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## Students 'relay' through the night



Justin Key/NW

Students and community members walk laps during Northern Michigan University's Relay for Life for 24 hours on March 23 at Vandament Area. A total of \$23,990 was raised this year, missing the set goal of \$27,000.

## ASNMU election process begins

### Two candidates each run for president and vice president positions

By Elizabeth Bailey  
staff writer

Elections for NMU's student government, Associate Students of NMU (ASNMU) are swiftly approaching.

With the presidential debate being held at 6 p.m. in Jamrich 103 on Thursday, March 29 and elections the following week on April 3 and April 4, the board has been busy preparing.

Being a referendum year, there will be more than just names on the ballot. When the time comes for referendum, student organizations are allowed to make changes to their by-laws, constitutions and also ask for more money from the Student Activity Fund.

Students will not just be voting on who is next to take office but also the changes to ASNMU's constitution and increases to budgets for Radio X, ASNMU and The North Wind.

This year has brought a substantial number of candidates running for positions on the ASNMU board.

According to Drew Janego, current ASNMU vice president, the number has almost doubled since last year.

"I'm pretty happy with the turn out," Janego said. "How-

ever, if we had the ideal number of candidates the ballot would have at least 24 people on it, but it's a good start."

This year there are two people running for president, senior furniture design major Adam Papin and Ben Stanley, who did not provide his student info.

"After having served on ASNMU as up-campus representative and student affairs chair for ASNMU, I understand firsthand the strengths and challenges of student government here at NMU," Papin said. "I am excited at the potential opportunity to serve campus as ASNMU president."

There are also two people running for vice president; Dani Thoune, a senior with a double major in special education and cognitive impairments and art education ceramics, and Kelsey

Hayes, senior sports science major.

"I know what good can come from ASNMU," Thoune said. "I have seen it with the Hobie administration my freshman year and with

Jason my sophomore year. I know that students don't have the best opinions about ASNMU and I want to make sure that ASNMU is on a positive note before I graduate."

Hayes said she wants to get more involved for her last year at NMU.

Even with the increase in representatives running, there are still quite a few positions that will not be completely filled due to lack of candidates.

A full board consists of 24

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### ONLINE DOCUMENT:

Candidate information and platforms are available online

## Visitor parking discussed

### Non-students need a pass

By Marcellino Signorelli  
assistant news editor

Visitor parking can become problematic for those unfamiliar to campus.

Visitors are provided spaces to park on campus in certain locations, but they are limited in number. Unless a parking spot has a meter, there is no charge for visitors. Parking passes are made available by Public Safety but they are not required.

"We highly recommend that visitors to campus come in and obtain a visitor pass for their length of stay," said Mike Bath, director of Public Safety. "It alleviates them receiving a parking citation if they have a visitor pass displayed. If someone is on campus on a regular basis, we will issue a visitor pass to them for the current semester."

Outside of the DeVos Art Museum are a few parking spaces reserved for visitors. Those spaces are meant to be used only by visitors to the museum whose cars are not registered with the university.

"Even students visiting the



Kristen Koehler/NW

Many parking tickets are handed out during each day to a variety of people. Visitors are no exception and fines can cost \$20 depending on violation.

museum should not be parking in visiting spaces," said Melissa Matuscak, director and curator of the DeVos Art Museum. "There is no time limit on the parking spaces, so visitors are allowed to park there for however long they are in the museum."

Due to the limited number of visitor spots provided for the museum, it can become a hassle when

there are people who are wrongly parked there.

"With fewer than 10 spots, there can be a problem with students occupying visitor parking at the museum, but most of the time there is not a problem of overcrowding," Matuscak said. "It can become a hassle for visitors,

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### Vote 'YES' for referendum #3

Please support The North Wind, Northern Michigan University's independent student newspaper, by voting "yes" for referendum #3. It will help The North Wind pay the regular cost of two computer leases for staff use.

## Chili cook off warms people up



Kristen Koehler/NW

The Chili Challenge was held on Tuesday, March 27 at the Jacobetti Center. Left, many students, organizations and community members submitted their recipes for judging. Center, Joe's Cakes brought a variety of desserts to hand out at the event, such as their Strawberry Tequila Margarita Cupcakes. Right, different cookbooks were put on display at the event.

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but there usually is not a problem for overcrowded visitor parking.”

For events at Forest Roberts Theatre, there are no designated parking spots reserved solely for visitors to the theater. This causes a short supply of parking available for patrons of FRT.

“Mostly people park in the Hedcock lot near the library, or as far as the University Center,” said Ansley Valentine, director of theater. “Because our events mostly happen at night and on the weekends, our patrons seem to find spots to park. However, we did have a problem during our daytime matinee performances of ‘A Year with Frog and Toad.’”

Citations are issued to vehicles wrongly parked in a parking spot designated for visitors. Vehicles are ticketed regularly and citations will be issued to vehicles wrongly occupying a visitor parking spot.

“Once we verify that someone is truly a visitor, we excuse the citation,” Bath said. “The citation can be returned to our office to be excused, or it can be returned to us by mail.”

When large events are held on campus, the university can normally handle the level of guests, providing them with adequate parking. The Superior Dome and Berry Events Center have a sufficient amount of parking and parking in Lot 8 is permitted for visitors attending a conference in the University Center.

“When there is a large conference on campus, we issue conference passes to all of the attendees if the department requests those passes in advance,” Bath said. “If Lot 8 is full, they are instructed to park in any other legal space on campus. It is rare when attendees must park outside of that parking lot.”

For more information about visitor parking, call Public Safety at (906) 227-1476.

## Lecture explains handling strokes in rural areas

By Joe Rubingh  
contributing writer

Dr. Michael Brown will be speaking at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at Reynolds Recital Hall as part of the “Your Health Lecture Series.”

Brown is the division director of emergency medicine and professor of epidemiology and emergency medicine at Michigan State University’s College of Human Medicine. He is also the attending physician at Emergency Care Specialists, P.C. in Grand Rapids, a position he’s held since 1990.

Brown said he is going to talk about strokes and how to handle them in a rural setting. He also plans to talk about how research translates into practice.

“There is a whole area of work that is being done and very little is reaching day-to-day practice,” Brown said. “It is difficult to keep up with all the research and to make decisions as to whether it’s valid or not.”

Using a stroke as an example, Brown

said he is going to talk about how to take research, something done in the academic world, and talk about how to get it used in the real world. He stressed the importance of collaboration throughout the medical profession.

“There needs to be this integration across professions as well as within the house of medicine,” Brown said. “We want people, no matter where they live to benefit from these advances, especially people in rural areas.”

Blue Cross Blue Shield, Marquette General Hospital, Michigan State University’s College of Medicine and Northern Michigan University sponsor the Your Health Lecture Series. According to Cindy Paavola, director of Communication and Marketing, these organizations meet once a year and decide on three or four different physicians to come to NMU and speak.

“What the physicians do is they give the presentation to the public and then go to Marquette General Hospital and talk to the staff there,” Paavola said.

According to Paavola, there have been speakers in the past that have talked about strokes, but they haven’t had a focus on how people living in rural areas should deal with them.

“It’s different for someone here in Marquette than, say someone out in Skandia,” Paavola said. “Health care in a rural setting has challenges that aren’t the same as metropolitan areas.”

These lectures are meant for everyone and are open to the public.

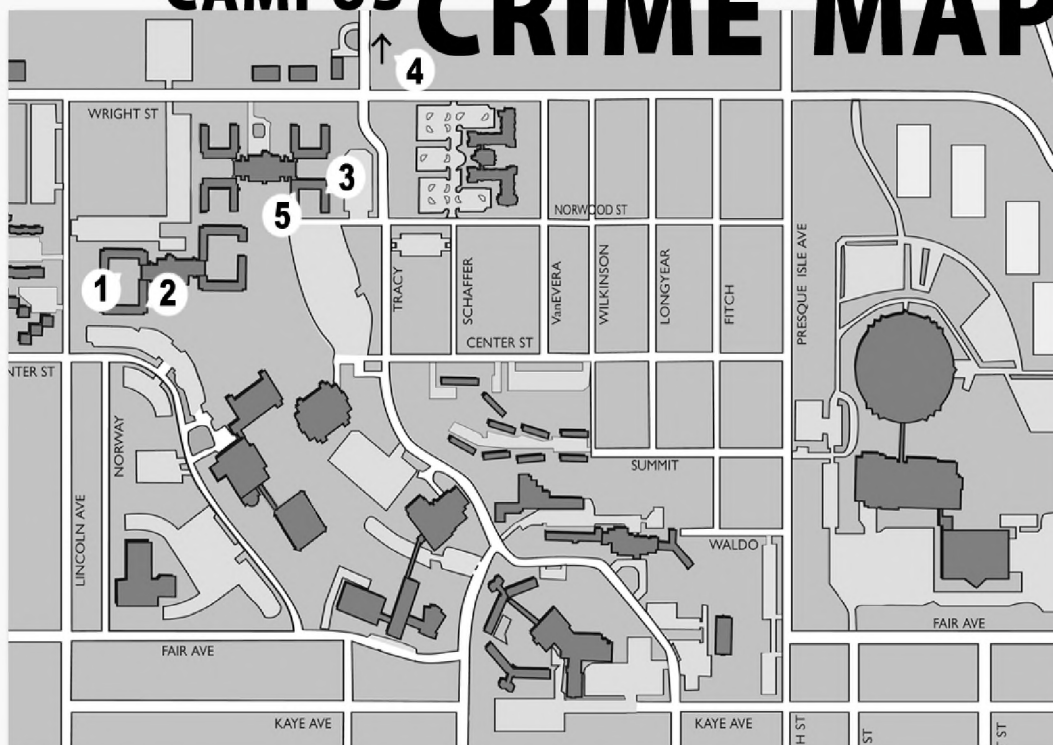
“We want to present real, current data, research that is being done on these health issues so people have access to the research that is being done on a state, national and even international scale,” Paavola said.

If anyone has something health related they would like to hear a lecture on, Paavola said she encourages people to send in their ideas and she would love to hear from the students on what topics they are interested in. To send in an idea and for more information, visit [webb.nmu.edu/yourhealth](http://webb.nmu.edu/yourhealth).

### Map Key

- 1) A student was charged with an MIP at 11:24 p.m. on March 23 in the Gant Courtyard.
- 2) Three students were charged with marijuana possession at 3 p.m. on March 24 at Spalding Hall.
- 3) A student was charged with domestic assault at 1:13 p.m. on March 26 at Magers Hall.
- 4) A student reported damage to a motor vehicle at 1:30 p.m. on March 27 in Lot 37.
- 5) An illegal entry and assault occurred at 7:40 p.m. on March 27 at Magers Hall.

## CAMPUS CRIME MAP



### CORRECTION

- In “Dietitian helps teach how to eat vegan” that ran on March 22, the featured event will be held on Thursday, March 29.

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members, half that represent the academic affairs and half that represent student affairs.

For those who do get elected, Justin Brugman, current ASNMU president, made sure there will be two weeks after the new members have been elected into office before they actually take over.

That way, according to Brugman, there is more time to shadow each position. It will also help make the transition process as painless as possible.

Brugman stated he will not be returning next year mainly because he is graduating at the end of the semester and also because he is the chairman of the elections committee.

Janego decided not to run because of his growing involvement in the College Democrats, as well as helping out with the Obama re-election campaign and applying for law school.

"I didn't want to run and risk spreading myself too thin," Janego said.

For more information on the candidates and their platforms, visit [www.thenorthwindonline.com](http://www.thenorthwindonline.com).



Ashley Wiggins/NW

Northern Michigan University's Public Safety has a plan in set in case of an emergency, such as a shooter being on campus or a bomb threat. This plan was put into effect on Feb. 2, 2011 when a threat was made to the school.

## Emergency response plan needs awareness

By Shaina James  
managing editor

Students and faculty don't always know what to do in an emergency situation on campus, but there is a plan in place.

Public Safety's response will depend on the situation of the emergency. In the case of a shooting or another related situation, Public Safety would respond immediately and make further notifications from there.

"The first step would be to activate NMU's alert system," Public Safety officials said. "The second step would be to notify the emergency response team."

The emergency response team at NMU is made up of top university officials around campus and would handle situations with the media if necessary.

According to Public Safety officials, typically the director of Public Safety and the response team would be in charge with the initial response to an emergency. Through the Northern alert system, students and faculty will be told how to react to the situation.

Recently, Virginia Tech lost a lawsuit for not responding appropriately to a shooting that occurred on April 16, 2007. This situation has caused many students and faculty across the nation to worry about how their campus would handle an emergency situation like the one at Virginia.

The shooter killed two people early morning and then killed another 30 later in the afternoon. Families sued the university for not properly warning the campus community about the shootings that occurred at a campus dorm. The suit claimed an alert could

have saved lives.

