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SFC clashes with student group

By Cameron Witbeck
staff writer

The Student Finance Committee (SFC) voted last month to freeze, and then reinstate, funding for an event that brought Mary Doria Russell, author of "The Sparrow," to NMU's campus.

The event, "An Evening with Mary Doria Russell," was held on Tuesday, Oct. 26 and was funded in part by the Student Activity Fee. The rest of the nearly \$6,600 budget was sponsored by the One Book, One Community organization and NMU's Visiting Writers program. The SFC voted on Thursday, Oct. 14 to freeze the \$2,000 in funding that had been allocated to the NMU student group Sigma Tau Delta (STD) to help cover Russell's speaking fee. The funding was reinstated after STD met with the SFC on Thursday, Oct. 21.

Andrew Foster, SFC chair and senior accounting and corporate finance major, said that this was only the second time in "known SFC history" that funding had been frozen. He also said that the funding was originally pulled due to a failure to adhere to agreed upon

goals, which were established in STD's Sept. 16 budget meeting with the SFC.

"For us, our biggest concern was that students weren't finding out about the event, that there wasn't going to be sufficient notice to students or that they were going to hear about it at all," he said.

Foster said one of the specific advertising concerns that the SFC had was that STD had not placed stickers on existing posters for the event, which was something that had been agreed upon during the budget meeting. The additional stickers would have said that there was a \$2 fee for community members and displayed the Student Activity Fee logo along with additional event information.

"There is no reason to wait on things like that because the posters were already up," he said. "There was no reason not to execute that end of their advertising."

Foster said that, according to SFC bylaws, the organization is not obligated to contact student groups about concerns prior to a vote to freeze funds.

"It's not typical for us to

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Grant offered for wind power

By Robyn Goodman
assistant news editor

The Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) has received a grant to develop a model for potential wind power in the U.P. The SWP is a nonprofit organization that has set national records for pollution prevention and implements innovative, science-based programs.

The grant was given to the SWP by the Michigan Coastal Management Program. This program assists organizations in protecting and enhancing coastal areas, funds studies related to coastal management and helps increase recreational opportunities in Michigan's Great Lakes coastal area.

The project will develop a planning model to use when considering wind power, said Carl Lindquist, executive director of the SWP.

The model will help address many things from site selection,

proximity to stream and wetlands, threatened or endangered species, engineering considerations, project footprint and access to road design, Lindquist said.

"This is really a study that will help us develop a planning model or boilerplate for U.P. communities to use when considering wind power," Lindquist said.

There are currently no wind power projects being planned in the U.P., but this project would assist communities that are considering wind power, Lindquist said. One potential site for the study is north of the Dead River.

While the cost of the project could exceed \$1 million, it will eventually pay for itself since the wind is free, Lindquist said.

There are many possibilities for using the wind power including having communities like Marquette eventually use it power homes and businesses, Lindquist said. The project will include

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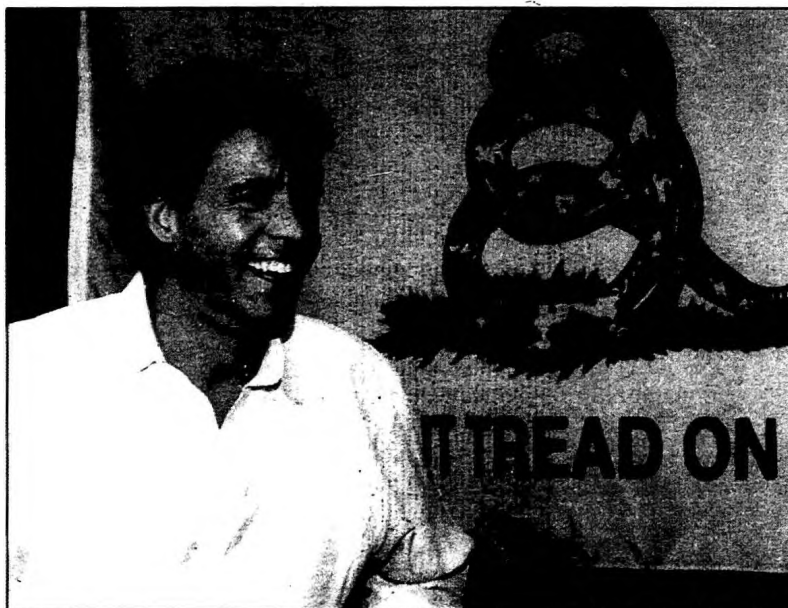


Photo courtesy of Jimmy LaSalvia

Jimmy LaSalvia is the co-founder of GOProud, an organization that represents members of the gay population who identify with conservative values. LaSalvia will be speaking Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. in 103 Jamrich Hall.

GOProud co-founder speaks on tolerance

By Audrey Menninga
staff writer

In collaboration with several groups, a politician will be coming on campus Nov. 10 to dispel the myth that there is no such thing as a gay conservative.

Jimmy LaSalvia is a co-founder of GOProud, a group committed to representing gay conservatives and their allies. The group was formed a year and a half ago by between LaSalvia and Christopher Barron.

"The day we launched, we were sending out the news release in a Starbucks and running across the street to Kinkos to make copies," LaSalvia said. "It's that kind of start up."

The group began to gain some fame in their first year, when they signed on as sponsors of the conservative political action conference, or CPAC.

"There were threats of boycotts and [a couple] of the anti-gay organization[s] threatened to not participate in CPAC," LaSalvia said.

Mitch Foster, a senior residential adviser in Gant Hall, emailed LaSalvia after CPAC and asked him about the idea of coming to NMU to talk. LaSalvia agreed, but the idea didn't get the proper support, and no action was ever carried out.

"I paid attention to (CPAC). I didn't actually go, but I paid attention to it enough where I noticed the GOProud out there, amongst a bevy of conservative social groups," Foster said.

The idea remained forgotten until this Fall when Foster began planning his senior project for his senior seminar class. He called LaSalvia again this year around the beginning of the school year and re-proposed the idea. They agreed on a time and turned their efforts to raising money for the event.

Foster first approached both the College Libertarians and the College Republicans on campus to help out with the event. He then went to Multicultural Education and Resource Center, which agreed to give some money for fundraising. He moved on to the provost's office and the political science department, both of which agree to help support LaSalvia.

"I tried to bring as many different groups from different sides of an issue and different reasons why people would support him to kind of bring the broad spectrum," Foster said.

LaSalvia is looking forward to coming on campus to talk to students.

"I think that there is a common misperception that all gay

people are liberal," LaSalvia said. "Also, there's a misperception that all conservatives hate gay people. I think that our organization demonstrates that that's not the case on both sides."

LaSalvia plans to talk about the people in the GOProud organization, about himself, and his own story about being a gay conservative. He'll also talk about different policies and proposals, including "don't ask, don't tell." His big point, something both Foster and LaSalvia wanted to discuss, was the difference between the gay right and the gay left and the different ways they try to accomplish their goals.

"I think we'll probably go on and on for several hours that night talking about whatever anybody wants to talk about," LaSalvia said.

The event will take place Wednesday, Nov. 10 in JXJ 103 at 6 p.m. The event is open to everyone, and Foster and LaSalvia said that this event is not just for conservatives.

"[The event] covers such a wide range of ideas, thoughts, themes, that I hope not only students and faculty and community members will come and listen to these political talks, this type of political symposium, but also they come to listen to these different ideas," Foster said.

Briefs

Radio X comes back on the air

Radio X, NMU's student-run radio station, is now back on the air. The work on the smokestack owned by Wisconsin Electric, where the transmitter is located, is now finished.

Radio X got permission to start airing shows on Wednesday, Oct. 27 and officially started on Thursday, Oct. 28.

"There will be no more times where Radio X will not be on," said Erin Astle, general manager of Radio X.

The radio station was previously off the air from the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Wisconsin Electric had to repair water damage to the smokestack that made it dangerous to have a transmitter inside of it.

There is a new transmitter being built and will hopefully be done by the spring, Astle said.

— Robyn Goodman

Tips on preparing for winter

There will be a weatherization workshop in Negaunee that will give practical information on how to save money and energy during this upcoming winter. This meeting will provide constructive ways to lower overall expenditures in homes.

"If you carry out the ideas provided, you will see a difference in your home," said Sarah Monte, employee at the Marquette Food Co-op.

Michigan Energy Options is an organization that has delivered energy efficiency and sustainability solutions to households, businesses and public institutions throughout our state for over thirty years. They will be at this workshop to show items that can help save money and energy.

"This workshop will provide little tricks that help with environmental consciousness," Monte said.

The weatherization workshop will take place in the Negaunee Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is free to Co-op owners, and there is a \$3 suggested donation for all other attendees.

— Quinn Doyle

Dog expert comes to NMU

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, Marquette's "Dog Whisperer," Andrew Bek, will be leading a Skill-Builder! to aid in communicating with canine companions. This free workshop will take place in the Back Room of NMU's University Center from 6-7:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Student Leader Fellowship Program.

Unlike many obedience classes, this workshop will focus on understanding dogs and why they behave the way they do instead of just demanding obedience.

"Dog Whispering is about calling forth your calm-assertive primal leadership and understanding what your dog needs from you. I serve as your interpreter for the canine species," he said.

According to Bek, animals are reflections of their owners. If an owner is hyperactive, it's likely that the dogs will be, too; if an owner is calm, then so are they, Bek said. In this interactive workshop, it won't be the animals being trained — it will be the humans, he said. For more information, contact the SLFP at 227-1771.

— Chelsea Parrish

Corrections

In the Oct. 28 issue's ASNMU update, dues to the USSA are paid by SAM, not ASNMU.

In the Oct. 28 article "Rocky Horror returns to its roots" Bobby Glenn Brown should be listed as playing Frank-n-furter and Daniel Piche should have been listed as playing Rocky Horror.

Fraternity smashes NMU hockey competition



Paul Goodrich/NW

Students from the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity gather in the academic mall to get students revved up for the upcoming hockey game against Ohio State University (OSU). Students paid money to smash a car painted with the OSU logo.

ASNMU update

SAM conference budget approved during ASNMU meeting

By Margaret Ylitalo
staff writer

A \$350 budget was approved for an upcoming Student Association of Michigan (SAM) conference at the Monday, Nov. 1 ASNMU meeting. The budget will cover two nights in a hotel and gas costs. The conference will take place Saturday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 7 at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

ASNMU members voted against taking \$70 off of the budget for the SAM conference to allow those who attend to stay Saturday night only instead of Saturday and Sunday nights in a hotel. SAM conference attendees socialize and familiarize themselves with the weekend's discussion items on Fri-

day night prior to the conference.

ASNMU also discussed the possibility of not attending every other SAM conference in person. ASNMU would still have voting rights via webcam or through a conference call if no one attended, said Lucia Lopez, president of ASNMU.

Off-campus representative Dani Thoune opened a discussion about restarting an External Affairs Committee, which would include a chair, a local affairs liaison and a legislative affairs liaison. External Affairs Committee members would connect ASNMU to the greater community. The External Affairs Committee has never been discontinued, but was not begun again this year, Thoune said.

Treasurer Andrew Foster read off

of the bylaws, "The External Affairs Committee is responsible for monitoring the progress of key legislative items at local, state and federal levels of the government. These issues are to be monitored on an ongoing basis to keep ASNMU informed about important issues relating to higher education."

Thoune said an External Affairs Committee would strengthen ASNMU as a whole, also that there was once a student organization liaison to integrate ASNMU with student groups.

"Student organizations could really make this program stronger," Thoune said. "This would be a way that our students would have one representative from the board that would go out and try to get to student organization meetings and get really involved."

Map Key

- 1) Two students were involved in a simple assault at 4:15 a.m. on Oct. 30 at the Woodland Apartments.
- 2) Two juvenile non-students were involved in a simple assault at 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 at the Berry Events Center.
- 3) Six students were given MIPs and one was also given a citation for possession of marijuana at 11:57 p.m. on Oct. 30 in Lot 46.
- 4) One non-student was arrested for possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle at 11:52 p.m. on Oct. 31 in Lot 22.



