



PEIF proposal delayed until summer

By Robyn Goodman
assistant news editor

NMU President Les Wong announced last week that the PEIF pass initiative that students voted for at the end of last winter semester will not be voted on by the Board of Trustees until July 2011.

Last winter semester, students voted yes on an initiative that would incorporate a PEIF pass into their tuition. Wong said that the wording in the initiative was not clear and has caused the board to put off the vote to include in tuition the \$50 charge.

Wong said he believes many students didn't realize that their tuition would be raised by \$50 per semester.

"In these times, we do not want to add an additional fee, especially a substantial one, to student's tuition," Wong said.

Many students think that when they vote yes on an initiative it will automatically be put into effect, Wong said. The board has the final vote; the students are only showing the Board of Trustees their views, Wong said.

"What this has shown us is that we need a better process in reviewing the initiatives," Wong said. "The language was not clear enough."

Another reason why the board is waiting until July 2011 to vote

is that when the university sets its tuition, it must report that number to the state, Wong said.

"We don't want to have a large increase on the tuition that the state won't understand," Wong said. "While the students did vote for the increase, the state doesn't know that."

The money that would have come from the PEIF pass initiative would have paid for things such as new equipment, more classes and extended hours.

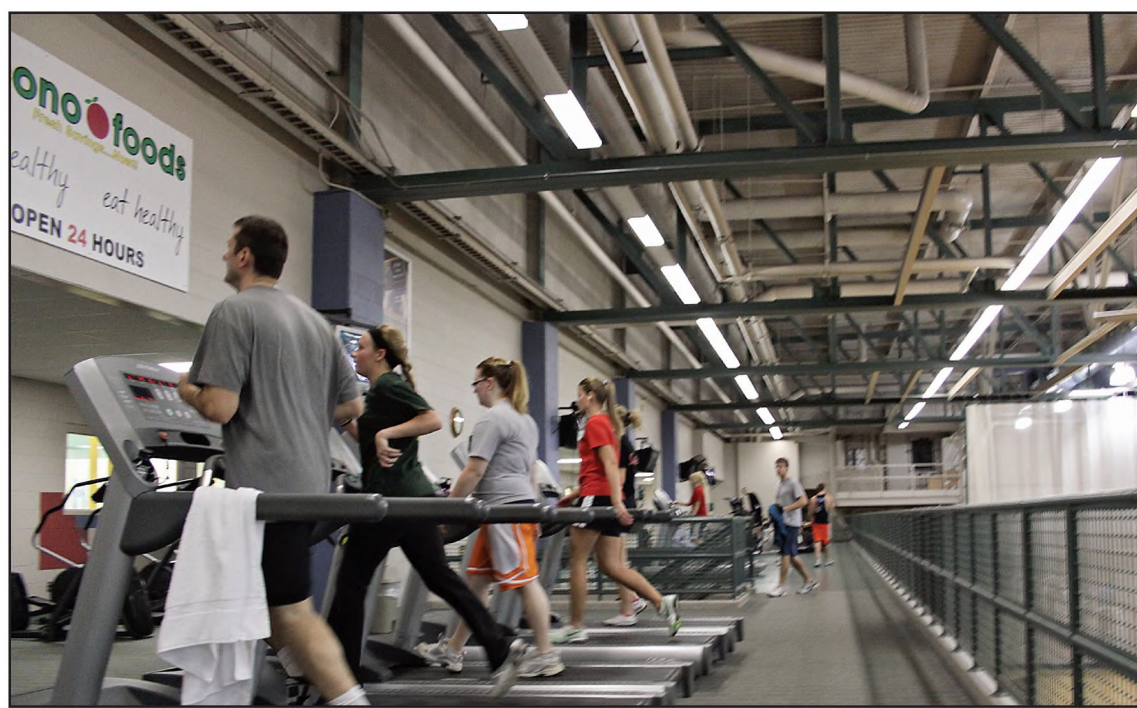
The university gave the PEIF recreational center interim money to help with necessary repairs, said Gavin Leach, vice president of finance. He has been working with the PEIF recreational center to find out what their short-term needs are.

"We are looking to meet the needs they have in place now, and then we'll assess their needs for next year," Leach said.

The administration is looking at what the needs are, which will determine if or how much tuition will be raised next year, Leach said.

"There is support for the initiative within the administration, but with the new governor and legislature, we can't be sure of how much money the university will receive," Leach said.

The PEIF is usually one of the first places that loses funds when cuts are made, said Brian Gaud-



Justin Key/NW

Students exercise on the treadmills at the PEIF. The \$50 fee proposed through the referendum last semester would provide a PEIF pass to all students, as well as offering money to upgrade and buy new exercise equipment.

reau, associate director of recreation programming.

"There is not enough money for equipment and the things we need," Gaudreau said.

The machines are usually replaced every three years, but because of budget cuts, the PEIF has had to make things work by fixing the existing equipment instead of purchasing new machines, he said.

Students come to the PEIF not only to work out, but to meet new

people and try new things, Geaudreau said.

"Campus recreation at other universities is used as a recruitment tool," he said. "Students come to NMU because of the things we offer."

Students for Campus Wellness (SCW) is the group that originally had the idea for the PEIF pass initiative, said Candace Sequin, president of Students for Campus Wellness.

"Our biggest goal is trying to

find things for everyone," Sequin said. "Students who don't work out can experience other things, other than physically working out."

To find out what students want to see at the recreation center, SCW has conducted surveys and put out suggestion boxes for students to give their opinions.

"We just want everyone to have the opportunity to get a PEIF pass at an affordable price," Sequin said.

Intl. moving company offers new business scholarship

By Meredith Gasco
contributing writer

A new scholarship sponsored by the international moving franchise Two Men and a Truck will be offered to students in the College of Business in 2011.

Two Men and a Truck was founded by Brig and Jon Sorber, brothers and alumni of NMU. The company, which is based out of Lansing, Mich., has over 200 worldwide offices and over 1,200 trucks.

The scholarship at Northern will be the first annual scholarship offered by Two Men and a Truck, said Darice Darling, corporate communications specialist for the company. Darling said that the company has offered monetary donations to other schools and organizations in the past, but the NMU scholarship will be the first to be given yearly.

"They focused on this one

because both Brig and Jon are graduates from NMU," Darling said.

The scholarship is set to begin awarding financial aid to students next year, but the amount of scholarships given and the size of the financial contribution will vary. A separate account devoted to money for the scholarship will be set up by the company, Darling said.

"Based on the earnings from that account, it will determine the amount of the scholarship and how many scholarships will be given annually," she said.

The scholarship will be available to juniors and seniors in the College of Business who are already receiving other financial aid. Recipients of the scholarship will be determined by a selection committee, but all candidates must have at least a 2.5 GPA and have graduated from a high school in the Upper Peninsula.

According to Darling, Two

Men and a Truck has a history of philanthropy. The company has contributed over \$1 million from its main office to different schools and organizations. The other franchise offices have given approximately \$1.5 million each year.

"We thought this would be a good way to give back to the university," said Brig Sorber, president and CEO of Two Men and a Truck.

Sorber said he didn't know what he wanted to do when he began looking at colleges. Growing up in East Lansing put him in the "shadow of MSU," Sorber said.

"I wanted to experience something different," he said.

It was during Sorber's time at NMU that he met his wife, who was putting herself through school. Sorber said his wife helped inspire the decision to start a scholarship

Equipment manager dies

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

John Tessaro died unexpectedly of natural causes on Saturday morning, Nov. 6. Tessaro, 73, was Northern Michigan University Athletics Department Equipment manager since 1981.

"John touched a lot of people over 25 years and football was very special to him," said Northern Michigan University's head football coach Bernie Anderson. "He will be dearly missed."

Tessaro was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. After 26 years of service, he retired in 1981 as a Master Sergeant. He then became the equipment supervisor for NMU athletics.

"He was a great guy," said Hans Anzel, who worked underneath Tessaro with the equipment duties. "It's hard to describe him. To some he was a mean old guy, but the people who knew him realized how caring he actually

was."

The game against Saginaw Valley was supposed to be his home game before retiring at the end of the season. Tessaro was to be recognized with the senior players in pre-game ceremonies, but was left out to notify the family.

"We were notified around 9:30 a.m. (of his death) and we had a team meeting around 11," Anderson said. "By that time, it had kind of spread through the locker room and at the team meeting we addressed it and had a moment of prayer for him. It made it a little tough to have the good bubbly spirit before the game, but I really felt the team settled down to play a pretty serious game."

Tessaro is survived by his wife, Jill, his four children, three step-children, three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren. Services will be held today at 11 a.m. in St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette.

Briefs

Culinary student showcase

On November 17, 18 and 19 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. a Grand Buffet Luncheon will be held at the Chez Nous Restaurant in the Jacobetti Center. This Student Culinary Showcase was first held last year after Professor Deb Pearce came up with the idea for it to take the place of a final exam for students in her Professional Cooking class.

The students will create the meal and feedback will be requested by those in attendance to assist Pearce in deciding the final grade. Carol Carr, NMU's Director of Annual Giving, said that this event is beneficial for many reasons.

"Students get a more real world experience, they get feedback and evaluations from a variety of individuals, and the donations made by those who attend helps to cover the high cost of the exam," she said.

There is no set price, but donations of \$15 are suggested. RSVPs are requested by Friday, Nov. 12, due to limited space.

— Chelsea Parris

Speaker gives college tips

A representative from Northern Michigan University will speak on Monday, Nov. 15, 2010 about characters of leadership and the ways to a successful college career and life afterwards.

Will Keim, Northern Michigan University's 2010 Leader in Residence, has spoken on over 2000 college campuses, to over two million people and has published 12 books about living a successful college life. Keim has been coming to NMU for 20 years, speaking here every two years.

"He speaks to a lot of student organizations," said Rebecca Rasmussen, the organizer of the event.

His speech on Monday will cover his 10 Keys to Success in College Life and how to live life to its fullest. The event is catered to mainly freshmen and sophomore students, just starting out college, but the event is open to all public. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15 in Jamrich 102.

— Erin Eidsvoog

Dentist talks about friendship

NMU will be hosting Dr. Jessica Rickert, a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, as a guest speaker to talk about Native American Heritage Month and the Medicine Wheel Academy. The title of this speech is "Friendship Begins with a Single Smile."

Rickert was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame for her work relating to American Indian health issues. Rickert also was the first recognized female American Indian dentist in the United States by the American Dental Association in 2005. She graduated from The University of Michigan School of Dentistry and was the only Native American in her graduating class of about 150 people in the 1970s, said Jane Westberg, author and creator of American Indians and Alaska Natives in Health Careers, a website dedicated to educating readers about native health careers.

Rickert will be speaking on Friday, Nov. 12 from 7 to 9:00 p.m. This event will be held in the Mead auditorium in West Science.

— Quinn Doyle

Students and community dine for cause



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Mike Waite performs for students and community members at Dining for Domestic Peace — A Spaghetti Benefit Dinner Raising Funds for Marquette's Women's Shelter. Attendee's paid a cover charge to receive a dinner, and enjoy local bands perform. Door prizes were also given. Proceeds from the event went to the Marquette women's shelter.

ASNMU update

ASNMU swears in representatives and goes into closed session

By Margaret Ylitalo
staff writer

Chris Hoffman was appointed as a college of arts and sciences representative, Brittany Voich was appointed as a down-campus representative, and Matt Syreini was appointed as an off-campus representative at the Monday, Nov. 8 ASNMU meeting. All three were unanimously approved and sworn in.

Off-campus representative Dani Thoune, college of business representative Alysa Diebolt, off-campus representative Benjamin Stanley and off-campus representative Justin Brugman will attend the Student Association of

Michigan conference next weekend, the weekend of Friday, Nov. 12.

