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The resignations of six ASNMU representatives were approved by the assembly at the ASNMU meeting on Oct. 25 in the Cadillac room. The General Assembly currently consists of 12 representatives with 12 open positions.

Representatives resign over leadership troubles

By James Dyer
news editor

Throughout the semester, ASNMU has seen numerous members resign their positions as representatives. Many have resigned due to time constraints, but lately members have been resigning because of internal conflicts with the ASNMU leadership.

Kim Martino, previously an off-campus ASNMU representative, resigned partly because of time constraints, but also because she didn't feel ASNMU was a valuable use of her time. Martino was appointed to her position in October of 2009, and worked on projects like the bike share program during her time as a representative.

"I saw ASNMU as a big source of change. (In the past) I had faith and trust that ASNMU was doing something," Martino said.

Martino is frustrated that ASNMU money was spent on the campus study lounge, which encourages students to stay up late studying, as opposed to maintaining the bike share program, she said.

Martino's resignation was approved at the Oct. 25 ASNMU meeting.

Another aspect of ASNMU that drew Martino away from the organization was a lack of cooperation between leadership and representatives, she said.

"ASNMU leaders are inexperienced, underpaid and unwilling to help. I realize, though, that it's a hard job," Martino said.

Former off-campus representative Aaron Loudenslager resigned because of similar conflicts with the ASNMU leadership.

Loudenslager joined ASNMU because of an interest in politics and an urge to have a say in changes that were happening on campus, he said. Loudenslager presented his ideas to the general assembly on projects such as a student credit union on campus and the founding of a Student Defense Office to defend students brought before the all student judiciary. Both of these proposals were stalled by the ASNMU executive board, Loudenslager said.

"There is no leadership and no objectives from the leadership. They stand on their high horse and criticize anything that is introduced," he said.

Loudenslager decided to tender his resignation when discussion stalled on his proposal for the student defense office by the executive board.

"It seems like ASNMU is trying to suppress ideas. I think my time working on the Student Defense Office would be better spent on my own," he said.

Loudenslager is working with the advisers of the student defense office to create the organization independently so that it cannot be watered down by ASNMU, he said.

"Stripping away politics to represent students doesn't mean suppressing ideas behind closed doors," Loudenslager said.

ASNMU President Lucia Lopez said that inefficiency and dislike for the executive board of ASNMU are the two main causes for the latest string of resignations. ASNMU is far from a perfect organization, Lopez said.

"It's unfortunate to see them leave, but (representatives) can't always get their way. Programs have to be thought out carefully," she said.

Lopez said that she was supportive of ideas, including Loudenslager's idea for a student defense office, but that in Loudenslager's case, more information was needed to make the proposal a reality.

Lopez said that these recent resignations don't necessarily come as a surprise, but they are regretful nonetheless.

"It's unfortunate to see them go just because of politics. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion. I don't think the resignations are my fault. It is (the president's) fault that ASNMU is not a perfect organization, Lopez said.

ASNMU approved six resignations at the Monday Oct. 25 meeting.

Though the organization has lost members, new members are also being sworn in on a weekly basis, Lopez said.

"A couple of (new representatives) are freshman, but they are taking a lot of initiative on their own. They came in full of ideas," Lopez said.

ASNMU is currently seating 12 representatives and has 12 open positions.

Presentation debates Prop. 1

By Robyn Goodman
assistant news editor

The question of whether to hold a constitutional convention has many pros and cons, said Craig Ruff lecturer at the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. Ruff spoke to a filled Mead Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 26 about Proposition 1 and whether or not to hold a constitutional convention.

Ruff is a senior policy fellow at Public Sector Consultants, which is one of Michigan's best think tanks. Ruff spent 11 years in Michigan's executive office, first as special assistant for human services to Gov. William Milliken and then as chief of staff to Lt. Gov. James Brickley.

Proposition 1 will be on the Nov. 2 ballot and will call for a constitutional convention. The convention would allow delegates to rewrite part or all of the Michigan Constitution. If voted into effect, the next step would be to vote delegates from all the districts in Michigan.

"Proposition 1 is dramatic but has not been given a great deal of public scrutiny," said Ruff.

Ruff's debate began with his reasons for a constitutional convention. He stressed that the current constitution doesn't have a fatal flaw, but there are some amendments in the constitution that no longer affect the people. The last convention was held in 1963, said Ruff.

"We want to give life to the 21st century," Ruff said.

Anything that is recommended by the delegates must be voted on by the people. It is the voter's obligation to re-open the constitution, Ruff said.

"We have a pathway toward looking at a new Michigan in a new way," Ruff said.

Ruff stated that we, as the voters, fear the status quo, and the only way to change that is to change the constitution.

"I'm terrified of a constitutional convention," Ruff said to open the debate against Proposition 1. "This is a scary time to create policy and even scarier to re-write the constitution."

While times are different today, the delegates include people who are only interested in special interests that don't affect the rest of the state, Ruff said.

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Conference on social networking

By Ariana Grams
contributing writer

Social networking can help small and local businesses get ahead in this economy by acting as a means of free advertising, a way to build relationships with the community around them, and a way for them to get the word out about their deals and specials to draw people in, said Jason White, producer of the MarqTAC and the face behind MarquetteSocial.com.

White and a number of speakers talked about these things and more at MarqTAC, a social networking conference that was held in downtown Marquette in the Masonic Center on Saturday, Oct. 23. MarqTAC was composed of speakers who are familiar with social networking in different ways. This event was a follow-up event to the successful and exciting MackiTAC that was held earlier this year on Mackinac Island,

White said.

"I was really excited about the people I met at MackiTAC, and I wanted to bring this to Marquette, because Marquette is just starting out with social networking," White said. "This is just the beginning of a whole movement of local social networking for businesses."

White said the main goal is to get people excited about what businesses are doing and to have that interaction that will draw people in.

Speakers were brought from all over Michigan to share ideas. This was a successful event that had people giving pointers on social networking and meeting each other to get to know who's behind the websites, White said.

Greg Kretovic, a freelance graph designer, attended the conference as a way to meet others and see how networking could help him.

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Briefs

Civic organization workshop

There will be an informational meeting and a SkillBuilder! at NMU Tuesday, Nov. 2 focusing on civic organizations and how to become involved.

"This SkillBuilder! is an opportunity for you to see what civic organization is right for you and which one you are right for," said Laurie Schmit, the Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Civic Organizations are groups within a community that pursues a certain mission, he said.

This SkillBuilder! will show the importance of having civic organizations in a community and answer questions on how to find one that is right for every person, Schmit said.

"This SkillBuilder! will raise awareness of what kinds of civic organizations are out there in the community," he said.

The civic organization groups that are presenting include Rotary, Kiwanis, Zonta and more, each of them dealing with different missions.

The SkillBuilder! will be held in the Marquette Room of the University Center.

— Quinn Doyle

Professor presents on Islam

Mohey Mowafy, a professor in the health, physical education and recreation department, will present the "Islam and the World: Enlightened Reconciliation or Perpetual Confrontation?" SkillBuilder! The event is the first part of a two-part series.

Becky Rasmussen, leadership programs coordinator for the Center for Student Enrichment, organized the event this year. Rasmussen, a senior sports science major said the series always has very high attendance.

"There's always a waiting list," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen said she couldn't offer specifics about the content, but recommended Mowafy's presentation based on her experience with the presentation two years ago.

"I think a lot of people are generally interested in [Islam]," Rasmussen said.

She said Mowafy, who is from Egypt, is passionate about the subject of Islam in world relations.

"It's kind of an uncomfortable subject for people to discuss, but he breaks that barrier," Rasmussen said.

The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1 in rooms Pioneer A and B of the University Center.

— Meredith Gasco

Corrections

In the Oct. 21 issue, the College Republicans president should have been named as Sarah Morrison in the article "Absentee ballots an option for students."

Marquette's favorite girlfriend featured in book



Justin Key/NW

Rice Paddy owner Aoy Lachappelle presented her new book at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday Oct. 23. Lachappelle's new book documents her experiences in Thailand through her charity, Operation Aoy. Operation Aoy provides food, books, shoes and other supplies to Lachappelle's home village of Phraphutt Labat in Thailand.

ASNMU update

ASNMU approves the resignations of six representatives

By Margaret Ylitalo
staff writer

Professional studies representative Jessica Persaud, general studies representative Jordan Neal, and off-campus representative Aaron Loudenslager resigned from ASNMU at the Monday, Oct. 25 meeting. Off-campus representative Kim Martino, arts and sciences representative Zach Fix, and general studies representative Jordan Brooks resigned at the Oct. 18 meeting, but their resignations were unanimously approved on Monday with this week's resignations.

Loudenslager's letter of resignation said ASNMU could be doing more to support students and their rights.

Christian Weber was unanimously

approved and sworn in as a college of arts and sciences representative.

Off-campus representatives Dani Thoune presented information about the SAM conference she, Justin Brugman and Benjamin Stanley attended last weekend. \$357.10 was spent of the \$450 budget for travel to the University of Michigan campus in Dearborn, Mich. and hotel costs. ASNMU has joined the United States Student Association, which will cost 2.5 percent of its total budget for this year and 5 percent each following year.

During her presentation, Thoune discussed the possibility of starting a book swap website through Jeremy White's bookswap.org program, which exists for Oakland University and University of Michigan-Dearborn students. The web-

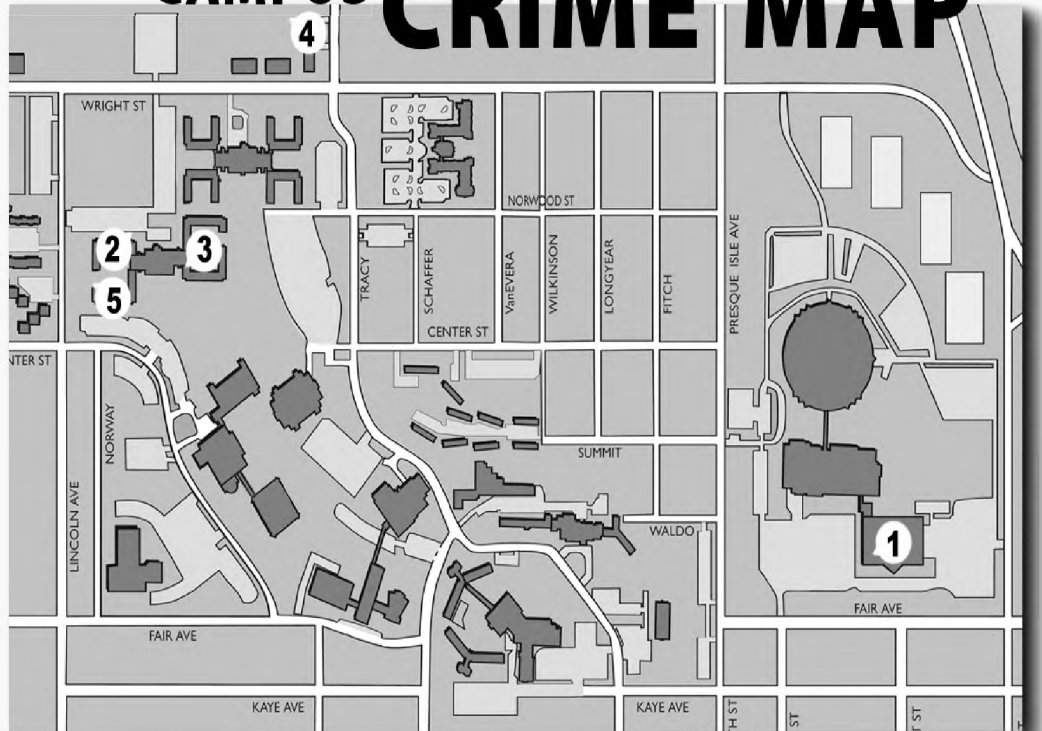
sites allow students within a university to post textbooks to sell or exchange. The University of Michigan has offered to help pay for advertising on the potential NMU website, and ASNMU would be allowed to advertise to generate revenue.

