



Olson Library removes unused books

By Lucy Hough
editor in chief

As a portion of President Les Wong's Roadmap to 2015, Lydia M. Olson Library is working toward becoming "the library of the future." In an effort to do so, to make more room within the library and to create a more relevant book selection on the third floor of the library, 50 percent of books are being removed, which has caused some concern among students and faculty.

"What it all adds up to is improving access to what we have to offer and making it more visible in the stacks, making it more available online, making it clear what we have and making it easier to get to," said Douglas Black, collection development librarian.

Books that haven't been checked out or browsed in the past 15 years are being removed. Librarians are able to tell if a book has been browsed because any book that is taken off the shelves is scanned and recorded as having been picked up, suggesting that its presence in the library is important, and therefore it will not be removed. Some books, however, haven't been touched in decades. The removal process of these books is called "weeding," and, according to Black, it's a regular process for libraries.

"It's exactly analogous to weeding a garden. It should be

done regularly to keep the collection updated and also to remove things that are getting in the way from distracting people from the good stuff that is there," Black said. "And like many libraries, we haven't done it in quite some time so things are more out of the date then we'd really like."

Some professors worry that by removing books, Northern is at risk of losing important information. Nell Kupper, associate professor in the languages department, is concerned that the books that are being removed will be needed in the future, and that by removing them, the university is minimizing academic opportunities that are so important on a college campus.

"To go completely (electronic), or even 50 percent and relying ourselves entirely on electronic sources, is a real problem. It is not a scholarship path."

At this time, if the book in question is not available electronically or through interlibrary loan, it is not being removed. Black believes that by removing books that haven't been used in over 15 years will get close to the 50 percent goal that is stated in the Strategic Directions, the five-point plan for making the Olson Library the "library of the future."

The plan is to use the extra space for books that will be bought in the future, but also to create more study rooms, which are used



Justin Key/NW

The Lydia M. Olson Library is removing 50 percent of its books to make room for new books and study rooms. The removed books will be donated to Better World Books, which will attempt to sell the books to other libraries.

on a nightly basis.

"We try to balance our support for a curriculum and faculty research against (people who) come here to study and to work together," Black said. "Studying in 2010 is much more a social group activity than when (I was) in college."

It is currently unknown how much it would cost to remodel the existing space for more study rooms.

Most books that are taken off

the shelves are being sent to Better World Books, a company that will attempt to sell the books to other libraries and on their website. From what is sold, 15 percent of the profit will be given back to Northern and 10 percent will be given to literacy programs around the world. According to Krista Clumpner, head of technical services and systems, this money will be used improve the library.

"We can use that money then

to help to support the acquisition of new materials," Clumpner said. "So it's not like we're just (giving them away). We actually get some money for this that allows us to then buy more materials."

Getting rid of out-of-date material is also beneficial, said Mollie Freier, head of public services, because it allows for greater accessibility on the shelves.

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NMU Honors Program adopts new curriculum

By Robyn Goodman
assistant news editor

After more than two years of discussion and voting by the administration and faculty, the honors program at NMU has been changed to make it more efficient.

Terry Delpier, chair of the honors board, was part of the committee that helped develop the new curriculum, which was approved last year.

"The goal was to develop a program that more students would be able to complete, and to have courses that met the liberal studies requirements," Delpier said.

In the new curriculum, the honors students take four courses over the first four terms, which fulfills almost all of their liberal studies requirements, said David Wood, interim director of the honors program. This permits

students to complete their liberal studies in the first year and then move on to their major courses. The old curriculum included additional coursework, such as an extra fine arts course that has been eliminated.

The new curriculum started during the Fall 2010 semester, and the honors board will be monitoring students' reactions and feedback.

The new curriculum is leaner and more user-friendly for students and faculty, Wood said. The original honors program was put into operation in the fall of 1998.

"The honors program offers a way for talented, driven students to earn liberal studies credit in small, discussion-oriented classes by the very best faculty teaching here," Wood said.

After the first two years, students can tailor their honors coursework to their specific ma-

jors through course "honorizations," which is working one-on-one with faculty to develop projects that will help them transition into graduate school or the working world, Wood said.

The honors program is not an academic major, but substitutes specially-designed courses for most of the liberal studies and university-wide graduation requirements. The main advantage of being in the honors program is that when students graduate they will have the full honors designation printed on their transcript.

The program offers many experiences outside of the classroom, including domestic and international travel. The program has taken students to the Milwaukee Symphony and theaters in Minneapolis and Chicago, and academic trips to Ottawa and

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Respected sports info director dies at age 49

By Lucy Hough
Editor in chief

Dave Faiella, sports information director at NMU, died yesterday, Dec. 1 after experiencing serious heart and kidney problems for a couple of weeks. Faiella was 49 and a "sports stats guru," keeping records and stats, writing press releases and knowing everything there is to know about NMU sports.

"We lost a very valued staff member, one that was a friend to many coworkers and other university employees. He was a very good friend not only to staff, I would say, but to students as well," said Steve Reed, associate director of sports operations.

According to Reed, Faiella enjoyed traveling around the world and surfing in his free time. He was greatly loved by the people he worked with in his nine years at NMU, first as assistant director of sports information and then, since 2003, as director.

"Those of us who had the opportunity to work closely with Dave will remember him for his calm demeanor, work ethic and dry sense of humor," said a press release Reed sent out Wednesday evening.

Bridget Berube, assistant director and senior woman administrator, said that the office will seem much different without Faiella, who was always available to talk to staff and students.

"Whenever anybody was looking for him, Dave was in his office," Berube said. "People liked to stop by and see him."

Berube said she is saddened by the loss of Faiella, whom she had worked with in various capacities since he started at NMU.

"Everybody really liked him," Berube said, "and he's definitely going to be very missed."

A funeral or memorial service have not been planned at this time but will be scheduled for the near future.

Briefs

Exam cancellation policy revised

The final exam cancellation policy has been revised in order to prepare faculty and students for inclement weather school closings during exam week.

If exams are cancelled once during the week those exams will be re-scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10. If exams are cancelled for two days, exams will be re-scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11.

Cindy Paavola, communications director at NMU, advises students to be cautious when making travel arrangements for Winter break.

"We thought by changing the policy and making it formal, students would know ahead of time," said Paavola. "We thought it more fair to students making travel arrangements."

The snowstorm last April influenced the decision to revise the policy.

"It happened so rarely before it wasn't a problem," said Paavola.

The goal is to hold finals to the exact schedule, Paavola said.

"We don't take closing the university lightly, but when it becomes a matter of safety, we cannot put people's lives in danger," Paavola said.

— Heather Marshall

Choral society to sing carols

A choral group in Marquette will hold two concerts at St. Peter's Cathedral in downtown Marquette this weekend.

The Marquette Choral Society, directed by Floyd Slotterback, is made up of 120 residents of the Marquette and surrounding area and will be performing a concert of Christmas carols, including their famous Midnight Mass for Christmas, accompanied by a small orchestra of NMU students.

"Some songs are going to be sung by the audience as well," said Pauline Kiltinen, the publicity chair of the society.

The concerts will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. It will be held at St. Peter Cathedral in Downtown Marquette and will be free to general public. Kiltinen recommends getting there early, as seats fill up fast.

— Erin Eidsvoog

Christmas story to be read

Northern Michigan University will present a staged reading of "A Christmas Carol" Wednesday, Dec. 15 through Sunday, Dec. 19 in the James A. Panowski Black Box Theatre in the McClintock Building. The event begins at 7:30 p.m., with 1 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

For several years, "A Christmas Carol," or a variation of the play, was an annual production at Forest Roberts Theatre. There are plans to resurrect the practice next season, and this year's staged reading is a way to ease into the return of the show. The cast is composed of members of the First Nighters Club advisory board and the script is an adaptation by Ansley Valentine, NMU director of theatre. Panowski will direct the reading.

Tickets are \$5—cash or check only—and will be available at the door. For more information, call 227-2553.

— NMU News Bureau

NMU hosts annual holiday celebration



Ashley Wiggins/NW

Ginger bread houses were auctioned off at NMU's annual "Lighting Up the Holidays" ceremony. The event was held on Wednesday, Dec. 1 in the lower level of the UC. President Wong and ASNMU Vice President Courtney Russell spoke in the Peter White Lounge, followed by caroling, dancing performances and refreshments.

ASNMU update

ASNMU discusses improving image to NMU students

By Margaret Ylitalo
staff writer

Off-campus representative Benjamin Stanley opened a discussion about the appearance of ASNMU to the university at the Monday, Nov. 29 ASNMU meeting. ASNMU members discussed the possibility of improving that image by forming "Let's Chat" sessions with ASNMU, attending more events, and making sure people are aware of what ASNMU does. Off-campus representative Dani Thoune introduced the idea of a luncheon to the discussion to promote open dialogue.

Stanley also brought up the possibility of forming a more accessible ride share program for those who need rides or are available to provide them.

A white board or bulletin board would potentially be hung in front of Starbucks or the Marketplace, and students would write their destination on a card of either of two colors. One color would be for people who need a ride somewhere, and the other would be for those who are offering rides. Safety of participants was brought up, and possibly contacting the person with whom one is riding to interact with him or her before the date of departure was also discussed.

Stanley opened a discussion about possibly reinstating ASNMU benefits. Last semester, students voted to remove the executive board's pay. Because of the lack of pay, some members of the executive board must hold jobs outside of ASNMU, which takes away from the time that could be spent on ASNMU-related

tasks. Forming an incentive for ASNMU general assembly members – perhaps a free parking pass or a free meal during office hours – was also discussed.

Down-campus representative Jolene Prah and Arts and Sciences representative Michael Skrobeck resigned from their positions.

Joseph Delisle was unanimously approved and sworn in as a general university studies representative.

ASNMU members discussed the possibility of moving its office to a more readily-accessible location, perhaps Jamrich, was discussed in open forum.

A \$294.94 budget was approved for hotel and travel costs to the Student Association of Michigan conference at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. in January 2011.

Map Key

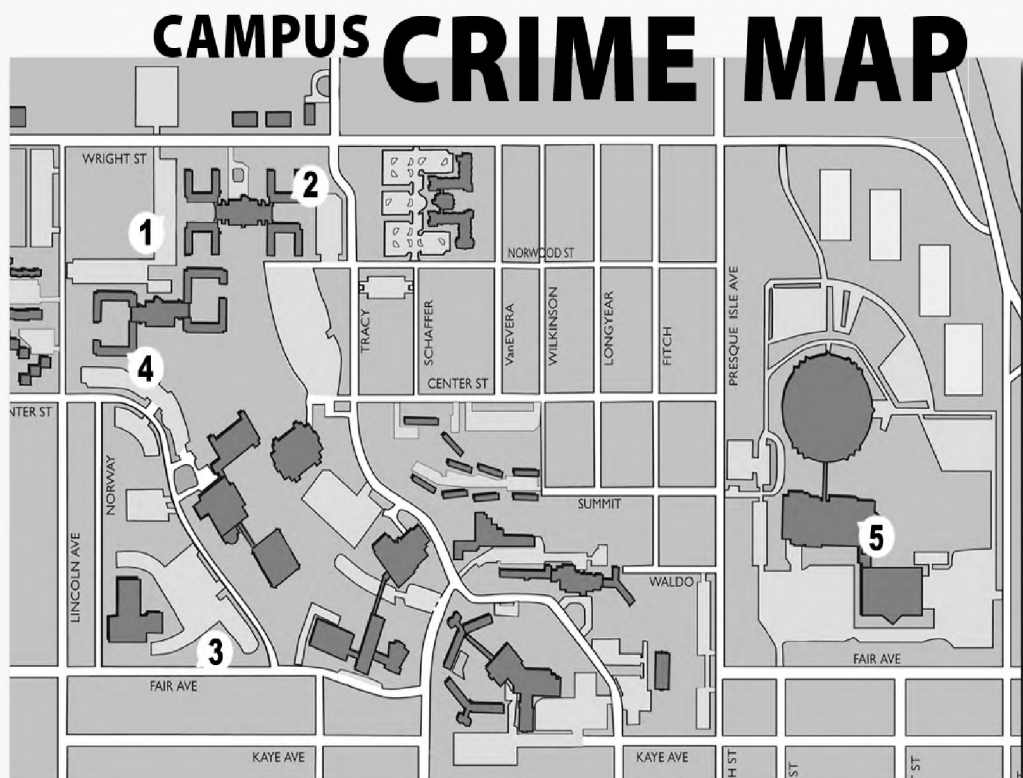
1) A student was given an MIP at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 in Lot 16.

2) Two students were given MIPs at 12:55 p.m. on Nov. 22 in Meyland Hall.

3) A non-student was arrested for driving under the influence at 1:56 a.m. on Nov. 28 on Fair Avenue.

4) Three students were caught in possession of marijuana at 11:48 p.m. on Nov. 28 in Spalding Hall.

5) A wallet was stolen from the men's locker room in the PEIF at 12:15 p.m. on Nov. 29.



Performance promotes AIDS awareness

By Amanda Cook
staff writer

A free AIDS Benefit Performance was held on Monday, Nov. 29, in the Community Room of the Peter White Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event was held in conjunction with World AIDS Day, which occurred on Wednesday, Dec 1.

The event began with dance performances by NMU's Dance Composition and Performance class. The pieces were student-choreographed, all following the theme of "Relationships." The NMU Dance Team performed second, to a song from the Broadway musical "Rent."

