

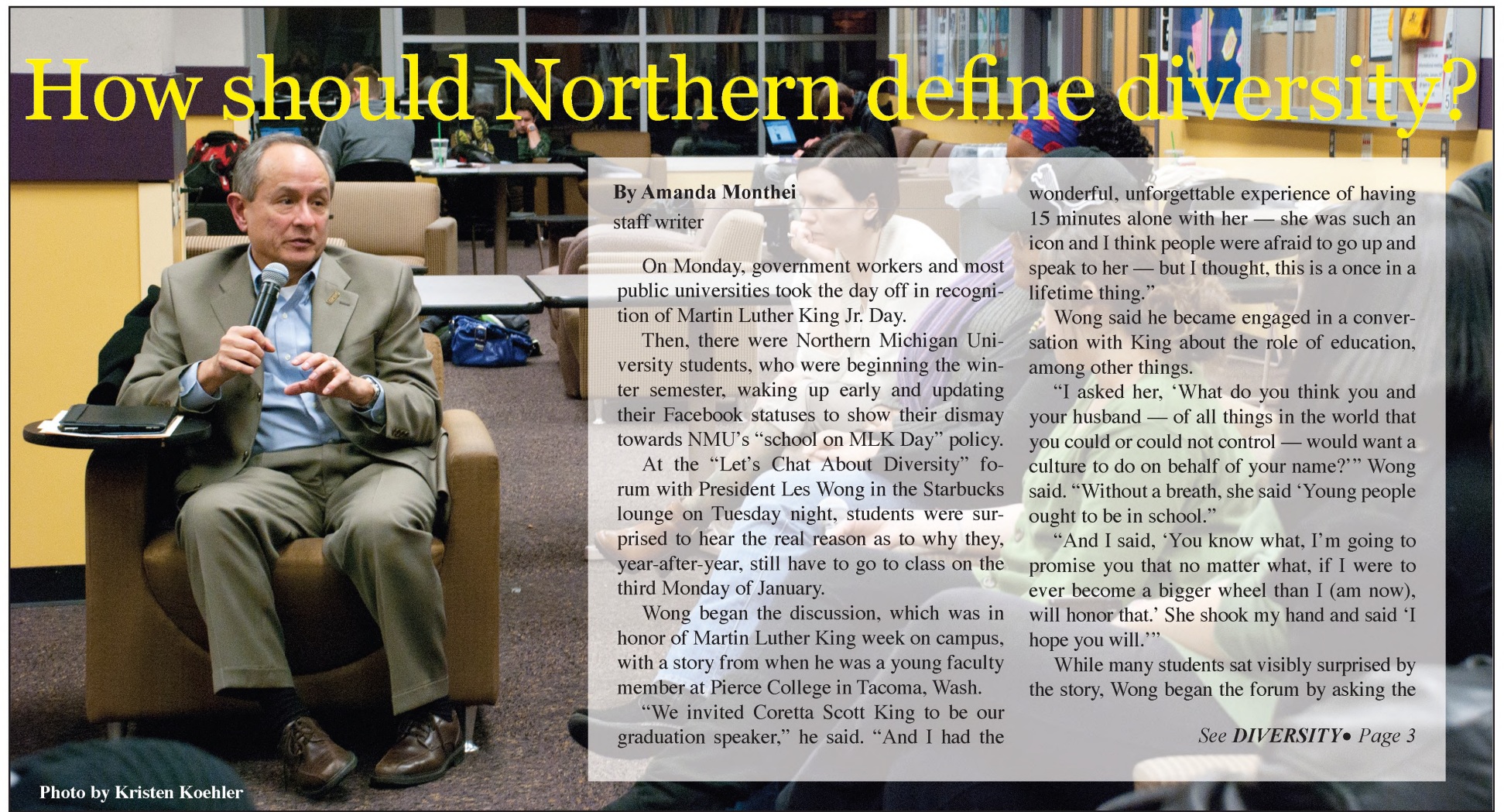
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How should Northern define diversity?

By Amanda Monthei
staff writer

On Monday, government workers and most public universities took the day off in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Then, there were Northern Michigan University students, who were beginning the winter semester, waking up early and updating their Facebook statuses to show their dismay towards NMU's "school on MLK Day" policy.

At the "Let's Chat About Diversity" forum with President Les Wong in the Starbucks lounge on Tuesday night, students were surprised to hear the real reason as to why they, year-after-year, still have to go to class on the third Monday of January.

Wong began the discussion, which was in honor of Martin Luther King week on campus, with a story from when he was a young faculty member at Pierce College in Tacoma, Wash.

"We invited Coretta Scott King to be our graduation speaker," he said. "And I had the

wonderful, unforgettable experience of having 15 minutes alone with her — she was such an icon and I think people were afraid to go up and speak to her — but I thought, this is a once in a lifetime thing."

Wong said he became engaged in a conversation with King about the role of education, among other things.

"I asked her, 'What do you think you and your husband — of all things in the world that you could or could not control — would want a culture to do on behalf of your name?'" Wong said. "Without a breath, she said 'Young people ought to be in school.'"

"And I said, 'You know what, I'm going to promise you that no matter what, if I were to ever become a bigger wheel than I (am now), will honor that.' She shook my hand and said 'I hope you will.'"

While many students sat visibly surprised by the story, Wong began the forum by asking the

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Photo by Kristen Koehler

NMU approves charter school

By Delaney Lovett
editor in chief

The NMU Board of Trustees approved plans for the creation of a new charter school set to open this fall in the Willow Run district near Ypsilanti, Mich.

South Point Scholars Charter Academy, 350 miles southeast of Marquette, was chosen by Northern Michigan University out of 15 charter schools during an open application cycle.

"South Point Scholars was best prepared and had the ability to open a new, quality charter school," said charter schools Offi-

cer Bill Pistulka. "We determined we would take that recommendation to the Board of Trustees."

Beginning in the fall as a K-5 school, South Point Scholars Charter Academy will add one grade each year until it reaches a K-8 level. The academy will have a capacity of about 800 students.

Construction of the building will begin in March and is scheduled to be completed by late July or early August. Finalized drawings are in place and permits are set for the construction.

During the summer months, a marketing plan will be used to advertise and recruit students to join

the charter school.

"There's a large waiting list in this area of students who are looking for a charter school," Pistulka said. "Strategically, this location should be really good to fill the building."

Northern will team up with National Heritage Academy, a management company that provides startup funding, hires personnel and is responsible for the construction of the school.

National Heritage uses a proven curriculum with four pillars: academic excellence, moral focus,

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Kristen Koehler/NW

ONLINE ONLY: Moustafa Bayoumi was the keynote speaker for Martin Luther King Jr. Week. He gave his speech "How Does It Feel To Be A Problem? Being Young and Arab in America?" on Wednesday in the Whitman Hall commons.



Kristen Koehler/NW

The North Star Academy in Marquette is one of six schools that Northern Michigan University charters. It is a K-12 school with about 255 students. There are three charter schools in the U.P. and four in the Lower Peninsula.

Board purchases house near campus

By Shaina James
assistant news editor

Northern Michigan University purchased property for potential development on Dec. 19, 2011, which goes along with the university's updated campus master plan.

The land is located at 1804 Tracey Ave., west of the Woodland Park apartments and east of Meyland Hall. NMU negotiated a sale price \$130,000 for the house.

According to Art Gischia, associate provost for business op-

erations, the house was owned by a private party and was rented out the past several years. The campus master plan was last updated in 2008.

The plan focuses on organizational strategies to manage future development which includes on-campus housing. One of the areas recognized for potential development includes the land along Tracey Avenue.

NMU will rent the house out

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parental partnership and student responsibility. The curriculum uses testing in the fall, winter and spring to assess growth.

Michigan universities typically have a cap of five charter schools, but the creation of "smart cap" legislation allowed for additional schools. Northern decided to take advantage of the opportunity to expand.

"With the cap lifted now, it isn't going to be growth for the sake of growth; it's growth with quality," Pistulka said. "We really want to make sure our schools are going to provide ... educational practices and be effective."

The addition will bring Northern to a total of six charter schools. These public school academies are state-funded, but do not have to operate under Michigan's local school districts.

One of these charter schools, North Star Public School Academy, is located in Marquette. NMU alum Adam Dompierre teaches high school math, English and physical education at North Star.

"We have the advantage of getting to know students over the course of their high school careers and seeing their academic and social development," Dompierre said.

Dompierre said he would encourage education students to teach at NMU charter schools. He said that North Star is able offer more individual student attention due to smaller class sizes.

"Spending so much one-on-one time allows the teachers to learn how each student learns best, and we can adapt our teaching to reflect that," Dompierre said.

For more information about NMU charter schools, visit webb.nmu.edu/Charter-Schools.

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until the property is needed. At that time NMU will assess their options to sell the house with intent of moving it or demolition, Gischia said.

"When property owners who border the campus alert the university that they are ready to sell, we do consider a purchase if the price is at fair market value so that we don't have someone else buy property that NMU is interested in from a long-term master calendar perspective," said Cindy Paavola, director of communications and marketing.

Northern owns several other pieces of property that are currently not being used. They own a single-family house on Shafer Street and land on Waldo Street. According to Gischia, NMU has owned this property for the past three years. There is also an apartment complex at 1716 Presque Isle Ave. that has been rented out over the past 15 years.

WEEKLY WEATHER

	Thu	Fri	Sat	
High	13°F	14°F	21°F	
Low	01°F	09°F	20°F	
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	31°F	32°F	33°F	27°F
	23°F	24°F	23°F	22°F

Snow hit Marquette, so students hit the hills



Kristen Koehler/NW

Linden Cole hits a feature while spending a day with his friends Sunday, Jan. 15 at Marquette Mountain. All ski lifts and runs are now fully open for the season offering College Night Saturday along with other discounted prices.

ASNMU update

Many representatives present new ideas and projects

By Elizabeth Bailey
staff writer

Over the break the ASNMU was asked to come up with things to work on this semester as well as flesh out things that were already being worked on.

According to Chris Kovala, ASNMU graduate studies representative, the bike-share program is finally ready. With just a few minor things needed to keep up with bike repair. Next week he plans to have a budget request to obtain the money needed for some more equipment- chain breakers, tubes, and more safety equipment all of which should cost no more than \$150.

"Now we just have to wait until there is some nice weather and we'll be ready to rock," Kovala said. "If all the snow melted tomorrow we could have the program up and running."

Off-campus representative Robin Feuerman suggested her plan to work with Students for Sustainable Living, to get recycling bins much like the ones in the dorms for the on campus apartments.

"By putting recycling bins in every apartment, it would be that extra incentive," Feuerman said.

One of down-campus representatives, Alex Perry's, concerns is with ASNMU's publicity. He proposed holding some sort of event in the lobby of the dorms that could possi-

bly attract new members. Especially since over the break ASNMU lost four members.

Adam Papin, up campus representative suggested that ASNMU get involved in the community by doing some sort of service project, whether it is on or off campus. Some of the ideas that came up were shoveling elderly people's driveways and sidewalks.