ASNMU discussed its upcoming seminar, which will teach representatives about parliamentary procedure and have open forums for discussion of ideas, along with undetermined activities. The agenda is still tentative. ASNMU discussed various options for the seminar, which included conducting a meeting with executive reports but no action items. Another option discussed was holding only the public comments portion of the meeting, followed by the seminar.

Map Key

- 1) Money was stolen from the Berry Events center at 2:13 p.m. on Oct 22.
- 2) A student's X-box was stolen from Gant Hall at 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 22.
- 3) Two students were given MIPs at 2:10 a.m. on Oct. 23 in the Payne/Halverson courtyard.
- 4) A fan was stolen from the Jacobetti greenhouse at 10:28 a.m. on Oct. 25.
- 5) A student's bike was maliciously destroyed at 9 a.m. on Oct. 25 at the Spalding Hall bike rack.

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



Lemon run sponsors cancer research

By Amanda Cook
staff writer

The NMU branch of Alex's Lemonade Stand held its second annual Lemon Run on Sunday, Oct. 24. Beginning at 1 p.m., NMU students and community members walked or ran two miles inside the Superior Dome. The noncompetitive event coincided with the Lemon Run held by Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer, which will receive the money raised by the run at NMU.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) was started in 2005 by the parents of Alex Scott, a young girl who died from neuroblastoma at the age of 8. When she was four, Alex began holding yearly lemonade stands to raise money for childhood cancer research. The foundation was started to carry on her mission to help children like herself.

Today, the organization has raised over \$35 million to fund pediatric cancer research projects, to cover travel expenses for families of children receiving treatment and to develop resources to help those affected by childhood cancer.

The ALSF group at NMU was started last year by Meghan Connell, a graduate student pursuing her master's degree in psychology. Connell, who ultimately hopes to become a pediatric psychologist, was inspired to bring the organiza-

tion to campus after volunteering at a camp for children with cancer.

"It's made such a huge impact on my life," Connell said about the camp, which is called One Step at a Time. "If you ever have a chance to meet a child with cancer, their hope and their inspiration is just so refreshing."

Instead of starting an entirely new organization, Connell chose to represent the already established charity.

"I chose Alex's Lemonade Stand because it's one of a kind. It was started by a little girl who had cancer and has lived on through her family and others who care about the cause she started," Connell said.

Zach Bartel, a senior secondary education and Spanish major, chose to participate in the Lemon Run after hearing about the event from friends and then researching the cause.

"It's a simple thing to do and it's not asking that much. Hopefully it will make a genuine difference in at least a few kids' experiences," Bartel said.

The group's goal for this year's Lemon Run was to raise more money than at last year's run, which brought in \$2,300. Although participation dropped from 223 runners to 177 this year, the group collected \$2,678.

The money came from registration fees, a silent auction of over



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Runners participate in the second annual lemon run, put on by NMU's branch of the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF). The event raised \$2678 for ALSF, a charity that donates money for cancer research.

40 items, money from sponsors left over after event costs, and through the Kohl's Associates in Action program.

Kohl's Associates in Action helps nonprofit organizations that benefit children in the community. Store employees volunteered at the Lemon Run, and in return Kohl's gave a \$500 grant to ALSF.

Abby Bush, a senior finance major and vice president of NMU's ALSF, knows how cancer can affect a family.

"My own mother had breast

cancer a few years ago. It's easy to get involved when you're fighting for something that's close to your heart," Bush said.

Bush emphasized the value of advocating for this cause.

"It's so important to raise awareness for pediatric cancer, because so many children fall victim to cancer each year. We need to do our part by helping in the fight. Alex's Lemonade Stand is just one way in which you can get your voice heard in raising awareness for childhood cancer research,"

Bush said.

ALSF is appreciative of the efforts of the NMU group.

"Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation is honored to have the support of students at Northern Michigan University," said Gillian Kocher, foundation spokesperson.

"Planning a large scale event like their Lemon Run takes a great deal of commitment, and it is clear through their fundraising that they followed through with that commitment and attained immense success," Kocher said.

Festival teaches Northern students to be eco friendly

By Adelle Whitefoot
staff writer

The Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve is organizing the second annual Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival with the help of Students for Sustainable Living and Downwind Sports.

Last year the event was held over two nights and brought in over 150 people. This is one of 115 venues across the country to show the film festival, said Emily Whittaker, executive director of the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve.

"We're putting on a series of films that depict different situations that we are all facing globally and locally," Whittaker said. "For instance, there is (a film) about stream monitoring."

The film "Missouri Stream Team" will explain what stream monitoring is, why it's important, and show a community where that type of project was successful, she said. Students and people from the community will be introducing all the films to tie what's going on elsewhere to what is going on locally in our own communities,

said Whittaker.

"(The event) is designed to inspire people to take action about anything they are passionate about. Hopefully it will be environmental issues that they decide to take action on," Whittaker said.

The Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve is a non-profit environmental organization located in Big Bay, Mich. that dedicates its time to water science, outreach, mapping and many more activities aimed at protecting and preserving the Yellow Dog River watershed.

"People should expect a good time at the event and thoughtful ideas," Whittaker said. "Hopefully the dialogue can start happening in the community to get some good ideas off the ground."

Mindy Otto is a fourth year human geography student at Northern and is the president of Students for Sustainable Living. Otto is in charge of coordinating the event and finding students and people from the community to present each film that is being shown.

"I've been working with people from the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve to get people to present the films in a way that explains how the issue presented in the film

is connected to their life and what they do," Otto said.

Students for Sustainable Living is a group of NMU students who come from all different environmental and educational backgrounds. The organization tries to get involved in the community with people who are interested in sustainable living and to educate students on campus about living sustainably by putting on events, said Otto.

"The (film festival) is a good way and easy way to get educated on issues of water quality, sustainable living and food issues," Otto said. "I think it will be entertaining."

14 films will be shown ranging in length from two to 27 minutes long. They touch on many different environmental topics such as the act of planting a tree as well as climate change. Tickets for the Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival are \$8 for adults, \$2 for students and kids 18 and under get in free.

The film festival will take place Thursday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. in Jamrich 103. For more information and to view movie clips, visit www.yellowdogwatershed.org

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Another very important point, said Ruff, is that he is concerned that everything is going to be put on hold. The Michigan legislature will see the constitutional convention as an excuse not to do their job because the delegates will be doing it for them.

The constitutional convention will cost approximately \$13 million, but with all of the elections involved with the convention, the cost could go up to \$45 million, Ruff said. The economy can not afford to pay for something that doesn't need to be fixed, Ruff said.

If Proposition 1 is passed, the delegates would have to meet by Oct. 4, 2011. They will have no deadline to finish the conven-

tion but would probably take between 4-6 months, Ruff said.

While Ruff debated both sides, for and against a constitutional convention, he stressed that it is important to just get out there and vote.

"You're in charge of whether we have a constitutional convention," Ruff said.

The speech was part of the class Special Topics: PS 495/595. This class invites presenters to talk on the important issues of the time, said David Haynes, professor in the political science department.

"This class talks about the hottest topics that are happening right now," Haynes said.

The presentation and class are part of the Road Map to 2015, which is an ongoing effort to bring national and international scholars to NMU.

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Candidates for gov. square off Nov. 2



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Republican Rick Snyder

Republican candidate for governor, Rick Snyder, labels himself as a job creator. Snyder attended Battle Creek Lakeview High School before attending the University of Michigan, where he earned three degrees. Snyder went on to become president and chief operating officer of Gateway. Snyder was appointed to chair of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 1999, where he expanded Michigan's public-

private economic development programs. Snyder plans on reinventing Michigan using a plan of 10 steps. Those steps include creating jobs and reforming Michigan's tax system. Snyder chose State Representative Brian Calley as his Lieutenant Governor. Calley is currently serving his second term in the state house of representatives. He was voted legislator of the year in 2008 by the Michigan Small Business Association.

The Issues

Economic plan - Snyder's economic plan includes reducing taxes for businesses, eliminating the Michigan Business Tax, improving Michigan's international image, and increasing Michigan's small business community to focus less on manufacturing.

Constitutional convention - Against the constitutional convention proposal on the ballot, Snyder feels the focus should be on Michigan's current economic crisis.

Higher education - Snyder believes that a well-educated workforce is important in revitalizing Michigan's economy. Snyder supports tuition aid based on student's needs.

Abortion - While he is pro-life, Snyder supports stem cell research. Snyder is willing to put his personal beliefs behind him, however, to uphold the voter's wishes.

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Democrat Virg Bernero

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero is the democratic candidate for governor. Bernero was labeled by CNN as "America's angriest mayor" due to his outspoken criticism of the alliance between Wall Street and Washington. Bernero served previously as a state representative and a state senator in the Michigan Legislature before becoming mayor of Lansing, a position he has held for four years. During his time as mayor,

Bernero has eliminated \$40 million in city budget deficits without raising taxes. Bernero has also been supportive of Michigan's auto and manufacturing industries. Bernero is running with Brenda Lawrence as his Lieutenant Governor. Lawrence currently serves as the Mayor of Southfield, MI. She was profiled by Esquire Magazine, who called her one of the nations most hard working Mayors.

The Issues

Economic plan - A focus on changing the state's economy to be more beneficial to Michigan families and less beneficial to Wall Street corporations is one of Bernero's focuses. He also vows to defend Michigan manufacturing and the auto industry.

Constitutional convention - Bernero opposes the proposal for a constitutional convention.

Higher education - A reinstatement of the Michigan Promise Scholarship, alongside a tuition freeze for Michigan's public universities are Bernero's focus for improvement.

Abortion - Bernero is supportive of abortion rights. He has received endorsements from Planned Parenthood and the Michigan National Organization for Women.

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Adjunct Professor John Sarkela presents at the MarqITAC conference. The conference provided those interested in social networking technology with valuable suggestions on how to use it to their benefit.

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help him.

"It's pretty interesting to hear how others use social networking to develop businesses and connect with each other," Kretovic said.

Kretovic's favorite speaker was Joni Hubred-Golden, who runs Michigan Women's Forum. Golden spoke about nonprofit organizations and how the social network helps them.

"It's exciting to see social networking connecting all of Michigan," Hubred-Golden said. "It's important to build relationships through these networks, because then people will become passionate advocates for your cause."

Hubred-Golden said she was impressed with how moved you can be by people you have never met, all through social network-

ing. She follows many people who run non profits on their social networking sites, most of whom she has never met, and passionately supports them Hubred-Golden said. She has become an advocate for those nonprofit organizations based on their Facebook and Twitter posts. The postings help to understand the business better, and what they stand for, Hubred-Golden said.

Misty Martinchek, the group sales manager for Shepler's Ferry on Mackinac Island also spoke. She runs the Facebook page for Shepler's and said that she is constantly updating it and replying to posts by people.

"It's kind of an obsession of mine. I'm always on it," Martinchek said. "It's a free way to advertise while entertaining the fans and building relationships."

Martinchek said that the use of social networking has helped

make Shepler's more accessible to people who want to know more about them or use their services. There are a remarkable amount of people who support the company now because of social networking, and it has helped profits, Martinchek said.

"We are always looking for new ways to improve," said Martinchek. "Facebook has allowed people to leave feedback and help us do that."

Social Networking is the future of advertising and promoting local and small businesses, White said.

"I believe that social networking is the catalyst in Michigan's economic recovery," he said.

White said that people should give the best they can through their social networking sites, and that hopefully people will support those businesses based on that.