The event closed with a concert by a group of drummers from the Marquette community called Log Jam, which has worked with the Dance Composition and Performance class at events in the past. The group played upbeat music on several types of drums, sang and invited all audience members to dance along.

Several organizations had tables set up at the event as well. The Marquette County Health Department provided informative brochures, as well as condoms and red AIDS awareness ribbons. The NMU chapter of Kappa Beta Gamma took dona-

tions for cupcakes and sold AIDS awareness bracelets. All of their proceeds went to the National AIDS Foundation. Representatives from NMU's Amnesty International group, a human rights organization, was also present to support the benefit and provide more information.

The event was organized by Maria Formolo, instructor of the Dance Composition and Performance class. Along with coordinating the function, Formolo also danced in several routines. This was her second year planning the benefit.

The event was previously run by Louise Bourgault, a former NMU professor who passed away in 2009. Bourgault was a well-known HIV/AIDS awareness activist. She won a Fulbright Africa Regional Research Award for her AIDS-related work. Fulbright Awards are scholarships given through the U.S. government's Fulbright Program, which aims to increase mutual understanding between U.S. citizens and people of other countries.

Formolo hoped to honor Dr. Bourgault's work and bring and to bring people together as a community for this issue.

"In a town like this, we can really close our eyes to the rest of the world," Formolo said.

She discussed the negative manner in which AIDS is sometimes viewed.

"[AIDS] has had stigma and prejudice attached to it and a lot of finger-pointing and blame. Through education ... we need to let down those barriers and find that place where we greet each other from the heart," Formolo said.

Jennifer Pickard, a local artist who assists in Formolo's Dance Composition and Performance class, performed several dances and sang original songs at the event. She emphasized the importance of acceptance as a part of AIDS awareness.

"It's important not to close people out," Pickard said.

Pickard appreciated the environment of the performance as a means of bringing attention to the issue and bringing people together.

"It's always nice to share that release of singing and dancing and smiling for something like

this," Pickard said.

Laura Fredrickson, HIV/AIDS Coordinator for the Marquette County Health Department, was also present at the event. She wants students to understand that AIDS has not disappeared.

"[AIDS is] still a very serious illness. It's not in the media as much today, but it's still in the community," Fredrickson said.

Fredrickson also emphasized the importance of AIDS awareness in places outside of the United States.

"There are people that don't have the benefits that we have, the treatments. I think bringing that to people's attention is going to help fight this disease and help people that need it," Fredrickson said.



Justin Key/NW

NMU's Dance Composition and Performance class performed along with the NMU Dance Team in an AIDS benefit in conjunction with World Aids Day celebrations.

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"When you go up to the shelves when you've found one book on your topic and you found two other books on either side, you're like 'jackpot.' When the books on either side are outdated or irrelevant to your topic or something like that, that ability to browse has been compromised because if the next book that would be useful to you on your topic is on the shelf below it, you're not going to find it," Freier said.

With Northern having such a large commuting population, Freier said that an increased focus on electronic text is useful for students. It's also helpful for students at late hours or in bad weather.

"If it's two in the morning and the library's closed or it's snowy or icy or otherwise unpleasant ... being able to just look up the thing you need, right away electronically, is marvelous," Freier said.

Librarians weeding the bookshelves are talking with professors from the various disciplines about the removal process and asking for opinions on what can or should be removed.

"I'm not withdrawing anything that I have the slightest hesitancy about, but next go around I'm going to ask them for their assistance because I don't know what people are working on," Freier said.

But the question remains whether the books should be removed at all.

Kupper said her main concern is that last semester's contract change for faculty stated that, for promotion, one must do more academic research in his or her field. Kupper argues that in order to do this, the library's resources are crucial.

"I think replacing hard copy texts with internet sources or using the interlibrary loan option is not a really good option, because it really will limit our ability to research as professors and scholarship, which is something that's been an emphasis recently," Kupper said.

Kupper hopes that Northern can find a solution for the books. She gave examples like University of Michigan's Buhr Remote Shelving Facility, which is a climate-controlled storage facility for the books that are weeded from the university's library, as a possible option for Northern.

"This is not a good decision on the part of humanity when people start discarding books. I think that there is a solution; other universities have created other locations maybe not as visible or accessible as our library is right now, but let's find another place," Kupper said.

Though Freier said that a remote storage facility has been discussed, finding a facility, maintaining and staffing it would be unreasonable.

New student organization created to defend students

By Adelle Whitefoot
staff writer

The NMU Student Defense Office is a new student organization that has been created to help students brought in front of the All-Student Judiciary (ASJ) and other parts of the introductory disputes process.

The NMU Student Defense Office was started by Aaron Loudenslager, a student majoring in economics and political science with an emphasis in pre-law. Loudenslager got the idea to start the organization from a similar program at Michigan State University.

"This is the first time that students will have someone to go to, to get counsel that they actually want," said Loudenslager.

The members will be made up of students that have applied and have gone through an application and interview process with one of the advisors. Any NMU student with over a 2.5 GPA and is free of disciplinary punishments at the moment, such as a warning probation, disciplinary probation and suspensions, can apply to be a counsel member.

"Counsel (for students) will be decided by the head counsel," said Loudenslager. "The head counsel will distribute the cases to the other counsel members as need be depending on how many cases we have."

The Student Defense Office currently has no actual office

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— Aaron Loudenslager
economics, political science major

office) is based on a perception that students could use an advocate as they are processed through the NMU disciplinary process and other dealings with Public Safety and the Dean of Students," Nelson said.

Nelson said the impact of disciplinary or academic hearings can be very serious. Reputations and future academic and employment opportunities can be impacted, he said.

"The due process rights of the students must be zealously protected," said Nelson. "The current prohibition against legal representation puts the students in a vulnerable situation."

The student code states that a student charged shall be entitled to be accompanied by counsel of his/her choice. The counsel can be a member of the faculty, staff or student body of the university. Students are not allowed to have counsel that is licensed or a practicing attorney. Any student wanting to seek counsel from the Student Defense Office can contact the student defense office by e-mail at nmusdo@gmail.com.

'Buddy program' offered for intl. students

By Margaret Ylitalo
staff writer

The NMU College of Business has teamed up with the International Programs Office to create a program to help international students adjust to the environment of the U.S. school system. The program began this semester with a group format, but next semester, the program will pair international business students with NMU business students.

Rehema Clarcken, international programs specialist at NMU, said one of the problems with studying abroad is that schools are formatted differently around the world. Much of the time, schools abroad follow the British education system, which is different from the American education system, or follow completely different formats, Clarcken said. It helps to have someone who

knows NMU to help international students with understanding how the school works. The buddy program has been created for that purpose.

"Everything from how we have club activities, to how we register for classes, to talking with your professors to get questions answered ... are really different in different cultures," Clarcken said. "It's really helpful if international students are meshed with domestic students – American students – who maybe have more experience in the business program than they (do)."

Clarcken said NMU has resisted calling the program a "mentor" program, because it suggests an unequal division of power between pairs. Clarcken said it also suggests learning only occurs with one member of the pair, which is misleading.

"The American student is

learning a lot about other cultures and learning about the business practices of other places, and the international student is learning a lot about how to be a successful student here in America," Clarcken said. "They have a lot to give each other; it's not just one way."

The program is not a tutoring program, though business students interact with international business students, Clarcken said.

"(Northern students) might give recommendations about what certain professors think is more important, but more of it, I think, is more social. Just showing them the ropes of getting around campus and introducing them to different business clubs they can be a part of helps, and they do other things like go out to eat or play games and watch a movie together," Clarcken said. "It depends on the group that

forms."

Next semester, the program will pair students from abroad with NMU students to give a more personal experience. Irene Klassen, business law major from Bielefeld, Germany, said the program will improve greatly with a buddy system rather than the current group format, to help with the initial move to NMU.

"Every international student needs someone, especially in the beginning, who shows him or her everything to get to know the university, the city, where to go shopping, and what to do in different situations," Klassen said. "A buddy program will improve it a lot."

Christian Clausjürgens, international studies in management major, also from Bielefeld, disagreed. He said there would be advantages and disadvantages to a buddy program. If buddies

are open-minded and "on good terms," they should be OK, he said.

Clausjürgens said he expects to gain much from studying abroad, mainly life experience.

"Studying abroad is not only studying in a different language, it is also 'living' another language, another lifestyle, another culture," Clausjürgens said. "Thinking about this actually makes me sad that only a few people in the world get the opportunity to live a different life for a while, and it also keeps me sad that this might be the only chance for me living that kind of life."

Next semester, the program will call for students to apply to participate in the buddy program, Clarcken said. To apply, contact Clarcken or Carol Steinhaus, associate professor of management in the College of Business.

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Stratford, Canada, and Vaxjo, Sweden have also been offered to honors students.

Students also attend the National Collegiate Honors Conference every year to present their research, Wood said.

"This year, the program has a lively and active bunch of honors students," Wood said.

Morgan Raether, a second year student in the honors program, was part of the Honors Student Organization which allowed students to give their opinions about the honors program.

"The first year students that I have talked to have not found the load to be too much as some of the second year students felt last year," Raether said.

She said she chose to be in the program because it sounded like a good opportunity that would look good on a transcript and allow her to take challenging classes with students who want a challenge, too.

"I've liked my honors program experience so far," Raether said. "It has been challenging and enriching."

In order to qualify for the Honors Program, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average, a score of 27 or higher on the ACT.

Few housing options for honors students

Many schools offer a specific dorm or hall where students can live with other honors program students. NMU does not currently have a dorm that is exclusive to honors students, but there are two halls that are recommended for honors students.

Breakwater in Payne Hall and American Graffiti in Van Antwerp Hall, are labeled as academic achievement houses on the residence hall application, said Carl Holm, director of housing and residence life.

"Breakwater and American Graffiti have been designated as

academic achievement houses for many years," Holm said.

While Holm has not heard from honors students that they would like their own hall or dorm, he has heard it from one of the program directors.

At the Presidents' Roundtable, a student organization which consists of all the residence hall presidents and services as our department's advisory board, creating an honors house was discussed. The board decided to not change the housing, Holm said.

The board also discusses the

logistical factors associated with specific housing designation as well, such as the number of students that would need housing and how students would feel if they were required to live in one of the honors dorms.

"It was felt that providing an option for honors students was good, but requiring them to live there took away the valuable opportunity to make their own choice," Holm said.

The way housing and residence life is handling it now provides a good balance, Holm said.

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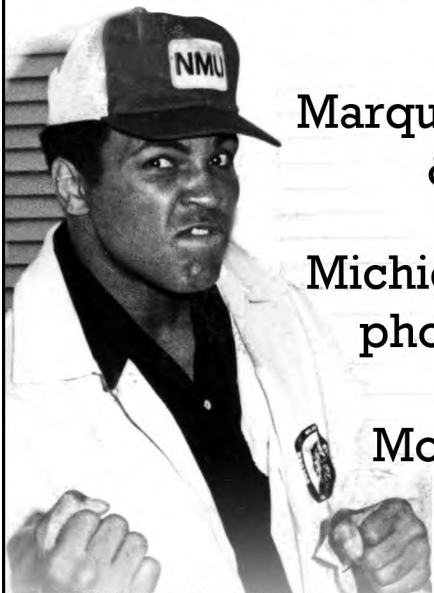
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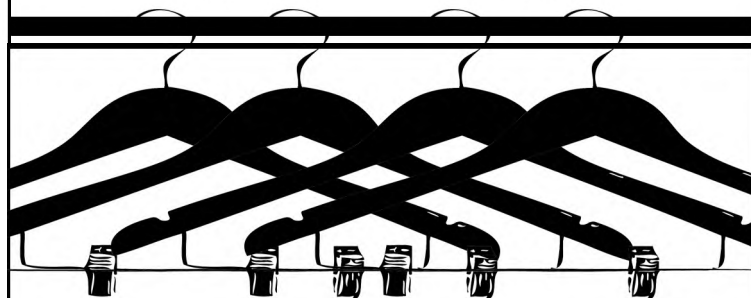
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Staff Editorial



NMU Library makes wise decision regarding books

In order to keep up to date and work toward the “library of the future” as stated in President Wong’s Road Map to 2015, the Lydia M. Olson Library will remove 50 percent of its books over several years. While this may trigger alarm in some people who are concerned that certain information will no longer be available to them, the books to be removed will either have not been checked out or browsed in at least 15 years. This does not mean that the library will get rid of all the books that meet this criteria.

If a book is not available anywhere aside from the library, the book will stay. Sometimes books in a library need to go, especially if the knowledge they contain can no longer be used as a viable source of academic information.

While some people may cry “foul” at the library’s decision to make these cuts, it’s a necessary step in order to accumulate more relevant and pertinent information. In fact, keeping books in circulation that are irrelevant could actually do more harm than good for students

looking for information. To keep NMU an academically competitive school, resources must be kept on hand that reinforce the academic standards NMU wishes to uphold.

Not only is it beneficial for the library to update its information, but it will also receive 15 percent of the profits from the sale of the books, which can be used to replace the stacks with better information. Ideally, the library would be able to keep all of its books and acquire more, but that’s not possible.

Cleaning out the stacks is common practice in all libraries, and it hasn’t happened here in quite some time. According to Mollie Freier, head of public services, while cleaning out the older books, a 100-year-old note was found. While a discovery of this nature is indeed interesting, if that doesn’t say that the books need to be updated, we don’t know what does.

