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New ThinkPads may be short on RAM

By James Dyer
news editor

Students who received the new SL410 ThinkPad models this year may experience problems with operating speed due to the amount of random access memory (RAM) included in the computers.

RAM affects the speed in which computers execute programs and process information. Previous ThinkPad models ran off the Windows XP operating system, which required a minimum of 64 megabytes of RAM to operate according to the Windows XP system requirements. The 2010 ThinkPad model has upgraded students to the Windows 7 operating system, which requires a minimum of one gigabyte of RAM to function, the exact amount included in

this year's ThinkPads.

For \$55, Micro Repair will be offering a two gigabyte RAM upgrade for students who are having difficulties with the operating speed on their computers.

The amount of RAM included in computers has not changed in five years, said Scott Krah, the director of Micro Repair Services. The problem is not so much with the RAM as much as it is with students having problems with the slow execution of programs, he said.

"Many applications, such as IM, Facebook, AOL, and others use part of this RAM, so the application doesn't have the full amount to use. It runs, but it seems to be slow because there is not enough left from the 1GB (included on the computer)," Krah

said.

Students can make their computers operate more smoothly by shutting down extra programs while trying to run one that requires an extensive amount of RAM, he said. Krah also suggested that students run Spyware programs periodically to allow for the maximum amount of RAM to be available.

Without the RAM upgrade, some students are having problems using programs that are required for their classes. Students enrolled in the geographic information systems/science (GIS) programs at NMU specifically have had problems running the mapping software that is required for their classes, said Robert Legg, assistant professor of geography. The GIS classes operate

using a mapping software called ArcGIS that requires a significant amount of RAM to operate, Legg said.

"(Without the RAM upgrade) computers are operating really slow. Students are having difficulty following along in class if they don't have the upgrade," he said.

Without the upgrade, students can expect to spend an extra few hours on homework due to slow program speed, Legg said.

"It comes down to how much students value their time. As a student, I would definitely spend money on the upgrade," he said.

According to Legg, approximately 20 percent of students in the GIS classes have already purchased the upgrade.

Computer science student Bri-

an Zmek is one student who has purchased a RAM upgrade from Micro Repair. Zmek said he purchased the upgrade upon finding out that his computer would be running Windows 7 with only one gigabyte of RAM.

"It's much harder to have a web browser open and take notes on Microsoft Word at the same time. A sheer lack of RAM makes it difficult," Zmek said.

The upgrade to Windows 7 was a good move for the new computers, he said, but operating Windows 7 with a low amount of RAM is not a good idea.

"There are students complaining because they can't run more than two programs at once. The upgrade to Windows 7 necessitates a higher amount of RAM," Zmek said.



James Dyer/NW

Students browse through the various booths to learn about study abroad opportunities at this year's study abroad fair. Travel opportunities are offered for a variety of different majors in many different countries.

Study abroad fair gives Northern students the opportunity to travel

By Audrey Menninga
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NMU students interested in travelling the globe were able to find information on studying abroad at NMU's study abroad fair.

The fair took place Tuesday Sept. 28, in the Whitman Commons. Study abroad programs set up information boards and had flyers to hand out to interested students. The choices were many—students could travel to England, Greece, India, Thailand, Japan, or other areas to do a variety of different activities, such as travel to visit historical, geographical and

religious sites, learn about sustainable communities, and attend a foreign school.

Miriam Moeller, the internal programs specialist in the international programs department, was excited about the student turnout for the fair. It is important for students to participate in a study abroad program, she said.

"It's a resume builder. That's the first [reason]. It definitely helps students to market themselves better after graduation," said Moeller. "Students come back from a study abroad, and they're more independent and more flexible."

Moeller says rumors that you can't pay for studying abroad or

that it will hold back your graduation date aren't true. Both Financial aid and scholarships are both available for students to help finance their trip. The international programs department makes sure that the credits transfer, are added to your transcript, and become part of your GPA.

Moeller said it is important to do a study abroad project while in school, when students still have the chance.

"I have talked to people who have graduated school, started a family, gotten a job, and you can't just take off for six months," said

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Radio X receives FCC approval

By Adelle Whitefoot
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Radio X, NMU's student radio station, was approved last week on by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to build a new transmitter.

A transmitter is a device connected to an antenna and is used to generate and amplify a radio signal. The new transmitter will be moved from Presque Isle to Morgan Meadows between Negaunee and Marquette, said Erin Astle, Radio X general manager.

"We submitted the application at the end of July, beginning of August," Astle said. "We thought we wouldn't hear back until February, so finding out that we had already received the construction permit was an awesome surprise."

Astle was in charge of submitting and presenting the referendum proposal last winter semester, in which Radio X asked for a \$0.70 increase per student per semester to pay for the new transmitter. Once the Radio X referendum passed, Radio X had to wait for approval from the NMU Board of Trustees for a loan and approval from the FCC, Astle said.

The new transmitter will be more powerful than the current transmitter, at 1,700 watts. The current transmitter is only 360 watts, said Charles Ganzert, Radio X faculty adviser.

"There are two things that de-

termine where a station gets coverage. One is the amount of watts that you have, and the other is the height of the antenna," Ganzert said. "We will be taller and have more watts, so we should cover the area quite nicely."

The new transmitter will be placed on an already existing NMU antenna, Ganzert said. Negaunee, Ishpeming and Gwinn should get better Radio X reception, along with parts of Munising that aren't behind a hill, he said.

"We will improve the signal in places that we already have it, and we'll stretch out to farther places," Ganzert said.

The current transmitter is inside a smokestack of the Wisconsin Electric Power Company. The environment is very dirty, and the coal dust and soot is eroding the equipment, Ganzert said. Radio X is currently off the air waves from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. because of this.

"It's kind of an acidic environment, and it's been causing us problems," said Ganzert. "It's been dripping water in there the last couple of years and electricity and water don't make a very good combination."

The project is estimated to cost about \$100,000 dollars that Radio X will borrow from the university and pay back over time. The new transmitter will hopefully be up and running by the end of next summer, weather permitting, Ganzert said.

Briefs

Career Fair comes to NMU

Over 55 employers will be looking to pick employees at the coming Fall Job Fair and Career Expo on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Steven LaFond, assistant director of career services, said it isn't just for those who need a job now.

"Many of the employers will be recruiting for part-time, summer and internships positions, so the job/career fair is not just for seniors or upcoming graduates. Everyone should attend," he said.

This is the biggest job fair of the year, although other job fairs are held throughout the year. The employers will have booths where the attendees can come up and talk to them according to their interest in the business/employer.

The event is free and no registration is required. It will be held from 1-4 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room in the University Center. For more information go to the career services website at www.nmu.edu/careers.

— Chelsea Parrish

Workshop teaches leadership

The Student Leadership Fellowship Program workshop titled "What Buddha, Confucius, Jesus, and Socrates Have to Teach Us About Leadership-SkillBuilder!" which will inform students of the lessons taught by these four historical figures about leadership. The workshop will be held Thursday, Sept. 30 from 4-5 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center, and is being presented by Rodney Clarken, the director of the school of education here at NMU.

"The Student Leader Fellowship Program puts on 25-30 workshops per semester, with past ones that have included deep muscle relaxation, how to run effective meetings, basic automotive skills and stress and time management. Our current batch of workshops includes dog whispering, sailing, financial fitness and more," said Becky Rasmussen, the leadership programs coordinator at the Center for Student Enrichment.

— Travis Rogers

Class offered on horse riding

The Northern Center for Lifelong Learning will offer a class on a therapeutic horse riding program at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, at Willow Farms.

Linda Mallon, the program coordinator, will give a tour of the facility and give a presentation on the program. It will discuss the requirements for participation, the necessary qualities of the horses and opportunities for volunteers.

There is no cost, but donations will be accepted at the door. The registration deadline is Monday, Oct. 4. Contact Eeva Miller at 250-5169.

— NMU News Bureau

Corrections

In the column "Rio Tinto Needs to Clean Up Their Act," in the Sept. 23 North Wind, Rio Tinto should not have been listed as a parent company to BP.

Ying Yang Twins pack the UC



Alex Belz/NW

Students line up in the stairway outside the Great Lakes Rooms to see the Ying Yang Twins perform on Saturday, Sept. 25. The group performed as part of the Black Student Unions annual Homecoming Party.

ASNMU update

ASNMU discusses providing bikes to select students

By Margaret Ylitalo
staff writer

Off-campus representative Dani Thoune opened a discussion about the possibility of a grant-funded bike initiative program that would issue bicycles to incoming freshmen at the Tuesday, Sept. 28 ASNMU meeting. In order to receive a bicycle, students would waive their privilege to purchase a parking pass.

"The Road Map to 2015 is talking about getting rid of the roads that run through campus and making it biking, walking, and potentially skiing and snowshoeing across campus to get to where you need to go," Thoune said. "(The bike initiative program) is tying into future plans."

Thoune does not see it starting until at least two years from now. Logistics such as winter storage, funding, possible bicycle companies and student demand and interest are being considered. Mechanical students, and possibly local businesses, would potentially be involved in the bikes' maintenance issues, Thoune said.

Off-campus representative Aaron Loudenslager and arts and sciences representative Zach Fix brought up a discussion of a possible student-defenders division of ASNMU to help students brought to trial in front of the All-Student Judiciary (ASJ), which is also a part of ASNMU. The idea is based on similar groups at Michigan State University and the University of Maryland.

The group would be formed to familiarize students with the ASJ before they are brought to trial, Fix said. Students could choose to allow student defenders to defend them and to help them understand their rights.

"We are not giving legal advice," Loudenslager said. "We're just interviewing people and making sure they know how the university procedures work. [Student defenders] can act as an attorney, but they're not lawyers, and they don't practice law."

Ruth Watry, a political science professor at NMU, has volunteered to advise the group and to train and counsel student defenders, Loudenslager said.

Jolene Prahl was unanimously approved and sworn in as a down-campus representative.

Map Key

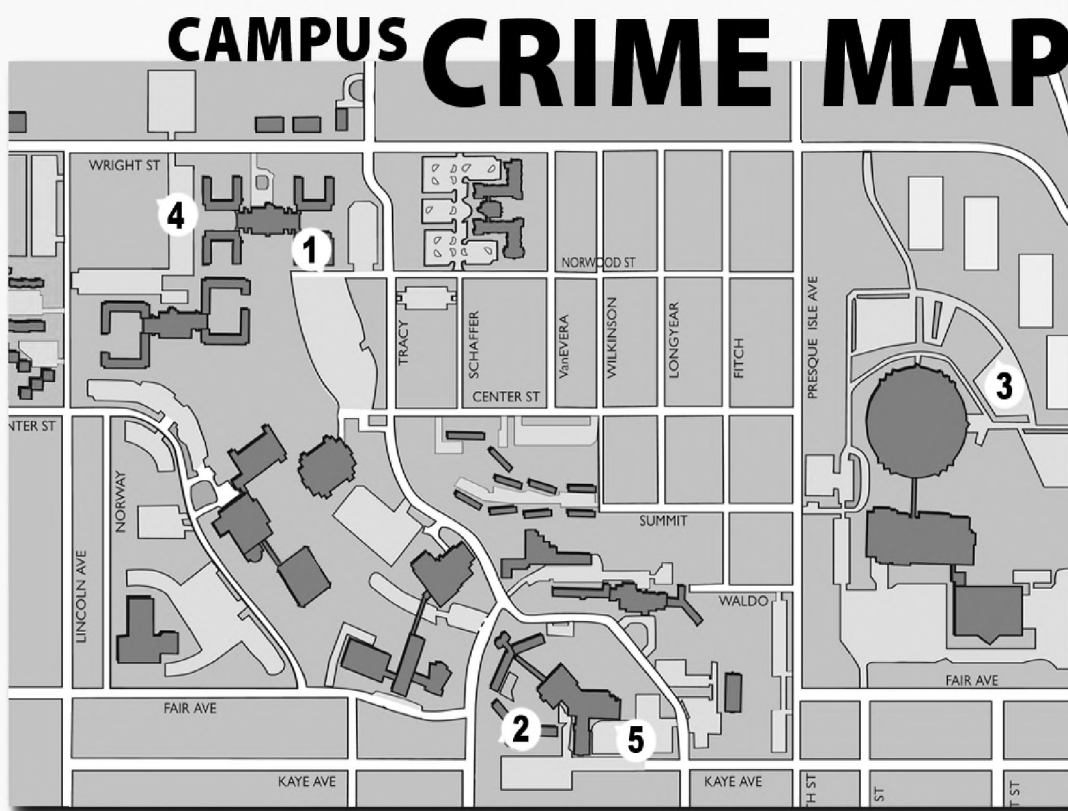
1) Two students were involved in harassing communication and disturbing the peace at 12:40 a.m. on Sept. 23 in Magers Hall.

2) A student's laundry was reported stolen at 3:50 p.m. on Sept. 24 in West Hall.

3) A student was given an MIP at 3:05 p.m. on Sept. 25 in Lot 56.

4) The mirror of a student's car was reported maliciously destroyed at 6:17 p.m. in Lot 16.

5) Two students were reportedly involved in domestic violence at 10:20 p.m. in Lot 8.



North Wind tours Kennecott mine

By Lucy Hough
editor in chief

Since its beginnings, the Kennecott Eagle Mine Project has inspired intense discussion in the U.P. community. Arguments presented by those opposed and those for the mine have often blurred the lines between fact and rumor. Needless to say, when News Editor James Dyer and I received an invitation to tour the construction of the mine, we jumped at the chance to learn about the mine firsthand.

We were escorted to the mine site by Matt Johnson, a 1994 NMU grad and manager of government and community relations for the mine. During the hour-long drive to the site, Johnson talked to us about the controversy of the site and said that oftentimes misinformation and assumptions are considered facts. According to Johnson, mining companies have an extensive history in the UP, but in the past they weren't as aware of the negative environmental impacts to the area. This is an image Rio Tinto is conscious of and works to change, he said.

"There's a greater emphasis on

being socially responsible," Johnson said.

We approached the construction site as the workers ended their shifts. A small bus passed us of workers who hitch rides back to towns in the area, including Marquette. For safety reasons on the unpaved roads, the mine encourages all of its employees to take the bus and not drive personal vehicles to the site. The construction site as we approached looked like an enormous sandbox in the middle of the woods. Upon entering the fenced-in site, James and I sat through a safety induction by the head of security, Ray Kenny – a Champion, MI native hired by Rio Tinto. All workers and visitors to the mine are required to sit through the induction, be it employees, reporters, or even the president of Rio Tinto, Kenny said.