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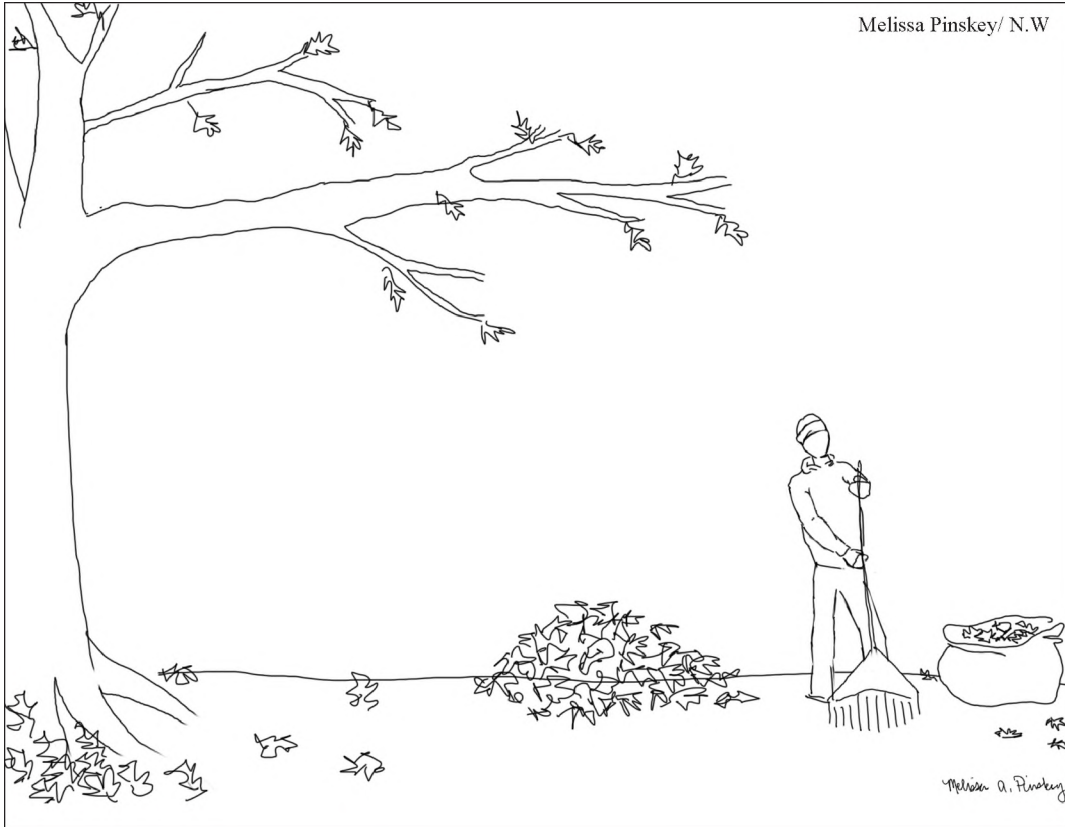


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Students should make a difference every day

Last Saturday, Oct. 23, students and the community came together for Make a Difference Day. More than a thousand people registered with the Volunteer Center and went out into Marquette to help community members rake leaves, move outdoor furniture and do other physical tasks. The numbers were impressive: 111 groups volunteered at 183 sites, totaling 1,264 people who volunteered.

Opportunities such as this shouldn't be overlooked simply because this year's Make A Difference Day has passed. Rather, students should know that resources are readily available to help them volunteer throughout the community at any time during the year.

The Volunteer Center helps students and student organizations "find out about volunteer opportunities and local contact information for non-profit organizations looking for volunteers," according to their website.

Benefits of volunteering whether as an individual or an organization are numer-

ous. It brings NMU students closer to the greater community and gives them a chance to really help other people who are in need and aren't able to do these sort of physical tasks.

It also helps build skills that can be used elsewhere, it looks great on a resume and it can also make a person feel great to help other people. Students who wish to be a part of Superior Edge can also apply the hours gained volunteering towards their hours for the leadership program.

The website offers a variety of opportunities to volunteer, with subjects for volunteer opportunities ranging from animals to youth to nature. Students are also encouraged to log their hours on the Volunteer Center website so that the center can track the amount of students who volunteer and how long they do.

Students can find all of this information and more at the Center for Student Enrichment's website, nmu.edu/cse, or by visiting the office at 1205 University Center. The center can also be reached at 227-2466.

Pastafarianism a great religion



Staff Column

James Dyer

For anyone curious about different religious opportunities in America, the choices have become increasingly slim. Nowadays, most of the different religious sects are based on the worship of some Jewish carpenter whose story was filtered through generations and presented to us in one of the most boring tomes known to man. For anyone yearning for something more from your religion, allow me to present you with a tastier option.

The Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster is not only the most peaceful religion on the face of the earth, it is also the only one based on good, solid, delicious evidence. The Flying Spaghetti Monster is exactly what he sounds like: a giant wad of meatballs and noodley appendages. He is invisible to human eyes (unless he chooses not to be) and undetectable by any instruments currently known to man. Because of this, not only is it impossible to disprove his existence, but we can automatically assume that everything that happens is because he wills it to be done.

Belief in the Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM) has existed for centuries, but the church was pushed into the mainstream in 2005, when Bobby Henderson wrote an open letter to the Kansas school board in protest of their decision to allow creationism to be taught at schools alongside evolution. Henderson's problem with the school board's decision was not as much with the decision itself, but how it was to be carried out. If creationism was to be taught, what version would students learn?

Henderson's letter to the school board not only presented a valid point, but within the letter Henderson unwittingly revealed the existence of the FSM to the masses.

Followers of the FSM (called pastafarians) are often described as pirate-like. The goal of every pas-

tafarian is to live life in a way that is reflective of a pirate's lifestyle. However, the FSM doesn't wish followers to live as modern pirates, or even "Treasure Island" style pirates. The true pirate lived his or her life on the sea, searching for adventure while consuming copious amounts of "grog," an alcoholic beverage. Pirates are unjustly depicted in modern pop culture as raping, pillaging murderers who cared about nothing else but acquiring wealth.

In reality, the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster is by far the most peaceful religion ever to exist. I challenge anyone to find a single person who was killed in the name of the FSM.

The church of the FSM also stands ahead of these religions as the only one among them that can claim victory over science. It is common knowledge to most people that believe in the creationist theory that the universe was created by a single supernatural being, and that evolution is a theory riddled with holes. Although scientists have come up with overwhelming evidence for evolution, and against an intelligent design theory, their work is unreliable. The FSM, for mysterious reasons, is unwilling to prove his existence to mankind. While the scientists run tests that could prove his existence, the FSM, using his invisibility powers, changes the scientist's results in his favor.

For someone who is lost, confused and looking for an accepting religion, one need go no further than the church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

Not only is the religion peaceful and accepting, its heaven consists of a magical land of beer volcanoes and stripper factories. Does it get much better than that?

As a follower of the FSM, I would encourage anyone who doubts our beliefs to hear what we have to say. The church's website, www.venganza.org, contains useful information for anyone interested in converting.

As the great prophet Bobby Henderson once said, "Try us for 30 days. If you don't like us, your old religion will probably take you back."

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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



NPR Analyst was fired for the wrong reasons

Last week, NPR news analyst and respected civil rights writer Juan Williams was fired for remarks he made on "The O'Reilly Factor." Since then, the controversy over his firing has been discussed by news media relentlessly. It has ushered in a discussion about everything from whether NPR should continue its federal funding, whether Williams was out of line and whether this is an issue of free speech. What many are disregarding is the question Williams seemed like he was about to raise before he was interrupted by Bill O'Reilly on the show.

The often-quoted excerpt from Williams' Oct. 18 appearance on "The O'Reilly Factor" is his remark regarding Muslims on planes: "When I get on a plane, I gotta tell you, if I see people who are in Muslim garb and I think they're identifying themselves first and foremost as Muslims, I get worried. I get nervous." For this small quote, Williams, who worked for NPR for over ten years, received a phone call two days later in which he was informed his contract was terminated.

He followed his remarks about Muslims on planes with a mention of the Times Square bomber, who said, according to Williams, that "America's war with Muslims is just beginning." Shortly thereafter, he was interrupted by Bill O'Reilly. It seems to me Williams

was commenting on the wider issue at hand here in the "War on Terror." At what point does this become a war of us versus them? Radical Muslims like the Times Square bomber see the war as Islam versus America. In turn, the majority of Americans who are not Muslim sometimes make the mistake of confusing all Muslims as terrorists.

It's the same situation we saw with the mosque in New York. The arguments primarily against the mosque seemed to be that because the people who flew the planes into the World Trade Center were Muslim, it is offensive to have an Islamic community center near Ground Zero. It didn't seem to matter to critics of the mosque that the Muslims in New York building the mosque had no connection to al Qaida and instead were just as American as the people speaking out against them. There's a word for the kind of logic that disregards facts to associate all members of a social, religious or racial group as being exactly the same — it's called bigotry.

In May, Williams said on Fox News that he understands "the instinct that says, look, these people are Muslim radicals, why don't we just call it for what it is? But if you are politically savvy, you want to make sure that people who are simply faithful Muslims don't think that we're going after them."

To me, all of this speaks to the wider issues here. If al Qaida is saying that this is a war between Islam and the West, at what point are we buying into that delusion? Clearly, we are at war with al Qaida. When a nation goes to war against an organization, especially one which identifies itself as the true representation of a religion, there's an inherent danger there that we might begin to see all the adherents of that religion as the enemy. Even Williams, a respected civil rights author who, by all accounts, is not a bigot, sometimes makes this mistake, which is exactly what he was speaking to in his Oct. 18 appearance on "The O'Reilly Factor."

He was saying that the paranoia that has developed as a result of the 9/11 terrorist attacks and the subsequent wars in the Middle East has created an uneasiness in some Americans, including Williams, who may be a little nervous when they see a Muslim on a plane.

The problem here comes in when one begins to consider whether or not he had a right to say it. Is it right to point out a deep-seated bigotry that might be hiding in the minds of a lot of Americans, especially on a cable news channel? NPR says no. But I think the wider point Williams was making was a valuable one, something that we should all think about. Otherwise, the terrorists win, because we'll only be fighting ourselves.

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Life beautiful without God



Staff Column

Scott Viau

My religion wasn't lost overnight. It involved years of questioning and contemplating the existence of God. Although I let go of any faith I might have had in my late teens, it is not until now that I realize and appreciate life for how fleeting and filled with moments of pure joy it is.

If there truly is no heaven, then every minute that we have here should be treasured. If there's no better life waiting for us when we die, then I feel lucky that I was born and remain relatively healthy. Although these phrases sound like something one might read in a country crafts store, it doesn't make them any less true.

I wish I could believe in the concept of life everlasting, but I can't help but think of it as nothing more than a soothing bedtime story.

While the thought of an eternal sleep in the ground can be depressing, especially knowing I'll never see the people I've loved again, it's this outlook that has allowed me to appreciate the time that I have spent here. I try to cherish the moments I have with family and friends.

How ever we arrived to this existence shouldn't be the case at all. What matters is how we spend our time here. At night it's

hard to stop me from staring at the wonder that is all around me. I love watching the moon and the stars at work in the sky. The vast universe is a mystery to me and I wish I could be around longer to see us fully figure it out. I even slow down to look at the changing leaves on the side of the road.

We may think of the pains and miseries of growing older and reminisce fondly about our youth, but growing old is not a right, and it can be taken away at any time. I'm grateful that by chance alone I'm still alive to experience another day. When I think of the Northern students who have died recently I feel how unjust it is that they were cheated out of a full life by simple chance.

So many people are cheated out of a life experience. Some may have gone before their first kiss, first date or some other milestone of youth. It's enough to make me realize that what I have done so far I'm lucky to have been able to do. We take the little things for granted and don't think of how it could have so easily happened the other way, or not at all.