Lucia Lopez, president of ASNMU, said that Thoune will call ASNMU on Saturday, Nov. 13 to decide on issues that will be voted on at the SAM conference.

ASNMU went into closed session after the meeting, during which the public was asked to leave. The closed session included a seminar, Lopez said, which covered topics to help the efficacy of ASNMU. When asked about the seminar, Lopez said she was unable to discuss it.

"Because we went into a closed session, we are not at liberty to discuss what happened in the meeting,"

Lopez said. "I can tell you that there was a seminar about the importance of parliamentary procedure and that we discussed the proper channels for the representatives to be instituting programs."

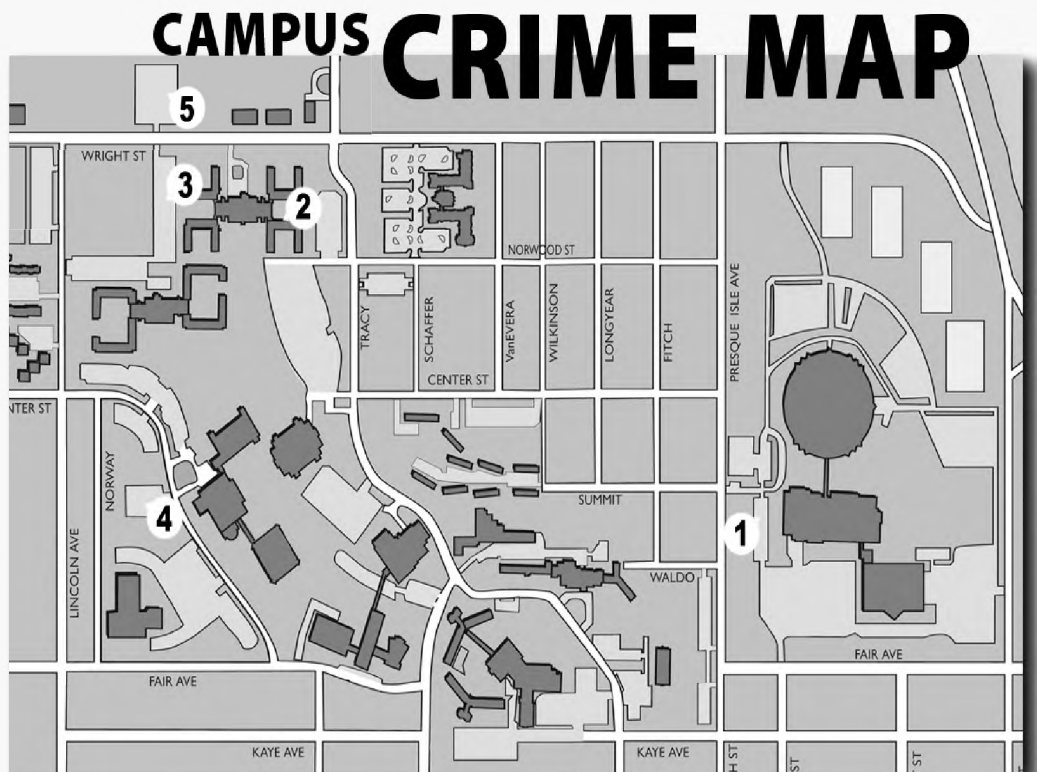
As of Monday, Nov. 8, ASNMU had \$11,804.08, and the Student Finance Committee had \$2,517.87, which included ticket sales from OUTLook's drag show, adding about \$800. Andrew Foster, treasurer of ASNMU, encouraged student organizations to apply for funds for next semester.

"It's never too early," Foster said.

Foster said the Student Finance Committee will have three open spots next semester.

Map Key

- 1) Five non-students were given MIPs at 8:50 p.m. on Nov. 4 in Lot 50.
- 2) Money was stolen from a student's dorm room at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 5 in Magers Hall.
- 3) Two students were given MIPs at 1:19 a.m. on Nov. 6 in Lot 16.
- 4) Three students were caught in possession of marijuana at 1:10 a.m. on Nov. 7 in Lot 18.
- 5) Two students ran from officers and were given MIPs at 10:50 p.m. on Nov. 7 in Lot 46.



Panel discusses recent election results

By Margaret Ylitalo
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William Ball, political science and public administration professor at NMU, and Tom Baldini, former Marquette High School teacher and district director for 1st district congressman Bart Stupak, publicly discussed the outcome of the midterm election during the Monday, Nov. 8 PS 495/595 panel discussion.

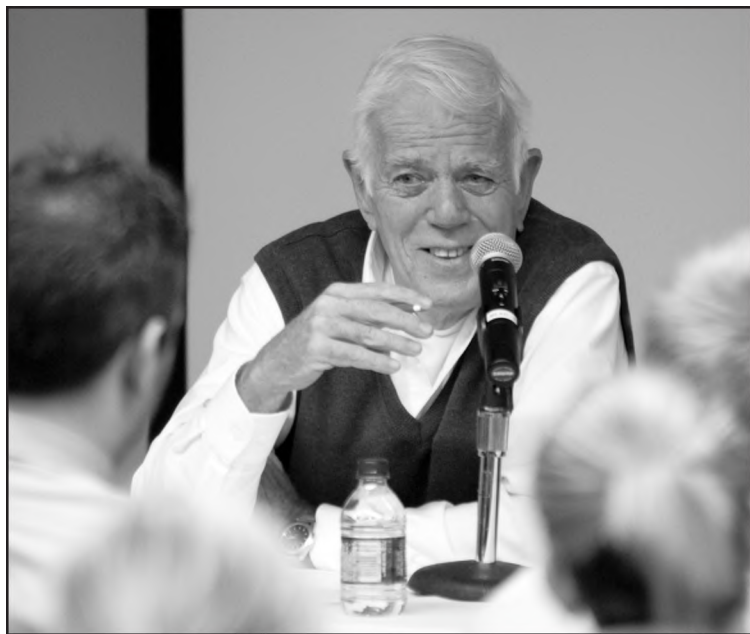
David Haynes, assistant political science professor at NMU, began the discussion with an overview of the election results for the Upper Peninsula and the cyclical nature of voting.

"If you look at the U.P., every one of the House seats but one went to Republicans, and both state Senate seats from the U.P. went to Republicans," Haynes said. "Every one of the House seats that Republicans took have been Republican in the last 20 years at one time or another, and they've been Democratic."

Haynes asked three questions: what will happen, what will change and will nothing change? Haynes then handed the discussion to Ball.

Ball said the state of Michigan government will hopefully improve, because it cannot get worse than it has been. Michigan has had the highest number of jobs leaving the state for eight years.

Ball said, though Republicans



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Political science professor William Ball was among the panelists who discussed the implications of the recent midterm election.

were successful in this election, it is not as much a Republican victory as it is anti-incumbent. This means the election results reflect a voter discontent with those in political power.

"If Republicans are half smart, they're not going to think that the whole country decided that they love Republicans, because I don't think that's true," Ball said. "I did give a talk to two Tea Party rallies this year, and the people were not Republican; they were anti-incumbent, and certainly anti-spending."

He said when Republicans swept the '94 election, they increased debt, not Democrats, and part of their campaign this year was a plea for a second chance.

"Are they really going to do it this time? I'd like to think so. I'd like to think they're going to keep down the spending and cut out a lot of earmarks, the pork barrel legislation," Ball said.

He added that one problem with government overspending is the interest citizens must pay on the increasing national debt.

"It never gets paid back. The

problem is, we all pay interest on this debt, like, forever. So all your working life, you will be paying interest on the money that's been borrowed last year or this year," Ball said.

Ball finished by saying he is not optimistic, but he is happy there will be a change.

"I'm not doing victory laps and all that stuff for Republicans. I think it's a chance, an opportunity, to turn America around and lower government spending, a little bit less government control, and to free up the American economy again. If it happens, we'll be fine," he said.

The discussion turned over to Baldini, who said that one of the problems with this election was the disproportionate number of older people who voted compared to younger people who did not vote.

"Older people are much more prone to be conservative and say, 'Let's maintain the status quo,'" Baldini said. "You don't move forward, whatever 'forward' means, ... by maintaining the status quo."

Baldini said that the switch of senior citizens in political allegiance will alter the Republican Party in the future. Programs that used to be supported by Democrats – like Medicare – will now have to be supported by Republicans.

"This is going to be a challenge for both parties – the change in allegiance and the change in alli-

ance of voters," Baldini said.

Baldini said he agreed with Ball about Republicans running on a theme of a smaller deficit and asking for a second chance.

"When was the last surplus budget? Bill Clinton," he said. "When was the one previous to that? Lyndon Johnson. Some of the biggest deficits have been run up by Republicans."

Baldini and Ball agreed that some people's imprisonment should be reevaluated, perhaps to preserve higher education funding or reduce cuts in the future.

Dylan Shiver, a master's student pursuing public administration, is optimistic about the state of higher education.

"I have a lot of optimism and think they won't cut higher education," Shiver said. "I think prisons are something they'll take a big look at."

However, Shiver said if there are cuts to higher education, students have no right to complain because they didn't vote.

"The unfortunate thing is, the youth didn't vote and they don't vote," Shiver said. "So when you start to cut education, you don't really have any ground to stand on when you didn't go out there and voice your concerns saying that you want to protect our lower tuition and you want to protect the funding coming in, to make sure that we get the scholarships and the grants that we need."

Video competition to exhibit student talent

By Ariana Grams
contributing writer

NMU is trying a new way to encourage prospective students to attend the university by holding a YouTube contest.

The contest, called NMU-Tube, will provide videos that will be shown to students and their families who are looking to come to NMU. They will display what life is like on campus and around the area and will also be on posted YouTube.

Anne Stark, the marketing director at NMU, said this is a great way to show what students are doing to enjoy NMU.

"Our students can tell our story better than anyone else," Stark said. "Students come up with better stuff than we could have ever imagined."

This is a good way for students to really see what other students do on campus and around the area, rather than just what they are told happens, Stark said.

The contest will also provide current students with a chance to showcase their talents, Stark said. For some majors, like art

and design or film, it will be a great portfolio piece, she said.

"The main thing is that we want people to have a blast showing what their NMU adventure is really like," Stark said. "It's good to show how much fun our students really have."

Gerri Daniels, director of admissions at NMU, said that this contest will give some great clips to rotate on the admissions website to give prospective students a fun way to get interested in NMU.

"The idea was, when you have a contest, it creates some excitement, and students are interested in submitting their best work and it gives us a lot to choose from," Daniels said. "It gives students who are enjoying their time at Northern a chance to share their experiences with a wider audience."

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners, prize money will come from the budget of the marketing department. They are taking money they would have paid a video crew to make promotional videos with and putting it toward prize money for this contest instead, Stark said.

There are three video categories for the contest taking place during the fall semester: My NMU Adventure, which is about personal experiences at NMU; It's Good to Laugh, for the video with the best positive humor; and Northern, Naturally, which is all about showing off the natural environment around NMU.

Videos should fall in one of these three categories in order to be considered. The deadline is Friday, Dec. 17 by 5 p.m.

There will also be videos accepted in three categories for the winter semester: 'Cats on the Prowl, which should tell NMU success stories; Filmmaking Talent, to show the best use of creative talent; and Northern, Naturally. The deadline for the winter contest is March 17 by 5 p.m.

There will be six \$500 first place prizes, one in each category per semester, as well as second and third place prizes in each category for \$250 and \$100 respectively. There will also be a \$1000 grand prize winner, which will be decided in the spring of 2011.

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for NMU students.

"We wanted to help fund students who may be in my wife's situation," Sorber said. "I've learned in business that when you give something, you get something in return."

