in Lot 20.
- 5) A student was arrested for drunk driving at 3:15 a.m. on Sept. 12 in Lot 46.



NMU bird watching club takes flight

By Audrey Menninga
contributing writer

The Northern Parulas is a new club on campus made up of people who share a common interest in bird watching.

Last spring, 15 birdwatchers enrolled in Associate Professor Alec Lindsay's Field Ornithology class that was offered through the Northern Field Institute. For four weeks, three days a week, the students camped out and participated in different activities.

"We would do everything from getting up at the crack of dawn chasing warblers to staying up late at night to watch owls get banded at Whitefish Point," said Lindsay.

Students were able to get in-depth experience with identifying birds in the U.P. After about the first 10 days, however, students started to talk about how disappointed they would be when the class ended. Before the class was over, the Northern Parulas was formed.

"It started during Field Ornithology. Everyone in the class really loved bird watching," said Quentin Sprengelmeyer, a sophomore biology major and the club

president. "I was surprised to find there wasn't already a club dedicated to birds, so I decided to start one."

Just like the Field Ornithology class was made up of bird watchers who had different levels of experience, so is the club. The goal of the Northern Parulas is to set up a group where bird watchers, no matter how much experience they have, can get together and share their knowledge and joy in bird watching, Sprengelmeyer said.

(The Northern Parulas) are a bunch of really active, good-hearted people, who are a lot of fun to hang out with in the woods.

—Alec Lindsay
associate professor

Public TV 13 and a former chairman of the Laughing Whitefish Audubon Society, created a website called upbirders.org with the help of Sky Haas, a lab instructor for the Field Ornithology class and the water bird counter at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory. The website allows people to post their bird sightings and bird pictures, whether they are common or rare birds. The website is helpful to bird watchers to help keep track of migrations and see what species are around the area.

"When I moved to Marquette in 2004,

bird watchers had no central repository for or direct way for birders to communicate sightings with one another," said Haas. "With the creation of the website, we started an e-mail list server that allowed for better communication between birders around the U.P."

The website provides a picture album that bird watchers can load pictures so that fellow bird watchers can see birds that are in the area. It also keeps up to date announcements about events sponsored by the Laughing Whitefish Audubon Society. Haas' plans for the website include finding more information on where to find birds in the U.P.

The name of the club has special significance according to Brian Dibbern, the club vice president. A Parula is a warbler that has coloring similar to that of NMU colors.

"(The Northern Parulas) are a bunch of really active, good-hearted people, who are a lot of fun to hang out with in the woods. They're open to beginners and advanced birders coming out with them and just enjoying U.P. birds," Lindsay said.

The Northern Parulas have a tentative meeting every last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to join the club on Sept. 17-18 for their camping trip to Whitefish Point. E-mail Quentin at qspreng@nmu.edu for more information.



Photo courtesy of NMU Birders facebook page

The Northern Parulas allows students interested in bird watching to network with like-minded students. Pictured is a Brown Creeper.

"We have about 15 dedicated members thus far though, most of whom were apart of the Field Ornithology class over the summer," Dibbern said. "We are hoping to see that number grow with each outing."

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and the advisor of NMU's Writing Center, said that she has assisted the students by establishing tutoring sessions and helping them with practical issues like getting groceries and setting up bank accounts.

Lehmborg said that NMU's English department has increased its funding for tutoring and arranged tutors through the Writing Center. She said tutoring sessions have been beneficial for the international students.

"From what the students have told me, the tutoring has helped them tremendously," she said. "In addition to helping the students with their writing and reading, the tutors are also functioning as a friend."

Lehmborg said that beyond the tuition dollars that new students bring in, the international students offer something more.

"The university is benefiting because of ... the diversity presented by the students," she said. "For example, the tutors are learning something about the Chinese culture and even their own language, English, from the students."

Xu Liu, a senior marketing major from Beijing, said that he has made use of the additional help offered by the tutors. Liu said that despite finding communication in the classroom to be challenging at times, he has enjoyed his time at NMU so far, due to its natural surroundings and the pleasant community.

"It has been exciting because I'm new here," Liu said. "I like the air here and people are very kind."

IceCube telescope offers a cool view



Photo courtesy of Jim Madsen

The IceCube project delves 2,400 meters into the ice. The telescope is the largest one ever built and will be used to observe particles called muons.

By Adelle Whitefoot
staff writer

University of Wisconsin-River Falls physics professor James Madsen spoke Tuesday at NMU, about a project in the South Pole called the IceCube Project.

The IceCube Project is the largest telescope ever built, going as deep as 2,400 meters into the ice in Antarctica, and spreading out over an area of one square kilometer. It consists

of a station that has 20 strings made of cable that are lowered into the ice. Attached to the strings are 60 Digital Optical Modules (DOM) that detect the light produced by particles called muons.

"We thought that it would be neat if we could work on something that could discover something new," Madsen said. "So what we came up with for this project is to use a different approach. Rather than using a type

of light we are going to use this particle called a neutrino."

A neutrino is a subatomic particle produced by the decay of radioactive elements and elementary particles that lack an electric charge, Madsen said.

"When a neutrino hits an electron or neutron it creates a muon," Madsen said. "We don't capture the neutrino or the particle that is created, we capture the light that is caused by the particle going through the ice."

Particle physicists and astrophysicists can use the information that is received from the neutrino to see what neutrinos are made of, and how they interact with other particles, Madsen said. Astrophysicists who are involved are interested in finding out how the universe began, how it evolved and what is it made of.

"It's just like studying a fish. Some people want to know how many fish are there, what type of fish, and their breeding habits. These are the (particle physicists)," Madsen said. "But there are other people who say we need to study the ecological system. What they say is fish are good indicators. These are the astrophysicists."

Madsen has been to the South Pole a couple of times before. Now he is going there to help finish building the IceCube telescope. He helped write the first proposal for the project and is now educating students, as young as high school students, about the project and importance of neutrinos.

"It's an interesting astronomy and particle physics experiment," said William Tireman, assistant professor of physics at NMU. "Bringing (Madsen) here is a way to expose students to (the project)."

Tireman organized the event and invited Madsen to NMU. He was one of Tireman's undergraduate professors at the University of Wisconsin.

"Because (the project) is so big and expensive it's gotten a lot of press," Tireman said. "They are studying a very interesting area of physics right now."

The IceCube telescope was built in 2004 and will be completed in the upcoming 2010-11 summer season at the South Pole. To learn more about neutrinos and the IceCube Project visit <http://www.icecube.wisc.edu>.

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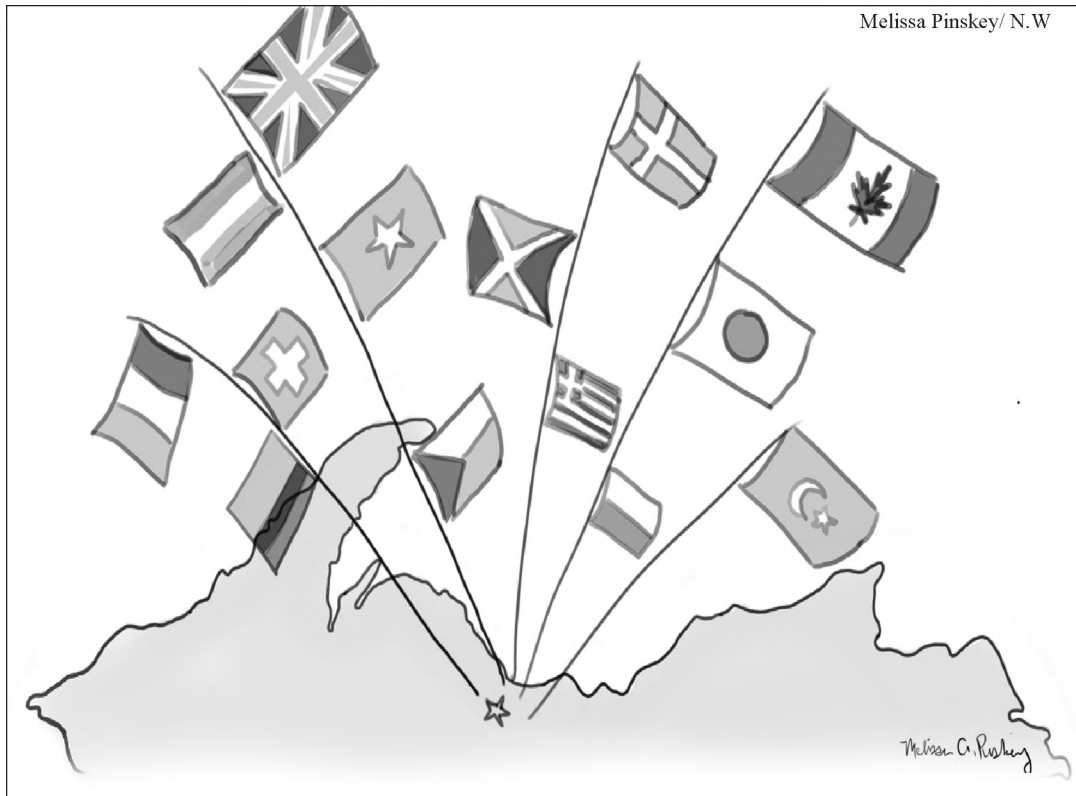
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Staff Editorial



Students 'united' in opportunities to learn

The United Neighbors in the Experience of Diversity (UNITED) Conference ends today, Sept. 16, with a performance by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews and his band Orleans Avenue playing New Orleans-style music.

The 4-day UNITED conference is billed as an "annual celebration of diversity, culture and community." Programs such as these are a wonderful opportunity in an otherwise largely culturally homogeneous area, and students should not let that chance to experience something new and different fall to the wayside. It's a chance for students to grow intellectually and culturally, and to recognize and appreciate different cultures.