"It doesn't matter who you are, you have to go through the safety induction. It's a team effort for everything we do. We want to get the job done safely," he said.

Johnson described mandates like this to us as not a safety practice, but more a safety culture that is apparent in all operations of the



Photo courtesy of Matt Johnson with Rio Tinto

Bulldozers clear out land around the Temporary Development Rock Storage Area (TDRSA) at the Kennecott Eagle Mine Project. The TDRSA is meant to store rock containing sulfide to prevent groundwater pollution.

mine. Even though the workday was nearly finished, we were required to wear hard hats, construction vests, safety glasses and steel toe slip-ons over our boots at all times while touring the construction site.

We left the security booth and began our actual tour of the mine site. The construction area spans more than 100 acres of land off of county road 510 and the AAA road near Big Bay.

When complete, the area will include three structures: a security building, an office complex (that includes an area for trucks to be stored and maintained) and a water treatment plant, Johnson said the treatment plant will filter contaminated water through a process called reverse osmosis and feed it back into the water table in a condition suitable for drinking.

A major portion of the above-ground land will also be taken up by what is called a Temporary Development Rock Storage Area (TDRSA), a place where rocks extracted from underground containing sulfide deposits will be

quarantined to prevent acid rock drainage. Acid rock drainage occurs when oxygen and water mix with the sulfide deposits and can hurt the watershed.

We stood at the brim of the TDRSA where they have begun lining the enormous pit with a thick black material. This is just the beginning. According to Johnson, there will be multiple layers of material and then two feet of sand and three feet of rock in order to prevent water contamination.

Throughout the process of applying for permits for the mine, Kennecott has strived to address the issues of community members who are opposed to the mine, Johnson said.

"It's important for Rio Tinto to understand the complaints that people have. We don't want to seem like Goliath coming down on some grassroots organization," Johnson said.

The construction site isn't directly above the ore body that the mine will extract nickel and copper from. Johnson said this is in order to prevent damaging the

Salmon Trout River that runs near the site. Unfortunately, moving the location means getting closer to Eagle Rock, a Native American holy site.

Eagle Rock was a part of the construction site to some degree, fenced off and determined a "no touch" area. According to Johnson, Rio Tinto has offered to allow access to Eagle Rock during the mining process to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC). Discussions with the KBIC are still happening, he said.

As we drove back to Marquette, Johnson talked to us about his time at NMU and how much he loves living in the U.P., that even though he's had a number of job opportunities throughout the country, he can't imagine leaving a place he considers home. He said that he likes working for Rio Tinto so that he can bring facts about the Kennecott Mining Project to the Marquette County community.

Editor's Note: News Editor James Dyer helped in the reporting of this article.



James Dyer/NW

Pictured is the location of the ore body area for the Kennecott Eagle Mine Project. Nickel and copper deposits will be extracted through an underground tunnel to minimize damage to the woodland above.

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Transformer will give hands on experience

By Amanda Cook
contributing writer

The NMU engineering and technology department will be installing a mock electricity substation adjacent to the Jacobetti Center. The first and largest piece of equipment, a 13-ton transformer, was installed on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

The transformer arrived on the back of a flatbed truck, and was lifted onto a concrete platform with a crane. Several workers attached cables to the large piece of machinery and helped orient it so it would be properly in place. Surrounding the outdoor platform are several others, which will eventually hold circuit breakers, reclosures, and regulators. Project coordinators hope the rest of the equipment for the lab is installed by the end of October.

The mock substation will be used specifically for a new associate degree offered at Northern. The two-year program falls under the electrical technology major, with a power technician concentration. The new equipment will join an indoor lab filled with other high-tech electrical devices. Students will learn troubleshooting and maintenance procedures that they will encounter on the job.

"It's all very hands-on.... It provides a lab for students in the program...to operate equipment

just like they're going to see out in the real world," said Mike Rudisill, head of the NMU engineering technology department.

Bill Haupt, adjunct instructor of engineering technology, will be using the equipment for his classes. Haupt is excited to use the new substation as a teaching tool.

"This will give the students a realistic and meaningful hands-on experience so they can take their theory in testing substation equipment and put it to practical use with the newest state-of-the-art equipment." Haupt calls the project "a culmination of a lot of effort by a lot of people."

Most parts of the substation are used, and have been donated by several local electric power services: the Upper Peninsula Power Company, American Transmission Company, Wisconsin Public Service, and Systems Control. A \$673,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) made the acquisition of the equipment possible.

The funding from the DOE is a workforce development grant. Workforce development grants are given to programs that help ensure that the DOE has a constant source of highly skilled workers. As part of the grant, NMU has pledged twenty \$1,000 scholarships to students in the power technician program who are performing well and making



Ashley Wiggins/NW

A model of an electricity transformer was installed outside the Jacobetti center on Wednesday, Sept. 29. The transformer will serve as a hands-on learning module for students in NMU's electrical technology program.

positive progress.

Kyle Robertson, a junior going into the power technician program, was there to watch the installation of the transformer. "I was going to be a math and science teacher, but I heard about this program opening and I couldn't pass it up," said Robertson, whose father and brother are both elec-

tricians. He had many reasons for going after the new degree. "The big thing was the program is getting so much support, and job opportunities are really good," said Robertson. He also listed the hands-on work and scholarship money as benefits.

Rudisill and Haupt encourage students to explore power techni-

cian career opportunities. Jobs are available in all areas of the electrical power generation, transmission, and distribution system and have starting wages between \$40,000 and \$60,000 a year.

"Students going through this program are entering a field that is very demanding and very rewarding," said Haupt.

Geography department restructures its programs

By Alex Eisner
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The NMU Geography Department is restructuring its majors and course requirements. John Anderton, head of the department said it is trying to streamline their offerings and cut down to four majors. Along with changes to the curriculum, the department will change its name to the department of earth environmental and geographical sciences.

"Geography in America is kind of a confusing issue," Anderton said. "Our new title would help explain what we do."

Anderton said the four majors that will be offered in the new department will be environmental science, environmental studies and sustainability, earth science, and geomatics. This is a change from the six majors currently offered.

"We have identified where our strengths are and think we can offer these majors," said Anderton.

The department has been downsizing for a while, which has led to the decision of this proposed renovation, Anderton said. The new structure will help students get through the courses in a reasonable amount of time and make it easier to graduate in four years.

The environmental studies and

sustainability major will give more of a human context to the solutions to environmental problems, Anderton said. This is a good major for those who don't really want to focus on science and are more interested in the human aspects, Anderton said.

"Conservation is our biggest major, and I envision this growing more in the future," Anderton added.

The earth science major will have minor changes and is another major that is growing in popularity, he said. The geomatics major will take a look at real cutting-edge technologies and geographical information systems.

"It's a challenging program, but if you get through it, you're going to have a job for sure," said Anderton.

The major that is changing the most is the environmental science major. Director of the major, Ron Sundell, said in the new curriculum students with this major can choose to focus in one of four areas: natural resources, pollution control and remediation, water resources or renewable energy technology.

"We're really looking at some major reconstruction," Sundell said.

According to Sundell the

changes will strengthen the environmental science program.

"I think it'll give students the option they need right now to get jobs and go on to grad school if they so desire," said Sundell.

Sundell noted that some students in the environmental science program have a hard time identifying which department they are a part of.

Students who are currently in one of the majors in the geography department are considered grandfathered into their programs and can stick to the path they're on unless they want to change to the new curriculum, Anderton said. If students elect to change to the new one, they can no longer go back to the old one.

If all goes well Anderton said he would really like to see the changes come into effect next fall.

The changes to the curriculum were proposed last year and made it to the end of the process but was held up by the Academic Senate, Sundell said. He said it was tabled so the Academic Senate could take a little more time to look at it. The proposal is circulating to all the other departments as well.

"I think it's a good thing in the long run, it's just allowed for some things to be done in the proper manner," Sundell said.

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Moeller. "If you want to have a long term abroad experience or even just a month, study abroad now."

There were several new programs to the fair this year, including a new faculty led class and a volunteer trip to Belize and Central America. The program Moeller was most excited about though was the Living Routes program. This program offers many different locations, each with a different environmental focus. What is common throughout all the programs offered by Living Routes is the focus on sustainable living. Each location is in an ecovillage, which practices living sustainably with their environment.

Living Routes is not just for environmental science majors though. Gregg Orifici, the Director of Academic Relations and the Head of Development in Costa Rica for Living Routes, said that the program is so broad that other majors easily play a role in their activities.

"It looks at social and cultural issues surrounding sustainability which really touches on all majors," said Orifici.

Students who participate in the Living Routes program get lots of hands on experience, which is an aspect Living Routes says makes it unique.

"[Students] don't want to

sit in the classrooms anymore," said Nina Dawe, the Director of Admissions and the program manager in Mexico, Brazil, and Scotland. "They want to get hands on, they want to dig in the earth, and they want to build a clay building, and build a clay oven. They want to talk to the people in the community and help understand what it means to live sustainable." Other booths included AustralLearn, a program that allows students to attend an university in Australia, New Zealand, and other locations, Environmental Sciences in Japan, the Education Abroad network which offers programs in many different locations, and many other booths.

Also present were booths containing information about the 2011 faculty programs. Faculty programs are classes led by professors who take students to different parts of the world for 4 credits.

Some of the places this year include Greece, to study ancient history, Italy, to study art history, Peru, for alternative healing, and Sweden for culture and civilization.

"The study abroad has slowly been going up and I think it is an important thing to do, especially in college," said Moeller. "Companies are really looking for that kind of capability that you can develop in a study abroad of being more international and involved in worldly things."

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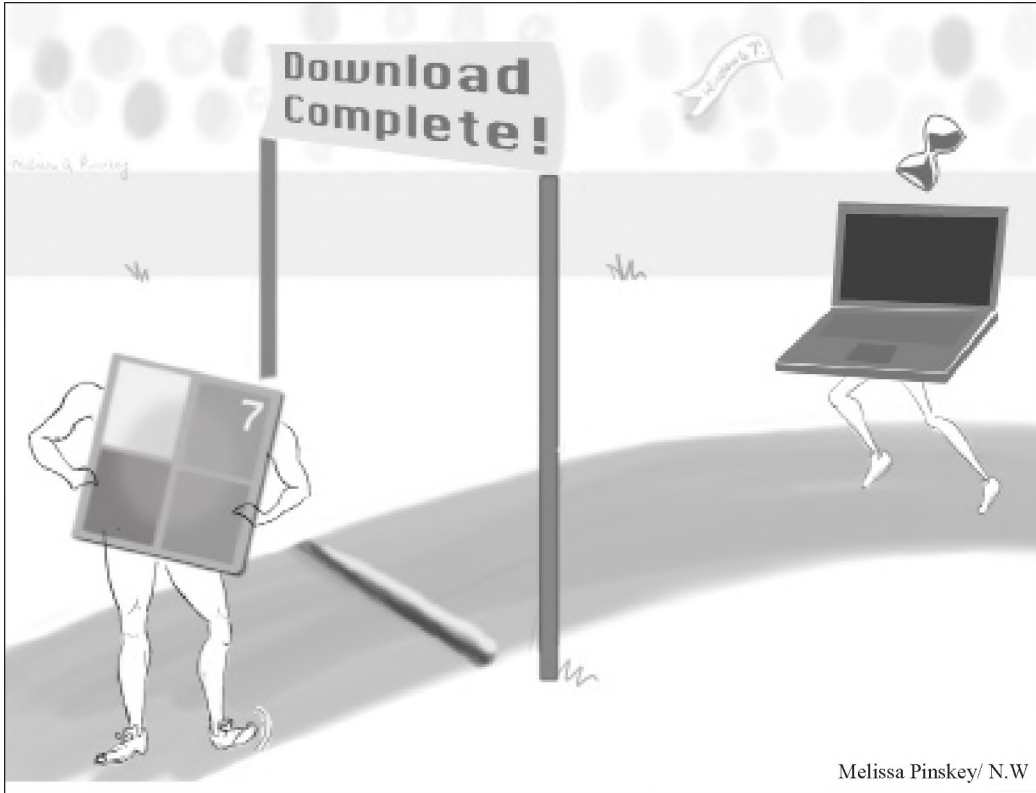
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Staff Editorial



Melissa Pinsky/ N.W.

RAM should've been provided for students

One of the clear benefits of attending NMU is the Teaching, Learning and Communication (TLC) notebook initiative, giving all full-time students a laptop. Such is a true privilege, something that we should be grateful to receive as a part of our tuition dollars.

With this privilege and cost, students typically make these laptops their primary computers — assuming the university will provide laptops that will accommodate their classes and personal interests. With the most recent batch, as students started their typical, daily use on the computers, programs ran slower. The reason for this is the new Lenovo SL410 computers have 1GB of RAM, which simply isn't enough for Windows 7. It is better to run systems with more RAM than is required to run the operating system, something the computer experts who run the TLC Notebook initiative seems to have overlooked.

When the decision was made about what computers would be given to students, the need for RAM in the laptops should have been considered. Blame has been placed on the students' use of the computers, too many

programs are open at one time, but enough people are having problems that such blame doesn't make sense, its unlikely computer use has changed dramatically with the new computers. Instead, students are left with the problem of slow computers.

The inadequate solution provided by the university is a \$55 implement, which forces students to solve the problem with their own money; even though the price for the laptop itself comes out of tuition. Faculty and staff do not have to personally pay for more RAM because the cost for RAM for their laptops is being paid for by their departments.

By providing students with computers, those who make such decisions about them need to consider how they will operate in daily use.

It seems opportunistic that students were given computers that are too slow for use, but they are expected to pay \$55 to make up for the lack of RAM. These students shouldn't have to make up for the oversight — it seems that the people who run the TLC notebook initiative have taken full advantage of students.

U.S. should pay for college



Guest Column

Aaron Loudenslager

The U.S. is the wealthiest country in the world, yet it doesn't provide universal health care or higher education. This is simply not acceptable. Education is a human right. Like health care, someone shouldn't be denied access simply because they're not able to afford it.

Student loan debt in the U.S. has just surpassed the absurd amount of consumer credit card debt, with student loan debt recently reaching over \$850 billion. The student loan business in America has become just like the credit card business: it is a relationship based on exploitation.

Before the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act signed by President Barack Obama, the student loan business was ugly for students, to put it kindly. Most student loans used to originate with a company like Sallie Mae. Sallie Mae would give out loans to students and Uncle Sam guaranteed these loans fully, meaning that if students defaulted, Sallie Mae would still get paid.

