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The building that housed Hardee's is being renovated and will include Temaki and Tea and Smoothie King. A new centralized location will be more accessible to the community. The building has been empty for two years and will open in March 2011.

Temaki finds a new home

By Robyn Goodman
assistant news editor

Temaki and Tea will move to a new location on Presque Isle Avenue starting in the Fall 2011 semester.

The building where Temaki and Tea will be was once a Hardee's restaurant and is being renovated for Temaki and Tea and the smoothie franchise Smoothie King. The restaurant will be open after March 7, 2011.

The money to refurbish the building is coming from Dining Services revenues, said Greg Minner, Dining Services director.

"The building was purchased about two years ago and the uni-

versity offered a request for proposal to community members to lease it or put some kind of business in there," Minner said. "No one took the offer so the university and Dining Services decided to do something with it."

This renovation is part of the Road Map to 2015 as part of expanding the university, said Gavin Leach, vice president of finance.

"From time to time there are changes made to the university," Leach said. "We have a lot of students and faculty at that end of campus, so we wanted a more central location for everyone."

Along with moving Temaki and Tea, smoothies will also be available to purchase.

Smoothie King offers healthy smoothies and meal substitutes. A smoothie place was decided on because of the restaurant's proximity to the PEIF and the dome.

"Many students around there want a healthy option, and Smoothie King offers healthy smoothies along with meal replacements," Minner said.

The building is technically still on campus because the building is owned by the university, so students will be able to use their Dining Dollars to purchase items, Minner said.

"By moving Temaki and Tea out of Hedgcock, it gives us the

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NMU's engineering programs accredited

By Meredith Gasco
contributing writer

Two bachelor's programs at NMU have recently been accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The electronic engineering technology and the mechanical engineering technology programs were accredited at the same time this year.

The review process began more than a year ago in Jan. 2009, said Mike Rudisill, head of the department of engineering technology. The department submitted a report including a self-assessment to ABET for review, Rudisill said.

Three inspectors from ABET

arrived at NMU in the fall of 2009 to compare the department to the contents of its report. "They looked at curriculum. They looked at the lab facilities. They looked at the instructors' credentials," Rudisill said. "[The inspectors looked at] just about everything you could think of."

Rudisill said the accreditation came almost a year after the inspection, with the two programs accredited in August of this year.

The accreditation is good news for both the faculty and the students in the department, Rudisill said. According to Rudisill, the accreditation will attract quality students and industry partnerships to benefit the depart-

ment. Students will also have a competitive edge in the industry coming from an ABET-accredited program.

"There's some employers that require ABET accreditation (to recognize a degree)," Rudisill said.

Rudisill said that the department's work doesn't stop with the accreditation. ABET accredits programs on a six-year cycle, looking for continuous improvement. In a few years more, inspectors will visit NMU to examine the state of the accredited programs to see that they've surpassed the quality of their last inspection.

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Laws punish 'super drunk'

By Audrey Menninga
staff writer

New Ignition Interlock laws, which create a new "super-drunk" category for drunk driving, have been passed by Michigan legislature. The laws focus on stopping people who have been convicted of driving intoxicated from becoming repeat offenders.

The new laws were put into action Oct. 31. They target those who drink excessively and then get behind the wheel, with blood-alcohol content at .17 and above. Punishments include up to 180 days in jail, which is almost double the time for someone caught driving with a .08 BAC level. Offenders will also face up to \$700 in fines and mandatory treatment for substance abuse, which is different from the original laws, where only repeat offenders were required to take the substance abuse treatment.

The main focus of the new laws is the driving aspect. While a one-year license suspension is automatic, up from the six months when caught with a .08 BAC, first-time offenders will be able to drive 45 days after the suspension starts, with the installation of a breathalyzer device in their car. In order to start the car, the driver must blow under a .025 BAC.

While the goal of the laws is to catch first-time offenders, people with multiple drunk driving offenses will also face the tougher penalties.

Public Safety Sergeant Kenneth Love said that the effects of alcohol vary from person to person.

"One drink can effect one person and impair their judgment and impair their driving, whereas two or three drinks may not impair another person's driving ability,"

Love said. "There's no set standard for what's allowable. It's just a matter of what your tolerance is."

A study done by the U.S. Department of Education found that approximately 25 percent of college students report that they have driven while intoxicated in the last month. More students report that they have gotten in a car with a driver who has been intoxicated. The percentages only increase after college students turn 21.

"We know it's a college campus, and we know it's going to happen," Love said. "If you're of age and drinking, just get a designated driver. That's the simplest plan there is."

An intoxicated driver is not the only one at risk with drunk driving. Lenny Shible, Health Promotion Specialist, said that not only the driver is in danger; there are other people on the road at risk.

"(Drunk drivers) hurt themselves and hurt other people. They destroy families. They destroy communities," Shible said.

There are many ways to avoid drinking and driving or getting in a car with someone who has been drinking, Shible said.

"It's important that students make decisions before they go out ... because once they start drinking, whether they realize it or not, their ability to make a good judgment about avoiding things that could get them into trouble tends to get compromised," Shible said.

Some other suggestions Shible gave include staying the night when going off-campus to visit friends, picking a safe and sober designated driver, or calling one of the local cab or limo companies. Designated driver cab cards can be found at the Health Promotion Office in the University Center for easy access to phone numbers.



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Briefs

Quit smoking workshop offered

A quit smoking workshop SkillBuilder! will take place on Thursday, Nov. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in room 111 of the Learning Resource Center. Nursing students will be on hand to provide support and information on ways to quit smoking in preparation for the 2010 Great American Smokeout. The event is free of charge and is sponsored by the student activity fee.

Health Promotion Specialist Lenny Shible said the SkillBuilder! will be used to show people that any day is a good day to quit.

"In a sense, the smokeout is in preparation of a longer process. The three most important words are 'don't quit quitting,'" he said.

Shible also urges people to be supportive of friends trying to quit.

"Don't come down too hard on people trying to quit," Shible said. "Doing so often has a negative effect. We're here to provide information and support for those who wish to quit."

— Heather Marshall

Students talk back on issues

Peer Advising Counseling and Education (PACE) will hold a Talk Back session on Nov. 18 where all students are open to discussion to share their opinions about current issues. They have covered topics from hate crimes to the issue of a mosque near the ground zero site. A.J. Lara, a PACE Team Leader and the student in charge of this week's event, is in charge of leading the discussion on the topic of immigration issues in the United States.

"This isn't a debate, but rather an opportunity for students that would like to discuss issues pertaining to the subject of immigration," said Lara. Lara invites anyone to come and have an open discussion in a non-debate setting.

The event is open to all students and will be held in the Gant/Spalding lobby on Thursday, Nov. 18.

— Erin Eidsvoog

Sex, drugs and rock event held

On Thursday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m., a Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll event will be held in the basement of Gant/Spalding to educate students on a wide variety of health related topics. The event will be formatted like the game "Jeopardy," with six teams of four, wagering points that are earned by answering the different questions. While the game is played by teams, audience participation is highly encouraged, and there will be door prizes for participants.

The event organizer, Peer Advising Counseling and Education Team Leader A.J. Lara, said, "(This event) is a fun way for students to learn about topics that are 'unmentionable' in everyday conversations."

If the interest is great enough this year, he plans on making this an annual event. Lara's goal for the event is for the participants (teams and audience members) to all learn at least one new thing from attending the event, he said. To register a team, or for more information, please call the MERC office at 227-1554.

— Chelsea Parrish

ROTC honors veterans



Photo courtesy of NMU news bureau

Members of Northern Michigan University's ROTC color guard fly the flag in a "Flags over schools ceremony" at Father Marquette middle school as a part of the school's veterans day ceremonies on Thursday, Nov. 11.

ASNMU update

Childcare scholarship, shuttle to hockey games discussed

By Margaret Ylitalo
staff writer

Off-campus representative Dani Thoune, off-campus representative Justin Brugman, College of Business representative Alysa Diebolt and College of Arts and Sciences representative Chris Hoffman were voted into the External Affairs Committee at the Monday, Nov. 15 ASNMU meeting. Their positions on the committee have not yet been decided and will be discussed over the next week to be announced at the Monday, Nov. 22 meeting. The purpose of the External Affairs Committee is to bring issues that affect higher education at local, state and national levels to ASNMU.

\$192.60 was spent of the \$350 budget on gas and hotel costs for Thoune,

Diebolt and off-campus representative Benjamin Stanley to attend the Student Association of Michigan conference at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. last weekend.

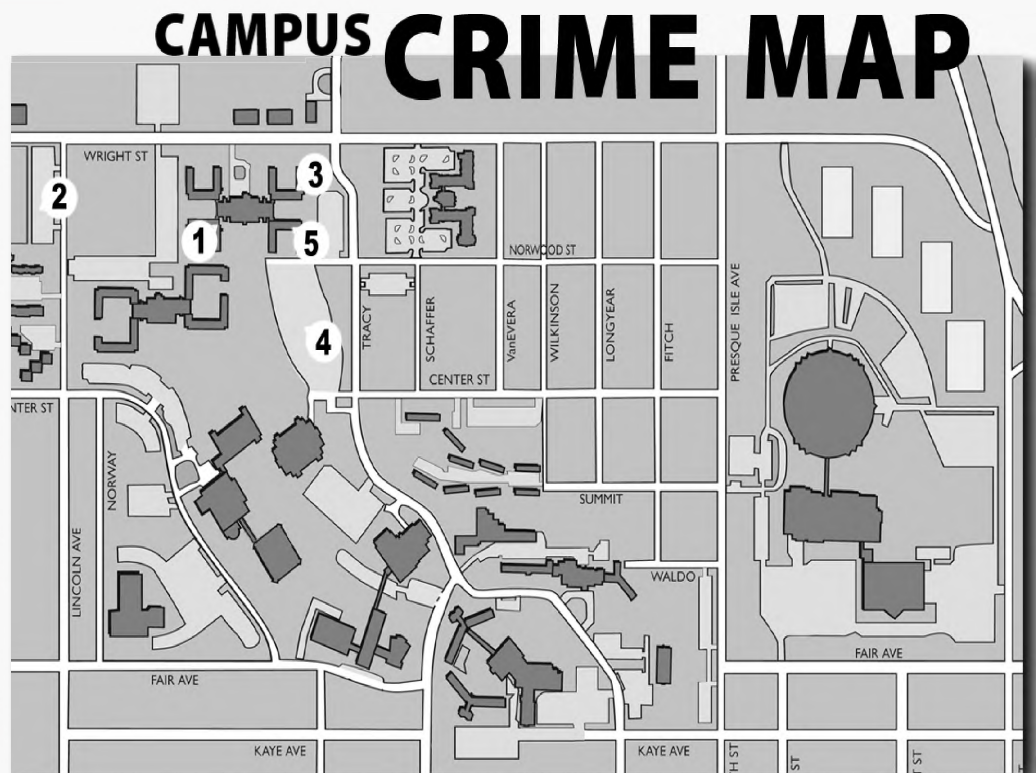
Diebolt presented fundraising ideas for restarting the Childcare Scholarship fund, which would provide scholarships to NMU students with children for day-care. Ideas included penny wars in dorm halls, a 24-hour dance titled All Day, All Night. Dance! Dance! and a pop can drive. Thoune brought up the possibility of making the fund an endowed scholarship, which would make the fund unavailable for a time, but would help ensure the fund's longevity.

On-campus apartments representative Kyle Brock presented a proposal to begin offering a Wildcat Shuttle ride

to men's hockey games. He said that now, when students drive to the Berry Events Center for hockey games, they must pay a \$2 parking fee, though students may have already paid for parking passes. Also, students might attend more hockey games if they were given an option to ride on a bus to games instead of walking when it is cold outside, he said. Brock said the Wildcat Shuttle might leave from the entrance of Meyland and Magers Halls, because it is close to many residence halls and apartments. The buses would cost around \$60 an hour and would run about four hours per night, Brock said. At two nights per weekend, the shuttle service would cost about \$500 each week. External sources of funding for the buses are being looked into.

Map Key

- 1) A smoker box was maliciously destroyed at 2:15 a.m. on Nov. 12 at Van Antwerp Hall.
- 2) Two students were given MIPs at 2:45 a.m. on Nov. 12 in Lot 20.
- 3) Two students were involved in domestic violence at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 in Meyland Hall.
- 4) One student was given an MIP at midnight on Nov. 13 in Lot 11.
- 5) Two students were involved in a verbal dispute at 1:26 a.m. on Nov. 14 in Magers Hall.



Speaker informs of crimes against native people

By Amanda Cook
staff writer

For the final event of Native American Heritage Month at NMU, the Native American Student Association (NASA) brought Kevin Annett to campus. His film, "Unrepentant: Kevin Annett and Canada's Genocide," was shown in Jamrich on Tuesday, Nov. 16. An open discussion with Annett followed the film.

Annett is a former United Church minister in Vancouver, Canada. He was fired without cause in 1995 and expelled from the church without due process after discovering evidence of the murder of native children at the United Church residential school in Port Alberni, British Columbia. He also uncovered information revealing the theft of native land by church officers.

