



This whole insert is a joke. We made all of it up. Really. None of it is real. Seriously.

## Taser has mind of its own

By Guy Buddy  
OCP CEO

NMU Private Danger officer Martin Riggs was injured Tuesday during a heroic act of bravery that concluded in the arrest of two NMU students.

Jennings was patrolling the streets of Marquette on Tuesday when he stopped at the University Big Popin' gas station on East Unfair Avenue to refill his patrol vehicle with fuel.

"I was just doing my regular evening patrol and had to fill up with some gas," Riggs said. "I didn't think anything out of the norm was about to happen."

As Riggs went inside to pay for his gas, he noticed something suspicious in the Big Popin' gas station.

"I saw these two kids who I thought were either in high school or college," Riggs said. "The one suspect had three bags of Fun-yuns, a stick of beef jerky and a bottle of Mountain Dew. The other had two containers of Pringles chips, a bag of Oreo cookies and a Gatorade."

These weren't the only things

officer Riggs noticed about the two suspicious individuals.

"Both individuals had extremely watery, bloodshot eyes," Riggs said. "I mean, their eyes were redder than the devil's own d!ck."

The top notch police work from officer Riggs didn't stop with the detection of massive amounts of possible caloric intake or red eyes. Riggs sensed more.

"As I waited in line to pay for my gas by the two suspects, I sensed they had smoked marijuana recently," Riggs said. "Literally, I caught a slight whiff of recently consumed Mary Jane on the two suspects."

After the two suspects and Officer Riggs paid for their goods, Riggs made contact with the two suspects outside the Big Popin' gas station.

"I asked the subjects what they were doing that night," Riggs said. "I asked them what all that food was for and why they had such red eyes."

The two suspects fled on foot down North Trey Street. Riggs pursued them with vigilance and called in backup from NMU Pri-

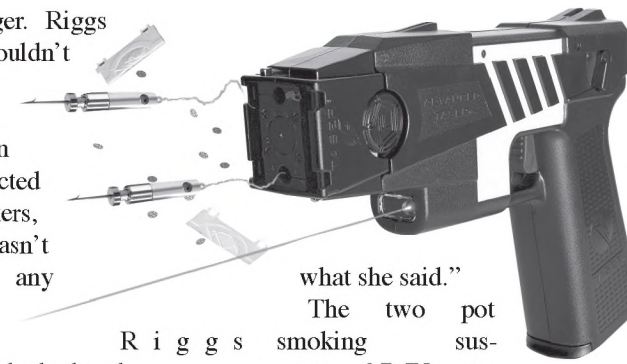
vate Danger. Riggs simply couldn't make up any ground on the suspected pot smokers, but he wasn't losing any ground either.

Riggs knew what he had to do.

"I knew this was the moment," Riggs said. "I knew this was where I either stopped the injustice of smoking pot or allowed two more instigators of injustice to get away and devour more calories than any human should ever ingest."

Riggs took out his taser as he pursued the suspects and aimed. Before Jennings got a chance to fire a taser shot of justice at the suspects, he tripped on the sidewalk. As a result of tripping on the sidewalk, officer Riggs's arm landed on the taser and he was shocked.

"I don't remember how long I tasered myself to be honest," Riggs said. "It seemed like 10 minutes, but it could have easily have been 10 seconds. That's



what she said."

The two pot smoking suspects, NMU students Tommy Chong and Cheech Marin, heard the screams from Officer Riggs and went back to assist him.

"I just didn't feel like it would be right for me to leave him behind man," Chong said. "He took interest in our food and lifestyle choices, and I think we had a real connection. I couldn't leave him behind being tasered."

After Chong and Cheech assisted Riggs out of tasering himself, Riggs arrested the two pot smoking criminals.

"I'm just happy two more dangerous criminals are off the street," Riggs said. "I don't like to call myself a hero, but sometimes on days like these, I do it anyways."

## Gorgillas are bad news bears

By Starlight Heavenridge  
smooth talker

A student was arrested for obstruction of justice on Monday, April 2.