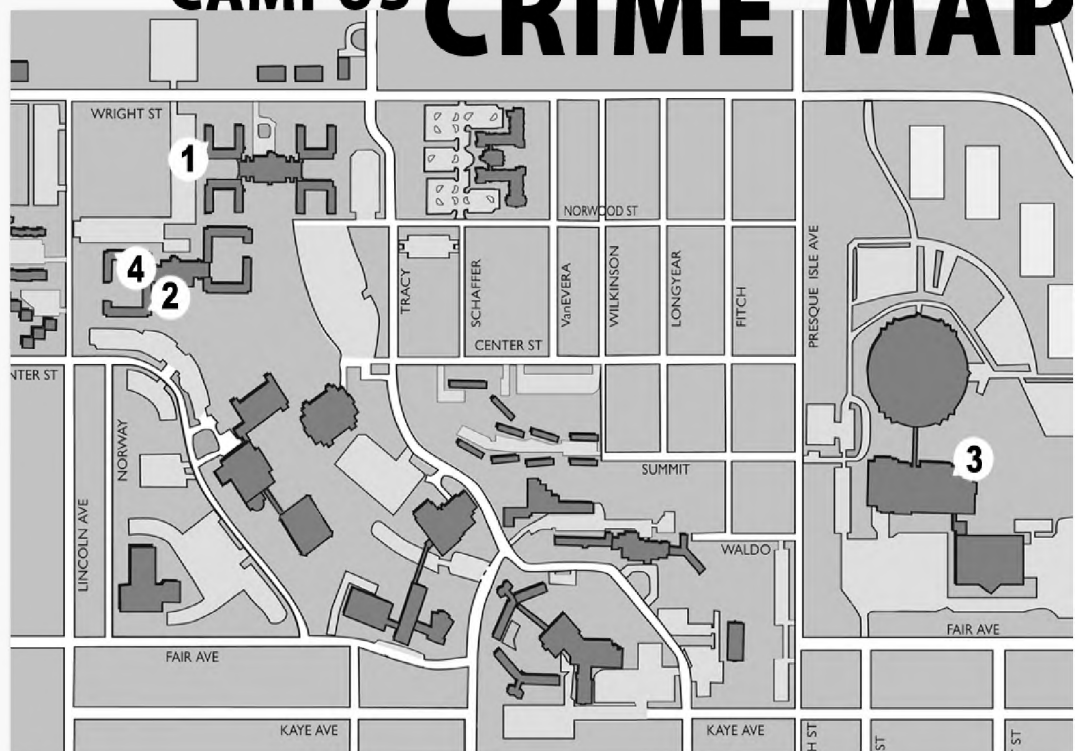
According to Papin, by doing service projects it will get ASNMU's name out there and possibly gain more members.

The academic affairs chair position was up for grabs at this weeks meeting, the board unanimously voted for Troy Morris, art and sciences representative, to take the spot.

Map Key

- 1) A student was charged with possession of marijuana at 4:15 p.m. Jan. 14 at Hunt Hall.
- 2) A student was charged with larceny of money at 2 p.m. Jan. 15 at Spalding Hall.
- 3) A student was charged with larceny of money at 3:40 p.m. Jan. 15 at the PEIF.
- 4) A student was charged with the use of marijuana at 8:58 p.m. Jan. 16 at Gant Hall.

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



Grant writing class offered for students

By Drea Weiner
staff writer

This winter semester a two-credit grant writing course is being offered for students seeking a master's or graduate degree at Northern Michigan University.

Grant Writing and Public Administration, PS 521, will meet every other week on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:50 p.m. in Jamrich Hall. Though the class is being offered by the political science department, it is open to all students eligible for the course.

"For students who are going to be working for [the public sector], a lot of [their] funding will be reliant on external grants," said Andrew Smentkowski, associate director of grants and research office.

Sally Davis-Campana, the adjunct professor who will be teaching the course, said that students look at a career within the public sector could use the skills of good proposal development.

"Good proposal writing is a skill that helps propel a person beyond the norm and into the innovative/achievement area," Davis-Campana said. "This is noticed by upper administration and contributes positively to the role they play in an organization."

Davis-Campana wrote grants for the Marquette General Health System for 27 years before retirement. Currently she has undertaken various contractual opportunities under the banner Sally Davis Consulting. She has brought over \$14 million in grants to the health care system in the U.P.

Some of the fundamentals that

a grant writer will need to know are a strong goal, objectives, activities, outcomes, an evaluation a budget, documentation of a need and the development of a solution to fit that need that matches funding agencies priorities, Davis-Campana said.

"The language [of a grant] has to be very precise and it has to make sense," said Mackenzie Myers, a sophomore writing major.

Myers volunteered for an organization called Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation, where she had the opportunity to review grants and decide which group would be funded.

"It takes skill and I hope that the NMU class can introduce that to those who want it," Myers said.

The course will focus on practicality in a

workshop environment. The students will be working on various components of a grant and the creativity that sets a proposal apart, Davis-Campana said.

"[Students will be] learning what a grant is [and]

knowing the difference between a grant and a gift," Smentkowski said.

A gift has fewer requirements; those giving the money do not have a lot of input with how the money is spent. Grants require specifics regarding how the money is spent.

"Students [will] develop a quick, low-budget grant for community foundations and a more complex foundation grant," Davis-Campana said. "Both grants emphasize the skills that will be used in the development of a large federal grant."

Students will also have the opportunity to write a grant for an organization, as a class project. But the emphasis will remain on the essential process that is indis-

pensable for a variety of grants. A number of these projects have been submitted and funded to community foundations in the past, Davis-Campana said.

"I think that NMU should offer the course for all students," said Carrie DeWolfe, a freshman biology major. "Students apply for grants and scholarships at all levels of their education."

"I think a (grant writing course) would expand my writing skills, and allow me to write a professional and heartfelt letter."

There is still room available for students in the course for those who are qualified. To add the class contact Student Services at (906) 227-1221 or email Sally Davis-Campana at sdavisca@nmu.edu.



Adelle Whitefoot/NW

The grant writing course is available for all eligible students Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Jamrich Hall. Students going into the public sector would benefit from taking the course to learn the writing style.

Intel winter internships in full swing

By Marcellino Signorelli
contributing writer

Eight NMU students are currently serving their six-month internships in Hillsborough, Ore. where they are working on various projects such as software programming, product validation and Android development. The internship provides students an opportunity to get real-world experience in computer sciences with Intel, a Fortune 500 company.

Intel has been offering a summer internship for NMU students for the past few years, but this year was the first year that a winter internship was offered. The six-month internship is paid and some of the interns are receiving college credit.

Junior Bruce Olson, a computer science major, said he was first drawn to the internship when he heard about it from previous interns.

"I'm really glad to be part of a team and that someday soon the products I'll be working on

will end up on store shelves," Olson said. "It's exciting to be on the other side of the country, getting something other than just education. It's good training for the real world."

Another intern, junior, Kristina Tickler, (computer science major,) is receiving eight credits in computer science for the internship.

Not only will she be working with hardware, but Intel has moved on to developing software and Android applications.

"It's definitely a great opportunity and I'm glad to be able to take advantage of it," Tickler said. "It provides experience before graduation and a name like Intel is a great résumé booster. I also get to make connections with people in this field, which

will be useful after college."

Jeff Horn, professor of computer sciences, acts as a liaison between NMU and Intel, helping with the coordination between Intel and the interns.

"There are so many benefits to this internship," Horn said. "It provides experience, exposure to Intel hiring managers and

It provides students a great chance to see what they can do with their major as well as discovering what their careers will be like after college.

— Jeff Horn
computer science professor

academic credit, as well as pay comparable to a full-time starting salary. The Intel headquarters is very diverse, employing a global workforce.

"It provides students a great chance to see what they can do with their major as well as dis-

covering what their careers will be like after college."

Horn said Intel is a very forward-looking company and is always testing and developing new technology. Each time the interns return, they bring something back with them, such as the WiMAX at NMU.

"There's a certain synergy between NMU and Intel and it's great to be building a stronger relationship," Horn said. "We've been doing summer internships for the past four years with two interns per year."

As the interns get further in their training, they will eventually be taking part in the actual tasks as real full-time employees.

"We had a pool of thirty applicants for our first ever winter internship and eight were accepted," Horn said. "That's a decent amount considering that students from major schools across the country get admitted into this as well but it would always be nice to see more applicants."

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students a series of questions relating to diversity on campus, including how Northern can become a more welcoming environment for minority populations.

"In a way, we need a much larger (minority) community, and we need to find the strategy that gets and attracts students of color, faculty of color, and administrators of color," Wong said.

Northern is currently eight percent diverse, but as Wong said, diversity can be interpreted in many different ways. He mentioned the two older students that attended the forum, bringing to light the fact that 80 percent of the NMU student population is between the age of 18 and 22.

"We talked a lot about some of the key issues – equality and scholarship, the welcome nature of the community, and the fact that, as the students said, you can kind of leave your city-ness behind you."

Grad student and Black Student Union president Aaron Whitaker is one student who has embraced the Northern environment, despite her Detroit roots.

"(Northern) is one of those schools that you have to come out of your comfort zone to actually enjoy," Whitaker said, echoing what most of the others attendees had to say. "It's something that if you want to do, you'll do it – Northern is not Michigan State."

"Northern is not Wayne State. Northern is not Alabama A&M – it's definitely a slow process, but it's going to be slow because we have that wall up."

Spreading the word to minorities, especially those from cities like Detroit, Grand Rapids and Chicago, during the recruiting process is perhaps the biggest issue for NMU to address, according to many students and even President Wong.

"I thought it was a fascinating discussion tonight about city versus country," Wong said. "When you are raised in that city environment, you learn to protect yourself, you learn to be aware, and then suddenly you're in an environment where instead of DEFCON 2 you're at DEFCON 5 – you still have to be alert and stuff, but not all the time."

"I think that's the magic of Northern – if you come here and can make that transition – students were saying, 'Wow I want to live here, I want to raise kids here.' I think that our biggest challenge is getting students through that transition."

MLK celebrated with poetry

By Elizabeth Bailey
staff writer

Slam poet Bluz will be hosting and performing at Northern's second annual open mic night in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. on Thursday, Jan. 19.

In 2007 Bluz, also known as Boris Rogers, was ranked 13th in the world at the Individual World Poetry Slam held in Vancouver, British Columbia. He has also worked as the slam master and coach of SlamCharlotte, a com-

petitive team of poets based in Charlotte, N.C.

Although Bluz is the main entertainer, all students are welcome to come and perform their own poetry. Natalie Avila, president of the Latino Student Union, welcomes students to just walk up, read their material and then leave, she said, and they don't have to be there the whole night.

Peace, love, justice, unity and equality are just a few of the themes that might come up during the night. According to Avila, students should expect a lot of diversity in honor of MLK.

"We're hoping students can honor Dr. King and his accomplishments through their poetry," Avila said.

The event will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19 in the multi-purpose room located in the Woodland Apartments.

As MLK week comes to an end there will be a Unity Dance at 8 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Jan. 20 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the

University Center.