Since first unearthing this information, Annett has been determined to find more evidence, to draw attention to the issue and to hold those involved accountable for their actions. He has written two books on the subject, "Love and Death in the Valley" and "Hidden from History: The Canadian Holocaust." In order to put a human face on the issue, Annett made "Unrepentant."

"Unrepentant" brings together two narratives: the story of the genocide that occurred against natives in Canadian residential schools and Annett's own journey of learning of these events and struggling to draw attention to them.

In residential schools throughout Canada, thousands of Indian children were sterilized, intentionally infected with tuberculosis and

smallpox, murdered and buried in mass graves. The schools forced Native parents to sign over guardianship of their children, so these events were allowed to go on unreported for many years.

Annett has lost family, endured lawsuits, battled a smear campaign, and been physically attacked for spreading this information and encouraging victims and witnesses to speak up. He says that the negative responses are coming from white people who are in denial about the genocide and Native people who are implicated by the investigation.

Despite the problems he has encountered, Annett said he remains determined. "We have to take responsibility for the crimes of the past so they don't happen again," Annett said. "This involves the survival of all of us. If it can happen to one group, it can happen to any of us. These crimes are continuing, so you can't just look the other way."

Following the film on Tuesday, students and community members took advantage of their opportunity to speak with Annett. Along with expressing heartfelt sentiment and gratitude toward Annett and his work, people asked questions and shared their own stories.

A local native told of his experience in American boarding schools. He said he saw children experimented upon and murdered, much like the atrocities that Annett exposed.

In addition to the public film showing and discussion, Annett spoke to several classes on Monday, Nov. 15 and Tuesday, Nov. 16. He said he believes students can play a valuable part in rais-



Ashley Wiggins/N.W.

Kevin Annett discusses the cruel treatment against the indigenous people of Canada and his journey to discover the information after the showing of his film, "Unrepentant: Kevin Annett and Canada's Genocide."

ing awareness for this and similar tragedies.

"I think students have a big responsibility, because they have the time to be able to look into this stuff, the ability to think about it," Annett said. "That responsibility means they have a big role to play in terms of doing the research and getting the word out."

Andrew Sear, who is going for his M.S. in training, development, and performance improvement, attended the film and stayed for the discussion as well. He had previous knowledge of native residential schools from NMU classes.

"I enjoyed Kevin's perspective on the topic of residential schools," Sear said. "He made me feel his

compassion and sense of justice in his movie. The discussion that followed really opened my eyes to the local issues that may still exist within our Native population in the U.S.," Sear said.

In order to bring Annett to campus, NASA students composed a grant to the Student Finance Committee and received the funding. The Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee and academic departments including history, education, and academic information systems, also backed Annett's visit.

April Lindala, director of the Center of Native American Studies, supported NASA in its efforts to bring Annett to campus.

"Kevin Annett brings light, not only to the atrocities of residential schools in British Columbia, but the message that this type of imposed genocide was federal policy and that people knew about it and did nothing," Lindala said.

Lindala, who currently teaches NAS 204 and NAS 448, said she shares Annett's message with her classes.

"I ask my students, try to think about yourself in that position," Lindala said. "Think about what it would be like if you couldn't speak English, if you could never see your family again ... think about if you had to practice a religion that was different, maybe even hostile to your own," Lindala said.

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opportunity to grow. Hedgcock is not set up to sustain a food service," Minner said.

In the place where Temaki and Tea is currently in Hedgcock, there are three possible options, Minner said. Dining services is currently in discussion with a licensed bagel company.

"Because the Hedgcock building closes at 5 p.m., Temaki and Tea has to close then, too," Minner said. "We want to put something in its place that will be focused on breakfast and morning foods."

By moving Temaki and Tea to a more centralized location, it will be more accessible to the community, which is important because about 30 percent of revenue comes from members of the community, Minner said.

The work on the building started last week and will be completed by mid-January, said Jim Thams, project manager.

"There will be booths and ta-

bles along with lounge chairs," Thams said. "We want to make a place where students can hang out."

The cosmetic renovations will include new flooring, light fixtures and paint. There will be no structural changes to building, Thams said. There will be a fireplace in the dining area.

One main change to the building will be a patio that will be placed between the building and the road, Thams said. The patio will include benches, seating and lights. The drive-through will also be used.

"The building will have wireless internet as part of the NMU network," Thams said. "The building will also be outputted with wire jacks for people who are not part of the NMU network."

The larger kitchen and work space means that the menu will also be expanded, said Nathan Mileski, corporate executive chef.

"We will be able to serve more upscale sushi rolls because we will have more equipment," Mileski said.

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Superior Edge sees increase in involvement

By Adelle Whitefoot
staff writer

After five years of establishment, Superior Edge has over a quarter of Northern Michigan University's students enrolled this semester.

Superior Edge is a student development program that provides students with experiences in and out of the classroom that set them apart from other students with em-

ployers or graduate school admissions. There are 9,273 students enrolled at NMU this semester, and 2,671 of those students are enrolled in Superior Edge.

"I'm really excited about the number of students enrolled," said Rachel Harris, associate director of the Center for Student Enrichment and Superior Edge coordinator. "I think it speaks a lot about our students on our campus."

Harris was part of the commit-

tee that began the program. The committee wanted to give more students the opportunity to get involved in a way that was structured, Harris said.

"Our task force ended up being the Superior Edge task force when we came up with the idea," said Harris. "So it's unique to Northern. Superior Edge isn't at any other campus."

Superior Edge has presented at national conferences and has been

written about in different publications, Harris said. People are hearing about it at other campuses around the U.S. and are intrigued, interested and ask how they can start something similar at their school, she said.

Will Keim, NMU's 2010 Leader in Residence, is familiar with Superior Edge and has also been sharing it with other colleges.

"I think (Superior Edge) is a wonderful program," Keim said. "In my mind, it's a tool to get students to engage in their own education and to engage in the Marquette surrounding community."

Keim said that if a student goes through Superior Edge and completes the different edges, it gives that student something that differentiates them from others in the job market.

"I support leadership programs like the Leader Fellowship Program and Superior Edge," said Keim. "There's a lot of lessons to be learned outside the classroom and a lot of them, fortunately for Northern Michigan students, are structured."

Amanda Portice is one of the students at NMU who participates in Superior Edge and last winter semester became a team member in Superior Edge and last winter semester became a team member as a student coordinator.

"I originally joined Superior Edge because I knew I was going to be studying abroad and that would count for a large portion of my diversity edge," Portice said.

Portice has been involved since her sophomore year and has been working towards completing all four "edges" by combining in and out of the classroom experiences. The four edges are: Citizenship, Diversity, Leadership and Real World. In the Citizenship Edge, a student becomes an engaged and involved citizen. In the Diversity Edge, a student develops a world view and better understanding and appreciation of diversity. In the Leadership Edge, a student grows as competent, ethical and effective leaders. In the Real World Edge, a student learns to demonstrate the ability to relate theory to real world situations. To complete an edge, students must document 100 hours of activities and experiences relevant to that edge and write a reflections paper about what they have learned through the process.

"I never really volunteered much my freshman year," Portice said. "But having Superior Edge, it was really easy to become more involved with the community and I discovered how much I really do like volunteering."

Any student enrolled at Northern can join Superior Edge. Every student must attend a one-hour orientation session before they can be enrolled, and once they are in the program, they can work toward all edges until they graduate.

"I've really enjoyed Superior Edge because it has challenged me to grow and work on certain aspects of my life," Portice said.



Photo courtesy of Cara Kamps

Natasha Gallagher, member of Superior Edge, is fulfilling an "edge" in Chiriqui in Panama, Central America. Members in Superior Edge can complete four edges: citizenship, diversity, leadership and real world.

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"It's like any continuous assessment process," Rudisill said.

Rudisill said the department will conduct its own periodic reviews to determine the programs' progress. These reviews will analyze student progress in the programs and any possible shortfalls. Rudisill said the department will work to improve any areas that might be lacking during the next six years and move forward to ensure accreditation in the future.

ABET, established in 1932, is a non-governmental organization that uses a voluntary peer-review process for accreditation. The organization has currently ac-

credited 3,100 programs at more than 600 colleges and universities in more than 21 countries. ABET accredits university degree programs, but does not accredit specific universities or departments.

"We actually accredit more than engineering [programs]," said Caryl Cryer, the communications specialist for ABET. The organization also accredits programs in applied science, computer science, engineering, and other technology degrees.

According to Cryer, inspections are usually in the fall, especially in the United States. The inspectors, all volunteers numbering more than 1,500, spend two to three days on campus assessing the programs submitted for accreditation.

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Superior Edge Spotlight **Natasha Gallagher**

Natasha Gallagher is Junior and majoring in History with a minor in Spanish. She has completed over 400 hours in Superior Edge with at least 100 hours in each of the edge. To complete her hours, Natasha lived in Panama for three months where she volunteered at school and taught English to Bugle Tribal children. She led new initiatives in the village to reduce and clean up litter with students from the local school. Natasha also traveled to Bogalusa, Louisiana, over her spring to work with Habitat for Humanity. *Superior Edge*

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Staff Editorial



Student and faculty opinions should be heard

Unbeknownst to most students, Dining Services is moving Temaki and Tea into the old Hardee's building on Presque Isle Avenue and adding a smoothie bar. While this is certainly an odd combination, students were not involved in the discussions about how the Hardee's building would be used by the university.

As the people who keep this campus alive, we feel that student and faculty opinions should be heard and hopefully utilized when big decisions – like those concerning eateries – are made. Similar to what happened with making the Wildcat Den all-you-can-eat earlier this semester, a judgment was made without discussing it with the campus first, and students and faculty are expected to cooperate.

It seems deceitful and sneaky that Dining Services and the administration are making such important decisions without talking to the greater university.

The current plan for Temaki and Tea is that it will remain in Hedgcock until the end of the Winter 2011 semester. It's anticipated that a bagel shop will open in its place. Most students would probably agree

that the last thing NMU needs is another place to buy bagels. Polling the students on what they would like to see in Temaki and Tea's place would have been a valuable opportunity to get ideas, but Dining Services decided it would simply fill it with a product that, next to coffee, is the widest thing available on campus.

Another issue that students should be involved with is how the money is used. If Dining Services is sitting on a sum of money that can afford to renovate an entire building, students should be involved in the discussion of how that money is used, especially considering they're the ones who are paying each semester for meal plans. With money as tight as it is, we feel that students should be included in the decisions about where money is spent.

Students deserve to be aware of changes that are happening around campus, preferably before they are decided, and the opportunity to be heard. They pay tuition every semester to a university that is expected to be fair and transparent. We hope that students will be better included in decisions made now and in the future.

Gamers should only pay once



Staff Column

John Becker

As the holiday season rolls around and students begin to buy video games, they may notice some new "features." These features, however, aren't the kinds that make video-gamers cackle with delight. These are features meant to inhibit gamers and fatten the wallets of game companies, all while taking a shot at the used games and game rental industries.

Some game developers are using unique access codes to allow only the first-time retail purchaser of their game to access online content. The secondhand games market hasn't really taken a financial hit from the extra costs associated with used games, but game companies are destined to continue down this greedy path and create further costs for consumers.

Electronic Arts (EA) does this with every sports game they sell. If consumers buy a new copy of the game, they are fine. However, used copies will require that people purchase a \$10 membership to the EA Online Pass to play online or get downloadable content (DLC) for every game. EA is a gigantic company that really doesn't need to take this extra slice off the top, especially when it's a fee for each game.

Other companies, such as BioWare, maker of "Mass Effect 2," built an access code called the Cerberus Network card into its game. If a person buys the game used, they have to purchase this \$15 card in order to get any type of DLC, whether the content is free or paid. Customers are already paying for Xbox Live in addition to the DLC they want to buy, and it is unethical to charge them if they want to buy

DLC. EA had a similar system with its first-person shooter, Battlefield: Bad Company 2, and now it seems that every EA game, sports or otherwise, will carry this extra piece of unneeded inconvenience.

One positive is that companies such as THQ, makers of UFC Undisputed 2010, will charge \$5 for people to buy a unique code. However, without a precedent, companies may choose to start charging \$20 or more for online access.

Customers already pay Microsoft for Xbox Live, the service that allows customers to play online multiplayer or peruse DLC for hundreds of titles. Game publishers claim they need this extra cash to fund their updates and maintain servers. It costs \$5-\$15 per person to update sports rosters and provide basic support for glitches that the company failed to iron out the first time around.

GameStop, the leading game re-seller, already made a statement that this relatively new practice won't hurt used games sales, because customers are more interested in playing the game than paying for extra content. In defense of some titles, such as sports titles that have new counterparts every year, people who want to play online will probably buy new.

The effects of these unique codes on video game rentals are unknown, but I don't see any positives that could come from this practice. Blockbuster Video is already bankrupt, leaving fewer in-store renters. The online video game rental service, GameFly, has a note on its website with each EA game explaining that there is a seven-day trial of the EA Online Pass for rentals, but one week is not a lot of time for a service that doesn't have late fees.