Sten Bently, 26, was arrested after refusing to get rid of his pet gorilla. It is illegal to have a gorilla as a pet within the city limits of Marquette due to the fact that they fling their poop at people.

"I don't see why I can't have a pet gorilla," Bently said. "They are just so cuddly."

Neighbors have called the police multiple times about the gorilla flinging poop at their house, according to a police report.

"We normally don't care about that ordinance usually," said Officer Guy Rooster. "But when someone is complaining constantly, we step in."

When the police went to the resident to take the gorilla away Bently refused to cooperate and was forced to take action, Rooster said.

"He kept on getting in the way of our officers so we had to remove him from the premises," Rooster said.

Bently was put in a police car until the gorilla was removed. When Bently was released, he was given a ticket for having the gorilla.

"It was total crap man," Bently said. "Titus wasn't hurting anyone and he always gave the best hugs when I was sad. He also liked bananas a lot."

Bently's hearing is scheduled for April 11.



## Hide yo scooters

# You done left fingerprints and all

By Palmer  
cutest puppy in the world

SEVEN NMU CRIBBAGE PLAYERS WERE ARRESTED AFTER GETTING CAUGHT STEALING RAZOR SCOOTERS FROM A GROUP OF LITTLE GIRLS.

GEORGIE GEORGE, AL KATHOLIC, JOE MAMUH, HOWIE DIDDOT, OLIVER SUTTON, LOUIS BLACK AND BOB, ALL JUNIORS FROM NOTOWN, VERMONT.

THE STUDENTS WERE ARRESTED AT 4:20 P.M. ON APRIL 1, OUTSIDE THE PEIF.

"WE CAUGHT THEM RIDING AROUND CAMPUS BUILDINGS DOING TRICKS AND STUFF,"



MARQUETTE POLICE CHIEF LAWRENCE SMITH. "IT TURNED OUT THAT THE DAY BEFORE A GROUP OF YOUNG GIRLS REPORTED STOLEN SCOOTERS."

THE SEVEN CRIBBAGE PLAYERS THAT WERE ARRESTED ARE AT NMU WITH A FULL SCHOLARSHIP AND COULD POTENTIALLY GET KICKED OFF THE TEAM AND LOSE THEIR SCHOLARSHIP, HOWEVER IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

"WE FOUND THEM IN SOMEONES FRONT YARD. WE DECIDED TO STEAL THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE BECOMING HIP AGAIN. THE '90S ARE COMING BACK AND WE WANTED TO BE PART OF THE TREND," SAID CRIBBAGE CAPTAIN DIDDOT.

THEY SAID THEY SHARED RIDING THE SCOOTERS TO PRACTICE AND LEARNING NEW TRICKS TO SHOW OFF.

YOU CAN FIND VIDEOS OF THEM DOING TRICKS ON THESE SCOOTERS ON YOUTUBE.

ACCORDING TO THE POLICE REPORT, WHILE DIDDOT WAS LEAVING THE OFFICE, HE TOOK A STAPLER FROM THE DESK AND SAID HE NEEDED THIS.

THE CRIBBAGE COACH, AFTER SEVERAL TRIES, WAS FINALLY AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

"MY PLAYERS THOUGHT THIS WAS A JOKE," SAID VARSITY CRIBBAGE COACH BEAU SARKU. "I PROBABLY WON'T PUNISH THEM FOR IT. I ACTUALLY THINK IT IS KIND OF FUNNY."

THE PLAYERS WERE ALL FINED WITH THEFT VALUED AT \$50 TO \$100, AND NMU WILL PUNISH THE STUDENTS SEPARATELY.

"WE PAINTED THE SCOOTERS BLACK WITH RED, YELLOW AND SILVER FLAMES BE-

CAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WOULD MAKE THE SCOOTERS GO 0 TO 60 IN 3.5," MAMUH SAID.

THERE ARE SEVERAL CHILDREN WHO ARE UPSET THAT THESE SCOOTERS GOT STOLEN.

THE GIRLS' BOYFRIENDS ALSO RIDE SCOOTERS AROUND TOWN IN A GANG KNOWN AS THE FLIPPER KICKERS.