If a student defaulted on their loan, the federal government paid Sallie Mae what was owed on the loan and then sent the General Revenue Corporation to collect the payments students owed. The GRC added a 25 percent collection fee onto the student's loan and the GRC also got a 28 percent commission on what the student paid back on their loan.

There are two problems here. First, this system makes it impossible for students to pay back loans if they fall behind. Second, GRC is owned by Sallie Mae. Why was the government privatizing student loans and sending a corporation owned by Sallie Mae to collect the payments instead of the government doing both directly?

It's an example of how the government gives special favors and relationships to big corporations.

The Patient Protection and Af-

fordable Care Act stopped the government from backing up Sallie Mae's student loans. Instead the government gives them directly to the student, which should've been done long ago.

This legislation does not go far enough, though. Most countries in Europe provide university-level education tuition-free. Denmark spends 8.5 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on education. Denmark give students free education. In America, this is not the case. The U.S. spends 5.7 percent of GDP on education, but students are still being crushed with debt, and many never even have the chance to go to college.

In the U.S., the federal government finances part of student college expenses if students demonstrate financial need. Even with government help, many still have to take out private student loans, which can end up being expensive. In Europe, the government finances all of student tuition, therefore containing education costs by eliminating private student loans.

Last year, I had financial difficulty paying for college. I have a 3.71 GPA and I have a federal work study job. I almost had to drop out of college last year, even though I was poor and getting grants and scholarships. I was still \$6,000 short, with my parents not able to afford the rest of my expenses. I was on the edge of either continuing my pursuit for a law degree or working at my old job back at McDonald's making minimum wage.

My grandparents stepped in though. They loaned me the money for college, allowing for me to continue my college dreams. Not everyone is as lucky as I am. What would've happened if they couldn't have helped me? I would be flipping burgers instead of writing this column.

Spending 8.5 percent of GDP like Denmark does, instead of 5.7 percent GDP, to provide every American citizen with a tuition-free university education is simply the correct thing to do. Our country has a moral obligation to help its citizens.

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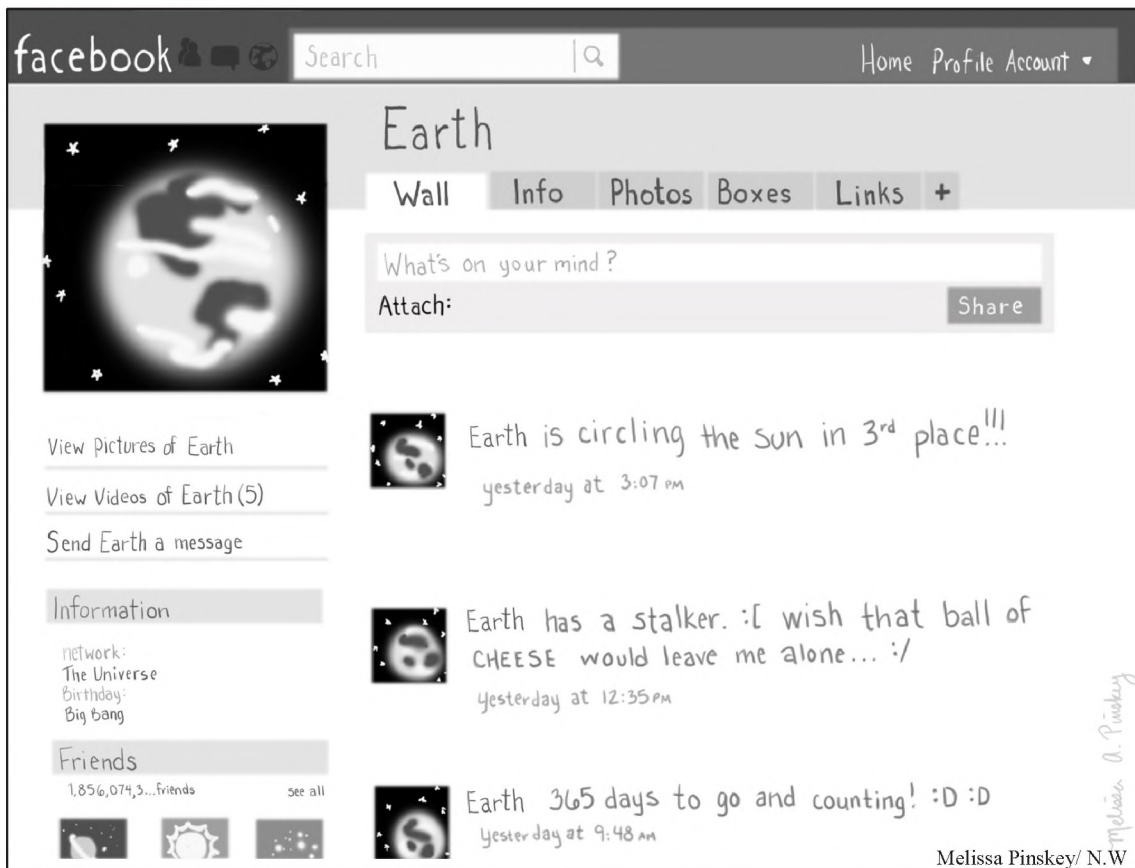
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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



Social media should not define our lives

“The Social Network,” a movie about the creators of Facebook, is coming out on Oct. 1. The movie is about how Mark Zuckerberg created the social networking site Facebook in his dorm room at Harvard in 2005. According to Rolling Stone, the movie “defines the decade.” I find it unfortunate that such statements can be made, even argued for.

Social media outlets were conceived as extensions for interpersonal communication. They were designed, as their very name implies, as a social tool. Now, it seems, we have let social media define us, instead of the other way around.

A recent study referenced in a dailymail.co.uk article found that excessive Facebook use is correlated to narcissism. Another study, referenced in the same article, showed that students who use Facebook while they study, even just having it in the background, have grades 20 percent lower on average than non-users. With over 500 million people on Facebook, that's a lot of slipping grades.

Our use of Facebook, it seems, has allowed us to be consumed by constant updates of people on our friends list. We have begun looking at life as entertainment.

Social media websites like Facebook have given us the chance to communicate ideas, facts and details of our lives instantaneously across the world. If used properly and responsibly, there is nothing wrong with social media sites. They allow us to communicate with friends and relatives we might otherwise be out of contact with.

The biggest problem, I think,

in using social media websites is that no one seems to know how we should use it. People use them as a blog, a personal diary, a true internet record of their lives or to network with fellow students or future employers, while still others use it to inform friends of their weekend night plans.

Unfortunately, I think, too many people use Facebook for every reason in the previous paragraph. The result is anarchy.

When the automobile was invented, its creators had no way of predicting the outcomes of that invention. They could not have perceived paved roads, air pollution, traffic lights, car pools, bus routes, cab drivers and everything else that developed as a result of the invention of the automobile.

Similarly, the creators of social media sites — like Mark Zuckerberg in Facebook's case or Tom Anderson, co-founder of MySpace — had no way of predicting how their creations would affect modern communication. The idea was positive. Wouldn't it be great if we could communicate with the people in our lives on one site, with photos, status updates and a blog feature?

But once they were created, the drama of human communication started. You don't tell your priest you've been sinning all weekend, just like you don't let your boss know you went to that Packers game when you said you were sick. But there it is: the photo proof, someone's tagged you in a photo and there isn't much you can do but untag it, then watch helplessly as someone else tags you again.

Another problem comes in what

we choose to communicate rather than how we communicate it. Do we really want our ex-girlfriends from high school or that kid who sat next to us in sixth grade to know that we drank the equivalent of Lake Superior in whiskey last night?

These questions, while seemingly obvious, seem to be rarely asked. People update their status without thinking about who can see them, or upload photos without contemplating consequences.

We, as consumers and users of the internet, have allowed Facebook and other sites like it (Twitter, MySpace) to permeate our lives. Yet very few people seem to be asking why.

In 1985, a book called *Amusing Ourselves to Death* was written by Neil Postman. The book depicts the author's fears that television will change society to the point where every aspect of our lives — whether politics, religion, personal relationships or education — will be dumbed down into sound bites. Twenty five years later, we have the result of those fears, and it is called social media. We need to return to the days when social media was a tool, not something which defined us.

So yes, maybe “The Social Network” does define our decade. But the question few seem to be asking is: should we allow social media to define the *next* decade? Are we doomed to throw every aspect of our lives into an internet soup of information, awkward acquaintances and people we used to know? I, for one, hope the answer to these questions is a resounding no.

Presence in Iraq beneficial



Guest Column

John Mercer

On Aug. 31, 2010, President Barack Obama declared Operation Iraqi Freedom over. Ten days previously the last combat brigade left Iraq to return home to their families. This momentous event in our history received little more than a sideways glance from our controversy-obsessed media in America. Simultaneously, Operation New Dawn, the U.S. military's new advisement and training phase of Iraqi forces, began. Few people are aware of the differences in these operations, and are only concerned with the fact that our nation's troops are still in Iraq.

The U.S. Army exists, as professed in the Soldiers Creed, for one purpose: “To deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America.” This simplistic approach to their profession is often complicated by their primary means of direction; to faithfully execute the orders of the commander in chief, the president of the United States. Even though our military has the ability to systematically destroy every other nation on earth, they don't. They don't because they're the good guys, and their resources are constantly spent doing things other than destroying the enemy. Our military is more than a war fighting machine these days. They are regularly tasked to accomplish missions which other militaries could never accomplish. The deployment of American troops to Haiti for relief and humanity efforts is a good example.

Many people don't realize that the soldiers on the ground are our most vital diplomats. They build relationships with citizens and make bonds that affect opinions of America to a far greater extent than big wig diplomatic efforts. Our soldiers work with local people to defend their land, build their homes, and feed their families. The children whom soldiers talk to, hand out candy and presents to and make positive impressions on will be Iraq's future leaders. The Iraqi police and soldiers that our troops have trained, fought and lived with

will remember how we treated them, and what we have taught them. These things have significant impacts on the future relations of America, Iraq and the Middle East as a whole.

Regardless of personal opinions of whether it was just for America to invade Iraq, we've brought good to this nation. We removed a heinously brutal dictator from power. We rebuilt, equipped, and trained an army almost 200,000 strong, capable of handling their country's insurgency. We've liberated the people, fostering the genesis of a representative government where millions of citizens are able to vote. Our military built roads, schools, and government buildings, all instrumental in the rebuilding of Iraq's infrastructure. Yes, we have made mistakes. No, our methods have not always been perfect. But I defy anyone to challenge our military's best intentions: to provide the Iraqi people with the basic liberties and everyday freedoms that we take for granted in America.

The men and women who comprise our military are some of the most selfless and fearless professionals I've ever encountered. They don't ask to go into war zones; but they do volunteer to do whatever our country asks of them at any time.

Take for example the cadets in the military science department here on NMU's campus. They have taken an oath to follow orders of the officers above them. That's a vague job description, but they know they're doing something worthwhile. They volunteer to train and learn throughout their college career, knowing that they are likely to deploy to a combat zone within a year of graduating from college, a time when most graduates think life is tough for them because they can't get a job interview.

These service members have sacrificed more than the average civilian will ever comprehend. Seven years of fighting, billions of dollars spent, and thousands of lives lost in an effort to see this nation progress. It would be foolish to just walk away, essentially negating all the sacrifices our troops have made. Instead, our soldiers will continue to coach, teach and mentor Iraq's to fight for themselves. We must continue to push this nation toward success, otherwise our troops sacrifices have all been for nothing.

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NHL shouldn't award points to losers



Staff Column

John Becker

Ever since the NHL adopted the shootout after the 2004-2005 lockout, effectively ending the tie game, there has been the questioning of the points system. Currently, any team that wins a game earns two points for the victory. Losing teams earn zero points for a loss at the end of regulation game, but they earn one point for a loss in overtime or in the shootout. Losers who lose after regulation basically earn half of a win.

On Sept. 14, 2010 the NHL Board of Governors decided to exclude the counting of points earned by shootout losses for the standings, so while a team may have more points, it may not actually be ahead in the overall season standings. For the 2010-2011 season, if two teams have the same amount of wins, points earned by shootout losses won't count to determine who is ahead in the standings. It was a good decision because the shootout is popular and could help to garner more fans, which the league needs.

The diminished value of the shootout allows it to remain an exciting part of hockey while

not really counting in the scope of an entire season, but there's another issue: losing in overtime still earns teams one point in the standings, whereas wins count for two points. It seems a bit unfair that losers get half of a win, especially one that still counts in the standings.

The standings decide the order of not only the playoff berths, but also the NHL Entry Draft order and the waiver-claim priorities during the season. Any NHL player with a one-way contract who is going to be sent to the minors must go through the waiver-claim process where each team in the league has the opportunity to claim the player for their own roster.

The NHL currently has an 82-game schedule. During the 2009-2010 regular season, the Edmonton Oilers had the worst win/loss record at 27-47-8. They earned 62 points and were far behind the nearest competitor, the Toronto Maple Leafs, who had 74 points.

However, if the Oilers had lost every game in overtime (27-0-55) they would have earned 54 points for wins and 55 points for the OT losses, for a grand total of 109 points. This would have put them at fourth in the entire NHL in points, and gotten them into the playoffs with ease. The odds of all season games going beyond regulation are slim, but 24.7 percent of all games last season went be-

yond regulation. This percentage is also up from previous seasons where 22.9 and 22.1 percent of games respectively went beyond regulation.

Rewarding teams for an overtime loss will probably never be revoked, but there is one way to diminish the power of points for the losing team; the three-point system.

Using the three-point system and the scenario that the Oilers had 55 OT losses, they would earn 136 points (out of a new possible 246) and end up 14th in the adjusted standings.

Awarding three points for a win might open the gap of how behind all of the losing teams are, but it would help close the possibility of a terrible team earning a spot they don't deserve.

I'm all for the shootout, as long as the league uses them only for the regular season (the league rules call for continuous overtime during the playoffs). This is America, and we don't like to see a tie. The shootout may negate an entire game by its own design, but continuous overtime is too encumbering when the offense is cold or the goalies are hot. The NHL Board of Governors did well to exclude the shootout, now the league needs change to a three-point system to make sure that the winners are properly rewarded instead and diminish the power of the OT loser's point.