The families were awarded \$4 million each, but damages must be capped at \$100,000 according to the Virginia Tort Claims Act.

Virginia Tech was fined \$55,000 in 2010 by the U.S. Department of Education for not responding appropriately to the shootings or giving the university community proper warnings.

NMU and other schools around Marquette were closed Feb. 2, 2011, when university authorities were alerted that a blog said the author would shoot students on campus and kill more than the Virginia Tech shootings.

The university responded by evacuating campus early in the morning and closing the remainder of campus. Resident halls were on lockdown and students told not to leave while police officials investigated the situation.

Students, faculty and staff were notified by emergency alert text message, email and postings on all of NMU's main websites.

"In any emergency situation, NMU will use all of its various communication tools, and there are several, but the fastest way to receive directions on what to or not to do, will be through the text alerts," said Cindy Paavola, director of communications and marketing.

Public Safety kept students and staff informed by letting them know the situation was under control at noon. Buildings remained on lockdown and students were asked not to leave the dorms unless to go to the dining halls.

Police agencies involved identified that the threat was not made on campus and that a similar threat was made to other universities.

## Students give tips on pets and teach tricks to learn

By Alex Nye

contributing writer

Northern Michigan University students will have the opportunity to find out what it takes to own a pet during college and will get to pet dogs at the same time.

This pet-friendly Skill Builder! is being put on by Laura Budinger and Jacqui Carroll, undergraduate students.

"Laura and I felt as if too many college students were making rash decisions about buying animals. 'Oh, I have a house now — that means I should get a pet, right?' Wrong," Carroll said. "Buying a pet is not like buying a toy."

"A pet requires time and love, and probably a lot more than most suspect."

Carroll said they also plan to educate students about the personality of some pets that may fit the college lifestyle a bit more.

"We also plan on educating our listeners about what products to get for your pets and where to get those," Carroll said.

The workshop is from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 in the Back Room of the University Center.

# High temperatures bring air conditioning early

By Marcellino Signorelli  
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The heat wave last week caused many people inside buildings to suffer under the hot conditions.

Students took advantage of the warm weather, partaking in many activities that they have been unable to do for months. However, it was not as enjoyable to be sitting inside a building where the heat was rising.

Esko Alasimi, associate director of Plant Operations, controls the activation of air conditioning for campus buildings.

Due to the high temperatures recorded last week, Plant Operations was faced with having to operate the system early in order to combat the warm weather.

"Normal AC startup date is late April, and after the steam plant annual shutdown on the first weekend of May, for AC systems that depend on steam to operate," Alasimi said. "The low

outdoor temperatures need to remain above freezing, which typically does not happen until the end of April."

Sitting inside a hot building became taxing for many, who were reluctant to remain inside with uncomfortably-elevated temperatures.

Both students and faculty found ways to relieve the unpleasant conditions when stuck inside a building.

"At one point I glanced over at the thermostat in my classroom at TFA and it read 83 degrees," said Joshua Garnett, junior public relations major. "It was difficult to concentrate since it was balmy, but it was not oppressive."

With the varying age of buildings on campus, some AC systems are more efficient than others. As some NMU systems are 30 years old, some buildings require a longer time to reach operational status.

"Depending on the system, some are available to operate



Kristen Koehler/NW

Many thermostats around campus read about 80 degrees or higher during the past week due to high temperatures and the lack of air conditioning.

automatically if required with minimal work [necessary], while others require extensive amount of work," Alasimi said. "Cooling towers, chemical treatment equipment and pumps need to be brought online while some systems need to be filled with water to make them operational."

Despite the apparent rising temperatures, it is not as sim-

ple as turning on the AC. Plant Operations makes its decision based on the amount of time the hot weather remains versus the amount of time it would take to make the AC systems operational.

If the temperature is expected to lower before the AC can become fully operational, then Plant Operations will not acti-

vate the cooling systems.

"A problem that may develop, especially if temperatures fall below freezing in the near future, is the possibility of the water freezing inside the system," Alasimi said. "This would require the systems to be put back to pre-operational status in order to prevent extensive damage to the equipment."

Prior to the activation of the AC, air-handling systems would bring in the outside air during the nighttime, but temperatures had failed to fall to a sufficient level in order to cool buildings effectively.

Students and faculty had to find other ways to diminish the effect of the warmth.

"Some of my professors let our classes out early," Garnett said. "In the MERC office, there were fans brought up from the basement."

"Monday and Tuesday were the worst days and as the temperature slowly began to lower, by Wednesday it got a bit better."

## India service project available

By Hannah Fermanich  
staff writer

Not sure how to spend your Christmas vacation next school year? Join NMU as they cross the globe to India as part of an international service project.

Students will immerse themselves in the native culture as they spend their time exploring the country and volunteering with orphans and school children.

They will visit the Taj Mahal, the Dalai Lama's main temple, go hiking in the Himalayas as well as visit several other locations.

"I think in some ways, these trips are life changing," said Rachel Harris, associate director of the Center for Student Enrichment.

The tentative dates for the trip are Dec. 27, 2012 through Jan. 12, 2013 and the cost is between \$3,200 and \$3,600. The actual dates and price will be determined closer to departure.

The price for the trip includes airfare, meals, lodging, entrance fees and transportation.

Students also need a passport, Visa and a health visit before departure; these items would be an additional cost.

They must also be enrolled in Superior Edge before leaving.

For students that are worried about the cost, Harris suggests students start saving now for the trip.

She also recommends fundraising to help cover the cost.

"It's an adventure because it's so different," Harris said.

Students will spend the first few days of their trip vis-

iting different cities and seeing the sights as well as participating in a home stay with a local family.

After that, they will travel north to Palampur where they will begin the volunteer portion of the trip.

Students will spend time with other students and orphans, teach young girls how to ride bikes and operate computers, Harris said.

"The experiences are only something you can get first hand," said Kurt Brandly, a student who went on the last trip. "Just to see the excitement in the kids' eyes when you show up at the school was heartwarming."

According to Harris, this trip is a way for students to experience a new culture and to live in it.

The experience is different than staying at a resort or a hotel. Students will truly get to experience India.

"It truly makes me appreciate everything that I have now," said Megan Keiser, a student previously involved with the program.

Students will be accompanied by Harris as well as assistant professor Gary Stark on the trip. Harris led a similar trip to India last May.

"I have changed my outlook on life because of the time I spent in India," Keiser said.

Interest meetings for the project will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 30 and at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 in the Cadillac Room of the University Center.

For more information or questions about the project, email Rachel Harris at r-harris@nmu.edu.

## Kayak safety important

By Kristen Koehler  
contributing writer

With the recent arrival of warm weather, the sparkling blue water of Lake Superior has never looked more inviting.

NMU students and community members have taken advantage of the spring heat wave by partaking in various outdoor activities, such as kayaking along Lake Superior's rugged shoreline.

Sam Crowley, kayak instructor at Marquette's YMCA, would like to inform outdoor enthusiasts about the safety precautions involved with kayaking so everyone can have a positive experience on the lake.

"I want people to be respectful of the power of Lake Superior," Crowley said. "It can be dangerous, but if you're prepared you can either avoid that danger or you can get yourself out of it."

Crowley was inspired to relay his message of safety to the community after hearing about the death of an unprepared 24-year-old kayaker on Lake Michigan earlier this spring.

"Peter Dougherty paddled a lot on Lake Michigan and was considered to be an experienced kayaker," Crowley said. "Unfortunately he was not wearing the proper clothing and was unable to get back into his boat once it had capsized."

During his kayaking lessons at the Y, Crowley stresses the importance of wearing the necessary gear.

His students are outfitted with wetsuits or drysuits, even in the summer, if they are kayaking on Lake Superior.

Crowley said the idea behind the wetsuit is that it will give the kayaker enough time before they get so cold that they can't help themselves.

Rescues are often covered in Crowley's lessons as well. He demonstrates how to rescue someone who has capsized in ad-



Kristen Koehler/NW  
NMU graduate and YMCA instructor Benjamin Platt (left) and YMCA instructor Sam Crowley (right) paddle on Lake Superior in Sea Kayaks.

dition to handling the boat when kayaking alone.

"Knowing about the rescues and wearing the right clothing can help kayakers avoid unsafe situations," Crowley said.

Crowley also recommends having a float plan before heading out into the water. This involves contacting a trustworthy friend and letting them know the time and location of the launch.

Estimate a return time and if it is not met, then the friend can notify authorities to begin a search. One of the best ways kayakers can avoid risky situations is by checking the weather forecast, especially this time of year.

"In the spring, the weather can change very quickly; the wind can go from being flat calm to suddenly blowing very hard," Crowley said. "On Lake Superior, little waves can change to large white caps in only a few minutes."

Mark Flemming, a photography major, said he enjoys spending time on many of the inland lakes and rivers in the area.

"There're so many opportunities to a kayak or canoe in Marquette," Flemming said. "It's a great way to explore the area, other than hiking."

Although Flemming does not venture out onto Lake Superior, he takes safety precautions of his

own before going on an adventure.

"I make sure to have a dry bag with extra clothes in it and I always have a life jacket," Flemming said.

Natasha Piper, biology major and ORC employee said a great way for students to familiarize themselves with kayaks and canoes is to participate in one of the ORC's workshops held in the fall.

"While we don't offer particular classes, we do have a few workshops that are held on some of the smaller lakes in the area," Piper said. "If students have any questions we are there to help them out."

ORC boats are not allowed on Lake Superior because they are not suited for such big waters, Piper said.

Crowley hopes that his message will help prepare fellow kayakers for the risks involved so they can enjoy all that Lake Superior has to offer without having any doubts or fears.

"Lake Superior has so much magic waiting to be seen," Crowley said. "When people go out there, I want to make sure they come back and have had a great experience."

For more information about kayaking lessons, call the YMCA at (906) 227-9622.

## Students fundraise for food pantries in Marquette

By Jenean Zahran  
contributing writer

The Mountain House of VanAntwerp Hall is throwing the first annual Sausage Festival to help raise money for local food pantries.

Residents of Mountain House will be grilling hot dogs, Italian sausage and different kinds of bratwurst. For every brat they sell, they will be donating a brat to Salvation Army's food bank in Marquette. Their slogan is, "Buy a Brat to Help a Lot."

Mountain House's government the Caveman Council came up

with the idea to do this because they felt uninvolved on campus and wanted to make a difference in the community.

"We haven't done much all year, and we really wanted to do something that would help other people. We also wanted to start a tradition for our house," said Andrew Miller, communications chair for Mountain House.

Nick Cirilli, resident adviser of Mountain House, is very proud of his residents wanting to help the Marquette community. Cirilli has been primarily guiding the process and making sure his residents are on track, but for the most part the students are putting it together.

"The residents are very excited for this event and they show it through their hard work," Cirilli said. "We recognize that there are people struggling in the Marquette area and we want to do our part to help in a fun way."

The Salvation Army of Marquette is very grateful for the event and is in need of donations from anyone, especially around this busy time of the year when donations seem to be lacking.

"We're headed into full time for food pantries," said Captain John Arthur, senior pastor at Marquette's Salvation Army. "The donations will go a long way to help the community out. We have a lot



Kristen Koehler/NW  
Many food pantries in Marquette are lacking canned goods and food.

of people that come to us for food, especially meat. Our pantry goes a long way trying to help their needs."

Whether it is money or food, The Salvation Army accepts either donation.

"This is a wonderful event that

they are putting on for our food bank," Arthur said. "We can use all the help we can get."

During the festival, Radio X will be DJing and there will be a variety of games to play outside. The Nearly Naked Mile run will also take place on this day starting at 2 p.m. Registration for the run begins at 1 p.m.

The Mountain House Sausage Festival takes place from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 in the Van Antwerp/Magers Court-yard.

The cost to attend is \$1 to \$3. To find out more information regarding the event, email Aaron Miller at aaromill@nmu.edu.

# Snyder helps fund Northern, six other schools

By Hannah Fermanich  
staff writer

NMU received funding as a part of Gov. Rick Snyder's executive budget to help offset the rising costs of the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System (MPSERS).

MPSERS is a benefit program that was started in 1945 with the intent of providing pension and retirement benefits for public school employees.

NMU, along with six other public universities, took part in the program from its inception. The benefits involved with the program have since been determined at the state level, leaving no room for NMU or any of the

other schools to have a say in what is offered.

Newer schools that came into the system were not required to take part in MPSERS, said Gavin Leach, vice president of Finance and Administration at NMU. At first, the state fully funded the pension costs that came with the program, but funding decreased with time. In 1975, the state mandated that health care had to be included as part of the benefits in MPSERS.

"The governor is starting to address some of the increase for this year," Leach said.

According to Leach, NMU annually pays about \$4.7 million into MPSERS out of pocket and without any financial assistance.