It provides a variety of insight in seven categories: art, dance/music, diversity, film, food, research/scholarship and service. Oftentimes, this insight into different cultures and experiences even comes from the experiences and knowledge of NMU students and faculty.

The events are varied, providing interesting and entertaining options for students to choose from. This is a huge opportunity

for students to experience more diversity here on campus.

We appreciate that classes have made the conference part of their curriculum, making otherwise reluctant students see a performance or presentation from another part of the world, or gain insight into some facet of another culture.

There are many events throughout the school year for students to take advantage of. Tonight's performance by "Trombone Shorty" is the first of a variety of musical events by the International Performance Art Series, which happens throughout the semester. Among the many upcoming monthly performances are a musical group from Israel, a Finnish folk band and an Argentine groove band. Their performances are a wonderful way to learn about the music of other cultures.

With the kickoff of the International Performance Arts Series tonight and the end of the UNITED Conference, the North Wind thinks that every student should try to get out and see these events. Who knows? Students may even be inspired to put on their own kind of performance.

More housing options needed



Staff Column

Delaney Lovett

NMU requires that students live in the residence halls for their first two years or until they achieve junior status. It is the university's hope and goal that living in the dorms will maximize students' opportunities to get involved. While this is somewhat understandable, it is nearly impossible to receive an exception from living on campus; students can file for an exception due to financial issues or other extenuating circumstances, but a very small amount of the applications are approved.

Northern's suggesting that financial issues can be a cause to lift the requirement of living in the residence halls implies that there are more affordable options off campus. It frustrates me that those options aren't accessible to me and other students, and that the application and exception process makes it so difficult to save my or any student's family a couple thousand dollars over the school year.

Living in the dorms is more expensive, partly due to the required on-campus meal plans. I rarely eat on campus, and although I was able to get just the 8 meals per week meal plan, it wasn't much cheaper than the 14 per week or constant meal plan. With fewer meals comes more Cat Ca\$h; this keeps the cost nearly as high, and students' money on campus.

As for the community-building aspect, now that I'm a sophomore and have friends outside of my hall, I have little interest in making friends with all of my neighbors. By most students' sophomore years, they have an idea of who they want to live with, and this could be off campus just as easily as in the dorms.

I am very involved in NMU

activities through both the North Wind and the varsity track and field team. For some, residence halls are a great place to make friends and be involved in the community, but for others there are more accessible outlets. I've outgrown the dorms, and I want to move out into housing with a real lease, responsibilities and a kitchen.

Eastern, Western and Central Michigan Universities all require students to be on campus for their freshman year, but not beyond that. What makes Northern change such a substantial part of campus life?

While it could actually be to get students more involved on campus, it's likely due to keeping the money of students on campus. CatTrax, for example, charges well over retail price for food items. The only reason I shop there is that I already have the money in my account; otherwise I would make the occasional trip out to Walmart for lower, more reasonable prices.

CMU is opening more on-campus apartments a year from now, and I think this spells out a reasonable solution for Northern students. On-campus apartments give students the convenience factor of being in walking distance of classes as well as the responsibility and freedom of living on their own.

There are two unused residence halls, Lee Hall and Carey Hall, located on Lee Drive. NMU could renovate the buildings and turn them into more on-campus apartments, perhaps even specifically geared toward younger students interested in living on-campus. Spooner Hall, for example, has both single rooms that share a bathroom and two-person apartments that contain a kitchenette. However, it is only for upperclassmen and students over 21 years old.

If Northern were to offer less expensive options and more housing alternatives to underclassmen, students would have the ability to decide whether or not they want to live in the dorms. As a sophomore living in the dorms, I'd like to have the choice.

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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor

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Students should pause to admire Marquette

A few weeks ago, I went to Tourist Park with some friends. We sat along the rocks by the river and took in the sunset coming down over the horizon. A friend of mine who is new to Marquette interrupted the casual conversation and asked how we could take views like the one in front of us for granted.

I think often we don't take advantage of the beauty around us in Marquette. In our busy lives as college students, it can be hard to stop and look. So I looked out at the view like I was looking for the first time.

In front of me was a beautiful sunset, highlighting the tall grass surrounding the river, bringing out the reds and purples of the bedrock. The river was running fast along the rocks, kicking up water around the edges. The sky was a mix of orange and purple, spreading out over the field and riverbed, disappearing behind the edges of the trees around us.

I started thinking about how I've become used to the beauty of Marquette and the Upper Peninsula. I often don't even notice it that much anymore. In the craziness of college, it's sometimes hard just to stop and appreciate in the nature around us.

When I started going to school at NMU, I was amazed by all of the nature in the UP. I'm from the suburbs of Detroit. I grew up with small yards with metal fences and knowing what the neighbors were up to whether I knew them on a personal level or not. Nature to me meant a small park called Tot Lot not too

far from the house where I grew up. That's one reason I applied to Northern. I wanted a Thoreau-like experience. I wanted to be near a real forest, not just a fence around a small gathering of trees.

I remember on the way up

We talk so often about the stress of our lives ... Maybe - and I may be wrong here - all we really need to do is sit on a rock and watch a sunset at Tourist Park.

to school for my first semester at NMU, my father and I took in the view of Lake Superior in silence. The closest body of water to my house back home is the Detroit River. While the view isn't bad there, it just doesn't compare to the waters of Lake Superior. It was January when my father and I looked upon the lake. Some of the waves, impossibly, were frozen in place. Beyond the ice, the lake was calm. The sun shined down upon it all, creating colors along the smooth white and blue.

I love being able to take a short drive in almost any direction and be in a forest. Sometimes I would walk along the beach whatever time of year it was and take in the view. I'd walk around near the lake or drive down Lakeshore, carefully looking at everything around me. As my classes grew harder, I started finding less and less time for nature. Books replaced walks around town.

I think many of us fall into that same trap. We talk so often about the stress of our lives. We even have classes at NMU dedicated to

teaching us how to de-stress. But maybe - and I may be wrong here - all we really need to do is sit on a rock and watch a sunset at Tourist Park, or walk along Lake Superior in the early morning.

After taking in the view at Tourist Park, my friends all went back to the picnic table we were using. I lingered, looking toward the horizon. I couldn't help thinking that the view would be the same whether I looked at it or not. It wasn't there to wow me into realizing how beautiful it was, the way a wide view shot in an expensive movie would. It was just there, beautiful and waiting for whoever wanted to take a moment out of their lives and study it. I'm not much of an art person, but I understand why great artists like Monet only painted landscapes. There's a lot of beauty in the world, but few things are more beautiful than a sunset.

I hesitate to use the phrase "stop and smell the roses," but I suppose sometimes clichés are clichés because they are true. In our lives, with classes, jobs, other responsibilities, friends and family, it's difficult to make time to stop and look around. Tourist Park, for example, is a fifteen minute walk from the university. Yet my trip there a few weeks ago was only the third time I've been there.

Maybe the answer to our fast-paced lives of eyes glued to laptop screens, homework assignments and job responsibilities is just to stop once in a while and look at the beauty around us as if we've never seen it before.

Letters to the editor

Students can work with Dining Services

In regards to Cafe Libri [and Lucy Hough's column "Den Shouldn't Have Changed" in the Sept. 2 issue of the North Wind], I would be bored too if I had to come in everyday and deal with the student body of NMU coming in complaining about school and how awful the food selection is. I'm sure if enough students were to e-mail Dining Services and express in a polite manner what types of food they would prefer to see on Cafe Libri's menu they would be more than happy to reconsider what they serve to fit your needs. Cafe Libri is just as relaxing of a spot as the Den is to get a cup of coffee and do some homework. Granted it is small inside the book store, but if you e-mail Dining Services and tell them that they need more tables outside of the bookstore they will accommodate your needs.

If you feel alienated and you want Dining Services to change back to a la carte you need to make sure that your friends and other students stop breaking the rules by taking food out of the Den. It's partially because of the students who break the rules that prices keep inflating. Though Dining Services was put on the campus of NMU to serve the students they as an establishment must put themselves first to keep funded in order to stay open.

Believe it or not, Dining Services is always more than willing to work out inconveniences when it comes to students dining on campus. If students and faculty don't communicate with Dining Services about problems that they have with food or with the establishment itself, then nothing will change.

Frank McShane
NMU Alumnus May 2010
Milwaukee, Wisc.

Democrat candidates are right for Michigan

As we approach the November 2 mid-term election, it is time for students to begin thinking about the candidates on the ballot and the possible outcomes of electing them.

For example, in the 38th

District State Senate race, Tom Casperson is running on a platform of "common sense" governance.

We somehow feel that NMU students differ with Tom in their senses, especially after he voted in 2005 to cut the operating budget of NMU by \$14 million over five years after being pressured into compliance by big-shot downstate Republicans, the kind of people our peninsula doesn't need making decisions for our generation.

Student-friendly Democrat Mike Lahti faces Casperson in November, and is counting on us to stand with him after he stood with us in 2009 when Republican leadership broke the Michigan Promise, leaving 96,000 Michigan students out on the street.

In the race to replace Bart Stupak in the first congressional district, there is a tough fight between Republican candidate Dan Benishek and Democrat Gary McDowell, also a member of the fight to keep Michigan's Promise.

As students, we should all look closely at which candidates keep our interests in mind. Gary McDowell has always been a strong supporter of education as well as the interests of the NMU community. Gary has rejected the thought of drilling for oil in the Great Lakes, something that Benishek is in favor of, knowing that doing so has the potential of hurting our way of life as residents of the Great Lakes region. Gary also wants to maintain our current right as students to stay on our parents' health care plan until we are 26, making it a little bit easier to afford college in the face of increasing tuition cost. Benishek has not only opposes this right, but has called for degeneration back to the same health care policies that led to sky rocketing costs to students and their families during the Bush administration.

Although 2010 is not a presidential election, it is still an incredibly important one that will have extreme impact on our well-being not only as students, but as adult citizens.