A library is an indispensable aspect of a college campus. If NMU wants to grow in learning and education, then its library needs to as well.

Student Court should be active



Guest Column

Aaron Louden-

Weeks ago, I found myself sitting at an ASNMU meeting, something I did every Monday night. It was my responsibility as an ASNMU off-campus representative. It was Oct. 11 and I introduced a discussion item for the meeting titled “ASJ and Constitutional Interpretation.”

The All-Student Judiciary is the judicial branch of ASNMU. It has original jurisdiction over student violations of university regulations such as noise violations, possession of alcohol, etc. It also has final jurisdiction over questions of constitutionality regarding the ASNMU constitution. It does not engage in “concrete judicial review.” This is something that needs to change, in order to have an effective student government.

The intent of this discussion item was to satisfy my inquiry of how ASJ decides what rules, resolutions and election complaints are constitutional. When I brought up the discussion, the answer I got did not make much sense. I was told ASJ only engages in “active review” when asked.

I asked who exactly had to “ask” ASJ to review the ASNMU constitution or actions that may be inconsistent with the ASNMU constitution. ASNMU president Lucia Lopez suggested that only the ASNMU president could ask ASJ to review the ASNMU constitution and actions that may be considered unconstitutional.

This is a serious blunder of how the three branches of student government should work. If the ASNMU president is the only person who may ask ASJ to review the ASNMU constitution, it makes ASJ only as powerful as the ASNMU president lets ASJ be. If the president doesn’t want an action to be reviewed, it won’t. Actions can only be reviewed if the president asks ASJ to review it. In essence, this makes ASJ continent on what the ASNMU president wants. This can’t be considered true judicial independence.

ASJ must engage in concrete judicial review like the Student Judiciary of the Associated Students of Madison does. Article IV, section 3 of the ASNMU constitution lists the powers that reside in ASJ. Section 3 also more specifically states that ASJ has final jurisdiction over areas of constitutionality regarding the actions taken by ASNMU and also has the exclusive power to interpret the ASNMU constitution.

The problem with Article IV of the ASNMU constitution is that there is no section that addresses how a case may be brought in front of ASJ to challenge actions of ASNMU to see if they are constitutional or not. It seems that the ASNMU president has decided to interpret the ASNMU constitution in such a way that gives only the president the power to ask for review, though this is nowhere to be found in Article II, section 2, which lists the powers of the president.

ASJ must take a stand of independence and realize it is their province to decide if something violates the ASNMU constitution or not. They should be listening to parties who think the ASNMU constitution has been violated, not only to the ASNMU president. The Supreme Court made its independence clear in *Marbury v. Madison*, saying “It is emphatically the province and duty of the Judicial Department [the judicial branch] to say what the law is.” The Student Judiciary of the Associated Students of Madison also took its independent stand in *Richards v. Student Council*. 1997 ASM SJ 1says, “It is the sole province of the Student Judiciary to determine what the law of ASM actually is.”

The students of NMU now need ASJ to take a stand for its judicial independence. It is their responsibility to uphold the ASNMU constitution, interpret the constitution and decide if an act violates the constitution. It is not the job of the ASNMU president to bring cases to ASJ about an act being constitutional or not. This is the job of private parties, either individual students or student groups, to bring cases before ASJ. This is done at UW-Madison and it is time for it to happen here.

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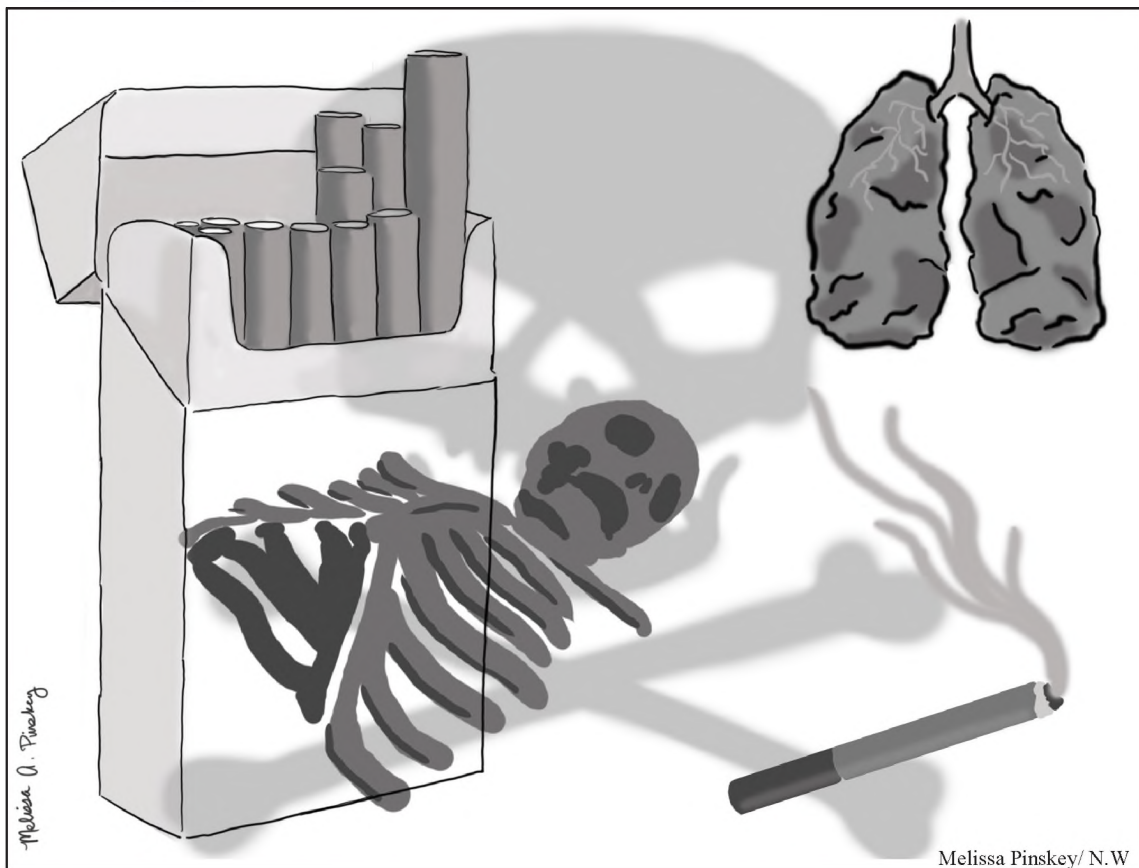
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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



New FDA Regulations on tobacco a good idea

I'm a smoker. These days, the guilt carried with saying those words is embarrassing, like admitting to wetting the bed, perhaps, or acknowledging that you used to steal bikes as a child. But I'm a smoker nonetheless.

When I first heard about the Food and Drug Administration's new proposed changes to cigarette packs, I was appalled. The changes involve covering the top half of cigarette packs with pictures of diseased lungs and corpses. That's right: pictures of actual corpses.

The proposal comes in the wake of Michigan becoming the 37th state of the union last May to ban smoking in almost all public places, and with all the recent tax hikes on cigarettes. It seems clear that lawmakers in the state and in the country want us all to quit.

I argued with more than a few of my non-smoking friends in heated debate over the regulations. I said it was sick. I said that it was cowardly — if the FDA really cared about getting people to quit smoking, wouldn't they ban tobacco altogether, like the recent Four Loko ban in Michigan that is supposedly for the public health? The FDA certainly has the power.

A friend asked me if I was too bull-headed to admit that the new pictures might stop one person, at the very least, from smoking. I conceded that point. Maybe someone, somewhere, will see the picture of a corpse and stop smoking. The debate ended somewhere around there.

A week or so later, I was grocery shopping when I saw a man in the crowd with a throat stoma. A stoma is an artificial opening created by

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doctors after an injury to an area — in this case, likely throat cancer.

My hand instantly went to my throat. I pictured myself with a stoma and the idea was distasteful.

I feel guilty for my reaction. That guy was just going grocery shopping; he wasn't expecting someone like myself to be so shocked by his appearance, but I couldn't help it. The reality of smoking was right there in front of me. A little voice in my head was saying, "If you keep smoking, this could be you someday."

I stopped smoking for two days. Then, of course, my addicted body went right back reaching for a pack of smokes.

I think most of us smokers probably started smoking in a bar or at a party, with a drink in our hand. Now, we're denied even that small pleasure. I was one of the fiercest critics of the ban and now it seems natural even to me.

There are 45 million smokers in the nation. While I still believe everyone certainly has the right to smoke, I have to admit that what we're doing isn't great for our bodies. And maybe — just maybe — the FDA is finally doing something right.

So, although the FDA regulations sound asinine, in a way, they're beneficial. If I had to look at a picture of a corpse every time I smoked, I think it would, at the very least, slow down my smoking.

There was a time, back in the days of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, when smoking was elegant and classy. Now, I'm afraid, we're a dying breed — and perhaps with good reason. Maybe all these anti-smoking regulations should be a wake-up call to smokers. And if it stops even one person, I think it might just be worth it.

Northern should be smoke-free



Staff Column

Robyn Goodman

As I walk through campus every day, I find myself dodging cigarette smoke and it makes me think: Why should I have to move to get out of the way of the smoke?

NMU is not currently smoke-free, but it should be. Our school motto is "Northern. Naturally," but how can we be natural and eco-friendly when there are cigarettes everywhere on campus and people breathing in second-hand smoke?

The university has done many surveys to find out how students feel about becoming a smoke-free campus, and both sides came out to show their support. Smokers say they don't want to go off-campus to smoke, which is understandable, and non-smokers don't want to be surrounded by smoke.

I know, I've heard many times, "Why don't you just walk around the smoke?" Well, that is just not fair to non-smokers. We have to walk out off the path just to avoid smoke, which doesn't always work depending on what way smokers blow their smoke. The smokers should be the ones to walk off the path and let the non-smokers have the right of way.

There are rules that smokers must follow if they decide to smoke on campus. According to the student handbook, smokers "must stay at least 30 feet away from buildings, dispose of their litter properly, and be courteous at all times." Not one of these rules

are followed, let alone enforced.

The reason that smokers must be courteous to others is, of course, to reduce the amount of second-hand smoke. In a recent study, it was found that approximately 600,000 people die of second-hand smoke every year. That is definitely a huge number of deaths due to others' smoking habits.

If I wanted to die of lung cancer or heart attack or emphysema or any one of the many ways to die from smoking, I'd pick up a nasty cancer stick and just smoke it myself.

In the U.S. Surgeon General's report, it was concluded that secondhand smoke causes premature death and disease in children, as well as adults who do not smoke. That sounds to me a little like murder. How is it legal to let someone cause a premature death of someone else? In any other case, such as causing a death by unintentionally giving someone food poisoning, it is illegal and the person is charged with murder. I don't think Northern wants to be responsible for something like that.

If NMU became a smoke-free school, it would set an example to other public universities around the state, which would set a precedent for even more schools. Schools can serve healthier food or offer gym memberships, but if they still allow students to smoke on campus none of those things matter.

Smoking is dangerous, period. Why would NMU want to be a part of something that causes so many deaths, especially to those who don't smoke? I don't know the answer to that question, but hopefully, in the future, I won't have to think about that, because Northern will become smoke-free.

Letters to the editor

HPER Faculty voices support for PEIF Pass

In response to the front page story and editorial in the Nov. 11 issue of the North Wind, the Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty wishes to voice support for the position taken by NMU students when they approved a referendum calling for a \$50 tuition increase for PEIF passes.

Promoting healthy behaviors has been recognized as a primary goal in the national health care debate. The Marquette community has become a major destination for those seeking a physically active lifestyle, and our university has provided world-class facilities in support of health promotion activities and athletics.

The HP graduation requirements of HP 200 plus one additional activity course provides opportunities for more than 1600 students to enroll in one of the 60+ activities of-

fered each semester with up to 5 HP activity credits counting towards graduation. Starting next fall, HP courses may be repeated for credit.

The recreational services program is to be commended for the outstanding job it does in implementing the campus recreation program with limited resources. Additional funding through this initiative will serve to promote campus outreach to all students.

It is our hope that NMU students will value and take advantage of the opportunities for improved health and well-being that a PEIF pass represents. It is also our hope that President Wong and the NMU Board of Trustees will also recognize the wisdom of the students' decision when they voted "YES" for the PEIF pass and implement this policy as soon as possible.

Harvey Wallace,
Professor and Head of HPER

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Obama did not make the nation any better



Guest Column
Brandon Lee

I was 18 years old when it came time to vote for Bush's successor to the throne, so I could've voted. I followed the election media frenzy. Still, I did not vote because I had the notion that no matter who won, the U.S. corporate state of war would continue. I didn't want to give any of that my vote of approval.

By corporate state of war, I've defined three categories: Corporate meaning national economics, the money trail of power in America. State refers to the functions of government that include surveillance and secrecy. War is the insane aggression the U.S. perpetuates around the globe to both humans and animals.

Recently, my predictions were affirmed by a simple website called "WhatInTheF***HasObamaD

oneSoFar.com." What the man on the iconic poster promising hope has done in the most powerful office in history is no different from his idiot predecessor. The system is destructive, flawed and corrupt. The information following is on the site.