These graphs depict the scores of the top five and bottom five teams in the National Hockey League (NHL) under the two-point system (left graph) and the three-point system (right graph.) The three point system would reduce the impact made by points earned from overtime losses. Notice the only team to change ranks under the three point system are the Chicago Blackhawks, who had more wins and therefore are a better team overall than the San Jose Sharks.

No.	Team Name	W	L	OT	PTS
1	Washington Capitols	54	15	13	175
2	Chicago Blackhawks	52	22	8	164
3	San Jose Sharks	51	20	11	164
4	Phoenix Coyotes	50	25	7	157
5	Vancouver Canucks	49	28	5	152
26	New York Islanders	34	37	11	113
27	Columbus Bluejackets	32	35	15	111
28	Florida Panthers	32	37	13	109
29	Toronto Maple Leafs	30	38	14	104
30	Edmonton Oilers	27	47	8	89

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28	Florida Panthers	32	37	13	77
29	Toronto Maple Leafs	30	38	14	74
30	Edmonton Oilers	27	47	8	62

Sound Off

What do you think of the new 24-hour study lounge in the LRC?

compiled by Justin Key



Amber Holland
junior,
communication studies

"I love it! It's a great place to go relax and do some late night homework."



Miranda McFall
sophomore,
elementary education

"I think that would be an awesome idea, especially if you want to study later than the library is open."



Rebecca Edwards
freshman,
athletic training

"I think that it is a great idea. I would make use of a studying place like this."



Matt Gustafson
freshman,
radiology

"I think it's a good change."



Kristine Bush
freshman,
pre-physician assistant

"I think it's really helpful since everyone has different schedules. I like the change."

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The Special Events Committee thanks all of the individuals and organizations that participated in this year's Homecoming. Go 'Cats!

Congratulations to the 2010 "Wildcat Flashback: 75 Years of Homecoming Pride" Overall Homecoming Winners!

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Student Organization
The A-List

Event Winners:

Dead River Games:

Ice Cream Drop: The A-List & Boondocks Team 2, Meyland Hall

Obstacle Course:

Looney Bin, Halverson Hall

Sand Sculpture Competition:

Toon Town, Hunt Hall

Scavenger Hunt:

1st Place: The A-List
2nd Place: Magers Hall
3rd Place: Heretofore, Halverson Hall

Stepping Competition:

1st Place: Magers Hall
2nd Place: The A-List
3rd Place: On-Campus Apartments

King & Queen Competition

King: T.J. Carter, Magers Hall

Queen: Sarah Eberhard, On-Campus Apartments

Court: Katie Reed, The A-List
Jordayn Fisher, Lambda Chi Alpha
Kevin Konicek, The A-List
Maggie Welgos, Hunt Hall

Parade Float:

1st Place: Payne Hall
2nd Place: On-Campus Apartments
3rd Place: NMU Aviation Maintenance

Parade Decorated Car:

Housing & Residence Life
1st Place: Van Antwerp Hall
2nd Place: Meyland Hall
3rd Place: On-Campus Apartments

Student Organization

1st Place: The A-List
2nd Place: NMU Car Club
3rd Place: Trail Cats

Parade Spirit Banner & Marching Unit:

Housing & Residence Life
1st Place: Spooner Hall
2nd Place: Malibu House, Spalding Hall
3rd Place: West Hall

Student Organization

1st Place: The A-List
2nd Place: Phi Sigma Sigma & Lambda Chi Alpha

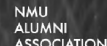
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Tuesday, October 5	4-5 p.m.
Monday, October 11	5-6 p.m.
Friday, October 15	Noon-1 p.m.
Friday, November 12	11 a.m.-Noon

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Deputy director, Education and Training Center/Domestic, and coauthor of *Human Rights and Conflict: Exploring the Links between Rights, Law and Peacebuilding*.



Peter Weinberger
Program officer, Education and Training Center/ Domestic, and expert on dealing with ethnic, religious and tribal groups when rebuilding countries after war and conflict.

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'Flea in Her Ear' opens FRT season



Justin Key/NW

Wayne State University graduate Jeremy Kucharek plays lead character Victor-Emmanuel, a man who is faithful to his wife but gets tossed around in a case of mistaken identities when his wife tries to discover the truth.

By Austin Irwin
contributing writer

As cold weather creeps upon the U.P. during these fall months, live indoor entertainment comes alive on Northern's campus, away from the residence halls and into the theater.

The Forest Roberts Theatre is hosting a play directed by Paul Truckey called "A Flea in Her Ear" every night from Wednesday, Oct. 6 to Saturday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a special matinee performance on Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.

"The theatre offers a live atmosphere, and the play itself gives an evening of comedy," Truckey said. "The audience will come to a show and leave happy after a satisfying night of laughter. The play is a true farce, and a fun case of mistaken identities."

Thirteen characters make up the entire cast for "A Flea in Her Ear." Victor-Emmanuel is played by Wayne State University graduate Jeremy Kucharek, the faithful husband of Yvonne, played by senior Emma Couling. The couple faces off in a battle of mistaken identities as Yvonne begins the story by searching for answers of her husband's recent "intimate" dysfunction. With help from her best friend Lucienne, played by senior Elizabeth Stahl, she devises a plan to get to the truth behind his sudden lack of affection.

"If the theater's goal is to entertain, this play does just that. It's two hours of fun for the actors and the audience alike. And for the college students, this is the first written play on record to blatantly make a joke about erectile dysfunction," Couling said.

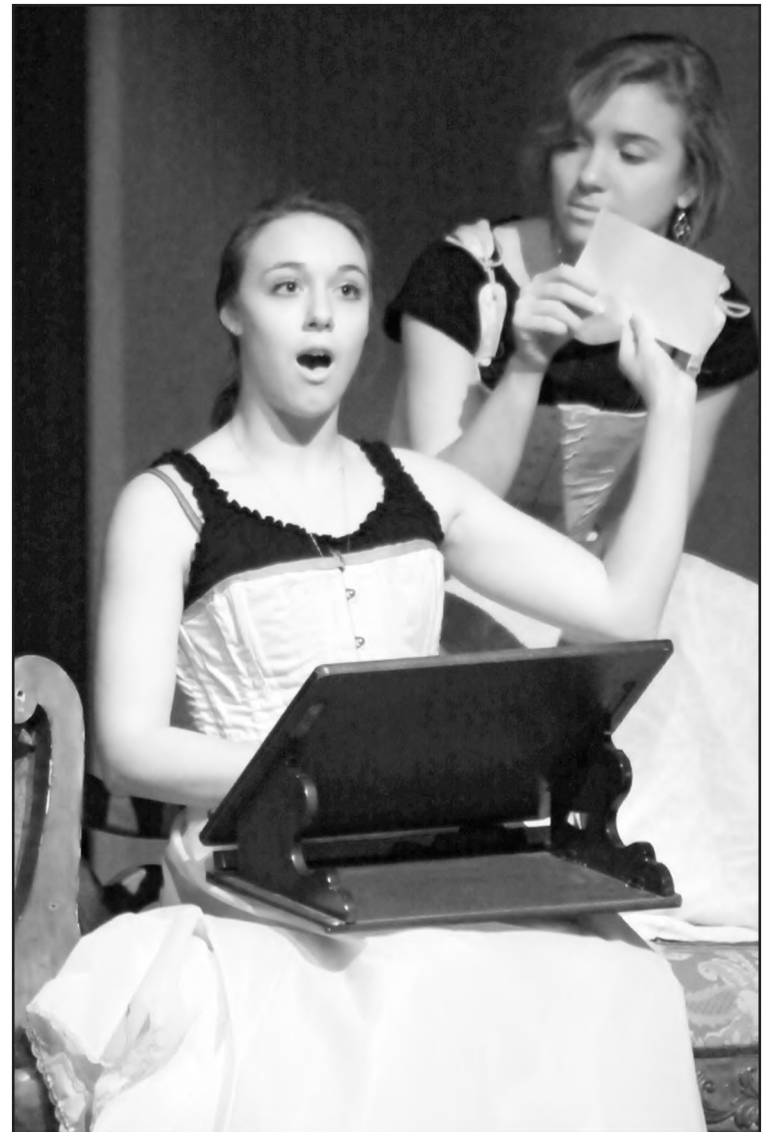
The group of cast members in

"A Flea in Her Ear" carry numerous years of experience, most of which date back to middle school.

"I have worked backstage as run crew for (NMU productions) 'The Tempest' and 'The Mousetrap,'" Stahl said. "I feel that having a theater on campus is a wonderful thing for the community. It brings an extra touch of culture to Marquette that only a theater can."

Another veteran theater member, Pierce Huxtable, plays Camille, a character with a speech impediment. Huxtable has 15 productions under his belt since grade school, and said he is excited to add more to his already extensive list.

"With regards to Camille's speech impediment, it was somewhat difficult to get used to speaking in that way. Actors are always taught to enunciate



Justin Key/NW

Lead character Yvonne (played by senior Emma Couling) suspects that her husband has been unfaithful, and to test her theory she sends him a letter from a false admirer.

everything perfectly clear, but Camille demanded the opposite. And yes, I do sometimes get stuck in 'Camille-speak.'"

The play has two settings, with loud and unique characters that tie into the story with great importance.

"A Flea in Her Ear," written by Georges Feydeau, is a play

from the early 1900s. The cast will have rehearsed for a total of six weeks prior to the play's Oct. 6 premiere.

Tickets can be purchased through the EZ Ticket option on the NMU website, or at any EZ Ticket outlet. Prices for the general public are \$12 and \$10 for students.



Justin Key/NW

The cast of "A Flea in Her Ear" is made up of 13 members, many of which have years of experience in theatrical performance. The characters are loud and unique, adding to the enjoyment of the performance.

Forest Roberts Theatre 2010-11 Season Lineup

A Flea in Her Ear

By Georges Feydeau
Translated by Barnett Shaw
Directed by Paul Truckey
Performances are from Oct. 6-9, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.

The First Nighters Club Presents: The Haunted Theatre

By Marty Martello
Oct. 29-31, 2010
Hours are to be announced.

Of Mice and Men

By John Steinbeck
Adapted by Bruce Burgun
Directed by Shelley Russell

Performances are from Nov. 17-20 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

Book by Jeffrey Lane
Music by David Yazbek
Directed by Ansley Lane
Performances are from Feb. 15-19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on Feb. 19, 2011 at 1 p.m.

Peter Pan

By J. M. Barrie
Directed by Shelley Russell
Performances are from April 13-16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance on April 16 at 1 p.m.



Carl Holm

moving

from dorms to



Group Shots



Being a resident adviser at NMU temporary employment during college. Being a member of a group of alumni, it opened them up to opportunities on campus. The director of academic support services, the director of academic support services, and the director of CSE are just a few who worked their way up through

coming!



Spooner Hall



Dave Bonsall
Director of CSE



On Up

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By Delaney Lovett
features editor

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Lina Blair

Lina Blair, a coordinator of academic support services, was a resident adviser and later the resident director of Gant Hall. When Blair was first a resident adviser, Gant was crazy, she said. Current Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life Jeff Korpi, coordinator of the McNair Scholarship Megan DelBello and Blair teamed up with staff and students to improve Gant Hall.

"We came to the realization that this place wasn't as livable as it could be; students weren't being successful, grades weren't very good. We decided to change the place," Blair said. "It was still social, it was still fun, but people could still study and sleep. I wanted people to be successful while keeping the fun atmosphere going."

Blair said that there was a time when DelBello's pet fish died, and they decided to give it a proper burial. They rounded up 30 or so people from the hall and put on a service for the fish.

"We got everybody in the hall together, and Jeff pretended to be the official guy who ran the funeral for the fish. We buried it out in the courtyard, and we walked around singing songs. It was one of those weird 'nothing to do on a Friday afternoon' things," Blair said.

Blair said that she wishes more students realized the opportunities they have in the residence halls, whether it's going on a hike or running to Wal-Mart at midnight, there's always something to do.

Jeff Korpi

Jeff Korpi, assistant director of housing and residence life, was also a resident adviser in Gant Hall, then was hired as a resident director in Gant, then Magers Hall. After that, he was an academic counselor with the Academic and Career Advising Center and now is the assistant director of housing and residence life.

Korpi decided to remain in Marquette after he graduated due to the great chances being a resident director opened him up to.

"The position of RD opens up a lot of doors career-wise and is a great opportunity in itself," Korpi said.

Although being a resident adviser or director isn't for everyone, nearly anyone can do it; applicants must have lived in a residence hall previously, have a minimum 2.20 GPA, be free of social probation and have sincere interest in aiding the success of students.

"It's certainly a position where you create so many unique and lasting memories because you work so closely with the people you live with. Stuff gets goofy; sometimes you have really long days and really long weeks. It's such a unique bond that you don't get to experience with many jobs."

Korpi said that his favorite part of the experience of being a resident adviser and director was working with students in general. He was able to see so many parts of students' lives, and having the ability to help them is an honor.

Dave Bonsall

Dave Bonsall began his role at NMU as the president of his house in Halverson Hall. When his resident adviser received the job of resident director, Bonsall took over for him. He was a summer orientation staff assistant for two years, then went on to be the resident director of Payne, then Gries Hall.

After graduating with a master's degree, he took a job with a publishing company down state, but returned to Northern a few months later when the assistant dean of students notified him that the position for the director of student activities was open. He applied and got the job, influenced to come back due to his love for Marquette and Northern.

"It was in the fall of '73 when streaking was really big across the country and Northern was no exception," Bonsall said. "All of a sudden, every night there were people streaking. The Payne-Halverson courtyard became like the campus amphitheater. There were people announcing who were coming that night."

There were Public Safety and Marquette City Police cars pulled up nightly. Public Safety didn't know whether to do something or not, and this was compounded by the fact that the students had no clothes on. Bonsall said that Carl Holm, his fellow resident adviser and current director of housing and residence life, had jokingly suggested that they ask the streakers for their IDs.