Before you go to the polls on November 2nd, know what you're voting for.

NMU College Democrats

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There's no such thing as a free market



Guest Column

Aaron Loudenslager

I believe the biggest myth in America is that of "free markets." This term is a misnomer, making everyday people feel safe when they see that word "free." Free markets are anything but free.

Free market contemporaries believe in the notion that "less government is better government." They believe government has no role in economics; the "market" was created perfect in the eyes of free market fundamentalists.

This is empirically rooted in the ideas of Adam Smith and couldn't be further from the truth. After mov-

ing past the feudal age, we entered one of capitalism, an economic system that lets people privately own land and their subsequent labor.

Free market fundamentalists forget that government, not the market, created the rules of the market. The government established who could have land. If not, people would be squatting on mass amounts of it and killing each other trying to gain ownership of it.

According to principles of contemporary free market fundamentalists, the government should have no role in deciding who can and who can't own property. This decision should be entirely left to private parties making private decisions, no matter the consequences resulting from this ideology.

The concept of an economy having little or no government involvement, is one of absurdity, especially

since government had to create the rules of the first markets. The real question is not if government should have a role in the economy, but rather what role the government should have in the economy.

Free markets, which should properly be called laissez faire economics, don't even work when a reasonable person dissects the assumptions of neo classical economic models.

Let's look at perfect competition. Market fundamentalists think every market employs perfect competition, where no firm has pricing power over another firm. Perfect competition is the exception and oligopoly is the rule.

Oligopolies are market structures dominated by a few sellers of a certain product. Examples of oligopolies would include the four largest cell phone companies con-

trolling 89 percent of the market and the television industry being currently dominated by eight large multi-national corporations.

If the sheer size and loss of consumer surplus in oligopolies isn't bad enough, they also have the highest market structure rate of economic collusion. What is collusion? It is when firms agree to fix prices or establish quotas in order to protect their profits at the expense of everyday consumers.

The second assumption of "perfect" markets is that there exists perfect information in a market. This assumption has been empirically disproved by 2001 Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz. He won his prize in 2001 for proving that, in nearly all markets, there are information asymmetries, meaning that one party in a transaction has more/better information

than the other party. He showed the government can intervene in a market and make all market agents better off.

Markets don't take into consideration externalities. Externalities are costs or benefits that are distributed to individuals not involved directly in an economic transaction. An example would be air pollution. It is something that is negative to humans as a whole, but as people buy and use more carbon emitting devices, you will still incur this cost even if you never buy one. Regulating markets can stop some of the negative affects of externalities and promote externalities with positive effects.

Markets are not free. They never were. They were created by government. It is the job of government to subordinate the wants of the market to the needs of the people.

Sound Off

What's the meaning of life?

compiled by Paul Goodrich



K.G. Gange
freshman, undeclared
"Life can be cruel, but then I go to the beach."



Sean Kennedy
sophomore, business
"Comfy socks."



Alec Berghoef
sophomore, archeology
"To have as many relations as possible."



Madison Hampton
freshman, cosmetology
"To grow old and see what's happening."



Alex Strange
junior, business
"Late night at Perkins."

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'U.P.' book to be made into movie



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Negaunee native Steven Wiig (pictured) read the book, "U.P.," and immediately knew that he was the one that should be responsible for the production of the movie.

By Alex Eisner
staff writer

Two Negaunee natives, R.A. Riecki and Steven Wiig, have teamed up to bring Riecki's novel "U.P." to life on the big screen. The duo was at the Peter White Public Library Wednesday, Sept. 15 on one of many stops of their book tour that goes throughout the Upper Peninsula. The discussion was held to promote the book and movie while also gathering feedback from locals.

The tour ends Thursday, Sept. 16 with a stop at Safe Harbor Books in Cedarville, Mich. at 2 p.m. and later at Falling Rock Café and Bookstore in Munising at 7 p.m.

The novel has been one of its publisher's, Ghost Road Press,

top ten best sellers for more than 70 weeks. Author Riecki is also the author of poetry and short stories. Among other degrees he holds a Ph.D. in Literature and Creative Writing from Western Michigan University.

Actor/Director Wiig has shot many heavy metal documentaries while touring with the band Metallica, and had acting roles in both "Milk", which was directed by his good friend actor/director Sean Penn, and "Into the Wild," directed by Gus Van Sant.

For the film "U.P.," Riecki and Wiig said they bring an insider perspective giving a different look to the U.P. culture out-

side of the cliché "Yooper," who just hunts and fish all day.

"I wanted a punk-aesthetic to U.P. literature instead of the safety net," said Riecki on why he was inspired to write the novel. "One of the best punk bands ever, NC 5, was playing in Mar-

It had me from the first sentence. It was a magnetic pull I felt that shouldn't be denied.

— Steven Wiig,
Actor/Director

quette the year I was born."

According to the films website, "U.P." is the story of four teens immersed in an ugly and often violent world, redefining the traditional coming-of-age story.

"It's not a cute little book, like the rest (of U.P. literature). This is much more brutal," said Riecki. "I was excited to have such characters."

In a review on Riecki's website, Ryan P. Dolley said, "It's a novel about Michigan's near-empty Upper Peninsula that turns the stereotype of a tranquil country upbringing on its head; it's a novel about four deeply wounded young men who make fantastic, interesting, compelling, sympathetic and frightening characters. It's funny as hell, the structure works to support the story, and the ending is absolutely incredible."

Wiig came across the book when his mother suggested he read it and brought him a copy.

"I was doing some touring with Metallica and cracked the book open on an international flight, and it had me from the first sentence," Wiig said.



Photos courtesy of www.u-p-movie.com

"U.P." movie affiliates location scout various U.P. areas for their upcoming film. A start date for filming has not yet been set.

Novel now in bookstores

U.P.

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—CHRISTOPHER TILGHMAN

A NOVEL BY R.A. RIECKI

"U.P.," written by Marquette-born R.A. Riecki, is a novel that follows the lives of four teens in Michigan. According to reviews, "U.P." is about as real as a coming-of-age story can be. Desperate to escape the mining towns of Ishpeming and Negaunee, the young men endure bouts of violence, humor and fright.

This book disrupts the stereotypical serenity of the U.P., bringing alcohol, violence, boredom and despair.

Reviewers are consistently impressed with the writing style, not being able to get the characters or story off their minds.

"U.P." is available at Marquette's Snowbound Books and B. Dalton, as well as Ishpeming's Country Village Bookstore.

Author: R.A. Riecki

Publisher: Ghost Road Press; First edition

Pages: 236

Release Date: November 15, 2008

After reading the novel, Wiig said he knew he had to get the book on the big screen.

"It was a magnetic pull I felt that shouldn't be denied," said Wiig. "If somebody is able to bring the story to the screen I think I should be responsible for some of that because of the location and the characters."

The script for the movie is yet to be finished, so a date to begin filming has not yet been decided, he said.

"I want the script to be bullet proof," Wiig said.

When ready, the film will be shot in the U.P. mostly between Negaunee and Ishpeming at landmarks such as the Ishpeming Cemetery and Caving Grounds (also known as Old Towne Negaunee), Wiig said.

Like with many novels turned

into movies, there will be differences between the stories. The goal is for the movie and book to complement each other and for each to fill in gaps that the other isn't capable of, explained Wiig.

"It takes the book into new dimensions and new territory," said Wiig. "It adds a different layer of flesh to the book."

Acting talent is still being scouted. Some A-list actors are being looked at for this movie, but nothing is final, said Wiig.

"We're going to aim for the highest level of talent we can but would also like to have local talent," Wiig said.

More information on the book and movie can be found on their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/u.p.movie, or their website, www.u-p-movie.com.

75 Years of Homecoming History

Wildcat Flashback



King and Queen

By Melissa Young
contributing writer

Homecoming is not just about the football game, it's about bringing a school and community together and just having a good time. Northern's homecoming theme this year is "75 Years of Homecoming Pride" because it marks the 75th annual homecoming celebration.

In the past, there was one idea that everyone had to base their float off of, but this year is an opportunity for students to get more creative. Student organizations and clubs have to use ideas based off of previous themes or floats that have been used in the past.

Homecoming at NMU first attempted to begin in 1924. The plan was to get the alumni together and go to the Northern vs. Tech football game. In 1935, Northern finally had the official homecoming festivities which included a pep rally and parade on Friday and a bonfire to follow after the parade. The football game was held Saturday afternoon followed by a dance.

Of course, homecoming today is different in that there are more activities throughout the week and it is a more laid back atmosphere.

Dave Bonsall, director of the Center for Student Enrichment, thinks Northern's homecoming is unique from other schools because bigger schools have a more serious side to their homecoming. At different schools, only certain groups can participate and also has a highly competitive side.

"It's not just about the alumni coming out, it's also a good way for organizations to get together and bond with each other a little more," Bonsall said.

Bonsall also feels that because of the more

laid back feel, there is no need for competition. It's just pure fun, Bonsall said.

"My favorite part of homecoming is the Dead River games, but homecoming overall reminds me of why I like Northern so much," Bonsall said. "(I like to see) all of the students getting together and enjoying themselves, and we also pray for good weather."

Homecoming is also a chance for all the alumni to come out and bring their memories back to NMU. Deanna Hemmila, director of alumni-operations, knows there is a good turnout of alumni when hotels, restaurants, and Third Street for fill up with alumni for the parade and homecoming festivities.

"Without a doubt, the best part of Homecoming is the reminiscing that takes place," Hemmila said. "It is so fun to just stand with a group of alumni and listen to their stories, and hear how important Northern is to them and what a difference it made in their lives."

During the '50s and '60s homecoming was played off as very traditional and very serious. The king and queen nominations were very elaborate and there weren't as many activities that just any student could participate in.