Public Safety officer writes kid's book

By Meredith Gasco
contributing writer

Adam Maynard, a Public Safety officer at NMU, has recently published a children's book called "The Adventures of Dynamo Dog and the Case of the Missing Jewelry."

The book is about Dynamo Dog, a detective dog modeled on the dogs used by police departments, who must go on an adventure to recover stolen jewelry from a thief. Maynard wrote the book in 1993 when he was in the fifth grade as part of the Marquette-Alger Young Authors program.

Maynard said he has always had pet dogs, so he chose a dog for the main character of his book. He couldn't remember why he picked the name "Dynamo Dog," but he knew that he wanted to write about a police dog as a child because he always wanted to be a police officer.

"(Dynamo Dog) just kind of sounded right," he said.

Maynard rediscovered the manuscript last year and started the publication process with the

encouragement of his wife and children.

"I really didn't change anything," Maynard said. "I wanted it to still sound like a kid wrote it."

Maynard started the publication process in February of this year by searching for publishers on the internet. He chose to use AuthorHouse, a publishing company based in Bloomington, Ind. AuthorHouse offers publishing consultants to authors to help with the self-publishing process, which gave Maynard control of most of the publishing process. However, Maynard had his original illustrations professionally redrawn for the book's release.

"It was really nice to see my pictures in a three-dimensional and more colorful form," Maynard said.

Maynard finished publishing "The Adventures of Dynamo Dog" in September. He says the reaction from his family has been positive.

"My kid loves it," Maynard said. "I read it to him every night."

Maynard is trying to get the

book publicized in the area to boost its popularity. He said that depending on the performance of this book, he may write more.

"I've got a couple more [books] in line," Maynard said.

In addition to more children's books, he wants to write a novel someday.

Since the book's publication, Maynard has been making appearances around Marquette to promote the book. Maynard appeared at the Head Start preschool in the Jacobetti Center last week to give a presentation about Halloween safety and read from the book. Joy Swanson, a supervisor for the preschool, said she enjoyed Maynard's reading.

"I thought it was really cute," Swanson said.

She said using animals for the main characters was a nice touch.

"Children love that," she said.

Maynard said he also enjoyed reading the book to the kids.

"Once more books get out there, I'd like to have a book signing," Maynard said.



For Maynard, his public appearances do more than just promote his book. He also appreciates the opportunity to get a police officer in the classroom to talk to kids.

Maynard said that children mostly come into contact with police officers when something bad happens, and that gives kids a negative view of cops. May-

nard wants to be a positive representative of police to children, and "The Adventures of Dynamo Dog" gives him the opportunity to both talk to kids and promote his book.

The book, which was published two months ago, is available at the NMU bookstore, Snowbound Books in Marquette, and online.

Passport Day prepares students for intl. travel

By Adelle Whitefoot
staff writer

The International Programs Office, along with Peter White Public Library and Marquette Wallpaper & Paint, will be providing students an opportunity to get a passport.

Passport Day will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10 in the lower level of the LRC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Passport Day is a one-day-a-year event where anyone can apply for a passport card or passport book in a "one stop shop" style, said Angela Maki, principal secretary II of International Programs.

"Passport Day gives students more traveling or possibly studying opportunities," Maki said. "If you don't have your passport, you can't travel outside the U.S., not even to Canada."

It takes about four to six weeks to process a passport and receive it, Maki said. The passport card can be used to travel by land or sea to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean and the passport book can be used for most other travel destinations.

"(A passport) can help students even after Northern," Maki said. "If a job they get after Northern requires them to travel internationally, then they would have their passport already."

Peter White Public Library is a passport acceptance agency, said Carolyn Jordan, a reference collection development librarian at

Peter White Public Library. An acceptance agency provides information about the application process and the forms for a passport to a person interested in getting one. Once a person fills out the forms and brings them back with the other materials needed, the acceptance agency goes over them and then sends the forms into the passport agency to go through processing, Jordan said.

"We've been doing passports for probably about 12 years now," said Jordan. "So we have quite a bit of experience."

The process of applying for a passport at Passport Day usually takes about 15 minutes depending on whether the person has all the proper documents and whether or not the application was done right and if a person needs help with it, Jordan said. Passports are good for 10 years of international travel opportunity, said Susan Morgan, coordinator for education abroad and exchange programs.

"(Students) may not even be thinking of studying abroad, but the perfect opportunity could fall in (their) lap at any time," said Morgan. "They don't want to be the one who says 'sorry, can't go with you, I never got my passport' or pay for an expedited fee."

Passport Day is being hosted in recognition of International Education Week, which is Nov. 14 through Nov. 20, Morgan said. Northern has identified globaliza-

tion as a key element in President Les Wong's Road Map to 2015, Morgan said.

"In the (international programs) office, we believe these goals are well met through academic study abroad, teaching abroad, international internships, et cetera," Morgan said.

In order to apply for a passport at the event, students need a valid photo ID, a second photo ID if they don't have Michigan drivers license, \$10 cash, check, or money order for Marquette Wallpaper & Paint to take their photo and a certified birth certificate. They will also need two separate checks or money orders, one made out to Peter White Public Library for \$25 and the other made out to the U.S. Department of State for \$110 for a passport book or \$30 for a passport card, and filled-out, unsigned passport application from www.travel.state.gov. For more information, contact the International Programs Office at 227-2510.

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contact any student groups and police them," he said. "Once they are funded, they are responsible for executing what they agreed upon themselves. It is typically not the role of the SFC to enforce. We're limited in what we can do. We can freeze funds, and that's it. When it comes to us prodding people to get them to do what was agreed upon, that's really kind of outside of our (purview)."

Tom Rich, president of STD and English graduate student, thought SFC's investigation into STD's advertising efforts was inadequate.

"(The SFC) needed to contact me and ask for clarifications before making such a drastic decision. They aren't obligated to by their bylaws, but there's simply no reason not to... they used a hammer when they could have used a phone call."

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"These events cost money, and when student groups put in

orders for posters or sign a contract with a presenter, they have to know that the money will still be there when the time comes to pay," Rich said. "Pulling funding at the last minute like this potentially puts the university in legal danger, and groups need to be aware of that possibility when they apply for funding and make decisions."

Rich said that student groups should be aware that it is possible for the SFC to pull funding, and that it is important that everyone involved in the process communicates.

April Lindala, the director of NMU's Center for Native American Studies and adviser of the Native American Student Association (NASA), said that NASA has worked with the SFC several times to fund events on campus, including an upcoming event that will feature speaker Kevin Annett on Nov. 16.

Lindala said that the SFC plays an important role on campus because it not only safeguards the money that students pay into the Student Activity Fee, but because it can also shape the atmosphere of campus through the events.

"In a way, both of these responsibilities are fairly important," Lindala said. "It is one thing to serve on the board for the Student Activity Fee, but it is another to try to guess what activities and programs will be well attended by students. I would guess it is not an easy position to be a committee member."

Lindala said that students who are interested in garnering a better understanding of the SFC, or helping improve it, should apply to be members of the organization itself.



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students and faculty from NMU's environmental science, engineering and the English departments.

The environmental science students will do field testing and develop conservation recommendations, said Ron Sundell, a professor in the geography department.

"When you're talking about wind energy, it's very different doing it off-shore than on-shore," Sundell said. "There are a lot of ecological issues, vegetation, wildlife, water quality and terrestrial environment to take into account."

The students have not been chosen for the field work, but the first students that will be considered are ones involved in the student environmental science organization, which Sundell is the advisor of. Faculty from the geography department will also be included in

the project, Sundell said.

Upper classmen who already have experience with field work along with students in the early stages of their schooling will also be considered when gathering the group to help with the project, Sundell said.

"It's all about interdisciplinary approach," Sundell said. "It's good to get students involved from different groups."

Rochelle Dale, an adjunct instructor in the English department, has selected students to help develop a series of essays addressing alternative energy opportunities in the U.P.

"Several students have interviewed community members and city officials about their thoughts and concerns and the problems with implementing new technologies," Dale said.

The English department has also discussed the problems with the current energy system, which includes burning coal. The stu-

dents are in the beginning stages of writing articles for the Superior Watershed Partnership website, Dale said.

The engineering department students who are involved with the project are in the class MET 200, said Mike Martin, an assistant professor in the engineering technology department. The students will also produce a technical report that the SWP can utilize when writing their final report to the state in fulfillment of their grant, said Martin.

"The students will be presenting their findings the last week of the semester to the SWP," Martin said.

The class is part of the alternative energies minor, so there are a wide variety of students who will be helping in the fieldwork.

The final report must be finished and submitted to the Michigan Coastal Management Program by March 2011, where it will be discussed.



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Students gather to evaluate a possible source of wind power for Marquette. Students will work with the Superior Watershed partnership and the Marquette board of light and power to make wind power a reality.

Students chat with NMU President



James Dyer/NW

Students gather in the LRC to listen to NMU President Les Wong answer questions about the University. Topics discussed included the PEIF pass referendum, athletics, and merit based scholarships.

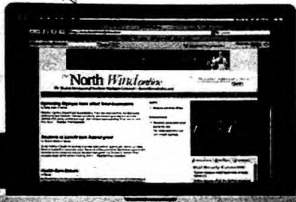
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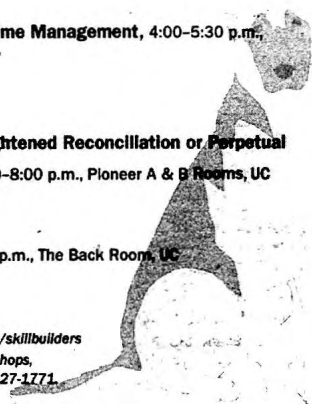
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Monday, November 8 **Attitude, Motivation and Time Management**, 4:00-5:30 p.m., The Back Room, UC

Monday, November 8 **Islam and the World: Enlightened Reconciliation or Perpetual Confrontation? Part II**, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Pioneer A & B Rooms, UC

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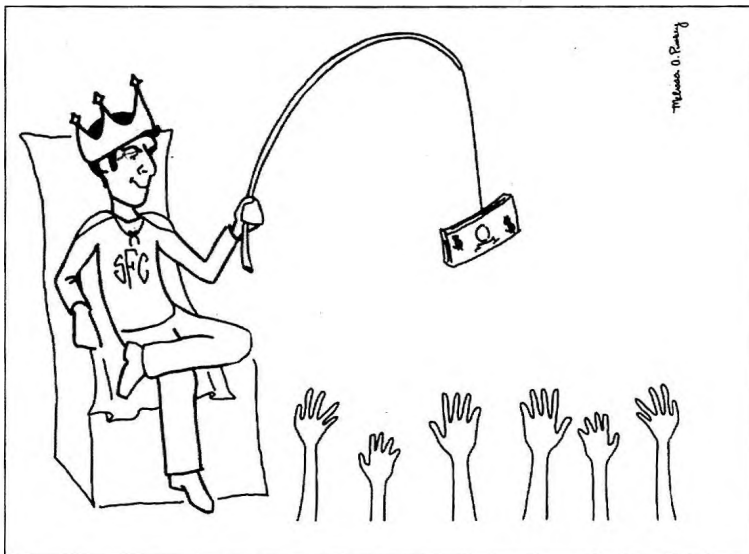
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Staff Editorial



SFC should be careful about its procedures

Whenever a student organization enters into a contract with speakers to bring them to campus, the contract is not with the student organization or an NMU department, but with the university as a whole. These contracts are binding agreements that the speaker will come to campus and be paid the agreed amount.