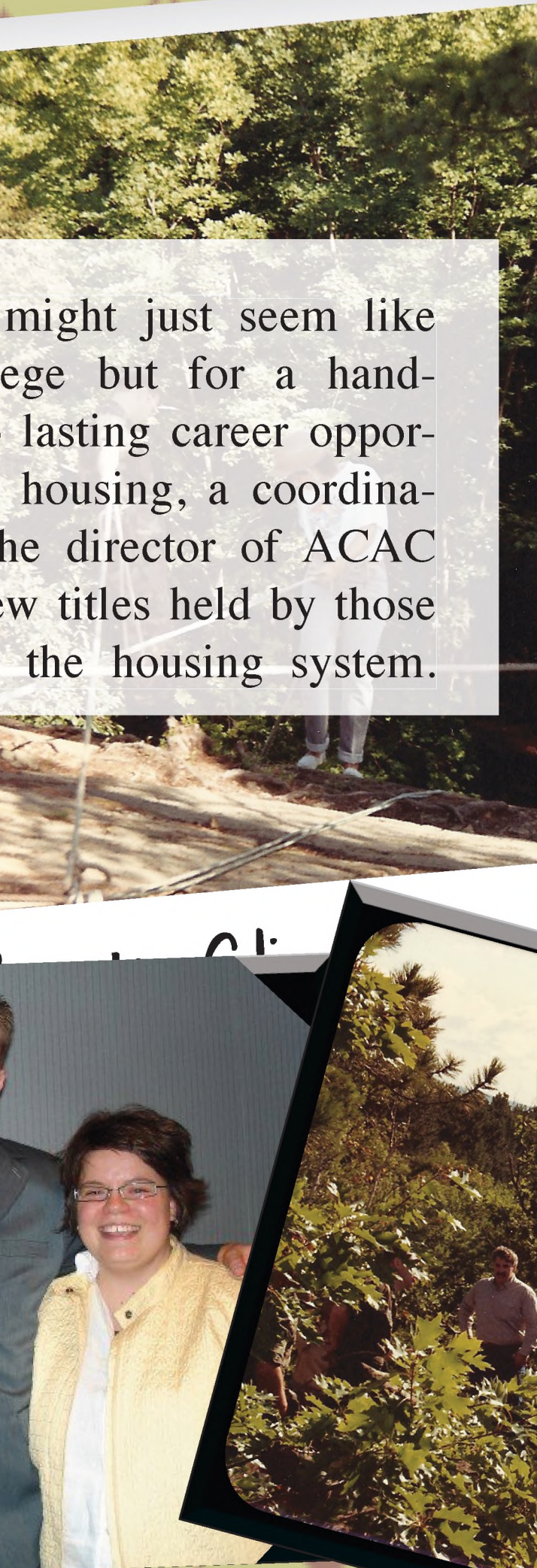
John Frick

John Frick was hired as a resident adviser in Hunt Hall when his former RA was hired as the resident director. The next year, he was the resident director in Van Antwerp Hall. After he graduated he worked in the housing departments at the University of Hartford, Illinois State University, Michigan Tech and then came back to Northern. When he returned, he was hired as the director of the career center, and now works as the associate director of housing and residence life.

Frick said that his two years as the resident director of Spooner Hall were some of the best of his life, especially because of the people he met. The bonding between resident advisers begins at their training prior to the beginning of classes.

"We used to take the entire RA staff out to Little Presque Isle, split them all into two different teams and play capture the flag," Frick said. "There used to be an Army surplus store and the RAs would go down there and buy camo and facepaint. They would spend hours just getting ready to play."

Frick said one of the reasons he likes working in Housing and Residence Life is that it creates the opportunity to form relationships with a group of people that can always be called upon and that he'll have unique memories with them for years, he said.



'Wall Street' buys out its competition



Film: Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps

Director: Oliver Stone

Producers: Edward R. Pressman, Eric Kopeloff

Writers: Allan Loeb, Stephen Schiff

Starring: Michael Douglas, Shia LaBeouf, Carey Mulligan

Runtime: 136 minutes



By Melissa Young
contributing writer

With our nation already in an economic hardship, there couldn't have been a better time for the movie "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" to hit theaters. As a sequel to "Wall Street," this movie demonstrates insight into what the stock exchange deals with on a daily basis. The suspense hits right off the bat when Gordon Gekko (Douglas) appears. He does a convincing portrayal of an honest, and trustworthy man.

At the end of the first movie, Gekko is sentenced to jail for

contributing to insider trading. He is a tough, selfish and intimidating man who knows how to manipulate people, including Jake Moore (LeBeouf), who happens to be dating Winnie Gekko (Mulligan), Gekko's daughter.

Gekko has served his time and decides to write a book, "Greed is Good." Winnie and her father haven't spoken in years, and she doesn't plan on it in the future. They had a rough relationship and she doesn't wish to be a part of his life any longer. Moore knows he wants to marry Winnie and realizes that he should meet her father.

While at a conference speaking about his book, Moore takes initiative and introduces himself to Gekko. From that point on

Moore develops a secret relationship with him without realizing that Gekko has a manipulative plan in mind. Moore works with the stock exchange as well, and is very good at what he does. As Gekko begins to recognize this, he realizes that, although Winnie has never accepted her father, through Moore he could figure out a way to get her back in his life.

As his mentor and boss, Louis Zabel (Frank Langella) has always known Moore as a hard worker and took him almost as his son. Moore learns a lot about the stresses that come from working with stocks, when Zabel begins to stress out about possibly having to give shares away.

Director Oliver Stone plays a big part in making this movie the best it could be. As a master of controversial subjects, it is no wonder he is said to push his actors to Oscar-nominated performances. He was the director of the first "Wall Street" movie that appeared in theaters in 1987. As a director, he played a big part in choosing the actors to play each part.

This is a movie that has to be watched consciously because the actors reference a lot about stocks and the economy. The actors fit the personalities of the characters they were portraying. LeBeouf does well as a businessman who is

very driven in becoming successful. Michael Douglas also plays his part, as a person only caring about money and the "game." As a man who knows a lot about the industry he is in, Gekko plays his part well in showing his ability to intimidate Moore and the rest of Wall Street. He definitely scared me and I could see how the characters and audience alike were easily convinced by his deceiving tactics.

I liked that the movie doesn't just deal with money and the stock exchange. I'm into the romance, too, and of course this movie has conflicts dealing with a romantic relationship. Although many of the characters play their roles

tremendously, I feel as though it is just another movie in that the audience expects the situations to happen before they do. Likewise, the other conflict is a relationship between a father and daughter, and the audience is constantly wondering if Gekko will do what it takes to gain his daughter's trust back.

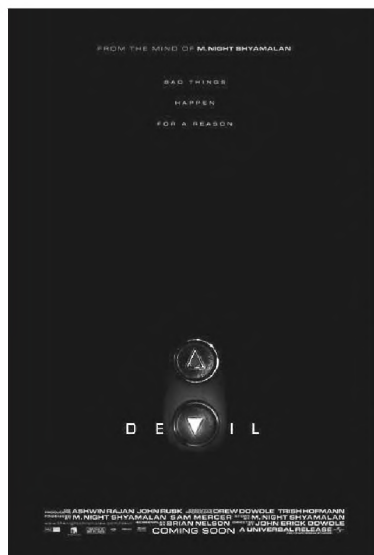
This movie deals with the hard times we are living in right now, and I like how some of our "real world" issues come into play during this movie. "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" gets you thinking. With two well-known actors playing the main characters, it definitely fulfilled its expectations.



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Gordon Gekko (Douglas, left), recently released from jail, uses Jake Moore (LeBeouf, right) to regain contact with his daughter, Moore's girlfriend.

Hell, not theaters, where 'Devil' belongs



Film: Devil

Directors: John Erick, Drew Dowdle

Producers: M. Night Shyamalan, Samuel L. Mercer, Victoria Metzger

Writers: Brian Nelson, M. Night Shyamalan

Starring: Chris Messina, Bojana Novakovic, Geoffry Arend

Runtime: 80 minutes



By Reed Belmonte
contributing writer

M. Night Shyamalan, the hit-or-miss filmmaker we all know from such amazing feats as "The Sixth Sense" and "Signs," and such embarrassing catastrophes as "Lady in the Water" and "The Happening," is taking a break from action-fantasy blockbuster failures like "Airbender" and heading back to his thriller roots. This time, he's taking the wheel as producer in a series of new films

coined "The Night Chronicles" where Shyamalan conceives a basic story idea and passes it along to rookie screenwriters and directors while he oversees the operation.

The first installment of the "Chronicles" is "Devil," a claustrophobic supernatural thriller that tries to keep you guessing but seems pretty spelled out the entire time. The only thing truly shocking about this movie is that it was released in theaters, not as a made-for-TV movie. Being only 80 minutes long, the film seemed rushed and didn't give you a lot of time to gain any support or pity for the characters.

The story is quite simple. Five people get into an elevator, one of whom is the devil, and mayhem ensues. We have a security guard (Bokeem Woodbine), an old woman (Jenny O'Hara), a random strapping lad (Logan Marshall Green), a random hottie (Novakovic), and the businessman (Arend, who we all remember as the schnozberries stoner kid in "Super Troopers"). The man trying to control the situation is deadbeat detective Bowden (Messina), the only decent actor, whose backstory seems so extraneous and pointless you know immediately it pertains to the ending.

This is literally the whole story: There's a malfunction in the elevator. Anyone who tries to fix it dies. The lights flicker in the elevator and then turn off. You stare at a black screen listening to footsteps, pushing, shoving, a few creepy breaths, and when the lights come back on, someone's dead. No joke, this literally repeats itself for another 75 minutes. And seeing that this is a film devised by Shyamalan, you're expecting some big climatic twist, which unfortunately falls short of its expectations. The rest is corny, dramatic dialogue and random pieces of information that seem so irrelevant you can't even call

it foreshadowing. And to top it all off, bits of voice-over narration are thrown in by the religious security guard (Jacob Vargas) about a bedtime story of the devil waking the earth, bringing the cliché temperature to its boiling point.

It's your classic suspense structure of isolation and characters being killed off one by one which forces the audience to perform detective mathematics and figure out who the obvious villain is. In "Devil," the new information that continuously pops up making every character a suspect is the same thing we've all heard before; ev-

eryone in the elevator is a sinner. It lacks originality and drive; I just didn't seem to care after 40 minutes of watching it.

I can't even say this would be a great date movie. I'm someone who gets quite rattled during scary movies, and I was waiting — no, hoping — for some sort of scare. I was deprived of anything that could raise my heart rate. There are three types of movies in this world: movies you see, movies you skip and movies you rent. For this film, buy it, light it on fire, and toss it down an elevator shaft. "Devil" is complete hell.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

Most of "Devil" takes place in an elevator containing five strangers, one of which is the devil out to punish the passengers for their sins.

Alumna battles illness, writes memoir

By **Katie Mara**
contributing writer

Often, stereotypes of the mentally ill imply that their diseases interfere with their success, but NMU alumna Faye Joy Shannon halts these rumors with her published book, "Manic by Midnight."

Published in 2000, the book chronicles the author's remarkable recovery from a diagnosis of manic depressive disorder in 1995 to the realization that she can still live a joyous life. The book encircles the author's abuse-induced illness and the resulting events. Also known as bipolar disorder, the illness causes drastic shifts in a person's mood,

energy level and functionality.

"My story had to be told," said Shannon. "The description of mentally ill makes others feel you are untouchable."

The author's father is a World War II veteran suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, who often physically abused both Shannon and her sister. Her sister was later diagnosed with schizophrenia. Despite poor circumstances growing up in the Marquette area, Shannon was admitted to NMU, graduating in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in social work. In 1981, she received a masters degree in social work from Michigan State University.

In reference to the sisters' troubled relationships with their

father, Shannon said, "It is part of what mental illness is about — being mistreated."

She married and later became a medical social worker. While married to an emotionally abusive spouse, Shannon's employment provided her with the opportunity to help others.

"I was a powerhouse at work, solving others' problems, but when I revealed my illness, most did not know what to say," said Shannon. "Some were kind, some shared harsh words and some ignored the situation entirely."

An active social life can aid those suffering from a mental illness while also providing awareness for their disease.

For Shannon, such a relation-

ship took shape in her contact with her friend Jackie. "Her friendship over all these years has really meant a lot to me. She never forgot a birthday, never forgot Christmas," Shannon said.

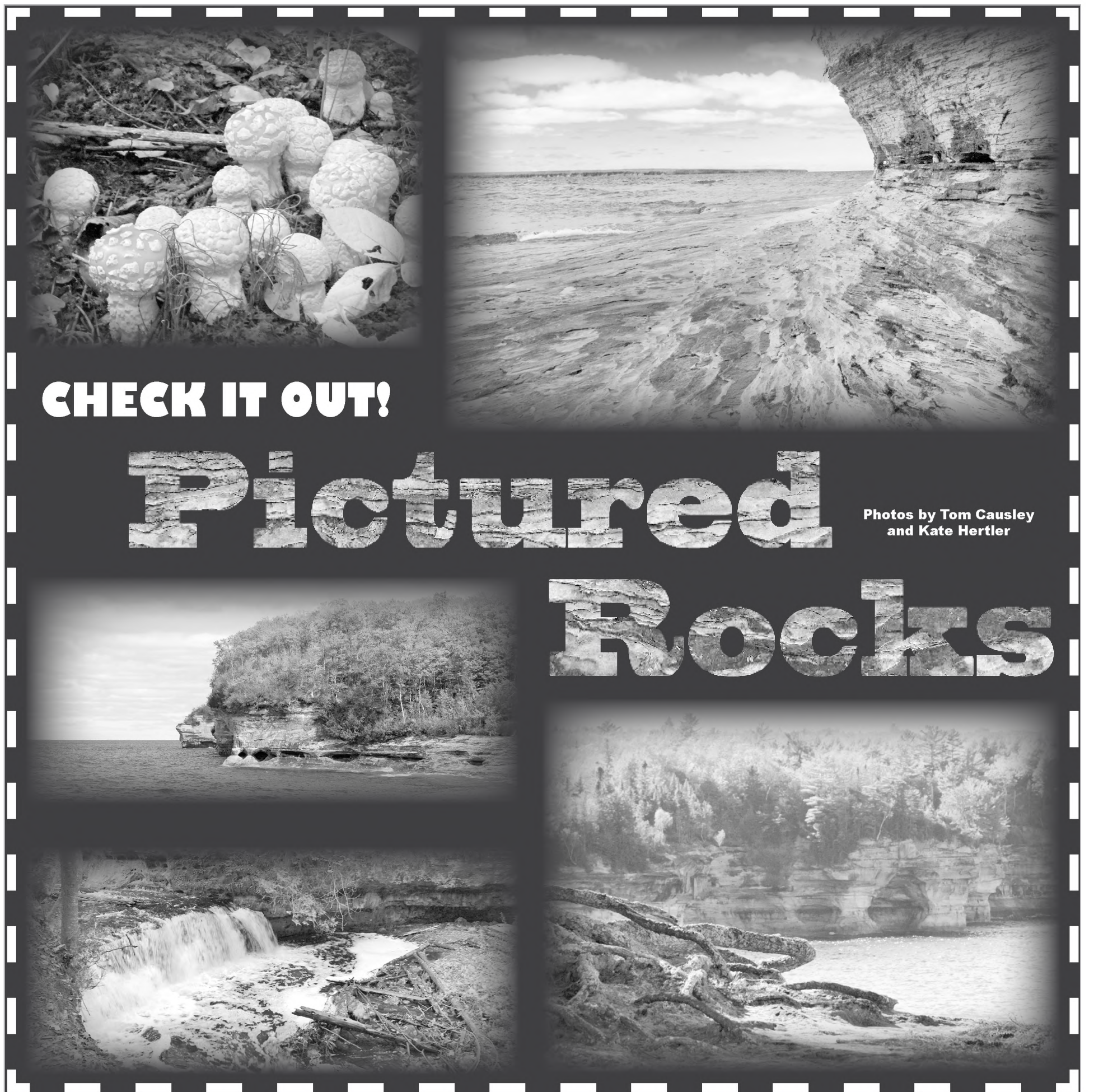
Shannon and Jackie came into contact during their high school years and have remained close since. Both women never let the distance, Shannon's various changes in location or diagnosis impact their friendship in a negative way. Instead, obstacles made their bond stronger.