"WE ARE ALL REALLY UPSET THAT THEY STOLE OUR GIRLS' SCOOTERS," SAID NINE-YEAR-OLD TIMMY TOM. "WE WILL GET THOSE SCOOTERS BACK AND THE CRIBBAGE TEAM WILL PAY FOR WHAT THEY DID."

THE CRIBBAGE TEAM THIS YEAR IS UNDEFEATED AND HAS A TOURNAMENT APRIL 8 AND 9.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT ALL TICKET OUTLETS AND ARE \$50 FOR STUDENTS AND \$75 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC.

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Left, Mr. Cakeman rides a dounut down Powder Sugar Hill while he yells and Mrs. Cakeman to take his photographer. While auditioning for an internship at Lusty Linda's, center, Cherry Fruit practices untying herself from a char. Right, earphones guy looks thoughtfully at a really hot chick while enjoying a Red Delicious apple in the courtyard of Yelding Hall on Monday.

# NMU establishes new mandatory swimsuit policy

By Arwen Stark  
Laugh Machine

With the coming spring weather and the abnormal heat wave that came across the U.P., NMU students are now required to attend class in their swimsuits and towels during high temperature and humidity days.

Because Skin's Worth It, the student dermatology organization on campus, was the driving force behind this new school policy.

The policy states that when the outside temperature is above 73 degrees fahrenheit and humidity above 45 percent, students

are required to wear a swimsuit to class. They may have a towel if they feel too exposed.

"Our skin needs to breathe," said Carter Icarus, president of Because Skin's Worth it and a senior acne prevention major. "This heat is too damaging to our pores under our clothes and increases the likelihood of having severe acne."

The policy has a five-year plan to eventually install saunas into each classroom. This is to encourage the students to purge their system by way of sweating.

"Students need to be aware that exposing their skin will help prevent acne, fainting, unsightly blackheads and cancer," said

Apollo Skies, professor of sun-ray technology.

The policy will remove the air conditioning from the classrooms.

Tanning booths were suggested, but due to their utter lack of hygiene and unfortunate carcinogenic side affects, they were denied by President Wes Long.

"We want students here at NMU to be as healthy as possible," Long said. "Deliberately giving the students access to carcinogens is immoral and will not help with recruiting new students to Northern."

Students with science labs will be required to wear their lab coats over their swimsuits

at all times. Swimsuits are still required for outdoor labs, but a sunscreen will be provided called Daisy's Protection.

Daisy's Protection is designed specifically to increase the beneficial vitamins that the human body intakes from sun exposure but blocks all levels of sun burns.

"Daisy's Protection is the best money can buy," Skies said. "It knows how much exposure your body needs and will stop before you look like a komoto dragon."

According to NMU's survey analysis the new policy has been met with mix reviews from the student body.

"I'm shocked at how many students won't let loose with

their skin," Icarus said. "The wearing of swimsuits will increase confidence in self-appearance and self-acceptance.

"People should give it a try before mixing the idea. It's really beneficial for your health."