The increase in cost to the program averages \$300,000 to \$500,000 each year due to the rising costs of health benefits and other contributing factors. While Gov. Snyder's contribution is helpful this year, a long-term solution to MPSERS is required.

About \$446,000 in funding is suggested to help put a dent in some of the increase in costs for the seven schools that are still participating in the program. The rest is still up to each school to provide.

Leach and other financial coordinators from the other universities have brought this issue up to the legislature several times. They are now looking at

bringing in a new legislation for MPSERS that would rewrite the program to help with the financial burden that goes along with it.

"When they're looking at making changes, they're taking into account what was promised initially," Leach said.

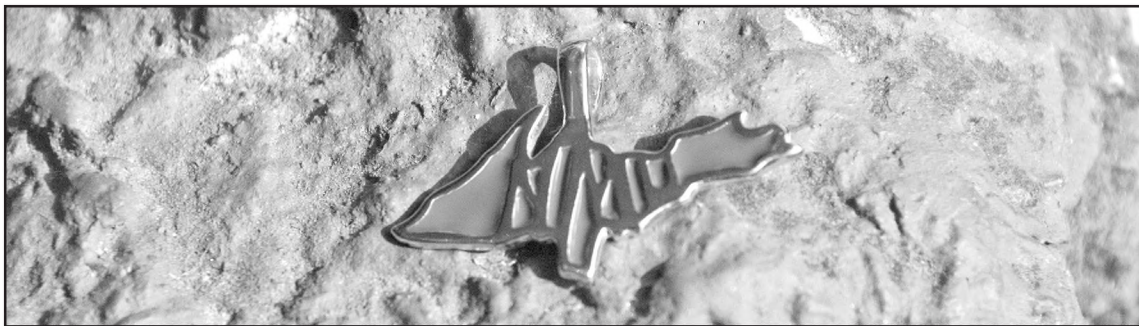
NMU currently has 220 employees participating in MPSERS, their oldest retiree being 108 years old. Schools participating in the program were able to close it to new members starting in 1995 to control what they could of the increasing financial burden.

Meanwhile, public K-12 schools still actively participate with the program. NMU then of-

fered a new benefit program to employees instead, Leach said.

The new defined contribution program allowed for the university to have a set amount of contribution in place for each employee. It is then up to the employee to determine how they wish to invest that amount towards their future retirement, Leach said.

The university plans to fade out MPSERS with time and convert to using the new benefit program instead. If a solution to the MPSERS problem is not found soon, students might face an increase in tuition to help combat the rising costs of benefits that coincide with the program, Leach said.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Wattsson & Wattsson Jewelers of Marquette is now selling NMU pendants as a fundraiser for a scholarship for Marquette Alternative High School students. The pendants come in white, silver, black and green backgrounds.

## NMU shines golden *Jewelry helps alternative high school*

By Kristen Koehler  
contributing writer

Wattsson & Wattsson Jewelers of Marquette have designed a Northern Michigan University-themed pendant with a cause.

Inspired by their original U.P. pendant, the piece stays true to NMU's colors by incorporating yellow 14k gold with an emerald green background. While the pendant is beautifully crafted and visually appealing, it offers much more than the eye can see.

Fifty dollars from each sale of the \$250 pendant will be put towards an NMU scholarship fund for a graduating senior at the Marquette Alternative High School at Graveraet.

Chris Wattsson, NMU pendant designer, graduated from MAHS in 2008. Producing the pendant and working with NMU took the jeweler six months. However, giving back to his community made the entire process worth the time, Wattsson said.

"I really wanted to help out the students and the school because they helped me so much," Wattsson said.

MAHS English and photography teacher Cynthia DePetro has been assisting her former student

throughout the process of setting up the scholarship.

"I hope what Chris is doing opens up possibilities for others in the community to do the same," DePetro said. "It's important to look back and remember where we came from."

This is not the first time Wattsson has been involved with the alternative school since his graduation. As part of a class assignment, students from DePetro's photography class photographed jewelry for the Wattsson & Wattsson's website. When Wattsson approached her with the initial scholarship idea DePetro said she was honored to support him in any way.

"I loved the idea of helping out one of our students," DePetro said. "I especially liked that the help came from Chris, who understands the importance of our program and how much this means to the alternative school."

DePetro said because the school has the lowest socioeconomic group in the area, the students will not only be grateful for the financial opportunity but they will look up to Wattsson. She hopes the scholarship demonstrates community support for MAHS students continuing their

education.

"We always want our students to leave with more than just math, science, English and history," DePetro said. "We want them to be productive citizens that care about the people around them."

According to Wattsson, the NMU gold pendant is just one of many more pieces to come.

"A sterling silver pendant will also be available for \$90, with \$20 being donated to the scholarship fund," Wattsson said. "I want to keep adding more and more products."

Wattsson would especially like to appeal to graduating seniors at NMU as well as alumni with these new designs. Initially the scholarship was meant for one student, however, if sales go well, Wattsson and DePetro will award the scholarship to one male and one female at MAHS. The individuals will be chosen based off established criteria. So far, two NMU gold pendants have already been sold, Wattsson said.

If you would like more information about purchasing an NMU pendant, call (906) 228-5775 or visit Wattsson & Wattsson Jewelers at 118 W. Washington St.

## Students beat the buzzer to be the victors

By Amanda Monthei  
staff writer

The NMU quiz bowl team will be holding its first campus-wide quiz bowl on Saturday, March 31.

Quiz bowl member and junior political science major Taylor Tillotson said while this is an intramural tournament, students shouldn't be turned off by the competitive nature of quiz bowl.

"We want to open peoples' minds to a fun experience," Tillotson said. "We know that people here enjoy learning."

"We just like to have a good time and we know a lot of other people like to learn and have a good time also."

The event will have a standard format, and will include trivia ranging from history to chemistry.

"Quiz bowl is the kind of evolutionary predecessor of 'Jeopardy,'" Tillotson said. "Any major has a great chance of being a very good quiz bowl player."

The event will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, in various rooms of the West Science building.

Faculty adviser Michael Joy, as well as members of the team, all look forward to finding ways to improve and grow within the organization, which is where events like the quiz bowl come into the picture.

"The team has basically doubled in size in the last three

years; we currently have a solid group of 10 students who regularly attend practice," Joy said. "We sent two teams to the sectional competition in Chicago last month. Another facet of the quiz bowl event this weekend is fundraising, which will help with travel costs for competitions."

Tillotson said the team attends at least one competition a semester, where the team competes with other Division II teams, but more frequently with Division I teams like the University of Michigan, Chicago and Minnesota.

"We're still a relatively fledgling organization," Tillotson said. "We want to build more of a stable or more permanent intramural program in the future, then it will be more like the athletic intramural teams."

While most members of the official quiz bowl campus team will be in attendance at the event, Tillotson said there is nothing to fear and that students should come for a good time.

"We're hosting this competition in order to build the organization and attract more people," he said. "If we can attract more people, it's more fun and we can get more experiences."

The event is \$15 per team, and Tillotson emphasized that there were prizes available for winners. Six teams are already registered for the event, but teams can register up until the time of the event.

# Discovery Initiative continues a second year

## Applications for summer program due soon

By Drea Weiner  
staff writer

The NMU Foundation's Discovery Initiative Program is accepting applications for those who wish to participate during this summer's break.

Applicants are hired as student representatives for the NMU Foundation.

During school breaks, students will interview alumni in person within a given area about their time at NMU.

This program was designed to build and maintain relationships.

It is NMU Foundation's way of getting the alumni involved and back into contact with Northern, said Andrew Hill, program manager of the Discovery Initiative. Students begin with their hometown area.

"My area is Metro Detroit, Grosse Pointe," said Brendan Franklin, a junior nursing major. "NMU Foundation gives you a list of alumni to contact that they've chosen.

"They provide phone numbers, addresses, what they do and what they majored in."

Students involved aren't limited to their hometowns. If they're

going to another area of the country, they will receive a list of alumni within the area that they can interview.

"It's nice because NMU Foundation tries to set you up with alumni in your major," Franklin said.

Approximately 200 interviews have been completed thus far in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, New York and Texas.

"The reason this program is successful is that it's an opportunity for students to learn real life skills," Hill said. "Be able to interview someone. Be able to carry on an organic conversation.

"It helps them make connections with alumni who have been there and done that."

Students undergo training sessions to interview the alumni.

"One of the hard things is once they hear you're from NMU, they

think that NMU wants money," Franklin said. "They're always skeptical when you sit down with them."

The information gathered is used to reconnect with alumni. They do not ask for donations.

"We want to hear their stories," Hill said. "Through their

stories, we learn what they want from N M U . We can help provide information through this program.

"Alumni are really excited to talk about their

time here."

The student's are paid \$50 per completed interview and submitted contact report.

"It's like getting paid to network with people that could be my future employer," Franklin said. "It provides opportunities that otherwise would've gone unnoticed."

To apply, students must send

a cover letter, resume and three professional or educational references to Andrew Hill at anhill@nmu.edu. Any student is welcome to apply.

In the cover letter, students should answer the following questions: why you want to serve as a Student Representative for the Discovery Initiative, why did you select NMU and what is special about their NMU experience so far.

"The main thing (we are looking for) is someone who is curious, who wants to learn more about NMU, has personal drive to learn from others, able to work independent, be able to manage their personal time and interview schedule," Hill said.

Applications are accepted year round but in order to participate in the program this summer, students must apply by Monday, April 9.

"It's crazy for students not to be a part of it," Franklin said. "You get to meet new people, network, resume building, good communication skills and there's always the opportunity to interview someone else.

"It's nice to be on the other side of the shoes."

## Workshop helps groups get a start on next year

By Ashley Wiggins  
staff writer

On Tuesday, April 3 Dave Bonsall will be presenting Transition and Transformation, a SkillBuilder! focused around what students can do now to move their student organization forward next year.

Bonsall, Director of the Center for Student Enrichment, has been hosting this workshop for four years. Although this SkillBuilder! is open to anyone, the presentation will specifically target members of NMU student organizations.

"I will share 10 action items that will help organizations get off to a great start next fall; a school year is very short and hitting the ground running in late August when the fall semester begins is the key to having a successful year," Bonsall said.

The workshop will be held at 4 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to sign up in advance, which can be done online at [www.nmu.edu/studentleader-fellowship](http://www.nmu.edu/studentleader-fellowship).

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—Brendan Franklin  
junior nursing major

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## Staff Editorial



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# Clear parking policy would help NMU visitors

Every college campus seems to have a common problem: parking. NMU has this same problem and should make its parking policies and information more clear, uniform and easily available to the public.

Parking policies at universities seem simple at first glance when visiting their university website. In reality though, campus parking at most colleges is anything but.

For visitors who wish to park on Northern's campus, it can be hard to find out where to properly park. For example, a visitor might go past faculty/staff parking Lot 28 thinking only faculty or staff can park there. The truth is Lot 28 has some green meter parking spaces for visitors, but one wouldn't know by looking at Lot 28's sign.

This information can be found online by going to NMU's Parking Bureau page. Both the campus parking map and the vehicle ordinances tab explain where visitors and non-visitors alike can park legally.

Even with this information online, one might not know where to find it. On some university websites, there is a tab for visitor parking. This gives people who plan on visiting the college campus an easy, one-step route for all their visitor parking needs.

A visitor parking tab on NMU's website would help make visitor parking more simple, especially for those not used to navigat-

ing the site. Instead of having to search for visitor parking under the vehicle ordinances tab on NMU's parking website, visitors would only need to click on one tab to obtain all their visitor parking information.

Visitor parking policy is only one type of parking that needs to be clearer to the campus community and public; event parking should also be clearer.

Depending on what sporting event you attend at the Berry Events Center or the Superior Dome, you have to pay for a parking space if you bring a vehicle. It would be helpful for university students and visitors to know what events or sports they have to pay for parking ahead of time online, instead of finding out as they arrive at the event.

Parking for events at Forest Roberts Theatre can also be problematic during the day because there are no designated visitor parking spots in front of FRT. NMU could help alleviate this problem by either building more visitor parking spaces by FRT or informing patrons where they can legally park by putting parking information on the back of their event ticket.

Parking is always going to be a problem at college campuses, but these suggestions would help clear up some of common issues at NMU and help visitors know where to legally park.

# Local housing should allow pets



Staff Column

Alisa Fox

Because of my impending graduation, I've been spending a lot of time recently looking at apartments in different areas of lower Michigan.

I expected it to be a lot harder than it was to find a place where my cats and I could reside peacefully. I expected to find a run-down hole in a terrible neighborhood that would charge me extra rent for both of my feline friends.

Instead, I found that almost no apartment complexes downstate had any sort of problem with cats or small dogs (bigger dogs were a different matter).

This makes me wonder, what did small animals ever do to the landlords of

Marquette? Finding a place around here that accepts any animal at all is like finding that ever elusive needle in the inexplicable haystack that keeps popping up everywhere.