Martha Haynes, executive director of the NMU Foundation, gives credit to President Wong for inspiring the scholarship. Brig and Jon Sorber visited NMU last year to give a presentation to the Marquette Michigan Economic Club. Their presentation discussed corporate contributions to charity. According to Haynes, President Les Wong approached the Sorbers after the presentation.

"The president said to them afterward, 'You give, but you haven't given to Northern,'" Haynes said. "[The scholarship] didn't come to us completely unsolicited."

Brig said his visit to NMU last year impressed him.

"The school has really evolved since I went there," Sorber said.

Since his time at NMU, the campus has evolved and the curriculum has become more sophisticated, he said. He credited President Wong's leadership for the university's improvement.

"I really felt these were dollars that are going to a really good cause," he said.

Sorber couldn't predict how many dollars would be contributed in scholarships.

"We'll have to see how business goes," Sorber said. He added that he wants the scholarship to continue at NMU. "Personally, I can speak for my wife and I. As long as we're blessed we'll continue to fund it," Sorber said.

"The scholarship is not yet endowed," said Jamal Rashed, the dean of the college of business. This means the scholarship does not currently have any money available. Once the donation comes through from Two Men and a Truck, the scholarship will be endowed and ready to award financial aid for the year 2011.

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Business competition in its fourth year

By Adelle Whitefoot
staff writer

Northern Michigan University's College of Business is holding its fourth annual New Business Venture Competition.

The New Business Venture Competition is open to all students and continues throughout the school year with activities that allow students to present their business plans. A student or group of students who plan to participate must complete an "intent to compete" form and business proposal by Thursday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.

"We are trying to help students from all majors and take their ideas from, 'oh I have a good idea in my head,' to actually developing a plan for a business that can function, work, be profitable, and create jobs," said Ray Amtmann, a business professor and project director for the competition.

The biggest producers of jobs in the U.S. economy today are entrepreneurs, Amtmann said.

"Ideally, we're promoting the development of businesses in the Upper Peninsula," Amtmann said. "However, if they have an idea that would work outside the Upper Peninsula, that's okay. It's not going to keep (a student from) being a finalist or a prize winner."

The first prize winner receives a \$4,000 cash prize. The second prize winner gets \$2,500, and the third prize winner gets \$1,500. There is also an additional \$500 prize for the best trade fair presentation, where students develop prototypes of their products, and if it's a service, develop informational materials. The contest will also include a \$500 prize for the best elevator pitch, where one member from each team or the individual contestant describes the proposed business persuasively to judges

with the goal of winning financial backing.

"There are no strings attached to the prize money," Amtmann said. "(The winners) can use it to start up their business or they can use it to pay next semesters tuition, however they want to use it."

Winners in the past have taken the money and invested it into their business to help develop their business into the next level, Amtmann said. The competition is being partly funded by the NMU Marketing department and other outside donors. One of the outside donors is Ervin Kranberg, owner and president of Professional Liability Brokers & Consultants (PLBC) and an NMU alumnus.

"I felt that Northern had given me some opportunities and basic skills that helped me in launching PLBC," Kranberg said. "I just felt it was important to try to give back and give some opportunities

to students at Northern to have the abilities to maybe go into entrepreneurial type ventures."

Kranberg said he sees this competition as a good way for students who have a desire to own their own business to think about a good business plan that can eventually become a reality.

Alysa Diebolt, a communications and marketing major at NMU, was a sophomore when she entered in the competition in 2008-09 year.

"My experience with the competition was absolutely amazing," Diebolt said. "It was really hard but it was really fun. I would recommend it to a lot of people."

Diebolt won the first place prize, best trade fair display presentation prize, and best elevator pitch prize. She said the networking that has happened since the competition, the feedback she got, and getting to know her business front to back

were the most rewarding parts of the competition.

"I would encourage (students) to ask for help and to not be afraid to ask a professor for help," Diebolt said. "I worked a lot with one of the entrepreneurship professors and there's no way I would have done as good as I did without his help."

Six finalists will be picked by Dec. 10. The finalists then have to create a detailed business plan using the guidelines set out due by 5 p.m. on March 17, 2011. On April 7, 2011 students will present their business plans through three activities: a trade fair, sixty second elevator pitch, and oral presentation of the business plan.

"Even if you're not a business student, don't not apply because you don't know what you're doing," Diebolt said. "It was a really great experience that you can't get in the classroom."

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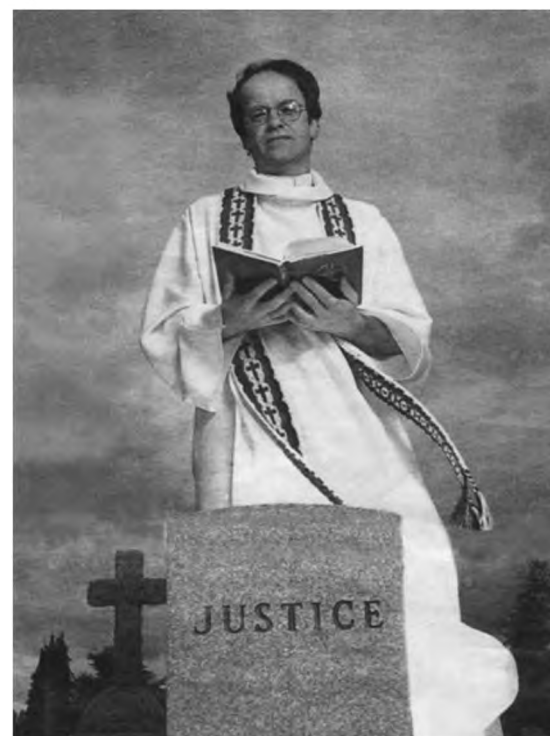
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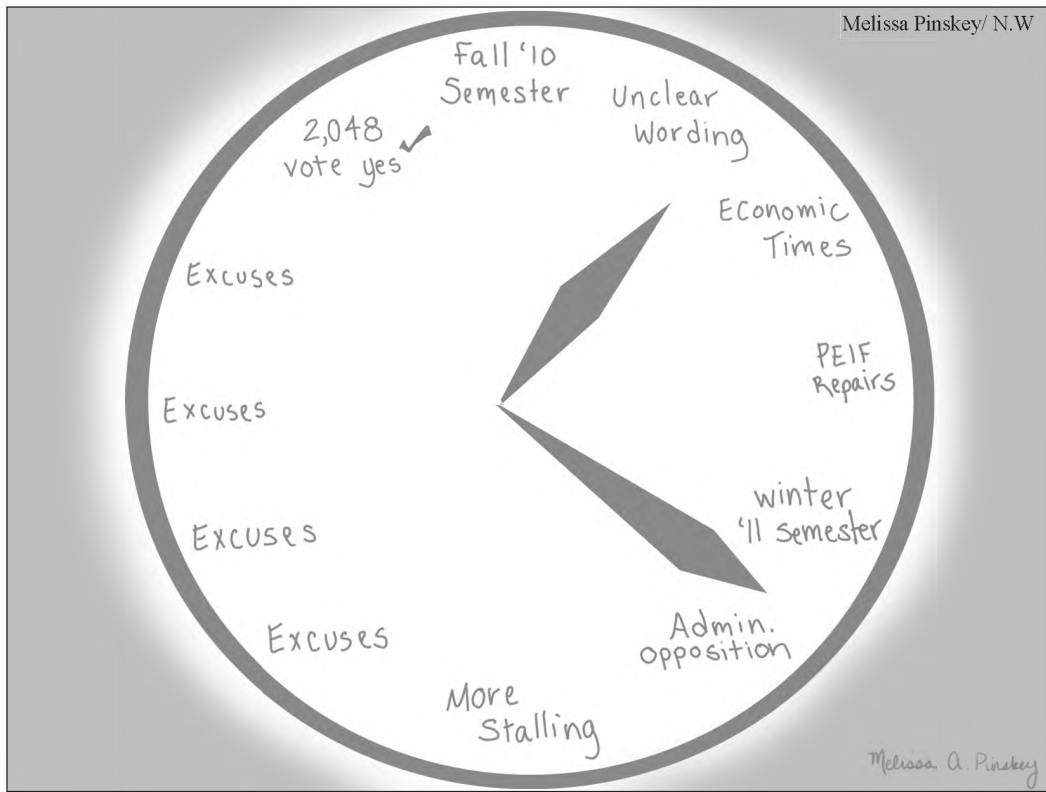
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Staff Editorial



Administration: give an answer on PEIF passes

Earlier this semester, the NMU administration said that it was going to support the students' wishes and approve an additional \$50 to tuition for a PEIF pass this winter semester. However, at last Tuesday's Let's Chat session with President Les Wong, Wong told students that administration has decided to wait until the July Board of Trustees Meeting to make that decision.

Students' support for this action was overwhelming after last semester's referendum, where 2,048 students voted for the initiative, the highest turnout for a referendum in years. Students returned this fall to find that their interest was not heard. Wong said in an interview that he intended for the PEIF pass to be included with tuition by this winter semester after issues with the legitimacy of the referendum had been cleared up, but now he wants to push it back to the summer Board of Trustees vote.

The referendum was decided in April this past semester, giving the administration ample time to really act upon students' vote. Instead, excuses were made. And unfortunately, as we get ready for next winter semester, we are faced with even more excuses.

Wong said the reasoning for this was

because of bad economic times, but the economy appears to be the same as it was when students voted. Last week, the PEIF was informed that the administration would provide "interim" money next semester to upgrade equipment that university-wide PEIF passes would have paid for. Perhaps Wong didn't read the initiative closely enough to understand that the reason why students voted for it was more for the ability to have cheaper PEIF passes included into their tuition than to have improved equipment. There's no doubt that the PEIF could benefit from the money, but students are left next semester still having to pay for their PEIF passes individually at an inflated price.

How long is it going to take for the administration to finally recognize the wishes of students? The referendum vote last winter semester was unprecedented, and it shows that the administration is not taking this vote seriously. Wong mentioned that 2,000 people is not enough to take a real sampling of the 9,000 students on campus, but we ask administration to acknowledge the fact that it was the largest voter turnout in a long time. We are tired of excuses and want to be heard.

Liberals need to learn tolerance



Staff Column

Brice Burge

Tolerance shouldn't be a hard thing to grasp. As Americans, we should be born into it, as tolerance is essentially freedom from bigotry. But I'm starting to think that learning tolerance isn't about the end point, but how one actually becomes tolerant.

Every person in the U.S. should be granted the opportunity and held responsible for their actions the same way regardless of race, religion, sexuality, gender or financial class. Not all people agree with me, and there are many instances of discrimination and intolerance around us and those people are usually dismissed as much as possible, but one demographic of people has been able to escape this dismissal: liberals.

I'm economically conservative, socially liberal and a registered Libertarian, yet since starting college, I've been insulted any way from "a heartless homophobe, blinded by religious fairy tales," to "an ignorant sexist that believes only chances are for the rich whites," to my favorite "stupid (expletive) Republican that doesn't grasp culture or class."

Too often in my experiences, I've seen liberals just throw out words and phrases like this as a way to win an argument. Often, people like Jesse Jackson use the "race" card or people like MSNBC commentator Keith Olbermann use the "heartless conservative spender" card. At first I thought it was just so they could win an argument, but when I actually stop and think about it, these trump cards are a lot deeper in root than to just get a point across.

I was lucky to grow up in a tolerant, yet conservative, household in a town that had its fair share of Klansmen. I would often hear racial and religious slurs in my younger years, but it never led me to hate, but rather

fear. That paired with watching TV and seeing Jackson yell about how the "white man kept a brother down" during his 1995 slavery retribution rallies made me scared and confused. For years after that, I would sink in my chair if a black person went by not knowing if they would yell at me too.