Such a contract was involved in bringing Mary Doria Russell to campus on Oct. 26. As a part of the money used to bring Russell to campus, Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, approached the Student Finance Committee (SFC) with a request of \$2,000 on Sept. 16. The SFC exists for that purpose, to provide student organizations with money for events from the Student Activity Fee, which students pay into each semester. The money was approved and everything was fine until a later meeting on Oct. 14, when the SFC determined that Sigma Tau Delta wasn't abiding by the specifications that were agreed to when the group was given the money. As a result of this, the SFC decided to pull the funding without notifying Sigma Tau Delta beforehand.

It's good that SFC has this ability to freeze money; it ensures that students' mon-

ey is used appropriately. It makes sense that this is how they would enforce the conditions that were agreed on. Whether or not it was appropriate in this case is debatable, but we think that greater problem lies in the fact that Sigma Tau Delta was not informed beforehand.

The contract that Russell signed stated, "This form is not to be used to contract with NMU employees or students," which essentially means that if Sigma Tau Delta was unable to afford to pay Russell, the university overall would have been liable, not Sigma Tau Delta nor the English department.

The SFC, as an organization, claims its job is to "look out for the students." Putting the university in a situation that would bring legal action against it seems reckless. Though options to notify the group before the money was frozen were brought up at the Oct. 14 meeting, no such action was taken. This clearly creates a problem for both the university and student organizations and we feel that SFC should change its procedures to allow the SFC to notify the groups prior to pulling the funding. This would give them a chance to rectify the problem. That way, everyone wins.

Societal roles are important



Considering Culture

Meghan Marquardt

I've really been thinking lately about all of the supporting roles that there are in this world, and how incredible it is that human beings are able to mesh together and make a working society. Okay, I will admit that sometimes things get a little jammed, or they don't work out. But still, our overall ability to function as a group is pretty remarkable if you think about it. And granted, some jobs are really more important than others, but they are all needed. It's like they tell you in acting: "There are no small parts, only small actors." I'm starting to realize that that's how society works, too, except it's more like "There are no small roles, only small amounts of glory."

It really is a lot like acting. I am a theater major because I love acting. I am crazy about it. I love slipping into another world, another character. I love getting to wear costumes, and props are really cool and — well, you get the idea.

Unfortunately, one of the problems with acting is that parts are limited. So, when I didn't get into "Of Mice and Men," I decided to work on the crew, thinking it would give me more time off, that it would be a nice way to be involved, but not quite as involved. Well, I was wrong. Seriously, moving things around, getting costumes ready, building, taking notes, paying attention to detail, relaying messages, making sure that cues for lighting and sound and crew are on time — there are lots of things to be done in theater that don't involve acting, and they are every bit as important, and every bit as much work.

I remember when I was a freshman in high school and we had to do this activity where we got a list of jobs, things like: astronaut, pro-

fessional football player, doctor, teacher, actress and lawyer. As a class, we had to take one of the jobs and create a line in order from most important job to least important job. Sounds fairly simple, right? You put the doctor first, then the teacher — no, wait, the teachers have to teach the doctors, so maybe they should go first. OK, you put the doctor, then the teacher, then the astronaut. Or is it the lawyer? You can see how this would be difficult, right? I was all for banishing the football player to the bottom of the chain, while others felt that a great touchdown was more impressive than space exploration. Needless to say, the 27 or so of us couldn't come to a conclusion. And that was the point.

After the activity, the class sat down and talked about it, and we concluded as we were supposed to that it's really impossible to name the most important job, because there really isn't one. Yes, some jobs may be less important than others, but there is no leading role of the universe. I think this is worth reiterating, even if we hear it often. My little theater reality check reminded me of how amazing it is to be part of something that works, even if one doesn't get the curtain call — I am really enjoying being an assistant stage manager.

So, as we move into the Thanksgiving season, I would like you to participate by extending your warm, fuzzy acknowledgements to those who you may not have noticed before. Thank your waitress. Thank Public Safety, because even though an officer may have given you a parking ticket, we also have a campus where the biggest worry we have is having an iPod stolen. I think that's a pretty fair exchange. Thank your RA for sitting and listening to you complain about your roommate. Thank your dorm's building and grounds guy. Thank whoever you notice, however small their job may be. As for me, I'm going to thank the guys who pick up dead deer at the side of the road. Seriously, kudos to those guys.

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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



Michigan can progress with new leadership

The results are in: by the time you have this newspaper in your hands, it'll be common knowledge that Rick Snyder will be our new governor come Jan. Whether you voted Democrat, Republican or third party this past election, the election of Rick Snyder is something we all have to accept now. For the first time in eight years, a Republican will hold the executive office in Michigan.

Regardless of who everyone voted for, as voters, our job is done. Now we are left to watch what Snyder will do with the governorship. It is my hope, as well as the hope of many people in the state, that he will take Michigan and fix its broken economy.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has tried for years to fix the economy and though she's publicly stated many times that her efforts to revamp the economy will take a while to show growth, so far her efforts haven't done very much to prove to voters that they were effective.

I think several of her plans were well thought out and may even work over time. Her efforts to diversify the economy were good steps toward recovery, even if there isn't much to show

for it yet.

It's no secret that Granholm's time in office was often marred by in-fighting between Democrats and Republicans. Several times while she was in office the government was forced to shut down because a budget had not been decided upon yet due to disputes between the parties.

Hopefully, the senators and representatives in the Michigan Congress, both old and new, as well as Snyder, can work together better than they have in the past. Maybe this really can be a step forward for the state of Michigan.

The voters, at least, seem to believe this overall. Snyder won, with 58 percent of the vote, to opponent Virg Bernero's 40 percent.

I think it helps that Rick Snyder is not the typical Republican. He won the primary without the backing of the main lobbyist groups that traditionally back the Republican candidate for governor. He also ran the campaign almost entirely with his own funds, something that is nearly impossible in the modern day.

As such, he's not a typical bought-and-paid for politician. He ran under the moniker "One Tough Nerd" in his commer-

cials. The 10-point plan he unveiled for the changes he wanted to make to "reinvent" Michigan, addresses everything from tax reform to education to the environment.

Traditionally, in times like these, elections tend to show a flip-flopping of parties in office. On the national scale, former President George W. Bush's efforts to fix the economy were seen as weak by voters. It seems to me the result was voters choosing Democrat Barack Obama to be their next president over Republican John McCain in 2008.

Now, in the midterm election, voters have flip-flopped again - Republicans took back the U.S. House of Representatives and took governorships across the country. The implied hope, it seems, is that if one party can't do it, maybe another can.

I hope that all parties can put the past behind them and move forward. This state needs to be revitalized, and regardless of whether everyone believes Snyder is the man to do it, if we can move forward, maybe he will be. It's my hope that Snyder takes his 10 point plan and truly enacts a change in Michigan. We certainly need it.

NCAA ought to rethink policies



Staff Column

Delaney Lovett

As many athletes know, the NCAA has a substantial amount of rules and regulations. Many of these are necessary measures, namely those that have to do with amateurism and drugs. The regulations that seem unnecessary and hinder many student-athletes are those dealing with academics; Division II of the NCAA (the one NMU belongs to) requires that once students reach junior standing, they must be progressing towards a single degree.

Each institution is responsible for interpreting what making progress toward degree means. At Northern, student athletes must have declared a major by the time they reach junior standing. From that third year and beyond, 12 credits must be completed each semester that advance them closer to that single baccalaureate or equivalent degree. They may only have a minor if that degree requires one.

This rule makes it nearly impossible for student athletes like me, who are interested in a double major or minor, to achieve the academic goals they set for themselves in their academic careers. I want to double major in English writing and biology, but I can only advance in one degree beginning next fall. As an athlete and a student, I should have the right to graduate once with two degrees.

Student-athlete members of the NCAA have a limited number of years of eligibility that they can participate in college athletics. The NCAA limits student-athletes to four seasons of competition within 10 semesters of full-time education. There is still the possibility of a redshirt, administered for medical, academic or other reasons, which means that an athlete does not participate in a competitive season and therefore retains the year of eligibility.

Since the limited years of eligibility prohibit a student from veering off the educational track in order to remain in college athletics longer than it would normally take to graduate, there shouldn't be a requirement for student athletes to take a single academic route.

These requirements might make sense for Division I athletics which tend to be at both a higher athletic and scholarship level. This makes it more likely that student athletes are attending college perhaps as a transition between high school and professional sports and less for the education college provides. Division II, however, focuses on the balance between athletics and academics.

The progress-toward-degree policy is unsuitable for students with not only athletic goals, but also high academic goals. I believe this policy conflicts with one of the NCAA's core values, "The pursuit of excellence in both academics and athletics," and should be made more flexible for students who have different paths in mind.

Letters to the editor

Thanks Make a Difference Day volunteers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the student volunteers who went around our community and helped the elderly rake their leaves this fall.

I had the pleasure of witnessing these individuals at work in my neighborhood. There are several widows and elderly individuals who benefited from this act of kindness.

The workers all seemed to be happy and having a good time and certainly provided a much needed service. Many hands make for light work and it was amazing

how quickly they did their job and moved on to the next home.

A day or so later, I noticed some students at my neighbor's home again, and called her as it was kind of late in the evening. She said that one of the female students had lost her cell phone while raking leaves at one of the homes. We don't know if she ever found her phone, but hoped her act of kindness would be repaid and that she located it.

Again, thank you to all the students that took part in this effort, you did a great service for these individuals and our community.

Michael P. Quayle
Independent Candidate

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America needs to wake up and protest



Guest Column

Brandon Lee

Sometimes I think I read the news every day because I'm waiting for a revolution somewhere. So when considerable numbers of workers in France took to the streets shutting down petrol stations, port refineries and streets in the last two weeks of October, I took to following BBC almost daily. President Nicolas Sarkozy was pushing a bill to raise the retirement age from 60 to 62 and the full state pension age from 65 to 67, and the workers of France were having none of it. I would have liked to be in the French streets because I dig the solidarity high that comes with mass marches, but I live in America. And that means no national protests no matter how bad things become.

When the French national

strike started on Tuesday, Oct. 12, unions estimated the turnout of the country-wide protests to be around 3.5 million, while police put the number at 1.2 million. For a population of a little over 64 million people, that would equate to 5.7 million Americans, according to the police numbers if such a turnout was possible for anything here. The strike continued as national transportation took the biggest hit. Trains were slowed down and off schedule, flights were grounded, and France's twelve oil refineries were shut down by striking workers causing petrol panic and talk of tapping national oil reserves. As the strike maintained momentum, students joined the cause and heated things up. Students barricaded schools, black-clad youth clashed with cops, cars were set aflame, and tear gas canisters were returned to the police. And although the bill passed in the National Assembly with the President aiming to sign it in November, the spectacle caused by the opposition continues to be admirable in the most democratic

sense. So I toast the people of France who take to the streets to be heard.

I have an affinity to voting with my feet in the street. My first protest sparked this interest when I marched in Grand Rapids on the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. A handful of local demonstrations later, I was able to attend a mass mobilization last September to protest the G20 in Pittsburgh. Several thousand marchers took to the streets past several thousand stormtrooper dressed cops to speak out against the closed-door global power conference that the people of America know very little about. In the streets, I got chills as I chanted, "This is what democracy looks like."

It is a part of democracy that Americans execute poorly, if at all, and never to a national extent. No, we do not have the aggressive history of turbulence in France or strongly supported unions, but we both share democracy. Like the U.S., France has a president presiding over the executive branch,

a two-house legislative branch and a supreme court. So why can't I exercise my legs and freedom to gather in the streets of the U.S. with five million others for a common goal?