The answer, most say, is "this is a college town and the students before have burned bridges with misuse and uncleanness." Landlords were sick of renovating ruined apartments.

I searched through other college towns and these landlords have their own share of irresponsible college students. Yet they still find it in their hearts to be accepting of our furry friends, and without charging extra for them.

Apartments in Marquette should take a page out of the book that surrounding cities are obviously reading. They should take the chance and allow pets. It's not like they're shy about charging extra after people have moved out for damages and renovations.

Even if they don't feel like deal-

ing with dog poop or cats running around and getting into everything, there are other animals that could be allowed. Hamsters, for example, are small, easy to take care of, and rarely ruin the carpets. Yet, many of my friends have gotten in trouble or evicted over their small companions.

I'm not trying to bully these landlords into doing this without getting anything in return. In fact, their entire customer base could be expanded by as much as 100 or more people. That's just counting my personal friends that wish they could find a place within their budget that would allow them a pet. Instead of trying gimmicks to fill apartments, landlords will have a waiting list of people begging to be let in. At least, that's how it is with my own landlord.

Being one of a select few to allow pets has financial advantages,

**Pets have a huge emotional impact and, for those whose family and best friends are back home, they create companionship.**

too. While many students are on a strict budget, I would guess that more than a few would be more willing to pay a

one-time deposit or even an extra \$20 per month for their pets.

Local landlords underestimate the power of allowing pets. Personally speaking, my cats make my life so much easier to handle. They are my companions and a form of entertainment.

Even though they create a few extra chores, they also relieve the stress of living alone. Pets have a huge emotional impact and, for those whose family and best friends are back at home, they create companionship.

These are all things that many would and do pay money to have. Many will even accept below-standard living conditions if it means that they are allowed to have a pet.

In short, there are many opportunities that local landlords are missing out on by not allowing pets in their residences.

Other cities in similar situations as Marquette obviously don't have a problem with it.

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## Without a spanking ban, children face future risks



### For What It's Worth

Aaron Loudenslager

For parents, it is legal in 49 states to spank your child, and in 19 states, it is legal for school teachers to spank children. This is unacceptable to helpless children in America; it is time to ban all spanking in the United States.

In a 2005 poll, 77 percent of Americans disapproved of school physical punishment. This makes sense, even to proponents of spanking their own children. If anyone is going to spank their child, it might as well be them.

Even with this massive disapproval of sanctioned school spanking, schools continue to spank their students if it is legal to do so. According to CNN.com, more than 200,000 American children were spanked or paddled in 2006. Most of these spankings occurred in southern states. In Mississippi, 7.5 percent of students were physically punished during school. Even though these numbers are disturbingly high, it's quite a drop from the more than 340,000 American children spanked during school in 2000.

How is this still legal? I feel ashamed to be a part of a country that pretends barbaric practices from the 20th century should still be relevant in our daily lives.

Tenika Jones' five-year-old son attended Joyce Bullock Elementary School in Florida. Her son was paddled so badly by a principal that he cried for hours, which led to an emergency room visit because of a subsequent asthma attack. The young boy had welts on his buttocks and still has nightmares stemming from the incident.

If there is anything nowadays that should be bipartisan, it should be making physical punishment in schools by teachers and administrators illegal. There is simply no reason for another person to physically lay their hands on your child.

Making physical punishment in schools illegal is a necessary step, but it isn't a sufficient one. All spanking must be made illegal in the United States.

Whereas most Americans disapprove of physical punishment in school, the opposite result occurs in regards to spanking children at home. In a 2004 General Social Survey, 71.3 percent of American adults supported physical punishment, down from polls in the 1960s that showed 94 percent of American adults supported physical punishment.

This would explain why, by the time kids reach the fifth grade, 80 percent have been physically punished, according to a report by Elizabeth Gershoff. It also explains why 85 percent of high school students have been physically punished, with 51 percent saying they were hit with a belt or another object.

When a majority of American adults believe it is acceptable to physically punish their children, that is exactly what they're going to do. But here's the thing; physically punishing a child is not just morally wrong, it has negative effects on children.

Studies have shown "the association of physical punishment with impairments in children's mental health, such as anxiety and depression, alcohol and drug use, and general psychological maladjustment."

I was spanked as a child by one of my parents and it never served any good. It only made me fear that parent as a child. I remember my parents taking my bicycle away, as a five year old, serving the same deterrent effect as a spanking. Except with

my bicycle being taken away, I wasn't physically afraid of the one parent.

I was spanked until I was around five or six years old. Now as a 22-year-old-man, I suffer from a social anxiety disorder and clinical depression. Although I know spanking wasn't the only cause of those disorders, I know it exacerbated them further.

Spanking also disrupts the relationship between the child and the parent. In 13 studies, physical punishment was associated with "poorer quality of parent-child relationships." Spanking thus causes parenting to become more difficult, not simpler.

Physical punishment at home creates more physical punishment at home for future families and generations.

When a child is hit, he or she implicitly learns that hitting a person can be justified. If not, why would their parent strike them?

If a child has done nothing too bad, like accidentally spilling milk, and a parent hits the child and causes physical and emotional pain, that child is going to eventually ask why it is not acceptable to hurt others for similar reasons. A child might think that it is now acceptable to hit another person for stealing his or her toy.

It's not acceptable, but to a child, this is the same as being hit for spilling milk.

Children take these lessons, good or bad, with them for the rest of their lives. Research shows that people who were physically punished as a child have a higher chance, "to perpetuate violence on their own family members." Thus, physical punishment of children leads to more of it in the future.

Physical punishment of children is wrong. It is not legal to hit a prisoner or another person as a private citizen; it should not be legal for an adult to hit a defenseless child.

## 'Kony 2012' misled people with film



### Guest Column

Brian Westrick

It happened suddenly, late at night. Before we knew it, lots of us were on the frontlines of a fight we didn't fully understand.

Many of us were too young to even have a rudimentary understanding of what was going on. It was the Kony 2012 campaign, and it is an incredibly dangerous viral sensation.

"Kony 2012" was a high-budget propaganda film created by the dangerous charity, Invisible Children, to raise awareness about their cause. The "charity" (to use the term loosely) raises money and awareness about child soldiers in portions of Africa. With "Kony 2012," Invisible Children chooses to center their efforts around one Joseph Kony, a Ugandan warlord who has kidnapped and militarized child soldiers for years.

The idea is to convince American citizens to put pressure on politicians to do something about Joseph Kony. This smacks so strongly of a poem by Rudyard Kipling: "The White Man's Burden." The basic idea of the

poem is it is our duty, as Caucasians, to help out all the savages

of other races in other countries, regardless of whether or not they actually want it. The theme of the poem has made "White Man's Burden" almost a political phenomenon.

It has become a characterization of Eurocentric exceptionalism, the need for colonization and domination of the developing world. Considering how amazingly disastrous the results of American imperialism has been in the past, it's no surprise that people such as Max Fisher of "The Atlantic" are publishing articles referring to the "soft bigotry" of "Kony 2012."

While many prefer to say that "doing something is better than doing nothing," that is not entirely true. If Invisible Children, their high-budget film and expensive "action kit," pulls so much as a single cent away from a legitimate charity, Invisible Children has done more harm than doing nothing.

"Campaigns that focus on bracelets and social media absorb resources that could go toward more effective advocacy, and take up rhetorical space that could be used to develop more

effective advocacy," said lawyers Amanda Taub and Kate Cronin-Furman.

In spite of claims by Invisible Children CEO Ben Kessey, a majority of funding to his organization does not actually find its way to help any real campaign to stop people like Joseph Kony. He inflates the numbers on his video by claiming that expenditures on traveling, shooting and equipment used for projects like the Kony video are, in some real sense, helping the Ugandan children. They aren't.

In fact, many people who have studied Invisible Children's books, such as Laura Rozen, estimate that only 30 percent of donations received by Invisible Children actually go to help Ugandans. Well, sort of.

Invisible Children helps fund the Uganda People's Defence Force, better known as the Ugandan army. This force not only has an enlistment age of 13 (therefore making them a force who employs child soldiers), but has also been known to free the children that Kony had kidnapped, and in lieu of providing them with counseling and care, instead brainwash them to fight for their side. This makes them no better than Kony's Lord's Resistance Army.

However, they now have something that Kony's LRA doesn't: American funding and American support. And even worse,

many Americans have no idea. The Ugandan army's transgressions absolutely do not end with the shockingly familiar sounding brainwashing of child soldiers, they are persistently wrought with accusations of rape and looting nearly everywhere they go.

What Invisible Children is doing, and by proxy, what everyone supporting the "Kony 2012" campaign is doing, is essentially letting loose one man-eating predator in a society to catch another.

This is why doing something can be worse than doing nothing, and Invisible Children is the personification of that entire idea.

The Western world has meddled in Africa's affairs before. The results have persistently been disastrous.

These are Africa's problems, and as much as it pains me to say it, we cannot solve them.

They must solve them themselves, lest we perpetuate the painful cycle of western paternalism.

Kony must be stopped, but Invisible Children must be stopped as well.

Many of us were too young to even have a rudimentary understanding of what was going on.



# Martin shooting shows the flaw in Florida law



**Guest Column**

**Taylor Syring**

Murder is OK, if there's a good reason. That is the message in the case of Trayvon Martin's murder.

The stand-your-ground law in Florida states that causing harm to an individual is legal and acceptable if there is a reasonable cause to believe that not taking action would result in imminent death or bodily harm.

The law goes into detail and clarifies these "reasonable causes" further; but basically, this law says that self-defense is OK and goes beyond to say the "attacker" does not have to physically attempt to cause harm before action against them is legally acceptable.

On Feb. 26, 17-year-old Trayvon Martin was walking down a street in a Florida neighborhood. The area's neighborhood watch captain, George Zimmerman, was patrolling in his car and spotted Martin. The following sequence of events has been a cause of great

controversy and question over the past month. Zimmerman is on record for having called 911 more than 45 times over the course of his involvement with the neighborhood watch. On the day of the murder, Zimmerman called 911 and, without identifying himself or giving his location, told the operator that he spotted a suspicious-looking teenager. He also told the operator that "something's wrong with him," and that Martin was coming to check him out.

There was something sound- ing like the word "coon" heard through the 911 call. If confirmed, this would imply racism towards Martin, a black teenage male, and a possible motive for violence from Zimmerman, who has been described as either white or Latino.

Assuming that race was not a factor, as family and friends of Zimmerman state, the reason Martin looked "suspicious" to Zimmerman is still unexplained.

Despite instructions from the 911 operator not to follow or confront the suspicious teen, Zimmerman followed Martin and got out of his car.

In the 911 call from Zimmerman, a cry or scream is heard be-

fore a gunshot, the shot that killed Martin. If the scream is matched to Martin when analyzed, Zimmerman could be facing murder charges. If it belongs to Zimmerman, it could help build a case of legal and necessary self-defense.

Regardless of the events of Feb. 26, this law is wrong. Self-defense is only justifiable if one is indeed defending oneself, not initiating the violence. And when self defense is necessary, it can often be taken too far.

Zimmerman is in hiding and remains a free man, despite the fact that he was the man who pulled the trigger and caused the end of a 17-year-old's life.

He has not been arrested or prosecuted for the murder he committed.

There is no evidence that Martin attacked, threatened, or was even reasonably suspicious. But there is the bullet in his chest to prove that Zimmerman shot him, causing his death.

While there should be laws protecting those who act in defense of themselves or others when confronted with violent actions, there should never be a law protecting murderers.

Zimmerman should be arrested, and tried for this alleged crime. Whether he is found guilty or innocent should be based on the evidence, not on speculation that he could have been defending himself.

**There is no evidence that Martin attacked, threatened, or was even reasonably suspicious.**

## Sound Off

*compiled by Kristen Koehler*

*Do you think it should be illegal for a parent to spank his or her child?*



**Wes Roberge**

sophomore, entrepreneurship

*"No, because it's a part of everybody's childhood. Sometimes children need to be aware of a higher power."*



**Millie Weber**

freshman, psychology

*"It works for teaching the child to not do whatever the bad behavior was at home. It doesn't stop them from using that bad behavior other places though."*



**Justin Cribley**

junior, biology & math

*"It should not be illegal, but there is a difference between using your hand versus something else."*



**Jackie Taves**

junior, communications studies

*"I don't see it as a form of abuse. It shows children that there is a consequence for their actions."*



**Christian Lennard**

junior, mech. engineering

*"I don't suggest doing it, but I don't think it's a big deal."*



**Chelsea Parrish**

junior, psychology

*"For most cases, I say no it should not be illegal."*

# Syria needs U.S. intervention to save civilians



**Guest Column**

**Ryan Smith**

Over that past few months, the world has watched the Middle East undergo major social and political changes that have caused a major shift in the geopolitical landscape of that part of the world.