These extra fees are wrong, but unfortunately they aren't going to go away. All gamers can do is game on, and hope that not every company takes up this greedy practice.

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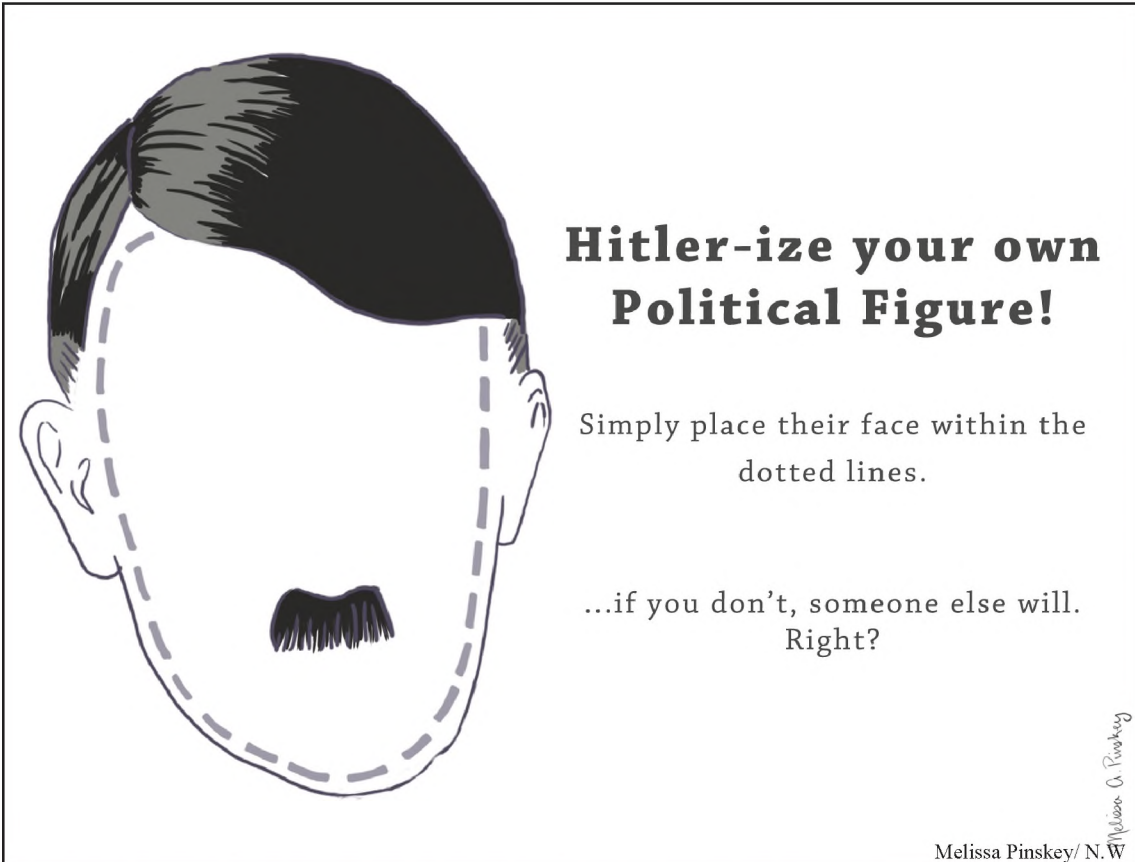
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By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



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Stop comparing every leader to Adolf Hitler

Last week, I was surfing the internet when I came across a disturbing image. It was a picture of a billboard in Iowa that depicted President Barack Obama, Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin and Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, all with their respective types of socialism neatly labeled beneath their pictures: "National socialism," "Marxist socialism" and, in Obama's case, "Democrat socialism."

The sign turned out to be a billboard the North Iowa Tea Party put up last summer. The sign was removed after several groups, including Holocaust survivor groups, Obama supporters and even fellow Tea Partiers, who strongly objected to the comparisons. While I'm glad the creators of this sign decided to take it down, I have to wonder why it was even put up in the first place.

The monumental stupidity of the sign should be obvious to anyone who views it or reads about it — yet what makes me truly sad is that to some people, it isn't.

Critics of both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama have compared the two to the Third Reich and Hitler. In the modern era, it seems, calling someone a communist or a tyrant is not enough. Instead, people are recalling the very real and recent history of our grandparents and great-grandparents.

They are trivializing the suffering of the 12 million people who were systematically killed under Hitler, as well as the estimated 60 million people who died as a whole during the war.

Accusations of tyranny are nothing new. When a citizen decides to critique their government, cries of totalitarianism seem inevitable. Anything from a new tax to a law allowing government wiretapping to a war no one supports can and sometimes

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should be referred to as tyranny. But what makes the modern cries of tyranny different from those of citizens of the past is that the modern cries always seem to reference a very specific tyrant — namely, Adolf Hitler.

In 1953, an academic ethicist named Leo Strauss coined a term called *reductio ad Hitlerum*. The term demonstrates a fallacy in argument, when one party claims that a certain policy will lead to or is the same as one implemented by Hitler or the Third Reich. The fallacy is that this will somehow "prove" that the original policy is completely undesirable.

For example, someone arguing against devout Christianity might point out in an argument that Hitler was a devout Christian,

therefore Christianity is wrong. Or that because Hitler used the automobile industry to help get out of the Great Depression (by creating Volkswagen.) then bailing out the auto companies in order to get out of the recession is wrong. The implication in these examples and many others being that, of course, these policies (religion, bailing out auto companies) can only end in genocide — because that's what happened with Hitler, and anyway, no one wants to be called a Nazi, right?

What's worst of all is that, at some point, these comparisons might actually be necessary.

Some day in the future, someone who legitimately does embody some terrifying mixture of totalitarianism and racism might come into the limelight to really seize the reigns of power — and when someone tries point out that he is just like Hitler, his supporters will just shrug it off, because every leader seems to go through a "he's Hitler" phase.

The truth of the matter is National Socialism ended when Soviet troops captured Berlin in 1945. This refusal to let it die, this compulsion of so many to constantly compare presidents and world leaders to Hitler and Nazism, is just wrong.

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Quick answers aren't solutions



Considering Culture

Meghan Marquardt

This week I realized just how bad my addiction to caffeine is. Between two plays, classes and a couple of essays, I have set a new record for most trips to Starbucks in one week. This was expensive, so I tried to come up with other solutions to keep me awake. This was more of a task than I thought it would be.

I thought about making coffee in my room, but I can only carry one cup and can't stop for refills. I thought about carrying my coffee pot around with me, but that would look silly. I also thought about just getting an IV drip of caffeine — but I'm afraid of needles. So, for lack of a better solution, I have been buying and chugging an enormous amount of java this past week.

The problem is that, in the back of my mind, I know that using my time during the day more wisely and going to bed earlier is really a better idea than flirting with a caffeine overdose. It seems to me that this isn't new. Often we take shortcuts to solve our problems, and then end up with more of a mess than we started with. It's not a matter of procrastinating or ignoring the issue at hand, but a matter of choosing the most immediate solution over one that will work better on a more permanent basis.

I mean, we all know that when we're young, cleaning our room consists of shoving everything under the bed and/or in the closet, and pretending that what we can't see does not exist. And it doesn't stop there. In our adult lives, we face the easy way out often: we can fix relationships, or let them die. We can fad diet, or we can focus on healthy food and regular exercise. We can vote based on the party our parents like, or we can do some research and figure out what we really believe. We can read the book or go on Sparknotes.com. We make hundreds of choices throughout our adult lives, and the easy way out seems

to be lurking behind every one of them. But if this is the case, then how do we get to the root of our problems and make the right choices? In middle school and high school health class, they taught us these things called "I messages." They went like this: "I feel blank when you blank because blank. I need blank." We were supposed to fill in the blanks with descriptions appropriate to the situation — I feel hurt, when you call me names, because I am sensitive, etc., etc. I thought it was stupid at the time, but now I realize that the real value behind these phrases. They allowed us to directly address the source of our problems; instead of arguing and placing blame, we were supposed to simply tell the other person what we feel and what we need. I think this is the key to choosing between the easy way and a more difficult, but possibly more correct path. Find what is causing the problem and confront it. If we know what our problems really are, it's much easier to solve them correctly.

Whether it's a national economic meltdown or a personal stress attack, everything has an origin. By striving to find and fix the cause instead of temporarily patching the results, one is left with a solved problem, instead of a problem that will have to be solved eventually. It's simply logical. It's like patching potholes. Some of the roads around my hometown get awful during the winter. So, workers come out and patch the holes. Unfortunately, this does not permanently fix potholes. Pretty soon we have drivers swearing up a storm because the potholes keep coming back. Patching is all well and good in the short run, but really, you need to dig a little deeper to invoke change.

I think this is something individuals and society need to look more closely at. My addiction to coffee made me realize that I need to examine my choices more closely. Even though I will probably continue to be a java junkie, I shouldn't use it as a substitute for sleep. In the long run, hitting the pillow earlier will make me feel a whole lot better than any amount of lattes ever can.

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Holidays are a time to spend with family



Guest Column

John Mercer

One of my favorite things about college life is winter break. This is a time when a lot of college students can return home to spend the holidays with their families. It's a good time to reconnect, share stories, and visit with those whom they haven't seen while they're away at school. Too often, though, people take this time off for granted, using it to work extra hours, party their time away, or sleep in all day to make up for hours lost studying. My hope this upcoming break is that everyone make an effort to spend as much quality time with their loved ones as they can. There was a time when I took these opportunities for granted, but my life has changed in ways that I now cherish every minute I get with my family.

I was celebrating my 21st birth-

day in Traverse City, Mich., spending an awesome weekend with good friends, partying and having fun. My mom was in South Carolina with my little sister, enjoying some much-needed vacation. My mom had been fighting cancer for five years, and together with some family friends, she decided it was a good time to do some traveling. Her health had been deteriorating, but not so much that she felt she should postpone the trip. So there I was, drinking like a fish on my birthday with not a worry in the world, when I received a phone call from my mom's best friend. She informed me that they were coming home early, and my mom's health seemed to be failing. She needed to see her doctor as soon as possible, so we met back at our home in Midland the next day. The doctor wasn't quite sure why my mom's health was declining so quickly. She had cancer, but that was nothing new and her health had previously been stable. Within two weeks my mom went from a completely upright and coherent person, slipped into an unresponsive coma, and died.

Several doctors, specialists and experts told us repeatedly that they had never in their careers seen a patient deteriorate so quickly. They simply couldn't explain it any way other than it was her time.

Fast forward two years: my little sister was 21 and recovering well from the sudden loss of her mother. She was an Emergency Medical Technician with Mobile Medical Response out of Saginaw. She was going to school to be a nurse, and being recognized at her job for a great work ethic. Pretty exceptional for a 21 year old with absolutely no parental support system. I was in the Army, stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo. My little sister texted my wife at 6:12 a.m. eastern time; 4:12 a.m. my time in Colorado; we didn't reply because we were asleep. Three hours later, I was at work on staff duty, when I got a phone call. The phone call felt eerily like the phone call I received on my 21st birthday, except this time it was my grandfather, who was sobbing. My little sister was driving to work shortly after 6 a.m., on her way to a job where she saves

other people's lives. No one knows why, but she didn't stop at a stop sign on a back country road. Ninety nine percent of the time, this would never be a problem, because how many cars are traveling on rural roads at six in the morning? But that morning, at that exact instant, there was a car driving 60 miles per hour, which hit her in precisely the right spot to take her life. The police report indicated that the collision took place at approximately 6:18 am, or six minutes after she texted my wife.

Ever hear that saying "one phone call can change your life?" I can attest to its accuracy, several times over. There are no explanations for these events other than every person has "their time." Every time I fight with my wife, or disagree with a friend, I think of these events. I remember the feelings of those phone calls.

Next week is Thanksgiving, followed closely by Christmas and the New Year. These holiday times are often difficult for those who have experienced loss. What I find more interesting though, is that these

times are often difficult for those individuals who have a hard time getting along with their families. We often don't take the time to appreciate what people mean to us, or how our lives would be affected if they were taken from us. It happens to everyone, and it will happen to you. Eventually, someone you love will be taken from you far sooner than you are prepared to let them go.

Many people say it, but I feel like it can't be said enough. Tell your family you love them. Make amends for those you have hurt, and forgive those who have hurt you. Spend time with your family before you don't have the chance to. It is easy to lose touch with family and friends when students leave home and go to college. Students are often busy and ignore phone calls or e-mails that arrive at inconvenient times. That's why this holiday season, with the time afforded to college students between semesters, I hope everyone takes the opportunity to strengthen the bonds of their family. I can guarantee it is a decision you will never regret.

Politics should be discussed at dinner table



Guest Column

Ryan Haskell

With Thanksgiving a week away, many people will be heading home to see their families and have a great Thanksgiving dinner. While eating copious amounts of food, it is likely great conversation between friends and family will take place. At some point, in polite conversation, someone might break the great cultural rule and dare to speak about banned subjects like politics, religion, or philosophy. Doing so will likely halt the conversation, invite glares toward the person in question, or even start a fight. Why, though? Why are these topics of arguably the highest importance, off-limits in favor of more trivial topics of

weather and sports? This ban on discussion of politics, religion or philosophy is harming our ability to understand one another, accomplish things politically, and stamp out remnants of outdated, illogical, and sometimes hateful ideas.