That's a loaded question with issues of propaganda, apathy, the domination of the two parties, American affluence, mass media, the failure of the left. Fear haunts the answer if there is one. But take the bank and car bailout, for example. Banks and car manufactures receive billion of dollars from the government, some of which shows up in the form of CEO bonuses and parties, while tax-paying Americans continue to be removed from their homes by foreclosure. That is a heroic simplification, but it is fair to say the two happened nearly simultaneously, with home foreclosures rising again according to a recent RealtyTrac report. There was no option of bailing people out and telling them to spend the money to keep the economy floating. No, failed banks and corporations are rescued by what political com-

mentator, Noam Chomsky refers to as the "nanny state" and people look for places to stay as banks leave houses vacant. That was the last straw for my hope of a popular movement of Americans making changes against the coziness of corporations and the state. The "no you will not take my house while my government throws money at banks and corporations" mantra never manifested in the streets.

I will continue watching headlines and participating in local actions when they arise, but my hope for the shut down of infrastructure in America for a popular demand is small. Frederick Douglass said, "power concedes nothing without demand," and American history attests to this fact. Maybe it's time for a popular crisis in the streets of cities and towns because the crisis of state-sponsored capitalism, war, corporate power, eco-catastrophes, and consumerism are becoming increasingly apparent. The French do democracy better than you, America. How does that make you feel?

America is not a two-party system



Guest Column

Ryan Haskell

Like me, many of you have probably watched the election coverage running on the news 24/7. It doesn't take long, after listening to the pundits and so-called journalists, to see that our entire political system is based around a fierce and often dirty game between the red team and blue team with a few others making their futile attempts just to get a chance to play. You don't need to watch long to see the latest poll numbers displayed on the screen as if on a score board and everyone on T.V. labeled with an R or a D to indicate just which of the teams they play for. The other parties, or even worse independents, are almost completely ignored or added only for comedic relief. The only independents who ever seem to be taken seriously are those like

Joseph Lieberman, Charlie Crist or Lisa Murkowski who lose a primary and decide to break from their bigger party. Our system has been designed, against all original intention, to support the two major parties. There is no constitutional or logical reason that we should be so restricted by the two parties. We need to break from the falsely created two party system. The solution is to get rid of the party system all together.

Why is the two-party system such a bad one? The simple answer is that it restricts our choices and makes the choices we make, in terms of representatives, loyal and beholden to unelected officials such as Michael Steel and Tim Kaine (the heads of the Republican and Democratic Party respectively). The major parties' influence over our system shuts out all other choices and leaves us with a limited field of options from which to choose our representatives. If you don't fit neatly into the Republican or Democratic camp, you are out of luck. It cre-

ates a false choice between two solutions when there is in all reality a multitude of possible solutions. We should be free to choose from a wide range of representatives and those we choose should be loyal to their constituents and their own conscience and not to an unelected party leadership looking for the best way to gain political points. So what can be done about it?

We have to change how we do elections. The major parties have a strangle hold on our elections right from the primaries. The two major parties have primaries paid for while smaller parties are forced to choose their candidates through convention or caucus. Primaries and caucuses are simply two ways to decide what delegates will be sent to the convention where the real candidate is finally chosen. In the past, parties skipped the steps of caucus or primary and only held a convention to decide the final candidate. The difference in caucuses is that only registered members of that party are allowed and they vocally indicate their support for one

candidate over the others to send delegates to the convention. This primary election system already gives major parties an advantage by having better veteran candidates who are more appealing to voters and have already been through a campaign to make themselves more familiar to voters. One solution to make things fairer might be to pay for all parties to have primaries. The problem with this is that it would be wildly expensive and give legitimacy to less legitimate parties. Another solution might be to make everyone use caucuses or convention, but there is a reason primaries were created, and that was to give people a voice in who would run and avoid smoke-filled backroom deals. The best solution to break the influence of the parties is to change how we elect candidates altogether by instituting a run-off or run-off like election where all candidates would appear on one ballot together and the top vote receivers, regardless of party affiliation, would go on to the general election. Such a sys-

tem would weaken the hold of the parties and give others more of a fighting chance. The parties' influence over elections can be further weakened and eliminated by disallowing straight-ticket voting or eliminating party labels from ballots altogether forcing people to actually research candidates instead of blindly voting for the party they favor.

However, the main thing that needs to be done to break the parties influence is to change how we as voters act. We need to break ourselves from the mindset that it is only Republicans vs. Democrats. We need to vote without looking at their party and not vote for an unknown candidate because he is from our party and if someone believes an independent or third party candidate is truly the best, they should not be afraid to vote for them however unlikely the candidate's chances. Most of all make your voice heard, don't fall for the false choice, and don't dismiss someone because of the party you believe they belong to.

Sound Off

What would you like to see the new governor do once in office?



Ryan Suemacht
sophomore,
GIS

"Anything productive in general that isn't stupid."



Olivia McCormack
freshman,
nursing

"Get the state out of debt, create more jobs and give money for education."



Ashley Anderson
sophomore,
nursing

"Get us out of debt and help colleges in their financial states."



Dustin Miller
sophomore,
undeclared

"I would say just execute your plan, whatever it is, honestly and truthfully."



LaQuisha Saunders
sophomore,
nursing

"Something to help the economy."

compiled by Justin Key



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Native American Heritage Month

First Nations Food Taster

Friday, November 5 from 5-8 p.m.

D.J. Jacobetti Center

Menu consists of traditional and contemporary Native dishes with bison stew, venison, three sisters casserole, wild rice, corn soup, fry bread, and desserts.



Ticket prices at the door

\$7 - NMU students w/ID and children

(NMU students must present ID at the door, children 13 & under sold only at the door)

\$15 - general public

Native flute performance by Dr. Elda Tate, NMU Music Department. Hand drum performance by Erick Awonohopay (Menominee)

This is a dish bag event! Please help our environment.

Bring your own (unbreakable) dishware and your name will be entered into a raffle of prizes.

You need not be present to win. Save time and write your name, address and phone number on the back of your ticket.

FILM: "The Only Good Indian"

Tuesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Jamrich Hall 103

Set in the early 1900s, a teenaged Native American boy (Winter Fox Frank) is taken from his family and forced to attend a distant Indian 'training' school to assimilate into white society. When he escapes to return to his family, Sam Franklin (Wes Studi), a bounty hunter of Cherokee descent, is hired to find and return him to the institution. This film has not yet been rated. No admission.



SPEAKER: Dr. Jessica Rickert

Friday, November 12 at 7 p.m.

Mead Auditorium - West Science Building

Dr. Rickert was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame for her work relating to American Indian health issues. A member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, she is a direct descendant of the Indian chief Wahbememe (Whitepigeon) for whom a village in Michigan is named. Dr. Rickert made history of her own when she became the first female American Indian dentist in the country upon graduating from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1975. No admission.



For an entire list of Native month events, call 906-227-1397 or visit www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans

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For Superior Edge students, these events will earn you "Diversity" edge credit.

Drag show brings diversity with style

By **Melissa Young**
contributing writer

OUTLook is hosting their annual drag show for the 14th year in a row. Diversity is a major topic that is brought up a lot throughout college campuses, and according to OUTLook here on campus, what better way to show off diversity than to bring an actual drag show to NMU?

Drag shows are not something people see every day, so it is an interesting and fun event to participate in, especially if students have never experienced it.

Tabitha Stevens is a drag show performer who has been doing drag for over 24 years now. Tabitha is her stage name, which she acquired from the TV show *Bewitched*.

"Although I get my stage name from the TV show, I have several idols that I draw inspiration from," Stevens said. "It takes a small village to put Tabitha together."

Stevens plans on making an appearance this year as she did last year. After 24 years of performing, she has many favorite memories.

Stevens said one of the best things about being able to perform as Tabitha is all the people she has met and gotten to be friends with through the years.

"Students should look forward to just having a good time,

and should attend, in my opinion, at least one drag show before they graduate," Danielle Steffes, a member of OUTLook said. "It's a fun thing to do and it opens your eyes for some people as to what is out there."

In past years, the performers, who are also known as the queens, have been mainly transgender women. This year will be a little different, because not only are there queens, but the show is adding a king, who is a transgender man, to perform as well.

According to Steffes, this is the first time a king will appear here at Northern's drag show, so if students have gone in the past, they may still want to consider coming to check him out as well.

The drag show is organized by the OUTLook organization here on campus. OUTLook is a safe, gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual group that tries to be proactive, have fun, and educate people.

According to Steffes, the message OUTLook is trying to relay is that these performers are just like everyone else. She said there are transgender individuals just like them out there, although many are oblivious to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people. Having

the drag show provides knowledge and help people become more aware of how many different types of people really surround us.

Steffes also states that the purpose of the drag show is to entertain people, to raise awareness of how different people are, and to open people's eyes to what else is out there and how diverse our country

really is. Last year's performers did everything from strutting their stuff in a dance routine to lip syncing their favorite song.

"Students can expect the same level of fun and entertain-

ment we had last year, because we have several of the regular performers coming back," Meredith Gasco, member of OUTLook said.

Gasco said there were between 900 to 1,000 people who attended the drag show last year. According to Gasco, the drag show also includes audience participation. People are allowed to cheer, dance, and hand the performers money as they show off their talent.

"It was just all around an awesome experience.

I was very entertained and would recommend everyone to attend," said Mary Dye, a sophomore who attended the drag show last year.

The drag show will be held on Friday, Nov. 5 in the Vandament Arena at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. It will be \$5 for the general public and free to NMU students with I.D.

For more information on the event, please visit the OUTLook organization website or e-mail Danielle Steffes at dsteffes@nmu.edu.



Photo courtesy of Cara Kamps

A performer lip syncs a song for the audience. Drag kings and queens entertain the audience by singing and dancing in lavish outfits. OUTLook, the organization that puts on the show, hopes to make people more aware and accepting of GLBT people.



Photo courtesy of Cara Kamps

A drag queen poses for the camera before going onto the stage for her performance. The show, in its 14th year, will be held on Friday, Nov. 5 in the Vandament Arena at 8 p.m.

Q AND! A

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Q: How did 3OH!3 originate?

A: We actually met at the University of Colorado when we were both students there, like five or six years ago. We just started messing around with music and eventually got into producing music. We both started singing over it and we had a lot of friends and bands locally.

Q: 303 is the area code of your hometown, but how did you decide on this as the name of your band?

A: When it was time to name our band, we thought it'd be cool to do something that was kind of homage to where we were from, and also Sean actually had it tattooed on his leg.

Q: What message or ideals are you looking to convey through your music?

A: I think overall we try to make music that's fun. It's always fun to listen to, fun to perform, something fun to make for us. And also we want to present something new artistically and hopefully explore new avenues musically and lyrically, and at the same time put a smile on peoples' faces.

Q: What influences your music? Where do your ideas come from?

A: They come from a lot of places. We draw a lot of inspiration from being in a lot of places and meeting a lot of people. Sometimes it's from actual life experiences and then other times it's writing in the third person, and you put yourself in different situations, but it varies a lot.

Q: Do you write all of your own music and lyrics?

A: We do, yes.

Q: Did you expect the level of fame when you started out? What did you expect to come of 3OH!3?

A: No, I don't think it was even a remote possibility. Our progress has been really fast when it started out but it has been really steady growth in a sense but as things come up, we get more and more opportunities. Initially, we just wanted to make a studio album. When we first started playing, we just wanted to play our local venue.

Q: You're involved in a few charities, such as the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless and the Children's Hospital. What kinds of things do you do to support these organizations?

A: We try to raise awareness. We've done charity shows for the Colorado Coalition and the Summer Festival in Denver. Sean actually just ran the Chicago Marathon in October and raised money for cancer studies at the Children's Hospital. I think it's something we're doing that we want to do a lot more of because once you're given the opportunity to raise awareness about things, a lot of good things can come out of it. It's exciting to be able to do that.

Q: How did it feel to be nominated for "Best New Artist" in 2009's Video Music Awards?

A: It felt awesome. MTV has always been very supportive of us, and obviously that's kind of a central music forum. It was really cool and performing at it as well.

Q: Had you ever been to the Upper Peninsula before scheduling this show?

A: I think I came with my family when I was a little kid, but this is the first for 3OH!3 as a band.