Ultimately it was at a gas station where I shed my fears. A typical family was making their way down I-65 to Georgia, as the kid my age was given a candy bar. As his face lit up with happiness over the small gift, I realized that this black family was just like anyone else as they shared a simple, yet special moment. My fears melted away and I've accepted people of different races with a revealed knowledge and appreciation for all cultures.

Since then, I have had more revelations dealing with anything from gay rights to feminism, and I feel truly blessed to have the wisdom to realize these events as they come. However, I feel pity and sadness for so many liberals who missed out on these moments of epiphany. For liberals to just throw out these messages of tolerance, only to discriminate against conservatives or majority groups is completely hypocritical and flat-out hateful.

The damage caused by this hate is very apparent. I've lost job opportunities at the hands of a self-proclaimed "feminist fighter" because of my openly conservative views and seen everything from multi-million dollar corporations to student groups get in trouble, as accusers willfully ignored the context of greeting cards, cartoons and parade groups in defense of extreme political correctness.

These liberals have to understand that viewing marriage as a religious institution or that spending our money smarter on social programs is not an inferior thought process as people like Olbermann will have you believe. This intolerance based on beliefs reminds me of just one thing: the Klansmen neighbors I grew up with. Hate is hate and no one gets away with it.

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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



Banning Four Loko doesn't solve problems

Recently, the Michigan Liquor Control Board banned nearly 55 alcoholic drinks containing caffeine, including the popular drink Four Loko. The ban comes on the coattails of the Oct. house party in Roslyn, Wash., where nine Central Washington University students were rushed to the hospital after police arrived to break up the party. Though the students were originally thought to have been given Rohypnol (commonly known as "roofies"), it was later determined that they had instead consumed large amounts of alcohol, including Four Loko.

Since that time, the drink has been attacked by everyone from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to media outlets across the country. Liquor stores have 30 days to get Four Loko and the 54 other banned drinks off their shelves. The FDA has also been looking into the health risks presented by the drinks.

The decision to ban these drinks seems rash. Instead of considering strengthening the laws on buying for minors, or creating legislation that requires universities to educate students about the uses and misuses of alcohol, the state has decided to ban products because it is in the news now and it appears to be a solution to the problem.

Blaming the product, rather than the causes for misusing the product, seems like an extreme shift. Banning Four Loko does not solve the problem of underage drinkers abusing alcohol, no more than banning a particular type of cigarette would stop a smoker from smoking. According to a Nov. 5 Los Angeles Times article, the students at

CWU "became sick after consuming the drink along with pills and other alcoholic beverages." Clearly, the issue here is abusing drugs and alcohol, not just Four Loko.

Many health officials say that the combination of caffeine and alcohol is dangerous, because the addition of caffeine prevents the drinker from realizing how intoxicated he or she has become. It seems these health officials are either unaware of or choosing to ignore the fact that combining a caffeinated beverage with an alcoholic one is a time-tested formula for a decent drink. So far, they've not proposed banning drinks like Jager Bombs and vodka and Red Bulls from being served in bars, but perhaps that's just around the corner.

Experts claim that Four Loko is marketed to minors because of its fruity flavors and its colorful packaging. No one seems to be pointing out to them that there's at least half a dozen products that do not contain caffeine that also have fruity flavors and colorful packaging — Mike's Hard Lemonade, Smirnoff's Grand Cosmopolitan and Twisted Tea are just a few of the many drinks that employ "fruity flavors" and "colorful packaging." If that was all it took for a minor to want some alcohol, then clearly there's a bigger underage drinking problem than we thought.

The health of college students across the state and the country is, of course, always a concern. But that starts with education, not at the consumer level. College students are going to drink. If it's not Four Loko, it will be something else. Now that the state has banned Four

Loko and other energy and alcohol combination drinks, those college students are going to have to turn to other alcohol. Three years from now, will the state decide to ban the next drink of choice by college students? Perhaps it'll be malt liquor beverages like Bull Ice or Steel Reserve. Maybe it'll be the banning of all Five O'Clock products, perhaps their very cheap vodka pints.

The truth of the matter is what happened at Central Washington University is unfortunate, and I don't think anyone is denying that. But many of the attendees of the party that night were between the ages of 17 and 19, mostly college freshman, inexperienced with alcohol and shouldn't have had access to an alcoholic beverage in the first place. According to a statement by Phusion Projects, the manufacturer of Four Loko, there are seven warnings on each and every Four Loko can about buying underage and the importance of identification.

Four Lokos contain 12 percent alcohol and the caffeine equivalent of one cup of coffee in a 23.5 ounce can. The danger here is not the product; the danger is the abuse of the product. Instead of banning these drinks, we need to make sure that people under 21 realize the dangers of abusing alcohol.

The only way for that to happen is for both the FDA and the state of Michigan to realize that quick-fix solutions are not the answer. We need to educate these students and find a way for them to learn the dangers of misusing alcohol. Until then, all the state and the FDA are doing is putting a Band-Aid on a bullet wound.

Letters to the editor

ASNMU should not waste student money

I applaud The North Wind for keeping the students up to date about what their elected representatives are up to, but I think lately there has been too much emphasis on what the executive board may have done wrong and not enough scrutiny on the representatives' actions.

It is confusing when multiple representatives have stated they resigned over conflict with the executive branch, when none of them have put any topics to vote as an action item.

Whether the executive board members hate an idea or not, they cannot vote regularly. If the representatives approve it, then it passes. Yes, I will certainly agree that it is difficult hearing criticism on an idea that is very important to you, but it is the job of the executive board to point out potential flaws so ASNMU can put out the best possible programs. I have never heard a member of the executive board say an idea is not worth pursuing at all.

I think it falls on the representatives to critically look at their actions and contributions to ASNMU and NMU students. Two weeks ago, the majority of the board voted to approve funding for another trip to a Student Association of Michigan (SAM) conference at LSSU when members of ASNMU attended one

just three weeks ago at U of M-Dearborn. I love conferences as much as the next person, but ASNMU and Dr. Wong funding a trip every month is excessive. These conferences are just hours long, giving the students plenty of time to "socialize," which includes drinking and lounging by the hotel pool.

When another representative suggested amending the budget for only one night at the hotel instead of two, the representatives that went to the SAM conference said they needed the extra time to "socialize."

The board actually vetoed the amendment, and voted to give the SAM-goers funding for two nights in the hotel and round-trip gas money to LSSU.

This is outrageous when universities are able to vote via teleconference instead of having to drive to the conferences all over the state.

The biggest problem I have with this entire ordeal is that when asked, representatives can't give any clear benefits of going to SAM. I seriously encourage the entire board to think more critically about the way they dispose of students' money, and I challenge The North Wind to pay more attention to the actions of the representatives, not just the executive board.

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Corporations shouldn't influence politics



Guest Column

Aaron Loudenslager

Corporate America and its owned subsidiary, which happens to be called the Republican Party, defeated its number one enemy in American politics in the last election. Russ Feingold, a three-term U.S. Senator from Wisconsin who was the only senator to vote against the Patriot Act, lost his re-election bid due to his passionate positions regarding the role of corporations, not only in elections, but also in society in general. Corporations removed one of their fiercest critics by funneling money to the Ron Johnson campaign and by outspending Feingold's campaign at

a rate of 3:1. Ironically, Ron Johnson is a corporate man himself and owns a plastic company in Wisconsin called PACUR.

Last year, the Supreme Court ruled in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission that corporations cannot be discriminated against because of their "corporate identity" and therefore can spend unlimited amounts of money in elections, even though the holding of this case goes against over 100 years of established case law, including the Supreme Court case Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The American people know that corporations don't care about citizens or consumers when corporations actively engage in the political process. A 2000 BusinessWeek poll showed that nearly 75 percent of those polled think that corporations have too much control over

their lives and a 2010 ABC News/Washington Post poll showed that 80 percent of those polled were opposed to the Citizens United court ruling.

Why do citizens not trust Corporate America? Is it the fact that between 1998 and 2005 only one-third of corporations paid any federal income tax? Is it the fact that former corporate executives find themselves in federal agencies regulating the industries they once worked for, with examples such as former Goldman Sachs CEO, Henry Paulson?

Corporate influence can be seen in both the Democratic and Republican Parties with examples such as Dick Cheney, John Boehner, Max Baucus and Chris Dodd. The Democratic Party is home to the last of the true progressives such as Feingold and Dennis Kucinich (D-OH), but overall it is still captured by

corporate interests, just not to the extreme extent that the Republican Party currently is.

Feingold is not the first U.S. senator from Wisconsin to lose in the fashion that he did. Senator Gaylord Nelson, one of the principal founders of Earth Day, lost his senate seat to a Republican in 1980. Both Feingold and Nelson stood up for their ideals. It is for this exact reason that both lost their seats.

Feingold fought for the ordinary American citizen, instead of standing with corporations like Republican Senator Mitch McConnell who said that the Citizens United decision, was "an important step in the direction of restoring the First Amendment rights of these groups by ruling that the Constitution protects their right to express themselves about political candidates and issues up until Election Day."

It's obvious that the Republican

Party is more concerned with the rights and profits of corporations than with fighting for the American people like Feingold did every day. Feingold fought for single-payer health insurance, publicly funded elections, the regulation and taxation of financial derivatives, and everything that is the progressive Wisconsin tradition started by Robert LaFollette.

There is only one question to ask the Republican Party as they plan their legislative agenda for when they officially control the House of Representatives in the wake of Feingold's loss. Will the Republican Party decide to stand up for the rights of "real" people who live, breath, eat and can experience life like Feingold did, or will they stand up for the rights of "artificial" people who care only about more profits, and only exist on paper, which are called corporations?

Sound Off

If you could start a business, what kind of business would you start?

compiled by Justin Key



Preston Hergert
freshman,
photography

"A photography studio."



Stephanie Torres
freshman,
criminal justice

"I'd make the biggest subway in the world."



Parker Ameel
freshman,
environmental conservation

"Brewery, most likely."



Sarah Weirtz
sophomore,
psychology

"Organic food store."



Michelle Stewart
sophomore,
clinical laboratory science

"An indoor tennis academy in the UP."

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WILDCAT MARKET   PROMOTIONAL SERVICES

Folk band performs, shares experience

By Austin Irwin
staff writer

There are several things that characterize a band. Aside from the haircuts, the outfits, and the genre of music they play, it is what the band does behind the scenes, off the stage, and into the communities through their travels. A folk-music based band from Philadelphia, The Great Unknown, is having a free of charge show on Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Community Room located inside the Peter White Library.

"I think it could be really cool to have an event at the Peter White Public Library where we could play our own music as well as share some of our experiences from the previous 4 weeks. We really like spending time and meeting people in new communities," guitarist Brad Jacobson told event organizer Mary Schneeberger when he first inquired about playing in Marquette.

The Great Unknown, made up of band members Todd Henkin (guitar, harmonica, vocals), Jordan Berger (drums, vocals), Matt Goldsbrough (bass, guitar, vocals, mandolin), and Jacobson (lap steel, guitar, vocals, banjo), are currently traveling the United States to not only promote their upcoming EP titled "The New Skin," but to teach songwriting and individuality.

The Great Unknown has traveled to such cities as Washington DC, New York City, Boston, Chicago, Milwaukee and now Marquette.

Besides just playing their new songs to promote their new album, The Great Unknown also gets involved with communities, by teaching week-long songwriting workshops to elementary stu-

dents in five of the cities they visit along the tour. To The Great Unknown, it's more than just showing up to play in front of a crowd; they become involved and learn about each city they play in.

The opening acts will include two local bands, NMU student Kerry Yost and The Goldmine Girls. The Goldmine Girls is a local sister-duo from Marquette, made up of Gentian and RiLee Waller.

"I'm very excited to open for the Great Unknown. When I heard the reason they were coming to NMU, it sounded like they were a really cool group bunch of individuals," Yost said.