There is nothing wrong with discussion about weather or sports. These conversations can often be enjoyable and good filler or ice-breakers. However, this is not what our discussions should be limited to. Our resistance to speak about important issues that affect our world may make us feel more comfortable, but it is not helping. The reason such conversations make us uncomfortable is that we avoid them. The only way we can become more comfortable talking about those difficult issues is to practice it and make it more of a normal occurrence. When someone brings up the topic engage and challenge them instead of fleeing. These conversa-

tions lead to better understanding of other people's views and your own by forcing you to examine your views critically.

Another problem in our modern political culture is our increasing polarity and sorting into like-minded groups. It's a natural tendency for people to gravitate toward those who are similar to them. It is also equally natural for a group of people to begin adopting and conforming to similar opinions, but simply because something is natural doesn't mean it's good. Often if we even have the chance to make different-minded friends, we may either avoid them, expect them to conform or avoid those uncomfortable discussions altogether. Communities have been becoming more politically segregated for decades now. Voting districts are much less competitive and more solidly Democrat or Republican than they have ever been before, giving almost assured

victories to a certain party with only rare exceptions like Scott Brown the Republican senator of Massachusetts. This like-minded polarization is yet another hindrance to good democratic debate and segregates us from different views that may be better or at the least different.

Probably the biggest problem in our modern political culture is apathy. People just don't seem to care about some of the biggest issues that face us. The majority of registered Americans did not vote in the last election. Some estimates say 42 percent voted, which is actually up from previous midterm elections, but still very low, and doesn't take into account the number of eligible voters who are not even registered. What is even sadder is that voting is just about the bare minimum someone can do to contribute to the political climate in America. There is so much more that can be done from participating in a campaign,

debating, writing editorials, making your voice heard, contacting your representative, rallying, signing petitions, or even running for office yourself. Many feel that there is nothing they can do or that none of the choices are sufficiently appealing to them. This is simply a self-fulfilling prophecy, because when they do nothing, there really is little they can do to effect change, and their choice to stay out of politics only reinforces bad candidates because there is absolutely no reason a representative should concern themselves with an apathetic non-voter. The simple truth is that if you want to change something, you must do something others will not do it for you and you have no room to complain when things don't go your way. Go out and engage in difficult conversations, make friends with people of different views, and pull yourself out of the self-defeating logic and do something that effects a real change.

Sound Off

Temaki and Tea is moving, what would you like to see in its place?

compiled by Justin Key



Hannah Wingo
freshman,
radiology

"Noodles and Company."



Danielle Lawrence
sophomore,
pre-law

"Taco Bell."



Amy Schowalter
freshman, pre-dental

"Noodles and Company."



Jesan Akther
sophomore,
pre-med

"Taco Bell."



Mary-Lynn Piper
junior,
elementary education

"Panda Express, but I still don't think Tamaki should leave."

Thanksgiving: Church provides dinner for students, community

By Alisa Fox
staff writer

Thanksgiving is often thought of as a very family-oriented holiday. It's a time to relax, enjoy good food, and catch up on the latest family news. Even Northern's campus is closed down for half a week to allow the students and faculty to be with their families for this holiday.

These thoughts often lead to thinking about those who can't go home to their family, or who don't have a family to go home to. This holiday season might be thought of as a very lonely time for those people. This Thanksgiving Day, St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be hosting their 32nd Annual Community

come together to provide everyone who doesn't want to spend their holiday alone with a free traditional Thanksgiving meal. It includes a full-sized turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potato casserole, and all the trimmings one can think of. They even have pumpkin pie to complete the meal.

"It's a nice dinner," Paulsen said. "I enjoy meeting and talking to the different people that help out and those that attend the dinner."

The event used to be exclusively for NMU students. It started out when NMU professors came to-

students had cars and were able to go home, St. Mark's extended the invitation to include anyone in the community who would have otherwise been alone on Thanksgiving Day.

"I rather enjoy the whole affair," said Edith Prosen, a member of the community who has coordinated this event for the past 10 years. "It's getting everything together and ready for the kids, and it's meeting new people and getting to see the new faces."

There's usually no shortage of food or volunteers. Funds are raised through a bazaar held in October, where they receive most of the money that is needed. Local businesses also help out through donations. After that, the community comes together to serve this meal through helping with the setting up of tables and chairs, preparing the food, and making sure the dinner runs smoothly.

"We usually have too many volunteers," said Prosen. "Many of them are alone themselves or it's just them and their husband. So they'll come and help out and then they also get a meal when everyone is done. They enjoy it so much that many of them are repeat volunteers."

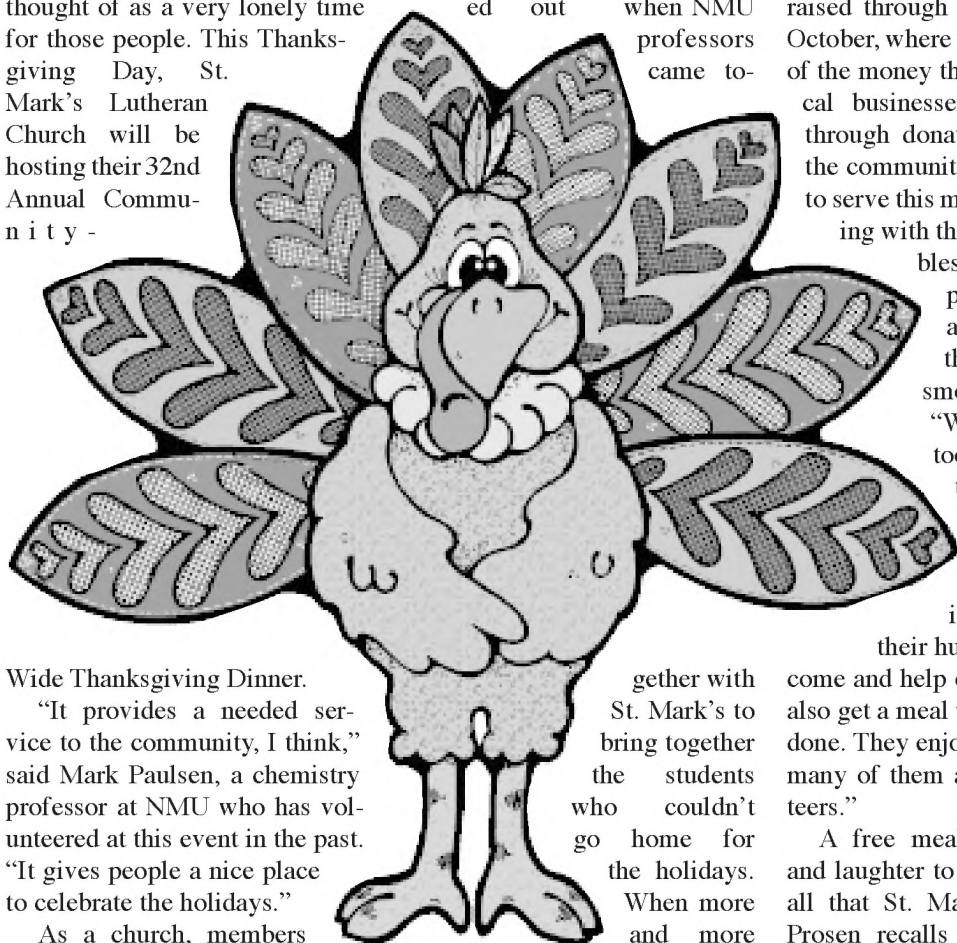
A free meal, friendly faces and laughter to go around is not all that St. Mark's is offering. Prosen recalls the tradition of

singing before the meal.

"Before the meal we'll sing grace and we'll also sing 'Over the River and Through the Woods' and other holiday songs," Prosen said. "Sometimes people will accompany us on the piano, and sometimes there will be a guitar. Anyone who wishes to play is certainly welcome to do so."

This Thanksgiving Dinner is

free of charge and will be taking place at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, located behind the Cochodas building on the corner of Fair Avenue and Presque Isle Avenue. The dinner starts at 1 p.m., but the doors are open an hour beforehand for coffee and conversation. Reservations and donations are appreciated. To reserve, please call St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 906-226-6857.



Wide Thanksgiving Dinner.

"It provides a needed service to the community, I think," said Mark Paulsen, a chemistry professor at NMU who has volunteered at this event in the past. "It gives people a nice place to celebrate the holidays."

As a church, members

gether with St. Mark's to bring together the students who couldn't go home for the holidays. When more and more

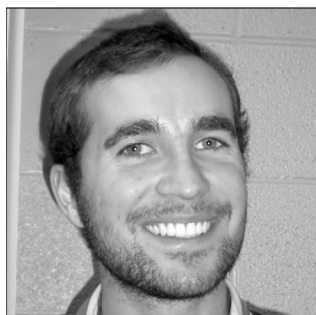


Delaney Lovett/NW

Originally intended for NMU students not traveling home for Thanksgiving, St. Mark's Lutheran Church provides a turkey dinner complete with pie for those who would otherwise be alone for the holiday.

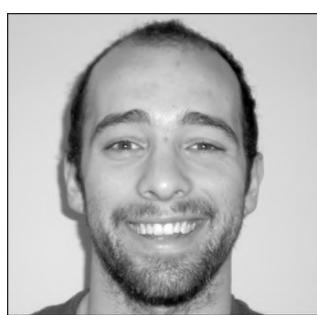
No-Shave November

How are people reacting to your participation in No-Shave November?



Josh Santiago
resident director,
Magers Hall

"It depends. Some people have been like, 'What are you doing and why are you doing that?' And the best is other reactions that are like, 'Yeah, No-Shave November!' And they get super excited."



James Dyer
junior,
English writing

"Everyone's excited to get beard rubs again. My girlfriend and my grandma want me to shave it. My grandma said I look like a homeless person."



Kellen Michalak
sophomore,
business

"People know me for having a beard in general so they're kind of surprised it's not longer. I usually keep it clean and fresh, so the whole neck beard and patches get mixed feelings."



Michael Carroll
junior,
English

"A lot of people say they like it, then a lot of people tell me I look like a meth addict. It's kind of a joke with my residents and when I see other people they're usually like, 'Oh, wow. It looks different. I like it.'"



Eric Creel
freshman,
outdoor recreation

"I've had a beard for like over a year so I think they reacted more to when I shaved it off."

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FACT OR FICTION

Abraham Lincoln was the first American president in 1863 to proclaim a national day of thanksgiving.

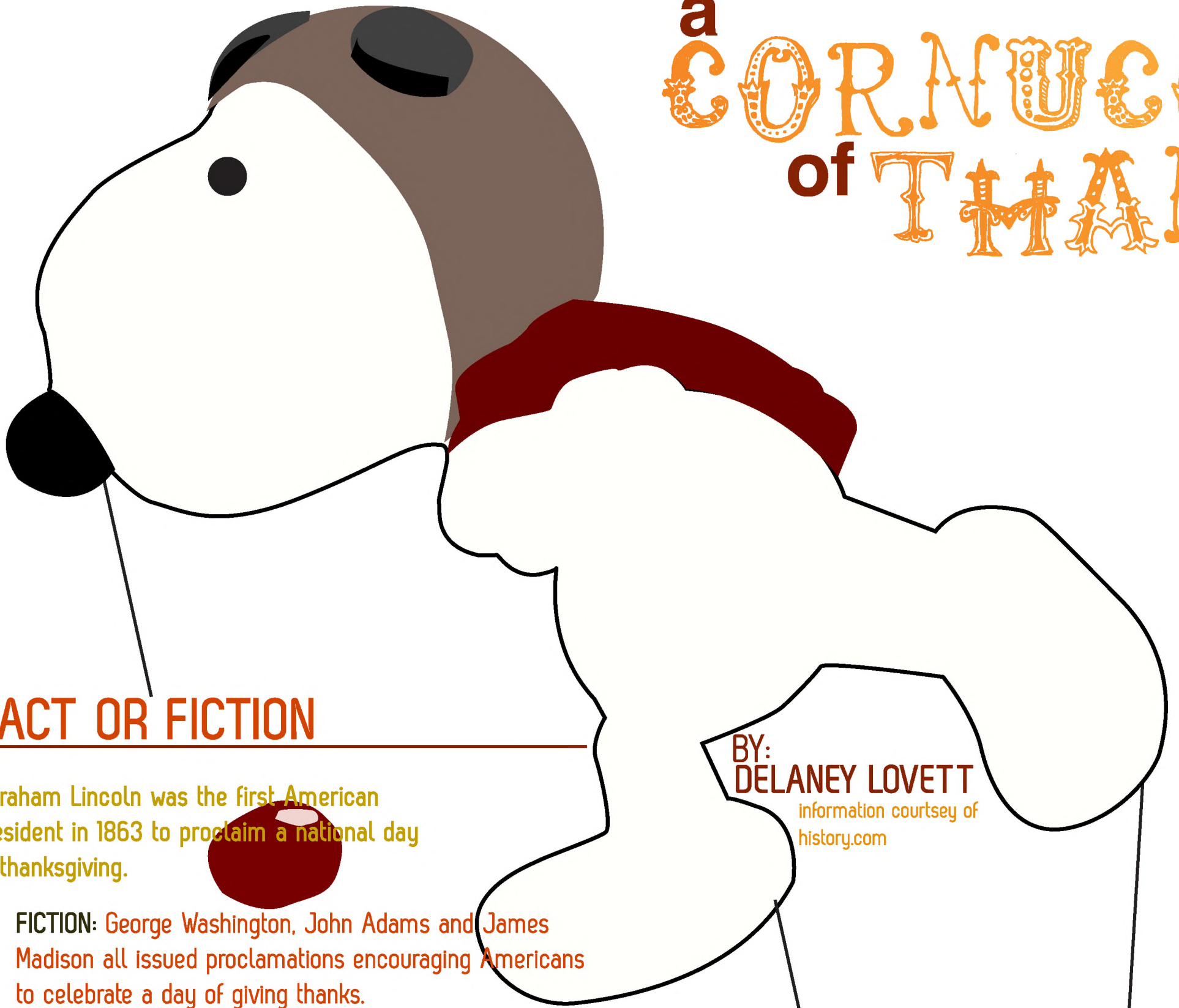
FICTION: George Washington, John Adams and James Madison all issued proclamations encouraging Americans to celebrate a day of giving thanks.