I think overall, neither my life nor anyone else's life will in any way be cosmically significant. We are here for a short time with no particular purpose and we have to do our best to live as fully as we can. Maybe I don't always treat each day like it's my last, but I'm aware of how short and sudden it all is and appreciate what can be appreciated.

Letter to the editor

Independent runs for county commission

I am running as an independent candidate for County Commission District 2 in Marquette. I am affiliated with no special interest groups whatsoever and have financed my campaign myself with no outside funds. Transparency and integrity are key.

I am a lifelong resident of Marquette. I began my career in law enforcement with the Marquette County Sheriff's Department for 25 years, eventually retiring as undersheriff. I coordinated the NMU Police Academy for six years, and then was employed as a contracted Federal Court Security Officer.

The economic conditions of the county and jobs are our biggest issues. One of the issues that persuaded me to run for office is the Retire/Rehire Program. This allows individuals to retire from the County, collect their pensions and then go back to their same

jobs collecting full salaries and benefits.

My position is clear: it should not exist. There are many individuals who could fill these 25 positions that currently exist under this policy, making way for graduates who could fill entry-level positions created by promotions. To suggest that we do not have qualified applicants to fill these positions is absurd. I also believe that policy is against IRS regulations.

Government is not a "spectator's sport" — we need to get informed, get involved and vote for transparency and integrity of our elected officials. Whether you agree with me or not, it is vital that registered voters actually vote. Please get to the polls on Nov. 2.

Michael P. Quayle
Independent candidate for
County Commission District 2

Students need to experience the world



Guest Column

Alex Eisner

Last week, as I walked down E. Executive Avenue NW in Washington, D.C., there was so much history and so many tourists everywhere that it was hard to take it all in. To the right was the White House and straight ahead was the Washington Monument. Down the street I heard sirens and saw cops blocking the road, so my friend and I ran down the sidewalk toward the commotion. Traffic cleared and a bellhop standing outside a hotel told us we had just missed the president leaving the White House.

I've seen such scenes of the presidential limousine and motorcade on CNN and certainly hear about the president's movements

all the time, but to be where it was happening was surreal.

I was in Washington, D.C., to attend the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) National Conference. The four-day conference was held at the beautiful Wardman Park Marriott, an upscale hotel. I attended sessions hosted by professionals in my field such as John Ingoldsby, president of IIR Sports and Entertainment, Inc., and Paul McGuire, executive vice president of network communications for The CW Network. The series of sessions ended with a job fair and a chance to land an internship at one of the various businesses.

I networked with PR professionals and got insight into what I want to do in life and with my degree in entertainment and sports promotion when I graduate next winter. This once-in-a-lifetime experience happened because I got involved with the local chapter of

PRSSA, one of many on campus organizations that have similar trips for their members.

Other groups, organizations, and classes have opportunities like this such as the United Nations Conference in Toronto, the Shakespeare festival in Stratford, Ontario and study abroad. I had this chance thanks to PRSSA, but that's not the only student organization at NMU that gets to travel and have these life experiences.

Of course, we got a chance to see the nation's capital when we weren't at conference sessions. While there, I looked through exhibits at the National Archives. I saw pictures of WWI taken by combat photographers, got a closer look into the documents of the Watergate scandal, and heard recordings of past presidents such as John F. Kennedy talking about the Cuban Missile Crisis.

After looking at the exhibits in the public vaults, I ventured over to

the rotunda of the archives where the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights were right in front of me. These pieces of old parchment made more of an impact on me than I can describe. I was viewing history up close and gained more of an appreciation for history than I ever had in school. For the first time it all seemed so real.

This year, our group decided to travel to the conference by an Amtrak train, which was an experience in itself. It took us 24 long hours to get from Milwaukee to Washington, D.C., and 21 hours back, but the view of Eastern America was amazing. The first night, I slept on the floor of the lounge car rather than on the cramped seats. I woke up in the middle of the night, sat up and saw downtown Cleveland, Ohio, all lit up. The skyline was gorgeous and looked like a postcard picture. The next day we

were traveling through the hills of Virginia and West Virginia with towns embedded in the hills. The houses looked like they were just sticking out of the mountainside.

For me, this trip to D.C. has made a lasting impression on my life and I would like to thank Jim Cantrill, Wally Niebauer, Bill Bernard, Terry Seethoff and Michael Broadway for their support in making this trip possible.

I strongly encourage others to take advantage of opportunities similar to mine. To those students who are already in an organization who haven't traveled, I suggest looking into it to see if there's a possibility. Whether it's to a conference or to workshops, I recommend trying to go, because it will only further your career aspirations and help you network with professionals in your area of study. Regardless of your chosen career path, networking can always help your career.

Social programs must be continued



Guest Column

Aaron Loudenslager

The 2010 election can be described in stereotypical political terms, at least in a few political races around the country. It is simply progressive Democrats verses reactionary Republicans.

Progressive means to advance, or move forward, including advancing new ideas and policies, whereas reactionary means to go back to the ways of the past. Some Republican candidates have chosen this reactionary path, deciding to attack the historic programs of Social Security and Medicare passed by FDR and Lyndon B. Johnson. We must stand up for these social programs that are under attack.

Paul Ryan, from my home state Wisconsin and is the brainchild of

the so-called "road map." His map is an alleged proposal to eliminate the federal deficit and balance the congressional budget. I'm not quite sure where this map eventually leads to, except possibly to a risky endeavor. His road map includes "eventually adding private accounts to Social Security" and "giving seniors subsidies to buy private [health] insurance."

This sounds like beautifully crafted semantics that are intended to make the privatization of Social Security and Medicare not sound so bad, when in reality, this is an atrocious policy suggestion that would undo all the things our grandparents fought so hard for.

Social Security was created to make sure that those who were disabled, living in poverty, unemployed, or elderly would be protected from the vulnerability of their position. In the case of Social Security for the elderly, it keeps people from having to work until their death simply because they needed money to feed

themselves. This legislation allows people to retire at a reasonable age, so they aren't required to work themselves to death when they were no longer physically able.

We collectively decided as a society that we had a responsibility to our citizens in these various situations. With this same type of idea, Medicare was passed under President Johnson to provide the medical needs of our seniors. Medicare and Social Security may be the best two programs the United States has.

Now the reactionaries are ready to privatize Medicare and Social Security, and it's not just Paul Ryan. Dan Benishek is currently running for Bart Stupak's old 1st District seat in Michigan for the U.S. House of Representatives and he embodies these same reactionary positions. In an Escanaba candidate forum he stated that "I agree that privatizing Social Security and Medicare is the only way to do it," and in a Sons of

Liberty radio talk show interview he also stated, "The whole Social Security thing is just a disaster. That's an unfunded mandate."

They may think that privatization will fix a "supposed" Social Security crisis. First off, there is no crisis. According to the CBO, payouts to recipients will equal that of revenues from payroll taxes in 2052. Also, with no change in current benefits, the federal government would only need to spend an extra 0.54 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) to keep Social Security solvent.

Privatizing Social Security means that instead of investing in U.S. Treasury bonds, your money will be invested in the stock market. This means that if the complex financial derivative market ever collapses like it did in 2008 again, your investments will be entirely destroyed, making your retirement prospects dim at best. This policy would help Wall Street, but hurt Main Street. So much for "Enough is Enough."

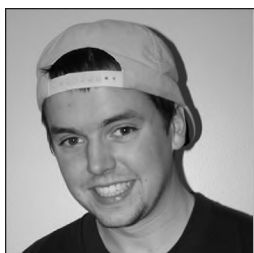
Our health care system ultimately has only one long-term solution. Medicare is a single-payer health care system, but only citizens age 65 and older are eligible. We need to extend Medicare to each and every one of our citizens. This system may also be called the less flashy names of single-payer health insurance or universal health care. As Dr. Michael Chen of Taiwan's National Health Insurance said in 2009, "Actually, [our] program is modeled after Medicare. And there are so many similarities — other than that our program covers all of the population, and Medicare covers only the elderly. It seems the way to go to have social insurance."

Countries around the world have single-payer health care systems including Taiwan and Canada. This election we must progress toward a single-payer health care system and protect the current Medicare and Social Security programs from reactionaries who wish to dismantle them.

Sound Off

What is the best Halloween costume you've ever seen?

compiled by Paul Goodrich



Luke Fredricks
junior,
digital cinema

"Cow costume with flavored utters."



Anne Noble
sophomore,
unknown

"Peacock feathers."



Nick Ano
junior,
graphic design

"Skimpy girls."



Keely Nagel
senior,
graphic design

"A huge milkshake."



Ryan Curtin
sophomore,
business/law

"You're looking at it."

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Margot tours into U.P. for 'Buzzard'



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Margot and the Nuclear So and So's is performing at Northern on Friday, Oct. 29 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. The band is touring for the September, 2010 release of their newest album "Buzzard." Margot and the Nuclear So and So's recently switched from Epic Records to their own label in order to regain artistic freedom.

By Lucy Hough
editor in chief

Margot and the Nuclear So & So's doesn't often play at college campuses.

"At colleges, it's more official. You've got people helping you load and stuff, and there's usually not as much alcohol," said Richard Edwards, lead vocalist for the band. "But when a college show is good, it's really fun."

Northern will be one of the few college campuses in their current tour, celebrating the release of the newest album "Buzzard." Described by "Spin" magazine as "uneasy songs (that) are masterpieces of controlled tension," the new album definitely has a differ-

ent sound than the orchestral songs of the last album, "Animal."

"I think it's definitely more grimy," Edwards said. "I don't think any of us were really excited about doing a big orchestra arrangement this time around; we took that as far as we wanted to with the last record. This record seems a lot closer to what I was doing right before Margot, a lot of guitar-based music."

The last album was a struggle with label Epic Records as the band members recorded and perfected the album "Animal," but the record label wanted to see some of the band's other songs on the final version. To compromise, two albums were released: "Animal" as the band wanted, and "Not

Animal" as the label wanted.

Switching to their own independent label for "Buzzard," away from Epic, wasn't a hard decision.

"Because they suck, you know?" Edwards said about Epic Records. "At the end of the day, you turn in what you want to do and there's always some suggestion on how to make it sound more like a Katy Perry album. I just think that we're not interested in trying to record a song in a way that would get it on the radio or would make it palpable to the people who enjoy that kind of music, so it seemed like it would be more fun and more fulfilling to do it however we wanted."

According to Edwards, anyone who has liked the past albums will probably like this album.

"On the surface, there's a lot of stuff different, but at the core of it, I think it's still pretty similar," Edwards said. "At the end of the day, if you like the songs I write, you're probably still going to be into the band, and if you don't, it's probably not going to change your opinion that much either."

Edwards said that touring now is tougher than when the band first started in 2005, made especially hard after the birth of his daughter, who is now 11 months.

"You don't have the same kind of body that bounces back as quickly, and you're away from family and home," said Edwards about touring now. "When you're younger, you don't have a lot of that stuff so it doesn't really bother you to be away that long. As you get a little older, you feel a little bit more worn down and you start to miss stuff back home more than you used to."

Edwards doesn't remember if he's been to the U.P. in the past, but he's excited for the show.

"It's always nice when people want you to come and play music," Edwards said. "It's always fun to meet people and play songs. I'm not excited for the drive, but I'm excited for the show."

First Aid Productions, the NMU organization that's bringing Margot, is looking forward to the show and feels like student response has been overwhelmingly optimistic.

"We've heard a lot of positive responses, people saying, 'I can't wait for the show, I'm so excited,'" said Erin Astle, show manager of First Aid.

For every major concert it puts on, FAP puts together a list of possible bands that they want to see, and then they go down the list and try to find a band that fits the price range and is able to come at a manageable time. Margot was within the top three on this semester's list. The organization is really excited about Margot because it's different from other bands First Aid has brought in the past.