Yost has been playing guitar seriously for four years, but has sang her whole life, recently taking part in a few open-mic nights.

"I feel this will be a very unique concert. Folk is a very big genre here in Marquette, and the fact they come to a town and do more than just play music really means a lot. Literacy, writing, and music are real cornerstones to help the youth develop."

Yost has faced challenges in her personal songwriting experience, even for someone who has been on stage several times and has sung back-up for bands prior to the event on Nov. 13.

"When it comes down to actually sitting down and writing a song, it is very difficult. I have a lot of one-liners, or just things that sound catchy, but putting them together is tough, yet very enjoyable when the final project is done," Yost said.

Schneeberger explained why, out of the cities between Philadelphia and Milwaukee, The Great Unknown chose Marquette.

"Another band from Philadelphia told them about how much

of a blast they had while playing here in Marquette, and at the Peter White Library," Schneeberger said. "They also wanted to come to meet new people and to share some of the work they have done at the elementary song writing workshops."

From being involved in America Scores tour to helping inner-city schools with songwriting, The Great Unknown teaches students that anyone is capable of writing a song. They are touring not only to share music, but to teach the process through which music is made.



Photo courtesy of thegreatunknownmusic.com

The Great Unknown not only tours and performs, but seeks to meet and teach the communities about songwriting and individuality.



Photo courtesy of thegreatunknownmusic.com

Philadelphia-based folk band, The Great Unknown, is on a tour to promote their music and songwriting to grammar school children. A hometown friend of the band played at the PWPL a year ago and suggested that The Great Unknown performs there as well on their way back to Philadelphia.

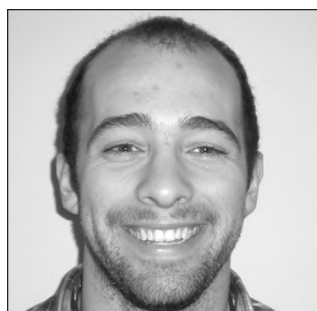
No-Shave November

Why did you decide to participate in No-Shave November this year?



Josh Santiago
resident director,
Magers Hall

"It seems to be something a lot of residents did and I thought it be a pretty good bonding experience."



James Dyer
junior,
English writing

"It gets really cold in the winter, and having a beard is a lifestyle."



Kellen Michalak
sophomore,
business

"The weather's getting cold, and you've got to be warm for the winter."



Michael Carroll
junior,
English

"I'm an RA and I have residents that were like, 'You should do it,' and they basically guilted me into it."



Eric Creel
freshman,
outdoor recreation

"I've had a beard for over a year now and didn't remember what I looked like without it, so Oct. 31 seemed like a good time to find out."



George: Joe Rayome

Lennie: Kristofar Kremplen

Of Mice *and* Men

By: Alisa Fox

As we watch our economy fall deeper and deeper into trouble, it brings to light certain values and moral obligations to each other as human beings. Nothing brings those issues to light as fully as John Steinbeck's classic "Of Mice and Men," which will be performed on the stage of the Forest Robert's Theatre Thursday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Nov. 20.

“It's basically a play about friends,” said director Shelley Russell. “It's a play about what it means to take care of each other.”

There is a certain realism that can't be ignored when hearing the story of George and his simple friend, Lennie, who work at a California ranch. They faced many of the same problems during the 1930s that we ourselves face today, such as an economic crisis and questioning basic everyday morals.

“It's going to be a show that college students will appreciate, because it raises questions that are still relevant,” said Russell.

Despite the play's serious note, Russell said she is very excited for opening night.

“(Students) will feel like it's the best play ever,” Russell said. “They will walk away telling their friends, ‘You've got to see this.’”

Another reason to be excited about the performance of “Of Mice and Men” is that Joe Rayome, NMU alumnus and current member of the Actor's Equity Union, will be guest starring as the main character, George.

“The story itself is just so classic. That's what's so great about the actors in the play. It's so real and it's so skeletal,” Rayome said. “It's not about special effects. It's not about spectacle. It's about these guys' lives in a very difficult time in history.”

“It's going to be a show that college students will appreciate because it raises questions that are still relevant,” said Russell.”

Rayome said he also noticed the striking similarities between the play and present-day America - similarities that can't be avoided.

“These are guys just trying to scrape through and make a living for themselves, have a life, feed themselves every day, know where they're going to be sleeping every night. There are a lot of people today in this country who are going through the same thing. I think it's important to know

that history repeats itself and what we can do to help ourselves going forward,” said Rayome.

Rayome brings his observation skills onto the stage during rehearsal. He treats his acting just like any other profession in hopes that some of the students might take away a few lessons themselves, he said.

“Part of what was exciting for me to come back is being able to pass something on, to share experiences that I've learned in the time I've been gone,” Rayome said. “These guys who are exactly where I was nine years ago.”

Rayome said he hopes other students can learn about acting from his example on the stage, and he also hopes that they view him as approachable, especially if they have questions or want to talk about their acting with him.

“If there's anything they want to talk about, if there are any questions they have, please come to me. That's a big part of why I'm here,” said Rayome.



“The Boss”: Rob Shirlin



Curly: Michael Skrobeck

With so many actors performing for the first time in this production, it's easy to see where some help would come in handy. Kristofar Krempien, a senior physical education major and former NMU football player, is hitting the stage for the first time as Lennie, George's friend who he also looks after.

“This is a totally new experience for me,” Krempien said. “It's a big role and a difficult one.”

Michael Skrobeck, a sophomore and also a new face to NMU's stage, has also found that connecting with his character can be difficult at times.

“I never thought that I'd be picked to play Curly,” Skrobeck said. “It's a matter of understanding Curly. He's just a total jerk and I don't think he realizes how mean he is to people, and I have to be that. And it's changing my voice. My voice is not a manly voice, and I can admit that, and I'm not the manliest guy.

But I get into this costume and change my accent and

change my voice real low, and I just change.”

Despite these difficulties, the cast and crew in “Of Mice and Men” are working hard to make the production a hit on campus.

“Expect the unexpected,” said Skrobeck. “If they think they know what they're getting into, they don't.”

Tickets to “Of Mice and Men” are \$8 for NMU students with an ID, and \$12 for the general public. Performances will be Nov. 17-20 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. To purchase tickets, contact the Forest Roberts Theater at 906-227-2082 or go to any of NMU's EZ Ticket Outlets.



'Due Date' arrives too late on laughs



Film: Due Date
 Director: Todd Phillips
 Producer: Daniel Goldberg
 Writer: Alan R. Cohen, Alan Freeland
 Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Zach Galifianakis, Jamie Foxx
 Runtime: 100 minutes
 Rating: R



By Reed Belmonte
 staff writer

In the past decade or so, I've noticed an increase in films that shout strongly to previous tales that inspired it. Whether someone is rewriting "Pocahontas" and calling it "Avatar," or "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and calling it "The Nutty Professor," there are way too many similarities to ignore the fact that the writer had the corresponding movies in mind while creating the script.

There's one thing that kept screaming out to me as I watched

"Due Date," and that was John Hughes' "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles." In "Planes," the stressed-out businessman (Steve Martin) and the obnoxious traveling salesman (John Candy) must travel cross-country for Thanksgiving, and mayhem ensues.

"Due Date" is a cross-country comedy of circumstances getting worse before they get better. Peter (the always fantastic Downey Jr.) is an egotistical, Bluetooth-savvy, stressed out businessman flying home for the birth of his first child. After being kicked off the plane because of wannabe actor Ethan (Zach Galifianakis), Peter finds himself on the no-fly list, leaving him no choice but to

travel by car 2,000 miles with his newfound friend Ethan.

For what it's worth, the duo really hit it off. Downey especially hits the nail on the head. He's a natural for comedic acting and indulges the audience into the fast-talking asshole we all love to watch.

Galifianakis is as funny and obnoxious as he was in "The Hangover." Sadly, that's all he is; the weird, off-the-wall bearded potbelly who doesn't seem all-there with it, screwing up every situation. We've all seen it before, only this time he has a dog.

Nonetheless, the couple adds something compelling and more powerful to the story that isn't shown often enough: soul. It's hard to make the transition between "I despise you on a cellular level" and "I want to kiss you," but they do it perfectly. The pair injects real soul into creating the "needing each other" concept with an improv exercise in a gas station bathroom, where Galifianakis lets out his true sweat and tears.

Unfortunately, strong acting talent isn't enough to call "Due Date" a stand-out comedy like "The Hangover." Bottom line: it's too long. Surely it has its share of hilarious moments, followed by useless dialogue and a montage of a car and American scenery. The

film would be completely strenuous for someone with ADD. The pace is way too slow between jokes. And it doesn't help that this film goes over the top, with such scenes as a jailbreak/car chase scene that had me sighing until it was over. The filmmakers seemed like they were trying too hard.

In addition, Jamie Foxx is in the film for 10 minutes (which seems more than enough) as Downey's best friend, introducing us to some suspicion of who the real father of the coming child might be. In brief, it really doesn't pertain to anything, and I just didn't care. This, however, does

not stop Todd Phillips from bringing in an onslaught of big-name celebrities for other random parts, such as Juliette Lewis, Matt Walsh and Danny McBride. McBride who absolutely steals the scene as a Western Union employee who won't give Downey his money; it's a side-splitting sight to behold.

Whether it's the battering of children or smoking pot at the U.S.-Mexican border, the movie has its laughs. Unfortunately, "Due Date" is carrying a 300 pound gorilla on its back called "The Hangover," and falls short of its expectations.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

Businessman Peter finds himself kicked off the plane and into a car with wannabe actor Ethan on his way home for the birth of his first child.

Good, not great, pizza found at Mr. B's



By Brice Burge
 staff writer

Marquette is built on a bunch of mom-and-pop businesses, and one of the newest eateries in town is just that. Mr. B's Pizza and Sub Shop on Presque Isle Avenue has replaced the Michigan-based chain pizzeria, Toarmina's, and is now the sole store in the franchise. Appropriately, their product is what would be expected from a new restaurant.

I had the opportunity to try Mr. B's, and it appears it is still trying to find an identity as its huge menu varies between standard pizzas and subs, desserts and sides and daily specials like Chicago-style hot dogs and lasagna.

While menu parity is usually a good thing as Mr. B's tests the market for what works, that identity has yet to be found in its food preparation. Mr. B's has an open view of the kitchen, similar to Little Caesars, and while waiting for my food, the actual making of it had no rhyme or reason. One foot-long sub had more toppings than a large pizza, every pizza had different amounts of sauce, and instead of timing the orders in the oven, the staff just opened the door and

eyeballed it. Being open since September, I would have thought a set of instructions would have been established.

I ordered the meat specialty pizza with a side order of breadsticks. I tried the breadsticks first and was surprised by the good taste. The homemade sticks had a solid flavor to them, with a smooth garlic butter taste. They were thick and dense, like the kind of bread you get from a classy sit-down restaurant instead of the mostly-air breadsticks of Pizza Hut. Five breadsticks came in an order along with a sweet marinara sauce that further enhanced the taste.

Unfortunately, I cannot say the same about the pizza. The smoky taste of the bacon and beef completely eclipsed the taste of the pie. The pepperoni was good, but there wasn't nearly enough of it, as there might have been 15 pieces on the 16-inch pizza.

The cheese was good, but wasn't stringy like real cheese; it was more like the cheese that the NMU cafeterias use. The crust didn't add anything to the taste and its consistency was odd. I'm not exactly sure how to describe it. It didn't have the slight rise or seared edges like a pan crust, nor did it have the crispiness of a thin crust or the thickness to be a deep dish.