"I believe it's a good way to bring campus together," Avila said. "Since a number of different organizations are co-sponsoring this dance, what better way to promote unity and diversity within the NMU community?"

"It's a way to have a good time while promoting diversity and Martin Luther King Jr.'s accomplishments."

Radio X will DJ the event, that will be playing all kinds of music. According to Avila there will be mainly music that is common for students, however the DJ will also take requests.

"It will be a way for students to expand their horizons and hopefully step outside their comfort zone," Avila said.

Both events were put together by a collaboration of student organizations, the Latino Student Union, Native American Student Association, Black Student Union, OUTlook, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Center, Multicultural Education and Resource Center, as well as Prime Time Productions.

"We took this whole week to reflect on the great things that Martin Luther King Jr. did for us and our country," said A.J. Lara, Jump Start graduate assistant. "So the dance is basically a celebration of all that."

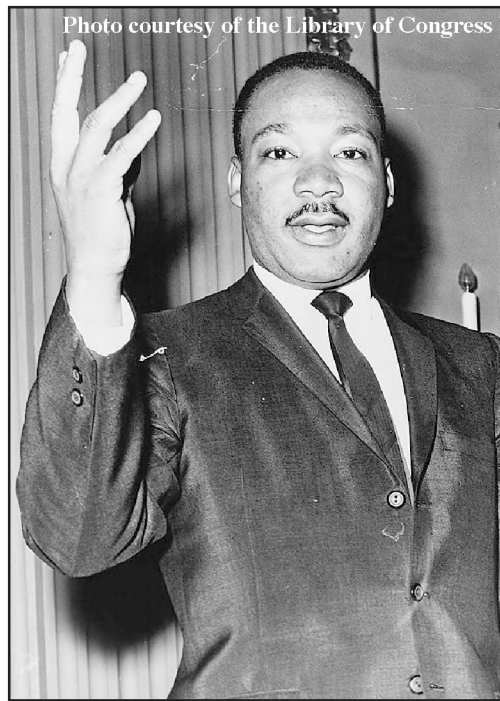


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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Health Benefits of Tea

By Adelle Whitefoot



(1) NMU's dietician Robin Rahoi displayed and handed out various samples of teas. (2) Many of the teas were ready to be brewed at request. (3) On display were popular iced tea choices showing the amount of sugar in one container.



Volunteer of the Month

Erik is a second year graduate student in the public administration program. Originally from Livonia, Michigan, he graduated with his Bachelor's in earth science in 2007 from NMU. In the past year, Erik has volunteered his time as a youth soccer coach, assisting elderly and disabled citizens around Marquette County and traveled to Detroit as part of the NMU/UM-Dearborn service exchange. In the future, he looks to continue his involvement in the Superiorland Soccer Association and organizing more service trips to Detroit. Go Detroit!



Erik Maillard



◆ *Eric Wells* ◆

We are so proud of you! Bruce and I look back at the 15 year old boy that came into our lives watching and wondering how it would turn out. You have taught us a lot about life and having a boy around the house. Watching you excel in football and life has brought us such joy. Eric, you have grown into an amazing man. We know your drive will allow you to accomplish anything you want in life. Go for your dreams, we know that you can do anything you put your mind to. We feel so lucky to have you in our family.

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Scottish dinner held to celebrate poet

By Hannah Fermanich
staff writer

The Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center is bringing the tradition of a Scottish Burns supper to NMU as a fundraiser for the Folk in Schools Initiative.

The Burns supper will be held on at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the upper levels of the University Center.

The event will include an assorted buffet of traditional Scottish foods including haggis, as well as traditional music, poetry recitations and speeches.

"A Burns supper is a traditional Scottish event every Jan. 25, celebrating the life and poetry of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet," Dan Truckey, director of the Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center, said.

Robert Burns is an 18th century Scottish poet who is renowned for his poems and songs. He is also known for his controversial positions on religion and morality. His more popular collection of poems called "Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect" influenced every social status of his time.

He was a poet of the people, spending his later years collecting and writing the words to

traditional Scottish songs for no payment, but simply to do service to his country, according to Britannica's academic website.

"In the early 19th century, Burns appreciation societies began hosting dinners on the anniversary of Burns' birth," Truckey said.

According to the World Burns Club website, these celebrations honor the poet and his contributions to Scotland as well as poke fun at the less than conventional poet.

Traditional Burns suppers feature a strict menu that is comprised of haggis, cock-a-leekie soup, Scottish trifles, as well as bannocks and cheese which are all accompanied by either coffee or tea.

Following the meal, several of Burns' poems are read aloud along with the playing of traditional Scottish music.

The original celebrations were exclusively for men, but as time went along, the Burns supper was opened to both men and women.

"We really just want to have a great time and celebrate all things Scottish for one evening," Truckey said.

The Heritage Center's Burns supper will be similar to the traditional Scottish celebration. Along with the expanded menu

of foods that will include Arran potato salad, salmon with Tarragon and other traditional foods; there will be live bagpipe music as well as the necessary poetry recitation and speeches.

The Heritage Center is hoping to bring the celebration of Scotland's national poet to the U.P. as well as raise money for the Folk in Schools Initiative.

The program will help to bring traditional musicians and craftsmen to the U.P. for future performances and workshops. It is a way for these artists to make connections with students to the various cultures of the U.P., Truckey said.

"We celebrate the ethnic traditions of the people of the U.P., and so this is the first thing we have done which is specifically Scottish," Truckey said.

At the moment, there are no

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ROBERT BURNS

specific plans for making a Burns supper an annual event at NMU. The continuation of the evening in the coming years will depend on the success of this first celebration.

Tickets for the event are \$40 and must be reserved in advance. Reservations must be made by Friday, Jan. 20 by calling (906) 227-1219 or by emailing, dtruckey@nmu.edu.

The ticket price covers the buffet dinner, entertainment for the evening and a donation to the Folk in Schools Initiative.

MGH recognized for breast cancer imaging program

By Shaina James
assistant news editor

Marquette General Hospital has been designated as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence by the American College of Radiology.

MGH is one of 802 centers in the country to achieve this status, according to an MGH news release. It is the only Upper Peninsula hospital to achieve this kind of designation. Marquette General announced the designation Monday.

The breast imaging services at the hospital are fully accredited in mammography, stereotactic breast biopsy, breast ultrasound and ultrasound-guided breast biopsy.

MGH has earned accreditation in all of the ACR's voluntary breast-imaging accreditation programs and modules, in addition to the mandatory Mammography Accreditation program.

Peer-review evaluations, conducted by board-certified physicians and physicists who are experts in the fields helped the facility achieve high practice standards said an MGH news release.



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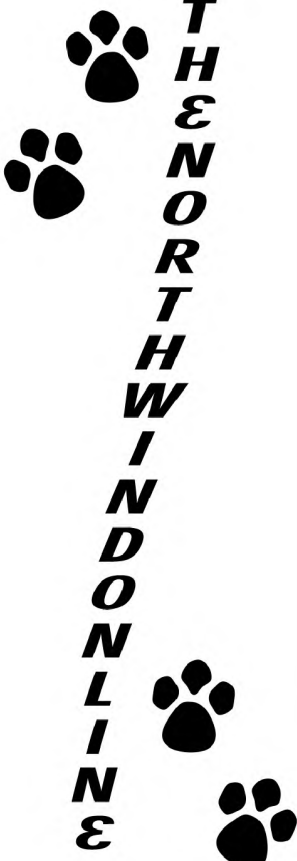
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Staff Editorial



Andy Harmon/NW

Students should give back for MLK Jr. Day

NMU freshmen might have experienced something new Monday morning: the beeping of their alarms. While many schools and universities across the country have Martin Luther King Jr. Day off, Northern is not one of them.

Northern is, however, making efforts to give recognition to the late civil rights activist with a string of campus events throughout the week. But does it call for enough involvement when students are focused on their first week of classes?

Taking the day off of school is not necessarily the right answer. A day off of school for a college student often calls for a large dose of sleep and alcohol. That's probably not what Martin Luther King Jr. had in mind for his legacy.

Instead of carrying on with classes as normal or taking the day off completely, students should be encouraged to spend MLK Day as a day of service to the community. Michigan universities such as Michigan State University and University of Michigan-Dearborn already encourage their students to participate in a day of volunteering on MLK Day.

Northern should give its students a chance to learn in a more nontraditional

manner on MLK Day. Learning takes many forms, one of which is in the traditional classroom environment. Others happen everywhere else, from the grocery store to the post office.

On MLK Day, Northern students could engage in a personal learning experience by attending various speeches and symposiums on campus.

Students could also emulate the values that MLK advocated by giving back to their community by volunteering. There are many opportunities to give back to one's community. The success of Make a Difference Day each year at NMU clearly illustrates this.

Northern already gives students great opportunities to learn and reflect during the week of MLK Day by holding various events around campus. For this, Northern should be applauded. Hopefully, students will take full advantage of this opportunity and make themselves and their communities better.

Although a day off from school on MLK Day is not entirely necessary, it would give students an entire day to learn and emulate the ideals that the civil rights leader discussed many years ago.

Fun awaits in the U.P. snow



Staff Column

Delaney Lovett

Welcome to the U.P. The snow has fallen at last, and it's going to keep on keeping on until about this August.

I was a junior in high school looking at prospective colleges when Northern came into the mix in the form of a pamphlet. My mom pulled out a map and pointed to Marquette, right next to the vast Lake Superior, and warned me about the snow. I gulped before responding, "I can handle it."

And thanks to global warming – seriously, thanks – the previous two Marquette winters have not been nearly as bad as I had expected. Being the Minnesotan girl I am, I'm used to a little chill and have the brains to bundle up. However, I'm still waiting for the rumors of waist high snow to be proven true.

If you're not into outdoor activities and dread every snowflake, I'm probably not the first to question your decision to attend college in the U.P. Don't lose hope; there's something for everyone, even if you lack coordination and blood circulation.

Embrace the snow, literally. Make snow angels, go sledding, forget about classes and act like a kid. If you're too civilized for unadulterated, childish fun, there's still hope.

I recently attempted snow-

boarding and, in the end, it was an enjoyable experience. It was frustrating at first, as I spend more time on my butt than my feet.

Once I got the swing of things, I began to understand what draws people out to the hills of Marquette Mountain. With the sun setting in the distance and the sound of my board scraping across the snow, it was momentary bliss. Until I fell again, of course.

If your wallet dislikes the pricey sport (and you prefer being able to move your arms the following morning), there are inexpensive and free winter options too. At Northern, we are lucky enough to have the Outdoor Recreation Center, which is valuable for its equipment rental, among other features.

Gear for cross-country skiing and snow shoeing is available for rent at no more than \$10 a day. Students also have the option of renting for the week or weekend at a reduced rate. Explore the beauty of Marquette in a brand new way; on top of the snow.

If not a single word I've written shows even a glimpse of a good time, I have one more suggestion. Find a couch, blankets, hot chocolate, a big window, a good book and maybe even a fireplace. Snuggle up and take in the falling flakes. If you don't enjoy that, you don't have a heart.