Major grassroots movements demanding reform and democratic forms of government have ousted dictators and corrupt regimes.

These movements have taken on many different forms, goals and have had varying levels of success; but almost all have encountered violence in their transition. While the process of change was relatively peaceful in Tunisia, major civil unrest plagued Egypt as the people sought democratic reforms. But in Egypt, the military stayed on the sidelines and prevented a civil war with minimal outside influence. Libya

fell into a total civil war between the regime of Muammar Gaddafi and the National Transitional Council (NTC), with major outside influence and support from NATO and the European states in the form of airstrikes and small arms delivered to the NTC.

This turbulent time was dubbed the Arab Spring and has shifted the balance of power in the oil rich region of the world. The Arab Spring has changed into the Arab Summer in the nation of Syria; opposition leaders seek to end the oppressive and corrupt regime of President Bashar al-Assad.

What began as peaceful protests have deteriorated into a full blown civil war, with whole army regiments defecting and joining the Free Syrian Army, and taking control of major towns, cities and sections of the capital of Damascus. Government forces have responded to protests with major force, using snipers and tanks to force people off the streets. They have laid siege to the city of Homs, firing indiscriminate artillery barrages into the city and have killed hundreds of civilians.

As Syria burns, the world has been unable to take any action other than the United Nations condemning the violence. A motion in the Security Council to take more active action was blocked by Syria's long time ally Russia, with China also voicing its opposition to any action against the Syrian government. Very little pressure can be placed against Russia and China in the U.N. by President Obama, as he is far more concerned with maintaining a solid and united coalition, of which China and Russia are needed, against Iran and the forthcoming sanctions in response to Tehran's nuclear programs.

While the world debates what to do about the situation in Syria, the discussion is rather limited in options. The intervention in Libya, while successful, showed how weak the European militaries have become and how reliant on American support they are. The European air forces greatly depleted their guided bomb stores and fuel in this low intensity conflict and are still restocking their various arsenals.

As a result, any real military support from Europe is not available, which means the world instead looks to the United States. While it is highly unlikely the U.S. will risk major military intervention in Syria with an already overstretched military and a population weary of nation building, the United States must be prepared to intervene.

The reason for this is Syria has vast stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons that, if the regime falls, could suddenly be unguarded and open to looting. These same weapons could very easily fall into the hands of terrorist groups, most likely Hezbollah who maintains a major presence in Syria and neighbor-

ing Lebanon.

It has been published that the U.S. military was asked to provide plans for intervention if the situation requires it. If an intervention happens, it will most likely be a result of a rapid collapse of the Syrian government. If this occurs, U.S. forces, most likely a 5,000 Marine Expeditionary Unit, which the U.S. maintains at all times in the Mediterranean, would be mobilized to seize and secure the various weapon sites.

This force would not be there to build a nation or intervene on either side of the revolt.

Until a solid and coherent plan can be formed in the world community, Syria must be left to its own defenses.

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# Classes to Consider.

Interesting topics offered at NMU.

**By Alisa Fox**  
features editor

For some, registering for classes can be a daunting task, with making sure the requirements add up and that double-booking doesn't happen, but after that song and dance, some find that they are able to sign up for one or two classes outside of their curriculum.

Although the easiest class is always tempting, sometimes it's just not as interesting as those more obscure subjects that NMU offers such as Aircraft Science (AMT102) and Politics & Media (BC495).

Chantel Wolff, a freshman English major, said there are many things she considers when deciding which class to take.

"You don't want to take a class and have the teacher do a poor job at it, but you also want to take classes that you won't hate and that will keep your interest," Wolff said.

Different areas of interest will bring out different topics in the

classroom. Classes from different departments may have uses outside of that major.

Amanda Erspamer-Berry, an adjunct instructor in the education department, will be teaching a class called "Special Education and the General Classroom," which features different methods to identify and help the various types of learners.

Part of this class is learning the YogaCalm for Children program, a social program that attempts to create a calm and productive classroom atmosphere. This program has recently been introduced into the Marquette Elementary school system.

"One of the things that most excites me about teaching this class is that students have returned and told me that they have applied strategies and information that they have learned in this class to real-life situations like working with students or in an interview," Erspamer-Berry said. "That is what education is all about; using what you learn."

This class teaches methods

that are potentially useful to education majors, social workers, or anybody who plans to work with children.

"The course also covers all of the issues that arise and strategies that can be used when working with various learners within the classroom, and understanding governmental roles and parent involvement," Erspamer-Berry said.

Erspamer-Berry also said she believes it is important for students to experience their classes and to enjoy learning.

"We all have individual differences and needs that we live with daily," Erspamer-Berry said. "We need to learn about ourselves to be able to provide useful tools for the students who we will encounter. Teaching students strategies and tools will allow them to find success in their future."

Another class that takes learning to a more hands-on level is Solar Power (ET221). It will be taught by engineering technology assistant professor, Jack Gumaer.

"It's exciting to have students be able to see the whole process of generating energy," Gumaer said.

This fall companion to the Wind Power class taught during winter semesters will be featuring a special project on Jacobetti's roof.

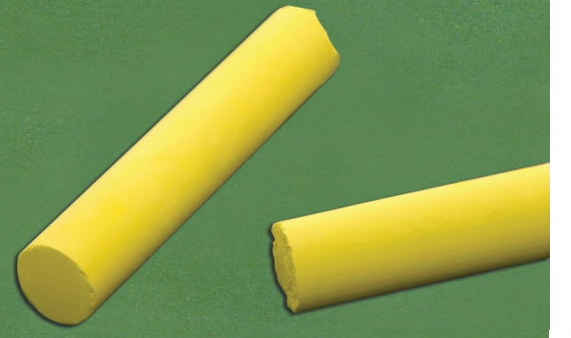
NMU replaced the roofing of the Jacobetti building last summer, starting May 2011. They had to disassemble the alternative energy infrastructure that had been partially supplying the building with renewable energy.

The students attending the So-

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Offering more hands-on classes than many other buildings on campus, the Jacobetti Center is offering Solar Power (ET211) this fall to teach students about the benefits of utilizing alternative forms of energy.





lar Power class in Fall 2012 will have a hand in helping update and rebuild that infrastructure, giving them a first-hand lesson in each stage of acquiring renewable energy.

"It's a good opportunity for the students," Gumaer said. "They'll be able to take what they've learned in theory and apply it to the building for other students to enjoy."

The energy from the solar energy structure that the class will create will be directed to the main lobby of Jacobetti where students and faculty gather during their down time. The solar energy will be used to maintain the power outlets in that area. In that way, the class will be promoting the green laptop initiative.

"Jacobetti is just a very convenient place for projects like this," Gumaer said. "There's a lot of space, and most of the technical aspects that are needed are in close proximity as well."

Whether students are exploring a different field of study or they just need something to hold their



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John X. Jamrich Hall is home to many unique courses, including various criminal justice and philosophy classes.

interest, NMU offers many different choices for students to experiment with.

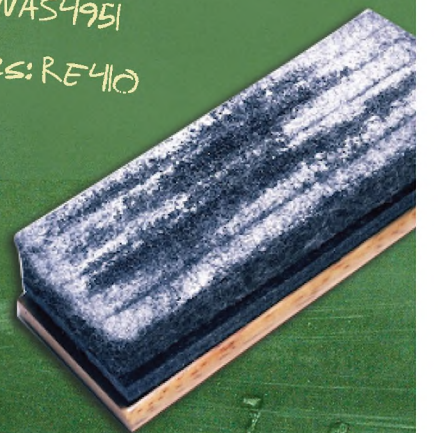
Some classes go beyond the books by offering hands-on studies or practical outputs for the information. Some classes delve deep into the books, finding

meaning from each line. NMU has classes for almost any line of interest.

Fall registration began last Friday. For more information about courses, majors or registration, contact the specific department or your academic adviser.

## Classes to Consider for Fall 2012

- Aircraft Science: AMT102
- Solar Power featuring Green Laptop Initiative Project: ET221
- Special and General Education Classroom feat. Yoga/Calm: ED361
- Chinese I: CHI01
- Drugs, Crime and Justice System: CJ255
- Narrative and Descriptive Writing feat. in class Yoga: EN211B
- Authorship in Cinema: EN325
- Special Topic: Jihad Crusade: EN595
- Tai Chi featuring Swords: HP222C
- Eureka: Einstein and the Universe: PHI01
- Intro to Logic: PL160
- Special Topic: Feminist Theory: PL295
- American Indian Humor: NAS495I
- Leisure through the Ages: RE410
- Russian I: RUS101
- Paris and the Arts: TH295
- Personal Selling: MKT411
- Nordic Walking: HP295



# Concert series begins with local singer

By Katrina Lamansky  
contributing writer

The first Thursday of each month marks the continuation of a long-running community event.

The Thursday Concert Series put on by the Marquette Arts & Culture Center will be presenting the Marquette community with Shannon Wyatt, a singer and songwriter with a distinct style of music. She creates a mixture of folk, folk-rock, jazz and adult contem-



Photo courtesy of Shannon Wyatt

Shannon Wyatt visited Marquette as a child and fell in love with the area. Now a Marquette resident, she enjoys sharing her songs at local events.

porary.

"I always revert back to acoustic guitar and piano," Wyatt said. "Acoustic piano drives my writing engines."

The concert will be held from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 in the Peter White Public Library's community room. The event is open to the public and all ages are welcome.

The Thursday Concert Series is a venue for musicians of all levels, from amateur to more seasoned

artists like Wyatt, who has seven albums. Her latest three were recorded at Redfella Records on Washington Street in Marquette.

"I've loved being able to record in Marquette," Wyatt said. "It's a real romantic thing being able to live here and record my music."

Wyatt began writing at age eight when she started learning piano and guitar. She wrote up until college when she studied early childhood education and classical piano at Montana University. Her career launched at age 19 when she left the university to focus on her music.

After becoming a mother of two, Wyatt took a break from performing to devote her time to her children. During this time she became a nurse and continued to write, completing two CDs.

"I can't not do my music," Wyatt said. "We're all born with gifts to give the world and we have to do them."

Wyatt said inspiration comes from all around her. She writes daily, while traveling or even doing chores.

"I can't stop a song from coming," Wyatt said.

Childhood visits to Michigan's Upper Peninsula with her family is what brings her here today. She loved Michigan and moved to Marquette in 2008. Her two chil-

dren are now away attending college and she is enjoying a simpler way of life living in a cabin just outside of Marquette.

"I feel like I've come home," Wyatt said.

The singer is enthusiastic about performing at the Thursday Concert Series at the Peter White Public Library. It's been an aspiration of hers since the early 2000s.

"It's a wonderful venue and an incredible library," Wyatt said.

The arts programming coordinator for the City of Marquette, Lea Dzieszinski, said the Arts & Culture Center provides a venue and opportunity to present music to the community. Artists are scheduled up to 10 months in advance. The success of this program has put the Thursday Concert Series in its tenth year.

"The art center's role is to rent the space and schedule musicians," Dzieszinski said.

The Arts & Culture center helps artists promote their performances by creating and distributing posters, writing press releases for the local media and updating the community calendar with event information.

Dzieszinski said over the last 10 years they have had multiple types of bands from acoustic to electric, state and nationally

recognized musicians as well as first-time performers.

"It's one way our budding artists can get their foot in the door," Dzieszinski said. "They don't have to have marketing experience to hold a concert."

Wyatt performed at the Beaumier Coffee House Series with Jerry Mills in early March. The performance was located at the University Center on Northern Michigan's campus.

"It was really well attended," said Dianne Patrick, manager of Snowbound Books of Marquette.

Patrick was also in attendance of Wyatt's and Mills' performances at the University Center.

"Shannon's got a fabulous voice and a really genuine delivery," Patrick said.

Joining Wyatt at the Thursday Concert Series will be Jan Kidd with backup vocals. Wyatt said she and Kidd perform well together and added that Kidd does a nice job of matching her vocal inflections.

For more information call the Arts and Culture center at (906) 228-0472 or visit [www.mqcity.org](http://www.mqcity.org). There is a suggested \$5 donation which goes directly to the band.

For more information on Shannon Wyatt, visit [www.shannonwyatt.net](http://www.shannonwyatt.net).

# Food Fest introduces different dishes

By Kristen Halsey  
contributing writer

Every year, students and community members get the opportunity to experience food and dance from around the world.

The All Nations Club, with the help of faculty in the International Programs Office, hosts an annual International Food Fest held at the Jacobetti Center.

This year, the event will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 31.

Tony Tollefson, coordinator of International Students and Scholars, is the supervisor for the event this year.

"It's a student project and so I'm in an advising role," Tollefson said. "I'm learning a lot from the different students we have. It's going to give me a new perspective and getting to work with the students more directly."