"Some people might say, 'oh you just bring up indie bands,' but I think this is different from your like three- or four-piece guitar, bass, drums, keyboard. They are a unique band," said First Aid president Jordan Buzzy.

The concert will be held in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center on Friday, Oct. 29. The show starts at 7 p.m. with a special mystery guest and Shipwreck Party opening for Margot. Tickets are free for students with an ID and \$10 for non-NMU students.



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Margot and the Nuclear So and So's lead singer Richard Edwards is looking forward to visiting the U.P., meeting people and playing the show for NMU students.



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"Buzzard," the band's new album, has less of the orchestral sounds of their previous album, "Animal." Lead singer Richard Edwards said he thinks that those who like previous albums will probably like this one.



Instead of tossing your pumpkin guts and seeds after carving a Jack-o'-lantern, make something creative, delicious and affordable. There are all sorts of ways to make use of the slimy insides and seeds gutted from pumpkins. Recipes using pumpkin vary widely and include soups, pies, cookies, breads and even pancakes. Fresh pumpkin can be used in any recipe which calls for canned pumpkin by smoothing it in a food processor. Often less than 50 cents per pound and packed with minerals, pumpkins are an inexpensive and nutritious way to celebrate autumn.

PUMPKIN SEED POTPOURRI

Ingredients

1 - 2 cups Pumpkin seeds
 1 T. cinnamon
 1/2 T. allspice
 1 T. oil
 1/2 cup whole cloves
 3 - 4 Sticks of cinnamon
 Fake flowers or decorative berries (optional)
 A few drops of special scented oils (optional)

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350.
 Clean the seeds & dry with a paper towel.
 Pour the seeds into a baking dish.

Add cinnamon, allspice and oil. Mix well so that seeds are coated.

Place seeds in the oven, stirring every 5-6 minutes until golden brown and toasty.

* 45 - 50 minutes for seeds just out of the pumpkin.

* 25 - 30 minutes for dry seeds.

PUMPKIN GUT BREAD

YIELD: 2 LOAVES

Ingredients

2 cups of fresh pumpkin guts
 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 2 tsp. baking soda
 1 1/2 tsp. salt
 2 tsp. cinnamon
 2 tsp. nutmeg
 3 cups sugar
 4 eggs, beaten
 1/2 cup water
 1 cup vegetable oil
 1 cup chopped pecans

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 F.
 Use your fingers and a pair of scissors to separate the pumpkin guts, making sure they'll be able to mix well into the batter.
 Combine flour, soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar in large mixing bowl.
 Add eggs, water, oil and pumpkin. Stir until blended. Add nuts. Mix well.
 Pour into two greased 9x5 loaf pans. Bake for one hour.
 Cool slightly and take out of pans to let cool on a rack.

ROASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS

YIELD: 2 LOAVES

All your pumpkin's seed
 Vegetable Oil
 Salt
 Any other seasonings you would like

Instructions

Separate seeds from membrane of pumpkin and heat oven to 300 degrees F.
 Rinse seeds (optional) and set on paper towel to dry.
 Put seeds on baking sheet in a single layer.
 Drizzle seeds with vegetable oil and sprinkle with salt.
 Cook seeds, stirring every 10 minutes, for 40 minutes or until crisp.
 Allow to cool before eating.

If you're looking to spice things up, try adding different flavors to the seeds. For pumpkin pie seeds, try cinnamon, nutmeg and allspice. If you prefer spicy flavors, use Cajun seasoning, Worcestershire sauce and paprika. For savory seeds, replace salt with garlic salt and Worcestershire sauce.



PUMPKIN POSSIBILITIES

GINGERED PUMPKIN SOUP

Ingredients

1 T. butter
30 oz. pumpkin
2 14-ounce cans chicken
broth
1 cup half-and-half, cream, or
milk
¼ cup maple syrup
¼ tsp. ginger

Instructions

In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat.

Stir in pumpkin, chicken broth, half-and-half, maple syrup and ginger.

Bring mixture just to boiling.

Ladle soup into serving bowl.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Garnish with maple sugar and pumpkin seeds.



PUMPKIN SEED SOAP

One package of foil muffin
tin liners
A muffin pan
One empty coffee can
Handled sauce pan

Ingredients

Glycerin Soap
Pumpkin Seeds

Instructions

Place the foil muffin tins into the muffin pan.

Chop pumpkin seeds.

Unwrap glycerin soaps and place them into the coffee can.

Fill saucepan halfway with water and place coffee can in it

Heat the pan, with the coffee can in it, until the soap melts.

Pour the melted mixture into the foil muffin tins.

When soap has hardened somewhat, place one whole pumpkin seed on top for decoration.

Let the soap completely harden.

GINGERED PUMPKIN MOUSSE

Ingredients

½ cup sugar
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
¾ cup fat-free milk
3 egg yolks, beaten
15 ounces pumpkin
1 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. vanilla
4 ounces frozen light
whipped dessert topping,
thawed
3 gingersnaps, halved

Instructions

In a saucepan, stir together sugar and gelatin. Stir in milk and egg yolks.

Cook over medium heat until gelatin is dissolved and mixture begins to bubble, then remove from heat.

Stir in pumpkin, ginger and vanilla.

Transfer into large bowl and cool for 20 minutes.

Fold dessert topping into pumpkin mixture, spoon into six glasses.

Cover and chill about 5 hours. Top each with a gingersnap half.



'Catfish' a local tale of deceit, fantasy



Film: Catfish
 Directors: Ariel Schulman, Henry Joost
 Producers: Andrew Jarecki, Marc Smerling, Ariel Schulman, Henry Joost
 Starring: Yaniv Schulman
 Runtime: 94 minutes
 Rating: PG-13

By Scott Viau
 managing editor



Editor's note: This review contains spoilers.

On the internet, you can be anyone you want. You can become the person you've always dreamed of. To the people you fool, though, you could become the person of their dreams. And when the worlds of fantasy and reality collide, the results can be devastating and heartbreaking.

"Catfish" is the purportedly true story of Yaniv "Nev" Schulman, a photographer living in New

York with his filmmaker brother and friend. When one of Schulman's photos is painted and sent to him by eight-year-old Abby Pierce, he becomes involved with the young girl's family, including her mother Angela Wesselman. Through Facebook, phone calls and e-mails, Schulman is drawn into their life and begins to fall for Abby's half-sister Megan. Desperate to meet her, he and his roommates decide to take a trip to the family's hometown. There they discover the truth behind the paintings, the family and the Facebook profiles.

This isn't exactly the movie the trailers were making it out to be. It's not a horror film or a hardcore suspense thriller, but a movie about deception and the

lengths one will go to keep those deceptions up. In the end we find out that Wesselman is the creator of everything. Abby is not the painter, her mother is. Megan does not exist in the way Wesselman said she did. Angela is a woman in her forties that has fabricated nearly every aspect of her life. In reality, she lives at home with her husband Vince, Abby and her husband's two mentally handicapped sons.

"Catfish" is really more sad than suspenseful. We're given a woman who was so desperate to escape her surroundings that she went to making up numerous Facebook profiles and carrying multiple cell phones in order to deceive Schulman. In the final act, Schulman finally confronts Wesselman and she comes clean about everything that she's done. However, with a level of deceit this large it's hard to believe what she's saying and not just think of it as a new set of lies.

Angela smiles and laughs about her exploits when speaking of them, as if she's proud she was able to keep her lies going for so long. She talks about her life and how she had thrown it away at a young age. She's a woman to be pitied. It's hard to stay mad at someone who is so clearly emotionally disturbed.

In Angela's defense, Schulman is not hard to become enamored with. He's sweet, beautiful

and kind. He exudes a youthful, infectious exuberance for life. Like Wesselman puts it, "You're able to show me things I don't have access to." Schulman's patience can only go so far, though, and he becomes frustrated with her and declares he wants to go home.

I'm still torn as to whether or not "Catfish" is actually true, but in the end it doesn't matter. If it is true, it's even more disturbing for happening in our area. I think we may often see a story of this nature and assume it couldn't happen here, but it did. It happened right in our backyard. If it turns out to be false, it's still one of the most entertaining films of the year. It's fast paced and su-

perbly edited. The music is also great and borrows from the films of Wes Anderson, of whom the filmmakers are clearly fans. The use of Google maps for montage sequences is a stroke of brilliance and helps remind us just how accessible our private information is.

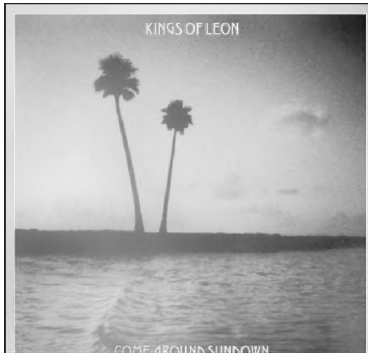
According to Vince Pierce, Angela's husband, catfish are used to keep cod fresh and agile on their way to the Chinese market. Vince thanks God for the catfish in life and that's what he obviously sees Angela as, a catfish who keeps people "on their toes" and aware of their surroundings. Schulman may not have wanted what he went fishing for, but what he caught will affect his life forever.



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Photographer Schulman Photoshops a photo of himself with Megan, fantasizing about the life they could have together.

Kings reign supreme



Album: Come Around Sundown
 Artist: Kings of Leon
 Label: RCA
 Tracks: 13
 Release: Oct. 19, 2010

By Reed Belmonte
 contributing writer



Kings of Leon has done it again. Two years have passed since the Tennessee family band's release of its Grammy winning "Only by the Night," launching the artists' careers to all new heights, comfortably situating themselves as radio-hit gods with such hits as "Use Somebody" and "Sex on Fire."

Their newest album, which has been available for over a week now, is nothing short of a triumph. It's another milestone for what has always been an unusually evolving band, while still sticking to their scrappy roots of "Youth and Young Manhood" and "Aha Shake Heartbreak."

I have my own two cents about every individual song, but as a whole, there was only one thought on my mind listening to this album: live concerts. If there was ever a reason to see Kings of Leon live, it's this album. You can just tell by listening that bassist Michael Jared Followill put some real blood and sweat into making the bass-line for the song, "The End." Front man of the Kings Anthony Caleb Followill hasn't lost his touch with a set of raspy rock pipes idoling that of Bruce Springsteen and John Fogerty, producing intoxicating chills in such songs as "No Money" and "Mary," which is probably the best song on the album, wreaking havoc with a guitar solo that will blow your mind and make you scream for more.

It's a good stylistic grouping of songs, unlike generic albums

with one decent tune, and then 11 others that sound exactly the same (i.e. the most recent Eagles album). In this album, you have your soon-to-be radio hits such as "Radioactive" and "Pyro," songs destined to become summer festival ballads like "The End," and songs simply meant for the road trip such as "Back Down South."

Another notable feature of this album is the guitar playing. Don't get me wrong, Anthony and lead guitarist Cameron Matthew aren't the next Hendrix or John Mayer, but their symmetry is becoming more and more harmonious, instead of one singing and playing rhythm and the other soloing. The two cousins are gaining the habit of intertwining their strings and becoming one distinctive display of octaves and tones.

This is truly a great rock and roll album. They're not selling out and putting on eyeliner like Green Day, or trying anything too new that throws off the entire originality of the band. In other words, Kings of Leon is what it is: an American rock band that's at a varsity level of lyrical and musical bliss. Take a break from YouTube songs and downloading singles, and buy this album. You won't regret it, for the Kings reign supreme.



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| 2. Jackass 3D | \$21.3M |
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Rocky Horror returns to show's roots

By Austin Irwin
staff writer

Amid the haunted tours in Marquette, the masquerades on campus and the celebration of Halloween itself, Negaunee's own Vista Theatre is presenting this year's rendition of Richard O'Brien's "The Rocky Horror Show."