Like it or not, the snow is not going anywhere for a while, so take advantage of it instead of whining about it. And for your own sake, don't be that kid wearing shorts and a hoodie in a Marquette blizzard.

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Job market spiraling down toilet for recent college grads



Guest Column

Lee McClelland

the aura of flatulence that I am currently exuding.

Two sprays of a cheap bathroom cleaner smelling chemical seep into your sports coat. A dollar finds its way into the silver dish while you make your exit. Now you are on the same level as the rest of us.

I am assuming, if you have not already asked yourself this, you are wondering, “Why, strange North Wind columnist, would you want to stand aloof in a bathroom with dirty strangers and dry their hands and supply them with bad cologne and prophylactics?”

The answer is relatively simple. It doesn’t matter what field I go into in the current job market; I am not going to command the salary that I deserve, not when there is high competition for jobs.

Employers are taking advantage of the droves of recent college graduates who are stripping themselves of their graduation robes and seeking gainful employment. With high competition comes lower salaries; this is to be expected. So why not stay in school?

Well, McGruff the Crime Dog, I’ll tell you why you should not opt to wait it out and stay in school. Although I would never dissuade someone from attempting to better themselves by broadening their mind, I would ask them their intentions for doing so. Is it for a higher salary?

You might be a bit disappointed to hear this, but many employers do not want to hire graduates who have master’s and doctoral degrees because they are expected to pay those individuals a higher wage. If there is a larger number of graduates in the job market with master’s degrees, then there is more competition, so landing that dream job could be even harder.

While I toil away in the recess of a toilet somewhere in Hoboken, N.J., or perhaps — if I’m lucky — the Glass Cactus, I will be sitting on a gold mine. I will be able to work in peace knowing that my degree will mature like a fine cheese while I stand in a workplace that smells like Vieux Boulogne.

While the patrons are groaning in pain, I will be awaiting their exit with my tip dish ready with my most pleasant face and the word “cologne” on my lips. Though I may not be respected, at least I’ll be learning how to stomach a raw deal.

I am creeping ever closer to my graduation date with no real prospect of a job. What to do in a recession? We are actually out of the “Great Recession,” according to some economists, but I would say with still high rates of unemployment and a stagnant stock market, it’s safe to say that our job market runs afoul without any real job creation occurring, or at least not what has been promised by countless politicians — but I digress.

I have therefore decided on an occupation that requires, according to the Glass Cactus Nightclub of Grapevine, Texas, a high school diploma and one year of experience — a restroom attendant.

Much like the other customer service jobs that I’ve held since I threw my hat in the ring, joining the American workforce at the age of 16, I would be required to maintain a stoic disposition towards the most unsavory characters and their explosive outbursts.

I would have to put up with a lot of — well, I believe you know where I am going with that one. It is most certainly one of the hardest jobs out there, but the work is there for the taking. After all, everybody poops.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of experiencing the awe inspiring statuesque of a tuxedo wearing man (or woman) of the washroom variety, let me fill you in.

Let’s say that you have to relieve yourself. You’re at a fancy restaurant and you excuse yourself from the table. As you stiff arm the bathroom door, you notice a well-dressed gentleperson dawning a pristine towel upon their upraised arm; next to them is a variety of toiletries: cologne, mints, anti-bacterial soap, condoms, combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash and a silver dish intended for tips.

You retire to a stall, do the deed and go to wash your hands. The dapper individual greets you while engaging in small talk. “How do you do? Fine weather we’re having. Cologne?” Why yes, you reply, I would like you — washroom wizard — to mask

Obama must support marriage equality

For What It’s Worth



Aaron Loudenslager

The GOP presidential primary season is already off to a quick start with Mitt Romney winning both contests in Iowa and New Hampshire, with South Carolina’s contest up next.

The GOP candidates’ views on same-sex marriage and rights so far are quite disturbing. With this in mind, it is time for President Obama’s “evolving” views on same-sex marriage to fully progress and culminate into his endorsement of same-sex marriage for the 2012 presidential election.

Same-sex marriage is a controversial topic, with 53 percent of Americans supporting it compared to 45 percent that don’t, according to a May 2011 Gallup Values and Beliefs poll.

The controversy of this topic has done nothing to affect the GOP presidential field’s frequency of discussing it or tone on the subject itself.

The tone has varied between the narrow beliefs of the candidates in the modern Republican Party. At one extreme end there is former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum. Santorum compared same-sex marriage in 2003 as essentially the same as “man on child, man on dog or whatever the case may be.”

In 2011, he said same-sex marriage results in “robbing children of something they need, they deserve, they have a right to. You may rationalize that that isn’t true,

but in your own life and in your own heart, you know it’s true.”

On the other extreme, there is self-described libertarian Ron Paul, who shows a mixed record on same-sex marriage, mostly because of his adherence to “states’ rights.”

In 2007, Rep. Paul responded to a question on same-sex marriage by saying “I am supportive of all voluntary associations and people can call it whatever they want.”

He opposed the federal government’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, yet at the same time he supported the federal government’s 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which allowed states to not recognize same-sex marriages from other states.

Rep. Paul supports individuals in their endeavor to create a voluntary association with a member of the same-sex.

At the same time, Paul’s views would permit states to deny their citizens the fundamental right to marry a consenting adult whom they love.

Former Sen. Santorum is much worse. He believes same-sex marriage is a threat to the moral fabric of this country, a feeling he also aims at another self-invented moral evil, contraceptive devices. Maybe these are the reasons that people type Santorum into a search engine without wanting to find out about the candidate himself.

An advocate for same-sex marriage has no place in the modern Republican Party it seems. That is why it is time for Obama to fully support same-sex marriage.

As early as 1996, then campaigning for the Illinois state-senate, Obama responded to a newspaper and wrote “I favor legalizing same-sex marriages and would fight efforts to prohibit such marriages.”

As Obama ran for President in 2008, he toned down his support

for marriage equality saying, “I believe that marriage is between a man and a woman,” citing his religion as the cause of his opposition to same-sex marriage.

Then in June 2011, a Democratic strategist claimed Obama’s views on same-sex marriage were “evolving” because Obama started to think of same-sex marriage in terms of his legacy.

If Obama supported same-sex marriage in the 2012 presidential election, it would be a great political strategy. The majority of Americans support marriage equality and this majority is only going to get larger. There is something much more important than political efficiency or votes though.

We must not forget the faces behind same-sex marriage. I am friends with many people that have intimate relationships with members of the same sex.

One of these friends is my mother. My mother divorced my father during my high school years and she has finally found someone that loves her for who she is. There is no acceptable reason to deny my mother the right to marry the person she loves, if she so chooses.

Some Republicans like Santorum think children are doomed if their parents are of the same sex and won’t have the same quality of life. This is a full-fledged lie.

I have done exceptional with both heterosexual parents and homosexual parents. The sexual orientation made absolutely no difference; all that mattered was the love and support they gave me.

The eventual GOP presidential nominee will not support marriage equality. It is time for President Obama to protect the rights of same-sex couples, as he promised he would do in 1996. If not, who else will fight for the rights of same-sex couples who simply want to be recognized as equals with heterosexual couples?

Golden Rule forgotten



**Guest
Column**

**Brian
Westrick**

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

The Golden Rule is considered a popular maxim in nearly every culture, religion and people in the world. It notably appears in the Holy Bible, Matthew 7:12. What could be more simple?

We’ve all been taught this rule as far back as kindergarten. It was truly the first rule we were taught when we were children, before we were asked to memorize handbooks, sets of traffic laws, codes of conduct and other restrictions to our own behavior.

It was simple: if you didn’t want someone to do something to you, don’t do it to someone else.

With Christianity being a cornerstone of the modern Republican Party, and the Golden Rule being a cornerstone of Christianity, why is the Golden Rule not only being forgotten by the Christian Right, but being outright booed in the latest Republican debate?

I felt as though I was finally staring into the great abyss where

true American values had finally devolved into a pure bloodlust, based entirely upon American Exceptionalism.

However, the scariest part wasn’t that we were applying the typical version of American Exceptionalism, in which America was not subject to some rules that have ruined nations in the past, but that we were not even required to act in any reasonable fashion, or treat our fellow residents of the world as though they matter.

Ron Paul was booed and hissed in South Carolina. Why?

Perhaps, for attempting to introduce to the bloodthirsty crowd the notion that perhaps if the United States wasn’t so aggressive overseas for economic and political gain, that we would have fewer enemies. Therefore we would keep other nations from wanting to do us harm.

Who can really say what it was that incited the hostile reaction from the crowd?

Whether it was painting America as the aggressors in the conflicts in which we are now involved, which is about as ludicrous as... well, gravity. Or perhaps it was the notion that even if we are the aggressors, it would involve admitting we were wrong in our militaristic pursuits. The latter is more understandable, as admitting fault has never been much of a staple of

the GOP.

However, it was not the booing of Ron Paul’s suggestions that realized the true terror that I felt from the debates.

It was combining this observation with Mitt Romney’s reaction to Ron Paul when he said, “The right way, Congressman Paul, in my view, is — to keep us from having to go to those wars is to have a military so strong that no one would ever think of testing it.”

This statement was met with cheers. Not only cheers, but a raucous applause.

Gov. Romney not only advocates, but has also largely campaigned on the idea of intimidating our enemies into leaving us alone: creating a military so terrifying that the rest of the world fears to disagree with what we value politically.

This article opened with The Golden Rule, a phrase which appears within the Holy Bible multiple times, which was booed in the GOP debates. You have just read a quote that was massively applauded. Just as a refresher, I would like you all to acknowledge the definition of terrorism, keeping in mind Mitt Romney’s stance, and the resulting applause.

The definition is: “The use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims.”

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Religion shouldn't affect the way we vote



Guest Column

Kevin Kyle

In the past few decades our country has started a new interesting trend in how we view our presidential candidates, and the emphasis we put on their religious affiliation.

Should we overlook policy and leadership flaws in the candidate simply because they share the same ideologies as we do? Is this way of evaluating a possible leader destructive to the democratic principles that our country was founded under? I believe it is.

In our country, the right not to believe is equally protected as those who choose to believe. If we judge certain groups of candidates more favorably because of what they believe in, then we are in essence saying that the morality that we look for in a leader cannot exist outside of religion.

During the 2008 election, I was disgusted when people attacked Barack Obama for being a closet Muslim.

This wasn't true, but this made a huge impact on how religion is revolving in our presidential election and clearly shows that only one religion is acceptable for someone who is going to represent our country.

This way of judging a candidate sounds less and less demo-

cratic and more like a theocracy, the very form of government many GOP candidates have attacked recently. Former Senator Rick Santorum illustrates this point.

Santorum preaches about protecting "family values" from various threats in America. Yet, Santorum doesn't believe the right to privacy is a "family value."

He believes that the landmark Supreme Court case, *Griswold v. Connecticut*, which decided marital couples have the constitutional right to privacy, was wrongly decided.

Instead, he believes that courts have invented the right to marital privacy. As a result, he believes states should have absolute authority to regulate contraceptives,

including banning them entirely.