The bailout of the organized gangsters on Wall Street revealed Obama's intention to continue acting as an enabler to the criminal partners. The function of plutocrats is to run a government, enter the swinging door: politicians and executives switch roles when convenient. Treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, was living in a JPMorgan-Chase executive's house rent free while the bailout progressed. The Monsanto public policy director works for the FDA. The appointees have histories with and interests for companies that will look after them later.

During the Bush years, the independent media sources on the left were in awe of what the executive branch pushed through as

Homeland Security. The Patriot Act is another move to intimidate dissidents through FBI investigations and accusations of terrorism when protest is direct. But groups like the Rainforest Action Network and local peace collectives are being monitored by the FBI under the current administration. Obama came into office promising change, but if any change has come at all it's for the worse in regards to transparency under the Freedom of Information Act. The Obama administration has cited more exemptions to inquiries than Bush and his buddies. They're cracking down and keeping quiet.

Finally, no organized crime is without violence. For the current executive branch of the U.S., the list is long. 150 other countries have signed a land mine ban because of their tendency to harm civilians in war zones, but not Team Obama. The trigger-happy mercenaries of Blackwater still receive a check from Washington and remote controlled airplanes

drop bombs in "self-defense," while a report says that one in three killed by these predator drones are civilians. With regards to the war against the earth, Obama continues the Bush tradition of limiting the power of the Endangered Species Act and Environmental Protection Agency so as to not to curb pollution from industries. In alternative energies, Obama loaned over eight billion to build two radiated power plants. There is nothing sustainable about uranium mining, toxic waste and the threat of nuclear disaster. Everything is still ridiculous.

There's more, but mainly the government dines with the capitalists while the populous and planet front the bill.

In talks with my family, we came to an understanding that they would vote for president and I wouldn't. I recalled a slogan that read, "If it's humiliating to be ruled, how much more humiliating to choose the ruler." That satisfied my romantic notions to re-

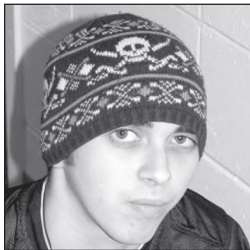
sist the vote, but the news on what still goes on sustained my other reason: Obama won't change much to make the U.S. more just, peaceful, or sustainable. Obama can't change things because their inherent in the system. As a global empire, the U.S. will uphold a powerful structure of government by any means necessary.

I regret not voting in the recent Michigan election. That is closer to where change will sprout from. Not the state government, but local involvement in sustainable and peaceful living choices. As for changing the empire we live in, Gandhi may suggest being the change I want to see, but I can't be the change of the use of predator drones or industrial pollution which is frustrating, but knowledgeable communities with honest representatives could pass legislation to stop these things. That's unlikely, and that is why I am an anti-authoritarian, or more commonly known as an anarchist. Now time to drop out, tune in and smash the industrial state.

Sound Off

What is your favorite holiday TV special?

compiled by Justin Key



Orion Juveland
Sophomore, media production
"Christmas Vacation."



Dustin Basirico
sophomore, microbiology
"A Christmas Story."



Edward Zarn
freshman, aviation maintenance
"Polar Express."



Abigail Martin
freshman, nursing
"Elf."



Tom Molteni
freshman, outdoor recreation
"It's a Wonderful Life."

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Folk band teaches children about music

By Austin Irwin
staff writer

Many musicians are in the business for themselves and their personal fame, but one Kalamazoo-based band has deeper goals; to teach and make children excited about their music and culture.

A folk-based band known as Red Tail Ring, made up of hearty vocalist and multi-talented/multi-instrumental Laurel Premo and singer/guitarist Michael Beauchamp brings to the stage a level of traditionalism, and songs that express feeling and meaning.

Red Tail Ring is a band that revives the Appalachian folk and traditional folk genre with backwoods vocals and immense yet meaningful rhythms. Red Tail Ring released their first EP in October 2009 called "August Roads." They are currently working on two full-length albums, one of which will feature original tracks, and the other traditional folk songs, set for launch in spring of 2011.

"Michael and I both grew up listening to a lot of music, and both tried to pick up instruments as soon as we could. Along with our study of classical music and rock 'n' roll, folk and traditional music were always present," Premo said.

This is not Red Tail Ring's first trip to the Marquette area. They were featured in the U.P. Folklife Festival this past Sep-

tember on NMU's campus to help celebrate traditional folk music, along with a few performances this past summer at Upfront and Company.

U.P. native Premo grew up in Amasa and met Beauchamp not long ago when this duo project began.

"Beauchamp and I met at various summer music festivals in Michigan while we were both playing in different bands," Premo said. "We decided to start the duo project in the summer of 2009. Though this project is young, we've both been active for many years as individuals in professional music."

Their time at Father Marquette Middle School will include a lesson-plan structured day of teaching students about traditional Americana music. The schedule includes a lesson about early music that took place in England, Ireland, and Scotland. Red Tail Ring will also be teaching students about various instruments such as the banjo, fiddle, guitar and mandolin, and they will give a lesson in vocals.

"This really is perfect for students," said Maryann Ferns, building administrator at the Father Marquette Schools. "This isn't a one-time deal where they just set up and play. I'm really impressed by the level of skill and the level of quality in their music. Any show I've seen of theirs was truly amazing to watch."

Already in 2010, Red Tail Ring has performed over 100 times in 11 different states, from New York to Vermont. They have played with other musicians such as Justin Townes Earle, Todd Snider and Greensky Bluegrass.

"Red Tail Ring tries to put a good impression on Marquette and to teach students how music can be used to express emotion and deal with joy and pain in a non-verbal yet constructive way," Ferns said.

Red Tail Ring will be in Marquette for two days during their tour, both at the Father Marquette Middle School on Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. and later at the Upfront and Company on Dec. 7-8 at 10 p.m. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the show is open and free to the public.



Photo courtesy of Laurel Premo

Musicians Michael Beauchamp and Laurel Premo make up Appalachian folk group Red Tail Ring. They are performing in Marquette on Dec. 7-8.



Photo courtesy of Laurel Premo

Both Premo and Beauchamp have Michigan ties and are teaching students of the Father Marquette Schools about early music, instruments and are also conducting a vocal lessons.

No-Shave November: The Final Week



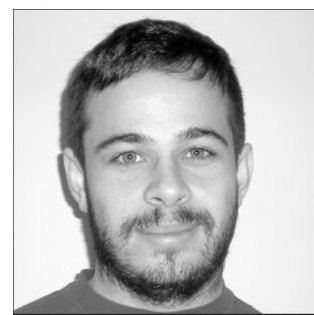
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Michael Carroll
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Eric Creel
freshman,
outdoor recreation

How was your overall experience participating in No-Shave November?

"Overall, itchy and you just feel dirty. I'm ready for it to be done."

"It was hairy and wonderful. I plan on keeping my beard for as long as possible."

"I enjoyed it. It's something you can only do once a year, so it was an experience."

"It was different. I've never grown my beard out so it was interesting to see how it actually looks. It was something new."

"It was fine at the beginning, but it started getting itchy and started getting a little unattractive."

Do you plan on shaving right away?

"I'm going to trim it up and make it at least presentable."

"Heck no, facial hair is sexy."

"Not all of it, but I'm going to make sure it looks nice."

"I'm definitely going to trim it down and clean it up."

"Yes, or trimming it."

Would you do it again?

"Oh yeah."

"Yes."

"Yes."

"Maybe."

"Probably not."

2010 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



Toy Story 3 \$19.99

In the third and final movie of the series, “Toy Story 3,” the toys are accidentally delivered to a day care center instead of put in the attic before Andy leaves for college. A conclusion to the story of everyone’s favorite toys, it’s a great gift for any fan.

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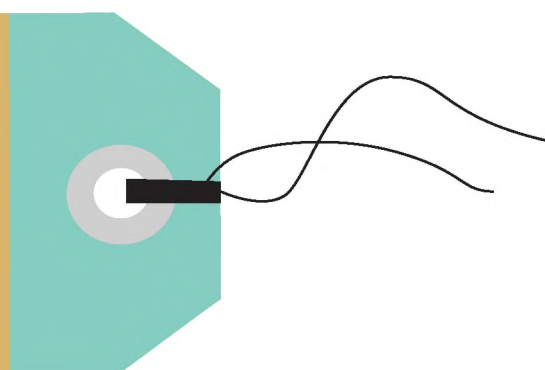
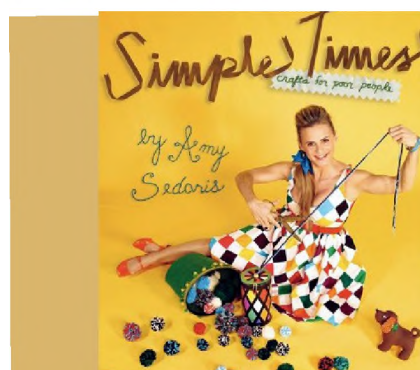
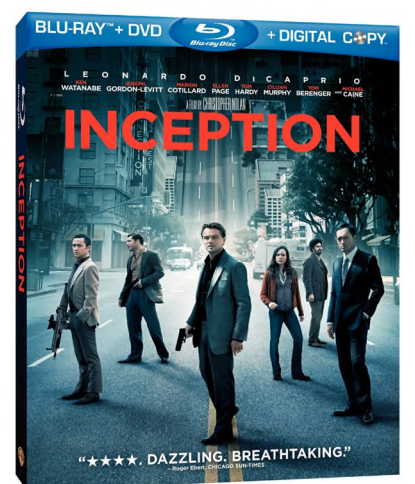
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After the death of their high school basketball coach, five childhood friends reunite and spend a family weekend together. With a cast including Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Chris Rock, “Grown Ups” is full of laughs and a perfect gift for people of all ages.

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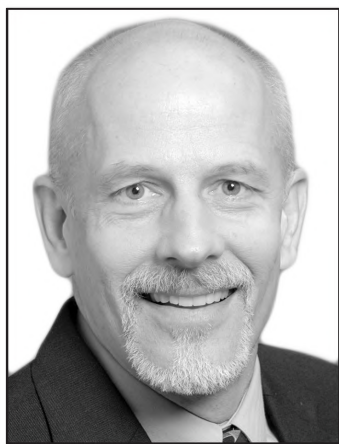
Many students own flash drives whether it is to present a project, backup their documents or share files. Instead of a solid colored drive, though, companies now offer dozens of stylish, fun and amusing ways to store files.



The Winter Wind

The North Wind's guide to winter in the Upper Peninsula

Karl Bohnak discusses upcoming winter



By Alex Eisner
staff writer

As winter approaches fast, The North Wind interviewed Karl Bohnak, chief meteorologist at WLUC-TV6 and Fox UP to explain U.P. weather and other interesting weather facts. Bohnak is also the author of "So Cold a Sky," a book subtitled "Upper Michigan Weather Stories," which is divided into two

parts. The first part discusses the history of the U.P. from European settlement to the Civil War from a forecaster's perspective, and the second part discusses weather events from the late 19th century to present day.

North Wind: Geographically, what makes the U.P. winter so harsh and cold?

Bohnak: Our northerly, inland location in central North America does. The prevailing wind during the winter is northwesterly, so lake-effect snow develops and moves inland. Our position near the slow-cooling waters of Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron actually gives us warmer average temperatures than other locations at similar latitude away from the Great Lakes.

NW: What is lake-effect snow?

B: It's snow that develops off the Great Lakes. Most falls off Lake Superior because of the prevailing wind. The

wind blows across the lake, and if it is cold enough compared to the water temperature and the air isn't too dry, snow forms and falls inland adjacent to the lake.

NW: On average, when is the first U.P. snowfall each year?

B: It depends on location. At the National Weather Service near Negaunee, the average date of the first measurable snowfall (a tenth of an inch or more) is Oct. 13. It's been as early as Sept. 21 and as late as Nov. 21. In areas near the Lake Superior shore as well as southern sections of the U.P., the average date of the first snow is later. The average date that a winter snow cover is established is in late November in the North to early Dec. in parts of the South.

NW: How do you think this winter is going to be compared to others?

B: It will likely be colder than last winter. Last winter, outside of December, temperatures were consistently above average. It wasn't super warm, but it was mild. Part of the reason was a strong El Niño, the warming of the equatorial Pacific waters off South America to the mid-Ocean. A strong El Niño correlates very well with warmer than average winters in the U.P. This year will see a reverse of the El Niño: La Niña, the cold phase of the Pacific equatorial waters. This pattern will likely mean a readily available supply of cold air in Canada, which was absent last winter. At the same time, La Niña means an active northern jet stream, which should lead to more opportunities for system snow over the U.P.

NW: What is the worst U.P. storm you've seen?

B: The U.P.-wide snowstorm of Jan. 26-27, 1996. It brought heavy snow to all of the U.P. It also had a lot of wind with it, which led to heavy drifting. At the National Weather Service near Negaunee, 23.7 inches of snow fell in a little over 15 hours. It was awesome. If you were to ask most folks about this storm, they would probably not recall it. That's because there were a lot of storms that winter and this one occurred on a Friday night/Saturday, so the impact on travel was minimal.

NW: Do you believe the climate is getting warmer?

B: I do believe, no, I know, the climate is getting warmer. We've been warming in irregular fashion ever since the end of the Little Ice Age in the late 19th century. The warming we've experienced the last few decades is nothing out of the ordinary. As to the cause, there are many natural factors that can help to explain most of the warming. Humans do have an impact, certainly regionally. All you have to do is compare temperature readings between a city and a rural area. The city will be much warmer, especially at night. We also affect regional climate through land-use changes. I do not see any evidence that human emissions of carbon dioxide are now the main driver of global climate.