By the late '60s and early '70s homecoming began to die out and then in the late 70s it made a comeback. This is when homecoming became a tradition to just have a good time and to get involved with school spirit. Special Events such as the world's largest pasty held in 1978 and the world's largest musical chairs game held in 1977, which 1,674 people participated in, kicked off the comeback to having homecoming again.

Many traditions are still happening to this day. Traditions like the annual homecoming parade through town, football game on Saturday afternoon, and a full week of school spirit and fun activities. For alumni the annual tradition is a 5th quarter brunch, which follows the end of the football game.

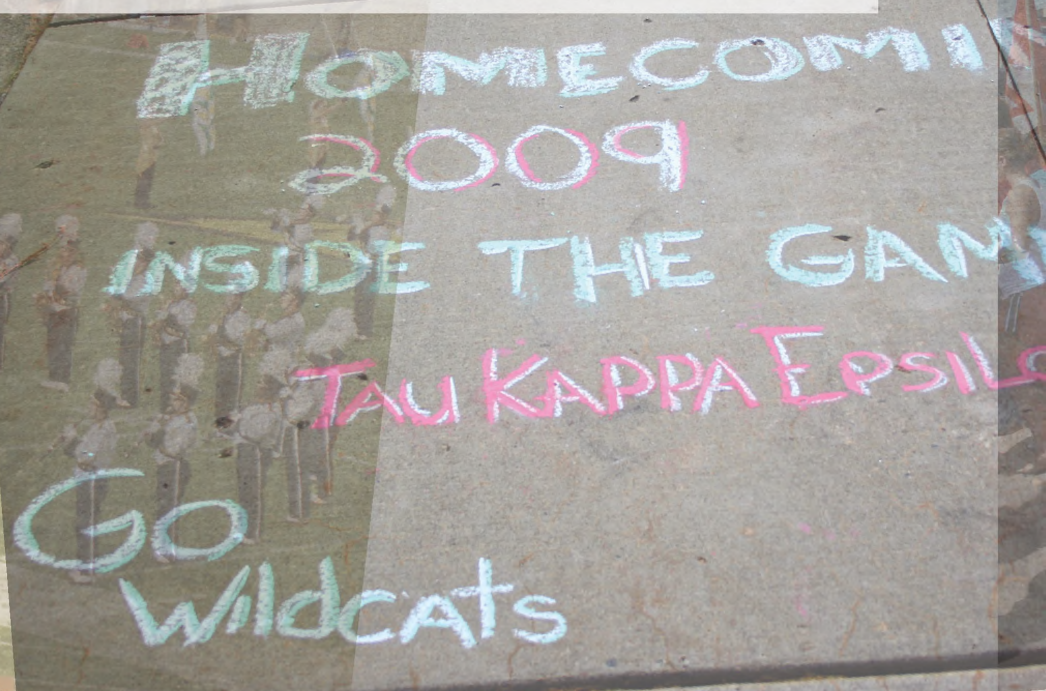
Lizzie Corser, special events coordinator at NMU, has been the coordinator of homecoming for the past three years. There are 20-25 members of the committee right now and they help put together homecoming week and all the events it entails.

"It is amazing to learn that Northern's homecoming consisted of just a football game at one point, and now look at everything there is to do when it comes to homecoming week," Corser said.

Corser said he feels there is something going on throughout the week that will interest every student and the planning committee is open so that any organization or individual is welcome to participate.

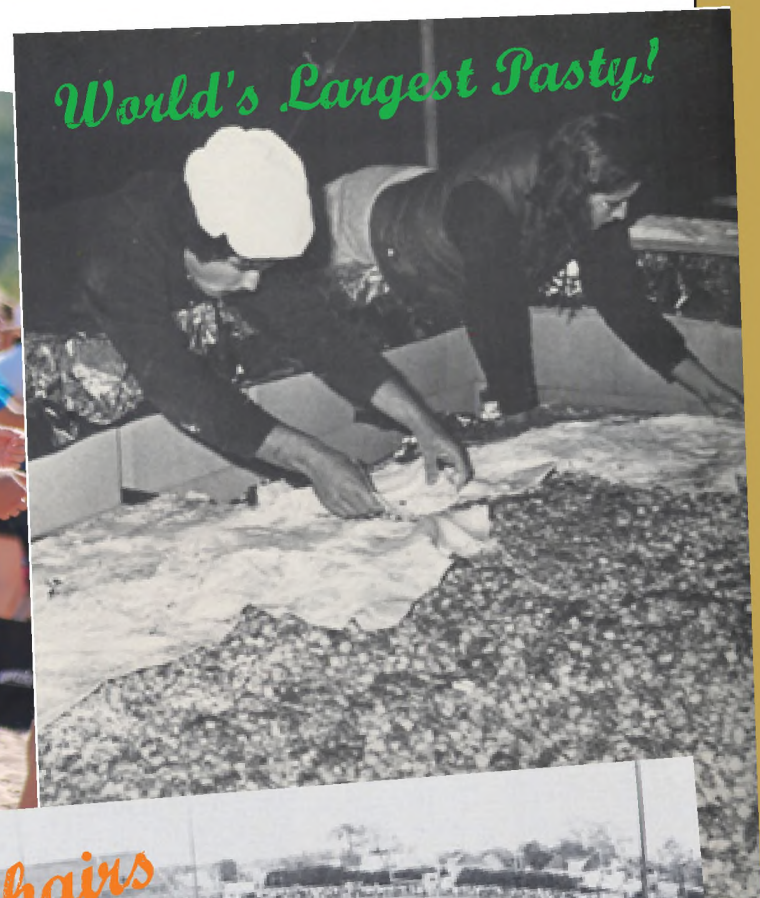
"This makes it more accessible and flexible to anyone interested," Corser said. "This is something I have been a part of for three years and this is definitely something I have been working on."

Homecoming begins Sunday, Sept. 19, and lasts all week. The Center for Student Enrichments encourages all students to make it to at least one event. It's an opportunity to show NMU pride and participate as much as possible. For more information, students can contact the special events committee at sec@nmu.edu.





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Homecoming 2010 Schedule of Events

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

Sunday: Dead River Games
Dead River Bridge, 2 - 4 p.m.

Monday: Scavenger Hunt
Great Lakes Rooms, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Stepping Competition
Jamrich 102, 7 p.m.

Wednesday: King & Queen Competition
Great Lakes Rooms, 7 p.m.

Thursday: Homecoming Bingo Night
The Market Place, 9 p.m.

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

Parade
Third Street, 5:30 p.m.

NMU Volley vs. Northwood
Vandament Arena, 7 p.m.

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

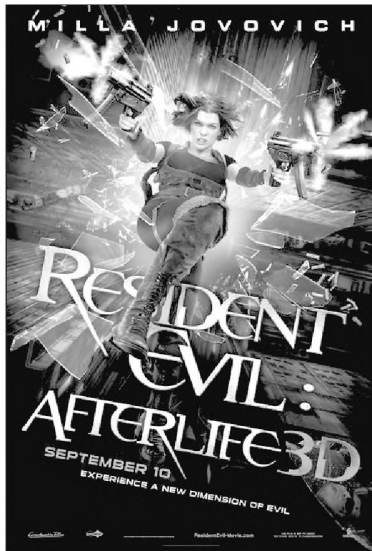
Tailgate Party
Superior Dome, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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

Homecoming Party
Great Lakes Rooms, 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.



'Afterlife' fast paced but repetitious



Film: Resident Evil: Afterlife

Director: Paul W.S. Anderson

Producers: Martin Moszkowicz,
Victor Hadida

Writer: Paul W.S. Anderson

Starring: Milla Jovovich, Ali
Larter, Shawn Roberts

Runtime: 96 minutes

Rating: R



By Austin Irwin

contributing writer

I'm not sure when it started, but the whole zombie attack phenomenon has led to survival books as thick as encyclopedias, small villages of fan groups, countless video game plots, and also lies at the heart and soul of "Resident Evil: Afterlife." The quick transition between scenes and overall length of the movie make it seem as though it is just another walk through the cemetery for lead character Alice (Jovovich), a survivor of previous Umbrella Corporation mutations and experimentations.

Joining in on the 3-D band-

wagon, "Afterlife" starts as the dual sword-wielding major butt-kicking, oddly attractive Alice drops in to pay the Umbrella Corp. a special visit. After filleting countless Umbrella Corp. protectors, and destroying its massive underground headquarters, she crash lands while trying to kill the escaping Albert Wesker (Jason O'Mara), head honcho of the Umbrella Corp.

Alice survives the crash landing and travels from Tokyo to Arcadia, Alaska where an eerie radio transmission offers food, shelter, and most importantly, human hospitality.

Alice travels from spot to spot with a camcorder to document her survival, strapped in the cockpit of a single prop plane. The travel

from Tokyo to L.A. would have been interesting to include in the film. It would have been a great element to include what the rest of the world looked like during such a horrific time period.

Throughout the movie's fast paced scenes, Alice takes out an entire headquarters in a matter of 10 minutes — I was really surprised that the movie never slowed down after that. Wentworth Miller ("Prison Break") makes an appearance in the film, however, the story behind each character and how they ended up in the movie itself is almost nonexistent. It's obvious they are still trying to survive, but the question of how they made it thus far still remains even as the credits roll.

"Afterlife" puts in bits and pieces of 3-D during fight scenes, and this really gets your blood pumping, as if the quiet "something is about to happen" moments don't already. As the team of survivors make their way through the story, even those who have never watched previous Resident Evil films can easily predict when someone is about to get sliced in half or dragged away by the undead.