After my third piece, I knew

something was missing, but could not figure it out until pulling back the cheese. There was little to no sauce throughout the entire pizza, and I think I lucked out. If the same sweet marinara for my breadsticks was the sauce, then it and the smoky meats would have clashed more than orange juice and toothpaste. Good pizza requires the different flavors of toppings, cheese, crust and sauce to blend together to make one superior taste. Mr. B's ingredients,

however, jockeyed for position on the taste buds and gave the meal a bigger identity crisis than the establishment.

What saved the 3-star rating were the intangibles of appealing to a college-aged crowd. The costs were very competitive with fast food chains for both pizzas and subs, and NMU students get 10 percent off with an NMU ID. Delivery is free with every order, and service was very personal and friendly. Also, as a fan of cold

pizza, Mr. B's got better the next morning, as the smoky flavor subsided overnight and the cheese became tastier.

Mr. B's has a way to go before they become a highly competitive member of the Marquette dining scene, but is heading in the right direction for such a young business. If you're willing to try new places, this will be right up your alley, but make sure you give them your feedback, because Mr. B's needs it.



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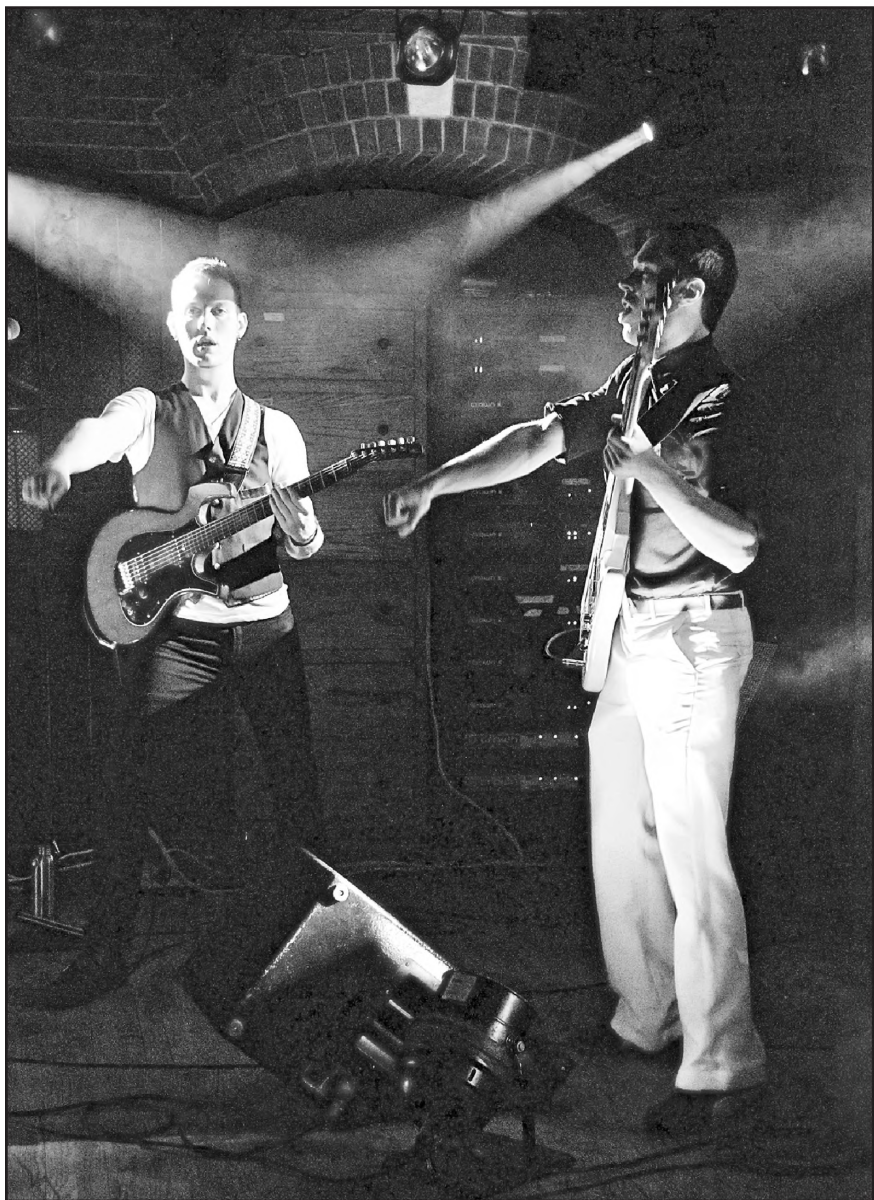
Mr. B's Pizza and Sub Shop, which replaced Toarmina's pizzeria, has large menu selection but still needs to establish itself with more consistent cooking instructions for its workers to follow.



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By Ashley Wiggins
photo editor



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Saginaw steals Senior Day in overtime

By **Brice Burge**
 assistant sports editor

The resilience of a fourth-quarter comeback wasn't enough for the Northern Michigan football team on Saturday, Nov. 6, as the Wildcats fell to the visiting Saginaw Valley State Cardinals 24-17 in overtime. It was an especially painful loss for the team, as the game was Senior Day for NMU.

Despite the tough emotions associated with the loss, the team has found positives to build on, and, more importantly, to be proud of in the senior's final game in the Superior Dome.

"I'm really disappointed that we lost this game, but I'm proud of this team," said defensive tackle DJ Catalano. "We came back and we put in a lot of effort. That was probably the best 3-6 team in the country, and I'm very happy with the way we stepped up to the challenge and stuck together."

Catalano was one of the 11 seniors who excelled against the Cardinals, as he led the team with 13 tackles and half a sack.

"With this being my last game in the Dome, I just made sure that I played hard," Catalano said. "I didn't want to stop."

Other senior performances had defensive backs Ricky Neaves, Junior Michel and DJ Oke making nine, five and four tackles respectively and linebackers Eric Wells and John Blessing coming up with multiple third down stops. Offensively, wide receiver Dustin Brancheau tied for most receptions in the game and tight end Blake Crider had a touchdown, while left guard Jason DuMont created big holes for the rushing attack with the offensive line. In special teams, Anthony Leandri averaged 63.3 yards for his three kickoffs and short snapper Mike Levy made four solid snaps in the place kicking game.

"I thought the seniors played hard," said head coach Bernie Anderson. "We watched the film on Sunday and saw great effort, and I thought the seniors could be proud of themselves for the way they played."

The game was a rough ride, emotionally for the 'Cats. After a solid opening return, NMU quickly found themselves in Cardinal territory, but the momentum swiftly turned after a fumble was returned for a 50-yard touchdown return by corner back Ja'Vae Ingraham. After that, the Wildcats had trouble establishing their offense, punting on the next four drives. The team looked to have something going with five minutes left in the half, only to have a missed field goal leave the team without points. After the first half ended, NMU was down 10-0.

"There were some plays that were working and some plays that weren't," said offensive lineman Nathan Linsmeier. "The coaches did a good job recognizing those right plays, and we came out strong in the second half."

In the second half the Wildcats started to have more luck running the Wildcat offense. The widely-known offensive scheme with the same name of Northern's mascot uses direct snaps to running backs and wide receivers instead of the quarterback to cause confusion in the defense. NFL teams like the Cleveland Browns and Miami Dolphins have run the Wildcat offense

with decent success in the last two seasons. While the Wildcat worked for NMU in the second half, it can create some issues in consistency for the team, as five different players took offensive snaps throughout the game.

"It takes a lot of concentration because it's so difficult," said center Andy Vasquez. "They're all different when they shout out the snap count and different in size."

With the offense working on all cylinders, NMU was able to score 17 unanswered points to tie the game with just three seconds left to force overtime. This was the first overtime game for Northern this season.

"You try to motivate them to make the team feel good," An-

derson said. "We came out motivated and (Saginaw) came out motivated."

In their first attempt at overtime, Saginaw Valley was able to score a touchdown on a two-yard pass to wide receiver Zach Cecich on a post route over the middle of the field. Due to collegiate overtime rules, the Wildcats then received a chance to score a touchdown as well, but could not score any points. On fourth down from the eight-yard line, tight end Craig Thompson had a crossing route near the goal line, but was shoved from behind by a Cardinal defender. No flag was thrown on the play, and the 'Cats suffered their second straight home loss.

The Wildcats are now at 5-5



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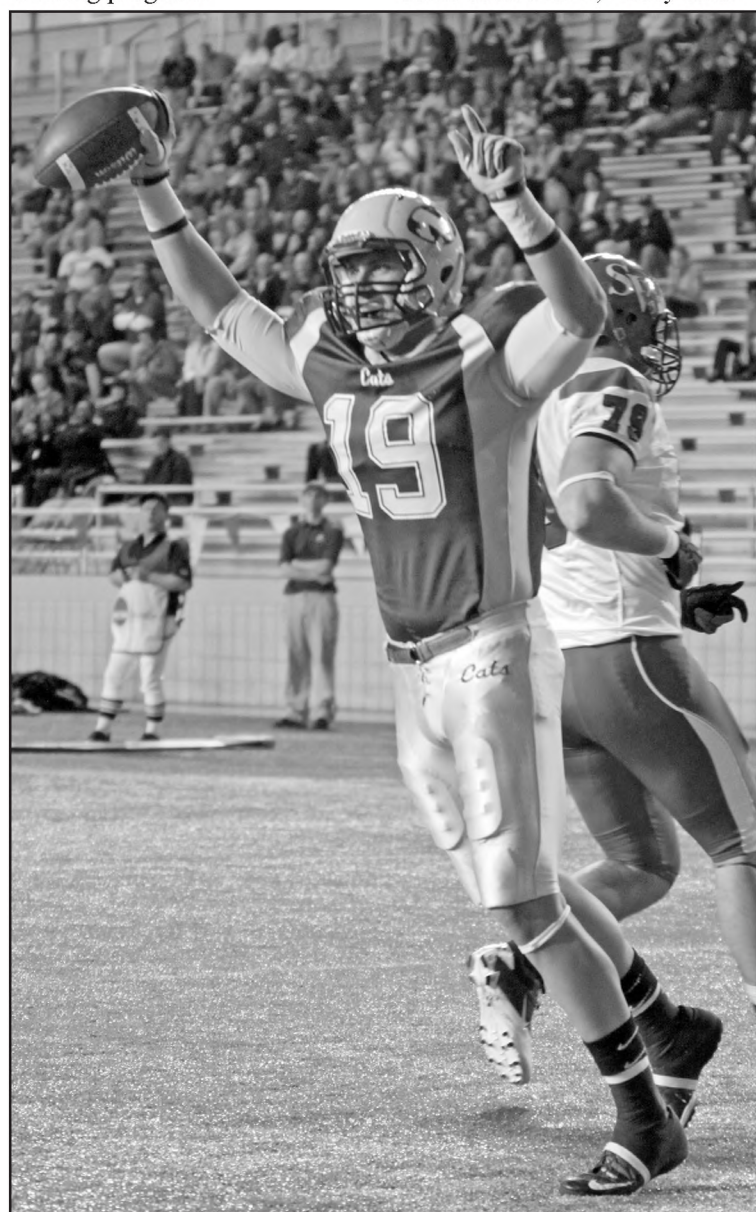
Quarterback Jacob Hicks (above) hands the ball off to running back Phillip Smith in the third quarter to set up a touchdown reception by tight end Blake Crider (below). Crider's touchdown was the first score of the game for the Wildcats.

with one game left in the regular season against the rival Michigan Tech Huskies. A lot is on the line in this game, as a win would solidify the first back to back winning seasons since 1999-2000 for NMU.

"We have a chance for our second straight winning season," Leandri said. "One of the reasons why I came here was to help turn this team around and make this a winning program."

A win for the Huskies would further their cause for a playoff bid, as they are ranked one spot outside of the NCAA Division II playoffs. Also on the line for the teams is the Miner's Cup, the rivalry trophy shared by the two teams. NMU holds the cup after a 48-16 victory in Houghton last year.