NW: What advice would you give about how to handle the weather to any U.P. newcomers?

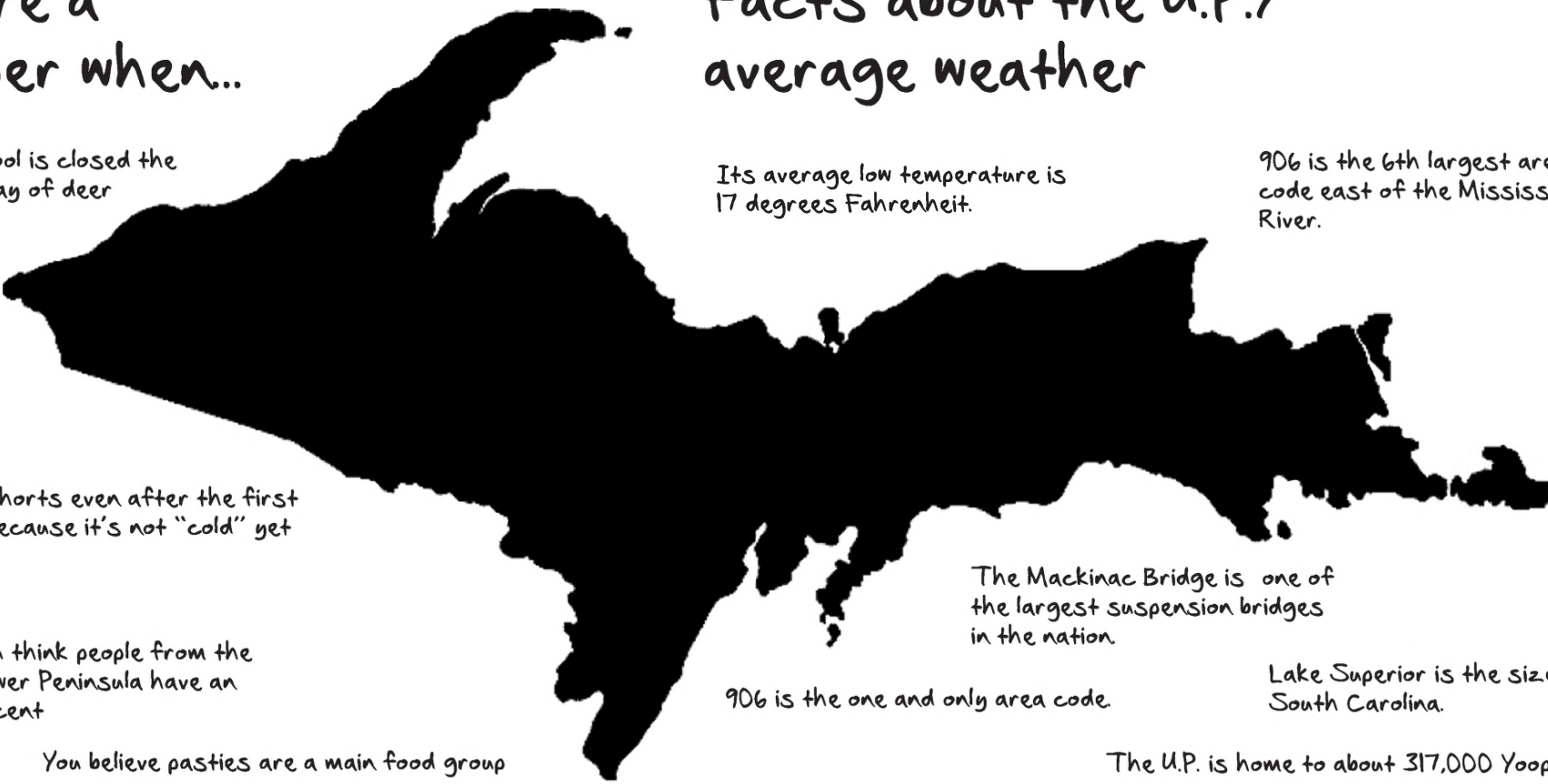
B: I would say don't believe everything you hear about U.P. winters. They are longer than down south and the snow is somewhat deeper. However, folks tend to exaggerate and embellish about past winters. The snow can cause problems, but our road crews do a fabulous job in keeping the roads clear. You'll get through the winter and maybe even have some fun if you're willing to get out in the snow and enjoy it.

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- Your school is closed the opening day of deer season
- You wear shorts even after the first snow fall because it's not "cold" yet
- You think people from the Lower Peninsula have an accent
- You believe pasties are a main food group
- Your first vehicle is a truck and your second is a snowmobile
- You believe "Eh" is a real word

Facts about the U.P./ average weather

- Its average low temperature is 17 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 906 is the 6th largest area code east of the Mississippi River.
- The Mackinac Bridge is one of the largest suspension bridges in the nation.
- 906 is the one and only area code.
- Lake Superior is the size of South Carolina.
- January is its average coldest month. Its lowest recorded temperature was -24 degrees Fahrenheit in 1996.
- The U.P. is home to about 317,000 Yoopers.
- Its average high temperature in December is 30 degrees Fahrenheit.





Car care ideas for the season

By Alex Eisner
staff writer

Winter driving can be rough, so it's very important not only to know how to drive safe, but also how to prepare your car for the winter ahead.

Alex Wolf, a Paraprofessional who teaches in the Technology and Occupational Sciences Department, said one of the most important things for your car is battery maintenance and condition.

"It's the starting point for everything your car does," Wolf said.

To reduce the chance that your battery is drawn down with the colder temperature, try not to leave your lights on or play the radio when the car is off. Also, a few automotive stores around town do free battery testing, and if you need a new battery, will do free replacement if you buy the new battery in their store, Wolf said.

Wiper replacements and visibility are also a big factor in winter driving. Simply changing old wiper blades and checking the basics of a car is important. Some stores and most car dealerships provide a full service winter preparation that will check your battery, wipers, fluids, lights, tire pressure, and treads, Wolf said.

"It's the simple stuff people overlook," he said. "The problem a lot of people find is if they don't have something checked, they don't know what's going on."

Snow tires are another good option for safe winter driving since they're made for a specific purpose versus all-season tires that are designed to handle all weather situations.

"I firmly believe every vehicle in the U.P. should be equipped with snow tires," Wolf said. "They're a very good option that people can exercise to provide increased traction, and they provide stability and control over an all season tire."

Wolf suggests letting your car warm up before you drive

to clear windows for better visibility.

Don Peterman, a crime prevention specialist for Public Safety, said it's very important for people not to use their cruise control in snow, ice, or even water.

"You're going to break traction, lose friction, your tires are going to spin, hydroplane out of control," he said.

Peterman said good supplies to keep in your car during winter are an ice scraper, blanket, jumper cables, flares, bag of abrasive material such as sand, salt, or cat litter, shovel, flashlight, extra clothing, and a traction mat which is a mat you can buy in the store, usually with metal studs in them for traction, that can be used instead of abrasive material.

"If you get stuck you want something you can put on the roadway to get traction again and get you moving," he said. "A lot of people take these traction mats they have now or even strips of carpet to get back going again."

Another tip that's important to winter driving is how to brake properly. If you go into a skid and need to stop, apply firm, steady pressure to the brake pedal. If you have anti-lock brakes it's important to know that when you firmly press down they will pulsate so don't let off, Peterman said.

"They have to know that's normal, you want to put that pedal right to the floor, you want to feel that pulsation because that's the actual brakes working correctly," he said.

If you have anti-lock brakes and they don't pulsate, your car is going to go straight because the brakes aren't working, and it's going to continue to go straight because wheels that lock up cannot be turned, Peterman said.

One of the key points with winter driving is to slow down, he said. Three main places to slow down are at intersections, on highway off ramps, and bridges.

What to do this winter

Upper Peninsula ski, snowboard options

Marquette Mountain

Only 10 minutes from campus, Marquette Mountain has 25 trails as high as 600 feet. Opening on Thursday, Dec. 2, it's open 5 nights a week for night skiing and makes it's own snow when necessary. There are rails and three quarter pipes, and there is the option of ski and snowboard rentals.

4501 County Road 553
Marquette, Mich. 49855

Rates for persons over 18 years old:

Monday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$35
1 - 5 p.m. \$17

Tuesday to Friday
10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. \$35
1 - 9:30 p.m. \$30
4 - 9:30 p.m. \$25

Saturday/Sundays/Holidays
9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. \$40
1 - 9:30 p.m. \$35
4 - 9:30 p.m. \$25

Rental Rates:

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| Full day rate | \$27 |
| Nights after 4 p.m. | \$17 |
| Poles only | \$7 |
| Helmet only | \$3 |
| Ski/board boots | \$12 |
| Ski/board only | \$17 |
| Under 6 package | \$12 |

Daily specials

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| Manic Monday - Anyone after 1 p.m. | \$19 |
| Two for Tuesday - 2 for 1 after 1 p.m. | \$30 |
| Wednesday - Ladies Day after 1 p.m. | \$19 |
| Thursday - Men's Day after 1 p.m. | \$19 |
| Friday - Date Night - 2 for 1 after 4 p.m. | \$25 |
| Saturday - College Night after 4, free rental-must have ID | \$15 |

Pine Mountain Resort in Iron Mountain

About an hour and 33 minutes from Marquette, Pine Mountain Resort will open Saturday, Dec. 11. It offers 18 trails about 500 feet high. There are about 340 skiable acres and five lifts

3332 Pine Mountain Road
Iron Mountain, Mich. 49801

Adult rates:
Monday and Friday
Full day \$30
After 1:30 p.m. \$25
After 4:30 p.m. \$16

Saturday/Sunday/Holiday
Full day \$39

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| After 1:30 p.m. | \$33 |
| After 4:30 p.m. | \$16 |
| Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday Any ticket | \$15 |

Rental rates:
Adults: \$25 per day

Hours:
Monday/Tuesday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Northern offers low fee for winter supplies

The Outdoor Recreation Center, located near the climbing wall in the PEIF, has many different items available for rent, which include sleeping bags, stoves to cook on, snowshoes, canoes and many more.

Reservations for items should be made in advance and a deposit is required to hold the reservation. Reservations that are cancelled 48 hours prior to pickup will receive their deposit back; those who cancel less than 48 hours prior to pickup will not receive their deposit. Late fees will be charged when equipment is not brought back on time.

| Snow Gear | Member Rates | | | Non-Member Rates | | |
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| | Daily | Weekend | Week | Daily | Weekend | Week |
| XC - Ski Package | \$10 | \$15 | \$30 | \$15 | \$20 | \$45 |
| Skis only | \$8 | \$10 | \$20 | \$12 | \$15 | \$30 |
| Boots only | \$5 | \$8 | \$15 | \$8 | \$10 | \$20 |
| Poles only | \$3 | \$5 | \$10 | \$5 | \$10 | \$15 |
| Snow shoes | \$7 | \$10 | \$25 | \$15 | \$20 | \$40 |

Avoid driving during the winter months

What every student should know about the Wildcat Shuttle

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Wildcat Shuttle Stops

- LRC
- Jacobetti Center
- Jamrich Hall
- University Center
- Superior Dome

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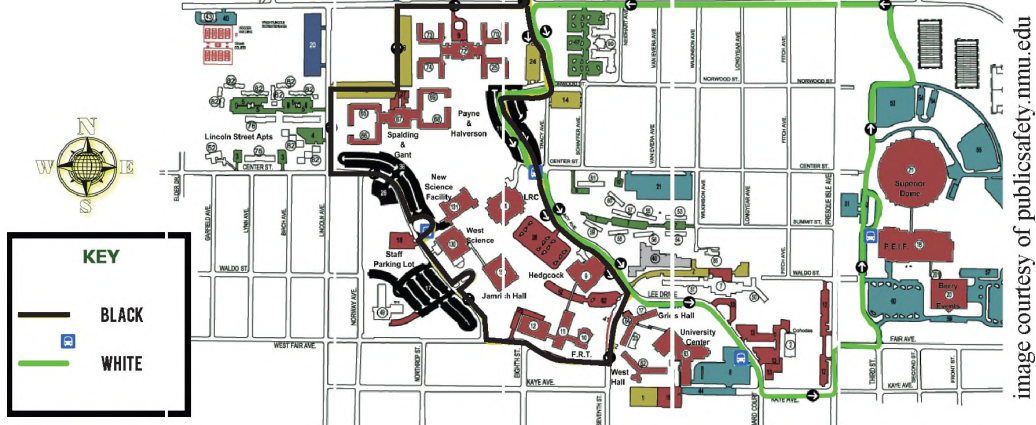


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The shuttle stops at every bus stop every ten minutes.

The shuttle stops are: Superior Dome, University Center, Jamrich Hall, Jacobetti Center, and the Learning Resource Center.

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October | Volunteer of the Month: Katrina Williams



Congratulations to Katrina Williams for winning the Volunteer of the Month for October. Katrina has been a volunteer with Lutheran Social Services/Voices for Youth since the beginning of the fall semester (2010). Since then, she has performed duties ranging from organizing the food/clothes pantry to planning and participating in special events. Katrina has also faithfully assisted the Life Skills group leaders who help clients develop skills that are necessary to becoming happy, productive adults. Thank you, Katrina!