"Afterlife" was produced by Paul W.S. Anderson, the man who brought you the first two "Resident Evil" movies, as well as "Mortal Kombat" and "Death Race." "Afterlife" has plenty of

zombies and a high-security prison armory full of weapons, yet the lack of contact between humans and mutants makes it seem almost too easy for the cast to survive this wave of zombies. There is also a part in the movie where Wesker, the Umbrella Corp. leader, sports a black trench coat and sunglasses while flipping past bullets and dodging in slow-motion (Matrix Trilogy much?). The acting was solid; the zombies in this movie look realistic and their creepy moans are dead on. The survivors appear malnourished and fatigued with worries. The actors/actresses depict characters who are willing to take any risks necessary to survive the outbreak. Once someone dies, the mourning is short-lived,

and characters flee before what-ever just ate their friend comes back for dessert. I wish that there were a few more encounters with zombies, or maybe a larger array of different creatures as a challenge. Although there is one zombie in particular that is way different from all the others, the rest just looked like typical people but with the speed and agility of Usain Bolt.

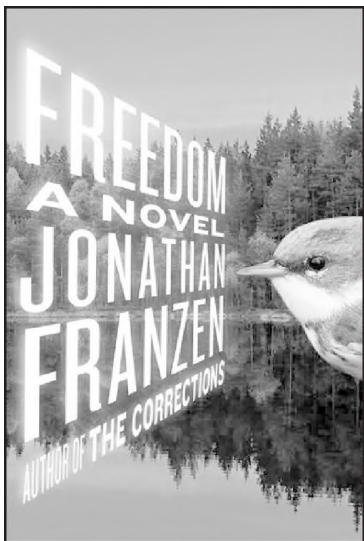
The ending hints toward a sequel, and if it is created, I hope they slow things down a bit and make the audience feel a little more helpless, instead of rushing us through scenes. This movie is neither a waste of 96 minutes nor an outstanding example of frightening creativity.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

Alice (Milla Jovovich) seeks revenge on Umbrella Corp. after being a subject of experimentations and mutations.

'Freedom' underwhelms



By Matthew Walther

contributing writer

Jonathan Franzen's "Freedom" underwhelms. The effect of reading the novel, which is the puffed-up product of nine years spent "being alone," as the author puts it, is one of deflation, as if a large balloon, much remarked-upon and comfortable in its horizon, was poked and beginning to slowly lose its air.

Freedom, like 2001's "The

Corrections," which won Franzen a National Book Award, premises its origins in the tradition of American family novels a la Howells, Steinbeck, Cheever and DeLillo. Authentic and would-be authentic precursors to Franzen seem to line themselves up like chickens. It is the story of the Berglund family of Minnesota (and later, Washington, D.C.) tracing the protracted rise and fall of Walter Berglund, a lawyer and environmental activist, his wife Patty, a former basketball star, their children Joey and Jessica, and Walter's best friend and college roommate, Richard Kratz, a punk rock star. Franzen carefully establishes a narrative pattern in which Walter, Patty, and Richard (as in Howells' "The Rise of Silas Lapham," Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby," and Faulkner's "Absalom, Absalom!," a love triangle between three principal characters forms the major action of the novel) find themselves alternately pursuing and forgoing the various passions that define them.

Despite his expert plotting, however, questions remain about the soundness of Franzen's narrative structure. More than a quarter of the novel, for instance, is given to us in the form of an "autobiography" composed by Patty at the behest of her therapist. Franzen's

decision to present Patty's autobiography in third-person prose is puzzling and occasionally even frustrating; it suggests that the author is fundamentally uncomfortable with the first-person mode in fiction.

Throughout the novel, Franzen abandons high style for a gassy and pedestrian prose that occasionally scrapes the bottom ("There was no bullshit in the weeks that followed, either") and barely reaches for the middle ("He sat holding his phone for a long time, for maybe half an hour, while the sky in the windows grayed toward rain").

He relinquishes the broad, sympathetic satire of his earlier novels and instead dully reiterates the well-known leftist critique of the Bush Administration. In this sense, "Freedom" may offer something to the reader who considers herself above "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" but nevertheless does not take kindly to self-consciously constructed prose or metaphysical speculation. No passage here matches the apocalyptic lyricism of the opening of "The Corrections" or carries the stolid philosophical weight of Alfred's Schopenhaurian musings in that novel. Those of us looking for someone to occupy the house that Nabokov built will continue to look elsewhere.



Week's top
box office
films:

1. Resident Evil: Afterlife	\$26.7M
2. Takers	\$5.68M
3. The American	\$5.67M
4. Machete	\$4.29M
5. Going the Distance	\$3.79M

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Tourney raises cancer research funds

By Alisa Fox
contributing writer

As some people may know, September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Women for Women will kick off of their first annual Striking Out Cancer Softball Tournament this Saturday, Sept. 18.

"The Women for Women's club is dedicated to promoting leadership, education and purpose as it pertains to being a woman," said club president Megan Persons.

The Striking Out Cancer Softball Tournament was initially intended as a pun to continue their campaign to "Save Second Base." They ended up fundraising for a cause a little closer to

home. Camp Quality Michigan is an organization dedicated to giving kids with cancer and their families a real camp experience.

"I really stand behind everything that the club does in general," said Kathryn Powell, a junior photography major. "The softball tournament is helping such a great cause, and we get to have fun doing it as well."

Already they've been able to sell shirts and sign up over 20 teams to compete. They've also gotten multiple businesses around the community to donate to the cause.

"We are so impressed with the campus's involvement and the community's ability to really pull together," said Kate Sartori,

the Women for Women's club adviser, commenting on the results of their fundraising efforts.

Items and services like T-shirts, oil changes, and gift cards have been donated and will be raffled off throughout the tournament to raise more money for the camp. The Marquette Co-op is donating eighty pieces of fruit that will be given away to the players of the first few games.

"We are so stoked to see how this turns out," Sartori said. "We've received so much support from the campus and the community."

Their fundraising isn't over yet. Although they've already collected money from the teams' sign ups and from selling t-shirts,

there's still a long way to go.

"We really need people to show up to watch the games," Sartori said. "We'll be selling some concessions, and raffle tickets for prizes. That's where a lot of our money is going to come from, hopefully."

Although the team brackets have already been posted, there's still a lot students can do as a spectator. Women for Women's club invite everyone to come and support their teams September 18th. The Striking Out Softball Tournament will be taking place at the River Park Sports Complex located on Hawley Street as a part of Homecoming 2010.

As a club, they've already made a presence for themselves

on campus with their annual "Operation Second Base" T-shirt sales and the "Do You Have 8 Inches" hair drive, mostly catering to causes that affect women's health or cancer in general. They have been awarded "Organization of the Year 2009-2010" and "Project of the Year" in 2008 for "Operation Save Second Base."

"It shows us how to be women especially when life takes turns. We use our strengths and have our own definitions for what it means to be a woman," said Justine Samek, a sophomore photography major.

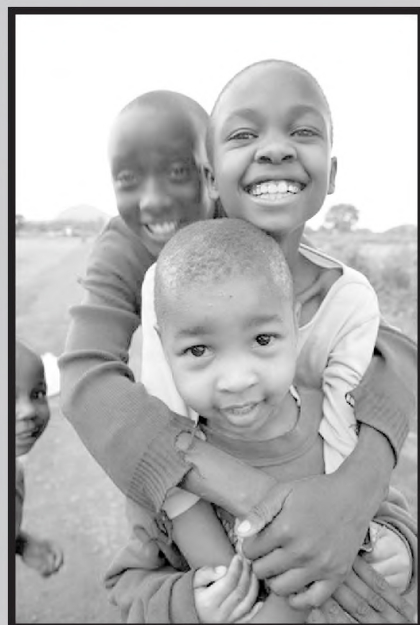
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PETER RICHARDS

NMU Graduate travels the world

By Ashley Wiggins
photo editor

A paramedic-in-training with a killer eye for detail, Peter Richards graduated from Northern Michigan University with a B.F.A. in photography. Since then, he has traveled the world working as an instructor and photographer for National Geographic's Student Expeditions program. A man with many accomplishments as well as goals, Richards has climbed Africa's highest peak, Mt. Kilimanjaro, has learned to speak Kiswahili and is in the process of publishing a book. This book will focus on the lives of orphans in 15 countries worldwide, including those of the Himalayas and Mexico. When he is not traveling Richards spends his time in both Marquette and Glen Arbor, Michigan relaxing, rock climbing, sailing, and of course, taking pictures. Richards is currently being featured at Marquette's Oasis Gallery on Washington Street; the exhibit will be up until Oct. 3.



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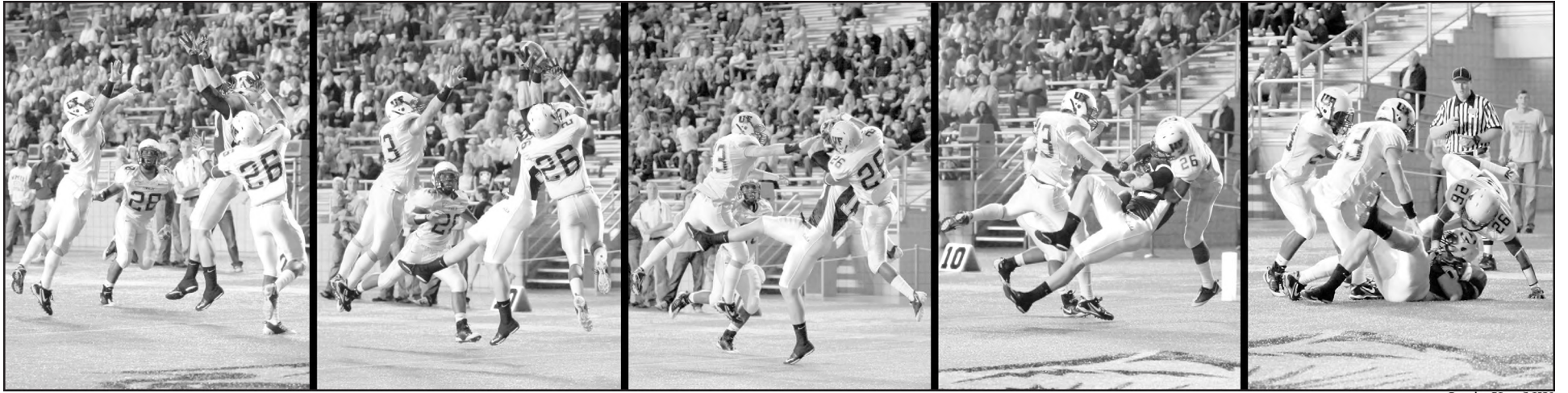
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NMU's tight end Blake Crider catches a 19-yard touchdown, despite the triple coverage from Findlay defenders Aric Jones (13), Jamon McClain (26), and Kalon Willis (28). Crider's only catch put him with five other Wildcats to score a touchdown in the 49-10 victory. Northern won their first home game and first conference game of the season.