Tollefson said he enjoyed going to the event and learning from it in the past.

"I was surprised at the amount of non-international students that are in the All Nations Club that are just interested in learning more about different countries," Tollefson said. "It really helps bring the added diversity to our campus."

A challenge for the club's stu-

dent members is juggling both school and planning this yearly event. In order to help plan they get assistance from the faculty to help guide them and help with their managing as both a student and an event planner.

Angela Maki, a faculty member of the International Programs Office, was once the faculty coordinator for the event and now helps by keeping track and printing tickets for the event.

"The biggest challenge is to get everyone organized and keeping up to date with what students have done," Maki said. "Everybody is busy with school, jobs, etc. Chris Kibit is the real backbone to this event by helping with all the food. He does a lot for this event, more than anyone really realizes. The students do a lot by selling tickets, getting volunteers and advertising."

Wendy Yuann, senior international studies major, is the president for the All Nations Club and has been involved since she was a freshman.

"It's been very busy," Yuann said. "We all have school at the same time and have extra time to deal with this event plan all the activities. Tony and I actually meet up a couple Saturdays and go over what we have so far and talk about posters and everything

involved."

The club divides into different committees that choose recipes and market for the event.

"The people in the organization taught me how to do it, so I kind of followed them, and this year we have our group supporting each other and everyone does different parts of planning," Yuann said.

Both local and international students submit recipes for the event. The dishes that are made for the event change yearly depending on who is involved in the club. This year there is a central Asian theme to the recipes, while in previous years African was a heavy theme in the dishes.

"We actually changed a lot of our recipes this year," Yuann said. "Before, we did a lot of recipes from Africa because previous presidents were from Africa. This year we have a few more Asian-themed dishes because we have more Asian people involved and they provided more of their home country dishes."

Another change to the event is adding a presentation from some of the students' home countries.

Every year, the event has trivia questions that quiz participants on countries from around

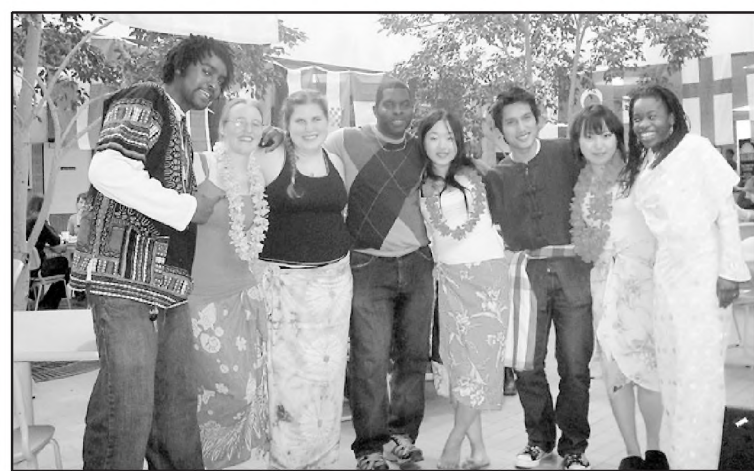


Photo courtesy of the International Programs Office

The International Food Fest will feature more Asian-style dishes this year.

the world. They also have dancers that present different traditional dances. This year, they will also include a presentation created by students in the club.

"The thing that will be different this year at the All Nations Club, we have different countries presenting different things at our weekly meetings so we're going to get that involved in the event," Yuann said. "The group members will be able to go on stage and give different facts about their countries. Instead of just a trivia question, the people will be able to go on stage and present."

All Nations Club is also looking for volunteers for the event and anyone can get involved.

All the club members involved are looking forward to the event being successful. Yuann said that both student and community members will have the opportunity to come out and experience different cultures' food and sit down and socialize with each other.

Ticket prices for NMU students are \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. For community members, tickets will be \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Tickets are available at the International Programs Office in 145 Whitman Hall.

For additional information or to volunteer, call (906) 227-2510 or email [wuynn@nmu.edu](mailto:wuynn@nmu.edu) or [ipo@nmu.edu](mailto:ipo@nmu.edu).

# Students have fun without alcohol

By Katrina Lamansky  
contributing writer

The residents of Shady Grove House of Hunt Hall will be showing students how to have fun without alcohol with their fourth Annual Root Beer Bash.

The Root Beer Bash is an event centered around a beer pong tournament where root beer is used instead of alcoholic beer.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 in the Hunt/Van Antwerp basement. Admission is free and the first 100 participants to sign up will receive a free mug.

This event is based on promoting the idea that students can still have fun without alcohol. Also its goal is to educate students on the risk of drinking and its effects on themselves as well as others when it is not done responsibly.

“Alcohol isn’t required to have fun,” said Grant Langdon, resident director of Hunt Hall.

Langdon helped put on the event last year and is assisting again this year.

At the Root Beer Bash, Public Safety and the Health Promotions office will have informational tables set up in order to spread awareness about alcohol abuse.

They will both be handing out designated driver cards and have additional special prizes as well as fun activities to partici-

pate in when your team is not in play. Also, Public Safety will be bringing intoxication simulation goggles that students are allowed to try on.

Along with the activities provided by Public Safety and the Health Promotions Office there will also be a professional DJ at the event.

“DJ Double Trouble is one of the most well-known DJs in the Marquette area,” Langdon said.

They can be heard at the Vera Bar in downtown Marquette, and they will be providing the tables for the games as well as the bracket system for the tournament.

“There is a lot more local businesses donating to the event, it was really nice to see so much support from the community,” Langdon said.

Just a few examples of how much the community has been contributing, Shady Grove has received donations from Jilbert’s Local Dairy Farm, Getz’s, the NMU Bookstore, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Casualties, Family Video and the Pasta Shop.

“A few of the girls that were going around town asking for donations for the event ended up at Getz’s, where the woman behind the counter just handed them a backpack right off the shelf,” Langdon said.

There will also be tables set up with additional activities for stu-

dents not entered into the tournament.

“What I liked the most was that there were activities to do while you were not playing,” Langdon said.

What allows this event to be as successful as it has been for the past few years is the involvement of local community donations and funding provided this year by the Student Finance Committee.

“We have ice cream, which is being donated by Jilbert’s

Dairy Farm, and we have pizza from Little Caesar’s and Jimmy Johns being donated to the event as well,” said Brittany Voich, junior elementary education major and resident adviser of Shady Grove Hall.

Voich said the bash has lasted until 10 p.m. in previous years.

“If you want to know what all of the additional prizes are, you’ll have to come to the event to find out,” said Megan Weber, a junior elementary education major.

Weber has been participating in the Root Beer Bash since her freshman year at NMU. The next year she moved to Shady Grove House in Hunt Hall and began helping plan the event.

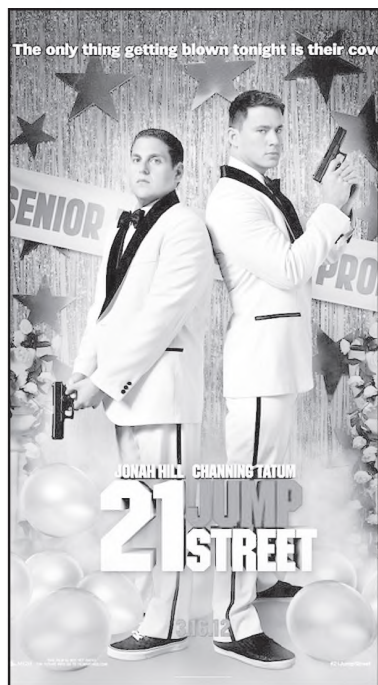
There will be prizes handed out throughout the night and the final two teams will receive special gifts for making it to the final round of the tournament.

For more information on the event or to enter the tournament, email Brittany Voich at bvoich@nmu.edu.



Shady Grove House in Hunt Hall hosts an annual Root Beer Bash to show students can have fun without alcohol. The items shown will be given away as prizes for the beer pong tournament and other contests that will be held at the event.

# ‘Jump’ brings in new and old fans alike



**Film:** 21 Jump Street  
**Director:** Phil Lord and Chris Miller  
**Producers:** Stephen J. Cannell and Neal H. Moritz  
**Writer:** Michael Bacall  
**Starring:** Johan Hill, Channing Tatum and Ice Cube  
**Runtime:** 109 minutes



By Adelle Whitefoot  
staff writer

Anyone that hears the name “21 Jump Street” that knows anything about TV series from the late ‘80s will automatically think about Johnny Depp and

the series that helped trigger the fame he is known for today.

When I heard they were making a movie about one of my favorite TV series, I jumped at the chance to see how they would portray it, and they did a good job.

When I heard that Jonah Hill, who most associate with “Superbad,” and Channing Tatum, who is known for doing action

films and romantic dramas such as “Dear John,” would be in it, I was a little worried about the movie.

I wanted it to stay as true as possible to the TV series.

Even though there was more comedy in the movie than in the series, I thought it stayed as true as it could to the TV series.

There were even cameo appearances by my favorite characters from the series, such as Tom Hanson (Johnny Depp), Doug Penhall (Peter DeLuise) and Judy Hoffs (Holly Robinson Peete).

The movie is about two officers who are sent to the 21 Jump Street, a program for young cops, after they fail to make an arrest that went bad when the gang members made fun of them for looking too young to be a cop.

The cops in the program are sent into high schools with undercover identities as students to solve some sort of crime that is happening within the school.

In the movie, Hill and Tatum are sent into a school as the McQuaid brothers to find out who is making and selling this new synthetic drug.

The McQuaid brothers were a reoccurring and most popular persona for Hanson and Penhall in the TV series.

The fact that they put those “characters” in the movie would make any fan of the TV series nostalgic for and be overcome with joy.

By making the problem a synthetic drug, the director brought this movie into the 21st century since those types of drugs are the biggest problem right now.

It also helped stay true to the series because on numerous cases, the problems at the schools were drug related, especially when it came to private schools and rich white kids.

I think both of those aspects was a great combination to grab the attention of all types of viewers; those who could take a walk down memory lane and those who are concerned with the new drug fad.

There were a couple things that did bother me and I felt steered away from the original series and that was the relationship between the two main characters and the rest of the 21 Jump Street crew.

In the series, the main charac-

ters all worked together at some point to close the case, but in the movie the other members seemed to hate the main characters.

I definitely would have liked to see a little more collaboration between all of them.

Like at the end, the final scene is at a prom and this is where the series the characters not on the case would be the dates of the two main characters and any “friends” they made.

Instead the “dates” for the prom were hookers introduced at the beginning of the movie.


The little things that reminded me of the TV series are probably the things that made me like the movie as much as I did.

An example of this would be like the fact that in the show Depp’s character drove a powder blue Ford Mustang and in the movie they had Hill’s character drive a powder blue car but instead of a nice car, it was kind of a junker.

Overall, the film not only made me laugh, but it also made me nostalgic.

Fans of the old TV series will love it for the similarities and fans of comedy films will love it for the laughs.

# 'Games' reaps top box office numbers



MAY THE ODDS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOR

**Film:** The Hunger Games

**Director:** Gary Ross

**Producers:** Nina Jacobson and Jon Kilik

**Writer:** Gary Ross

**Starring:** Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth

**Runtime:** 142 minutes

THE HUNGER GAMES 2012

Every year, each district conducts a selection process called a “reaping.” Two competitors, a boy and a girl between the age of 12 and 18, take part in a battle of survival.

The “games” are actually a fight to the death until the last girl or boy is standing. The entire contest is filmed live and aired on television for the world to see.

The protagonist of the story is Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence), a 16-year-old girl whose only concern in life is taking care of her younger sister, Primrose (Willow Shields).

Everdeen resides with her mother and sister in District 12, one of the poorest districts in all of Panem.

Everdeen tries desperately to assure her sister that everything will be alright.

However, Primrose is the first to be selected at the reaping. Frantic to protect her sister, Katniss offers to take her place as “tribute” to the Capitol.

The male selected to represent District 12 is Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson), a boy from the wealthier part of the district. And with that, the “athletes” meet their mentors, and preparations for the 74th annual Hunger Games begin.

Not only do these 24 tributes

have to consider that the next few weeks might be their last, but they also have to try and impress potential “sponsors” in order to help their chances of survival.

Easily the strongest quality of the “Hunger Games” story is the strategy that one must use in order to endure this harsh and unpredictable world built for television.

There are many different ways to approach the situation but very few will actually keep the competitors alive.

Unfortunately, whenever an action sequence took place, I found myself squinting at the screen. Now, the estimated budget for this film was around \$100 million.

I can't help but wonder why they couldn't have spent some of that money training actors and stunt doubles to actually learn how to perform stunts instead of just shaking the camera incessantly and calling it “action.”

Much like we see on reality TV shows, alliances form among the competitors. The few who made it through the initial massacre and weren't lucky enough to be in an alliance find themselves having to work together if they want to survive.