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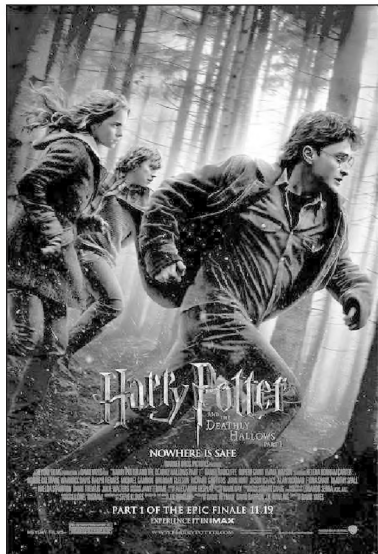
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Penultimate 'Potter' best of the series



Film: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Director: David Yates

Producers: David Heyman, David Barron

Writer: Steve Kloves

Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Ralph Fiennes

Runtime: 150

Rating: PG-13



By Scott Viau
managing editor

Since "Harry Potter's" cinematic debut in 2001 (and the novels' British beginning in 1997), the world has fallen in love with the boy wizard. Nearly ten years later, J.K. Rowling's epic series is coming to a close. Although the books have only seven entries, the film adaptation of the last installment was split into two parts due to the novel's length and complexity. I'm pleased to say the first part is as exciting, emotional and exhilarating as any entry that's come before it.

In "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" the world of muggles and wizards is quickly closing in on one another. Lord Voldemort

(Fiennes) has regained his former power and is tightening his grip on those who oppose him, namely Harry Potter (Radcliffe) and those who stand on the side of good. Knowing that he must destroy the remaining Horcruxes (objects where a fragment of a soul is stashed and a safeguard against death), Harry and his friends Ron (Rupert Grint) and Hermione (Emma Watson) set out against all odds to locate and destroy these objects, which is the only way to defeat Voldemort once and for all.

"Hallows" is not only the best "Potter" so far, but it also shows a maturity in both acting and tone that has been building since "Prisoner of Azkaban." Gone are the days where the biggest obstacles the characters face are winning a game of Quidditch or the house cup. The stakes have been raised drastically and death waits at ev-

ery turn. Perhaps what "Hallows" does best is showcasing the high caliber of acting Radcliffe, Grint and Watson turn in. Their fear is palpable, as is the confusion they feel. Grint is no longer just a sidekick used for comic relief, and Watson has learned to express emotion through more than just her eyebrows.

While previous "Potters" have all had that same sense of dread and evil foreboding, "Hallows" is the first film in which the danger feels real. The wizarding community has turned into a totalitarian police state. Indeed, even the Ministry of Magic (now taken over by Voldemort's followers) has the feel of an Orwellian dystopia, especially with their new motto: Magic is Might. While death was typically featured as the climax of the previous "Potters," here it comes fast and furious, with a handful of beloved characters going to that great wand maker in the sky.

Although I wish I didn't have to wait until July for part two, I'm glad "Hallows" was split into two movies. The intertwining narratives of the book would have been glossed over in just one movie and the titular relics may have been treated like something of no consequence when they're actually used to draw parallels between Dumbledore and Voldemort. If there's anything that "Harry Potter" has taught us, it's that our choices define us far more than our circumstances.

More than likely due to the split, Steve Kloves' screenplay is the best of the series and thankfully includes most of the more memorable aspects of the book. It's especially nice to see characters that were beloved (or hated) in previous adaptations. Without spoiling anything, I wish one of these characters had been included in more than just one of the prior films, since this character's demise would have been all the more emotional.

The creation and inclusion of the dancing scene between Harry and Hermione is beautiful in its simplicity and heartbreaking in its subtext. However, when Harry travels to his parents' grave in his birthplace of Godric's Hollow, it does slow the film down a bit and could have been trimmed, but it's

still good to have. The more Potter the better.

Some critics have complained that a few scenes drag on, most notably when the trio are camping. I disagree, though. These scenes effectively convey the loneliness, hopelessness, desperation and pure frustration the characters are going through. It becomes the ultimate strain on their friendship and shows how far in over their heads they are.

"Potter" fans should feel lucky. There haven't been many times in film history where a seven-book series has been given its own big screen adaptation. With Part I now in theaters and Part II due out in July, the epic saga of "Harry Potter" is almost over and I'm thankful for the journey it's taken me on.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

In a surprise battle, Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) finds himself without his wand and in need of help to get out of Voldemort's trap.

Local band success boosted by fans

By Reed Belmonte
staff writer

One of the benefits of living in a college town such as Marquette is the variety of live music available to students. And sometimes, bands arrive onto the social scene that can't exactly be placed in a specific genre.

Such a band of this stature is CornBox, the punk/blues/reggae trio that's storming onto the Marquette night-scene with a hearty rock and roll soul that students simply can't get enough of.

Lead singer and vocalist Trevor Brown, an NMU senior art and design major.

"If the Bee Gees and Nine Inch Nails had a baby delivered by Barry Manilow, it probably would have to be named CornBox," said lead singer and vocalist Trevor Brown, an NMU senior art and design major.

This, believe it or not, illustrates the true attitude of the band.

"We try not to take anything seriously whatsoever," said Brown. "It's all about the chance to play shows, pay or no pay."

CornBox was conceived by

Brown and Dan Riley (percussion) jamming and laying down songs back in January, and senior art and design major Wade Buck (bass, vocals) joining the duo in May. This is when the trio began to truly make a name for themselves. They played shows in basements throughout Marquette for the small, eager NMU summer crowd. Since then, CornBox has conceived quite the avid following of fans, boosting the band to varsity status as a live band in venues such as Upfront and Company and the Skybox.

A majority of the songs are written by Brown, touching subjects that pay tribute to the political-ranting punk renegades before our time. In addition, reggae tunes, such as "Guilded Edges," explore the meaning of religious dependencies and values in our society. Songs such as "Madeleine Dupont" (named after a member of the Danish women's curling team) are simply conceived by basic exuberance and the band's ultimate goal to have a good time all the time.

Don't expect to see any album promotions or singles for

sale at their show. That's not what they're about. CornBox was born to be live. The band members' ecstatic energy and goofy attitudes onstage alone are enough to get anyone on their feet, sweating and begging for more, notably with

Dan, who's never afraid to kick it up an extra step when hammering the skins.

They are what they are: a good, filthy rock trio that's definitely not your average show you'd see in this town. CornBox is a real origi-

nal.

Their next show is scheduled for the night of Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Upfront and Company. For more information about CornBox and future shows, visit their Facebook page.



Photo courtesy of Reed Belmonte

Wade Buck, Trevor Brown and Dan Riley make up the punk/blues/reggae band CornBox. As their fan following increases, the trio has been playing bigger shows including one at the Upfront and Company on Dec. 14.

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Art & Design Senior Exhibition

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Encouraging you to take a look....

By Ashley Wiggins
photo editor



Melinda Thill

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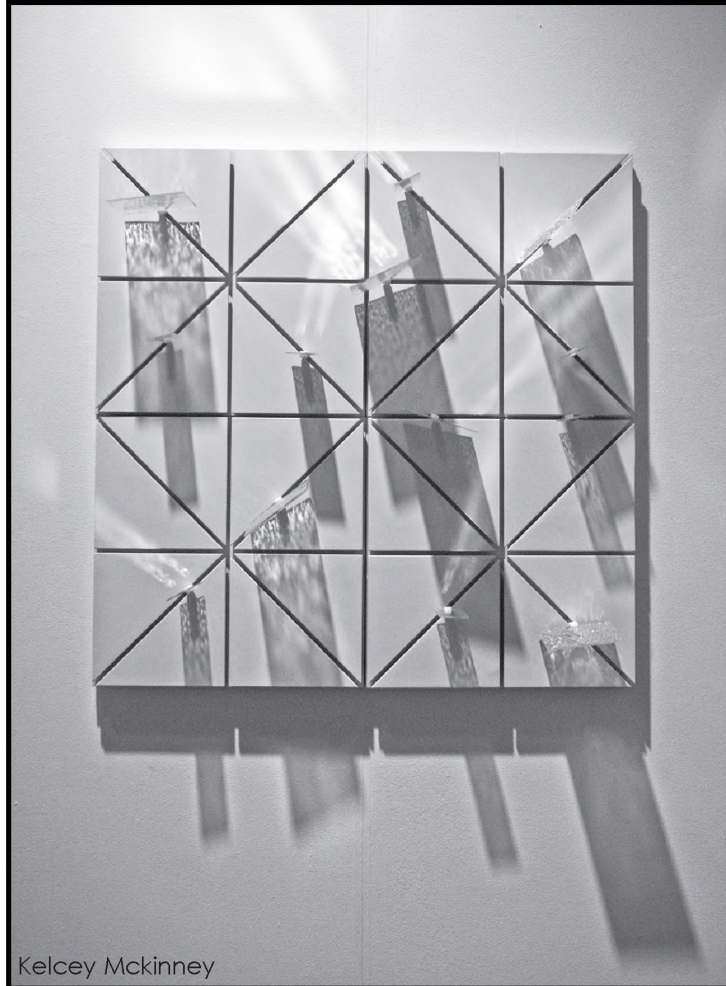
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The DeVos Art Museum's latest exhibition features work from all areas of the School of Art and Design: ceramics, digital cinema, drawing, painting, electronic imaging, furniture design, graphic communication, illustration, sculpture, jewelry, metals, blacksmithing, photography, human centered design, woodworking, and printmaking.

Filling up the gallery space with artwork of various mediums, each artist brings to the table their own ideas, opinions and conclusions they have explored during their undergraduate studies at NMU. Viewers are encouraged to leave artists with anonymous feedback by sticking it to the gallery walls on provided color-coded Post-It notes. All are welcome to attend the closing reception Dec. 10 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.



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Photos by Ashley Wiggins

Goalie earns awards for performances

By **John Becker**
sports editor

Before the NMU hockey team traveled to No. 14 Alaska, the Nanooks were 5-1 at home, taking their only loss from the No. 11 Michigan Wolverines. The 'Cats held the Nanooks to a tie but defeated them the next day. The Wildcats look to take on another top 20 opponent at home this weekend.

Head coach Walt Kyle said he was glad to see the team earn some points in the standings while dealing with the time change.

"After 23 hours of travel, to be able to get four out of six points there, that's something a lot of team's won't be able to do," Kyle said.

On Friday, Nov. 19, the Wildcats trailed 1-0 for most of the game after a Nanook power play goal at 13:55 in the first period. However, Tyler Gron (Kyle Follmer) evened the score with a late goal at 16:11 in the third. No one got the winning overtime goal, thus the game ended in a tie. However, the shootout commenced to determine which team would get the extra point in the CCHA standings. The Nanooks ended the shootout for a final of 2-1. The Wildcats have an emerging pattern of ties against the Nanooks after tying three of their four games last season.

The first two periods of the Nov. 20 game were scoreless until midway through the third when Andrew Cherniwchan

(Stephan Vigier, Erik Higby) scored at 12:18. Justin Florek earned an empty net goal at 19:34 before the Nanooks scored a goal with one second left in the game, although they still ended up one short, giving the Wildcats a 2-1 victory of their own.

Senior forward Greger Hanson said he was overall impressed with the team's efforts against Alaska.

"I think we executed our systems well and came out strong both games. That was really to our advantage to have a good first period and build on that," Hanson said.

Junior goaltender Reid Ellingson was named CCHA Goaltender of the Week for his series against the Nanooks, where he went 75-77 with a 0.86 goals-against average (GAA).

The Wildcats had little time back home before traveling to Minnesota to take on the Bemidji State Beavers. Kyle said it's unconventional for a team to travel the week after Alaska, but it's the luck of the draw. Hanson said the traveling wasn't easy, especially during the holiday, but team did their best. He also said the team eventually got their Thanksgiving meal.

"Most places were closed on the way there, so we actually had to eat at McDonald's for lunch, but we did get some turkey and stuffing at the hotel on Thursday, so we got our turkey dinner," he said.

This was the first time the Wildcats traveled to Bemidji, as



File photo/NW

Junior goaltender Reid Ellingson earned CCHA Goaltender of the Week for two consecutive weeks and subsequently earned CCHA Player of the Month for November. He led the nation in November with a .966 save pct.

it was only the second time these two teams met for a series. The first series was at home in 2009 where the teams tied 3-3 before the 'Cats were defeated 5-0.

The 'Cats earned a 4-0 victory over the Beavers on Nov. 26, with no duplicate goals or assists; each time a player scored, there was a different set of players who had just touched the puck. Ellingson earned the second shutout of his career, with 37 saves on the night.

The Nov. 27 game did not turn out as well as the night before, with the Wildcats taking a 3-0 (two even-strength, one empty-

net) loss to the Beavers. Kyle said that the team was too fatigued to keep up in the second game.

"We had to get right back on a bus and go to Bemidji, which was a quirk in our schedule after Alaska, certainly we were glad to get the win on Friday but there wasn't much gas left on Saturday," Kyle said.

Ellingson earned Goaltender of the Week for a second consecutive week, stopping 71 of 73 shots. He was also named the RBC Financial Group CCHA Player of the Month for November. Ellingson led the CCHA and the nation with his .966 save per-

centage and 1.14 GAA during November. Kyle had all positive remarks about Ellingson's performances.

"He's been our best player over the last several weeks, and he's done a great job for us," Kyle said.

Ellingson needs to continue his hot streak if the Wildcats are to challenge their upcoming non-conference series against the Western Michigan Broncos, who are coming off a weekend split against No. 5 Miami. The 'Cats will host the Broncos Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. respectively.