Wildcats burn Oiler defense in Dome

By **Brice Burge**
assistant sports editor

The Northern Michigan University football team opened up their conference schedule with a big 49-10 win against the Findlay Oilers on Saturday Sept. 11. It was the first win of the season for the Wildcats.

The offensive onslaught was led by junior quarterback Carter Kopach as he went 17 of 24 for 269 yards with four touchdowns, one interception and one rushing touchdown. Kopach was named GLIAC offensive player of the week for his performance.

"It felt good. It was a great team win and the offense got a lot of credit," Kopach said. "A lot of guys stepped up so it made my job a lot easier."

Northern was able to get over 370 total yards, 16 first downs and averaged seven yards per play. It was the first opportunity to see the results promised by the new spread offense, unlike week one's 207 total yards for only six

points against Minnesota State-Mankato.

"I think it's just reps and getting used to the system," said Offensive Coordinator Chris Ostrowsky. "We had a ton of mistakes still, but we played well enough to win."

Senior wide receiver Dustin Brancheau led the offensive position players with 100 yards and a NMU record-tying three receiving touchdowns, including a 49-yard reception on a flea-flicker pass.

"We knew that we had a one-on-one situation against the safety, so we took a shot and we got it," Brancheau said. "The line did a great job blocking and Carter threw it right on the money."

The first score for the 'Cats was not from the offense, but rather an interception return from cornerback Marcus Tribble. After the defensive line forced Findlay's freshman quarterback out of the pocket, Tribble was able to jump the route and run down the visitor's sideline for the score

with ten minutes to go in the first quarter.

"It was a basic bunch set," Tribble said. "What we're thinking is one guy has to go out, one guy is going deep and one guy is crossing the formation. (Quarterbacks) usually look for the crosser, but Eddie Knobloch did a great job taking him out, so it was a late delay throw and I jumped the route and made a good play."

After an Oiler three-and-out, the Wildcats responded with a seven play, 70-yard drive capped by a 33-yard touchdown by tight end Craig Thompson. The ball was originally attempted to true freshman wide receiver Christian Marble-King on a seven-yard pass, but after he was hit by a Findlay linebacker the ball popped out, bounced off the hands of a Findlay cornerback and was caught by Thompson. He then ran the ball for 23 yards after the catch for the score.

"(The touchdown) was more of a present than anything," Thompson said. "It landed right

in my hands and (I) took it from there."

On the next three NMU drives, the Wildcats scored touchdowns as well. Brancheau scored on the flea-flicker 16 seconds into the second quarter and later in the half as Kopach threw an off-balance throw before the line of scrimmage to Brancheau in the near corner of the end zone. Tight end Blake Crider added the last score of the half as he beat out three Findlay defensive backs to catch a 19-yard fade pass. Kopach completed 12 of 13 passes in the first half.

"After the flea-flicker, things started to click found a rhythm," Kopach said. "Some three-and-outs from the defense helped with that and we had great teamwork."

However, the 'Cats ended the first half and started the second half rough. The Oilers were able to mount a successful two-minute offense by working the left side of the field behind sophomore running back Monterae Williams for a touchdown, while the 'Cats

first drive had two penalties for ten yards and a low snap on the punt attempt, turning over the ball on downs at the NMU 29. The Northern defense responded quickly by picking off another Tate pass on the second play of Findlay's drive, only to have Kopach throw his one interception of the game to safety Bryon Rizzi. Findlay was able to capitalize on the turnover with a 38-yard field goal.

"We had to come out and get settled down," Thompson said. "We went to the sideline and (the coaches) would say 'settle down' and we worked up from there."

NMU settled down and responded with Kopach's one yard touchdown run after an 11 play, 59 yard drive highlighted by a 20 yard completion on fourth down to wide receiver Tony Awrey on an audible trick play.

"We have a play where if (the defense) goes offside, we just snap the ball and the receivers go

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Volleyball on a seven-game win streak

By **David Pleyel**
staff writer

The NMU Women's Volleyball team took on three tough conference opponents last weekend and came out of the fray unscathed, besting each one and boosting the team's winning streak to 7-0.

Going into these matches undefeated, the Wildcats (7-0 overall, 4-0 GLIAC) were looking to stay strong and focused. Most importantly, they were determined to win at all costs.

The Wildcats first opponents were the Ferris State Bulldogs. The Wildcats defeated the Bulldogs 3-1 and moved onto the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals. The Wildcats defeated the Cardinals 3-2, sending them to their final destination at Grand Valley State where they took on the Lakers. The final score that game was also 3-2 in favor of the Wildcats.

Team captain Sami Vierk expressed how excited she was to see everyone step up to the challenge this weekend, and said that certain key elements secured their victories.

"The thing that gave us the edge over our games, especially against Grand Valley, was that every single person on the travel roster played," Vierk said. "We wouldn't have won without the starters and the bench being ready to go at all times. Most importantly, we stayed focused and we played clean volleyball."

Vierk had a terrific weekend with 30 kills. Her teammates Emma Wolfe had 29 kills, and Katie Twardzik had 15. There was also one player who went above and beyond the expectations of not only her coaches and school, but the entire GLIAC.

Freshman left-side hitter Ana Lopes scored a whopping 58 kills

over the weekend. Her hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed as she was awarded the GLIAC Player of the Week. The performance award is based off of three categories: kills per set, digs per set, and hitting percentage.

Lopes was excited to receive the award and at the same time said it was quite a shock.

"It was the best feeling to be able to win all the games this weekend," Lopes said. "I was very excited to win the award, but I didn't even know I was getting it until one of my coaches told me about it, and it was a great feeling."

On top of Lopes being awarded with the GLIAC Player of the Week, the NMU volleyball team also moved up the Top 25 National Rankings to 21st overall in the country in Division II.

Head coach Dominic Yoder

said that he is very pleased with last weekend's results, but he also said that now is the time when the road to victory becomes a little more stressful.

"Being undefeated is great, and I couldn't be happier in the way we played this past weekend," Yoder said. "The road ahead is going to be more challenging and a bit more stressful to the coaches and players. We need to keep everyone alert and constantly need to keep the players learning new moves and focusing on their jobs, and that's to play clean, hard volleyball."

Yoder said that the next two games against GLIAC newcomer Lake Erie Storm and the Ashland Eagles have their points of being very difficult challenges for the Wildcats. Lake Erie, being new to the GLIAC, hasn't been scouted or even had a chance to be reviewed. Ashland has a solid

left-side and is known for their fierce competition.

"The deciding factor that's going to determine whether we stay undefeated or not this weekend is going to focus on three main things: floor defense, blocking and serving," Yoder said. "We need to hit both teams hard and fast and not give them a chance to breathe."

The Wildcats are training harder than ever, preparing for their match-ups against Lake Erie College on Friday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Vandament Arena, and Ashland University on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.

If the team continues to play strong in all aspects of the game, Yoder said he expects victories this weekend.

"As long as we keep exhilarating that energy we are known to show and stay focused, we will come out ahead."

Soccer earns tie, win, still no losses

By Jon Young
contributing writer

The NMU women's varsity soccer team had a successful weekend on the pitch as they improved their record to 2-0-2. It took two overtimes to decide the outcome of NMU and Minnesota Duluth's women's varsity soccer match in Marquette on Friday, Sept. 10. The Wildcats were able to battle back in the second half to tie the game up 1-1, as that ended up being the final score.

"We played with a lot of heart," said head coach Matt Granstrand. "Three games in five days is really hard to do."

Minnesota Duluth (0-1-2) took the first half lead as Heidi Pelttari scored with 21 seconds left in the first half to give the Bulldogs the advantage. The lead wasn't enough as the Wildcats fought back in the second half. Senior Goalie Dana Bush liked the team's effort after falling behind.

"I was impressed by how our team responded to the goal. We showed a lot of heart," Bush said.

The 'Cats kept on the attack in the second half and it paid off at 80:26, when senior forward Dana Stephens scored to tie the game, off a pass from senior forward Kari Buckel.

"We knew they were a good team, and we stepped it up in the

second half," Stephens said.

Granstrand knew his team was tired from the Michigan Tech game and understands it's not easy playing multiple games on little rest.

"We came out flat from our Michigan Tech game, and it showed in the first half," Granstrand said. "The trick is to try to get rested."

Northern Michigan University took on GLIAC newcomers Ohio Dominican University on Sunday, Sept. 12. The Wildcats came away with a 1-0 victory in front of their home crowd at the outdoor fields.

The game was tied at half, and assistant coach Joe Gillespie said it was thanks to the play of the 'Cats defense and sophomore goalie Jessica Baker.

"Jessica had a really good game," Gillespie said. "She was pretty much in the right place at the right time, and she definitely kept us in the game."

Both teams battled back and forth all game with similar offensive strategies. It wasn't until the 84:12 mark that senior forward Kari Buckel kicked the ball over the defender to fellow senior forward Dana Stephens who burned the defense for the game winning goal.

"After the goal we just tried to push offensively and keep them as far down as possible, and I think we did a good job with do-



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore forward Amelia Johnson followed up last week's GLIAC Player of the Week performance by helping the Wildcats record a win and a tie to continue their unbeaten streak.

ing that," Gillespie said.