Macy's was the first department store-sponsored parade in celebration of Thanksgiving Day.

FICTION: Gimbel's the Philadelphia department store sponsored a Thanksgiving parade four years before Macy's first parade. This soon became the traditional kickoff of the holiday shopping season.

Native Americans used cranberries, still popular in Thanksgiving dinners, for cooking and medicinal purposes.

FACT: Native Americans used the berries in a variety of foods, as medicine to treat arrow punctures and as a dye for fabric. The Pilgrims adopted these uses and gave the fruit its name.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 1924 featured animals from the Central Park Zoo.

Today, the parade is watched on TV by about 44 million people and attended by 3 million.

Snoopy has appeared in the parade as a giant balloon more than any other character in history.

The Detroit Lions first played on Thanksgiving Day in 1934 and since then, they play on the holiday nearly every year.

Minnesota is the top turkey-producing state in America; Minnesota along with North Carolina, Missouri, Virginia and California produce about two-thirds of the year's turkey.

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FOOD FACTS

According to the National Turkey Federation, one-fifth of the annual turkey consumption, 46 million turkeys, were consumed at Thanksgiving.

Nearly 88 percent of Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving, and the average weight of turkeys is 15 pounds; nearly 700 million pounds were consumed in the United States on the holiday in 2007.

Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington are the top cranberry growing states, producing about 709 million pounds in 2009.

The largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and was over 12 feet long by pumpkin growers in Ohio. It included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs and 300 pounds of sugar.

'Hereafter' deep approach to afterlife



Film: Hereafter
 Director: Clint Eastwood
 Producers: Kathleen Kennedy, Robert Lorenz, Clint Eastwood
 Writer: Peter Morgan
 Starring: Matt Damon, Cécile de France, George and Frankie McLaren
 Runtime: 126 minutes
 Rating: PG-13



By Justin Marietti
 contributing writer

Matt Damon and Clint Eastwood, the actor/director duo from "Invictus," have teamed up again in the supernatural drama, "Hereafter." Those who have seen Eastwood's other directorial works such as "Million Dollar Baby," "Gran Torino" and "Mystic River" should be acquainted with the emotional roller coaster his films typically deliver, and "Hereafter" is no exception.

The movie has three interesting characters who are carefully woven together, each of whom displays a different perspective on death and how these pro-

tagonists deal with loss in their own unique way. Damon plays George, a formerly renowned psychic who is able to speak with the dead turned blue-collar sugarmill employee. George prefers life under the radar and believes that "a life that's all about death is no life at all," although his brother constantly tries to persuade him back to his old job. His brother sees it as George's duty, while George feels cursed by this so-called gift.

Marie Lelay (de France) is a French journalist on assignment in Thailand with her boss/boyfriend Didier (Thierry Neuvic) when she becomes a victim of the infamous tsunami that struck that area in 2004. During the disaster, Marie dies, has visions and then is miraculously brought back to

life. Her whole world begins to revolve around this event, and it continues to affect every aspect of her life.

Identical twin boys Marcus and Jason (Frankie and George McLaren) are the third installment of this story. These brothers are forced to grow up very fast in order to survive, because their mother, Jackie, is a drug addict and alcoholic. Afraid of being taken away by social services, the boys do everything they can to be the adults of the house when their mother cannot be. When Jackie sends Jason out to get a prescription filled for detox medication, Jason calls Marcus and tells him to go online and find out what type of drugs they are. When they find out, they are excited to finally have a "normal family." However, Jason is struck and killed by a vehicle, and Marcus is left to pick up the pieces.

Unlike other films of this genre, which usually have a much more direct approach and leave no stone unturned, "Hereafter" leaves the viewer with unanswered questions while still getting the message across. Right from the start, the movie clearly gives the distinction that there is indeed an afterlife and the three protagonists are used to show how each character deals with their knowledge of this in their own unique way.

The story does a great job of giving each character their own personality traits, making them more relatable to moviegoers. George is a shut-in who has an obsession with the works of Charles Dickens; Marie is a famous reporter who takes great pride in what she does and is also a very compassionate person who's set on using her fame for the right reasons; and Marcus is a bright young kid who looks up to his brother Jason very much, and feels lost without his guidance and companionship. He and his brother are extremely devoted to their mother, even though she couldn't always return the favor because of her lifestyle choices.

Although the three main char-

acters come from very different lives and have very different life experiences, "Hereafter" shows that there is hope for each and every one of them if they know where to look for it. Together, they explore the dynamics of the afterlife and spirituality without ever jamming a set of beliefs down the viewer's throat. In that respect, it has a fluidity that other films cannot offer; it has a quality that moves the audience without subduing them.

The holidays are approaching, which means there's sure to be a theater full of new blockbuster movies; I recommend that if you want to see something with a little more depth and substance, give "Hereafter" a shot.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

"Hereafter" takes a deep approach to death and the afterlife. Matt Damon plays George, a man with the ability to speak with the dead.

Aldean takes a dip into other genres



Album: My Kinda Party
 Artist: Jason Aldean
 Label: Broken Bow Records
 Tracks: 15
 Release: Nov. 2, 2010



By Alex Belz
 staff writer

There's been a lot of controversy in the country music world for years now over how far an artist can diverge from standard country music and still be considered part of the country genre. Taylor Swift and Carrie Underwood are constantly under scrutiny for their pop sentiments, as was Tim McGraw when he made "Over and Over Again" with rap star Nelly. Jason Aldean, on his new album, "My Kinda Party," takes it one step further — he actually raps on one of his tracks.

Aldean's new album represents everything good in country mu-

sic. It's head-swaying, feel-good music, full of songs perfect for drinking with friends or driving alone in the middle of the night. Though there are a few new tricks up Aldean's sleeve (like rapping on the second track, "Dirt Road Anthem,") the album still has a classic country sound.

"Dirt Road Anthem," isn't a chart-topper from the album — yet. But if Aldean was smart, he'd release it as a single. The song is very relatable. Surprisingly, Aldean can rap, although not as well as the greats. Aldean won't be giving Biggie or Jay-Z a run for their money any time soon, but Aldean does hold his own in a unique, Georgia-accented sort of way. And the chorus, sung in a very traditional country-style way, has some of the most solid lyrics on the album: "I'm chilling

on a dirt road / laid back, swerving like I'm George Jones / smoke blowing out the window / an ice cold beer sitting in the console / memory lane up in the headlights / has got me reminiscing on the good times."

The first single off the album, "My Kinda Party," rocks harder than one might expect from a country song. It's very drum-heavy and full of hard-hitting guitar riffs, more akin to a '90s alternative band than one backing a country star. It continues the lyrical trend on the album of referencing alcohol and partying. Aldean sings on the track, "You can find me in the back of a jacked up tailgate / sitting around watching all these pretty things / I get down in that

Georgia clay / I'll find peace in the bottom of a real tall cold drink / chilling with some Skynyrd and some old Hank."

The real lyrical strength, however, comes through on "Church Pew or Bar Stool," a traditional country slow song, complete with twangy guitar and slow arpeggios. The title of the song comes from a description of a town Aldean says is a "church pew or bar stool kind of town," a town where no one is exactly sure where they are going in life so they pick their form of salvation in either "the whiskey or the Bible / shot glass or revival."

Much of the album, despite its occasional divergences into experimentation (as seen in "Dirt Road Anthem"), is a solid, rock-

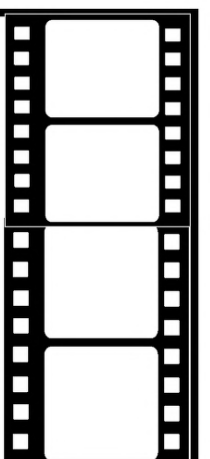
ing country album that newcomers and old fans of the genre should be content with. Each track easily leads into the next, until it becomes almost impossible to listen to just one track without listening to the whole album through. With run time of just under an hour, the album provides a great, pleasurable experience. They just don't make albums like this anymore.

My only problem with the album is that it wasn't released during the summer. The music is perfect for warm weather and torn jeans. I have a feeling if it was released in the summer, you could find me chilling with some Aldean, finding peace in the bottom of a tall, cold drink somewhere on the shores of Lake Superior.

1. Megamind	\$29.1M
2. Unstoppable	\$22.7M
3. Due Date	\$15.4M
4. Skyline	\$11.7M
5. Morning Glory	\$9.2M

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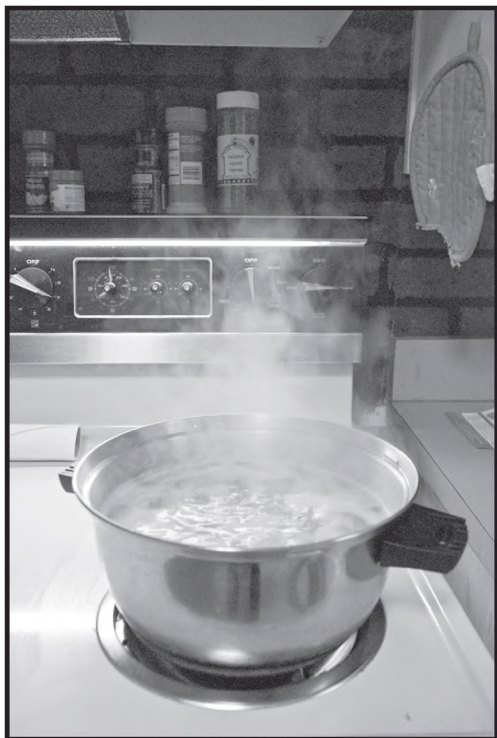
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Cheesy Mashed Potatoes

Bring a pot of water to a boil. Wash approximately one large red potato for each person you plan to feed and cut into medium size pieces—leave skins on. Boil for 15-25 minutes, occasionally stirring and checking potato softness. When soft, remove from heat, drain and return to pan. Begin mashing with a fork, as you add small amounts of seasoning, milk, minced garlic and butter. The amounts of each will vary depending on amount of potatoes, start with small amounts and add more if necessary. Mash mixture until satisfied with the consistency. Mix in shredded cheese and put in baking dish. Sprinkle more cheese on top and put in oven at 325 degrees F until cheese is melted.



When soft, remove from heat, drain and return to pan. Begin mashing with a fork, as you add small amounts of seasoning, milk, minced garlic and butter. The amounts of each will vary depending on amount of potatoes, start with small amounts and add more if necessary. Mash mixture until satisfied with the consistency. Mix in shredded cheese and put in baking dish. Sprinkle more cheese on top and put in oven at 325 degrees F until cheese is melted.

Wiggin' Out

Encouraging you to take a look....

By Ashley Wiggins
photo editor



IT'S TURKEY TIME

Don't let the media fool you, preparing a turkey is surprisingly easy—anyone can do it! For less than twenty dollars you can cook an entire turkey dinner for you and your friends (or family), and have leftovers.

Here's how:



**Step One:
Thawing the frozen turkey**

In Refrigerator:

Whole Turkey Weight/Thawing Time
 8 to 12 lbs 1 to 2 days
 12 to 16 lbs 2 to 3 days
 16 to 20 lbs 3 to 4 days
 20 to 24 lbs 4 to 5 days
 Approximately 24 hours per 5 pounds

In Cold Water:

Whole Turkey Weight/Thawing Time
 8 to 12 lbs 4 to 6 hours
 12 to 16 lbs 6 to 8 hours
 16 to 20 lbs 8 to 10 hours
 20 to 24 lbs 10 to 12 hours
 Approximately 30 minutes per pound, change water every 1/2 hour.