Cross country finishes season strong

By **Brice Burge**
assistant sports editor

The Northern Michigan University cross country running team crossed its final finish line of the season on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the NCAA Midwest Regional in Louisville, Ky. The team finished 15th and scored 414 points in a meet dominated by the GLIAC schools.

"The girls ran some of their best times of the year, but it's such a strong regional," said head coach Jenny Ryan. "We were happy, but not ecstatic with how we finished. We still beat some respectable teams."

The Wildcats' top three runners finished in a 12-second span of 12 straight GLIAC runners as junior Nora Kiilunen grabbed the 73rd position at 23:41.39. A Northwood Timberwolf, an Ashland Eagle and two Michigan Tech Huskies finished in the six-second difference between Kiilunen and senior Kristen Schulz, as she finished in the 78th position at

23:47.44. Three more GLIAC foes ended the race before sophomore Marie Helen Soderman edged out a SVSU runner for the 82nd spot at 23:50.81.

A Wisconsin-Parkside freshman broke the long string of GLIAC harriers, as she beat out NMU's fourth runner, sophomore Rita Woitas by 0.63 seconds for the 84th spot. The final scoring Wildcat was sophomore Olivia Juntila who came across the line at 24:10.68. Juntila finished 97th, but scored 96 points as she was beat by a Kentucky Wesleyan runner. The Panthers did not have a complete team, so their finishes did not factor into the team scores.

"The team ran well and we have improved a lot from our last meet to be closer to our goals," Kiilunen said.

Also competing for Northern were freshman Mandy Dye and senior Christina Turman. Dye finished in 107th with a time of 24:20.95 for 106 points and Turman finished in 110th with a time of 24:29.56 for 109 points. As only

the points of the top five runners for each team count to that team's score, the sixth and seventh runners do serve a purpose. In case of a tie, the sixth runner of the two tied teams determines the winner. The seventh runner is an extra runner that can move up the depth chart if a faster teammate cannot finish the race. Another advantage of having the sixth and seventh racers means that a team can use its depth to raise other teams' scores. This rewards team's ability to run as a unit and can cause big separation in scores, like the 53-point spread between first place Grand Valley and second place Ferris State, as the Lakers got all seven of their runners across the line before the third runner finished for the Bulldogs.

Seven of the 23 teams at the meet did not have the maximum amount of runners on the course, with each team dealing with different circumstances. Lake State only sent five racers because of travel costs and Kentucky Wesleyan only had five runners on the

team when one of its athletes was injured during the race.

The Wildcats showed they had the depth of a contending team, but was lacking the other main component of a successful team: a front-pack runner. Despite the good times compared to this season's standards, only Kiilunen's 73rd place finished in the top half of the 150 total runners. Five teams, GVSU, FSU, Hillsdale, Wayne State and Bellarmine, had their entire seven-racer roster finish the race before Kiilunen completed the course, and eighteen of the 23 teams competing had their first runner cross the line before the top 'Cat. This was a big factor in the team standings as twelfth-place Findlay, thirteenth-place Lewis and fourteenth-place Northern Kentucky all had two runners in the top 50.

"It's definitely hurt us overall the last couple seasons," Ryan said. "There were a couple runners this year that I thought could have been a front-pack runner, but that's the goal for the next couple

seasons. We need to recruit some front runners, but also develop the squad that we have. The team is young, and developing them will be good for the future."

This was the final race for Turman and Schulz, as they have reached their senior year. Both athletes will continue to compete for NMU, as Turman competes on the nordic skiing team and Schulz will begin training for the indoor season for the track and field team.

"It's sad, but it's not as hard as I thought it would be because (I also run) track," Schulz said. "It's weird, though, to think it's the last race I'd run as a member of a team. I felt like as a team we did well, and we did better than in the past years."

Grand Valley won the race with a dominating 26 points (11 points away from a perfect score of 15). Ferris State and Hillsdale finished in second and third, scoring 79 and 138 points respectively. These three teams will move onto the NCAA Championships this Saturday, Dec. 4 in Louisville, Ky.

Volleyball defeated early in tourney

By David Pleyel
staff writer

The NMU women's volleyball team lost a tough battle against the Indianapolis Greyhounds, leading them to be knocked out of the NCAA Division II tournament and officially ending their season.

The Wildcats, coming off of a loss against Grand Valley State in the GLIAC tournament, were looking to make a statement against the Greyhounds in the first round of the tournament.

The Greyhounds tested the defensive strategy of NMU as they went on to win the first two sets 25-16 and 25-18. The 'Cats, picking themselves up and trying to mount a comeback, won the third set 26-24, but in the end, the Greyhounds offense proved just too much for the 'Cats defense as they won the final set 25-22, eliminating the 'Cats from the tournament.

Junior LS/MH Emma Wolfe said the team can only get better from here on out.

"It is sad to have the volleyball season over with because you always want to go as far as you can with your season," Wolfe

said. "We will be back next season ready to face whatever challenges await us, and we wouldn't have had such great success this year without our great players, coaches, and fans."

Head coach Dominic Yoder agreed that his team had a good run and was pleasantly surprised by this young team's outcome for the year.

"For being such a young team, I am very satisfied as to how far we progressed this year," Yoder said. "We need to just keep focused on the goals we set and we also need to work on game execution, especially when we get deep into the season. Overall, this was a competitive season, and we will just keep getting better and better as each year progresses."

Freshman outside hitter Ana Lopes was named the Midwest Region Freshman of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches' Association on Dec. 1. She led the Wildcats with 329 kills and 323 digs.

The Wildcats will begin individual training as well as meetings for individual players beginning in January, and they will begin spring training the first week in March.

The 'Cats will be losing one of their captains and the only senior on the team, Katie Twardzik. Twardzik, who was the right side hitter for the 'Cats, will be student teaching this upcoming winter semester and plans on getting a teaching job sometime in the fall of next year.

"I love to play volleyball. I love competing and working hard. Volleyball has been challenging, it has helped keep me organized, goal-oriented, and focused. I love being around my teammates as well and just knowing this is my last season, well it's hard to think about," Twardzik said.

Yoder said he is already looking forward to next season, as he offers some final comments to his team for the season's end.

"This team shows the willingness and ability to learn, and that's what makes us such a good team. We will always have expectations and goals that may seem difficult and challenging, but if we succeed in meeting those, that's how we win conferences and titles. This has been one of the best seasons this team has had since I have been coaching here at NMU and I can promise it won't be the last."



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Sophomore setter Abby Lovell earned more assists (1,026) than all the other Wildcats combined during the 2010 season.

Women's basketball off to good start

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

The women's basketball team won four of their last five games since their season-opening loss at Minnesota Duluth on Monday, Nov. 15.

The Wildcats split their games at the Quincy/Subway Tipoff Tournament, as they won the semi-final game against Missouri Western 73-58 for their first win of the season. NMU was led by center Erin Powers, as she set a tournament record for rebounds with her own career high of 19 rebounds. The six-foot-one-inch senior also added 14 points.

"It feels pretty good to set records, but it helped us win the game," Powers said.

Powers and the rest of the team had little time to celebrate as they took on the host Quincy Hawks for the tournament championship less than 24 hours later. The Wildcats fell in that game 92-54, as they shot only 35.5% from the floor, compared to the 52.9% of Quincy.

"The team didn't play bad, they just shot badly," said assistant coach Carly Benson. "We did a lot of the right things, but things just didn't fall."

According to Benson, the tournament set-up provided good les-

sons for the team.

"It was good experience for us to go on the road and play in a tournament before the end of the season," she said.

The Wildcats returned to the Berry Events Center for an all-U.P. battle against NCAA D-III school Finlandia on Tuesday, Nov. 23. NMU never trailed in the game, as they won 94-57. Junior forward Hillary Bowling had a career-high 22 points to lead NMU, while senior center Jaclyn Davey added 12 more, while junior forward Staci Beckel and Powers also scored in double digits.

"It was important for us to get this first win at home," Benson said. "It sets the stage for the rest of the home games this season. You have to take advantage at home, because you don't know what will happen on the road."

The Wildcats then headed to Gangelhoff Center for the Radisson Roseville Thanksgiving Basketball Classic on Saturday, Nov. 26 and Sunday, Nov. 27. Northern opened up against the host team, the Concordia St. Paul Golden Bears, and found their toughest match of the season. The teams ended regulation with a tie to send the game into overtime. The 'Cats then hit 14 straight free throws in overtime to take the 72-68 win.

Northern again had little time between games, as they took the tipoff against Southwest Minnesota State on Sunday, but unlike the previous tournament, the Wildcats excelled. Northern led the entire game, winning 63-57 over the Mustangs.

Powers and Beckel again led the Wildcats in scoring, as they put in 14 and 13 points respectively. The two centers, along with Davey, have been splitting time between the post position as they have different skills under the basket.

"I think I'm more of a rebounder than a shooter and (Beckel) and (Davey) have better one-on-one moves to score," Powers said.

The Wildcats will now prepare for their GLIAC opener against Michigan Tech on Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Berry Events Center. The Huskies are 3-1 and ranked 14th in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association poll. The rivalry was one of the highest-contested rivalries in the GLIAC last season, as the teams split the season series. Michigan Tech also defeated NMU for the GLIAC tournament championship.

"They are huge rivals and it's a big game," Beckel said. "We can't be timid and we have to play strong defense and keep up our offensive (rebounds)."



Justin Key/NW

Junior forward Staci Beckel leaves herself the opportunity to pass, shoot, or retain the ball by keeping her pivot foot down.



Men's basketball takes two of three

By Jon Young
staff writer

The NMU men's basketball team played three games this past week and improved its record to 3-2. On Saturday, Nov. 20, the 'Cats hosted Spring Arbor for their first home game of the season. It took a buzzer beating lay-up by Matt Everson to seal the 84-82 win and give head coach Doug Lewis his first home victory at Northern.

"As a coach, you never want it to come down to the last second; it was exciting for the fans," Lewis said. "It showed some character for our team that we could pull out a victory and a close victory at that."

The Wildcats were paced by junior center Jared Benson's double-double; he finished the game with 20 points and 10 rebounds. DeAndre Taylor, Raymont McElroy, Mylan Murphy and Matt Everson also scored in double figures to lead the balanced 'Cats offensive attack. For Lewis and the team, it was important to come out and win the first home game.

"One of the major things we wanted to do is protect home court," Lewis said. "The first thing I wanted to do when I got here is let our players know, let our fans know, that we want to win all the home games."

This past weekend the Wildcats traveled to Erie, Penn. to take part in the 27th annual Gary Miller Classic basketball tournament. On Friday, Nov. 26,

It was a battle all the way down to the end.

— Doug Lewis
Head coach

they opened against Daemen College and came away with an 82-80 victory. The Wildcats were led by sophomore center Mylan Murphy who pulled down 16 rebounds and added 13 points. Junior point guard Raymont McElroy had 14 points and seven assists for the 'Cats, and junior guard DeAndre Taylor chipped in 13 points. Jared Benson led the scoring attack with 19 points. The 'Cats held a 46-24 half-time lead but had to fight off a second half Daemen comeback.

"We knew we had to play fast paced with them and we did, and I thought we did a pretty good job of executing," Benson said. "In the second half our defense kind of went a little haywire and we let them comeback, but we were resilient enough to hold on and win it in the end."

On Saturday, Nov. 27, the Wildcats took on the Gannon University Golden Knights, the tournament host in the championship game. The 'Cats lost 79-68, but Lewis was happy with the team's effort in the game.

"It was a battle all the way down to the end, our guys didn't bend one minute," Lewis said. "They just made fewer mistakes than we did."

The Wildcats shot 52 percent for the game, compared to 44.6 percent for the Golden Knights. Gannon shot 11 more free throws than NMU and their defense made it hard for the 'Cats to drive the lane.

"They had really solid defense," Benson said. "They didn't let you drive to the hoop easy."

Benson led the 'Cats with 22 points while Raymont McElroy added 17 and Taylor chipped in 12. Lewis said Gannon was the best team the Wildcats have played so far, and they're similar to the teams Northern will face in the GLIAC.

The Wildcats kick off a five-game home stand this week starting on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 11 p.m. when they host Michigan Tech at the Berry Events Center.



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Junior center Jared Benson looks to shoot over a defender. Benson leads the team with 87 points and 17.4 points per game.

The Michigan Tech Huskies men's basketball scouting report for Saturday, Dec. 4

2010-2011 Record: 5-1

2009-2010 Record: 9-18 Overall, 8-14 GLIAC

Last 3 Games: W at Wisconsin Parkside 71-62, L at Minnesota State 63-61, W vs Finlandia 94-69

Players to Watch: NMU- junior center Jared Benson, junior guard DeAndre Taylor, junior guard Raymont McElroy. Tech- junior forward Mike Hojnacki, sophomore forward Ali Haidar, freshmen guard Alex Culy.

Key Stat: Michigan Tech's defense has not given up more than 69 points in the last five games. NMU's offense is averaging 72.6 points a game for the year.

Key Matchup: Hojnacki vs Benson. A big battle down low, Tech's six-foot-seven-inch junior forward Hojnacki was named North GLIAC player of the week, and is second in the GLIAC in scoring with 19.3 points per game. NMU's six-foot-ten-inch junior center Jared Benson is coming off 19 and 22 point scoring efforts, while being named to the all tournament team in Gannon this past weekend.