The Wildcats stayed aggressive after the goal, and both teams continued to battle. The action halted with just over minute left, when a red card was issued to Ohio Dominican's Jennifer Holton for unsportsmanlike conduct, including shoving Wildcats Buckel. The game resumed incident-free and the Wildcats came away with the win.

The Wildcats' successful weekend on the pitch didn't go

unnoticed as sophomore forward Amelia Johnson was named GLIAC Women's Soccer Athlete of the Week. Johnson helped pace the 'Cats with three goals against Michigan Tech. Johnson's three goals have her tied for the second most in the GLIAC while her 3.75 shots per game is fourth best.

The Wildcats will get a chance to rest before hosting the Ferris State University Bulldogs on Friday, Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. at the

outdoor fields behind the Superior Dome. The Bulldogs are 1-4 as the teams will fight for position in the GLIAC.

Assistant Coach Joe Gillespie said the team doesn't want to look too far ahead at the schedule.

"We're trying to take it one game at a time," Gillespie said.

The Wildcats will also play Grand Valley State on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 12 p.m. at the outdoor fields.

Moosemen win 25-3

Undefeated rugby pummels Badgers

By John Becker
sports editor

The NMU Rugby team earned another victory last weekend as the team looks forward to its first road game of the season next weekend.

Team president Matt Kehrer said the team is proud that they are undefeated.

"The game against UW-Madison was the first legitimate game of the season and we came out and handed it to them," Kehrer said.

At the half, Kehrer said the Moosemen only led 5-0 because they failed to capitalize on multiple opportunities.

"The first 10-15 minutes of the game was really sloppy, but for game one, we did pretty good," he said.

The Moosemen were able to hold the Badgers to zero tries (like a touch-down, but worth five points instead of six), and Kehrer said the points the Badgers did score was just a stroke of luck.

"We have a solid defense and our pack played very well. The only reason they scored was because of a penalty kick," Kehrer

said.

Senior winger Elijah Handelsman said he saw improvement in the ruck, which occurs after the ballcarrier has been tackled. The opposing team must vault over the ruck to try and get the ball, they may not simply go around the pile of players on the ground.

"In the first game, we didn't ruck well, and this game we did a much better job in rucking over guys," Handelsman said. "We still need to work as a team and communicate in a positive way; not get too hot headed over mistakes during the game."

With such a large incoming

The only reason they scored was because of a penalty kick.

— Matt Kehrer
Men's rugby president

class, Kehrer said the new players are doing their part to improve the team.

"The 'newlies' have stepped in very nicely, we had a big turnout and they've all bought into the way we play, very aggressive," Kehrer said. "They under-



John Becker/NW

Senior outside center Kyle Aho delivers a strong (and legal) stiff arm to a Badger opponent. The Badgers were unable to stop the Moosemen, who went on an offensive rampage, scoring five tries during the game.

stand what we're trying to do out there."

Handelsman agreed and said he felt the new players who were on the pitch stepped up to the challenge.

"I believe as we get deeper in the season with some of the newer guys get some games under

there belts we will be a team to be reckoned with," Handelsman said.

The Moosemen will head to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Saturday, Sept. 18, to take on the Marquette University Golden Eagles, where Kehrer said the team will face a new challenge—a dimin-

ished depth chart.

"With a long trip like that, we don't always travel so great number-wise, we might have half the players," Kehrer said. "In the past they've been a solid team, they've lost some key players. We're expecting a good match, but we're expecting to win."

Men's soccer splits weekend games

By Mackenzie Myers

contributing writer

Three games into their season, the men's club soccer team has already seen some ups and downs.

The Wildcats played the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse Eagles on Saturday, Sept. 11. They went in expecting it to be a tough match, as the two teams have been consistently similar in skill level and records.

Team president and captain Dale Dexter said he felt the Saturday game went well.

"We had the little things down: passes and communication on the field," Dexter said.

The Eagles-'Cats game stayed neutral for most of the match, until the very end when a crucial goal was scored. With less than 10 minutes on the clock, the Wildcats put the ball in the net, taking the game 1-0.

The team also had a match on Sunday, Sept. 12 against a tough opponent—the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds.

The beginning of the contest looked promising, with a goal for the Wildcats. Soon afterward, however, the Blugolds caught up and scored. The game was tied

within the first 20 minutes and it stayed that way until the second half.

In the last half, both teams fought neck and neck. But in the remaining 20 minutes, the Blugolds showed signs of pulling ahead. They shot three close goals, but the Wildcats persisted, goalie Aric Bekaert putting up a wall each time. On the fourth goal, the Blugolds finally broke the tie. With only 15 minutes left to catch up, the Wildcats just barely lost grip on the game, ending with a score of 1-2.

"The best part of our match was the weather," defender Tyler Walls joked.

"We expected a tough game," Walls said. "They've been a pretty good team for a few years."

Dexter said all three teams involved in the contests this weekend—Northern, UW Lacrosse and UW Eau Claire—ranked high in regional standings last year.

"Every year, we're kinda neck and neck, and we always finish around the same spot," Dexter said.

The Wildcats worked hard, but Dexter said they just couldn't get the job done in the second half.

"We started the game strong



John Becker/NW

Sophomore goalkeeper Aric Bekaert deflects a shot that would have been a goal. Bekaert stopped all but two goals, but the Wildcat offense could only earn one goal, as the team fell to the UW-Lacrosse Blugolds, 1-2.

like we wanted to but then things in the second half didn't really go our way," he said. "We need to work more on our passing and keeping possession of the ball."

Of course, having to play two back-to-back games in one weekend can throw a wrench in the

plan. One of the more difficult aspects for the team was being worn out from the previous match.

However, Dexter and his team are already preparing for their next competition in Petoskey, MI on Saturday, Sept. 25 against the Ferris State Bulldogs.

"We're just gonna look at what we did wrong in this game, concentrate on our passing and spend as much time with the ball and on the field as we can."

With two wins and a loss on the season, the cup remains half full for the Wildcats.

USOEC weightlifters compete at Joe Dube

By Laura Conway

contributing writer

The USOEC weightlifters had a great meet at the Joe Dube Classic this past Saturday in Jacksonville, Florida.

Returning sophomore Chris Lenahen was ecstatic to be competing at his home gym, especially since he had been injured last year and wasn't able to compete in the Classic last year.

"It was hard missing this meet last year; it was at my home gym. This was my third time winning Dube, and it felt great to be back," Lenahen said.

Lenahen had a bad knee injury for the majority of last year and was not able to compete until the very end of the school year.

"I was focusing on not making the same mistakes before surgery and improve technique, that way I won't get injured again," Lenahen said.

The hard work ended up paying off. In his second event back, the Collegiate Nationals held at NMU this last Spring of 2010, he ended up taking first place and hitting some personal best lifts with a finish of snatch at 125 kg, clean-and-jerk 158 kg, and total score 283 kg. He cannot wait for this up coming season to get underway.

"My second tournament back last year was collegiate nationals, and I won it. I'm really looking forward to this year, coming off that win after an injured year was really motivating, I can't wait to see how I do without coming off an injury," Lenahen said.

Another athlete, junior Brandon Jackson of Orlando, Florida, also took first place at the Joe Dube classic this weekend. He was the best out of four leaving the other three lifters behind by an astonishing 80 kilograms - meaning he lifted a total of 176 pounds more than his competitors.

Jackson also has been working back from an injured ankle last year. He did a lot of focusing on just his Olympic lifts over the summer and rehabilitating his ankle so that he could come back strong and compete at his best.

"I've been focusing on getting better and stronger there so I can compete at 100 percent" Jackson said.

Lenahen and Jackson are both looking forward to the American Open in Cincinnati, Ohio, as they are even more motivated to meet their goals from last year.

"For the American Open I want to hit all 6 lifts for 300 kg, a personal best for me," Lenahen said.

Two-time Junior World Team

member Sara Cowles (Senior) also had a great competition. She finished first, an astounding 21 kilograms ahead of the second place finisher, as well as receiving "Best Lifter" award for the women's division. Cowles was very pleased with herself and her teammates performances.

"We weren't supposed to be competing at our peak and they ended up all doing so well. I can't wait to see how well we do next when we will actually hit peak performance" Cowles said.

Cowles has something else to be excited about: She is within grasp of the Junior American Records held by USOEC alum Amber Davis. The record she holds are 73 kg for Snatch and 93 kg for clean-and-jerk. Cowles will soon have to enter competitions as a senior instead of at the junior level, so she only has till December to get the records.

"I'm 3 kg away from breaking the records. It was a pretty good confidence booster being sick the night before and the morning of and hit all three personal records, and be so close to the record" Cowles said.

The next event for the Wildcat/USOEC Weightlifters is the American Open Cincinnati, Ohio, Sunday Dec 12, 2010.

NMU golf team suffers loss on Laker links

The NMU golf team got off to a difficult start last weekend as they placed 12th at the LSSU invitational while the University of Findlay Oilers finished in first place in the event.

Head coach Dean Ellis said he felt that the team didn't come to win that day. "Nobody played as well as they could have," he said. "I think we needed to get on the range speed that day."

Ellis said the team has a lot to work on if they want to improve.

"We could use more consistency with our swings and accuracy."

The factor of weather can have a tremendous impact on a golf course, and adverse weather can have an impact on the game play. Ellis said that while the weather did not help the Wildcats succeed, it wasn't doing any favors for their opponents either.

"It is a factor for everybody, with 20 mph winds and it rained on the last two holes," he said. "The weather can make the game good or bad out there."

Next weekend, the Wildcats will compete in the Division II regional conference in South Haven, Michigan, where they will seek to improve as a team and better their chance in the Division. Ellis explained that the match is very important to the team.

"We are taking small steps, and would like to move up in the standings," he said. "One practice at a time can make a tremendous impact on improving our play, even though we got off to a slow start last weekend."