**Step Two:
Preparing the thawed turkey**

Remove Packaging:

Remove wrapper and take out neck and giblets from body cavities—they will often be in bags

Drain Juices

Pour juices out of inside of turkey and pat dry with a paper towel

Stuff Turkey

if desired

Seasoning

Rub butter over the entire exterior of turkey and season as desired (salt, pepper, garlic salt, poultry seasoning, etc)



**Step Three:
Cooking the turkey**

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F

Place turkey in pan at least 2 inches deep

Roast according to table below

Unstuffed:

Weight	Roasting Time
8 to 12 lbs	2-3/4 to 3 hours
12 to 14 lbs	3 to 3-3/4 hours
14 to 18 lbs	3-3/4 to 4-1/4 hours
18 to 20 lbs	4-1/4 to 4-1/2 hours
20 to 24 lbs	4-1/2 to 5 hours

Stuffed:

Weight	Roasting Time
8 to 12 lbs	3 to 3-1/2 hours
12 to 14 lbs	3-1/2 to 4 hours
14 to 18 lbs	4 to 4-1/4 hours
18 to 20 lbs	4-1/4 to 4-3/4 hours
20 to 24 lbs	4-3/4 to 5-3/4 hours

Place a sheet of aluminium foil lightly over the turkey when two-thirds done

Thigh temperature should be 180 degrees F, and the turkey should be golden brown. If stuffed, the center of the stuffing should be around 165 degrees F



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Hockey keeps CCHA record even, splits games

By John Becker
sports editor

The NMU hockey team split its games against Bowling Green State University Falcons last weekend as the Wildcats denied the Falcons the 800th win in program history. However, the 'Cats prepare for the long haul this week as they will travel to Alaska.

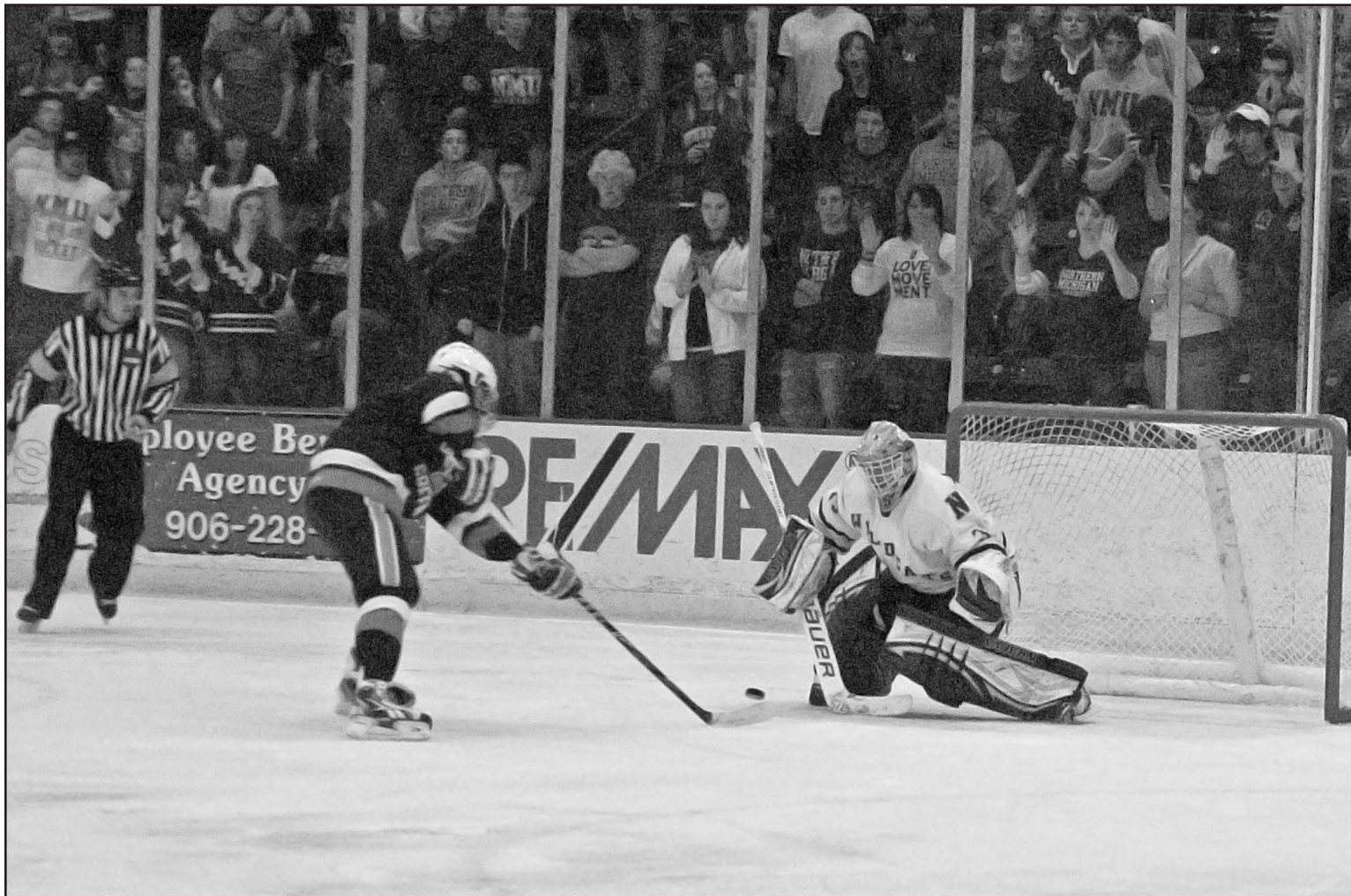
On Friday, Nov. 13, the Wildcats (4-4 CCHA, 4-6-1 overall) took on the BGSU Falcons (2-6 CCHA, 5-7 overall) and were defeated, 2-1. The Falcons scored late in the first period on a power play and midway through the second at even strength. Senior captain Phil Fox scored his first goal of the year at 3:45 in the third, but it wasn't enough for the win. The 'Cats posted 27 shots on goal while the Falcons had 28.

Head coach Walt Kyle said the Wildcats were too passive on offense, which helped contribute to the loss.

"I thought Friday night we were just really content to sit back and play a defensive game and we let them kind of dictate the tempo, and that's something you don't want to do when you're in your own building," Kyle said. "You want to be aggressive; you want to set the tempo."

The Wildcats got the memo, as the game on Saturday, Nov. 14 began with an offensive flourish from Fox, who scored at 1:12 (Mike Maltese, Justin Florek) and 5:41 (Tyler Gron, Scott Macaulay). Kyle said Fox's goals were well-deserved because he's always working hard.

"He's a guy who's shown that he can score in flurries," Kyle said. "He does have a touch around the net and oftentimes



Gil Cohen/N.W.

Junior goaltender Reid Ellingson stops a penalty shot from BGSU sophomore forward Jordan Samuels-Thomas. It was the first BGSU penalty shot taken since Oct. 18, 2008. Ellingson allowed three goals on the weekend and earned 40 saves.

it continues for guys once they build that confidence level."

Junior goaltender Reid Ellingson played the duration of both games, earning 40 saves on the weekend and stopping BGSU's first penalty shot since 2008. The penalty shot was granted when a Wildcat player put his hand on the puck while it was in the crease, the blue area in front of the net where a goaltender stands. Kyle said the call adhered to the rulebook and Ellingson made a great save. He also said the goalie spot is still open between Ellingson

and freshman Jared Coreau.

The Wildcats earned three more goals in the third period. Gron scored his team-leading fifth goal of the season at 13:45, Andrew Cherniwchan beat the goalie at 17:54 and Kory Kaunisto earned his first career goal at 19:01 to seal the victory, 5-1.

Gron said he'd like to find himself in the right spot more often, and attributed his success to his teammates on the ice.

"I just kind of go to where I think the puck's going to go to next, and if it does, I capitalize

on it," Gron said. "A lot of my offensive opportunities this year have been from my line mates giving me the opportunity when there was a good pass or a good play to me."

The Wildcats had 40 shots on goal to the Falcons' 16, and Kyle said it had to do with solid defense alongside a revved up offense.

"We were much more aggressive in what we did and I think that showed in the shots and in the score," Kyle said.

The Wildcats will need a pow-

erful offensive unit this weekend as they travel to take on the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks (4-3-1 CCHA, 7-4-1 overall) on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20. The Nanooks are 5-1 at home, losing only to the Michigan Wolverines, and Gron said it's not just about traveling.

"Waiting around in airports isn't ideal but I'd say the hardest part about the trip is the time change," he said. "Once you get there you have to get on the ice, equivalent to about 1 a.m. our time."

Soccer season ends in tournament shutout

By Jon Young
staff writer

The NMU women's varsity soccer team made its first ever NCAA tournament appearance on Friday, Nov. 12 against the Northern Kentucky Norse in Kenosha, Wis., where the Wildcats were defeated in a shutout.

The Norse put up four goals in the second half to come away with a 4-0 victory. The 'Cats (8-4-3 GLIAC, 9-6-5 overall) held the Norse scoreless in the first half. Head coach Matt Granstrand said he thought Northern Kentucky was a good team, but wasn't overly impressed by his team's first half performance.

"You know they're a quality team," Granstrand said. "It's funny, I don't think we played a particularly good first half but it was zero to zero."

The Norse took the lead early in the second half when Hannah Wissel scored at 45:14. The 'Cats battled and kept it a one-goal game until Amanda Watson scored a header at 65:19. The Norse scored again at 69:55 and 79:58 to go up 4-0. Despite giving up four goals in the second, Granstrand was impressed with the Wildcats play.

"Second half we played great, and every chance they had they scored," Granstrand said. "I thought the second half performance was really good."

For the four seniors on the team it was their last game playing for the Wildcats. Goalkeeper Dana Bush, defenseman Anne Speers, and forwards Dana Stephens and Kari Buckel helped lead the team to their first NCAA tournament appearance, and helped earn a 1-0 overtime vic-

tory against Grand Valley for the first time since 2001.

"It's a special group. They're classy people on and off the field," Granstrand said. "Our success this year was based on their leadership, and we're definitely going to miss them."

The success on the field for the Wildcats earned four players all conference awards. Sopho-

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— Matt Granstrand
NMU head soccer coach

more goalkeeper Jessica Baker was rewarded first team all-con-

ference, while forwards Amelia Johnson, Kari Buckel and Dana Stephens all made second team all-conference. The Wildcats ended up in second place in the GLIAC North Division, and were the only team to knock off Grand Valley in conference play since 2006. Buckel said she was happy to end her career on a strong note.

"I want to say thanks to the entire team, especially the underclassmen for coming in and being a huge part of the success," Buckel said. "It was huge making records my senior year and ending my career with so much success."

Dana Stephens led the team in goals with 11, Amelia Johnson had nine and Kari Buckel finished with five. Those three also led the

team in points with 24, 18 and 16 respectively. Buckel led the team in assists with six.

Next year's team looks to build off the success of this season. The 'Cats are returning most of their starters and hope to make it back to the NCAA tournament.

However, Granstrand said the team is not content with only making the tournament cut.

"Next year's goal is to repeat what we did this year and hopefully win a game or two in the NCAA tournament," Granstrand said.

He also said that due to the low number of seniors, the team will return with some of its former strength.

"We had a very young team this year so I would expect next year to be a really good year as well," he said.



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Sophomore defensive specialist Julie Francek digs the ball back to the opposition during a regular season game. Francek registered 43 digs on the season.

Volleyball team makes third straight appearance in NCAA tournament

By David Pleyel
staff writer

The NMU women's volleyball team hosted its last home game last weekend to kick off the start of the GLIAC tournament. The Wildcats focused on this important game and accepted nothing less than victory in order to enter the prestigious NCAA Division II tournament.

The Wildcats went up against the Dragons one last time this season and began scoring kills and shredding through Tiffin's defense. The Wildcats defeated Tiffin in little over an hour's worth of game play and swept all three matches (25-19, 25-15, and 25-22) in a much-needed victory.

Sophomore libero Becca Feuerherd said that the win against Tiffin was definitely a confidence booster for the team at this point in the season, and that, as a team, they proved their capabilities.

"We played very efficient volleyball and kept steady control of the game," Feuerherd said. "We were also able to return to aggressive serving and attacking, as well as good floor defense and serve receive, all of which are the keys to our success as a team."

The Wildcats moved forward as they traveled to Hillsdale to take on the Grand Valley State Lakers for the third time this season. Both teams defeated one another on their home courts, and duked it out on a neutral court to determine who would walk away the victor.

The Grand Valley State Lakers

slowly took control of the offense as they forced the Wildcats to play at their speed and tempo. The Lakers won the first two sets, 25-16 and 29-27. The 'Cats came back and won the third set 25-23, but the Lakers defense proved too much for the 'Cats as they win the last set 25-15.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said that Grand Valley team has improved greatly over the season and there were just some things the team just couldn't stop.

"Grand Valley just came out with the mindset to win," Yoder said. "Their defense was outstanding and they just controlled the offense. Even though we out-scored Grand Valley in kills, their defense was just frustrating us to the point we couldn't bounce back to secure a victory."