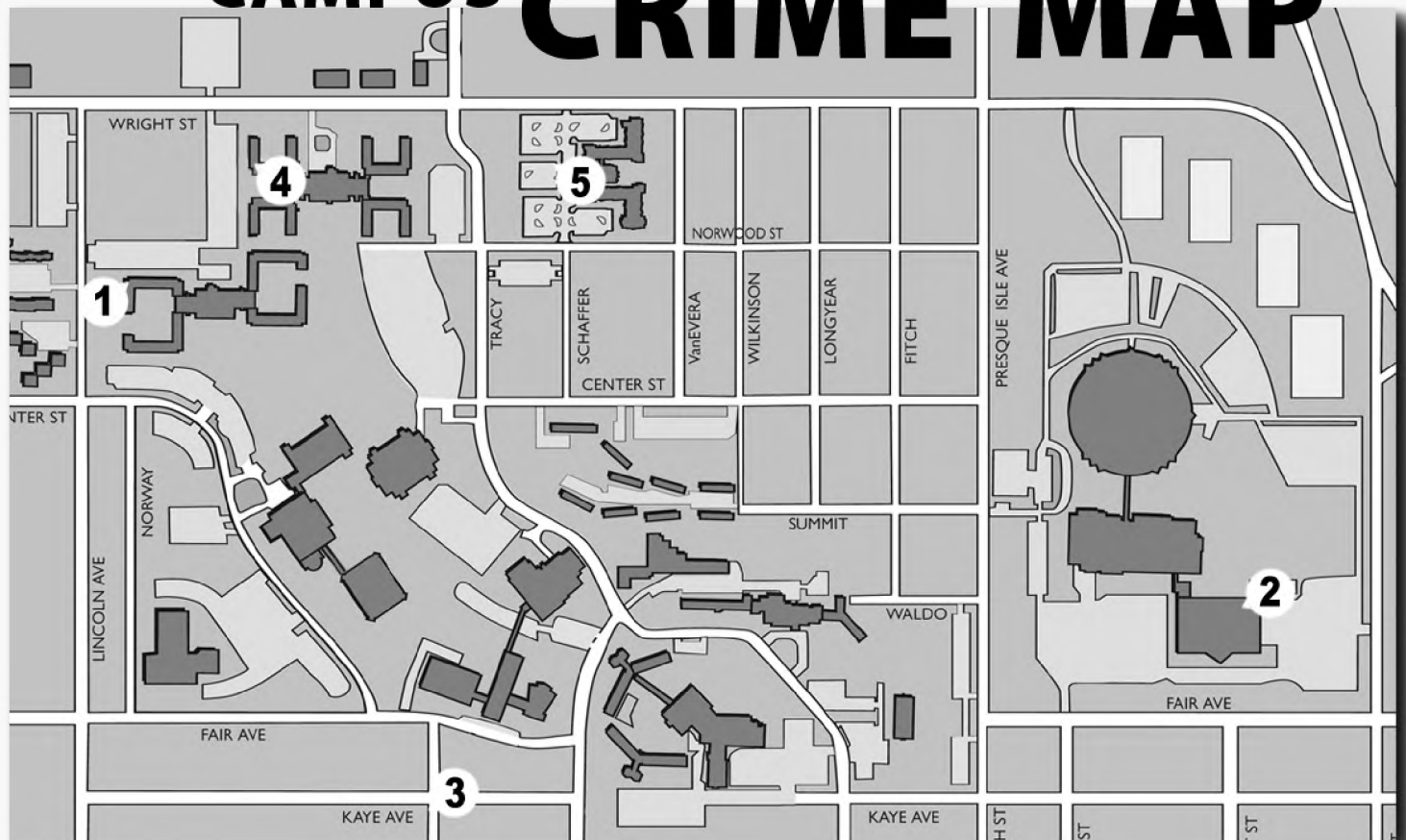
Because Skin's Worth It has been an established student organization on campus since 1956. This new policy marks their highest achievement to date.

"We are so proud to bring this policy to campus," Icarus said. "Students at Michigan State University and Harvard have been doing this for decades, NMU needed to get on board. The administration has been welcoming with our efforts."

## Map Key

- 1) Student was charged with having a meth lab in fanny pack at 12:52 a.m. April 1 at Rant Hall.
- 2) Two students were charged with possession of a meth lab in pockets at 9:15 p.m. April 2 at the Cherry Events Center.
- 3) A person was charged with having bath salts in bathroom at 10:47 p.m. April 3 on the Cake and Wine Streets.
- 4) Students was charged with the use of a pager at 1:32 p.m. April 4 in Blunt Hall.
- 5) Student was charged with larceny of a scooter at 1 p.m. Feb. 6 at Foodland Apartments.

# CAMPUS CRIME MAP



# BSNMU? They're doing what?

## Too many members and not enough room

By Guy Buddy  
OCP CEO

Students flocked in record numbers to Tuesday's BSNMU meeting in the Flower Room of the Unicorn Center for open comment.

BSNMU has received criticism over the last year for doing too much on NMU's campus for its student body.