Q: Do you play at many colleges? How are college shows different from others?

A: Yeah, we do. It's a lot of fun playing college shows. Sometimes they're at the school gymnasium as opposed to like a dark venue and a little bit different atmosphere, but honestly they're usually a lot of fun. People come, students come, they're excited, it's usually the weekend, and it's usually a lot of fun. It's like an event whereas sometimes a concert can seem like another night.

Q: What do you hope to bring to Northern Michigan University?

A: The biggest party that Northern Michigan has ever seen. That's what we hope; I don't know if we're going to succeed, but we're going to try.

'Cardiology' skips a beat



Album: Cardiology
 Artist: Good Charlotte
 Label: Capitol Records
 Tracks: 16
 Release: Oct. 29, 2010



By Alex Belz
 staff writer

Good Charlotte was made famous with its second album, "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." Hits like the title track, "Anthem," and "Girls and Boys" really hit home on the radio and connected with a lot of listeners. Good Charlotte continued running with its emo pop punk until Good Morning Revival hit the shelves.

That album was a lot more dance poppy, with heavy computer beats and catchy hooks that felt more like the kind of album a '90s boy band would've put out. Its lyrics reflected heavily on lead singer and songwriter Joel Madden's breakup with Hilary Duff.

But now, the boys from Washington, D.C. have come out with their fifth studio album, "Cardiology." In an interview in 2009 with Kerrang! magazine, Madden said that the album's name comes from the fact that all the songs are "connected to the heart." It's obvious from latter tracks that this is certainly true. Since Good Charlotte's last album, Madden has had two children and became engaged to Nicole Richie. The results of all these changes is "Cardiology," an album that doesn't seem to know what to do with itself.

Some of the dance-pop techno beats are still here, along with a

dedicated effort to return to the band's roots. The combination makes it the kind of album a band makes when it doesn't know whether to move forward or look behind.

The track "1979" is the kind of self-reflective call to the past that could've easily been on the "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." No Good Charlotte album is complete without mention of Madden's father and, in the case of Cardiology, "1979" is the track which brings us into Madden's past. Tracks like first single, "Like it's Her Birthday," and "Sex on the Radio," however, are firmly in "Good Morning Revival" territory. The former, in particular, is both catchy and danceable, but definitely lacks substance. Songs like "There She Goes" recall old Good Charlotte—all the way back to their self-titled album.

Cardiology may have come straight from Madden's heart, but the sonic result of pouring all these songs out of the vein is a confused album that doesn't seem to know exactly what it wants to be.

Many very early fans gave up on Good Charlotte when their third album, "The Chronicles of the Life and Death," came out, arguing that Good Charlotte had lost the magic of their earlier tracks and albums. After "Good Morning Revival" came out, I was inclined to agree. Now, fans are presented with "Cardiology"—an album that argues Good Charlotte still has the magic, but has no idea what to do with it.



Photo courtesy of Cara Kamps

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Improv invades NMU

By Margaret Ylitalo
 staff writer

Charlie Todd began Improv Everywhere as a group of prankster friends in New York City. What began as Todd pretending to be musician Ben Folds soon became a huge Internet phenomenon, sometimes with many people, even thousands, simultaneously performing a variety of pranks, called missions. Missions range from riding subways without pants to freezing in place in Grand Central Station.

Todd will be hosting a two-hour event at NMU on Tuesday, Nov. 9, during which he will present about Improv Everywhere followed by an improv comedy show with a few of his friends from the Upright Citizens Brigade (UCB) Theater where he teaches and performs in New York City.

Though Improv Everywhere involves unscripted arranged pranks, Todd said the missions are not to be confused with actual improvisational comedy, which is performed extemporaneously.

"Improv Everywhere is a New York City prank collective that causes scenes of chaos and joy in public places," Todd said. "Apart from its name, Improv Every-

where doesn't have much to do with improv comedy."

Improv Everywhere is composed primarily of people from the UCB Theater. The pranksters, called agents, go into public in New York City and use the skills they have acquired from the UCB Theater to fulfill Improv Everywhere's mission statement to cause "scenes of chaos and joy in public places."

Despite the sound of the mission statement, Todd said the group does not break the law. However, law enforcement officials have occasionally had problems with Improv Everywhere—during 2006's no-pants subway ride and a Best Buy mission that involved many agents going to Best Buy dressed as employees, for example.

"We may break store policies or park regulations from time to time, but we do not break the law," says Todd's website, improv everywhere.com. "It's unfortunate whenever a cop has his time wasted responding to something we do."

Todd said Improv Everywhere is more about having fun, which is its fundamental appeal.

The second hour of the event will feature Todd and his friends

performing improv comedy. The first half hour of the improv portion will be longform improvisational comedy, which is a longer form of improvisational acting. Todd and his colleagues will take a suggestion and work off of it without interruption for about a half hour.

"A group of performers takes inspiration from a suggestion," Todd said, "or sometimes a monologue or audience interview, and then performs a seamless series of scenes over the course of about a half hour."

The second half of the improv portion of the event will involve someone from the audience being interviewed.

"(We will) start with an interview of an audience member," Todd said. "We'll take all of the unusual things we learn in the interview and turn them into scenes for the set. It's a way of finding inspiration from a single audience member's life, which makes the whole set feel like an awesome inside joke everyone in the room is in on."

The event will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 9 in Jamrich 102 and is will be free to NMU students. Tickets for the general public will cost \$2.

No-Shave November

Every November, men (and sometimes women) take part in the tradition commonly known as No-Shave November. Participants shave on the first day of the month, then are not allowed to shave, trim or wax for the rest of the month. The North Wind is documenting the facial hair growth of five NMU men with one photo every week.



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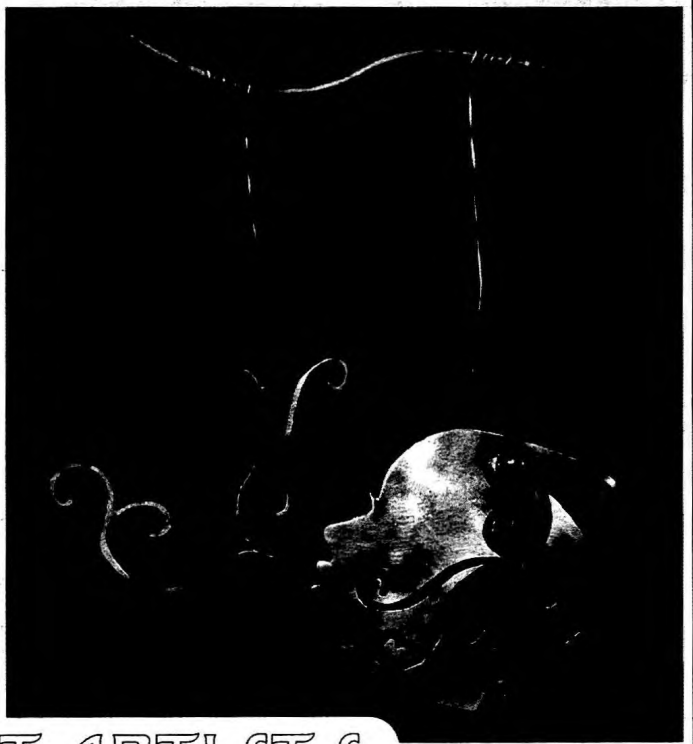
Encouraging you to take a look....

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Currently a metals major with a concentration in jewelry making, my work is a representation of the unique outside world. Interpreting and emulating these forms drives me to create. As an artist I hope to translate what has moved me in nature through my own lens. I generally work with copper, silver and an assortment of stones.



STUDENT ARTISTS



Trevor Brown

Existence is something nearly all people take for granted. Image, materialism, and social status are all things we tend to deem important and yet often times we fail to recognize, ultimately, how bleak a role these things truly play in the world. In my work, I take a satirical approach in challenging the relevance of certain things, situations, or ideas, which we rarely think twice about in our culturally and socially conditioned state of mind.

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(Above) Junior forward Justin Florek beats the defender on a shot against the Ohio State Buckeyes. The Wildcats won on both Oct. 29 and 30, 2-1 and 4-3. Florek earned the game-winning goal on Oct. 30. (Below) Senior forward and captain Phil Fox passes the puck out of the Wildcat defensive zone. Fox has one assist on the season.

Hockey sweeps Ohio St. for first wins

By John Becker
sports editor

The battle for the first victory of the season is over for the NMU hockey team as the Wildcats swept the Ohio State University Buckeyes last weekend in their conference home opener.

Head coach Walt Kyle said he feels good overall about the 'Cats (2-2 CCHA, 2-4-1 overall) win over the Buckeyes (1-3 CCHA, 2-5 overall).

"Through the course of the games, both Friday and Saturday, we had some individual breakdowns but I think that's

something we're going to have to just grow with right now," Kyle said.

The Oct. 29 game started out slowly in the goal department; both teams took 11 shots on goal but none made it past either netminder. Tyler Gron was the first to score at 13:10 in the second period, but the Buckeyes answered back early in the third with their first goal. Greger Hanson sealed the victory with his goal at 15:44 in the third; Wildcats won 2-1.

The Wildcat offensive unit wasted little time on Oct. 30 with Erik Higby scoring an early goal at 3:49 in the first. The team had some penalty killing to do after the Buckeyes goalie sold a hit from Justin Florek at 6:06. However, Andrew Cherniwchan was able to get a goal on a short-handed breakaway where he beat the goaltender with a backhanded shot to the goalie's stick side. Kyle said Cherniwchan's play was one for the highlight reels.

"He's got great speed and he's able to poke that puck away. One of the things that we did talk about last week was you have the ability to attack when the opponent (is unprepared)," Kyle said.

The Wildcats had the advantage until 15:15 when a five minute major penalty was called on CJ Ludwig for contact to the head. Ludwig also received a game misconduct, but the true threat came from two Buckeye power play goals at 15:26 and 15:45. Kyle said he still thought the team did reasonably well with penalty killing despite the

two goals one after the other.

"I thought our penalty killing did a pretty good job. The numbers show that (the Buckeyes) scored a couple on Saturday and both goals weren't anything structurally, just two of our guys made mistakes," he said.

Freshman goaltender Jared Coreau said he felt he could have stopped the first power play goal as he was beaten from a five-hole shot.

"I should have closed it up a little better," he said. "On the second goal, the guy came out on a mini-breakaway and put it up low blocker side. Low blocker is generally the toughest place for a goalie to stop the puck."

The Wildcats killed off the rest of the major penalty into the second period, but the Buckeyes offensive unit scored its third unanswered goal at 4:23. The Buckeyes later made the same mistake as the Wildcats, as OSU's Travis Statchuk was ejected and received a five minute major for contact to the head at 5:23.

The Wildcats earned a power play goal of their own when Kyle Follmer found the net at 7:12 in the second. Even though the Wildcats got one power play goal, Kyle said he would like to see improvement when the power play occurs.

The game would remain at 3-3 until midway through the third period when Justin Florek was able to get the game-winning goal at 12:42. The Buckeyes pulled their goalie at 18:28 but were unable to convert, giving

Wildcats the victory, 4-3.

Freshman goaltender Jared Coreau earned his first collegiate win and was named CCHA Goal-tender of the Week for stopping 59 of Ohio's 63 shots on goal and allowing only two even-strength goals on the weekend. Coreau also said he felt honored to receive the award, but that he is more focused on the next opponent than his accolades.

The Wildcats will travel to Sault Ste. Marie to take on the Lake Superior State University Lakers (0-3-1 CCHA, 2-4-2 overall) on Nov. 5 and 6. The Lakers are coming off of a two-loss weekend to the No. 1 Miami University RedHawks (3-0-1 CCHA, 5-1-2 overall).

The Lakers were able to take one game against Miami into the shootout, and Kyle said he's expecting a similar effort from them this week.

Coreau said the team is expecting an aggressive offense that wants to score early and often.