Prediction: The Wildcats get their first conference win of the year against rival Michigan Tech. NMU 84 Tech 76

— Jon Young

Track team preps for season

By David Pleyel
staff writer

The NMU women's indoor track and field team will begin the 2010-2011 season on Dec. 4th at the St. Scholastica Mini Meet in Duluth, Minn. Though this event will not be scored, head coach Tom Barnes said he expects this event to bring the best out in his team.

"This is a great meet to get started with as we kick off our indoor season this year," Barnes said. "We have been ready to get this season started for a while now, and I am very excited about the potential our team has this year and anticipate us going far this year."

The team will be performing without four of its senior captains from last season: Karin

Diebold, Maegan Hendershot, Krista Squiers and Erin VanEnkevort. Diebold concentrated on sprinting and pole vault. Both Hendershot and VanEnkevort ran distances and relays. Squiers focused mainly on throws such as Hammer, Javelin, and Weight.

Both Hendershot and Squiers were honored this past August as both were named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association women's 2010 Division II All-Academic Track and Field Team. This will be the fourth consecutive year NMU has received this prestigious award.

"We really stress to the team that education is very important," Barnes said. "Once the track season starts, there is no turning back. Once our indoor season is over, our outdoor season begins.

So we make sure the team keeps its grades up and remains goal-oriented."

Expecting to fill the roles for the captain positions this year are: Nora Kiilunen, Angela Leckson, Bailey Franklin, Brittnee Balbierz, Catherine Angeli and Kristen Schulz.

All captains bring a wide variety of talent to the team. Kiilunen focuses mainly on running distance, Leckson does shot put and javelin, Franklin participates in a number of different events, Angeli does sprints and relays, and Schulz runs distance. Barnes said that even though each captain focuses on their area of expertise, they still work with the team as a whole.

"The captains will go out there and do their part, I have no doubt of that," Barnes said. "But

on top of that, they contribute to this team as a whole by bringing a good attitude and effort to practice and meets. It all starts with effort and attitude."

The team finished fourth in the GLIAC last year for both outdoor and indoor events. Head coach Tom Barnes said with the team he has this year, it should be no trouble keeping that spot, but he would like to see the team move up in the rankings.

"Getting ranked fourth in both indoors and outdoors last year was good," Barnes said. "With the team we have this season and the conditional training and techniques we work on in practice, we are only going to improve and do well at our meets. As long as we remain confident and focused, we are going to go far this season."

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Ski team optimistic despite lack of snow

By Mackenzie Myers
staff writer

November did not quite live up to its expectations here in Marquette. It's December, and there is little to no snow to be seen on the ground. However, despite the lack of winter weather, hopes remain high for the NMU Nordic skiing team and coach Sten Fjeldheim. As for the snow situation, Sten said that the teams had just enough snow to train on over Thanksgiving break.

"We'll make a decision this week on what we're going to do. The folks up at Michigan Tech have been a little more fortunate with snowfall, and they've been generous enough to open their trails up to us in the past," Fjeldheim said.

Sophomore Karmen Whitham said that the lack of snow doesn't really affect the team as much as one might think. "This time of year, it's really important to be flexible and ready for anything. There are so many modes of training in cross-country skiing that can give a solid conditioning effect. As long as you actually know how to ski when the races

come, then you're prepared."

In the past, the ski team has been very successful, which Coach Fjeldheim feels will only give this year's team more momentum to succeed. Last season, NMU had an NCAA All-American at the national championships and finished 12th as a team. In 2007, the women's team made history by taking the podium twice.

"It definitely looks like we've got a couple guys and a couple gals who are looking to be All-Americans this year," Fjeldheim said. "Specifically, I'd say Martin Banerud has a really good chance; he's one of the favorites to win the national championships."

There are also a few other skiers on the radar. This year, the team has gained three new members: two freshmen and a transfer student.

"One of the new freshmen from Sweden, Erik Soderman, is looking really good. And his sister, Marie Soderman, she's also looking to perform well," he said.

Fjeldheim also added that he expects good results from his two senior captains on the women's team, Christina Philips and In-

grid Fjeldheim. Andy Leibner, a transfer student from the University of Alaska at Anchorage is also likely to be a valuable addition to the Nordic ski team this year.

Some of the team's goals include winning the conference championships (hosted at NMU), winning the regional championships and qualifying the whole team for the NCAA championships.

"I don't want to tag my season and say my success depends upon a top 30 at U.S. Nationals or making the NCAA team but those are the parameters that are out there," Whitham said. "As for the team I know we all have the strength and ability to be the best college team, both men's and women's. So we'll shoot for that."

Coach Fjeldheim has set the bar high for the team in his expectations, but it's nothing they can't accomplish, he said.

"Things are looking good. This is going to be one of the strongest teams we've had in years."

The first scheduled meet for the Wildcats is this Saturday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. at Michigan Tech.

Hockey loses two

By Laura Conway
staff writer

The NMU men's club hockey team is preparing for their next big series against Delta College out of Bay City, Mich. on Friday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 4 both at 8:30 p.m.

The Wildcats beat Delta College early in the season at the Wildcat Invitational 12-5.

The 'Cats fell to St. Norbert College on Nov. 19 and 20. Even though the 'Cats didn't win the series, the team left feeling good about being able to keep up with a highly ranked team.

The first game started off strong closing the first period 1-1. There was a fight in the second period that had the team's top scorer, Kellen Michalak and Jon Stengel were ejected from the remainder of the weekend's games.

Senior Matt Dorich holds the fight accountable for the loss as it left an already shorthanded team even shorter.

"The fight was a big deal, it was a 2-1 game at the time of the fight. Two guys out (of the game) and two guys in the box. We only had five guys on the bench so we didn't get that much recovery on top of more and longer shifts," Dorich said.

Rookie goalie Mike O'Connell noticed that Saint Norbert had the

edge on the Wildcats when it came to strategy around the net.

"Their forwards swoop around the end boards; they get our defense looking other places so their forwards can come in the back door to get a scoring opportunity," O'Connell said.

The second game was much closer, ending in a 2-1 loss for the Wildcats. The team walked away from that second game with their heads held high even with the loss.

Assistant Captain Evan Weber is impressed with the rookies who stepped up to play hard and the whole team for keeping up with a team as good as Saint Norbert.

O'Connell said he likes the way their practices have been going.

"We've been slowly improving ever since our losing streak. Practices are getting more technical and we are working on more routines that we are seeing success with in games," O'Connell said.

Dorich said he noticed the team supporting each other more in games and practice.

"There is a lot more chemistry now, we pick each other up better than before. No one ridicules their teammates at this point, we are a better support system for each other. We have realized that we are not good enough as individuals to not win as a team," Dorich said.

The highest returning scorer Athlete a spark plug for Wildcat offense

By Alex Eisner
staff writer

After a Wednesday practice in the PEIF's practice gym, Steffani Stoeger, a senior on the women's basketball team, headed to the weight room with the rest of her team. Instead of being tired and quiet, the 5-foot-7-inch guard was cheerful and upbeat. It was just a typical day.

As a part of the women's basketball team, Stoeger is accustomed to long days. She usually has three classes a day, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., then practice 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and weightlifting after practice three times a week until 6:30 p.m.

"So you get done at like 6:30 p.m., go home, you eat, get up, and you do it all over again," said Stoeger.

Stoeger has been playing since second or third grade, and attributes her interest in basketball to her brother, who played in the driveway with her at their home in Hortonville, Wisc.

"I can remember going to high school games, he's five years older than me, I watched him play a long time," she said.

Stoeger went to high school at Fox Valley Lutheran High School

and was named to Valley 8 All-Conference First Team three times and was Valley 8 player of the year as a senior. She has lettered the past three years for the Wildcats.

Last year, Stoeger started all 32 games and had 40 steals, 87 assists, and 332 points. She was selected to the GLIAC North Division All-Conference Second Team and the GLIAC Women's Basketball All-Tournament Team. This season, she was also named as a member of the preseason All-GLIAC North First Team.

The team aspect of basketball is what Stoeger said she loves the most. NMU finished second in the GLIAC North division last year and fifth in the 2008-2009 season.

"I've been blessed with great teams here, and since freshman year known so many different teammates," Stoeger said. "I've met so many great people through the sport."

As a guard for the Wildcats, Stoeger said her weakness that she wants to work on this season is her ability to pull up and take a jump shot off the dribble.

"I'm more of a driving or three-point shooting person, so the mid-game is not my strong suit," she said.

Stoeger is also working to over-

come an injury she suffered at the end of last season when she tore her meniscus, the knee's shock absorber, in both knees, but still played on the injuries.

"My knees are pretty bad. I got surgery over the summer, I had both scoped, so I'm hoping they'll feel better," she said.

Going into this season Stoeger said her main goal is to win conference and beat the team's second place finish of last season.

Stoeger said her most memorable moment playing for the Wildcats was against Hillsdale two years ago. The school was ranked fifth in the nation with the number one rebounder in the country. NMU was down by two, and Stoeger was at the free throw line with three seconds left in the game. The plan was for her to make the first free throw, purposely miss the second so teammate Angela Leckson could get the rebound, and pass it out to make a three point shot and win the game, Stoeger said. Stoeger missed the shot. It grazed the rim and bounced over the number one rebounder, Leckson got the rebound, and passed it out to a teammate who made the three-point shot to win the game.

"It was crazy, it was awesome," Stoeger said.

Stoeger is majoring in sports science and will graduate in May 2011. She plans to pursue her masters in sports science at NMU and serve as the graduate assistant for the women's basketball team next

year.

"I would love to coach in the future, but I'm also thinking about going to school for physical therapy after I get my masters," she said.



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Senior guard Steffani Stoeger led the team with 40 steals last season, and was second with 332 points. She is the highest returning scorer.

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Michel Foucault — I've got some power-knowledge that you're probably right. — **Grad Student**

NE — This is the last time I'm going to get to write "NE" when referring to you, buddy! Office won't be the same without you! — **OE**

Shoutouts — Can I still write you when I'm gone? — **Dim**

New Year — I've got a hope that 2011 will be my year. Don't let me down, okay? — **OE**

Coolman — Congrats on graduating! I'm going to miss having you as a roommate! I hope your post-NMU life is awesome and happy! The apartment won't be the same without you. — **Belz**

OE — Thought I won't have the job, I'll still totally answer to NE. Robyn's just going to have to deal with it! — **Always NE**

ANE — Pay no attention to that comment. Also, feel free to assign me the best stories — **NE**

North Wind — I'm going to miss you. Even though you make me want to make up words. Spoot! — **NE**

Dim — You most certainly can! — **Shoutouts**

Garlic Clove — These have been the best 6 months! Can't wait for Friday! — **Love, Little Onion**

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Scott's Ghostbuster Shirt — You must be pretty worn out from being worn all the time, hey? — **Scott's neglected Freddy Krueger Sweater**

Bar — One of these days we shall visit you! No more procrastination — **OE**

NE — I'll miss you, James! — **ME**

Docta — Will you still give me weekly healin's? — **NE**

Huffinator — I'll 'Weed out' all the books I want! — **NE**

SE — Pay the court a fine and serve your sentence? Forget that, I'm picking the lock. — **NE**

ASE — The nickel calls sir. IT CALLS! — **NE**

North Wind — Here's to the last time I get to be called NE. — **NE?**

Kels — I know you never read these, but here's one for you regardless. I'm getting you a squirrel for Christmas. — **Dim**

Adelle — Good luck! I know you're going to rock house. I'm buying you a drink next time I see you out and about — **Diminator**

Lina — Even though we only get two weeks together between breaks, we have to make it amazing. You're amazing. I love you. — **Lucy**

Dim — It's totally crazy that you won't be here next semester. The office is always open to you though. — **EIC**

ME — Thanks for taking care of printing in the morning. I'm looking forward to some solid sleep. — **EIC**

EIC — Although there have been a few bumps along the way, it was a pleasure working directly under you. — **ME**

Susie — Although we will not see each other for more than a month, my teenage love for you will never die. p.s. I like it when you wear the short poodle skirt. — **Sally**

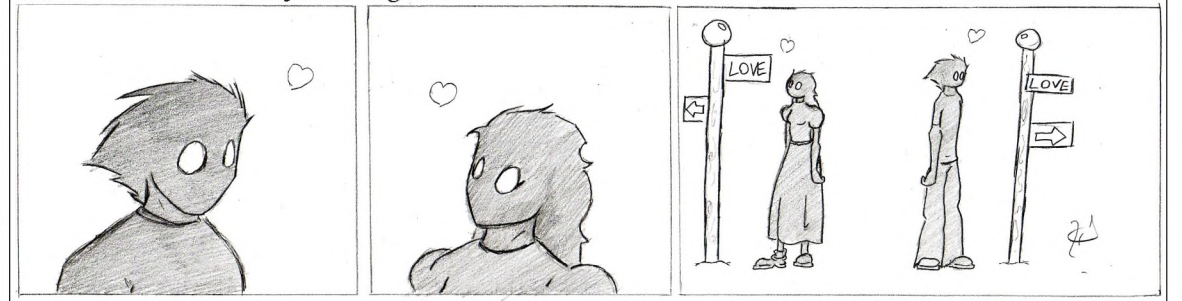
Sally — The scrap book you made me will keep me warm over the next few cold winter weeks. p.s. If you're good, I'll take off a few more inches off for you. — **Susie**

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