"I just don't think they should be imposing their will on the wants and needs of the student," Ben Hayek said. "It starts with only one thing, but it then leads to another, and another, and another. Before you know it, we'll remember a better time when we were free, before socialism came to NMU."

BSNMU passed a proposal two months ago that fixed the parking problem on campus for students and faculty. The reaction from the university community was uniform.

"What was wrong with the old parking system? Did BSNMU ever consider that question? I bet they didn't," Barbara Hee said. "I used to enjoy driving

around the parking lot several times before I would eventually find an open spot. Now that there is always open parking spaces, I don't waste time looking for

one and get to class early. I hate getting to class early. This is all BSNMU's fault."

There was massive outrage when BSNMU was able to reduce NMU tuition by 50 percent, especially from students.

"Everyone hates BSNMU. Why don't they just stop existing? Everything was great before," Oo Lala said. "I was enjoying my skyrocketing college tuition and then BSNMU does this. I was just getting by. Now I have to spend this extra money on something. It definitely won't be alcohol, I hate that stuff."

BSNMU off-campus representative Laude Bean said the reaction from the university students and faculty were outrageous after the meeting and couldn't understand why they didn't like what BSNMU was doing.

# BSNMU

"If you want my honest opinion, these university students are just whining," Bean said. "We fix the parking problem and reduce tuition by 50 percent. What do we get for it? Absolutely nothing."

"I might as well say it now; I dislike all the students here. I do all this work and can't even get a little respect."

According to NMU student Don't Tread On Me, that may be the problem with BSNMU.

"That's the whole problem with BSNMU. They're too big," On Me said. "They have too much power. When you have centralized power in the hands of unaccountable members of a student government elite, freedom evaporates."

"We need a limited student government. The power of students should be decentralized in

the hands of the more democratic and local resident hall student governments."

BSNMU President, King George IV, said that BSNMU was not too powerful and claimed that the local resident hall student governments couldn't handle the needs of the NMU student population.

"I don't know if you heard," George IV said. "But I'm kinda a big deal. The hall student governments could not handle big social programs like Hike Share, Rildcat Rallet and Bozing Biscuits."

"This is the job of a despotic dictator like myself."

Twenty minutes into the BSNMU meeting, the meeting had to be moved to Hamrich 102 in order to accommodate all students who wished to speak for public comment.

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=)

## Woot!

# Gnome overthrows Long dynasty

By Olga Hateit  
Boss Lady

Everyone saw this day coming except the big man himself – the beloved Norman the Northern Gnome has taken over Wes Long's title as president of Northern Michigan University.

Norman, a rising public figure in high demand at NMU events, said he was honored to become president of the university.

"Northern Michigan University is such a great place to be, and I am delighted to have such an influence here," Norman said. "I really think I can change people's experiences in their time here."

Norman is well-known at NMU for his hard work in the library and classroom, self-rewards like Fieras quesadillas and his love of everything Marquette (especially the snow).

"I just love it here, and I really feel like I fit in," Norman said. "Everyone loves having me around and taking pictures with me. I have even gone on trips to other countries."

The world-traveler gnome has many ideas for Northern Michigan University, including Dress Like a Gnome Day,

longboarding classes and mandatory No-Shave November.

Norman insists these activities will strengthen the bonds of the Northern Michigan University community and help students experience what it's like to be a gnome like him.

"The culture of students at NMU is so interesting, with its flannels and dubstep," Norman said.

"Where else do you find such a strange

combination of interests? I really want to highlight Northern's defining features."