"We're going to go up there with that cup, and were going to come back with it," Levy said.



Senior day further celebrated by post-game family dinner

The Wildcats celebrated senior day for the football team with their first ever Senior Day Family Dinner after the game against Saginaw Valley last Saturday in the East end of the Superior Dome. Put together by the Wildcat Football Parent Association, the players and their families and friends were able to come together and celebrate the accomplishments of the season.

The meal gave the unique opportunity to bring together families from all over Michigan and as far away as Florida and Idaho. Gail and Jim Wells, parents of senior linebacker Eric Wells, traveled cross the country for the opportunity to see their son play one more time in Marquette.

"We've been coming all the way from California to see him play and we've felt really connected to the team," Jim said.

With the ending of their son's career in sight, it gave Wells a chance to reflect on the past.

"There are the obvious plays that you remember like the forced fumbles and his first interception ever," Gail said, "but seeing his leadership moments were my proudest moments of him. I think that's what I remember most."

— Brice Burge



File photo/NW

Wildcat midfielder KC McCary battles for possession with Tiffin forward Katie Sarvas on Oct. 10. In both games this year against Tiffin, NMU lost 2-0, with the last one being in the GLIAC tournament semifinal on Nov. 5.

Soccer team makes first ever NCAA appearance

By Jon Young
staff writer

On Monday, Nov. 8, the NCAA women's division II tournament brackets were released, and for the first time in the program's history the NMU women's soccer team made the tournament. On Friday, Nov. 12 at noon, the Wildcats (8-4-3 GLIAC, 9-5-5 overall) will be in Kenosha, Wisc. to take on the Northern Kentucky Norse (13-1-0 Great Lakes Valley Conference, 16-2-1 overall). Head coach Matt Granstrand is happy to see the team make it in after being close many seasons before.

"It's huge; we've been on the door step year after year after

Tiffin's just a quality team. Credit to them and their coach, she did a great job. They play a nice brand of soccer

— Matt Granstrand
head coach

year," Granstrand said. "To finally get in is fantastic; the girls are very deserving of this."

For the third-seeded Norse, this is the third straight appearance at the NCAA tournament. The team was the winner of the Great Lakes Valley Conference and is lead by Amanda Mason

with 17 goals. The 'Cats are the sixth seed and aren't content with just getting a tournament bid.

"We don't go 'oh that's fantastic we're in,'" Granstrand said. "Northern Kentucky is a good team, but we know a little bit about them. We think we can compete pretty well against them."

The winner of the game will go on to play the host, second-seed University of Wisconsin Parkside Rangers (16-2-1) on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 1:30 p.m. Senior goalie Dana Bush is happy to see the team make the tournament after coming close in past years.

"It's really exciting, we've been working it all five years I've been here," Bush said. "It's exciting to finally accomplish that goal."

The successful season on the pitch for Northern didn't go unnoticed in the GLIAC, as four players were named to all-conference teams. Senior forwards Dana Stephens and Kari Buckel made second team all-conference along with sophomore forward Amelia Johnson. Sophomore goalie Jessica Baker made first team all-GLIAC.

"It's pretty cool, I definitely wasn't expecting it," Baker said. "I definitely owe it to my defense, because the goalie doesn't

look good unless they do good."

On Friday, Nov. 5 the NMU women's varsity soccer team traveled to Allendale, Michigan to take on the Tiffin University Dragons (9-3-2 GLIAC 12-5-2 overall) in the GLIAC tournament semifinals. For the second time this year, the 'Cats fell to the NCAA tournament bound Dragons 2-0. Granstrand thought the team played well but couldn't overcome the injuries.

"I thought we played well in the beginning, but there was a pyramid of injuries as the game progressed," Granstrand said. "It's hard enough to play Tiffin when you're healthy."

Tiffin's Ashley Davis broke the tie open at 13:41 with a goal from 12 yards out. The Wildcats battled all game, despite all the injuries they sustained, including two concussions. Injuries aside, Granstrand credited Tiffin's solid play in the victory.

"Tiffin's just a quality team," Granstrand said. "Credit to them and their coach, she did a great job. They play a nice brand of soccer."

Tiffin scored again at 74:23 to go up 2-0. The Dragons outshot the 'Cats 15-4 in the game. Both Bush and Baker saw time at goalie against Tiffin. Bush recorded four saves, and Baker had two. Tiffin went on to the championship game where they fell to Grand Valley 2-0.

Volleyball Wildcats to host GLIAC tournament game

By David Pleyel
staff writer

The NMU Women's Volleyball team had a tough series of matches last weekend as they faced off against some of the GLIAC's best volleyball teams. The Wildcats put up the good fight against all three opponents but lost two out of their three games, lowering their overall record and GLIAC standings.

The Wildcats first went up against the Hillsdale College Chargers. Hillsdale forced the 'Cats to play at their tempo and speed of the game. The Wildcats did not go down easily as they fought for every single point they scored, but in the end, Hillsdale was the victor as they swept the 'Cats in three straight sets (25-22, 26-24, and 25-22).

The Wildcats next moved on to the Wayne State Warriors. The Warriors wasted little time aggressively serving and showing the will to compete by winning the first two sets 25-22, and 25-17. The 'Cats, trying to come-back, won the third set 28-26, but in the end, the Warriors were not accepting defeat as they won the final set by 25-21, giving the 'Cats their second loss of the weekend.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said that these were tough losses, but the expectations around this team surpassed anything he could have hoped for.

"Both matches against Hillsdale and Wayne State were very competitive, and we had a couple of missed opportunities and plays that we shouldn't miss," Yoder said. "This team is performing way above their expectations and it's a young team. We may be at the point to where we have maxed out the players abilities, but that doesn't mean we stop competing, ever."

The Wildcats' final opponent of the weekend was the Findlay Oilers. The Wildcats, who wanted to end their last regular season game on a good note, came out fast and hard, controlling first

contact and winning the service battle against Findlay's defense. The 'Cats won the first set 25-17. The Oilers came back strong to win the second set 25-18, but the 'Cats proved this was their day to shine as they took the final sets 25-18 and 25-21.

Freshman libero Kristin Wetzel said she feels that the team is struggling to put all the parts together, but the ability and drive that this team has, the season is far from over.

"I think the team is wondering what happened to that 'refuse to lose' attitude," Wetzel said. "This late in the season, the game is all about heart and competing, and if we compete and leave our blood on the court, the rest will take care of itself. We just have to believe in ourselves, and above all else, remain confident."

Sami Vierk led the 'Cats in kills this weekend with a total of 34 for all three games, followed up by Lina Lopes who had 30, and Emma Wolfe with 21. Kristin Wetzel led the 'Cats with over 64 Digs this weekend, followed by Lina Lopes with 40.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said that the upcoming game against Tiffin is very important in securing a spot for the NCAA Division II tournament and losing this game is not an option.

"Right now, Tiffin is fighting for their lives in order to get in this tournament, and right now we are the team that stands in their way," Yoder said. "Tiffin is a very competitive team, and we will be on our toes this weekend, but as long as we focus on serving, passing and being competitive, we will go far in our tournament endeavors."

The Wildcats will start the GLIAC tournament on Thursday, Nov. 11 as they host the Tiffin Dragons at 7 p.m. in the Vandament Arena. General admission costs \$8. The Wildcats faced off against Tiffin early on in the season and were able to pull out a victory of 3-1 on Tiffin's home court.

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Swimming wins in final home event

By Jon Young
staff writer

The NMU swimming and diving team was at home last weekend and hosted the UW-Oshkosh Titans on Saturday, Nov. 6. It was the last home meet of the year and Senior Day for the 'Cats who came away with a 145-97 win over the Titans. Head coach Heidi Voigt was proud of the team's performance.

"It feels great, these guys have put in the work and the time and the effort," Voigt said. "They've been training their butts off. It has been really fun, they deserve it."

For the second week in a row the 200-yard medley relay team earned the 'Cats the early lead. Lauren Cockles, Olga Budiansky, Jenny Gallagher and Kelsey Sipple won the race with a time of 1:54.68, which was nearly nine seconds faster than their opponents. The Wildcats stayed aggressive in the 1000-yard freestyle, with sophomore Lindsay Stedman taking first place with a time of 11:23.69 and sophomore Jessica Linnen coming in third at 11:43.28.

Sophomore Gaby Alzaga took first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:01.47, knocking four seconds off her previous time. Sophomore Kelsey Sipple got first place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.87. The 'Cats took first in the first four events to build a 46-28 lead over the Titans. UW-Os-

I'm hoping to just get stronger and do my best in nationals this year.

— Kelli Vander Baan
senior diver

hosh finished first and second in the 200-yard, but Northern quickly shifted the momentum back to their side with senior Kelli Vander Baan winning the 3-meter dive with a score of 268.85. Vander Baan, the team's lone senior, said she was sad that she won't dive at home again.

"It's sad, I'm really sad," Vander Baan said. "It's kind of overwhelming a little bit because I know this is my last home meet."

Vander Baan has been part of the NMU swimming and diving team for four years and has been voted the MVP by the team her first three seasons. Diving coach Andy Ward has enjoyed working with Vander Baan and is looking forward to working with her throughout the year.

"It's been fun to end up watching her grow and mature from her freshman year to this year," Ward said. "We've seen so much progress; I'm really looking forward to working with her for the rest of the season."

Vander Baan, who also won the 1-meter dive with a score of 259.50, qualified for nationals on both boards today after her impressive performance. She is happy with the season so far and looks to keep improving.

"It's been a pretty good season. I started off pretty strong this year," Vander Baan said. "I'm hoping to just get stronger and do my best in nationals this year."

The Wildcats continued their dominance through the meet recording first-place finishes in 11 of the 13 events. Other first-place finishers for the 'Cats were Lauren

his first win of the year, and easily his best effort of the year."

The Wildcats got off to an early lead when junior forward Andrew Cherniwchan (Wade Epp, Greger Hanson) scored at 4:05 in the first period. Junior forward Tyler Gron (Justin Florek, Scott Macaulay) scored the game-winning goal at 12:39.

The Wildcats had two minor penalties and one major in the second period, but both teams went into a shell until late in the second period when the Lakers scored a power play goal at 18:30 off of a two-minute cross-checking penalty on Wade Epp.

The Lakers had three more power play opportunities to score in the third period, but the Wildcats penalty killing unit allowed nothing more. Senior forward Greger Hanson punished the Lak-



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(Above) Sophomore swimmer Jennifer Gallagher earned third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:17.22. (Below) Senior Kelli Vander Baan qualified for NCAA nationals in the 1- and 3-meter dives.

It's been fun to end up watching her grow and mature from her freshman year to this year.

— Andy Ward
diving coach

Cockles (100-yard butterfly), Kelsey Sipple (100-yard freestyle), Gaby Alzaga (100-yard backstroke), Lindsay Stedman (500-yard freestyle) and Olga Budiansky (100-yard breaststroke).

The Wildcats don't race again until Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Calvin invite in Grand Rapids. Voigt said her team needs the recovery time after having four meets in four weeks. She also expects the times be better at Calvin.

"It's a little different than a dual meet. They can attack one race at a time," Voigt said. "They'll have more rest and recovery in between events so we should be looking at a little faster times."



Wildcat hockey splits games at LSSU

By John Becker
sports editor

The NMU hockey team rose to a three-game winning streak last weekend after beating the Lake Superior State Lakers. However the 'Cats ended up splitting the weekend against LSSU as they lost the second game. The Wildcats (3-3 CCHA, 3-5-1 overall) prepare for home conference action this weekend against Bowling Green.

Goaltender Reid Ellingson played the duration of the Friday, Nov. 5 game, winning his first of the season with 42 saves and only one goal allowed. Head coach Walt Kyle said Ellingson played well.