I have to confess, I didn't read the Suzanne Collins book that

this film was based on.

As a movie, “The Hunger Games” was an entertaining and thought-provoking satire of the modern world that could have been a first rate film if the director had just done his job during the battle scenes.

I simply cannot stand this shaky-cam plague that has overtaken Hollywood directors.

The rest of the movie looks absolutely stunning; I don't understand why they decide to ruin all that with sub-par action sequences.

There has already been a lot of controversy over this movie because certain people feel it isn't accurate as a visual portrayal of the book.

As a matter of fact, when a girl in the audience behind me saw the mockingjay pin for the first time, she said, “That's not what it looks like!”

However, I happened to notice when the credits rolled that one of the screenwriters for this film was Collins, the author of the book. Personally, I'll take her word for it.

After seeing this movie, I am willing to admit I am interested in reading the books and watching the subsequent sequels that are almost certain to come after such a massive statement at the box office.



By Justin Marietti  
staff writer

“The Hunger Games” utterly destroyed the competition at the box office its opening weekend with a staggering \$214 million worldwide, and \$155 million in North America.

This opening marks the third highest weekend debut of all time, with “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows” and “The Dark Knight” claiming the top

two spots, and stands as the highest for any film opening outside of the typical summer blockbuster months.

However, a great deal of the hype surrounding this film stems from a successful book series that preceded the movie.

Despite its excellent storyline, “The Hunger Games” was a really good movie that came just short of being a great movie.

In the environment of “The Hunger Games,” the world as we know it no longer exists.

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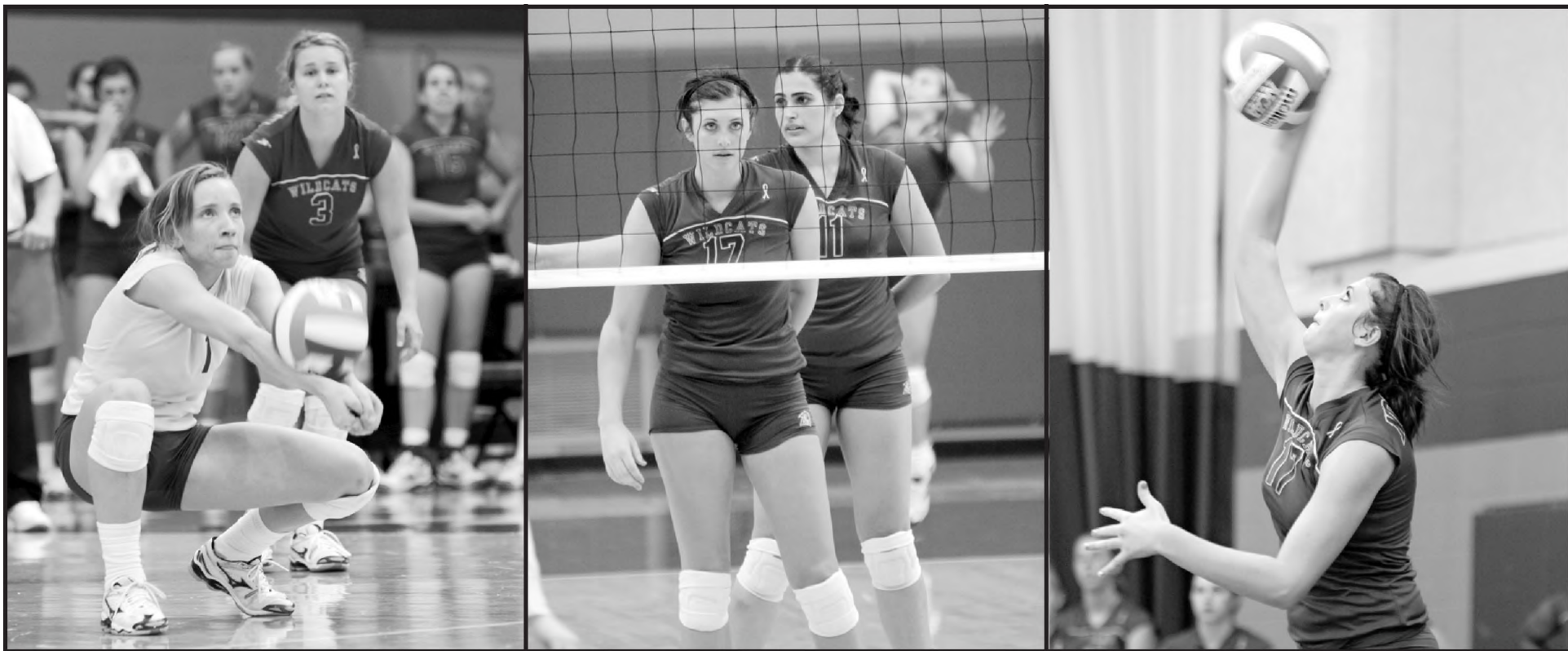
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The Wildcats compete in the Green versus Gold game earlier this season. NMU travels to Duluth this Sunday to take on Minnesota Duluth, Michigan Tech and Minnesota Crookston.

# Lady 'Cats continue to bloom in spring

*NMU beats St. Cloud state and St. Cloud alumni before loss to Winona State*

By Jon Young

assistant sports editor

The spring season continued last Saturday for the NMU women's volleyball team, and for the second weekend in a row the 'Cats were able to pick up a pair of wins, this time at the St. Cloud University Tournament.

The 'Cats jumped to a quick start as they broke out the brooms against the St. Cloud State University Alumni team, sweeping them 25-17, 25-21 and 15-9.

Head coach Dominic Yoder

said junior left-side hitter Andree Ring and sophomore left-side hitter Lina Lopes paced the team.

"Andree Ring was really good for us offensively," Yoder said. "Defensively, I thought Lopes really played well. I think our team blocked well all weekend and that was one of the matches we blocked well."

Ring led the 'Cats with 11 kills and 15 points in the winning effort. Lopes finished with a game-high 10 digs. Sophomore left-middle hitter Kalli Herron also added six kills.

The second game of the day paired the Wildcats against St. Cloud State University's varsity squad. NMU won the series 2-1, winning the first two games 25-17, before dropping the third game, 15-10.

Yoder has mentioned the importance of Lopes taking a leadership role. In the set against St. Cloud, she took a big step, leading the team with nine kills and 11.5 points.

"Lina does a lot for us," Yoder said. "She's a six-rotation player so she serves, she attacks and she plays floor defense. We're just expecting her to be really consistent in all areas and then obviously be a good team leader on the floor and she's really stepping into her leadership qualities as a person."

Also pacing the 'Cats in their second win of the day was junior libero Kalin Zimmerman, who added 23 digs.

Yoder said it was good to get that kind of production from the libero position.

"Twenty-three digs in three sets; that's just phenomenal," Yoder said. "That's over seven digs per set; that's No. 1 in the nation right there."

Herron, who added five block-assists and six kills, said being vocal helps the teamwork and was a key component in picking up the wins.

"In our second game, we were really high energy and everybody was communicating a lot, so it helped a ton," Herron said. "We talked really well. Our service was really good our blocking was good which helped a ton compared to the weekend before."

In the third set against Winona State, the 'Cats won the first game, 25-15, before dropping the next two, 25-22 and 15-13.

Herron said the team didn't talk enough in the third match.

"Our third game we didn't really communicate; we kind of stopped talking to each other,"

in the second set it wasn't very good, it wasn't crisp enough, which caused us to not be able to offensively attack them and when we can't attack, our defense struggles."

Yoder said it's been a successful spring season and he likes how the team has been able to take what they've learned in practice and adjust to new spots.

"(It's been successful) especially with new players playing

— Dominic Yoder  
head coach

**Twenty-three digs in three sets, that's phenomenal. That's over seven digs per set. That's No. 1 in the nation right there (on Kalin Zimmerman).**

Herron said. "It just got down to the point that we shutdown in our third game and when we shutdown, we shutdown pretty hard."

In the third match the Wildcats were led by Ring's six kills. Zimmerman chipped in 11 digs and freshman setter Kaitlyn Hoffman added 17 assists.

"They played really well against Winona State in the first set but then kind of struggled a little bit," Yoder said. "It really came down to serve reception;

different positions trying some new things," Yoder said. "Change is difficult, but being able to be successful with change is the point of spring."

The Wildcats are on the road again this weekend as they travel to Duluth this Sunday. NMU kicks off competition against University of Minnesota-Duluth, before taking on Michigan Tech and ending the day against the University of Minnesota Crookston.



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore left-side hitter Lina Lopes reacts after a play against Tiffin earlier this season. Lopes recorded 16 kills last weekend to lead the 'Cats.



## Wildcat of the Week

**Kalin Zimmerman**  
Volleyball  
L/DS  
Junior

2011 Stats

ATTACK			SET SERVE		
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1	2	11	-.091	60	23

- 45 digs last weekend  
- 23 digs against St. Cloud



# Soderman siblings have special bond

By Karly Ratzberger  
staff writer

Sophomore Erik Soderman and senior Marie-Helen Soderman were born in Njurunda, Sweden to a family of skiers.

The Soderman siblings have carried their family tradition on to the Wildcat ski team and made their mark on the GLIAC and NCAA.

Erik earned the titles of All-American and National Champion with his first place finish in the men's freestyle race at the NCAA skiing championships. He finished the race with a time of 25:20.2, which put him 25 seconds ahead of the second place finisher.

Erik also earned the Central Region men's Most Outstanding Athlete award for his performance in the 2011-12 season.

Marie-Helen won the title of All-American in the championships with her 10th-place finish

in the women's 5K freestyle race. She finished with a time of 15:10.5. Her performance this season earned her the region's Most Outstanding Athlete honor.

Erik said he thought the season went very well and the weather attributed to the team's ability to be successful.

"We were pretty lucky with the snow, considering the fact that a lot of other teams around this area have had almost no snow to practice on," Erik said. "We have had snow pretty much the whole season so that has been really good for us."

Marie-Helen said the team has spent a lot of this year improving and it has really paid off.



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"The team in general has had a lot of development this year," Marie-Helen said. "We really have a lot of fun."

The Soderman siblings said the team is very close, and the amount of camaraderie paired with the team's drive for success is what made the season so positive for the 'Cats.

"The team in general is really my favorite part of the being a part of the program," Erik said. "To be excited for it every day and be excited to meet the people that are going to be there is a huge advantage."

Marie-Helen said one of the best parts about being on NMU's ski team is the fact that the team has a lot of fun together.

"Everyone is really serious at practice and focused on what we should do but as soon as we are done we are joking around and having a good time," Marie-Helen said. "The fact that we are both guys and girls balances it out as well."

Erik and Marie-Helen said coming to NMU was a no-brainer for them. A family friend attended NMU prior to Marie-Helen and convinced the pair that it would be a good match for them.

Marie-Helen said the transition from Sweden to Marquette was not too difficult. Erik said Marquette is much like the town in Sweden in which they would have attended school, so it was an easy move.

"The language barrier was a bit difficult and some parts of the culture as well," Marie-Helen said. "Just the fact that Marquette is a pretty small town and has the same kind of natural surroundings makes it easier than if we came to a huge town however."

Erik and Marie-Helen's father

was a skier, so naturally, skiing was a family talent.

"We both have been skiing since we were really little," Marie-Helen said.

Racing also became second nature for the Sodermans when the reached the age in which they could compete.



MARIE-HELEN

"We started skiing and really didn't question it when it came to racing," Erik said.

The Soderman siblings said they started skiing for a club in their neighborhood when they were around the age of eight.

"We went to practice every Tuesday and maybe skied twice a week with the kids in the neighborhood," Marie-Helen said. "The environment of being in the club and being there every week was really fun, I think the most fun was to pack your bag and shower afterwards, it was really a social thing more than anything."



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Sophomore Erik Soderman competes at the NCAA Regional in Ishpeming, where he finished first in both the freestyle and classic races.



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Senior Marie-Helen Soderman competed at the NCAA Nationals this year. She placed 13th in the 15K Classic race and 10th in the 5K race.

## Athletic Director finalists named

By Adelle Whitefoot  
staff writer

Northern Michigan University announced three finalists for the position of athletic director to replace former AD Ken Godfrey going through 100 applications.

The three finalists are Forrest Karr, director of athletics at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; Sean Johnson, senior associate athletic director for external affairs at the University of North Dakota (UND); and David Diles, the director of athletics and chair of the department of physical education, recreation and athletics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

The three will be brought to campus for a tour and to make a public presentation before the search committee makes a rec-

ommendation to President Les Wong.

Times and dates for the presentations have not been set at this time.

"Our three finalists stood out from among the others due to their exceptional past and current experience and their vision of where they could take NMU intercollegiate, club and intramural programs, as well as the United States Olympic Education Center programs in the future," Rochester said in a press release. "We're excited to have the NMU campus and community meet David, Sean and Forrest."