Jackie said, "Mental illness is still shoved in the closet. It took a lot of courage for her to write this book. Whenever you expose your disease, people think of you as just a mental illness. Often,

you just want to be normal ... but really, what is normal?"

Now, nearly a decade after her book was released, Shannon's life has not lessened its pace, with a diagnosis of Graves' disease in 2009 and a recent divorce. Graves' disease can be described as general overactivity of the thyroid gland.

Shannon describes her book as "a message of hope," with a plea to those suffering from the physical symptoms of depression to seek a help. Expressing concern for experienced health problems to a general physician can lead to a recommendation to a psychiatrist, confirming or silencing fears of having a mental illness.



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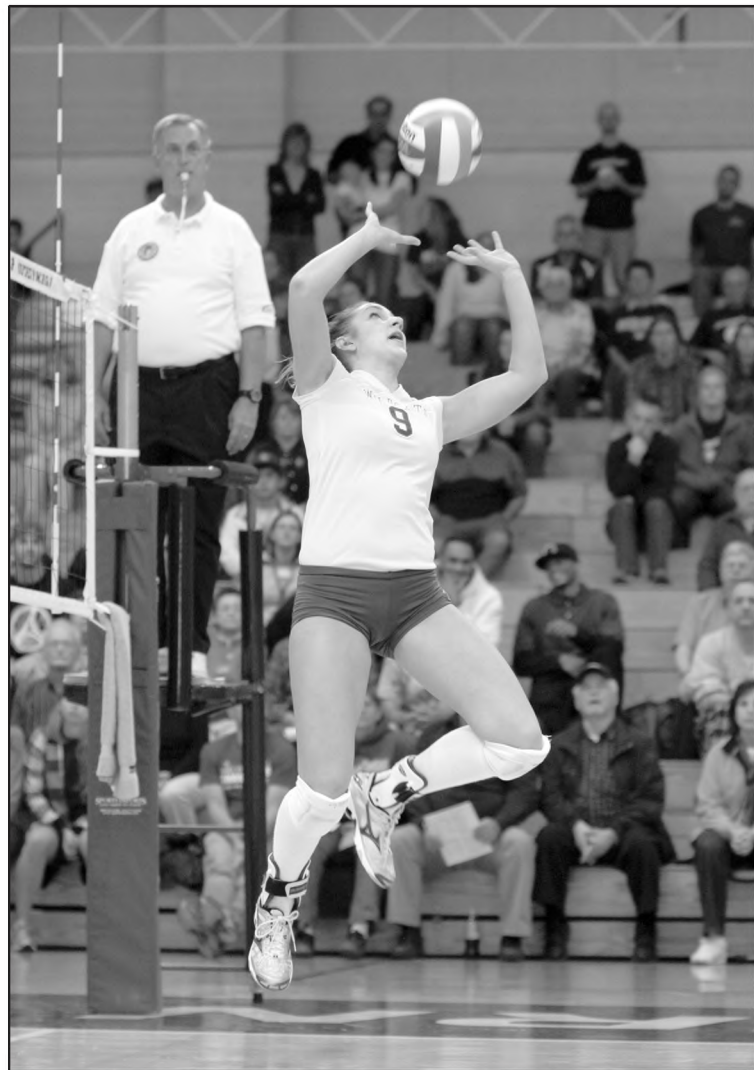
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Volleyball atop GLIAC North at 12-0



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore setter Abby Lovell executes the trademark of her position by setting the ball for a kill opportunity. Lovell earned 67 assists last week.

By David Pleyel
 staff writer

The NMU Women's Volleyball team continues down the road of success as they claimed two more victories last weekend. Their season record moves to 12-0 (8-0 GLIAC), and they remain at the top of the GLIAC North.

The first opponent the Wildcats met was the Northwood Timberwolves. The Wildcats struggled in their first set but slowly clawed their way back to win the set 25-23. The Wildcats then made quick work of the second set to win it by a 25-14 and finish the third set off with an exciting 28-26 finish and ending the match in a 3-0 victory.

Team captain Katie Twardzik said that the team had to fight for every point, but in the end, the team knew what had to be done in order to get another victory.

"We struggled in the first set, and things were going slow at first," Twardzik said. "But we started serving tougher and started to focus on playing consistently, and once we got a feel for Northwood's offense we were able to get the blocks we needed to and just win the match."

Team captain Sami Vierk agreed that the first set was tough,

but said in the end the team's effort got them through.

"We started picking up the pace with our serving and being able to distribute evenly amongst our team was what helped us out in the long run," Vierk said.

The Wildcats also had a bit of rowdiness on their side with the new Cat Attack Zone, which features the most loyal and vocal fans.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said that he is thrilled that the Cat Attack Zone was such a big success and would like to see an even bigger turnout for future games.

"The fans definitely know how to push an opposing team to their limits, and it's great that we can get the crowd behind us in games," Yoder said. "As long as everyone keeps it respectful and clean, we want more noise at our games."

With a rowdy crowd and another win under their belts, the Wildcats moved on to their final opponent for the weekend, the Lake Superior State Lakers.

The Wildcats started out strong as they won the first set 25-15. The Lakers quickly retaliated as they fought for a hard win in the second set 23-25. But the 'Cats remained focused and determined

as they answered right back with 25-18 in the third set and finished strong in the fourth set with a 25-10 to win the match 3-1.

Between both games, Sami Vierk led in kills, having 28 between both games and 38 total attacks (TA). Ana Lopes had a total of 12 kills in both games and over 40 TA and Emma Wolfe with a total of 20 kills and 41 TA.

This upcoming weekend, the Wildcats prepare for an intense rematch against rivals Michigan Tech. The Huskies are out for revenge as a result of their last meeting when the 'Cats defeated them on their home court 3-1.

The Wildcats will host the Huskies on Friday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Vandament Arena.

Yoder said that this will be a very intense match-up and there are many key goals the team needs to focus on in order to ensure victory.

"It was a great feeling to beat Tech in their house," Yoder said. "This time around, though, they will be out for blood, and we really need to focus on aggressive serving, stopping their middle attack and left-side, and our serve reception. If we stay consistent, focused, and slow down their big hitters, we will win this game."

Hockey set to begin with exhibition

By John Becker
 sports editor

The NMU hockey team will be kicking off the regular season this weekend with a non-conference game against an opponent from Ontario, Canada, as the Wildcats look to rebuild from the loss of multiple starters.

Head coach Walt Kyle said the team suffered substantial losses to the roster, starting with the man in pads.

"We lost Brian Stewart our goaltender who was a starter for three years and essentially our best guy at that position," Kyle said.

Stewart's goal against average (GAA) was 2.43 with 1,099 saves. His career save percentage of .922 ties for fifth place in the CCHA all time records. He is currently playing for the Adirondack Flyers, the AHL minor affiliate of the Philadelphia Flyers.

Kyle said the goalie is the backbone of the Wildcats because they cannot win without good goaltending.

The apparent starter is junior goalie Reid Ellingson, who played in 11 games with a GAA of 2.33 and a save percentage of .919 in 159 saves. However, Kyle said the position has to be earned, and there is also freshman Jared Coreau to consider.

"Ellingson's had an opportunity to get his feet wet, he showed that he was capable, and now he, or Coreau, are going to have step forward in a much more impact position," he said.

Coreau previously played for the Lincoln Stars, a junior ice hockey team in the United States Hockey League, the highest level league for players under 20. The 6-foot-5-inch goalie had a save percentage of .882 in 38 games played with a 3.62 GAA.

Ellingson said he welcomes the competition as a way to make sure he's improving personally.

"That's what drives you and that's what makes you better. Nothing's set in stone. It's good for the team," Ellingson said.

On the defensive side Kyle said the team also needs new defensemen to step up.

"We lost our top three defensemen, (TJ) Miller and (Alan) Dorich, who were both seniors, and Erik Gustaffson was a junior All-American who signed with Philadelphia," he said.

Gustaffson was 18th in all-time career assists by a defenseman in the CCHA with 68 assists in three years.

The offense has lost some depth as well. Mark Olver, the leading goals (19) and points (49) scorer, and Ray Kaunisto, the team's best

plus/minus player (+19), have both graduated. Kyle said they were two great forwards, but that the Wildcats as a college team anticipated the departure of their athletes.

"We have a lot of holes to fill, but I think any time you have an NCAA team that makes the NCAA field, usually it's led by upperclassmen and you expect to lose guys," he said.

Returning players include Justin Florek, who was third in points scored with 35 (12 goals, 23 assists) and Gregor Hansen, the second most points (38) and third most goals scorer (16), who said he wants to pass on his knowledge to his teammates.

"I should be able to know all the systems going into the season, help people realize how we play here and just try to be a leader and prove I can," Hansen said.

The Wildcats have chosen a captain, fifth-year senior Phil Fox, who Kyle said is right for the job.

"He's always been a guy who's stood for the things that we think are right and important," Kyle said. "I have a lot of respect for him. He's done a great job to this point."

Kyle said one of those important things includes aggressive but intelligent play on the forecheck. The forecheck occurs when the Wildcats are in their offensive



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Gregor Hansen is the leading returning points scorer, having earned 38 points during the 2009-2010 season with 16 goals and 22 assists.

zone but the opponent has the puck, meaning that opponents are in their own defensive zone.

Kyle also said that hockey is dynamic, and that there aren't always static strategies used like in other sports.

"Hockey's a real read-and-react game and you have to hunt down loose pucks after shots and on the forecheck," he said. "You have to have strong presses at the net to be effective offensively, and we expect all our guys to do that."

Hansen agreed and said that hockey at its core is about over-

powering the opponent with speed and accuracy.

"We have to play good defense first of all, and then capitalize on the opponent's mistakes," Hansen said. "Always work harder than the other team, that's one of the staples during the years that I've been here, and we have to continue to do that to find success."

The Wildcats will be hosting an exhibition game against the Nipissing University Lakers, from North Bay, Ontario, Canada, on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

'Cats win in fourth quarter comeback

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

Never has the number four meant so much to the NMU football program than it did on Saturday, as the Northern defeated the Ashland Eagles 23-19.

When the Wildcats mounted a fourth quarter comeback, only to stop Ashland on a fourth-and-one to seal the four point victory in their fourth game of the season, it was the physical manifestation of the long-running four fingers and a thumb tradition.

The four fingers tradition is where everyone on the Northern sideline raises their hand with four fingers in the air to signify the importance of playing in the fourth quarter. Each finger represents a different value or intangibles of football: discipline, commitment, enthusiasm and effort, and the thumb in the middle of the palm as pride. The tradition started in 1975, as NMU became the biggest underdog in NCAA football history by turning a winless program the year before into the NCAA Division II national champions.

"The year before (the national championship), we lost six games in the fourth quarter," said Randy Thayer, an offensive tackle from the championship team. "When (the new coach) Buck Nystrom came in, he explained to us that 90 percent of every football player will quit before the fourth quarter and five more would think about quitting. We trained to make sure that we were the other five percent that never thought about quitting until the clock ran zero."

The 1975 team was along the sidelines for the homecoming game, as they were in Marquette to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Northern's only football championship. However the team led in the tradition, as each of Thayer's big paws extended four fingers.

"That '75 team, they motivated the hell out of me," said senior defensive tackle DJ Catalano. "We talked (Friday) in practice about how important that fourth quar-

ter is, and sure enough this game came down to the fourth quarter. It shows how much dedication and time came in by the team, and see how much they meant to (the team) by coming out and motivating us like that."

The offense came together in the fourth quarter to produce a 12-play, 75-yard drive to take the lead with 1:40 left. Sophomore fullback Jared Buss ended the drive by pounding the ball into the end zone on his first carry this year.

"It means a lot to me, not only for me, but the team, the alumni, and the university," Buss said. "It was kind of emotional when I scored, but not cause I scored, but because we would win the game."