Lina Lopes led the Wildcats in kills this weekend with 25, followed by Sami Vierk who had 20 and Emma Wolfe who had 17. On the defensive side, Kristin Wetzel led the 'Cats in digs with 22 for the weekend, followed by Lina Lopes and Catherine Waybright who both had 12.

Four of the Wildcats were also honored by the GLIAC with postseason awards. Outside hitter Lina Lopes was selected as the GLIAC Freshman of the Year, joining Abby Lovell on the All-GLIAC First Team. Sophomore middle hitter Sami Vierk was selected to the second team, followed by junior middle hitter Emma Wolfe to receive an honorable mention.

Lopes played in all 27 matches for the 'Cats and appeared in all but one set. Lopes leads the Wildcats in kills (298), digs (297) and service aces (49). She also has 32 assists and 32 total blocks. Lovell played in 25 matches as the team setter. She leads the team with 936 assists. Lovell also has 97 kills, 21 service aces, 133 digs and 28 blocks. Vierk played in all 27 matches. She leads the team in kills (298) along with Lopes. Vierk is second in total blocks (55) with six blocks and 49 block assists. Emma Wolfe appeared in all 27 matches and is third on the team in kills (260). Wolfe has 13 service aces, 36 digs, 14 blocks and 31 block assists for 45 total blocks.

The Wildcats are now focusing on NCAA Division II tournament where they will take on the Indianapolis Greyhounds for the second time this year. The Greyhounds gave the 'Cats their first upset of the season at the GLVC-GLIAC Crossover Tournament and look to knock the 'Cats out of the tournament early. Head coach Dominic Yoder said that he is proud of his team this year and he hopes to advance deep into the tournament.

"I'm very proud of this team's success, and I am very happy that we met our goals for the team this season," Yoder said. "We are far from being done, though. We need to focus on our match-up against Indy and slow down their offense as well as working on our defensive schemes. We take this tournament a day at a time and prove that we belong here."

Basketball splits games at tourney

By Jon young
staff writer

The NMU men's basketball team kicked off its season last weekend as it traveled to Palm Beach, Fla. to participate in the Palm Beach Atlantic Tournament.

For their first game of the season the Wildcats took on tournament host Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish on Friday, Nov. 12. The Sailfish came away with the 77-60 victory. Junior guard Raymond McElroy thought the 'Cats lacked team chemistry early on, but improved as the game went on.

"You could tell that we really didn't have any chemistry out there," McElroy said. "I think as the game went on, we got better and better."

The Wildcats fell behind in the first half as Palm Beach shot 58.1 percent from the field and made six three pointers. NMU had 14 turnovers in the first half and found themselves trailing 51-32 at the break. The 'Cats shot 42.3 percent for the game, and only 38.5 percent from the free throw line. First year head coach Doug Lewis knows his team has to convert on more free throws.

"Two big things about the game of basketball is you have to make free throws and you have to make shots, and we shot poor percentages from both sides," Lewis said. "I think our guys learned from that game."

Junior center Jared Benson led the 'Cats with 12 points and seven boards, junior guard DeAndre Taylor chipped in 10 points, with sophomore center Mylan Murphy and Raymont McElroy each adding eight.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Wildcats were back on the hardwood to take on the Lynn University Fighting Knights. The 'Cats rebounded from their first game and dropped the Fighting Knights 69-61 to finish the tournament 1-1. The Wildcats played much better team defense and forced Lynn into having a rough shooting night. Lewis said he thought the team's chemistry and defense were the keys to victory.

"It's a coincidence that Lynn was probably a much better club than Palm Beach, and we played that game like we played together for the last two years," Lewis said. "Our guys really came out and played good team defense, and it looked like we had some chemistry."

The 'Cats were able to hold the Fighting Knights to 32.8 percent shooting from the field and caused 20 turnovers on the defensive end. The Wildcats shot 44.7 percent from the field and improved on free throw shooting, hitting 62.2 percent from the charity strip. McElroy felt that the post play and defense was the key to the victory.

"It depends on our big men more than anything; it makes it so much easier for the guards to penetrate and shoot when our big men are scoring and being a threat in there," McElroy said. "I felt like overall our defense just picked up in the second game."

For the second game in a row, center Jared Benson lead the team in scoring with 14 points, and he blocked three shots. DeAndre Taylor added 11 points and seven rebounds for the 'Cats, while freshmen forward Matthew Craggs added 12 points off the bench. Raymont McElroy added nine points and five assists to pace the Wildcats.

On Saturday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m., the Wildcats host Spring Arbor in the home opener at the Berry Events Center. Lewis said the team is going to work on defensive communication and ball movement going into this week.

"I think if we do some of those things, we will be okay this weekend, especially playing at home in our opener," Lewis said.

No. 4 University of Indianapolis Greyhounds volleyball scouting report

2010 Record: 25-8, 11-3 GLVC

2009 Record: 32-1, 13-1 GLVC

National Ranking (AVCA): 19

Last three games: L vs Lewis 3-1, W vs Southern Indiana 3-0, W vs Bellarmine 3-0

Players to watch: senior Cheneta Morrison S/OH, junior Courtney Anglemeyer MH, senior Lyndsay Callahan OH, sophomore Kristina Kerrigan OH

Key stat: This is the third straight year that NMU has been the fifth seed at the NCAA tournament. Each year they have lost the first two games, won the third and fourth game, and then lost the fifth game 15-12, and lost the match 3-2.

Prediction: Third times the charm for the Wildcats. NMU 3-1 (NMU, UIndy, NMU, NMU)

— Brice Burge

Brazilian athletes find home at NMU

By David Pleyel
staff writer

There are so many people from foreign nations who may never be met by people from the U.S. Their cultures, food, entertainment, and just simply their way of life may never become more than a few pages read from a textbook or a few clips of video footage from a documentary.

That's not the case for three young, aspiring volleyball players at NMU. Ana (Lina) Lopes, Ellen Lemos, and Daniela (Dani) Branco, all from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, consider NMU to be their, "Casa Longe De Casa," (home away from home, in Portuguese).

The adjustments and familiarity to their new surroundings were a little intimidating at first, but intimidation was soon replaced by excitement as the opportunity to be at NMU became a reality.

"The biggest obstacles are not only being far away from my family and friends, but far away from the place I am so familiar with," Lopes said. "Imagine all of that gone and then suddenly trying to learn a new culture, people, and different places. It was tough."

Fellow athletes Branco and Lemos agree that the transition was difficult for them as well, as they express similar feelings to being home sick.

"Even though I have been here a year and consider myself adapted, I still miss my family and friends, especially when the school year gets tougher," Branco said. "The thing that I am not quite yet adjusted to is the cold. Our winter back home, it would get down to maybe 45 degrees, so it's a huge adjustment."

Lemos said the worst part for her was being so far from home, but she overcame it. The cold weather,

however, is a different story.

"I am not sure if I will ever adjust to the cold weather, but I think I can deal with it," Lemos said.

While all three athletes share a common interest in volleyball and the fact it was the main reason all three attended NMU, all three responded to it in a different light. Their inspiration and view of the game all mean something different, and something special to them.

"I started to play volleyball when I was 11 and my dad and sister had a really big influence on me," Lopes said. "They influenced me in a way that I just didn't want to stop playing the game. I love the way I can just forget about everything else while I'm playing volleyball. I love to compete and just do my best."

For Branco, it was her mother who convinced her to try the sport.

"I started when I was 12 and

took a couple of classes and was hooked almost immediately," Branco said. "I can't really tell you what I love about volleyball specifically, but that's probably because I love the sport in general and just competing."

Lemos said her mother also influenced her to join and that she loves the sport for the in-depth teamwork required to succeed.

"My mother used to play for a volleyball club when I was growing up, and ever since then I wanted to play," Lemos said. "It always involves what you have to do in order to help your team succeed, as well as your team making you successful."

Even though volleyball takes up a big portion of their lives, they still have other aspiring goals they would like to achieve while at Northern.

Lopes is majoring in International Relations, and has shown

some interest in going pro in the sport one day, but she stressed she only lives for one day at a time and that is a ways down the road.

Lemos is working towards an Art and Design degree and would love to get a job as a web designer, start working with photography as a hobby and live in New York one day.

Branco is also not sure what her future holds, but she feels that whatever comes her way and whatever she ends up doing, she would just like to have a peaceful and stable life that will allow her to enjoy her job and free time with family and friends.

These aspiring athletes have traveled a great distance in search of a dream. While their culture and ways of life may be different from this area, there still is a common goal among each other; to follow their dreams to the end and to make life the way they want it to be.

Season ends with loss of Miner's Cup

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

The Northern Michigan University football team closed the door on another season with a heartbreaking 12-0 loss to rival Michigan Tech last Saturday, Nov. 13. The Wildcats finished 5-6 overall and 5-5 in the GLIAC.

"I felt that it was the perfect atmosphere for the last game," said senior defensive tackle DJ Catalano. "I'm disappointed that we lost, but it was a fun game. We showed effort and I was really happy I got to play with my teammates one last time."

Defensive back DJ Oke led the team in tackles with 10 total stops and a broken up pass. Linebacker Eddie Knoblock also had ten stops in the game. Eighteen Wildcats had tackles in the game and seven of them had tackles for a loss.

"Basically the defense was strong because everyone has a job to do," Catalano said. "It's not a selfish defense. It's a defense based on doing your job, and when you have the opportunity, you do it."

Both teams struggled to get their offenses going in the snowy weather. The two teams combined for just 365 yards of total offense, 20 first downs and completed 11 of 30 pass attempts. NMU's John Privitelli led both teams in all-purpose yards with 103 rushing yards and 22 kick return yards.

Michigan Tech was able to get on the board with a four-yard touchdown pass from Steve Short to Brian Stowowy with 1:42 left in the first quarter. Tech was also able to grab six more points in the third quarter as Short crossed the goal line on a one-yard QB keeper. The

Huskies usually reliable kicker Tyler Cattelino, who was named GLIAC special teams player of the week twice this season, missed both PAT attempts and a 27-yard field goal to make the final 12-0.

Northern Michigan also lost the Miner's Cup, the rivalry trophy between the two schools since 2003. The 12-0 score was the lowest total points scored in the history of the Cup, and it has changed schools the last five seasons.

The Wildcats loss took away the chance at the first back to back winning seasons for the football team since the 1999 (6-4) and 2000 (6-5) seasons. However, the Wildcats did manage to go 5-5 in conference play, placing them in a four-way tie for third place in the GLIAC North and sixth place overall. NMU tied in the standings with Indianapolis (lost 6-5, Oct. 23 at home), Ferris (won 22-20, Oct. 16 at home), and

Northwood (won 31-17, Sept. 18 at Northwood).

NMU also had ten Wildcats honored by the conference for their play this season. Knobloch and Oke were named to the first team All-GLIAC, while defensive tackle Zach Anderson, linebacker John Blessing and defensive back Ricky Neaves were named to the second team. Wide receiver Dustin Brancheau, Catalano, Privitelli, offensive lineman Jason DuMont and defensive end Eric Wells were named honorable mention.

The Wildcats will now be moving forward to the 2011 season, as expectations have been set high already for the team. On offense, NMU will be losing their top wide receiver in Brancheau, but will regain receiver and return man Christian Jessie after he was ruled ineligible for this season. Quarterback Carter Kopach will be healthy for next season to help lead the spread offense and the

continued use of the Wildcat offensive scheme with players like Christian Marble-King and Tony Awrey. On defense, the secondary will be hurt by the losses of Junior Michel, Neaves and Oke, but players like Jacob Lehmann and Anthony Marietti have seen playing time this year to get more in game experience. Also on defense, Knobloch, who led team in tackles and interceptions, and tackle Anderson, who led team

in sacks and forced fumbles, will return.

"We're already thinking about next year," Anderson said. "We have a lot of juniors coming back for their senior year. We're working with (strength and conditioning) Coach (Andy) Tysz, and starting next week we're doing team work out and we're looking at everyone putting in the hard work and coming stronger and harder than ever."

NMU, Tech ROTC cadets run game ball 100 miles

The Michigan Tech-Northern Michigan rivalry is one of the biggest rivalries in the state, but the Miner's Cup is only a recent addition to the battle for Upper Peninsula athletic supremacy. As the Huskies and Wildcats have fought over the trophy, a little-known story of the schools coming together to celebrate the rivalry has developed over the years.

The Miner's Cup ball run is a 100-mile trip by NMU and MTU ROTC members to run a ceremonial game ball from the visiting team's field to the home team's field for the game. Just like any home game for the Wildcats, the game ball started at the top of the Superior Dome to be rappelled down from the rafters over midfield. It then makes it way out of Marquette, two to three miles at a time down U.S. 41/M 28 with the help of the NMU ROTC cadets. At the Baraga roadside park at 6 a.m., a ceremonial exchange between the commanding officers sends the ball up U.S. 41 to Sherman Field by Tech's program.

"It's crazy. It's a lot of fun," said senior cadet Ben Crockett. "When you walk into a room full of NMU cadets ... who come in and (they) want to run in the middle of the night — in the winter of the U.P. — and have so many people volunteer, it's awesome."