All this talk about family values and God, yet Santorum criticized Iran for being a theocracy and tentatively praised Pakistan for moving towards a more secular state. This strategy of demeaning other religions besides Christianity takes away from the positive aspects of how religion can help candidates.

Instead, it just turns this strategy into a measuring stick of religion, instead of looking at what kind of person the candidate is and where he or she stand on actual issues.

A country where a candidate better be Christian, and a practicing Christian at that, hardly seems like a country that was founded under religious tolerance

and freedom embedded forever in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

If we truly want our system to work and be fair to all candidates, then as a society we must change our views on how we judge candidates.

Instead of looking at what a candidate says about religion, or where they say they practice, shouldn't we look at which actions and policies align with whatever we believe?

Reviewing solely the actions of the candidates and not whatever he or she preaches will allow for the public to take a more neutral approach to politics and ultimately protect our system of democracy that has made our country strong for so long.

Sound Off

What was the best sporting event you watched over break?

compiled by Kristen Koehler



Cameron Leedle
junior
management

"The Packers vs the Lions. Such a surprising game. The Lions backup quarterback did an amazing job."



Adam Magnuson
junior
environmental studies

"The Packers vs the Lions game. Packers rule."



Steve Seward
sophomore
history

"The Toronto vs Detroit hockey game. I'm a big Toronto Maple Leafs fan."



Andrew Kalcich
sophomore
political science

"Northern vs. the Russians hockey game because it came down to one goal at the end and the teams were getting feisty."



Samantha Wiater
sophomore
nursing

"I had a lot of fun watching my brother's hockey game. He's a good player, and it was a pretty intense game."



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Beating the New Year's resolution blues

by Alisa Fox | features editor

Throughout the years, resolutions have been made on the first of the year, and this year was no different.

Some of the most common resolutions include gaining better health and fitness, earning more money or keeping a stricter budget and becoming more conscientious about school or work.

Dani Thoune, a senior special education and art education double major who works in the Health Promotions Office, has made her own resolutions for the new year.

“I want to take a photo a day and post it on my blog,” Thoune said. “Also, no more vending machine meals.”

Although they can test a person's will-

power, Thoune said resolutions can be healthy.

“With my photos at least, it kind of forces me to slow down and see the beauty that people can miss when life gets too busy,” Thoune said.

Thoune said students have to be careful when making resolutions. She said to make them reasonable and understand that no one is perfect and mistakes will be made.

A first step to keeping a resolution for longer than a week is to be realistic. Losing 50 pounds before Valentine's Day is not realistic and is destined for failure.

However, adjusting that goal to increase time spent exercising and consuming a

healthy amount of calories has a better chance of success.

Keeping a log of goals and the progress made also increases the chances of achieving those resolutions. By writing down what is happening, awareness of why a certain habit is kept increases.

Keeping track of grades from assignments and quizzes throughout the semester will highlight the specific areas that need to be worked on and will also show how close the goal is to being achieved.

Remember that it takes a minimum of 21 days to create a new habit and six months to integrate that habit into a lifestyle. Even if there are no results to see the week after New Year's, keep trying and give it time.





Health

- A recreation membership for the PEIF can be purchased at the PEIF's front desk. With a pass, you'll have access to a variety of walk-in classes including yoga, dance, core building and cycling. You will also be able to use their weight room and cardio machines, rock wall, basketball court, racquetball courts and pool.
- For weight management consulting or meal planning, as well as other nutritional concerns, there are registered dietitians at Marquette General. They can be reached at (906)227-2355.



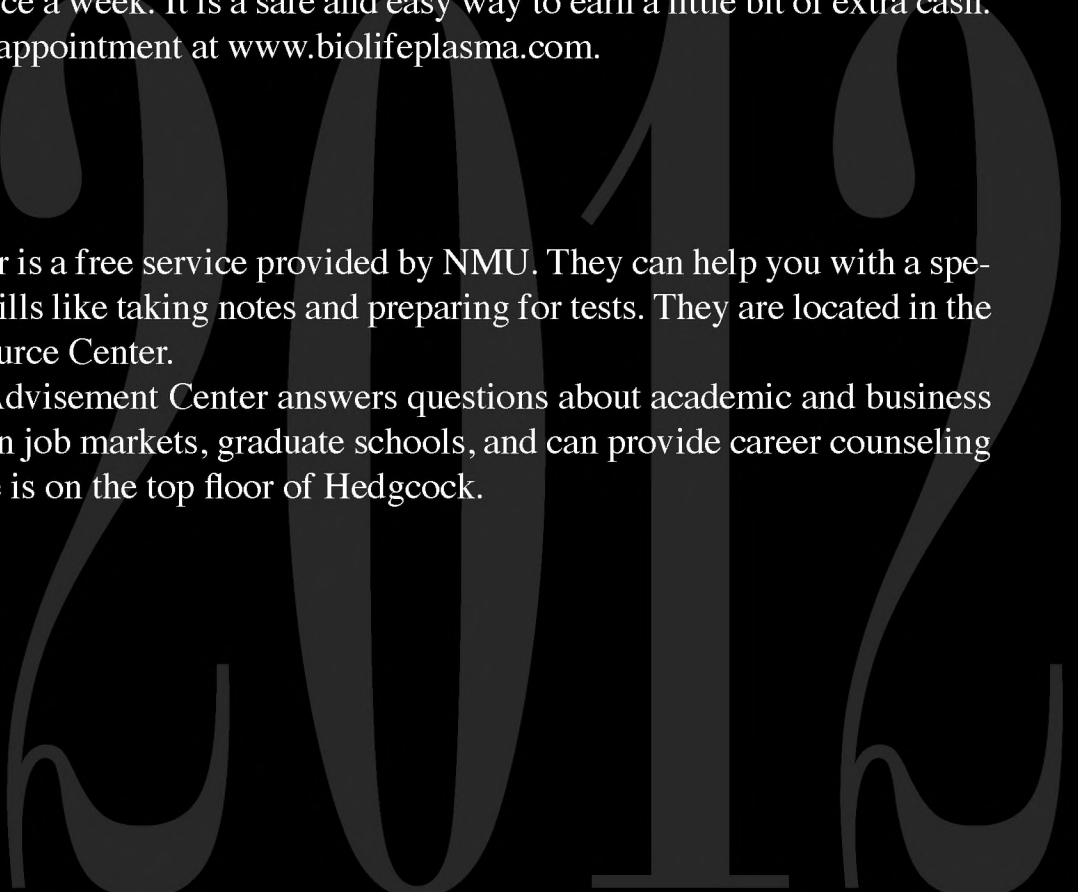
Budget

- Making a budget doesn't have to be difficult. With CNN's "10 steps to making a financial budget," find helpful and easy tips.
- The Financial Aid Office on the first floor of Hedgcock helps students manage their cost of education. They have access to many local, state-wide and federal scholarships and can help students complete their FASFA files.
- Biolife gives donors at least \$20 every time they donate plasma, which they can do twice a week. It is a safe and easy way to earn a little bit of extra cash. Set up an appointment at www.biolifeplasma.com.



School/Work

- The All-Campus Tutoring center is a free service provided by NMU. They can help you with a specific subject or with classroom skills like taking notes and preparing for tests. They are located in the lower level of the Learning Resource Center.
- NMU's Academic and Career Advisement Center answers questions about academic and business careers. They have information on job markets, graduate schools, and can provide career counseling based on your needs. Their office is on the top floor of Hedgcock.



Face-Bomb blows up Upfront & Co.

By Alicia Stanek
contributing writer

Upfront & Company will be presenting a night filled with music, dancing and bombs; Face-Bomb and Driftless Pony Club will perform at 9 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Face-Bomb will also be doing a pre-show by themselves at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Merlot Mansion in Marquette.

"Come for a double dose of Face-Bomb," said Brad Miles, who plays guitar and sings for Face-Bomb.

Face-Bomb members include Jackson Lang on drums and vocals, Miles on guitar and vocals

and Wil Jessup on bass and vocals. They started when Lang and Miles met outside of class.

"Nothing is complicated about music," Miles said.

Both Jessup and Miles have had previous experiences in other bands before Face-Bomb. Jessup used to be the bass player in Five Finger Discount and Miles used to play drums with a boy-punk band named Riot 49.

Like many other bands, choosing a name proved more difficult than they wanted it to be, Miles said. The name Face-Bomb came about through frustration and sarcasm of picking a name.

"Our music is pretty much a bomb going off in your face,"

Lang said.

They have only played in a couple of venues including a previous show at Merlot Mansion, but they say they talk about themselves a lot so people know who they are.

"To the over-worked and under-appreciated, there is re-prise," Jessup said. "There is Face-Bomb."

They will be using their set at Upfront & Company to help release their second EP, which is much like an album, but with fewer songs.

"The show will be something that you can really sink your teeth into," Lang said.

Face-Bomb is joined by the Driftless Pony Club, from Chicago.

With more than 10 years on the DIY indie rock circuit, Driftless Pony Club has harnessed the power of YouTube to expose their angular, 90s-style indie rock to a widespread fan base outside of the mainstream music industry.

Lead singer Craig Benzine, also known as Wheezy Waiter, has accumulated more than 350,000 YouTube subscribers and has pulled in fans from all corners of the world.

The crew, Craig Benzine on guitar and vocals, Matt Weber



Photo courtesy of www.driftlessponyclub.com

Driftless Pony Club is from Chicago, but they have a worldwide fan base.

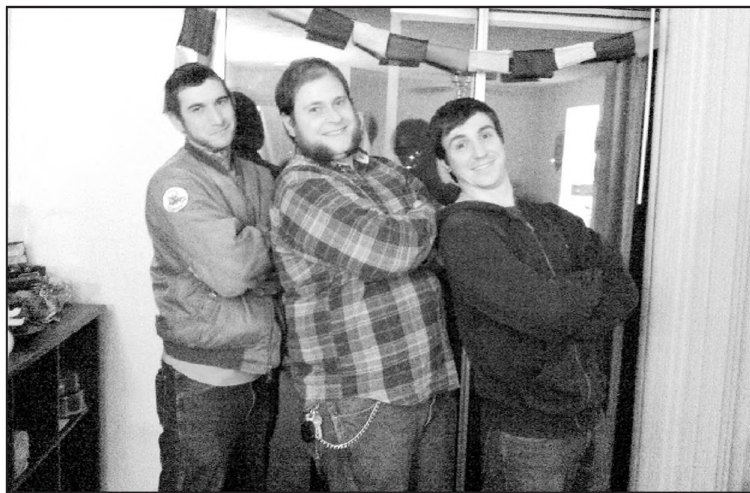


Photo courtesy of Face-Bomb

Although Face-Bomb is still a fairly new band, they have a distinct sound.

on guitar, keyboards and vocals, Sam Grant on bass and vocals and Nate Bartley on drums have packed venues in cities across the United States.

"The fun part of being in a band is getting to see new places and meet new people," Grant said.