Directed by Andy Kulie, this year marks "The Rocky Horror Show's" 10th year at the Vista Theatre.

"This is not your typical play," assistant director Al Keefer said. "The cast is made up of new people along with savvy veterans. This isn't like any play you would normally go to. You aren't just sitting in the audience watching the cast, you are also interacting with them and the crowd around you."

"The Rocky Horror Show" begins as the newly engaged couple, Brad and Janet, played by Jordayn Fisher and Kelsey Dillon, is traveling when they get lost and are left with a flat tire. They venture

to a nearby castle to ask for help where they meet with many other characters including "Rocky," the play's modern day Frankenstein played by crowd favorite Bobby Glenn Brown. Brad and Janet are later thought to be spies for the government as the plot thickens and are pursued accordingly.

"The Rocky Horror Show" makes the audience more than just a crowd with their eyes drawn, turning this into a different experience from typical plays. The audience is invited to come dressed in costume, and before the start of each play there are different contests and prizes, one of which is a costume contest. The crowd interacts with the cast as they are allowed to bring rice, bread, hotdogs and other such items to throw during the performance.

"The last midnight show we had, the crowd was interacting so well with the cast that the cast and I were there cleaning until around 4 a.m. During the show the cast was laughing just as much as the audience and stayed long after the play to talk with them," Keef-

er said.

Normally, having the same show around the same time every year done the same way would grow tiresome with any audience. Kulie assures that, though this is his first time directing the show, he wants to really take it back to its roots, but with a few tricks up his sleeve to keep it from becoming a rerun on stage.

"There are a lot of little surprises throughout the play. In previous shows, there have been a lot of spins off of the original 'Rocky Horror Show,' but I really want to keep this close to the show's roots, and add in a few surprises that the audience will love," Kulie says.

Show times are at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 21-23 and 28-30. There are two additional midnight performances on the Oct. 23 and 30. Regular shows are \$12, while the midnight shows are \$15. There will be a bus leaving at 6:30 p.m. from the LRC for students on campus to take to the show. It is \$3 to get to the theater, and another \$3 for a ride back.



Photo courtesy of Al Keefer

The Rocky Horror show is different from ordinary performances because the performers interact with the audience. There are also contests and prizes for attendees, including a costume contest.

Zombie hoards vs. human resistance



Photo courtesy of Austin Irwin

NMU sophomore Sean Rinna and sophomore Thomas Neilson demonstrate how humans can temporarily kill a zombie — by hitting him or her with a marshmallow.



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Human players often carry bags full of marshmallows in preparation of a zombie attack.



Photo courtesy of Scott Bacon

Zombies, recognized by the lime green bands tied around their heads, seek to tag humans, turning them into zombies.

By Alisa Fox
staff writer

"Brains!" said Scott Bacon, moderator and vice president of the newest and most popular way to play tag. The Zombies vs. Humans game is the closest to an actual zombie apocalypse that we can get without experimenting with viruses ourselves.

The game started out last Monday at 8 a.m. with two "original zombies." He and she were allowed to hide as humans until they made their first kills.

After that, zombies were popping up everywhere, marked with lime green bands tied around their heads. Wednesday night, there were close to 150 zombies hunting humans on Northern's campus.

Zombies vs. Humans started as a simple game played among friends, but as word got out, the game became more and more popular. This year, there are about 350 players, and many more wanted to join but unfortunately did not make the registration deadline.

The only way for a human to turn into a zombie is for another zombie to tag them somewhere on the upper torso. Humans, recognized by wearing lime green bands on their arms, can throw marshmallows at a zombie to "kill" it, but the zombie is only out of the game for 15 minutes before they can resume the chase.

"I know last year some people went and got a few duffel bags and then went and bought a ton

of marshmallows. They would fill the bags with marshmallows and hang one from each arm and throw handfuls at the zombies. They had like an unlimited supply," said Bacon.

To combat the tactics of the humans, zombies like to hide in various places around campus. You can find them behind doors, in trees, and even under bushes waiting to ambush any human foolish enough to come close.

Along with just the basic mission to stay alive, both humans and zombies receive specialized daily missions. These are crucial to determining which team will ultimately win.

Tuesday's mission included escorting a scientist looking for a cure, and Wednesday humans were charged with finding power couplings, simulated with glow sticks, to charge an anti-zombie device. The humans have won every challenge so far, but everything could change by Friday night.

Friday, Oct. 29 is the date of the final mission, the one that decides for certain which team wins this epic game.

"Usually the final mission is some sort of rescue scene," Bacon said. "Last year the humans had to hold an area for so long before they were rescued. There were only 10 humans by that time, but somehow they won against 60 zombies."

Interested students who would like to be included in the next round of Zombies vs. Humans or have questions can send an e-mail to zombies@nmu.edu.

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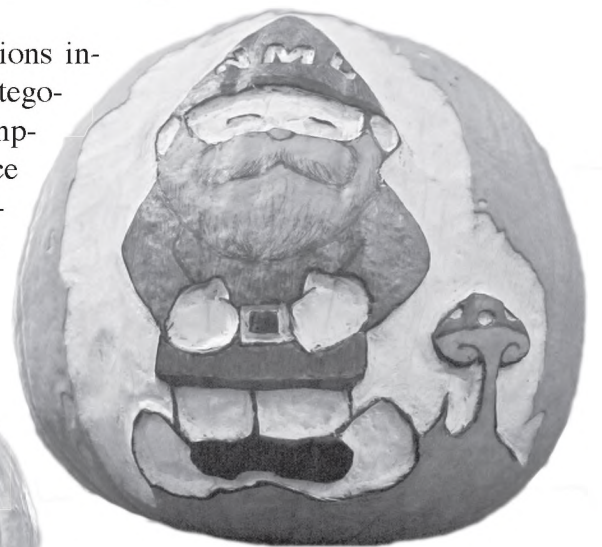
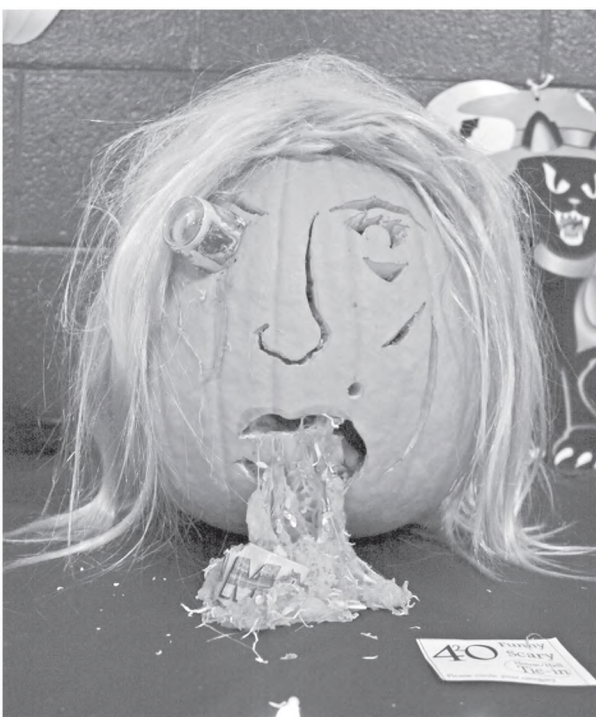
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By Ashley Wiggins
photo editor



NMU's 5th Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest

This year's pumpkin carving contest submissions included a variety of pumpkin designs in three categories: funny, scary and house/hall tie-in. The pumpkins are on display this week in the Marketplace where students were asked to vote on their favorites. Here are some of this year's entries—a burst of inspiration if you have yet to carve your pumpkin. Stop by the Marketplace for more ideas and to view the winning pumpkins!



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September | Volunteer of the Month: Vanessa Oliver



The NMU Volunteer Center and Casa Calabria would like to congratulate Volunteer of the Month, Vanessa Oliver! Vanessa has set up diabetes awareness booths and evaluation sites, volunteered at a local hometown fire department for "fire Safety" day, is the founder and chairperson of Alcona PALS mentoring program, team founder and captain-Alcona County Relay for Life 2010, and is currently working with the UP Diabetes Center to organize multiple fundraisers. In addition, Vanessa has also participated in Make a Difference Day, Adopt-A-Highway, and has both donated and volunteered at blood drives. We would like to thank Vanessa for her service to the community and recognize her as the NMU Volunteer Center's Volunteer of the Month for September.

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'Cats endure first GLLAC loss of season

By David Pleyel
staff writer

The NMU volleyball team faced off against three teams this past weekend that it had beaten on their respective courts earlier in the season. The Wildcats, ready for anything, knew all three teams were looking for nothing more than to give the 'Cats their first loss in the GLLAC conference.

The Wildcats played a very tough Ferris State team on Oct. 22. The Wildcats struck early as they won both the first set 25-19 and second set 25-22. The Bulldogs fought back with everything they had and came up with the wins for both the third and fourth sets, 25-15 and 25-23. The Bulldogs tried to keep the momentum going, but the Wildcats prevailed to win the final set 15-10.

The Wildcats moved forward to take on the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals on Oct. 23 as they looked to sweep the team for the second time this season. The Cardinals put up a valiant effort but could not seal the deal as the Wildcats swept them in three straight sets, 25-19, 25-19 and 25-18.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said that being able to sweep a team twice in one season is very tough and he was very happy to have seen this happen.

"Anytime you play against a team twice in one season, it's very tough to sweep them," Yoder said. "The teams have had their down time, a chance to review and study up on their opponents, make tactical changes, and learn from their mistakes. So it's great to see that no matter what they could throw at us, we could still win."

Unfortunately, the 'Cats were unable to hand Grand Valley a

second loss of the season on Oct. 24, as the Lakers only had one thing on their mind and that was to win this volleyball game at all costs. The Lakers made a quick statement by winning the first set 25-15. The 'Cats quickly responded with a hard-fought win in the second set 28-26. But the Lakers proved too much for the 'Cats as they won the next two sets 25-16 and 25-20, giving the Wildcats their first loss in the GLLAC.

Junior hitter Catherine Waybright said that it's always tough to lose a game, but there are positives that can come from it.

"It's always tough to lose, but we did accomplish several things this past weekend that we wanted to," Waybright said. "Now we just need to take those things and get ready for this upcoming weekend against Lake Superior State and Northwood. We know what it takes to be successful, and we will be working hard in practice this week to assure a positive outcome for the team."

Sami Vierk would lead the Wildcats in kills this weekend with a total of 31 for all three games, followed by Emma Wolfe who had 28 and Ana Lopes who had 22. Becca Feuerherd led the 'Cats in digs with a total of 41 for the weekend, followed by Lopes who had 29 and Kristin Wetzel with 24.

The Wildcats will be on the road again this weekend as they first take on the Northwood University Timberwolves on Friday, Oct. 29th at 7 p.m. in Midland, Mich., followed by their second opponent, the Lake Superior State Lakers on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie.

Head coach Dominic Yoder says his team will be ready for the games this weekend, but from

here on out, nothing is going to be easy.

"Northwood is going to be a tough, competitive team that will fight for every point, and Lake Su-

perior State is a scrappy team that isn't predictable and you never know what they will throw at us," Yoder said. "In order to win our games from here on out, we need

to bounce back and forget about our wins and losses and stay competitive and consistent. This is a great team, and that's what great teams do."



Justin Key/NW

Left side hitter Ana Lopes unleashes a powerful serve in Friday's game against the Ferris State Bulldogs. The game kicked off a three-game homestand for the Wildcats, where NMU won two of the three matches.

Hockey loses to No. 1 team in nation

By John Becker
sports editor

The difficulty of playing the best NCAA team in all of college hockey cannot be underestimated. The NMU hockey team knew that going into their away games at Miami University on Oct. 22 and 23, yet the Wildcats still came home winless.