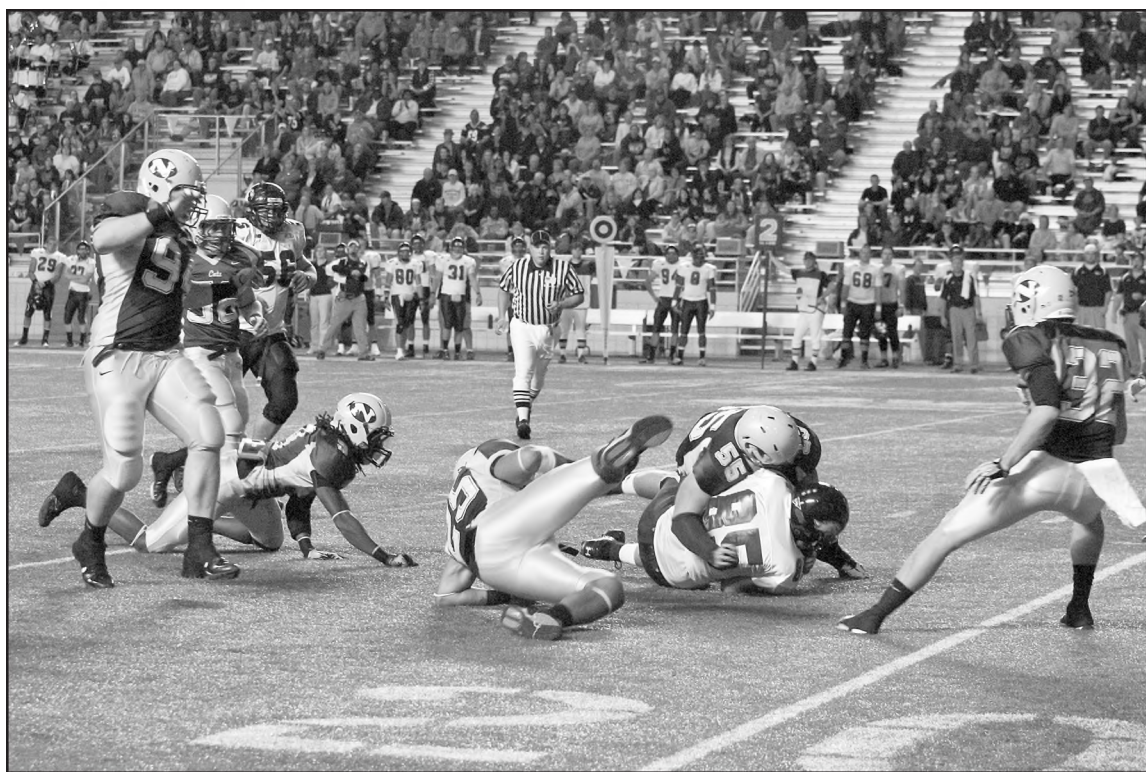
Unfortunately it took until the fourth quarter for the 'Cats to improve their offensive strategy. The offensive line had issues all day stopping the high-powered physical attack of the Eagles, as Ashland had eight players record tackles for loss and NMU quarterback Carter Kopach was sacked five times.

"We have some concerns with the offensive line right now and the new system," said head coach Bernie Anderson. "We had some injuries, so we had some true freshmen out there and beat a team with junior and seniors today."

The issues with the offensive line transferred to all offensive aspects, as NMU had only 238 yards of total offense, and 188 of those yards came from Kopach scrambling on the ground and by his career-low 79 yards through the air.

"A lot of those plays were my fault," Kopach said. "I have to read the (defense) better. I got to play better than I did."

Kopach ran for two touchdowns in the second quarter, one for 52 yards and another for 41 yards, showing the threat of mobility from the 6'0" junior from Bolingbrook, Ill. Those long plays changed the defensive game plan for the Eagles defense in the second half, as the defensive line changed their attack from going straight at the passer to containment, which



Ashley Wiggins/NW

Defensive lineman DJ Catalano (55) finishes off Ashland's Mike Kneiven (85) in the first half of the Wildcats' 23-19 homecoming win. Catalano led Northern Michigan's defense with nine tackles.

is designed to force quarterbacks to stay in the pocket and throw the ball. The plan worked for most of the third quarter, but backfired when the Wildcats recorded 52 of their 79 passing yards in the fourth.

Junior wide receiver Tony Awrey led the wide outs with 58 yards on two catches, as he has now established himself as a legitimate threat in the passing game. Senior Dustin Brancheau has been the top receiver on the depth chart since training camp and has come against some tough defensive opposition so far this season, leaving more passes open for Awrey.

"It's been a whole team thing," Awrey said. "(Brancheau) has been taking things early, Christian Marble-King has made some plays, and because of that (Ashland) had to double cover them the entire game. It then gives me single coverage."

Despite the offensive problems, the defense looked strong, as they pushed the bend-don't-break mentality that has made them so famous in the D II football world the last couple of seasons. After two

long drives by the Eagles in the first half, the Wildcats prevented Ashland from scoring any offensive touchdowns.

"There were times that we screwed up today, but we locked down and we didn't break," Catalano said. "They didn't score on offense and that's something we take pride in. I had a big game, but honestly it's because my teammates were able to get a lot of attention from their heroics in past games. It's a team defense and we all stepped up when we had to."

The 'Cats put on the pressure when they needed it, as senior linebacker John Blessing was able to grab Ashland wide receiver Joe Horn in the end zone for a safety. The Wildcats were able to sniff out the run play, as Horn took the end around towards the Ashland sideline. It was the first recorded safety by NMU since 2003 at Saginaw Valley State.

"It was just a terrible call on my part," said Ashland Head Coach Lee Owens. "We had gotten them with the reverse earlier and it was just a bad call. We have a rookie (at quarterback) and I shouldn't put

them in that circumstance."

Overall, the Eagles were held to 271 total yards and 17 first downs. TE Mike Kneiven led Ashland in receiving, as he had four receptions for 32 yards. Catalano led the Wildcats in tackles as he had nine total tackles. Blessing added more than the safety, as he also led the team with 1.5 sacks.

"Coach (Randy) Awrey does such a great job with that defense," Owens said. "That defense seems to take on his personality and (the Wildcats) seem to go where that defense goes. We've played four tough teams so far and I don't know if we've played a defense as sound and well-coached as they are."

The Wildcats are now 3-1 overall and 3-0 in GLIAC play. NMU is getting nationally recognized as the team received votes in the American Football Coaches Association poll. "It's amazing with the GLIAC such a tough conference," said junior defensive lineman Anthony Echols. "(The GLIAC) could honestly be (NCAA Division one) if it wanted to be. Hopefully we'll win out, so we'll see how the rest of the season goes."

Wayne State University Warriors scouting report

2010 Record: 3-1 Overall, 2-1 GLIAC 2009 Record: 6-5 Overall, 5-5 GLIAC
Last game: W 17-7 vs Ohio Dominican

Players to watch: Wayne State: junior Josh Renel RB, freshman Toney Davis RB, junior Nick Thomas LB, junior Joe Long OT NMU: junior Nathan Linsmeier RT, senior Ricky Neaves FS, junior Rockne Belmonte PK, senior Eric Wells LB

Key matchup: 2010 Wildcats vs. 2009 Wildcats. So far in this 2010 season, the Warriors seemed to steal more than a few pages from NMU's 2009 playbook. Wayne State has a pair of talented runningbacks, an improved defense that swarms toward the ball carrier and play very well at home. However, just like last year's Wildcats, Wayne State has yet to play a quality opponent besides their 24-7 road loss to Michigan Tech.

Key stat: It will be a tough game for either team to move the ball, as Northern Michigan and Wayne State are first and second respectively in total defense for the GLIAC and ninth and 15th nationally.

Prediction: The 'Cats will be having déjà vu this week, as they will play in Wayne State's homecoming this week. However, the results will not turn out well for the home team, as NMU will take the game 27-20.

— Brice Burge

Lack of wind cuts NMU sailing club's regatta short

The NMU club sailing team had a regatta at the University of Iowa on Sept. 18 and 19. They did well, considering they had finishes in the upper halves of both A and B fleets, and that four of the five members they sent were freshmen. However, the race was postponed for the second half of Saturday and Sunday morning because of bad weather, which "never came," said Mike Stoodley, commodore of the sailing team. However, academic responsibility was more important to the team who couldn't stay for the rescheduled events.

"Had our team stayed, they would have returned around three o'clock Monday morning," Stoodley said. "But they had a great time, even with the nine-hour car ride, and I feel they have become much closer since the regatta."

The sailing team has another regatta coming up this weekend, Oct. 2 and 3 at Marquette University, and will be sailing on Lake Michigan. The Wildcats' will face host Marquette, University of Minnesota, University of Iowa, Indiana University, University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Robert Morris College. Stoodley and his team are planning on bringing along as many team members as possible, since it will be a big event and the Wildcat team is particularly close with the Marquette and UW-Milwaukee teams.

Despite the difficult competition, the Wildcats have high hopes, and plan to succeed in their regatta this weekend.

— Mackenzie Myers

Women's soccer ranked for first time

By Jon Young
contributing writer

The NMU women's varsity soccer team kept their perfect record in place and held on to the top position in the GLIAC with another sweep this weekend. The Wildcats started homecoming weekend off on Friday Sept. 24, with a 3-0 win over Saginaw Valley State.

The team is ranked no. 21 according to the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America D-II rankings. This marks the first time in the program's history that the team has been ranked.

"Bottom line is Saginaw is a NCAA tournament team the last couple of years, they beat us twice last year," said head coach Matt Granstrand. "Our goal was to try to come out and get a tough win over a quality opponent."

The 'Cats (5-0-1 GLIAC, 5-0-3 overall) came out aggressive and wasted little time breaking the game open with a goal from senior forward Dana Stephens at 14:34. The 'Cats added to the lead when senior forward Kari Buckel scored the first of her two goals off a penalty kick.

"We're evolving and we're learning as a team" Granstrand

said. "We're learning how to try to set the tempo and keep teams on their heels."

The 'Cats shutout over Saginaw Valley was their fourth consecutive game holding opponents scoreless. NMU added to their lead at 54:02 when Buckel scored her second goal of the contest off the Stephens assist. Buckel was happy to be back on the field after

missing the Grand Valley game.

"It felt good it's been a week since I played so I was ready and we just took it to them," Buckel said.

On Sunday Sept. 26, the Wildcats took the pitch against the visiting Northwood University Timberwolves in front of the homecoming crowd and came away with a 2-1 victory. NMU

jumped out to the early lead when sophomore midfielder Becky Schmidt set up Dana Stephens for the goal less than three minutes into the game. Granstrand was impressed with the team's defensive effort.

"Were deep back there, and that's our strength on this team," Granstrand said. "That's the style I've always coached and I don't

see it changing."

Buckel added to the 'Cats lead in the second half when she scored an unassisted goal at 50:09. The goal was her third of the weekend. Northwood responded late with a goal from Amanda Watson at 79:41, but Northern was able to escape with the win.

"They always rise up against us," Buckel said. "We knew we had to come out like the last couple of weekends and remain strong."

Granstrand knew coming into the game that Northwood would come ready to play and was happy with the way his team battled.

"Our strength today was that we persevered," Granstrand said. "Northwood is a stubborn team that has a lot of heart and keeps battling and staying in the game."

The Wildcats finished up their home stand with a 5-0-3 record and sole possession of first place in the GLIAC. The Wildcats are on the road this weekend as they take a trip to Ohio to play the Lake Erie College Storm (0-6 GLIAC 2-6 overall) Friday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Then on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 12 p.m. they visit Ashland University 1-4-1 GLIAC, 2-5-1 overall) with hopes of holding onto first place.



Justin Key/NW

Left: junior defender Missy Mohr goes up against an opposing forward to clear the ball from the Wildcat defensive zone. Right: sophomore midfielder Kylee St. Arnaud motions for control of the ball.

W. hockey set to start season

By Brad Gicopoulos
staff writer

Playing shorthanded in a game situation can be a challenge, but playing down a man for entire season is a battle in itself. The NMU women's club hockey team may not be full strength in regards to the size of the team, but they're utilizing their strengths.

The Wildcats have 11 players on their current roster, with the departures of seven players from the team from last year the 'Cats have brought in five eager women ready to step up and fill the roles of former players.

Last season did not turn out as hoped for the team (1-15-0 CCWHA), but with the right conditioning and proper dedication the Wildcats are looking forward to a turnaround season.

In her second season with the team, sophomore forward Jenny Peretto said the small amount of women on the roster can be overlooked with the proper training.

"This season we need to really buckle down in practice while weightlifting to make sure we have very strong legs and are very well conditioned," she said.

Strategy is a big part of hockey, everything from offensive fore checks and defensive schemes to matching lines against the other team's top players. With the 'Cats having smaller squad this year they will be switching a few

plays to preserve energy.

"We're switching to a left wing lock which should help with our legs by the time we get to the third period of games," Peretto said.

The left wing lock formation is more commonly known as a 2-3 formation, where two players pressure the defensemen hard and the other three sit back near the top of the zone to clog up the middle.

Training camp and preseason are for touching up skills, but they are also for getting the timing of plays and chemistry back. Hockey is an all year around sport because athletes train in the summer to stay in shape for the season. The Wildcats worked on staying in shape this offseason to have a much better year.

"We had our own workout regimens this summer but the common goal was to make sure we were in shape coming back for tryouts," Peretto said.

The Wildcats will be looking to improve on the 18 total goals scored last year. In order to do that, they are going to need the help of senior defenseman Laura Williams, who has 19 points (13 goals, 6 assists) in her last three seasons at NMU.

"I worked hard at the PEIF to stay in shape this summer and I want to be a very good role model for the new girls," said Williams, the team's captain.

Not having a lot of teammates

can sometimes be discouraging, but, these girls are using it to feed their already strong desire to win this season. With only 11 players on the roster, they can't wait to start playing.

"We're a lot closer as team this year, everybody really gets along and we're jelling better even though we have fewer players," Peretto said.

One of the disadvantages of playing a club sport is that there's a pay-to-play fee. For the women's club hockey team, each player pays \$1,200 a season. The rest comes from the fundraisers they do as a team.

"A key reason for the low turnout this season is that it's very expensive for a college student to be able to afford," Peretto said.

The 'Cats have brought in some new members this year and are excited about their arrivals. Along with new players the team has selected junior student coach Brian Westrick as head coach and sophomore Michael Niday as goalie coach.

"We are excited to have these two guys on the ice with us, taking time out of their days to help make us a better team," Peretto said.

The Wildcats open their season against a tough opponent on Saturday, Oct. 2 against Robert Morris University (27-8-4 ACHA) at the Berry Events Center, 7 p.m.

Cross country does well at Griak Invite

The NMU Wildcat cross country team performed well on Sept. 25 at the 25th Annual Roy Griak Invitational at the Les Bolstad Golf Course in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Wildcats placed eighth out of 25 teams. They were 196 points behind the champions, University of Minnesota-Duluth. Finishing with an end score of 266, the Wildcats' top five racers were all within 22 seconds of each other.

Sophomore Rita Woitas led off the Wildcats finishing 39th with a time of 24:00.1. Close behind was overall finisher Olivia Juntila (sophomore) at 40th with a time of 24:00.6. Senior Christina Turman placed 60th at 24:19.0. 61st place finisher was Nora Kiilunen (junior) at 24:19.9. Last but not least was 66th placer Mandy Dye (freshman) who ran a 24:22.2.

Juntila was very excited with her finish because she had met the goals she set for the this race.

"Personally, I had a good race, I met my goal of running faster than I did at this race last year by 22 seconds. Rita Woitas and I were neck and neck at the finish (within .5 seconds of each other)," Juntila said.

The rest of the girls that competed placed in the top 110 racers.