They are influenced by bands like The Pixies, Weezer and Modest Mouse. Driftless Pony Club has released three full length LPs and an EP. Their most recent album, "Buckminster," drew inspiration from the life and works of visionary architect,

Buckminster Fuller.

The band hopes to release their next album by the end of June 2012.

The Driftless Pony Club members all graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and have been together for more than 12 years.

"We're excited to come play," Grant said. "Come see the show, and we promise you will have an awesome time."

Tickets are sold at the door for \$5 for 21 and up and \$8 for under 21. For more information call Upfront at (906) 228-5200.

Greeks beat stereotype with carnival

By Beatty Nelson
contributing writer

The movies might portray fraternities and sororities as wild and crazy, but the NMU Greeks are starting off the semester on a different note.

Six NMU Greek chapters will be holding a greek carnival called Cirque du Greek from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19.

The event will take place in the Marquette Room located on the second floor of the University Center to promote all fraternities and sororities that have chapters at Northern.

"The carnival was created to show that there is a strong Greek student body on campus and that we are looking to show people what we are about," said junior music major Jesse Budzinski.

Budzinski is the president of Kappa Beta Gamma and has had a hand in helping organize the carnival.

Kappa Beta Gamma is only one of the four sororities at Northern. Phi Sigma Sigma, Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Xi Delta are the other three.

There are also two fraternities that have chapters at NMU: Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Phi. All six chapters will be represented at Cirque du Greek.

"The carnival gives each Greek organization the opportunity to show what is unique about its organization and the different philanthropic events that they put on," Budzinski said.

Philanthropy is a big part of all Greek societies and especially the chapters that are associated with NMU.

Budzinski said giving back to the Marquette community is very important to all of NMU's chapters and they show that by contributing to various organizations.

"It gives the student body the chance to see us in action and to get to know us," Budzinski said.

By holding a carnival, the Greeks at Northern hope to get more pledges and raise interest in NMU's chapters.

The first Greek society in North America was founded in 1776 in Virginia. Other chapters soon popped up all over the United States, and this was the birth of Greek organizations.

"Soon the organizations will be recruiting for the winter semester and we look forward to seeing a lot of people show up at the carnival to see what we are all about," Budzinski said.

Budzinski said there are negative stereotypes associated with Greek societies.

"One of the reasons that people

don't go Greek is because they don't know much about it," said Katie Archambeault, a junior art history major. "We thought that having a fun carnival of sorts would be a fun way to get people informed and interested."

Archambeault is a representative for Kappa Beta Gamma in the Greek Council.

Each chapter is represented at Greek Council and they meet together and work on ideas together to promote the Greek community at NMU and increase membership.

The idea of a carnival came about in a Greek Council meeting last semester and has been in the works for quite some time.

"It's much more fun to have a carnival than everyone just having tables up and handing out information cards," Archambeault said.

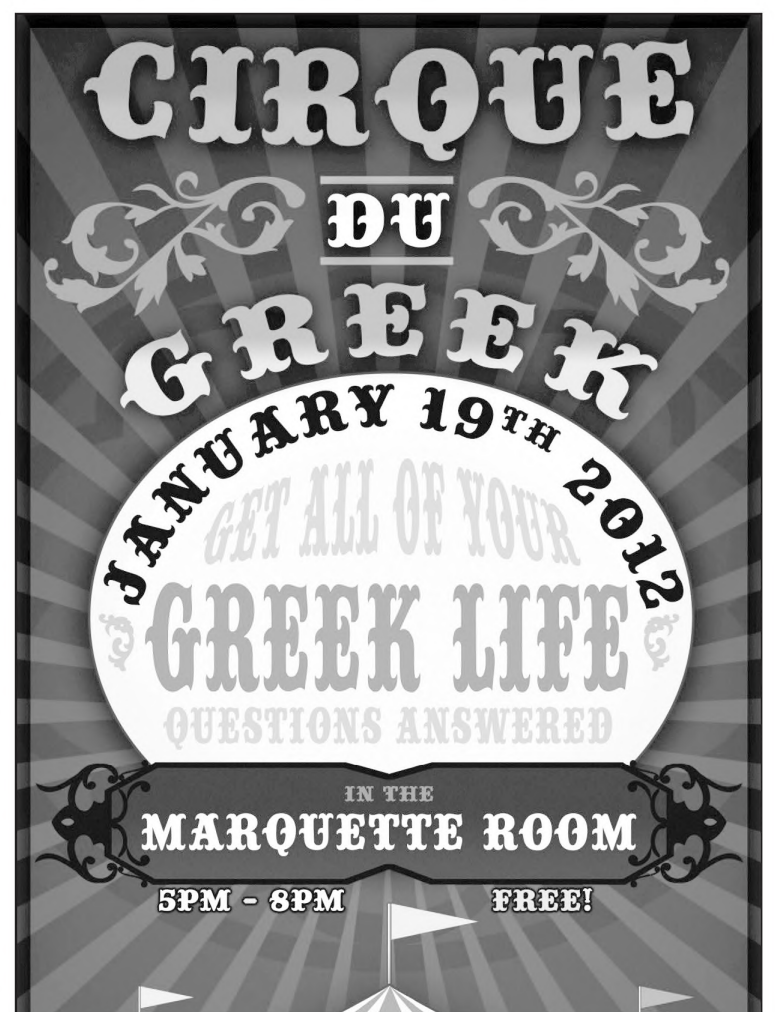
The carnival will hopefully get more potential members interested in NMU's Greek society, Archambeault said.

"We will have some fun activities put on by current Greek members: juggling and other fun little games," Archambeault said. "We will also have speakers to talk about issues people are concerned about when going Greek."

Cirque du Greek will be held

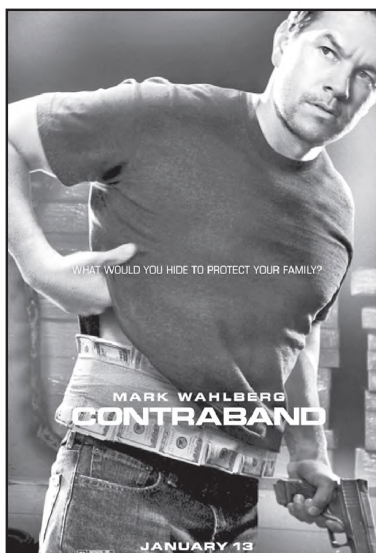
from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19 in the Marquette Room in the University Center. There is

no entrance fee. For more information, contact Katie Archambeault at karchamb@nmu.edu.



To kick off the new semester, NMU's Greek Council is hosting Cirque du Greek, a carnival with the purpose of spreading the word about Greek life.

Overly exaggerated twist kills ending



Film: Contraband
Director: Baltasar Kormakur
Producers: Tim Bevan, Eric Fellner, Stephen Levinson and Mark Wahlberg
Writer: Aaron Guzikowski
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Giovanni Ribisi, Caleb Landry Jones, Ben Foster and Kate Beckinsale
Runtime: 110 minutes

achieves the role of the annoying bad guy quite well.

When Farraday realizes that Briggs isn't going to go away without his money, he finds himself stuck in a tough position.

He clearly prefers living a legitimate and completely legal life with his wife and kids, but if he doesn't find a way to make quick money, there's no telling what Briggs will do to recover what is owed to him.

After he decides to do one final run, he has an old friend, Sebastian Abney (Ben Foster), help him set the whole thing up.

However, Abney almost immediately appears to be hiding something from Farraday, and becomes more of an obstacle than a helping hand.

Farraday and his crew make their way to Panama and to the climax of this film.

The most effective element of this movie is the suspense factor, which becomes compounded as the smugglers encounter more and more complications along the way.

Just when the viewer thinks they are definitely going to get busted, they somehow find a way around it, only to find more problems looming around the corner.

"Contraband" was not without a few plot holes along the way, but the story is delivered in such

a fun and free-flowing way that I wasn't nearly as bothered by them as I may have been if it was a different movie.

Wahlberg's character is very likeable, largely because he is a criminal that decided to do the right thing, which isn't seen often enough in films.

I think his role in this movie will remind a lot of viewers of his role in "The Italian Job," given their somewhat similar plots.

By the time Farraday returns home from Panama, the tension is at its peak.

The plot contains a twist near the end of the movie that almost

borders on the feel of a horror movie. While it adds even more suspense to an already nail-biting plot, I think the film would have definitely ended on a stronger note without it.

The twist is somewhat irrelevant to the overall result of the story and, to be quite honest, I think it turned an above average movie into an average movie.

As a whole, "Contraband" delivers an entertaining and slightly unique look at a high tension smuggling thriller during an otherwise weak season for Hollywood. That is until its weak and cliché ending drags it down.



By Justin Marietti
 staff writer

Mark Wahlberg returns to the big screen in "Contraband," his first role since "The Fighter" in 2010.

Wahlberg stars as Chris Farraday, a formerly notorious smuggler who straightened his life out for his wife and children, only to get sucked back into the game.

Farraday's brother-in-law, Andy (Caleb Landry Jones), nearly gets busted during a smuggling run, and has no choice but to dump a large load of cocaine into the

ocean. When Andy shows up to deliver the bad news, the drug dealers are much less understanding than he assumed they would be, and he ends up in the hospital.

This is where "Contraband" begins to pick up momentum.

When Andy comes clean to Farraday and his wife Kate (Kate Beckinsale), Farraday decides to try and discuss things with Tim Briggs (Giovanni Ribisi), the dealer whom Andy now owes nearly \$700,000.

Almost immediately, Briggs begins to get under Farraday's skin, as well as the audience's.

That is obviously the desired effect by the director, but Ribisi



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Despite his family, Farraday helps his brother-in-law with illegal dealings.

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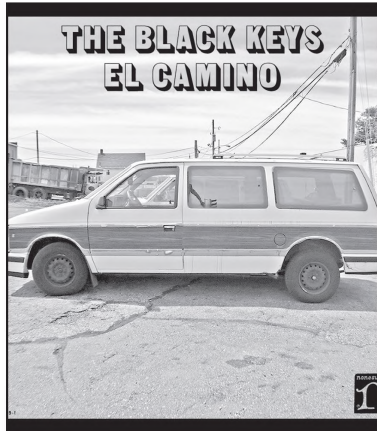
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The Black Keys drive album to top of list



Album: "El Camino"
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Release: December 6, 2011

licks over the beat of his partner's drums.

In the very next track, "Little Black Submarines," the listener is treated to a display of Auerbach's wide range of immense talents as a guitarist and a singer. The first two minutes of the song are just vocals and a rare appearance of a beautifully slow acoustic guitar.

The drums then kick in, the guitar switches to electric, the duo rocks extremely hard for two and half more minutes, and Auerbach lays down some of his best work of the album with an electric guitar.

These two tracks are some of the first a listener hears and sets the tone for the rest of the album. This back and forth that the group features, in which both members get opportunities to showcase their individual skills and then come together as a perfect match, creates great chemistry throughout the album.

The group only has two members but has developed many different techniques to create a complex texture on "El Camino".

The use of layering of multiple guitar tracks with varying degrees of distortion is one of these techniques. Also the mixing in of organs to match and compliment the guitar creates a very hypnotic groove.