The Wildcats (0-2 CCHA, 0-4-1 overall) opened with an early penalty in the game on Oct. 22, allowing the RedHawks to score a power play goal at 2:04. Miami's second goal didn't come until late in the second, but the first goal proved to be enough as the RedHawks bested the Wildcats, 4-0.

The 'Hawks allowed four power plays in the first two pe-

riods, but the Wildcats couldn't convert during that time.

Kyle said he was not pleased with the failure to capitalize on the RedHawks many penalties.

"Right now our special teams play is pathetic, and we're working on making sure that our power plays become more effective," he said.

However, the 'Hawks were able to get two more power play goals in the third at 4:23 off the CJ Ludwig boarding penalty, and at 18:11 off the roughing call on Wade Epp.

Still, Kyle said he felt most of the penalties were not foolish mistakes, but acts of desperation.

"A lot of penalties in those games, guys were beat and had to make a play to contain someone, and wound up taking penalties,"

Kyle said. "The issue there isn't discipline, it's an issue of guys wanting to contain and win those battles."

The Wildcats fared no better on Saturday, Oct. 23 as they were defeated once more by the RedHawks, this time 9-1. Sophomore defenseman Kyle Follmer earned the only goal of the weekend at 6:56 in the third period, his first of the season.

The Wildcat offense wasn't taking many shots with 21 in the first game and only 16 in the second game, compared to the 'Hawks 28 and 34 shots on goal, respectively. RedHawks junior goaltender Cody Reichard was hot in front of the net on both nights, but Kyle said he felt the 'Cats failed to put Reichard's reputation to the test.

"We didn't do a very good job of testing them, and that was a big factor in both nights; not the goaltending, but our inability to test them," he said. "When you fail to make a team worry about defending their net, they can really storm at you."

The Wildcats will host their CCHA home opener this weekend against the Ohio State University Buckeyes, a team which the 'Cats split games with during the 2009-2010 season.

Junior goaltender Reid Ellingson was the starter for last year's games against the Buckeyes during a season where the Wildcats had three-year starter Brian Stewart.

Kyle said the pressure is mounting for the team to win.

"We're 0-4-1 right now. I

think any time you get a start like that, truth (is) there is pressure. There's pressure to win from within," Kyle said.

Follmer agreed that a win would feel great, but the team has other goals in addition to victory.

"I think there's a lot of pressure to get that first wins because it would get a lot off our backs, but I think the pressure, more or less, is just getting better each game," Follmer said. "As long as we get better each game, that's our goal."

Follmer also said he thinks the Buckeyes will come hungry for another conference victory.

"I think they're going to come at us especially early, and try to take the crowd out of it. Really, we just need to play our game and we'll be fine," he said.



Justin Key/NW

NMU running back turns the corner after receiving the direct snap in the second quarter of a 6-5 loss last Saturday, Oct. 23. The running attack for the Wildcats generated over 77 percent of NMU's total offense.

Defenses dominate Dome as Greyhounds beat Wildcats, 6-5

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

Total yards: 316
Total first downs: 20
Total completions: 22

Those are pretty good numbers for a football team on any given Saturday; the average total yards for a GLIAC team is about 352 ypg.

But what's different with the stats above is that they do not represent the efforts of one GLIAC team.

These stats were the combined totals for the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds and the Northern Michigan University Wildcats from their game last Saturday, Oct. 23. With both teams' defenses setting the tone of the game, the 6-5 score in favor of the road team was not a surprise.

The top-ranked defense of NMU against the third-ranked defense of UIndy was one of the big storylines going into the game and both units shined. NMU allowed only 19 rushing yards and 146 total yards while Indianapolis held the Wildcats to only 38 passing yards and 170 total yards.

"We all played well," said defensive back Jacob Lehmann, "Anytime you hold a team to six points, its great."

Lehmann was the second-leading tackler for the Wildcats with seven total stops. Linebacker Josh Droese was the leading

tackler for NMU with nine total tackles. Overall, 17 different defensive players recorded tackles for Northern, as the individual players' performances combined into a stout defensive front.

"I played with discipline and did my best job every play," said linebacker John Blessing, who had four tackles and recovered a fumble against the Greyhounds.

Usually in a defensive battle, the offensive side of the ball tends to look subpar, and that was the case this week. The Wildcat offense had numerous lost opportunities to score points, ranging from dropped passes, red zone turnovers and missed field goals despite the low total yards.

"I think we have to execute better as a whole," said left guard Jason DuMont. "That's everyone from the quarterbacks and the wide receivers to the tailbacks and the offensive line."

The line was the brightest spot on the Wildcats offense, as they were able to open up holes for the running game and gave up only two sacks for a loss of two yards. This was the least amount of yards lost from sacks this season. The line has a whole has improved drastically the last couple weeks, silencing the large section of the fan base upset by their performance.

"People are getting the (repetitions) and getting used to game speed," DuMont said. "(Offensive

line) Coach (Rob) Boss is helping us improve; showing us exactly what we have to do each play."

Junior transfer Phillipe Smith was the featured offensive back against the Greyhounds, as he gained 63 yards on 14 carries. Smith worked mostly in between the tackles, as 13 of his carries went through the offensive line.

"The offensive line opened a lot of holes for me," Smith said. "They punished their defensive line."

Smith, a transfer from the University of Central Florida, was never the feature back at NMU until this week. After averaging 4.6 yards per carry with the Golden Knights in 2007, the six-foot-one-inch, 205-pound running back is regaining his composure on the field.

"I'm getting my legs back and I'm comfortable with the running plays. I start to get in a groove as the game goes on," Smith said.

The rest of the Wildcat offense will get a chance to get back into the groove with Smith this week, against GLIAC cellar-dweller Tiffin University. This will be the first time in two weeks that the Wildcats will be away from the shelter of the Superior Dome, protecting NMU from both the weather and Northern's road record of 1-3 this season.

"We will go out there and take care of the things we can take care of," Lehmann said.

Soccer splits away games

By Jon Young
staff writer

The NMU women's varsity soccer team traveled downstate last weekend to fight for position in the GLIAC as the team looks forward to its final regular season game at home this weekend.

On Friday, Oct. 22, the 'Cats (7-4-3 GLIAC, 7-4-5 overall) faced Saginaw Valley (8-5-1 GLIAC, 9-6-1 Overall) for the second time this season, and like the first meeting came away victorious, beating the Cardinals 2-1. Although Northern didn't score until the second half, head coach Matt Granstrand was impressed with his team's first half effort.

"I think the first half was the best half we played all season," Granstrand said. "We didn't score a goal, but we outshot them 12-1. We moved the ball wonderfully all over the field."

The 'Cats first half efforts led to second half results as senior forward Kari Buckel scored at 45:19 off the opening kick off to give Northern the 1-0 lead. The Wildcats were able to hold off Saginaw until the Cardinals tied the goal at 84:19 off the Charley Porter goal. Sophomore midfielder KC McCary was happy with the team's play, and effort in the final minutes.

"I think we all worked really hard," McCary said. "After they scored that first goal we really wanted to score again."

The 'Cats kept battling and were able to regain the lead right before regulation ended at 89:59 off sophomore forward Amelia Johnson's goal, her eighth of the season.

"Great individual effort by Amelia," Granstrand said. "Basically took it all the way from their box to our box and beat two defenders."

The second game of the week-

end was on Sunday, Oct. 24 as the Wildcats traveled to Midland to face the Northwood University Timberwolves (5-9 in the GLIAC, 7-9 overall). The 'Cats beat the Timberwolves at home earlier this season, but couldn't overcome Northwood's quick start on the road and fell 4-1.

"Give credit to Northwood. They came out more ready to play than we did," Granstrand said. "They put three goals on us in five minutes, and that's a hard thing to recover from."

The Timberwolves were led by Amanda Watson, who assisted the first goal at 1:24 and scored the next two at 2:33 and 5:08. Northwood was able to keep the 'Cats scoreless until the second half, when sophomore midfielder Brekelle Sellers scored off the assist from fellow sophomore Caitlin Glendenning at 65:38. Northwood was able to add one more goal at 70:19.

"It's a let down after the way you play against Saginaw to let that happen, but it's a long season now were coming to the end of it," Granstrand said. "There's ups, there's downs and we're just trying to stay somewhere in the middle."

Next weekend the Wildcats host their final home game of the season against rival Michigan Tech (5-9 in the GLIAC, 7-9 overall) on Saturday, Oct. 30. The game is Senior Day for the 'Cats and the last home game for Dana Bush, Anne Spears, Dana Stephens and Kari Buckel. Senior forward Dana Stephens is excited for the game, and opportunity to play Michigan Tech.

"Were excited, it's a big game, especially since it's the breast cancer awareness game, and Tech's our main rival," Stephens said. "Were excited we want to have a good game and win."

The Tiffin Dragons scouting report

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

2009 Record: 0-11 Overall, 0-10 GLIAC

Last game: L 41-21 against Ohio Dominican

Players to watch: Tiffin: senior Trey Williams WR, senior Nate Scully QB NMU: junior Phillipe Smith RB, junior John Privitelli RB, senior Jason DuMont OL, senior DJ Catalano DT

Key matchup: NMU's running offense vs Tiffin's lack of defense. The Wildcats have focused on running the ball since quarterback Carter Kopach's season-ending injury against Grand Valley. The Dragons are ranked last in the GLIAC in every defensive statistic except opponents passing yards, where they are ranked fifth.

Key stat: Tiffin has one conference win, two years ago at home against Northern Michigan in a 4OT affair. This is the first time that NMU will return to Tiffin since that lost in 2008. Tiffin's 41 points allowed last week was their best scoring defense result since week three when they held 1-7 Findlay to 10 points.

Prediction: NMU isn't doing the best right now, but anyone in NCAA Division II could beat Tiffin. NMU 31 Tiffin 7

—Brice Burge

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The Wildcats start strong in the U.P. Championships, distancing themselves from other runners from Michigan Tech, Lake Superior State, Finlandia and Gogebic Community College.

Wildcat cross country grabs second place at the Upper Peninsula Championships

By **Brice Burge**
assistant sports editor

The U.P. Championships were held last Friday, Oct. 22 at Chocoy Down, NMU's golf course. Five Upper Peninsula colleges and universities competed in the two races: a 6K for women and an 8K for men. Four males and I were able to run as unattached runners.

An unattached runner in a race is a runner without a team. In standard cross country meets, five runners is the minimum to have a team, though seven is the norm. As runners end the race, their place gets turned into points (second place gets two points, 32nd place gets 32 points). Those points from the top five runners on each team are totaled and the lowest score wins. In case of a tie, the sixth runners for the tied teams will be used as the tie-breaker. The seventh runner is used as an emergency runner, in case one of the usual top six athletes has a bad time or does not finish. Unattached runners do not have a team and do not get factored into scores.

The women went first, as Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan turned the race into a two-team dogfight. After two laps of the three-lap affair, the race was tight between Tech and Northern, with Tech's Deedra Irwin having a two-step lead over NMU's Christina Turman for first place and a litter of Huskies and Wildcats fighting for spots in the top 10. Turman had some pacing issues early in the race and it was hurting her performance, as her feet were dragging a little

bit in the longer grasses of the rough near the start/finish line. Down the fairway and around the first turn, Irwin was able to get an eight-second lead on Turman. Despite cutting the gap down to six seconds and running her career best for 6K, Turman couldn't prevent Irwin from claiming the individual title.

The team also fell just short of the team title, as Michigan Tech edged out the Wildcats 23-33. Scoring for NMU were Turman, Rita Woitas, Mandy Dye, Helen Soderman and Kristin Schulz. Missing for the 'Cats was Nora Kiilunen. Kiilunen was out of town for a family event.