Ellis said he is expecting to see a performance improvement next weekend.

"I would like to see a more consistent performance by everybody," he said.

The Wildcats will look to pick up from the slow start they had last weekend, and prove themselves against the other teams in the division next weekend (Sept. 19-20) at the Division II regional in South Haven, Michigan.

—Brandon Wrobel



Men's club hockey to host third Wildcat Invitational Tournament

By Laura Conway
contributing writer

The NMU men's club hockey team will open up the season with their third annual Wildcat Invitational Hockey Tournament.

Junior Brad Gicopoulos said the team is excited about their upcoming season.

"There are 10 rookies who are competing for line space and playing time. We are very excited to see this much enthusiasm. The chemistry between the lines we have are solid and we are looking forward," Gicopoulos said.

Gicopoulos came in as a rookie to the club hockey team last year but still managed to become the top scorer, earning 23 goals and 40 points. He worked hard over the summer and has come back knowing what to expect and is ready to tackle this upcoming season.

"We want to build on last year, but now I know what to expect and this year I came a little more prepared," Gicopoulos said.

Last year's season ended rough as the team played their weakest opponents after the regional tournament. The wins against the weaker teams would have raised the teams rankings, allowing NMU to make the regional championships.

"My goal is to make regionals by beating good and ranked teams. The American Collegiate Hockey Association chooses who goes to regionals. Out of 200 teams we've ranked 16th the last two years, we need to be top ten to make it," said Michalak said.

Michalak also mentions that hard season is almost like having a job. There are late-night practices and every weekend involves traveling or competing, and Michalak said

a lot of players do not have the funding to stick with it since there are no scholarships for club hockey.

"We lost some of last year's players due to lack of financial support. But we brought in some good rookies with great defense that are already developing chemistry so the lines are strong...we have a really dedicated group of guys this year, we should be a solid team to compete against," Michalak said.

Gicopoulos agreed saying that the players who stay dedicated to the club team are there for the sport and that dedication will help them win matches.

"For the love of hockey, not getting scholarships to play ... we lose a bunch of people who can't play because they can't afford it," Gicopoulos said.

The hockey team is very excited about the upcoming season. They have been invited to the prestigious American Collegiate Hockey Association Showcase in Youngstown, Ohio. The showcase is by invitation only and of the over 200 teams in the association, the NMU Wildcat Club Hockey team was selected.

"We will be playing at the ACHA showcase in Youngstown, Ohio. We weren't in it last year; they take what they think is the best team in the country, and we didn't get invited. This year we were invited, and we get to play amazing teams like Michigan State," Gicopoulos said.

The Wildcat Men's Club Hockey team plays on Friday Sept. 17 at 8:10 p.m. against Delta College, Saturday Sept. 18 against Saint Norbert College and Michigan Tech at 9:50 a.m. and 7:40 p.m. respectively.

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deep and Carter did a good job of recognizing that the safety over top had stopped playing too. So I just went down deep and (Kopach) put it in a spot where I could get it."

The two teams continued to exchange drives until the final NMU score as Brancheau wrote his way into the record book with his third touchdown with 9:55 left in the game.

"It's something I'm pretty happy about. With the wide receivers that have come out of NMU, it's nice to be in the books with them."

The Wildcat defense held the run-dominant Oilers to just 133 yards on the ground on 41 attempts and 239 yards total. The 'Cats forced five turnovers by five different players and recorded three sacks. NMU is now tied for seventh in NCAA Division II in scoring defense, twelfth in total defense and tied for twelfth in interceptions.

"Everything opened up," said senior linebacker Eddie Knoblock. "We were a lot faster than those guys. The line just opened up a lot of things for us."

Despite the 39-point spread and the defensive dominance, there was one glaring problem for Northern: penalties. The Wildcats had ten penalties for 66 yards against Findlay. In 2009, the 'Cats didn't have that many penalties or penalty yards until the second half of the third game of the season.

"Penalties are something that's going to happen," Kopach said. "I think we had one personal foul, which was bad, but the rest were from being aggressive. If you come out aggressive, penalties are going to happen."

The next opponent for the Wildcats will be the Northwood Timberwolves. The 'Cats are looking to vindicate last year's 23-21 loss in Midland.

"Were going to go down there and get some revenge," Awrey said. "Were going to prepare real well this week, were going to go out and get them."

The Northwood University Timberwolves scouting report

2010 Record: 1-1 Overall, 1-0 GLIAC 2009 Record: 7-3 Overall, 7-3 GLIAC

Last game: W 28-12 against Ohio Dominican

Players to watch: Northwood: senior KR O'neill Thomas, sophomore QB Aaron Shavers, senior LB Andrew DeWeerd. NMU: senior LB Eddie Knobloch, freshman WR Christian Marble-King, senior DT Anthony Echols, junior TE Craig Thompson

Key matchup: Northwood's woodbone option vs NMU's 3-4 defense. The 3-4 defense is not supposed to stop the run, but NMU has allowed only 120.5 rushing ypg to two run-dominant offenses this season. NU's woodbone is a running option that uses a lot of misdirection and end-arounds to not only move the ball but control the pace of the game. With Shavers completing only four passes last week and NMU having the best passing D in the GLIAC, this game will be decided on the ground.

Key stat: NMU's last win in Midland was in 1997. The 'Cats scored a 39-32 victory over the T'wolves. NU has taken six of the last eight matches.

Prediction: NMU typically doesn't do well on the road, but the T'wolves do not have enough offensively to keep up with the 'Cats. NMU 30 NU 10

—Brice Burge

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Shout Outs

Thao — Chiến thắng rực rỡ — **Alex**

Susie — I loved cuddling with you at the drive-in the other week. — **Sally**

NE — I'm liking what I'm hearing about that banjo playing. — **OE**

Lacan — Seriously...it's just a mirror, man — **Grad Student**

Jess — I would cross through fire to change your tire. — **SE**

ME — Since I couldn't fit you in my column this week, I decided I'd shout out to you here. HI SCOTT! — **OE**

Sally — You should come cuddle with me at my place this weekend when my parents are out of town. They're going to a PTA meeting. — **Susie**

EIC — Thanks for listening to my lady troubles. SLS shall have to start soon — **OE**

Thao — I was trying to say "brilliant strategy." How'd I do? — **Alex**

The Master — I'm totally gonna sneak one in. — **Jethro**

SE — That jacket... is a fantastic jacket — **NE**

Houghinator — Done before midnight? Maybe if I did work instead of typing shout outs — **NE**

Jerbear — I'm going to knit you a rainbow flag. RAINBOWS!!! — **Awkward roommate**

NE — You know you love the shoutout page. It's the first thing all of us turn to when a new paper comes out ... right? Is it just me? Guys? — **EIC**

Katrena — Me and my assistant loved the coffee — **Thankful NE**

Katerbug — You're the office sweetheart. We loved the snacks — **The love of your life**

ME — I love you so much. You're

my friend always. — **EIC**

NE — Seriously it's going to be done. Midnight. Count on it. — **Houghinator**

Lina — Our big heart. The beauty in turquoise. How happy you make me. I love you. — **Lucy**

Margaret — You did great on the ASNMU update! — **EIC**

OE — I really love our chats. Thanks for confiding in me. — **EIC**

NE, SE — Your bond is gross and hilarious. — **EIC**

Bob Vila/Dr. Kimbell — You're presence in the UC keeps me safe from evil janitorial supplies and construction equipment — **Brice**

Baby Seal — Party safe. The clubs aren't worth it — **ASE**

SE, NE — Next time you guys gotta perform "We are the champions." — **OE**

Mom — Hope you're having a safe and wonderful trip! — **SE**

NW Staff — Thanks for keeping me awake with your ridiculous singing. — **FE**

Brad — Good luck at your games this weekend. Muahhh! — **Delaney**

Dad — Thanks for helping me with my layout issues, also life issues. — **SE**

NE — People are already blogging about us. I know it. — **SE**

Mom and Hen — I'm really sorry I can't make it home this weekend. I would have loved to see you guys. — **Luc**

NW Staff — You guys always make me look forward to Wednesday night, even when you're all asking me for help at the same time. — **ME**

EIC — You're my best friend and I love being in your company. You will always have a fond place in my heart. — **ME**

FE — Sorry that your pages disappeared at 1 a.m. in the morning. It sucks. It happened to me. — **ME**

Ricky — You're the best soda jerk I've ever met. — **Peggy**

Peggy — Maybe we can go to the library to study tomorrow. — **Ricky**

Inspirations

- Dim's roommate
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Filming/orientation video
- Bohemian Rhapsody
- Belz's new haircut
- mud puddles
- flat tires

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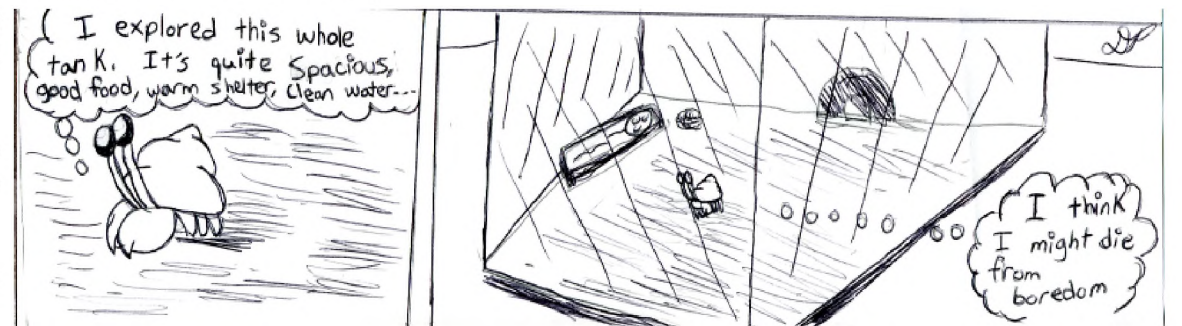
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