Karr has held his current position since 2005.

During his time as athletic director at UAF the Nanooks won three team NCAA titles and three individual NCAA titles.

"I have some good friends from Marquette," Karr said. "The people I've met are humble, hard-working and straightforward."

"They have a can do attitude that is very similar to Alaskans."

Karr has helped the school add a women's swimming program and establish a sports hall of fame.

"Northern is a model multidivisional athletic department," Karr said. "I respect the coaches and administrative staff members that I've worked alongside and there is great potential for the department going forward."

Karr holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and has completed a law degree at the University of Wisconsin.

Diles has held his current position at Case Western since 2005.

Some of his responsibilities include management of intercollegiate sports and academic oversight of the physical education curriculum and staff.

Diles has a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University and a doctorate in education from the University of Michigan.

Johnson has held his current position since 2008.

One of his responsibilities include management of external relations, such as corporate sales, ticket sales, marketing, public relations and broadcasting.

Johnson holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Diles and Johnson were contacted for an interview but had no comment.

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# Lady 'Cats ready for sunshine season

By Cody Boyer  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan track and field team is keeping an eye on the sky as they move forward into the remainder of the outdoor season, hoping for good weather as they wrap up the year.

The Wildcats have only five competitions left before the GLIAC Championships. The first meet takes place this weekend, Saturday, March 31 at Oshkosh, Wis., after taking a week away from competing.

Head coach Tom Barnes said the team has a good start, with

many athletes ranking highly in their individual events.

"With the team starting so well, it gives everyone incentive," Barnes said. "We are all working hard together, and that shows some serious possibilities. They all go out until they fail and support each other. That's how this sport works."

The Oshkosh Invitational follows some of the 'Cats' appearances at the Aztec Invitational in California. Barnes said the team is excited to be competing as a whole while also being near home.

"The Oshkosh meet will be

full of good competition," Barnes said. "Some of our own level of competition will be there, and we will be looking for some good performances in every event."

Following events at Oshkosh, the 'Cats will be continuing in Wisconsin at the St. Norbert Invite. The meet will take place on Thursday, April 5 in De Pere, Wis. With the location of the meet closer, Barnes said the team is ready to perform close to home.

"St. Norbert will be a smaller meet than what we are used to, so it should be a really good sort of meet," Barnes said. "The easier trip should really work well with

the athletes. We should also start hitting peak performances around that time, and that will set us up for the future."

The 'Cats' next meet will begin at noon on Friday, April 20 at the Al Owens Classic in Allendale, Mich. Events of the meet will also take place on Saturday, April 21. Barnes said the team will focus on getting used to the track at Allendale, with the GLIAC Championships taking place there later.

"It really helps to get familiar with the ground," Barnes said. "Getting used to the same place with Championships coming up is a better way to get some really good times and keep improving them."

The team is going into the remaining season with many athletes ranked in top 10 spots in the nation for their events, with three qualified for Nationals.

Redshirt freshman Sherice Hewett provisionally qualified and is currently ranked No. 2 in the triple jump nationally. In the pole vault, sophomore Jaime Roberts also provisionally qualified, ranking fourth in the country.

Barnes said other events specific to outdoor competitions are also something to watch for, such as javelin throwing, the steeplechase and discus.

"The different events that we get outside should be promising,"

Barnes said. "[Junior] Mariah Beaman will have a good season at javelin. Same with the discus throwers, and everyone is excited to work at these events."

Senior Bailey Franklin, currently ranked No. 1 in the nation in the high jump, is an automatic qualifier for Nationals. Franklin said, now that she has qualified, she is able to focus on the team's goals for the rest of the season.

"Our biggest team goal would have to be finishing higher at our GLIAC meet," Franklin said. "We also want to send a few more people to Nationals. Our team is different from most teams in that we have goals that aren't sport-related. We strive to have one of the best team GPAs and to be the kindest team, so we work hard off the track, too."

Barnes said the team has scheduled an appearance at the Drake Relays on Friday, April 27 in Des Moines, Iowa. The GLIAC Championships start on Wednesday, May 2 in Allendale, Mich.

Despite what the weather brings, Barnes said the outlook for the team is good all-around and he encourages everyone to watch the team for the performances they will bring.

"Our athletes will always go out there and do their best, no matter what," Barnes said. "Everyone is pretty well-rounded in all of the events. The results take care of themselves."



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Junior Rita Woitas (left), sophomore Chelsea Farquhar (middle) and junior Brittany Loomis (right) compete in the 5K race at the Northern Challenge. The 'Cats compete in the Oshkosh Invitational on Saturday, March 31.

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# Speedskating ends season with excellence

By Karly Ratzemberger  
staff writer

The speedskating team finished up their season at the American Cup Final in Green Bay, Wis. the weekend of March 16 through 18.

The team walked away from the meet with several first-place finishes.

Assistant coach Dan Fiorenza said the season was an overall success; the team made great strides in their skating and it was a wholesome season overall.

"It was good, the whole team made a lot of improvements, almost all the guys broke all their personal bests in lap times," Fiorenza said. "Almost everyone did their best; times came down tremendously this season."

Junior Kimberly Derrick placed first in the women's 1500-meter Superfinal A final (2:27.594), the 500-meter A final (48.754) and the 1000-meter A final (1:41.028).

Sophomore Sarah Burg took third place in the 1500-meter Superfinal A final (2:28.012), second place in the 500-meter B final (50.999), and first place in the 1000-meter C final (1:45.461).

Sophomore Alaina Fiorenza took second place in the 1500-meter Superfinal B final (2:49.058), fourth in the 500-meter B final (51.357) and fifth in the

1000-meter A final (1:45.373).

Freshman Lauren Ziegel-mayer placed fourth in the 1500-meter Superfinal B final (2:50.558), third in the 500-meter C final (52.260), and fourth in the 1000-meter C final (1:47.593).

Senior Kelsey Schiel finished in fifth place in the 1500-meter Superfinal B final (2:52.882), third place in the 500-meter B final (51.212), and second in the 1000-meter B final (1:54.590).

For the men, freshman Brett Perry took fifth place in the men's 1500 Superfinal A final (2:26.435) and senior Barry Winslow finished second in the B final (2:36.096).

In the men's 500-meter A final, junior Chris Creveling took fourth place with a time of 44.880, Winslow took fourth in the B final (1:17.649) and Brett Perry took second place in the C final with a time of 45.905.

Creveling took fourth place in the 1000 A final (2:00.455), Winslow took third place in the B final (1:35.9590) and Perry finished in first place in the C final (1:37.393).

Alaina Fiorenza said she thought the team did very well this season. The team has been training since mid-May, and has been working hard on skating along with schoolwork.

"I think that our placements at competitions shows just how

hard we worked this season," Fiorenza said. "That's one of the best feelings you can get as an athlete, to know that you gave everything you had and to have a great competition or race that makes it all worth it."

As far as her own personal performance goes this season, Fiorenza said she is fairly satisfied with the outcome.

"Sometimes you have races that just don't go well or you get tough breaks but I definitely had many performances that I am pleased with this season," Fiorenza said.

At the Junior Trials, Perry took sixth place, and at Senior

Trials, Alana Fiorenza, Burg, Derrick and Schiel all made the cut. Derrick also made the Junior World Team and won the American Cup Final.

Dan Fiorenza said the team should feel really good about their performances.

"They skated great this season, a lot of them learned a lot and continued to get better," Fiorenza said. "They trained really hard this summer and it showed through the season."

Although the next Winter Olympics will not take place until 2014, Fiorenza says he believes the majority of the team has the potential to make the trial

rounds.

"I am almost positive that the whole team could make it to the trials but it is uncertain who will make the cut," Fiorenza said.

Fiorenza said Creveling, Winslow, Perry and sophomore Jordan Malone will all be at the trials and should make the cut off for the top 16.

"Jordan made the past Olympics, and he has a pretty good shot for the next along with all the guys," Fiorenza said. "Kimberly will have a really good shot as well, she was in the 2010 Olympics, and she made the World Cup. Jordan made all of the world cups this year."



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The USOEC speedskaters glide around the Berry Events Center ice. The speedskating team finished its season with the American Cup Final March 16 through 18 in Green Bay, Wis., with multiple first-place finishes.

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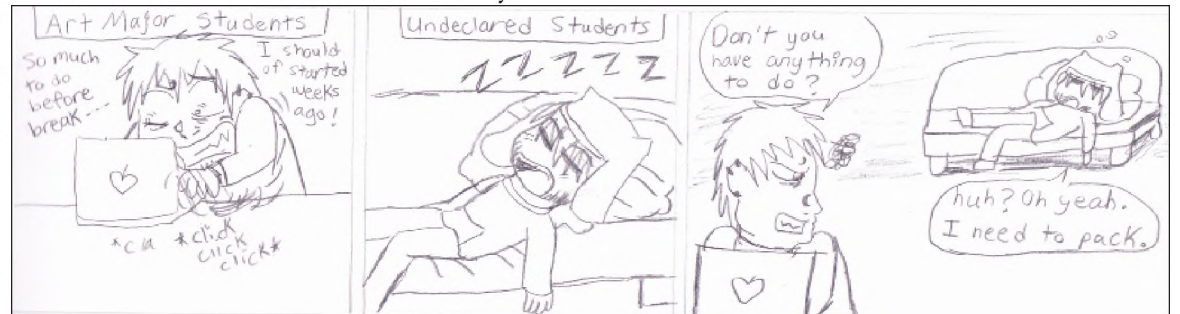
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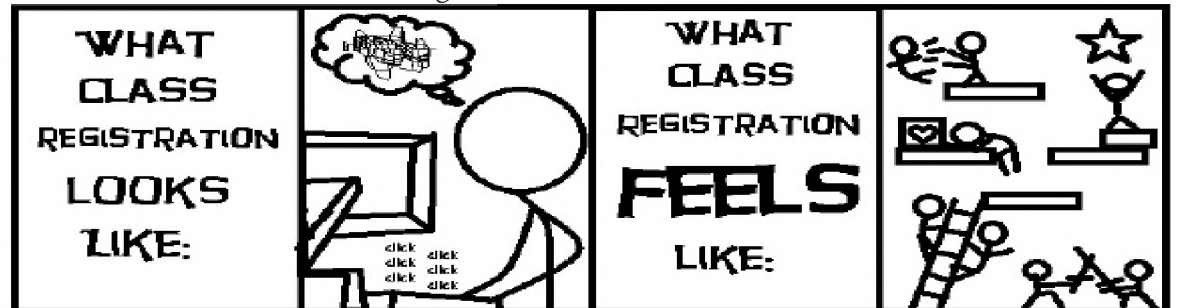
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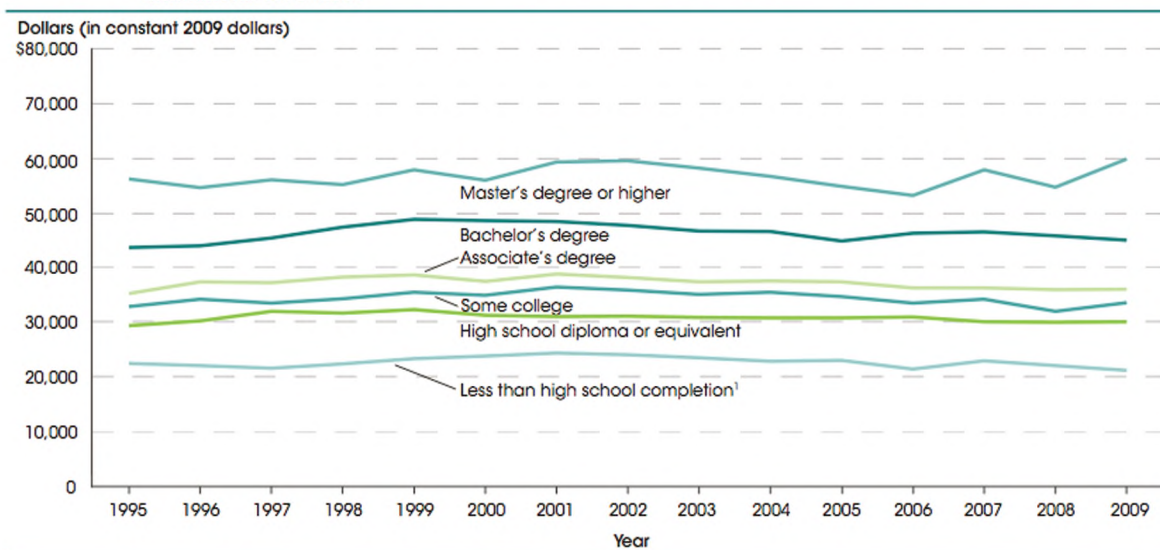
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