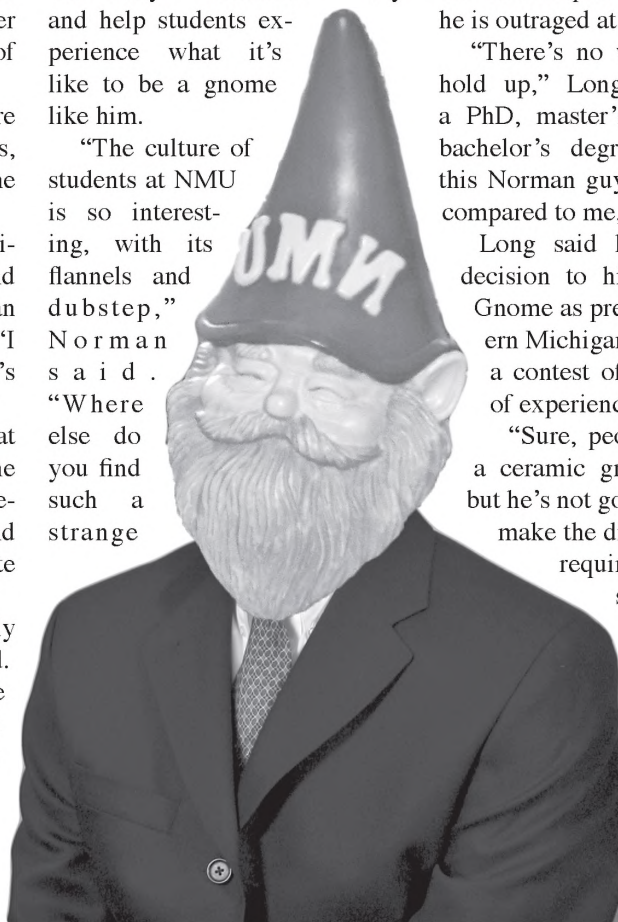
Students across campus are rejoicing for their new president, but former president Long said he is outraged at the decision.

"There's no way this should hold up," Long said. "I have a PhD, master's degree and a bachelor's degree. What does this Norman guy have? Nothing compared to me, that's for sure."

Long said he believes the decision to hire Norman the Gnome as president of Northern Michigan University was a contest of popularity, not of experience or skill.

"Sure, people like having a ceramic gnome at events, but he's not going to be able to make the difficult decisions required by a university president," Long said.

"If I painted on a beard, shrunk five feet and put on a dorky outfit, would I be reconsidered for president?"



## Frontroom destroyed



Roland Blantz/SB

The Frontroom blew up on Monday, April 2 and burned to the ground. According to police reports, the Southern Blow's news editor Amac Blackhands paid hoodlums to shoot the meth lab that was in the Frontroom to blow it to the ground so she would have a good story for the paper that week. Blackhands was arrested a work and is being held until her trial date on April 19. For more information, read the Southern Blow next week for an update article maybe.

## Staff Editorial



Candy Harmony/SB

# Southern Blow staff totally misunderstood

A lot of people do not understand us at The Southern Blow, and we would like to use this editorial to clear up some of the misconceptions and make sure everyone loves us as much as we love us.

To those of you who would like The Southern Blow to cover an event, we really prefer it when you give us the information about it the night before it happens. Actually, the day of would be even better.

Since our staff is completely made up of students who obviously do not have classes or other jobs, that gives us plenty of time to contact sources, write and edit articles.

If you are interested in working for The Southern Blow, there are a few things you should know (that rhymed). First of all, the office is really, really scary.

We have torture chambers in the office where we hold our unpaid writer initiation. New writers are responsible for writing and editing all of the newspaper's content during their first week working for us. We do not feed them or allow bathroom breaks.

If you make it past initiation, you have

the right to do absolutely anything.

You're not a student this semester? That's OK, you can still write for our entirely student-run publication. Don't feel like using AP style? Neither do we, so take your pick: MLA, APA, CMS or gibberish.

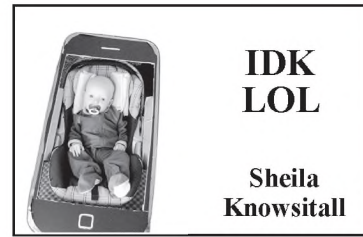
You're the president of a club on campus? Sure, you can write an article about it and interview all of your friends. That's basically our favorite thing ever. We love acting as free advertising for your student organization, because it's not like we have to recruit members or anything.

Lastly, we would like to clarify what people should do if they have a problem with any content that runs in the Southern Blow.