"Kiilunen has been the third to fifth runner all season," said head coach Jenny Ryan. "We had a couple girls not run their best races as we started a little fast. We've also gone pretty hard (in practice) the last couple of weeks so we can peak at the GLIAC conference meet and (the NCAA) regionals."

Michigan Tech also won the men's race, as they defeated Lake Superior State 22-33. The race was a lot closer than the women's, as multiple packs of competitors were all jockeying for position. I quickly found myself in the last pack after the first hill, as the course was primarily flat for the first half of each lap, but at the halfway point, the rolling hills started to become more present and had more of an effect on my legs. After the first lap, I was still in sight of the last pack, along with two guys from Gogebic Community College and one from Lake State. After hitting the 3K mark, I felt this huge burning sensation

just above my knees that destroyed my stride and consequentially my time. I was lapped at the 5K mark and stopped just one kilometer later due to - what I found out after the race - quadriceps tendonitis.

Even though I was out of shape and out of practice, I ran the race because it was the last time I could run the U.P. Championships before graduating in May. This year was considerably worse than my middle-of-the-pack finish in 2007, but the burning in my quads wasn't anywhere close to the pride and happiness I felt as I ran along the course.

The U.P. Championships was also the last race in the Upper Peninsula for Turman and varsity runner Kristin Schulz.

"It really hasn't hit me yet that this was my last home meet," Schulz said. "It will mean a lot more to me after (GLIAC) conference (championships) and regionals."

The women's cross country team will now be preparing for the GLIAC Championships and will have a tough road ahead of them, as four teams in the conference are ranked in the national top 25.

"We want to finish in the top five," Ryan said. "On a good day we could finish as high as third, but on a bad day we could be eighth or ninth."



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Michigan Tech's Deedra Irwin and NMU runners Christina Turman (center) and Kristin Schulz lead the U.P. Championships in the second lap. Irwin went on to win the individual title, while Turman took second and Schulz finished 11th.

Men's club hockey loses home games

By Mackenzie Myers
contributing writer

The men's club hockey team faced a double whammy from Robert Morris University last weekend, Oct. 22 and 23. Both the Eagles and the Wildcats battled hard on the ice but, in the end, RMU ended up taking both games.

RMU, formerly known as Robert Morris College (and unaffiliated with the RMU from Pennsylvania) is one of the best teams in the division (ACHA, Div. II) and has been consistently skilled for the past few years. "We have a hard time with them every year," said junior forward Brad Gicopoulos. "They give us a run for our money, and they bring their best game every time we see them."

Friday's game started out in favor of the Eagles, with two goals in the first period. The Wildcats did not have much possession of the puck in the first period, and the shots taken were two for NMU versus 12 for Robert Morris.

About five minutes into the second period, the Eagles scored another goal. Then, at the very end of the second period, NMU's Mark Novak scored a goal for the Wildcats.

Novak would later be ejected from the game for checking an opponent from behind.

NMU had much more possession in the third period than they did at the beginning of the game. But, again, right at the beginning of the last period, RMU scored a goal. Northern retaliated five minutes later with their second goal. The game ended at 2-4, in RMU's favor, and NMU had 25 shots on goal to Robert Morris's 34.

Saturday's game went much the same way, ending with a score of 1-4.

"We played pretty badly both games this weekend," said forward Shane Feehery. "We just didn't come out, and we had a bad week of practice, which didn't help."

Gicopoulos added that the 'Cats were worn out on Friday. They practice every day, Monday through Thursday, with games all weekend.

"Monday through Wednesday is our ice time, and Thursday is more of a conditioning day on dry land to get us rested for the games."

Penalties were once again a big problem for the Wildcats, as they have been all season for the club team.

"We really need to stay out of the [penalty] box," Gicopoulos said. "It killed us, and that's what's been killing us all year. We're a lot harder to beat when we're out there five-on-five."

However, Gicopoulos also



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Alternate captain Mark Novak passes the puck for NMU's club hockey team. Novak scored a goal in the second period of Friday's game. NMU's opponents, Robert Morris won both games this weekend.

said there were some bright sides to last weekend's games.

"Our checking was pretty good. We forechecked and backchecked well. And we took a lot of shots, got the puck to the net, this weekend. Their goalie played really well, though," Gicopoulos said.

Despite their record of 5-9, the 'Cats have also been showcased as one of the best teams in the division.

Feehery said the team remains hopeful and wants to get back on the winning track.

"We just need to work on not playing selfishly," said Feehery. "We need to focus on our passing and actually getting the puck into the net."

Feehery also said the team needs to work on the quality, not quantity of their shots.

"We take a lot of shots, but we can't ever get them in."

He also said the Wildcats will be working hard on conditioning this week for their next competitions.

NMU faces the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs at home this weekend, Friday, Oct. 29 at 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.

Editor's note: Brad Gicopoulos is a contributing writer for the North Wind.

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Beckdog — Thanks for having the idea of going out tonight. I think it'll be a great finish to this birthday. It shall be a great time! — **Belz**

Dim — Closing shut the jaws of Oblivion wasn't worth it, I just have to keep doing it over and over again — **SE**

Halloween — Please be just as awesome this year as you were last year — **Belz**

Slay — Thanks! That's okay about the candles...but could you give me back my awesome yellow shirt and even more awesome sunglasses? — **Xander**

Jess — You're awesome and I hope you had a great time with girl's night out! — **John**

OE — Happy birthday, friend. I hope it wasn't too horrible. Have a really really really fantastic weekend. — **EIC**

ME — You're nice. Thanks for being my friend. I had a fun week with you. You're great. Let's hang out soon. — **EIC**

Alejandro — Happy 24th birthday! Here's to a good weekend! — **Thaoster**

Cammy Cakes — I still hate your stinking guts. You still make me want to vomit. You are still scum between my toes. But I love you! Did that make sense? It did? Good. — **Panda Monkey Bear**

Thao and Cameron — Thanks for the cake! This weekend shall

be awesome. — **Belz**

Dad — Thanks so much for the gift card and the movies! I can't wait to watch these. — **Alex**

EIC — Nah, it was a great time! Thanks! You, me and Scotty should get together for tea one of these days for serious. Scotty, you listening? — **OE**

ME — I'm going to "out him" I'm going to out him right out this room! Laugh harder at inside joke! — **SE**

NW Staff — Thanks for joining me on my birthday and making it awesome! — **OE**

Zombies vs Humans — Take in the plot line! Enjoy the nature of connected missions! — **Brice**

Campus custodial staff members — Thanks for keeping the campus clean. I appreciate it! — **ASE**

Michigan Tech Athletics — With all the jokes that go around, you really thought "We are Husky" shirts would be a good T-shirt idea? — **ASE**

BCS computers — You should really start factoring in margin of victory for the Boise's and TCU's of the world. — **ASE**

Belz — Happy birthday ... even though it happened yesterday — **SE**

Lina — I'm so excited for an us weekend. I love youuu. — **Lucy**

ME — Also, you were really fantastic on the gay panel. Also, are we going on a mini-road trip for Halloween night? Also, please don't pull your (whatever's left) hair out. — **EIC**

NW Staff — I like how much we laugh and how were starting to really feel like a family. — **EIC**

Sally and Susie — I'm sorry I had to interrupt your 1950's cutsie love session so that I could get my shout out. I just want you to know that I think you both will live long, successful, fictional lives. — **Dim**

EIC — Sorry that it's 2:12 in the morning and we're still here because I forgot to change the shout outs page. I really hope we go trick 'r treating together, especially you know where. — **ME**

Lina — Once again, thank you for having me participate. It was great! — **Scott**

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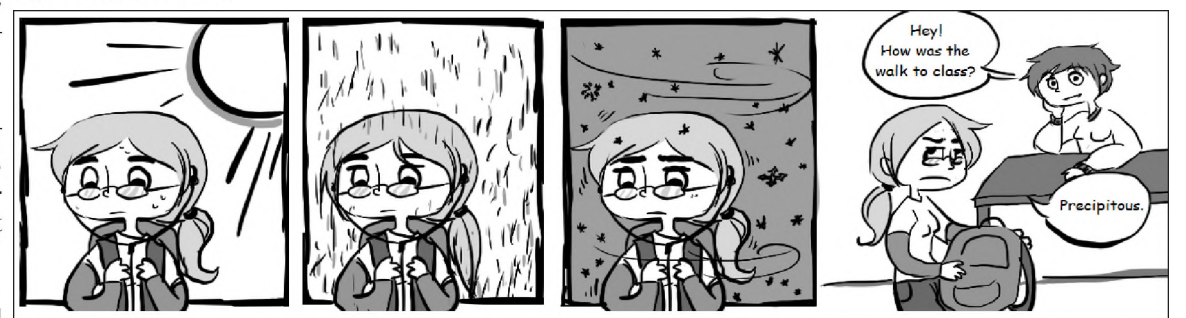
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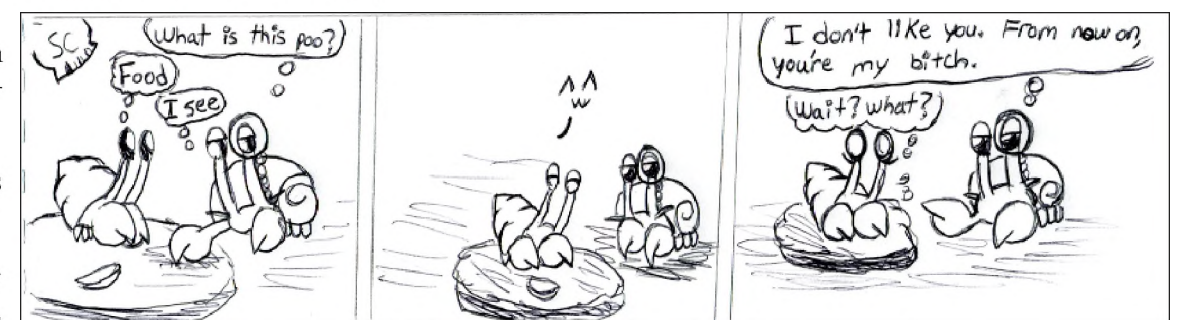
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Phillippe Smith (above) lays out Indianapolis linebacker Mike Dum in the fourth quarter of NMU's 6-5 loss on Saturday, Oct. 23. The Wildcats experimented a lot with the Wildcat formation in the game, where the quarterback will move to the wide receiver position or is not on the field whatsoever, leaving running backs like Smith to take the snap. Smith will try to keep the ball moving next week as the football team heads to Tiffin University (1-7, 0-7 GLIAC) to take on the GLIAC's worst run defense.



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Junior forward Kellen Michalak (upper left), of the men's club hockey team, skates with the puck at center ice during a game versus Robert Morris University-Chicago. The Wildcats (5-9 ACHA) were defeated on Oct. 22 and 23, 4-2 and 4-1. Michalak leads the team with 12 goals and 20 points. He is second in assists with eight.

The week in sports

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Left side hitter Ana Lopes (lower left) splits Ferris State defenders Anne Sutton and Mallory Kopa on Friday, Oct. 22. The 3-2 victory opened up the three-game weekend for the volleyball team, where they defeated Saginaw Valley 3-0 on Saturday, but lost their second match of the season to Grand Valley on Sunday. NMU (19-2, 13-1 GLIAC) will be on the road for the rest of the regular season as they will face Northwood (11-10, 8-6 GLIAC) and Lake Superior State (6-15, 2-12 GLIAC) this weekend.



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The NMU cross country team (below) went out fast for the U.P. Championships on Friday, Oct. 22, but finished second to Michigan Tech. In the lone home meet for the runners, NMU grabbed four of the top 10 places and seven of the top 15. Christina Turman (bib 193) was the top Northern harrier, finishing second with a time of 23:16.5 for the 6K course. The team will take the weekend off in preparation for the GLIAC Championships Nov. 6, hosted by Hillsdale College.