"It's going to be a pretty heated matchup," Coreau said. "I'm expecting them to be quick and aggressive, probably a lot of net drives. Another thing though is that their goaltending isn't forming that well right now, and they're scoring six goals, but they're also giving up six goals."

The 'Cats will return home to host the Bowling Green State University on Nov. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.



Wildcat football slays Dragons, 43-14

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

The Northern Michigan Football team made quick work of the Tiffin Dragons last Saturday, Oct. 30, with a 43-14 victory.

"The game was pretty easy. They really weren't that good," said junior linebacker Robert Edmonds.

The Wildcats came out of the gates fast, scoring 17 points in the first quarter. The defense started the offensive onslaught, as junior linebacker Eddie Knobloch returned an interception for 52-yard score on the first drive of the game.

"It feels great to go out and help the offense," Knobloch said. "Usually, our goal on the defense is to go and give the ball to the offense. Whenever we can go out and put up points on the board and take the load off and give the offense a rest, it's a good thing."

Knobloch had three interceptions in the game and senior defensive back Ricky Neaves added another pick to give NMU a +4 turnover ratio, the best turnover ratio in a game all season.

NMU's offense shined in the rushing attack, with three tailbacks scoring touchdowns in the win. Overall, the Wildcats had 327 rushing yards on 67 attempts, scored four touchdowns

and converted 23 first downs.

"I feel like it's all because of the offensive line," said junior running back Philip Smith. "I just go out there and do my job, but I feel like they blocked the best they have all year and opened up big holes for me. They made my job easier for me."

Smith and fellow running back John Privitelli both ran the length of the field against the GLIAC's worst run defense. Smith gained 175 yards on 26 attempts with one touchdown and Privitelli went for 105 yards in 20 tries for two touchdowns. This is the first time since last year's season finale that two Wildcats broke the triple digit mark in the running game.

"It felt good for us to both finally get in a rhythm in a game together," Privitelli said.

The offensive side of the ball wasn't the only unit controlling the running game, as the Wildcats' defense held the toothless Dragons to -53 yards on the ground. Tiffin's top rusher, freshman running back David McKnight, gained just seven yards on six attempts and the -37 yards lost on five sacks also added to the poor rushing attack by the home team.

"Coach Awrey really put (the defense) in good position to make plays," Edmonds said.

In a resurgent performance from last week, sophomore kicker Rockne Belmonte made three of four field goal attempts and made all four PAT's for 13 of NMU's 43 points. This is a big improvement from last weeks .333 field goals made against University of Indianapolis.

"I had a terrible kicking week after the Indy game," Belmonte said. "It was bad all the way up to game time and I just focused and worked hard and everything came together with the first kick-off."

With the victory, NMU improves to 5-4 overall and 5-3 in conference play. They are tied for third in the GLIAC North with Ferris State and both teams are tied for fifth in the overall GLIAC with Ashland. With two games left in the season, the 'Cats must win at least one of their games to solidify their second straight winning season.

The 'Cats will try to get a win against the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals on Saturday, Nov. 6. It will be the last home game of the season and will also be Senior Day for the team.

"It means a lot to send our seniors out on a good note," Knobloch said. "There are people on the team that have been around since I've been here and this is the last game at home for them."

The Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals football scouting report

2010 Record: 3-6 Overall, 3-5 GLIAC

2009 Record: 9-3 Overall, 8-2 GLIAC, Lost in the opening round of the 2009 NCAA tournament to Nebraska-Kearney

Last game: L 41-27 at Wayne State (Mich.)

Players to watch: SVSU: sophomore Ronnie Lark RB, senior Andrew Beaver WR, senior Wayne Sanders LB, redshirt freshman Ryan Busch DT NMU: senior DJ Oke CB, senior John Blessing LB, senior Dustin Brancheau WR, senior Jason DuMont LG

Key matchup: NMU's offense vs. the clock. For the Wildcats to win this game, they need to stick to their own strengths as SVSU has imploded multiple times this year, whether by lack of discipline with turnovers or lack of defensive poise in the final quarter. The strength in this game will be the rushing attack and with that comes longer scoring drives. The Wildcats have to start off strong like they did against Tiffin and manage the clock well, because if they don't, they will not have the power to effectively run a balanced two minute drill.

Key stat: The Cards are 0-4 when they turnover the ball three or more times in a game. That shouldn't be too hard for NMU to reach as SVSU is -4 in the turnover ratio. SVSU is also 1-4 when allowing 20 points or more this season.

Prediction: On paper, Northern should be the clear favorite, but SVSU is the team that just never got it together after their predicted second place finish to start the season in both the GLIAC coaches poll and D2football.com rankings. NMU will have the support of the Dome, and the hearts of the seniors, and those intangibles will be the difference in a nailbiter.

NMU 21, SVSU 18

—Brice Burge

Soccer continues to GLIAC semifinal

By Jon Young
staff writer

On Saturday, Oct. 30, the NMU women's soccer team (8-4-5 overall, 8-4-3 GLIAC) hosted rival Michigan Tech (7-10 overall, 5-10 GLIAC). The rivalry grew more intense as the game went beyond regulation. However, the 'Cats were able to defeat the Huskies 2-1 in overtime on senior day. Head coach

Matt Granstrand is surprised to see his four seniors' careers winding down.

"Time goes by so fast, they're a special group," Granstrand said. "They've been quality players all of them, quality people more importantly."

Northern got on the board first breaking open the tie at 10:57 off the rebound goal from junior Jessica Lusardi. The 'Cats have many players playing out of po-

sition due to injuries, and lost another player against the Huskies when freshman forward Ashley Nicholas went down at 72:45 after a collision with a Tech player left her with a bone bruise in her right thigh. Assistant coach Joe Gillespie said it's been tough choosing who plays.

"We do have a lot of injured people," Gillespie said. "We knew that we play on Tuesday so it was kind of a balancing act on

who to rest and who to put out there."

The Wildcats held the 1-0 lead until the Huskies Eva Vrana was able to sneak one past the goalie at 69:03 to tie up the score. Both teams continued to battle and the game went into overtime, where senior forward Dana Stephens beat out the Huskies defenders and slipped the ball into the left side of the net past Tech's goalie.

"It felt real good. It was a big game for me and the seniors," Stephens said. "To be able to score the goal that won the game was amazing."

The NMU women's varsity soccer team hosted the Ferris State Bulldogs (7-9-3 overall, 7-6-2 in the GLIAC) on Tuesday, Nov. 2 in the GLIAC conference quarterfinals match up. Unlike the first two games against the Bulldogs that ended in double overtime ties, the Wildcats were able to pull out the 4-3 win in regulation. Granstrand was happy to see his team beat the Bulldogs in regulation.

"We had our chances the last few times, as did they. Today the balls just went in the net," Granstrand said. "We knew it was going to be a battle, but thank goodness no more overtime."

The Wildcats got on the board first against the Bulldogs when sophomore midfielder Brekelle

Sellers threaded the needle on a pass between two defenders to sophomore forward Amelia Johnson for the goal. Ferris State responded at 23:27 with a goal from forward/midfielder Kara Lovelace, and the teams went into halftime tied.

The 'Cats came out in a goal scoring tear to begin the second half as Dana Stephens scored at 45:36 after the goalie deflected Brekelle Sellers' shot. The Bulldogs responded with another goal from Lovelace, but it wasn't enough as Stephens scored again at 52:47 off the assist from Sellers. The Wildcats added to the lead when senior forward Kari Buckel bombed a set piece over the wall of Ferris defenders and past the outstretched hand of the goalie at 55:18. Granstrand was proud of his seniors performance.

"It was great to see them do what they've done their whole careers; step up in the big games," Granstrand said. "I'm not surprised and I'm proud of them for what they did today."

On Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 11 p.m. the 'Cats travel to Grand Valley to take on Tiffin (11-4-2 overall, 9-3-2 GLIAC). NMU lost 2-0 to Tiffin earlier in the season.

"We lost to them earlier this season," Stephens said. "We're ready to comeback and hopefully take the win this time."



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore midfielder KC McCary heads a ball into the Wildcat offensive zone during the senior day game against Michigan Tech on Oct. 30. The Wildcats were able to slip by with a 2-1 overtime victory.

Swimming clinches close home win

By Jon Young
staff writer

The NMU swimming and diving team was at home last weekend as it hosted the Hillsdale College Chargers on Saturday, Oct. 30. The 'Cats rebounded after a tough loss against UW-Eau Claire last weekend by defeating the Chargers 152-137. First-year head coach Heidi Voigt was impressed by the team's performance in the pool.

"They we're wonderful today," Voigt said. "We had several personal best times, which is great for this early in the season."

The Wildcats wasted little time taking the early lead as their 200 Medley Relay team of Gaby Alzaga, Olga Budiansky, Jenny Gallagher and Kelsey Sipple out-raced the Chargers with a time of 1:53:78. The 'Cats kept on the attack in the 1,000-yard freestyle with Stephanie Rogaczewski and Jessica Linnen taking the top spots with times of 11:33.93 and 11:37.74. Voigt was pleased to see her team come together and compete.

"I was really happy with how they came together today," she said. "We have some people who have been sick, and we got them back in the water racing with us. I'm just really happy with the way they swam."

Hillsdale responded back in the 200 yard freestyle event, finishing the top three swimmers to take a 28-26 edge on the score board. The 'Cats battled back in the 100 yard backstroke as sophomore Gaby Alzaga

took first place with a time of 1:00.75, and Lauren Cockles came in a close third at 1:04.47. Northern kept on the attack in the next two races as sophomore Olga Budiansky took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:08.29, and Gina Hass took first place in 200-yard butterfly at 2:29.11.

"Gina Hass took almost 20 seconds off from last weekend in a big race," Voigt said. "She was great."

Olga Budiansky had a big

day in the pool for the 'Cats as she was part of four first-place finishes on the day, totaling 38 points for the team.

Sophomore Gina Hass, who also had a first place finish, was impressed with the team's improvement.

"I thought we did awesome, we we're really together," Hass said. "We really improved this year."

The Wildcat divers helped the team keep the edge on the scoreboard as the Chargers

didn't have any competitors for both the one- and three-meter diving events. Diving coach Andy Ward said he was pleased with the dives, but understands the team has a long way to go.

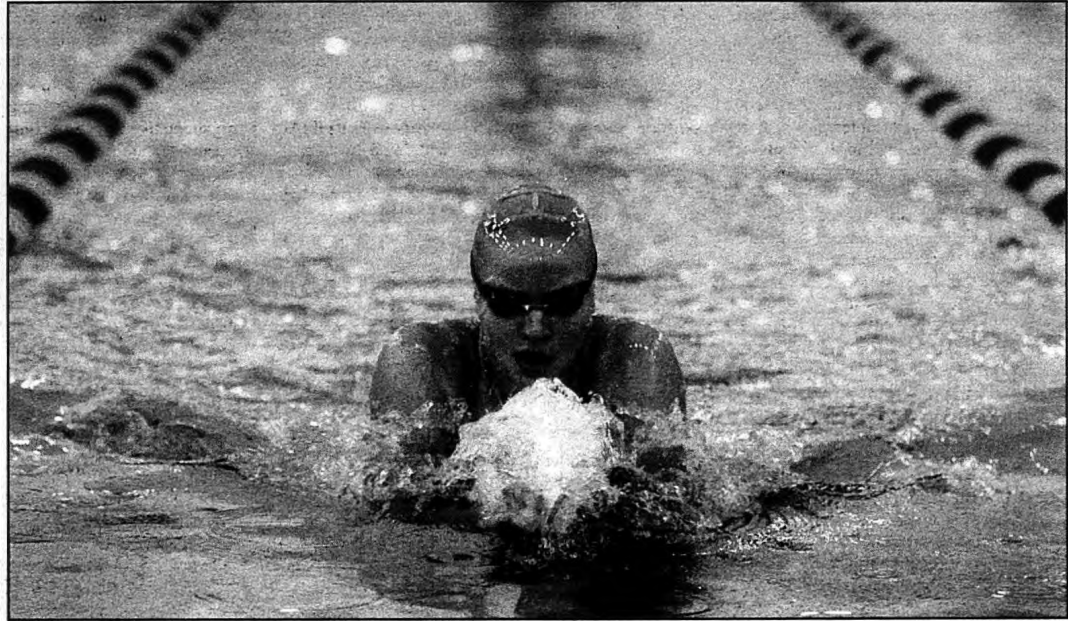
"We're at the beginning of the season, so a lot of changes have to be done," Ward said. "But overall I was pleased with their outcome and performance."