In case it is not common sense, our secretaries approve every story, photo, headline and advertisement that goes into the newspaper.

Instead of trying to contact the editor, business manager, writer or photographer, you should definitely call or come to the office and yell at the secretaries. It's all their fault.

# Txt tkng ovr as tlkng vanishes



so like the othr day i emailed my prof abt this quiz i mssd n it wuz so weird hes like um sry but i cnt undrstdn wht ur saying n he said i needa write like a grwn up n be profssnl n stuff ... he sd i tlk like im txtin or somthn but yeah rght i abbrev way more stuff whn im txtin lol

so i replied n im like dude whtvr ur the 1 who needs 2 change prof man. like srsly, ppl get wht im sayin more thn u whn u use big wrds like um "participle" r "counteract" r somthn haha. im like im up 2 currnt spch but ur like way bhnd in the 1800s lol.

ppl who like are obssd w grmmr and splng r like so weird bc all we do now is txt. n emails r like the same thing bc ur using a kybrd for both, u kno? my prof shld lrn how to txt but its prolly 2 much technlgy 4 him haha he cnt evn use a prjctr r utube lol.

n obvslly i cn fnd a job bc im smrt n can tlk ttly fine. lots of intrvws r on skype or somthn ne way so its nt like ppl rnt gonna hire me basd on how i write like srsly. im not majrng in english lol. like freal tho like all i

need n ths cls is a c or mayb a lil bettr but it dsnt rily matt bc cs git degress lol rght?

but ne way i thnk um profs and other old ppl shld strt tlkn the same way as us bc it obvslly makes more since n its fstr. n like 1 day teenagers and stiff r gna b the old ppl and so r language is gna b the only 1 left in amrca

the wrld is like supr hgh pacd now w technlgy so typng shud be quick 2 n who needs vwls ne way? like i bet they cud take em off the kybrd n no 1 wud rly care

n so i think all stdnts @ nmu shld git bhnd me on ths bc theres way more stdnts thn profs here or at like any school. if we all tlk like we txt thyll have 2 lrn n do thngs r way bc its not like they can fail evry 1 ... rght?

idk but we shld try it ne way bc itd be spr cool 2 have ppl do somthn like ths like a flashmob. flashmobs r so cool like omg 1 sect evry 1 is jus walkn arnd thn its like boom were all dancn lol

i like wndr how they get all thse ppl toghtr n like get the timing rght bc othewse only 1 person wud be dancn n evry 1 wud be like wtf is tht persn doin ovr there lol

but k i g2g now but srsly guys we shud all do this freal. email ur prof tdy and theyll all be like omg whts going on thyre all like tlkn in txt form n idk wht it says lol. k ttly lyl cya byeeeeeee.

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

The chilli looks so good in the wild art from "Chilli Cook off Warms People Up." However, I think those cupcakes sound and look absolutely disgusting. You should have made them sound more appetizing.

I wish I could have attended this event to taste both. I am sure the chilli was way better than the cupcakes though. Strawberry

Tequila Margarita...really gross!

Plus did they check everyone's identification who ate these. I hope so, otherwise I am sure there were kids running around drunk.

Chilli is the best thing in the world, especially vegetarian chilli.