That groove is further complimented by the bluesy, soulful voice of Auerbach. The distortion

of his voice through the use of different microphones also creates a great deal of texture to the lyrics.

While their music is catchy and very enjoyable to listen to, it's also very home-grown and true to their blues and southern rock style and influence.

The group has sold over 2 million albums in the U.S., not including sales from "El Camino." They have performed on the Late Show with David Letterman as well as at the biggest music festivals in the world, including Coachella and Lollapalooza. Just this year the band sold out Madison Square Garden within 15 minutes of tickets going on sale.

I have only one criticism of the band. The lyrical content is on occasion repetitive. The main example of this is in the song "Gold on the Ceiling;" the chorus goes, "They want to get my." This lyric

is almost identical to the chorus of the band's 2008 hit, "I Got Mine."

Nevertheless, for the most part, the lyrics are genuine and filled with a great deal of emotion. Virtually every track on "El Camino" is completely new and fresh but still works perfectly with the tracks around it.

The Black Keys have created heavy blues-rock music that can hold its own with any of the classics of past decades and have done it while withstanding pressure to be more pop orientated.

The thing that sets "El Camino" and the Black Keys apart from the crowd and makes them exceptional is the emotion and substance that can be found in their music. When you listen to "El Camino," you are getting the genuine article, nothing fake or watered down.



By Jeff Powers

contributing writer

The Black Keys are single-handedly saving popular music from the fakeness and softness that has been infused in the music industry in recent years. They are doing so by bringing a smash mouth style, mixing soul, blues and southern rock to the mainstream of music.

The band consists of only two members: Dan Auerbach on the guitar and lead vocals and Patrick Carney on drums and production.

The group has made a career of soulfully mixing blues and rock music together to form a heavily stylized and genuine sound. The duo's latest album, "El Camino" is a perfect showcase of that sound. "El Camino" features the group's standard of guitar, percussion and

bluesy vocals.

However, it also employs an array of backing instruments to complement their individual skills. The album includes tambourines, organs and quite a bit of female soul vocals to back up the singing of Auerbach.

An interesting facet of the group is the chemistry and continuity that can be sensed in their songs. While listening to this album I could hear on different tracks more of a focus on one of either Auerbach's guitar or Carney's drums. The sharing of the spotlight shows unselfishness from which both members benefit.

The song "Dead and Gone" begins with drums and those drums, along with other percussion instruments, produce a very unique beat to the song.

In this particular song, Auerbach is still his usual great self, but it feels as if he is simply laying on complimentary vocals and guitar



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Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney make up the band The Black Keys.

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2011-2012 CCHA Conference Standings

	CONFERENCE							OVERALL					
	GP	W	L	T	SW	Pts.	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
1 Ohio State	18	10	5	3	1	34	52	44	14	6	3	67	51
2 Western Michigan	16	9	4	3	3	33	48	35	12	7	5	71	55
3 Michigan	18	8	6	4	1	29	57	43	14	8	4	92	62
4 Lake Superior	18	8	8	2	2	28	47	48	13	10	3	68	65
5 Notre Dame	16	8	5	3	0	27	44	39	13	8	3	72	66
6 Miami	18	8	8	2	1	27	44	43	12	10	2	66	60
7 Ferris State	16	8	6	2	0	26	41	39	14	8	2	65	53
8 Michigan State	16	7	7	2	2	25	46	42	12	9	3	75	64
Northern Michigan	18	6	7	5	2	25	48	50	10	8	5	65	60
10 Alaska	18	4	10	4	2	18	38	50	7	11	4	51	58
11 Bowling Green	16	1	11	4	3	10	21	53	6	13	5	41	67

Wildcats lose ground in CCHA standings

NMU misses opportunity to pass MSU in points with loss and tie

By Delaney Lovett
editor in chief

The Wildcats slipped in the CCHA standings after coming out on the losing end of their series against Michigan State (7-7-2-2 CCHA, 12-9-3 overall) last weekend.

The teams tied on Friday, and State topped NMU (6-7-5-2 CCHA, 10-8-5) with a 2-1 win on Saturday.

"I think they're two really evenly matched teams and it was a really good series," said head coach Walt Kyle.

The 'Cats struggled defensively on Friday, Kyle said, something they have focused on since their series against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks the previous weekend.

"We weren't very sound and very good in our end," Kyle said. "When you score five goals, it should be enough to win, so I think that potentially lost us points."

Northern took an early lead Friday, with goals from junior left wing Brian Nugent and senior left wing Justin Florek. This marked Florek's 100th in his career.

The Spartans snapped back

with four goals before the end of the first period, answered by one from NMU junior center Matt Thurber.

"We played well overall," Thurber said. "We just had a couple breakdowns defensively which cost us the game both nights."

State bumped its lead to 5-3 in the second, and the Wildcats netted two more goals by junior defenseman Scott Macaulay and senior right wing Tyler Gron to tie the game at the end of regulation.

A scoreless overtime brought the teams to a shootout, which Michigan State took for the extra conference point.

"That's the one thing I don't like about the shootout," Kyle said. "I think it's a really unjust formula when we go out there, there's a one goal difference in 125 minutes and they gain four points on you."

Although Saturday night marked a Wildcat loss, Kyle said the team was much stronger defensively.

"On Saturday, the reality is we didn't score on our chances," Kyle said. "You have to find a way to score more than one goal, you have to take advantage of

powerplays, and we weren't able to do that."

For his second of the series, Thurber scored the lone Wildcat goal that night, assisted by junior defenseman Kyle Follmer and Macaulay.

State returned with two unanswered goals, one each in the first and second periods, for the Spartan win.

"I thought Saturday night was a good defensive effort," Follmer said. "It's something to build on and I'm pretty sure we're back to where we were before break as far as being good defensively."

The Wildcats continue their three consecutive weeks on the road as they travel to Houghton Saturday to take Michigan Tech.

The 'Cats defeated the Huskies 4-1 at the Berry Events Center in December but have not won a game at Tech since 2007.

"We've got to put our hard hats on and go to work," Follmer said. "They're going to come out fired up, wanting to beat us on home ice."

Follmer said it's important for the Wildcats to keep their emotions under control because of their rivalry with the Huskies.

"We don't care how we win as

long as we get the win," Follmer said. "Going up there, it's going to be a battle. We're in for a long night."

With just 11 regular season games remaining, the Wildcats are focusing on staying healthy and in peak condition, as well as specific aspects of their game.

"We definitely need to keep

working defensively and continue the offensive streak that we've been on," Thurber said. "We need to get our powerplay going again too."

Kyle said he is happy with the first half of the season, but the 'Cats need to be playing at the top of their game, day in and day out, in order to succeed.



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore goaltender Jared Coreau makes a save against Miami University. Coreau won the Gongshow goaltender of the month award for December. He's 6-3-2 with a 2.08 goals against average and played in 13 games.

'Cats need strong second semester to win GLIAC

By Jon Young
assistant sports editor

The break ended on a positive note for the NMU men's basketball team (3-5 GLIAC, 7-8 overall) with a 63-55 win last Saturday against the Lake Superior State University Lakers.

The 'Cats held the Lakers to 28.6 percent shooting and forced 18 turnovers. Senior center Jared Benson said he was impressed with the teams start.

"We came out and played hard right off the bat and that been our problem most of the year, we had come out slow and dug ourselves a hole," Benson said. "Everybody played together and we managed to sustain it for 40 minutes."

Senior forward DeAndre Taylor led the 'Cats with 19 points on 8-11 shooting including some big shots late. Senior center Jared Benson chipped in a 13-point, 13-rebound double-double to go along with his seven blocks. Head coach Doug Lewis said his length contributed to the defensive success.

"On the defensive end he played great," Lewis said. "He was always in position to redirect shots and when we can get him playing like that and protecting the rim we can really get out on the perimeter and pressure the ball."

Freshman guard Haki Stampley also chipped in 12 points

and sophomore forward Matthew Craggs netted 10. The win marked the first time NMU has beat Lake State since 2007.

The 'Cats went 3-4 during the break and all of their losses were by eight points or less.

The lineup will look different in the final stretch of the season with the departure of senior guard Martin Gross and freshman center Derek Hussinger, but Lewis said the team still has the depth to play their game.

"I think were still pretty deep," Lewis said. "Of course it hurts our depth but we have other guys who have picked up their game and that's what you do when you lose guys."

Junior forward Joe Simon returned over break after missing the first part of the season with an elbow injury.

Freshman point guard Quinten Calloway is also making his return this weekend after missing over a month with a foot injury.

Lewis said he is excited to get a true point guard back in the lineup and also thinks senior forward Rashano McRae and Benson can shoulder the load in the paint.

"Jared just has to stop getting those silly fouls. He's 6'10 and with long arms he's 7'1, he just has to protect the rim," Lewis said. "McRae is capable of handling the backup role and I think were going to be okay for the rest of the season with those two

guys."

Northern plays seven of their last 11 games at home this season a stretch that Lewis knows will be crucial to a birth into the GLIAC tournament.

"We're right there in the conference tournament but we need to win our home games," Lewis said. "You take it one game at a time in this conference giving anyone can beat you on any given night. I think this time of the year our guys know what's at stake so they will come focused."

On the season, Stampley is leading Northern in scoring with 15.2 points a contest. That puts him ninth in the GLIAC and first among freshmen. Taylor is second with 14.3 points a game and Benson is averaging 12.4. Taylor is also leading NMU with 6.3 rebounds a game. Benson is pacing the team on the defensive end with 1.8 blocks per game which is tied for second most in the GLIAC.

This weekend the 'Cats will look to avenge a loss against Grand Valley. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. At 3:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 NMU battles the Ferris State University Bulldogs. Both games are at the Berry Events Center.

"It's money time and our seniors need to play consistent," Lewis said. "If we rebound and play defense like we're trying to emphasize to our guys we can beat anybody in the conference."



Justin Key/NW

Senior guard DeAndre Taylor pulls up for a jump shot in a 81-69 win against Ohio Dominican. The 'Cats are 3-5 in the GLIAC and 7-8 overall after a 63-55 win last Saturday on the road against UP rivals Lake State.

GLIAC North Standings

Ranking	GLIAC	Overall
1. Ferris State	6-2	9-6
2. Michigan Tech	6-2	8-7
3. Grand Valley	5-4	9-6
4. Northwood	4-4	8-6
5. Saginaw Valley	4-4	8-7
6. Northern Michigan	3-5	7-8
7. Lake Superior St.	2-6	7-8

Track and field ranked No. 21 nationally

By Laura Conway
staff writer

The Wildcat women's track and field team started its 2011-2012 indoor season off successfully after placing well in three NCAA events.

Assistant coach Kevin Kean said that this is the fastest track to success the NMU program has ever been on.

"It has been our most successful pre-winter break season; all the work leading up until break

has paid off," Kean said. "Of the three meets we competed at, we have five athletes provisionally qualify for nationals."