Senior Kelli Vander Baan finished in first place on both the one and three-meter diving events with scores of 262.65 and

239.55. With a meet next week Ward doesn't plan on making any big changes in the divers' approach.

"Because it's only a week there's not going to be a lot of major changes," he said. "We're going to stay with the dives they're presently doing and just try to make them look better, get them coordinated."

The Wildcats are at home again this weekend as they host UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. in the PEIF pool.



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The NMU women's swimming and diving team was victorious at home with a 152-137 victory over the Chargers of Hillsdale College on Oct. 30. The Wildcats host their final home event on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. at the PEIF pool.

Wrestler earns first at Sunkist Open

By Laura Conway
staff writer

The USOEC men's Greco-Roman wrestling team had a successful weekend at the Sunkist Kids International Open this past weekend at Wells Fargo Arena in Tempe, Ariz.

The USOEC had one champion at the end of the weekend from its 55 kg/121.5 pound wrestler Paul Tellgren. His match was a little bit of a grudge match against high school senior Jesse Thielke out of Germantown, Wisc. Thielke has committed to wrestling at University of Wisconsin-Madison shortly after the end of his junior year and is already planning on training at the Olympic training center in Colorado Springs, Colo. for the 2012 Olympics.

Thielke and Tellgren had a heated match at the 2009 FILA Junior World Team Trials for the spot on the U.S. Junior World Team. Thielke ended up winning two out of the three periods (0-3, 6-3, 3-2). The finals match for the Sunkist International title went very similarly: first period went

to Thielke 0-2, the second period went to Tellgren 1-0. The last period was Tellgren's.

"The only thing I paid attention to going into (the match) was looking over to his corner my coach was like 'Look at him look at him, he's broken' ... I hurt his thumb and really tired him out."

Tellgren said knowing he'd exhausted his opponent only gave him more energy.

"I was going to bang on his head, really tire him out, before I knew what I did, the sag body lock just fell into play and he was on his back ... those are the best kinds of moves the ones that just happen," Tellgren said.

He got Thielke in a pinning combination early in the period and held him there for over a minute till he finally pinned his opponent at 1:18 minute mark.

"I felt so happy because I know I won, I knew that if I just stayed there ... my only goal was to keep him on his back and make sure there was no more match ... I knew I had to pin him or just wait for the time to run out," Tellgren said.

Tellgren said he was extremely excited to finally get his big win, which he worked hard for.

"I felt elated; a confidence weight had been lifted off my shoulders," Tellgren said.

"I've always had the confidence I just needed that final win to set me off. This was the first tournament I've won here (at the USOEC) ... my entire life I've been second and third and fourth, so it felt good, I have it in my mind now that I can and will be at the top," Tellgren said.

This amazing match caught the eye of USA Wrestling's head Greco coach and 1984 Olympic Medalist Steve Fraser who was very impressed with Tellgren's improvement over the years and dedication to the sport.

"Thielke beat him before, so this was a big win for Paul; shows that he's coming into his own. Paul has a great attitude and work ethic," Fraser said.

Fraser also said Tellgren is very coachable and wants to gain experience.

"He is willing to do what needs to happen to get things done, and

that's what we like to see in our athletes," Fraser said.

The renowned Greco wrestler and coach came to Marquette to visit with the development program and talk to both wrestling teams about mental toughness. It was a great presentation about athletes preparing mentally is just as important as being physically prepared.

Fraser mentioned that he was impressed with Paul being able to use his mental toughness to get past looking to Thielke before in order to beat him this time.

"I was happy for Paul, I think he overcame a lot at this tournament ... Paul is progressing, so his sponsors will feel more comfortable supporting him over seas and at more major tournaments," Fraser said.

This victory weekend for Tellgren has been a long time in the making, and its not going to end here.

When he was young he didn't even like folk-style wrestling, what you see in high school. He is so grateful for his parents packing up him and his brother to travel

all over the US to get him to competitions and help him succeed. He hopes that this year he will be able to "Sky's the limit, I'm ready to bust out! I think everything's going to be mine this year. I'm very excited about New York this weekend and of course Nationals in April. That's when it all will come together, that's when all the hard work pays off, when my hand gets raised in the championship match," Tellgren said.

Tellgren's next step towards his Olympic dreams is competing this weekend November 6 and 7 at the New York Athletic Club's Annual International Open in New York.

Senior Ben Sanchez and sophomore Tanner Andrews finished fourth and fifth respectively in the 66 kg/145.5 pound weight class. Junior Chad Hemerson placed fifth with an impressive pin in the second period of his finals match against Cameron Duckworth. Finishing second in the 96kg/211.5 pound weight class was Pete Gounaridis, a senior at NMU in his fourth year at the USOEC.

Wildcats show off skills in scrimmage

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

The men's basketball team displayed their skills in the Green and Gold scrimmage game Friday, Oct. 29, as the Gold team bested the Green team 86-69.

"They played hard," said head coach Doug Lewis. "They really pushed themselves and each other and the first thing we want to do is develop work ethic."

A double digit win is a substantial margin of victory in basketball, but despite the 17-point difference between the two teams, Coach Lewis isn't worried.

It really doesn't mean anything because we're going to be one team, but it shows that one team played a little harder and a little better defense and that the Gold team played well," Lewis said.

Scoring was pretty solid overall as Raymond McElroy led the Wildcats with 26 points, as he played with the Green team. The Gold team had five players in double scoring.

"I feel like offensively, we're set," McElroy said. "We've got shooters all across the floor."

The biggest room for improvement is the defense, according to McElroy.

"Defense is the big thing in the GLIAC. Coach (Lewis) says this is the Big East of D2 basketball, and it's a tough conference with a lot of shooters," McElroy explained. "We don't want any points inside the paint. We want (the opponents) to take low percentage shots — which is basically three-point shots."

The team also showcased their



Mark Flemming/NW

(Above) Junior guard Raymond McElroy drives towards the Green team's basket. The Gold team beat the Green, 86-69 on Oct. 29 at the team's scrimmage. The basketball team's home opener will be on Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. in the Berry.

half court defense in the scrimmage, as NMU has yet to work in their full court press, an important part of the new look Wildcats. To do that, Northern has to be in tip-top physical shape, and the players looked tired in the later stages of the scrimmage with the high intensity of their practices so far.

"We got to get better condition wise to try to get up and down (the court)," said Lewis. "That

will allow us to get 80-85 points a game and keep our opponents to 65-70."

The exhibition game was a good outlet for the team to display their skills, but also got the transfers and freshmen out in front of a crowd in a Northern Michigan uniform.

"The main thing that impressed me was the freshmen," McElroy said. The way (they) played; you

wouldn't think they were freshman."

One of those freshmen was six-foot-three-inch guard Matthew Everson from Madison, Wisc. He scored 13 points in the scrimmage.

"I just tried pushing the ball a lot and passing and getting as many assists as I can," Everson said. "I scored whenever I had a chance to score, but I just tried

(passing the ball to) as many teammates as possible and play tough defense."

With the first game of the season over a week away at the Palm Beach Atlantic Tournament on Nov. 12, Lewis promised to see even more improvements with the team.

"We're only going to get better," said Lewis.

Volleyball set to finish regular season

By Mackenzie Myers
contributing writer

This past weekend, Oct. 29 and 30 was bittersweet for NMU volleyball. The Wildcats faced the Northwood Timberwolves on Friday and lost their first conference game in three sets (25-21, 25-21, 25-19), but rebounded on Saturday and took the LSSU Lakers in three sets (25-23, 25-20, 25-23).

"I thought that on Friday at times we had opportunities to pull ahead, but we lost the leads which contributed to our losses in sets," said head coach Dominic Yoder. "Staying competitive, staying focused, especially in the middle of the sets when we have game leads, and really keeping our pressure on the opponent will help us win those sets."

Left-side and middle hitter Kalli Herron said Northwood gave them a run for their money.

"They came ready to compete and they were looking for a win; we came in thinking it was going to be an easy win and they showed us up because we were not focused or prepared," Herron said.

However, Yoder said he was proud of how well his team came back to win the second match of the weekend.

"On Friday, we lost to a team that was playing really well and we've gotta give a hats-off to them," Yoder said. "But on Saturday we came out and really took care of business and won in three, so it was good to see the strength of our team and the ability to bounce back from a loss."

Herron said she felt good about

Saturday's match, saying they communicated well as a team and served aggressively to get a few extra points on the board.

Yoder said the weekend's highlights were with setter Abby Lovell, who played consistently with 34 assists against Northwood and 33 against LSSU.

"Sami Vierk also played really well throughout the course of the weekend, and Kalli Herron came on strong on Saturday, as well as Ana Lopes," he said.

Kristen Wetzel dominated defensively with nine digs against Northwood; Vierk had an outstanding game as well, leading the Wildcats with an impressive 11 kills. Against the Lakers, Lopes and Herron took the lead in kills with 10 apiece and Lopes also led defensively with 12 digs.

One thing that has been on the minds of the lady Wildcats is the upcoming GLIAC and NCAA tournaments. The top eight teams in the GLIAC will move on to the NCAA tournament. The Wildcats have an impressive 14-2 record in the conference, and an overall record of 20-3. Yoder said he has no worries about his team in the upcoming event.

"As long as we stay competitive and stay hungry, I have no worries about our capabilities in the bigger tournaments. I mean, our team is a young team but they're fighters, so it's gonna be a fun postseason."

In preparation for the tournaments, Yoder and his team plans to work on floor defense and blocking. The team is also working on fine-tuning their techniques and keeping the backup

players ready to go.

"We're all very excited for the GLIAC and NCAA tournaments," Herron said. "We're looking forward to competing and hopefully going farther into the competition. Overall, we want to end our season on a high note."

The NMU volleyball team has one more hurdle before the final stretch, which is their competition against Hillsdale (Nov. 5), Wayne State (Nov. 6) and Findlay University (Nov. 7). These are the last regular-season games for the 'Cats.

"We never want to predict the outcomes of our matches," Yoder said about the upcoming games. "We just expect to go in, compete, and as long as we play our best and give our best effort, then the score will dictate the outcome."

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Club hockey swept up by UMD 'Dogs

By Laura Conway
staff writer

The Wildcat club hockey team had a very close series against the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs last weekend, Oct. 29 and 30 at the Berry Events Center.

Their previous weekend against Robert Morris University left the team with a lot of goals to work towards in the following week. One of the main things the Wildcats wanted to focus on was their conditioning. Right wing Kellen Michalak said the team did almost nothing but conditioning in practice last week to get them prepared for the game against the Bulldogs of Duluth.

"We were working on conditioning, two practices of bag skating which is skating for a half hour straight without touching the puck," Michalak said.

Defenseman Shane Feehery was glad to see the team work more on net work and screening this past week.

"There was a lot in front of the net, forwards and defense, tipping shots and screening the goal line. Defense worked on clearing

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— Shane Feehery
Defenseman

pucks out so they can't get any shots or screen the goalie," Feehery said.

The Friday night game was a nail biter all the way through. The team didn't come out as strong as they wanted, but they still put up a good fight. The Wildcats came in pretty confident for this game because last season they swept Duluth winning both games; the first 3-2 and the second 5-0.