Kristen Schulz (senior) placed 74th and ran a time of 24:28.1. Junior Marie Helen Soderman finished 110th with a time of 25:02.0.

Head coach Jennifer Ryan said she was really excited for this event because it is the same as future events.

"It is also a 6km race which is what we will race at conference, Regionals, and Nationals, so it gives the girls a chance to compete at that distance," Ryan said.

This event is also a good experience for the team to just watch other athletes. They are able to watch the Division I teams race and learn by observing their technique and absorb all they can learn.

"They also hold a separate Division I race and we stay and watch that race so the team can see some of the best runners and teams in the country. They can learn something by just watching," Ryan said.

NMU Wildcat's cross country team will race again in Kenosha, Wisconsin, at the Midwest Collegiate Meet on Sunday October 17, 2010.

— Laura Conway

Smaller center comes up big

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

Most people don't consider 6-foot-3-inch, 230 pound college men small, but that's not the case for Andy Vasquez. The transfer student from Reseda, California is this season's starting center for the Northern Michigan football team, a big position on the offensive line.

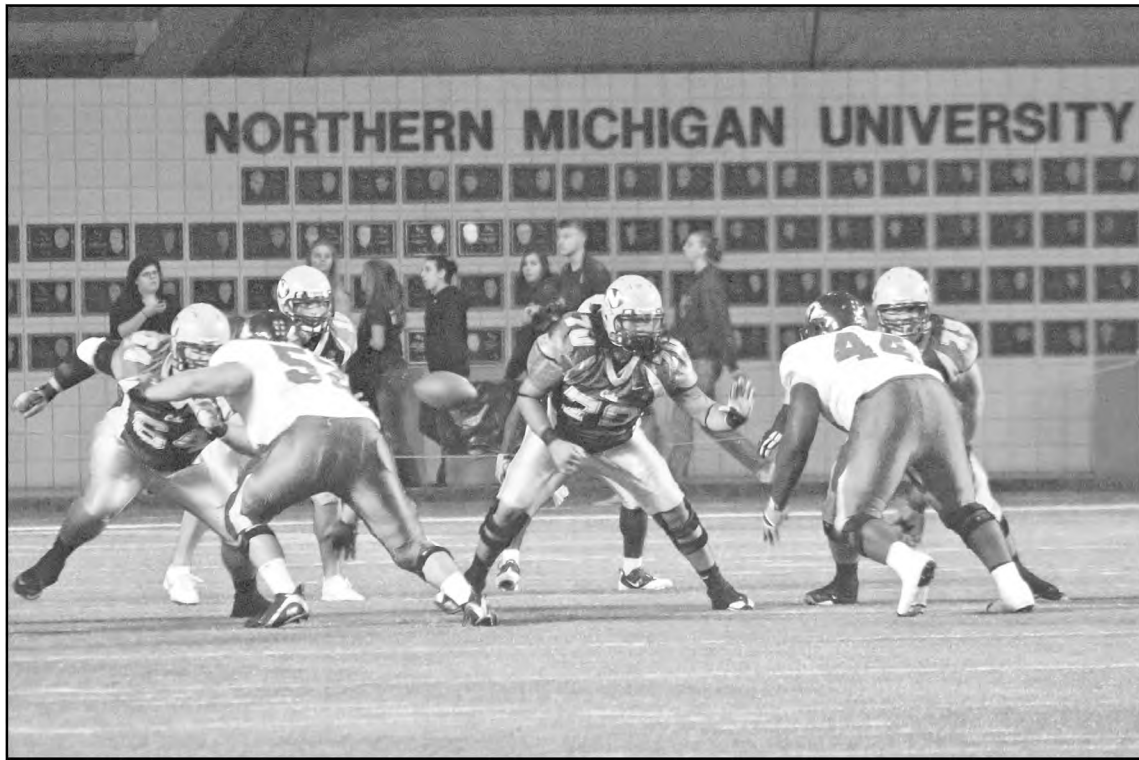
"I felt like it was a big role to play as it was such a big hole to fill. I have to be the best leader I can on the line being in the middle and put my body on the line for this team."

Vasquez is the lightest starting center in the GLIAC, as he is 37 pounds less than the average of the other 13 starting linemen. Through grit and determination, Vasquez has proven to be a solid part of the offensive line.

"He comes in and has fun every day," said offensive line coach Rob Boss. "In order to succeed in football you have to enjoy it. He comes in and has fun, but he also puts the hard work in and improves every week."

Vasquez was named the NMU offensive player of the week for his play against Ashland and combined for play of the week with quarterback Carter Kopach, when the Wildcats beat the Northwood University Timberwolves on the road.

"With being a first year starter, Vasquez has really stepped up," Kopach said. "He's very cool and calm in the huddle. Sometimes in practice and games, I can wear my emotions on my sleeve, but I can always count on him to settle things



Ashley Wiggins/NW

Junior center Andy Vasquez hikes the ball to quarterback Carter Kopach. Vasquez guards Kopach, along with his fellow offensive linemen, against the Ashland Eagles' defensive threat.

down."

Vasquez transferred to Northern from Moorpark College, a community college nestled just north of the Santa Monica Mountains. While with the Raiders, Vasquez won a conference championship and a bowl game, but eventually lost in the national semifinals. Despite the success at the junior college level, Vasquez transferred to Northern to further not only his playing career but his education.

"Coach Awrey gave me a call and asked if I signed with anyone yet. Then he told me about Northern. I had never heard of Northern before that night, so I did some research and it looked pretty good. So I came for a visit, I didn't think too much of it at

first, but I went in the dome and met the coaches and fell in love with the place."

Coming from California, the adjustment off the field was also a challenge, as last winter was the first time he saw snow.

"I didn't believe anyone when they said it was going to be cold up here," he said. "I didn't bring jackets or anything. Now I'm wearing sweaters all the time. You can never get used to the cold."

The cold is just a part of the geography of the area, which was another thing that threw off the transfer student. He still has to remind himself that Lake Superior is just a lake and not an ocean and that, unlike LA where you can keep driving in civiliza-

tion for miles, Marquette is the biggest city around. Even the Yooper dialect is a change for him. However the biggest adjustment for Vasquez might be the abundant wildlife.

"It's a shocking thing to me how I see deer walking by. I was considered calling the police and saying 'you got some loose deer here, could you put them back in the zoo?' That's the only place you see deer in LA."

But even though Vasquez makes sure the laundry room window is always closed, just in case a moose comes by, the center isn't scared of his opponents.

"You have to play with no fear, because you never know when your last play will be."

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Speedskaters prep for American Cup

By Laura Conway
contributing writer

The USOEC speedskating team will be heading to their first big event of the season this weekend: the 2010 American Cup I-Short Track (a Fall World Cup Qualifier) at the US Olympic Training Facility in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the renowned Pettit National Ice Center. The Pettit has hosted numerous skating competitions, including the National Short and Long Track Speed Skating Championships, the World Sprint Speed Skating Championships, and the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating Time Trials.

The team has been working overtime since the end of last school year all through the summer getting ready for this first of four American Cup series.

Sophomore Chris Creveling from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, mentioned that the summer training he went through was the hardest he's done in a while.

"This summer's training was the most intense I've ever had, it's been an entire year of training for me," Creveling said.

Creveling has crossed over to ice speedskating from inline skating where he was on consecutive Junior and Senior World teams as well as the 2002 Junior and 2003 Senior World Champion. He can't wait to get to the level in ice that he was on inlines, and he feels this may be his year.

"I want to get to the point on the ice where I was on inlines and I think I am finally there in my ice skating. A majority of the Olympic team members last year are taking a few years off so it's my time," Creveling said.

Another crossover from inline skating is freshman April Albanese. The transition from inlines to ice for her has been challenging but feels that the training here at the USOEC has her completely prepared for the American Cup I coming up.

"The transition to ice has been

hard; the technique and strategy is so different on the ice so they have to teach an old dog new tricks. I started training here in June. I'm used to practicing four times a week for inlines, now it's six times a week plus six dryland practices a week for ice," Albanese said.

Albanese is excited for the upcoming race, and she said her qualifying times are very motivating. She qualified to race with the second fastest group of women in the country (Group B) and wasn't far behind the fastest women (Group A).

"Not only was my American Cup B qualifying time three seconds behind American Cup A time, but it was a personal best by ten seconds," Albanese said.

For some athletes on the team, it will be their first event as seniors coming up from the junior level. One such athlete is freshman Alena Fiorenza out of Wausau, Wisc. She is not really worried about the jump in levels because a lot of the junior girls skate as seniors any-

way so it will not be anything new for her.

"I never compare myself to other athletes, I compare to what I've done in the best. I'm pretty confident I'll be able to stay with the pack this year and make finals and semi-finals," Fiorenza said.

She also attributes her improvement and success to the intense training at the USOEC.

"I was at a plateau training at home and now up here I'm improving a lot and I'm excited to see where I will place now that I have been training up here since June. The transition is tough from two to six practices a week; it took a few weeks for me to adjust to this kind of training but I'm glad I stuck it out because I feel I've grown as an athlete and not just a skater," Fiorenza said.

An athlete who is coming off of a building season is Brett Perry from Midland, Michigan. Perry is a senior at Marquette Senior High School who joined the USOEC team to get the advantage in his

sport.

"This is the only place to train full time and still get an education. We are very privileged and I am very grateful to be here," Perry said.

Perry did mention the training and being on his own took a while to get used to. Perry is originally from Midland, Michigan, so he moved away from home at the age of 16 and is now living by his coach's team rules and USOEC standards.

"Last year was a building year for me, getting used to the environment and training schedule. Now this year I am going to improve. I don't go out and party, and my parents raised me with good morals so even though they are so far away I don't feel that there is a lack of parental supervision," Perry said.

Overall the USOEC speedskating team seems to be confident and prepared for the American Cup Saturday, Oct. 2 and Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Pettit Center.

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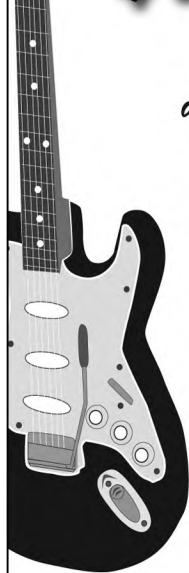
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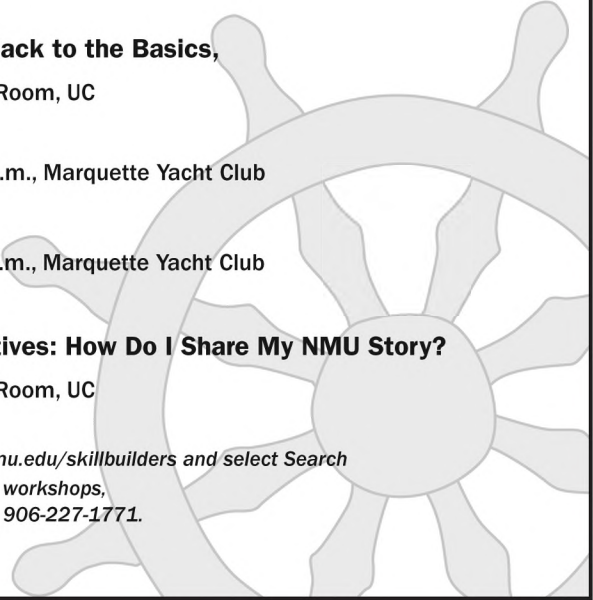
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Lina — The weekend was utterly beautiful, every bit of it. Thank you; thank you; with everything that I am, thank you. — **Lucy**

NE — We should definitely go on more interesting, awesome adventures. — **EIC**

ME — Welcome back, buddy! It's good to have you at the big desk again. — **OE**

Plato — Must you interrogate everyone about every small aspect of their lives? Sometimes I prefer not to examine mine. — **Grad Student**

Jess — You are an inspiration in my life. Even if you make me walk in the rain. I still love you anyway <3 — **John**

Kenny — YOU are my fearless leader. And the best SGF ever! — **Lu**

Dear beloved Jesse Wright — You are riff raff. — **from kevo**

Alex and Liz — We need to finish the Top Secret Mission like this week! OH NO! — **Thao**

ME — We should gather the troops for a gathering. Also, glad I can write to you here addressing you as ME — **SE**

Gina — Happy 1 year pre-anniversary to your wedding! You will make the most beautiful bride! — **Lu**

Becky — Get ready for a weekend of Relay funness — **Thaoster**

Cameron — Kick some butt against MSOE this weekend! Wish I could be there to cheer you on! — **Love, Thao**

O POS — I know you don't mind me falling this hard, but I may need you to hold my hand — **Lu**

Brooke — Thanks for forcing me to read the cave! Sometimes I think I need more lit theory in my life. Surprisingly, that's a thing. — **Simon**

Thao — We will definitely work on that and it will be AWE-

SOME— **OE**

So Loco Crew — We gotta get the gang back together. — **Belzy and Coolnasty**

Steph, Nemo and Lola — We need to hang out again SOON. Okay? Okay. — **Alex**

NE — I likes your silver bullet. — **OE**

ME — I'm so glad you're back and that my headlines won't suck anymore. Thanks for cutting the itchy tag on my shirt off, too. — **FE**

Belz — I hope you enjoyed my opinion. I'll do another one soon. — **Beckdog**

Brad — Happy birthday! I'll remember that whole hot oven thing when I'm baking your cake :) I love you. — **Delaney**

Thao — Thanks for dinner. You're a great cook, darling. Not as good as me, but passable. — **Cameron**

NE — We barely talked this issue. It's cool. Nothing's gonna ever keep you down! — **SE**

Female MP full timer — Junior Mints are for old people to eat as they play Bridge in the non-smoking section of a Bob Evans — **Brice**

Silly Raccoon — Fishing rods are for humans — **ASE**

Blueberry bagle — You look too similar to the gross-tasting sunflower seed and tomato bagle — **Bagle Lover**

Pacers — I miss the days when you were relevant. Change your uniforms again — **Indiana native**

NW Staff — Thank you for all the kind wishes. It's great to be back. — **ME**

Sally — I haven't talked to you in over a week! I'll have some cinnamon rolls for when you get to class tomorrow. — **Suzie**

ME — Man, it's good to have you back. — **EIC**

Corey & Katie — It's time we properly celebrated my birthday and the fact that it's been over two weeks since we've hung out. — **Lucy**

Prof. Bergmann — Sorry I missed class on Tuesday and then saw you as you were walking back to your office... — **Lucy**

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- Dim, the silver bullet
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