Leading those qualifiers is senior Bailey Franklin, who holds the school record for the high jump, triple jump, 55-meter hurdles, and the pentathlon, provisionally qualified in both the pentathlon and the high jump for nationals at the end of the season.

Even though she's happy with how she finished, she still has a lot of work to do.

"I won our first meet at home. I'm happy about that and qualifying but it's early in the season and I can improve my results," Franklin said.

Other provisional qualifiers are senior Melissa Christensen in the pentathlon, sophomore Sherice Hewett in the triple jump, and sophomore Jaime Roberts in the pole vault.

Missing a qualifying time by 0.01 seconds was freshman Angelina Howard in the 60-meter dash.

The coaching staff said it isn't

worried about Howard qualifying because it's early on in the season.

"Angelina could get it at any race coming up; she is so close," Kean said.

Hewett is another athlete gaining success and high speeds this season. Even though she has success at the high school level, she was asked to redshirt her first year. Kean said that they wanted to perfect her skill before they unleashed her on the competition scene.

"We knew she was capable of success at the Division II level," Kean said. "Last year as a training redshirt freshman we had the opportunity and luxury to test her skills, develop her on a full year plan and not have it interrupted by competition."

Having to go through a whole year training and not competing was mentally tough for Hewett.

"Redshirting was a little difficult because I really wanted to compete; I had to push every day and give it my all during training," Hewett said. "I had to keep in mind throughout all last season that when I came in this season as a team member I was going to come in ready."

At a December competition in Duluth, Minn., Hewett got her

first chance to finally compete at the NCAA DII level. She jumped 39-0.25 meters; farther than she'd ever jumped before.

"It was the farthest jump for a freshman in DII, in her conference and in her career," Kean said. "She was actually only three inches short of Bailey's school record."

Hewett said she ended up getting more than just a personal record and a provisional qualification out of that jump.

"After the meet, NCAA named me the GLIAC Women's Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week," Hewett said. "I couldn't believe it. All the hard work during my red shirt season was paying off."

Also stepping up early in the season was Roberts who just last weekend cleared a meet winning height of 12-1.50 feet at the Badger Track Classic. This is a considerable increase from December when she provisionally qualified for nationals by clearing only 11 feet.

The team heads to Madison, Wis., to compete as the only DII team amongst several DI teams on Saturday, Jan. 21. Hewett said that the team is really looking forward to competing up to the higher level of the big schools.



Photo courtesy of Paul Gerard

Senior Melissa Christensen competes in the high jump portion of the pentathlon in December at the Superior Dome. She provisionally qualified to nationals with her performance, placing in the top four in each of the five events.

Lady 'Cats sweep series to end break

By Jon Young
assistant sports editor

Winter break gave the NMU women's basketball team the

jumpstart they needed heading into the final stretch of the 2011-2012 season.

The 'Cats won four of six contests including three on the road to run their record to 4-4 in the

GLIAC and 8-7 overall.

The most recent road win came last Saturday as NMU beat Lake Superior State, 55-36. The victory came two days after Northern beat Saginaw Valley 46-35. Head coach Troy Mattson said the team looks to build off the momentum.

"Anytime you can go on the road and sweep a trip you got to feel really good about yourself," Mattson said. "We're excited about what we did this last weekend now we just have to build on it."

Against Lake State it was the senior backcourt duo of Chelsea Lyons and Hillary Bowling combining for 23 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists to pace the Wildcat attack.

Mattson said he's encouraged by the play of his veterans.

"They've been awesome the whole season; they just continue to play well and lead by example," Mattson said. "They both have shown the young people how it's supposed to be done out there on the court and I can't be happier for them."

The first road win of the break came on Dec. 18 against the Grand Valley State University Lakers. The 'Cats escaped with a 54-52 win. Bowling said the win

was a confidence booster.

"It was really important Bowling said," "It kind of showed everybody that even though we are young, we are good and we can compete with the bigger teams."

Bowling led the NMU with 16 points and sophomore center Annie Rubendunst chipped in 11. Mattson said the win gave the team the push they needed heading into the final stretch.

"Up to this point that's the biggest win of the year for us," Mattson said. "To go into Grand Valley and get a win against a very quality opponent really set a table for us and it kept us in the conference race."

Mattson said he's been impressed of late with the play of Rubendunst. Over the weekend the center scored 24 points and chipped in 17 boards in the two victories.

"I think Annie Rubendunst has been the biggest thing that has helped spark us," Mattson said. "She has played extremely well the last month; she gives us another scoring option."

Along with the play of Rubendunst and the seniors NMU has gotten strong play from freshman guard Alyssa Colla and freshman center Courtney Lem-

on.

Bowling said the play of the younger players has contributed to the team's success.

"They know where to be, they know what to do and they don't play like freshmen," Bowling said. "It's really comforting being a senior and being so young to have freshmen like that."

This weekend the 'Cats host a pair of GLIAC North opponents with a chance to move up in the standings.

The first game of the weekend is against Grand Valley and with a win the 'Cats would move into third place.

"It's a big game because if we get a chance to sweep them we own a tie breaker on them all year long," Mattson said.

The 'Cats and the Lakers tip off at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19. On Saturday at 1 p.m., NMU hosts the GLIAC North leading Ferris State University Bulldogs. Mattson said he is encouraged with the remaining schedule.

"Our schedule is starting to fall into our favor," Mattson said. "It's our home court; we have seven of our last 11 at home if we want to do anything in the conference we have to win these home games."



Justin Key/NW

Senior guard Hillary Bowling drives the ball upcourt. Bowling has started all 15 and is second on the team in scoring averaging 9.3 points per game.

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Swimmers prep for GLIAC Championship

By Karly Ratzenberger
staff writer

The 'Cats had a winning winter break as they beat the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Jan. 6 (146-96) and 7 (209-50) in Wisconsin.

The team competed in the Wildcat Intrasquad meet on Jan. 14 at the PEIF. This meet is designed to be fun but also competitive so the entire team can improve.

Freshman Emily Bourguignon and junior Olga Budiansky finished first in the 50-yard backstroke and breaststroke respectively with times of 28.95 and 30.53. Freshman Debora Lawrence finished first in the 50-yard butterfly with a time of 27.09. Bourguignon and freshman Emily Brennan tied for first place in the 200-yard free style with times of 1:59.36.

Head coach Heidi Voigt was positive about the team's success in the past weeks and said she is content with the season overall.

"The season has been going well," Voigt said. "We have had a couple injuries and illnesses that have slowed us down a bit, but we are gearing up for GLIAC championships."

Brennan said the progression of the season is encouraging and the new faces have helped spark the team's motivation.

"I think the season has gone



Justin Key/NW

Freshman Taylor Grimm competes in the 50-yard butterfly at the 'Cats Intrasquad meet in January at the PEIF. Grimm was part of the winning 300-meter butterfly relay at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh meet.

really well so far," Brennan said. "We brought in a lot of new freshman, which made the team a lot bigger."

Junior captain Gabby Alzaga said she was thrilled with the team's competitiveness and their ability to come out on top in a difficult meet in December.

"Before Christmas break, the team had strong results at the Calvin Invite, finishing third of 10 teams," Alzaga said. "The meet was a huge confidence booster as each athlete set a personal record in at least one event."

Brennan said the season is approaching its peak and as the

team continues competing, they are able to come together.

"We are in our hardest part of the season," Brennan said. "It has been tough being sore from working so hard, but we have each other to keep us going. Heidi helps us out as well. She encourages all of us and keeps us motivated."

Brennan said she has been impressed with the leadership and support of her teammates.

"The leadership on the team is really good," Brennan said. "The upperclassmen and captains really cheer everyone on and keep everyone going."

As captain, Alzaga said she

sees the leadership role on the team a bit differently than her teammates and coach.

"Our team has a great leader in our coach Heidi," Alzaga said. "She pushes us to be the best athletes, students and people that we can be. Heidi has created a sense of togetherness among my teammates, and she is not only our coach but our friend as well."

Voigt said the strongest asset of the team is its unity.

"The women have really bonded over the season and support each other, which helps each of them get through the tough workouts and support each other

in the competitions," Voigt said.

Brennan said the team's ability to work together despite the fact that swimming is mostly an individual sport is impressive.

"I think the team's strongest point is teamwork. All of us really get along well and connect," Brennan said. "When I'm swimming a race and I see my team get up and cheer, it makes me swim much faster."

Brennan said the team's motto this year is "ONE. Team. Race. Chance."

"As a team we have strived to live up to the motto stated by our team shirts," Alzaga said. "We each believe in one another and in the team. We have continued to improve over the last two years and believe that this is the year to prove that we can compete in the GLIAC conference."

Voigt said the GLIAC is the fastest conference in the nation, and last year there were more NCAA qualifiers from the GLIAC for swimming and diving than any other conference in the country.

"I would be very excited to finish in the top four teams in the conference and getting two or three national qualifiers," Voigt said.

Up next for the Wildcats is the GLIAC Championship, which will take place from Feb. 8 through 11 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Meeba – I just want you to know that I love you and miss seeing your face everyday.. — **Forever Yours**

My Glam Guard Gang – I love all you beautiful girls! And I'm super excited for Superior Spinners... we're gonna rock it! — **Miss Yooper 2011**

Dragons – Let's blow some fire! We're dragons, B**CHES! — **Old Lady**

Wonderful Friends – Thank you everyone for the birthday

wishes. Made the angry snow globe day much brighter. — **Happy B-day Girl**

Andrew – Get your life together. — **Brent Pounder**

My Alpha Gamma Delta Sisters! – Good luck this semester ladies! — **Sarah**

Scotty – I like your face, lady. — **The Roomie**

beez – New semester and new beers to try. — **Sean**

Ralph Nader – I'm not dangerous at any speed. I'm not dangerous at all! — **Corvalr**

Roommate – Cowboys are still my least favorite team! — **Blue**

Swagg Crew – That makes three of us! — **A Swagg**

DJL – I miss you. I cannot wait til this weekend in Houghton with you! — **Yours Truly**

Nursing Students – Don't worry. You guys can do it! — **Friend**

Kitty Kat Coombs – Meowww — **Jenny**

LEO – crystal cave ? yes please! — **PE**

Random snowboarder – What is the technical term for what you're doing in the photo we ran? We still can't figure it out, but your facial expression is cool. — **Newspaper staff**

EN206 – Welcome! Here's to a great semester with you all. Make sure you keep up with your North Wind reading...you never know what's going to show up on a quiz! — **Professor**

Editors – Remember: you cannot eat me if you do not meet your deadline. Behave! — **Free food**

Wyllys – Don't drown. As a matter of fact, break a record instead! Can't wait to have you back at work... — **Ma**

Jaime – Congratulations, Gopher! Keep up the hard work and the scholarships will be coming your way. — **Ma**

Speed Racer – You better not crash without front breaks or I'm going to bark in your general direction. — **Trailer Dog**

Editors – Good job working toward toward your deadline goals this week! Keep up the good work. — **Adviser**

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Basketball	Men, Wom., Co-Rec	Feb. 1
Volleyball	Co-Rec, Women	Feb. 1
Innertube Water Polo	Open	Feb. 8
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