"I thought Reid had a great game, and we were really happy to see that," Kyle said. "That was

ers for pulling their goaltender late in the third with his empty net goal, earning the team a solid 4-1 victory.

Hanson said the empty-netter was just icing on the victory-cake.

"It felt good as any other goal, but it was just nice to know that the game was over and we got the win," Hanson said.

Hanson is tied as the leading points-scorer with eight; however, six of his points are assists. He said hockey is really a team effort and that no one player can get a win by himself.

"I play with good teammates. I just try to make the simple passes, and I'm lucky to have good teammates who will score on my passes," Hanson said.

Although the offense scored multiple times early in the first

game, the second game of the weekend on Saturday, Nov. 6 got off to a slow start, as all the action occurred in the second period.

The Lakers got a shorthanded goal at 5:26 in the second, followed by another goal midway through the period. The Wildcat power play squad later executed a good play when Justin Florek scored at 12:32. However, Florek's goal would not be enough as the Lakers took the game, 3-1.

Kyle said the Wildcats didn't perform as well defensively on Saturday, but it also wasn't their only issue.

"I think of equal importance was that our offense didn't generate many opportunities," Kyle said. "We didn't make them have to defend their net, and when you do that, they start coming at you."

The 'Cats host the Bowling Green State University Falcons (1-5 CCHA, 4-6 overall) on Friday, Nov. 12 and Saturday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center. Friday's game is Military Appreciation Night where all military personnel and their families can purchase tickets for \$6.

Kyle said the Falcons are a team to be reckoned with and their conference record isn't a good indicator of their skill.

"They're very capable of coming in here and beating us so we have to make sure we come in here next week and take care of business," Kyle said. "After this weekend, I think we play four on the road, so these two games are important games."

The Wildcats will travel to take on the University of Alaska-Anchorage Nanooks on Nov. 19-20.

People in stripes play integral, yet unnoticed role in world of sports

By Scott Viau

managing editor

When watching a sporting event, most people are focused on the players on the field, not the people standing or running along the sidelines. It's these people who need to have a keen eye for what's happening, and it's often their call for whether or not a play was good or if the points just scored were valid.

For sophomore media production and new technology major Adam Holloway, making sure the rule book is being followed is his job.

Holloway is an officiator for men's ice hockey. He said he decided to ref the sport when he realized his talents did not lay in playing the game itself.

"I just want to do it, because when I started, I wasn't any good at hockey and I knew that I could direct my talents toward something else," Holloway said. "It just snowballed from there."

To become an officiator, Holloway said there isn't an actual training camp for those who are interested. Applicants need to skate well and thoroughly know the rule book.

"You can't be someone who comes in and is just learning about hockey the first day and expect to be able to ref the next day," Holloway said.

He also likened refereeing to being somewhat like a politician, as there are different relationships that need to be handled well.

"If you've got a coach who's getting irate, you can't jump right back in his face because you lose credibility," Holloway said. "You've got to be able to calm (the coach) down, explain things and make sure things are understood."

When it comes to actually making calls, Holloway said that



File photo/NW

Sophomore media production and new technology major Adam Holloway oversees an NMU men's club hockey game. Holloway said he has been a referee since the 1995-96 hockey season except for a five-year span when he was in the U.S. Navy.

in the rulebook, the procedure is pretty cut and dry, but that there is some leeway.

"It's upon the referee's discretion with certain things. If there's no intent there, I can leave (a penalty) at a two-minute minor," Holloway said. "However, if I feel there was intent, then in my opinion I can go ahead and assess the five-minute major, the game misconduct and maybe even the match penalty."

The match penalty means that a player cannot play in a game until a meeting has been convened, and then that board hands down the punishment.

Holloway said some people might think that because he's a Northern student, his decisions will favor NMU, but said that's

not how he views a team.

"I see a team in white and a team in red," Holloway said. "It's one of the reasons why when we're out on the ice we don't refer to them as Marquette or Negaunee."

While Holloway said he tries to remain as unbiased as possible, he said that perhaps in his subconscious there might be influence from the crowd regarding which way to make a call.

"You're going to call the game the way you see it, and that's all that can be asked of you," Holloway said. "The first thing they teach us at the ref seminar for USA hockey is that you're not there to please everybody."

Senior secondary education history and political science ma-

ior Callie Youngman has been a line judge for NMU's volleyball team for two years.

"Mainly, my job is to be an extra pair of eyes for the up ref and the down ref," Youngman said.

Youngman said she is a huge fan of volleyball, having played the sport for two years prior to officiating for it.

"I'm going to be (at the game) anyway so I might as well be helping out in some capacity," Youngman said. "I miss playing the game and this is a way for me to still be involved and it's a lot of fun."

Youngman said that people interested in becoming line judges do not need to have played the game. She added that most of the

line judges are older men who have just played volleyball recreationally.

"Anyone can get certified through the Michigan High School Athletic Association. They offer classes and give tutorials on how to get certified," Youngman said. "You just have to go through the training and take a test. You don't have to have any playing experience at all."

Youngman said she is able to keep the game fair and objective, because she respects the game more than anything else.

"I feel that trumps any of my alliances or biases to Northern," Youngman said. "I'll make the call, and it doesn't matter who the outcome favors."

Women's basketball picked third in GLIAC poll; Stoeger earns place on all-GLIAC preseason team

The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference released its preseason poll and preseason all-conference selections. The Northern Michigan University women's basketball team has been selected third in the GLIAC North Division and Steffani Stoeger has been named to the preseason All-GLIAC North Division First Team.

NMU returns five players from a team that went 22-10 last year and made an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Wildcats received 116 points and three first place votes in the preseason poll that was selected by the media. Grand Valley and Michigan Tech were ranked ahead of the 'Cats.

Stoeger is a 5-7 senior from Hortonville, Wisconsin. She is the team's top returning scorer after averaging 10.4 points per game last season. Stoeger was a GLIAC North Division Second Team selection last year and was on the GLIAC All-Tournament Team.

NMU opens the 2010-11 season Nov. 15 at Minnesota-Duluth. The first home game is Nov. 23 against Finlandia.

The full release of GLIAC women's basketball information can be found on the GLIAC Women's Basketball Media Day Website at:

<http://www.gliac.org/mediaDay/wbkb/index>

Coaches' interviews are also on the site as you can hear head coach Troy Mattson's thoughts on the upcoming season.

Men's basketball opens at Sailfish

The Northern Michigan University men's basketball team opens the 2010-11 season when it plays in the Sailfish Classic at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Florida. The Wildcats play Palm Beach Atlantic on Friday (Nov. 12) and Lynn University on Saturday (Nov. 13).

This weekend's tournament will be the start of a new era for NMU men's basketball. Head coach Doug Lewis starts his first season after Dean Ellis resigned after 24 years with the Wildcats.

NMU returns four player including three starters from last years squad including All-GLIAC preseason selection Raymont McElroy. McElroy was selected as a preseason First Team All-GLIAC selection after averaging 16.9 points per game last year. Also returning for the 'Cats are junior center Jared Benson, who averaged 9.7 points and 6.1 rebounds last season, Mylan Murphy and Eric Hawley.

NMU was picked sixth in the preseason GLIAC poll. Last season the Wildcats finished 11-15 and 8-14 in the GLIAC for a fifth place finish in the GLIAC North division.

Last season, Palm Beach Atlantic finished 6-25.

Tipoff for Friday's game against Palm Beach Atlantic is set for 7 p.m. while Saturday's matchup with Lynn is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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Shout Outs

Drewski — One year just isn't enough. Love you more. — **Peaches**

EIC — Thanks for adding an extra panel to the comic. — **ME**

EIC — I think it looks really great now! Now people can enjoy not one, not two, but three panels of Baby madness! — **OE**

Girl — Daaaayyyymmm — **Boy**

NE, ASE, SE — Next week, you guys want to carry on our tradition and hit up the bars after work? — **OE**

FE — Thanks for keeping up with all the craziness this week, it means a lot. — **EIC**

Jess — Heh heh heh hehheh-hehheh, heh heh heh hehheh and another heh heh hehhehheh — **John**

ME — You best be ready for an early morning. I'm not. I'm not at all actually. — **EIC**

OE — Thanks for hearing me out about the editorial. I like our heated conversations. — **EIC**

Lina — You make everything easier. After the stuff that freaks me out, I'm so lucky it's you at the end of the day. — **Lucy**

EIC — I'm super ready to see the printing process. I'm actually really excited for it ... and for breakfast. — **ME**

Copy Editors — You guys did an awesome job with getting the pages read. Keep up the good work — **ME**

ME — Yeah, you guys are having breakfast! UP TOP! — **OE**

EIC — I enjoy our heated debates, too. I think healthy debates are always a good thing. Also, I realized I just wasn't reading it closely enough. — **OE**

PE — I was blowing spitwads at you all night. I feel safe telling you now that you're out of the office. — **Sniper**

EIC — You're hair is firey and red. Also, I farted in your chair. — **NE**

NE — Even though that really grosses me out, it's ok. — **EIC**

OE — I'm glad you finally see it my way, but we can debate about things any time. I think tonight was a good night especially. Debated about the editorial, the comic, etc. I'm glad you're not leaving. — **EIC**

UFL — I am disappointed that you never sent me a press packet. I would have been the best UFL correspondent in Michigan — **ASE**

EIC — Keep up the good fight! Someone has to point out poor readers! — **ASE**

SE — LEGENDARY!!!!!! — **ASE**

Paper — I'm all up in ur grillz, writing ur sectionz — **Brice**

Brad — Thanks again for being there for me, even if it means you get sick (fingers crossed you don't). I love you lots. — **Delaney**

DP — I know how you made your glow staff. The secret is out, and now that I have uncovered it you are doomed. Everyone will know you're not really a wizard. — **AW**

Jazzyboy — You're the best dog ever. I love you and can't wait to see you this weekend. Hang in there big guy. — **Delaney**

Solipsism a duex — Maybe someday, I'll fully understand you. Right about the same time someone fully makes me recognize their existence. — **Grad Student**

Mom & Dad — Early Merry Christmas! Now you can see my paper for real :) — **Delaney**

Suzie — Let's try out for the Mickey Mouse Club together! — **Sally**

Sally — Only if we can stop by Woolworth's on the way home. I need to pick up a new poodle skirt. — **Suzie**

The Kelsinator — You relieve my stress in the bestest of ways — **The Diminator**

Sexy shoutout — Could you possibly be anymore sexy? — **Oh no you didn't**

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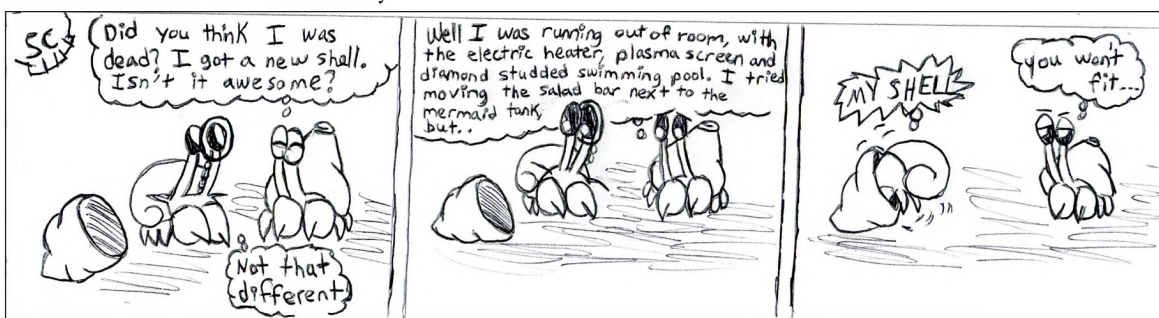
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