The tradition started with the conception of the Miner's Cup, as the trophy was originally founded by former Michigan Tech junior commander and current NMU senior commander Kyle Rambo. The run was a way to generate interest in the game and the rivalry, but now has become just as important to the participants as the game itself.

"To hold the ball in my hands as I run, it's like scoring the game-winning touchdown," Crockett said.

— Brice Burge



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Senior ROTC cadet Xander Alix runs his leg of the Miner's Cup Ball Run, which was between Negaunee and Ishpeming.

Club icers break 10-game losing streak

By Laura Conway
staff writer

The men's club hockey team played a strong comeback weekend against Marquette University out of Milwaukee, Wis. The 'Cats swept the weekend after a 10-game losing streak winning the first game on Friday, Nov. 12 10-1 and the second game on Saturday, Nov. 13, 11-2.

The first game this weekend, the team just wanted to get back on track. Freshman Kevin McNab thought all they needed was that first goal to get the ball rolling for the team's motivation.

"First game since we'd been going through a slump, we had wanted to get back on track. Once we scored a few goals we knew we could beat up on them," McNab said.

McNab gave the team two apples, or assists, towards their victory goals.

Junior rookie on the team, Nick Cavato, said that the team wasn't intimidated by the winning record Marquette University had.

"In game one, we knew that they had a better record, but we could tell they were a weaker team. We tried to keep it in their zone a lot, and it worked," Cavato said.

McNab attributes the win to the

fact that the Wildcats stayed out of the penalty box for more time during this series, keeping the playing field even between the two teams.

"When we are out of the box, we can hang with any team because we are even. When we are low, it wears our team down quicker," McNab said.

The team lost some of its regular starters so the team had to work hard all week to get used to their new line up. Right wing Andrew Herriman said he is proud of how the team adapted.

"We definitely had better communication and capitalized on all our opportunities this week. We passed the puck a lot better and played better as a team. We actually played a lot better on the team knowing that we were all playing as a cohesive team," Herriman said.

The second game was also a good game for NMU, starting off with the first of 11 goals for the 'Cats scored within the first 45 seconds. McNab was impressed with how strong the team went into the second game.

"Second game we were pretty confident so we took it right to them again, they were pretty dusty. We even scored three in second period," McNab said.

Cavato commented on the improved offense with some good



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Freshman center Kevin McNab (left) and junior right wing Jon Stengel (right) work together to further progress into their offensive zone. McNab scored the first of 11 goals against Marquette University on Saturday, Nov. 13.

goals in the second game and a first win for a rookie goalie.

"We started pulling away second and third periods, putting shots on the goal and getting the puck in the net," Cavato said. "We broke them down mentally. I got a goal, Kellen Michalak got a hat trick, and it was a big first win for our rookie goalie Mike O'Connell."

Marquette was going to be a good match for the Wildcats; it has been the only team to beat St. Norbert College who is ranked 10th in the ACHA Central Hockey Region. St. Norbert beat the Wildcats at their home invitational earlier in the season. It was a rough loss that took the championship at the Wildcat invitational away from the host team.

Herriman is hoping the good spirits from this series carry over into next weekend against St. Norbert College.

"We are hoping to keep the momentum up and beat the next guys we play," Herriman said.

The next game will be away against St. Norbert College Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

Women's basketball team drops first away game of regular season

By Brice Burge
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The season has started for the Northern Michigan women's basketball team, as the Wildcats fell in their opener 67-51 to the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs.

"I thought (Minnesota-Duluth) was very organized, as they had a bunch of seniors coming back. They knew what they were doing," said head coach Troy Mattson. "We had a lot of new people in the game and were disorganized. We didn't do the things that gave us the best chance to win."

Offensive production was scarce for the Wildcats with just four players scoring from the field. Kellie Rietveld led Northern in points with 18. Chelsea Lyons, a transfer from UW-Green Bay, put up 12 points and Steffani Stoeger added 10 more. Four other players combined for the other 11 points.

"We need to score in the post," Mattson said. "Duluth is the biggest team we will play all year, with their six-foot players. They really caused a problem for us. They made plays in and around the basket that we weren't able to."

NMU lost the points in the paint battle 22-8, showing the losses of graduated players Angie Leckson and Mariah Dunham. The players combined for 20 ppg last year, most of those scored from the lane.

"You're losing two seniors and replacing them with two people that haven't played a lot of minutes," Mattson said. "Jackie Davey and Stacy Beckel have done a good job the entire postseason. I expect both to have good years, but when you lose (Leckson and Dunham) you will lose a lot of experience in the beginning of the season."

The Bulldogs also found more consistency and depth with their lineup, as five players scored in the double digits. One of those players, Kelsey Hewitt, came off the bench for Duluth. UMD also outscored the 'Cats in

bench points 19-9.

Up next for the Wildcats is the Quincy Tipoff Tournament at Quincy University in Illinois on Friday, Nov. 19. NMU will face the Missouri Western State Griffins in the first round. The Griffins (7-20, 5-11 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association for the 2009-2010 season) are playing their first official game against NMU. MWS is 1-1 in exhibition games this year. The winner of this game will play the winner of Quincy and Upper Iowa University on Saturday, Nov. 20 for the tournament championship.

"We need to get more organized," Mattson said. "We need to understand what to do on the offensive and defensive ends and execute it properly. We need to understand how we're going to play and what we need to do."

Northern Michigan was picked to finish third in the GLIAC North preseason media poll, behind Grand Valley and Michigan Tech.

Northwood, recently placed in the North after divisional realignment were needed for the additions of Ohio Dominican and Lake Erie to the conference, is fourth and Lake Superior State is fifth. Ferris and Saginaw Valley were picked for the two cellar-dweller spots in the division.

Stoeger also received some preseason recognition, as she was named first team All-GLIAC North division. The five-foot-seven-inch senior guard started all 32 games for NMU last season and was named to the second team All-GLIAC North division and the GLIAC championship tournament team. Stoeger was also the NMU MVP last season.

Northern Michigan will come home for a Tuesday game against Division III opponent Finlandia on Nov. 23 for their home debut. They will then head to the Concordia Tournament over Thanksgiving weekend and return to the Berry Events Center on Dec. 4 to take on Michigan Tech in their first conference game of the season.

Cross country prepares for regional tourney

The Northern Michigan University cross country team finished 10th of 14 teams at the GLIAC Cross Country Championships on Nov. 6. It was a lower than expected finish for the Wildcats.

"It didn't go great, but it went good," said head coach Jenny Ryan. "Eight girls ran their best times of the season, but our conference is really strong, as the top four teams in the GLIAC are ranked in the top 20 in the country."

Kristen Schulz was the first 'Cat across the line, as she finished in 39th place with a time of 23:25.6. Nora Kiilunen finished 11 seconds behind her in 48th. Mandy Dye was the third Northern runner to finish, as she took 54th place with a time of 23:44.3. Christina Turman and Marie Helen Soderman were the last scoring runners as they finished in 66th and 68th and 24:06.5 and 24:09.1 respectively.

As a team, the 'Cats scored 256 points, 15 points behind ninth-placed Findlay and 56 points ahead of Northwood. Grand Valley took the conference title with a dominating 18 points, just three points off of a perfect score. Ferris, Wayne State, Hillsdale and Ashland rounded out the top 5.

The Wildcats are now preparing for their last meet of the season at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional on Saturday, Nov. 20. Teams from the GLIAC will meet up with teams from the Great Lakes Valley Conference will race at the regional and the top three teams from the meet will advance to the NCAA National Championship.

"Our goal is to finish in the top 10," Ryan said. "The (GLVC) is not as strong as our conference is, as ... Wisconsin-Parkside finished third, but we've beaten them twice this season. If we go and have a good day and pass some of the people ahead of us in our conference, we can do it."

The Great Lakes Regional will start at 10:00 a.m. at E.P. Tom Sawyer Park in Louisville, Kent. and is hosted by Bellarmine University.

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Shout Outs

Thao — Can't wait for multiple Turkey Days. Love you. — **Cameron**

PE — Happy birthday! Thanks for the food! — **OE**

ASE — Didn't mean to steal your thunder with my review, man! I'm sorry — **OE**

Wal-mart — Christmas comes after Thanksgiving. Quit overcapitalizing on my holidays — **ASE**

OE — You didn't steal my thunder! You stole my lighting... — **ASE**

Olmecc — How's the temple going these days? — **Kirk Fogg**

Marriel — Will you come live on my couch forever? — **Big Sissy**

Ashley Wiggins — Is this shout out personal enough — **Your secret admirer**

ME — Pizza throwdown! — **ASE**

The Marriage — Shut Up!!! I want a divorce!!! — **Cara**

Zizek — I'm going to write a book called "Slavoj Zizek Does Not Exist." Then maybe I don't have to worry about you — **Grad Student**

Scott — Shut Up!!! I want a divorce!!! — **Cara**

ME — We still in that friendship club? — **OE**

Pumpkin Pie Slice — Get out of my life!!! — **Cara**

Cameron — Thanks for being as supportive and caring. I love you. — **Panda Monkey Bear**

Ashley — Happy birthday girl! Dinner was delicious, and I hope you have a great day :) — **Delaney**

Spain — The Iberian Peninsula Soccer rivalry goes to me! — **Portugal**

Crime Map — You're the best that I have and you always come too late — **Cara**

Ashley — Happy birthday Ashley! Thanks so much for the dinner! — **Scott**

Brad — Let's limit your banana pepper intake to half a jar each day? Love you! — **Delaney**

Awiggz — BIRTHDAY! TURKEY! CAPS! — **DIM**

Docta — I'm glad you think farts are sexy — **Dutch baker**

SE — Try not to arrest my replacement. Even though she has violated imperial law — **NE**

Adelle — Congrats on the ASE job! You done good. — **Dim**

Robyn — I hope you're ready for the big-boy chair! — **NE**

Ashley — Happy birthday!! — **Lucy**

LE — You seriously crack me up. Thanks for staying later tonight. — **EIC**

Adelle — Welcome to the jungle. — **EIC**

Robyn — Congrats. Glad to have a woman back at the desk. — **EIC**

Lina — All I can think about is that I just want to be with you. — **Lucy**

ME — I'll think about you and the trivia question while I'm watching HP tomorrow night. Also, I'm really hoping you wake up in time for printing because I think you're going to love it. — **EIC**

EIC — I HAVE to wake up for that printing. I am so excited to see it. Please don't let me miss it. — **ME**

ASE — Thanks for not eating all the pizza. — **ME**

OE — Yes, still friendship club. I was just busy tonight. In two weeks we'll smoke all the cigarettes we possibly can tomorrow. — **ME**

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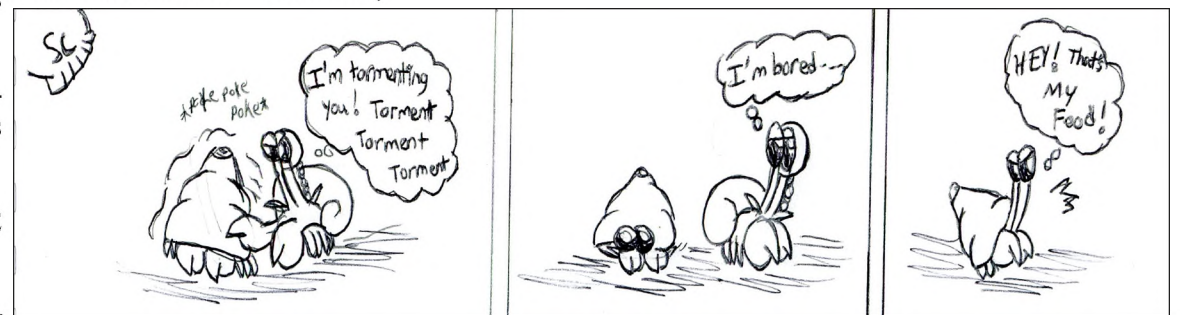
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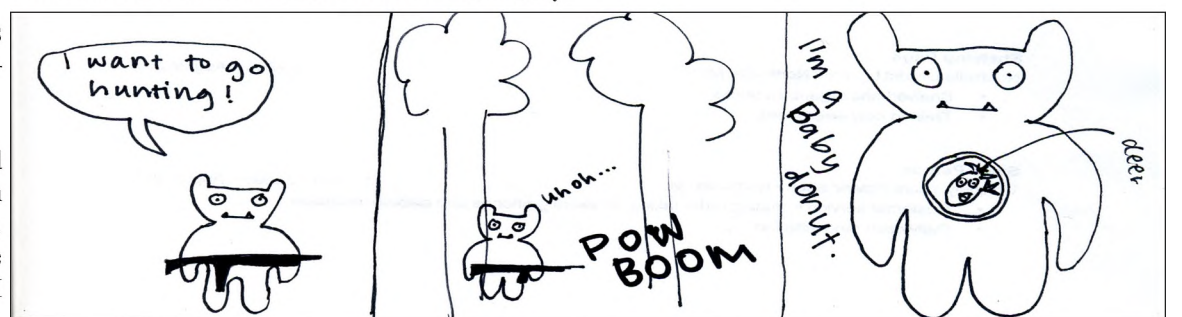
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