However, after a 1-1 regulation and no winner after overtime, the teams went to the shootout. During the shootout, only Brad Gioupoulos and Michalak scored, but Minnesota Duluth earned three goals ending the shootout 3-2. The shootout win gave the Bulldogs the tie-breaking goal and the 4-3 win for Minnesota-Duluth.

In a shootout scenario, five players on each team get a chance to score a goal against the goalie, no defenders, just the offensive player and the goalie. Normally the offensive player will try to deke the goalie.

Unfortunately, Michalak said conditions on the ice were not ideal, so players ended up taking normal shots that are easily telegraphed by the goalie.

"Personally everyone has their favorite move, you practice that move. It's your bread and butter. A few of the guys didn't do it because after 20 minute period and five minutes of overtime the ice isn't good, puck handling is really hard," Michalak said.

Feehery thought



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Left wing Brian Auty moves the puck in the offensive zone against the University of Duluth on Saturday, Oct. 30. Both teams scored often, but the Bulldogs edged out the host Wildcats 7-6.

that it might have been their confidence from last year's wins that had an effect on how they came into that game.

"We were thinking we were going to win. We were so confident and had a solid week of practice that was really intense; we may have been a little overconfident. We came out pretty hard, but not flying like we could have," Feehery said.

Even though this game was a loss, it was a good experience for a few of the players. For freshman Derrick Perry's first college hockey game, he did very well.

"First game, I was a little nervous, first college club game. It felt good to be on the ice, I was

fourth line. I kept up with the pace, my line isn't out there to score goals, we grind them out and keep the puck out of our zone," Perry said.

All the offensive work that the team had been working on also paid off, because they did much better in that area. They just weren't up to par on their defense.

"We changed up and were focusing on our offense so much; it worked, we just weren't focused on defense at all. There are two ends to the ice, you have to play both, if you're not defensive you can still lose," Feehery said.

The second game was a 6-7 loss but the team isn't fazed by it

and is already focusing on their next game against the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals on Nov. 5 and 6 at 9 p.m. at the Saginaw Valley Ice Arena.

The team is pretty tough, but the Wildcats are still going to give it their all and approach it like any other team. Freshman Johnny Barger is going in thinking positively.

"Everyone's saying we're going to lose to Saginaw, but I think that's just going to bring us down, if we already think we're going to lose why are we even going to play. I'm going to approach it like I do every game ... I think we'll be fine," Barger said.

Soccer refs should be held accountable



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In Saturday's Senior Day win against Michigan Tech for the women's soccer team, freshman Ashley Nichols received a bone bruise on her hip after a collision with a Husky midfielder while going for a header. Nichols received a foul for falling into the Tech player, and deserved it, but what bothered me is what put her in that position.

The way she set up to take the hit from the Tech player made it look like she was preparing to be hit by a bus. Nichols lowered down so far that when the opposing player made a legit jump for the header, Nichols still fell over. Maybe if more teams in the GLIAC played cleaner like Tech, freshmen wouldn't think they had to be ready for such bone-

crushing illegal hits, like when NMU played Findlay earlier this year and the Oilers jumped at 45 degree angles for headers.

Or the refs could start doing their job.

As a whole, the GLIAC is not officiated with any kind of authority. It amazes me how many times a player can be warned not to break the same rule and nothing is done about. A player should receive a yellow card after persistent infringement of the rules, but it is rare that one is given. In fact, only five have been given against NMU opponents this year, but a simple review of game tape shows multiple warnings given to opposing players, like in games against Findlay and Tiffin.

The amount of illegal jumps for headers, use of hands and arms and straight up body checks in the GLIAC is insane. These dangerous techniques have been used in conference play for the four years I've followed Northern soccer. You see

the same dirty, overly-physical play in conference play, and it has become a huge stain in the reputation of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The conference has a supervisor of soccer officials, Kim Vieira, who has held the position for one year.

The refs have to start regaining control of each and every game instead of this passive, reactionary call style. As a whole, GLIAC refs have rewarded teams for making the first illegal move by not calling fouls like pulling on the jerseys, getting physical off the ball and shoving in the back. Then when players stand up for themselves by returning the shoves, because the refs aren't going to, they get called for the fouls. This philosophy is shown with teams like Ferris State, who leads the GLIAC with 229 fouls and 12 yellow cards this year. However, the Bulldogs are known by reputation to be just as clean as NMU

(tied for least amount of fouls per game) and Michigan Tech (lowest amount of yellow cards in the GLIAC).

This officials' philosophy is destroying clean play in the GLIAC. SVSU and Tiffin are known throughout the Midwest as being dirty teams, and it has paid handsomely for these schools. After seeing the mercenaries and convicts — I mean Cardinals and Dragons — make multiple NCAA and GLIAC tournament appearances, other teams like Northwood and Findlay have started to play rougher. Teams like Ashland, Lake Erie and Tech have paid the price for staying clean by losing.

Understanding the rules would also be a step in the right direction for GLIAC officials. In Sept. 17 draw with Ferris State, two advantages were given to FSU after NMU fouled them in the box. Instead of awarding the Bulldogs with a penalty kick, the referee exercised NCAA rule 5.3.3 and gave the Ferris player

an advantage and allowed play to continue. If the ref actually understood soccer, the advantage would be to give FSU a penalty kick, where the scoring chance would have been better.

Watching fans and players from Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference schools be legitimately concerned about the health of their players because they're not used to the physical contact or seeing any player carted off the field because of injury shouldn't happen. The refs could do something about it.

The future of soccer in the GLIAC is headed to a very barbaric place by rewarding the wrong kind of play. Vieira, I'm asking you to reintroduce the integrity of the game to the conference. Watch the game tapes and fire the 95 percent of clueless refs for this conference. With this effort, GLIAC teams can go back to using talent, skill, coaching and determination to win games instead of beating each other to a pulp.



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Lil Thao Dow — We should definitely do our plan with the skittles this weekend.— **Alex**

KeSha — You were fabulous. Can't wait 'til wine night — **80s Rock Star**

Dim — Who the heck will I write to now? When you try to leave here, I'm going to give you an old fashioned "stop!" Don't you give me your "lolcat" etiquette! — **John**

Girls — Faking sex on each other was long overdue. Let's do it again soon. — **Guess who?**

D.J.H. — I have not been defeated. I will divide and conquer. — **L.L.H.**

Cottonbal, Velcro and Corby — I wish you all got along, and I wish I could bring you everywhere with me. — **Lonely without you**

Boyfriend — Thanks for taking such good care of me. You're the best. — **Girlfriend**

Thay-o Doe — I love you darling, the semester shall soon be over. Also, this weekend should be quite relaxing. Plus there is steak involved. — **Camer-on**

Matty J — You will never read this, but let's get the gang back together. You're the missing member. These days, seeing you is like spotting Big Foot, only bald.— **Belzy boy**

CEs — I will wreck your <expletive> and you will thank me for it. — **SE**

Coolman's Camp — I hope to be there this weekend. It shall be glorious! — **Alex**

The Nickel — Sorry we didn't carry on our tradition and visit you tonight. Soon, though, soon.— **OE, SE, ASE**

Pat McAfee — Want to go swimming sometime soon? — **Brice**

Lina — Every time I see

you, I get so excited that it's you. I'm so lucky. Love you. — **Lucy**

ME — I like going to BBBBP-PPPPPP! with you and being in contact all day long every day. — **EIC**

Leon — Thanks for making our days so great. — **EIC & ME**

Claire Abent — We should make our hang out seshs a weekly thing. — **Lucy**

OE — Thanks for not throwing up blood on us. — **EIC**

OE — I didn't know you were a female... you're the best tranny ever! but now that your secret is out you might want to consult your info page on facebook ;) — **PE**

Belzars — I made this nickname on the fly. — **Beckdog**

Luc — You continue to amaze me... I'm the luckiest. I love you. — **Lina**

Scotty — Celebrating Halloween with you was a blast. Let's do that again sometime. — **Blair Witch**

Jess — No shave November!!! Love you! — **John**

Comics — I write you now too — **ASE**

Brad — Have a safe trip this weekend and good luck at your games. I'll miss you! — **Delaney**

Sunshine face — You know. — **That one guy**

Cammycakes — I accepted your layout changes, but I'm totally taking credit for it. Is that legit? — **NE**

NW staff — I can't explain how much I'm going to miss you all next semester. Can I be a secretary? — **NE**

Belz — I'm sorry you're turning into a zombie. Can we still be friends with brain benefits? — **Dim**

SE — You're bobbing your head and staring at me expectantly. **WHAT DO YOU WANT!?** — **NE**

ME — Just no. — **FE**

Presque Isle — One of these days I will get enough time to come visit you like in the old days. — **Happy walker**

NE — You better be one. I'm gonna miss you. — **OE**

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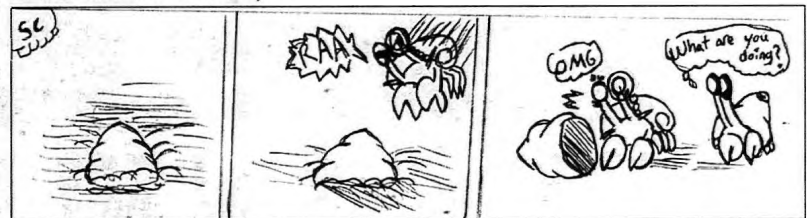
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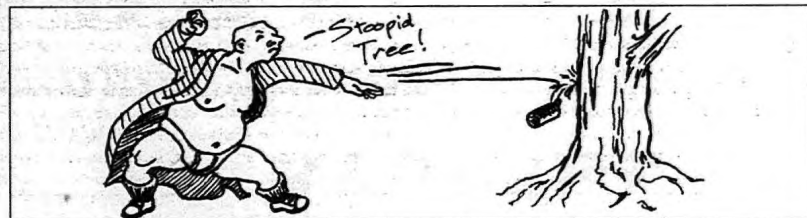
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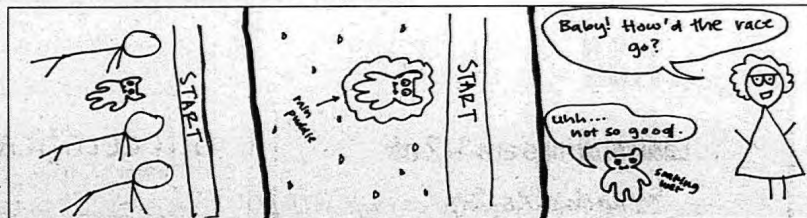
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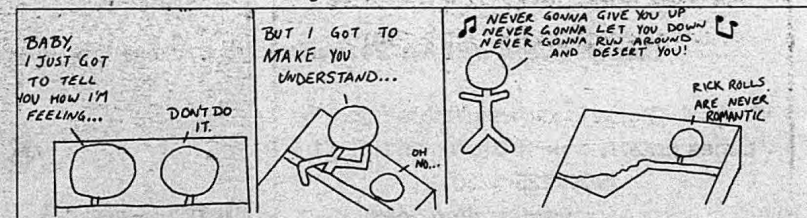
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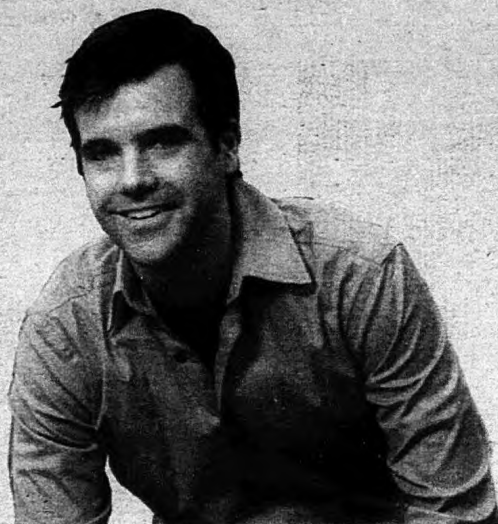


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