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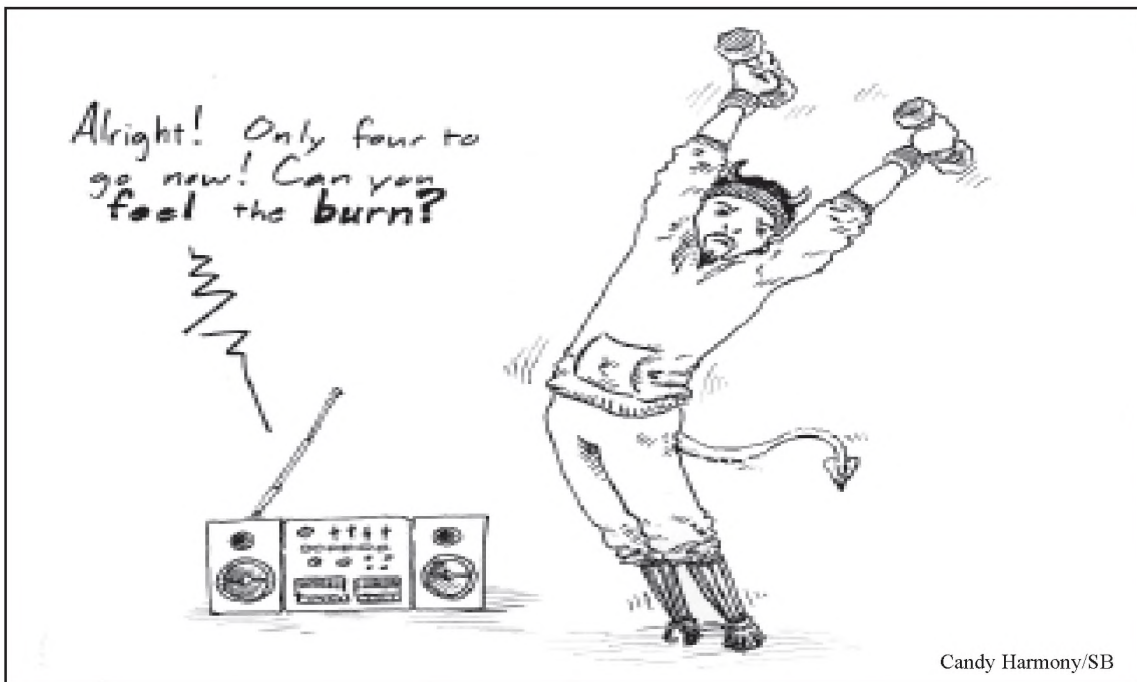
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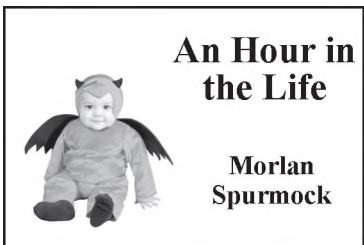
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Root Tootin ... Lead Guitarist  
Divad Leyelp ... Uh ... fill in the blank

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Candy Harmony/SB

# Satan exposes all in new Morlan Spurmock show



An Hour in the Life

Morlan Spurmock

I am known for my documentaries like "Super Shrink Me" and "The Worst Movie Ever Sold." Now, I am doing a new series called "An Hour in the Life." This week, my crew and I will be visiting Satan in hell to see what an hour of his life is like.

**So Satan, how do you stand this heat down here? And don't forget the stench of continuously burning sulfur too. How can you bear the smell?**

Satan: Morlan, you are so naïve. The heat only affects human souls; it does not affect angels, demons, demi-gods or God. About the smell though: yea, it really is a problem. Sometimes Christ can be so unreasonable.

**Speaking of Jesus Christ, what are your current views about the Son of God?**

Satan: Well, he's not so bad, but don't get me started about God. He always tries to make me out to be the bad guy. I'm the one that gave humans knowledge.

Just like Zeus chained Prometheus to a rock, God damned me to hell. I don't understand why he got so angry.

I used to be one of his head angels. If God is perfect and he created me, how could I be evil? Evil can't be created from perfection.

**Alright Satan, there's no need to go on your giant soapbox about the supposed injustices done to you over the years. On a more serious note, what do you do in hell for recreation? It must get boring supervising damned souls on a constant basis.**

**Satan:** I watch a lot of TV and knit clothes when I watch movies. I love watching Jim Jebow play on Sundays for the Jets. That's how he ended up in New York in the first place. Yep, you can thank me for that. I just didn't like him playing in Denver.

**Wow, Satan. I didn't know you were that much of a football fan, or a Jim Jebow fan for that matter. Anyways, you said you like to knit clothes when watching movies. Do you knit during any television shows? What is your favorite TV show right now?**

Satan: I don't knit during television shows; that's just bad knitting etiquette. Everyone knows that, Morlan; I have some class. My favorite television show by far is "Jersey Bore." It just illustrates the greatness of American culture.

It glorifies rich, lazy, dumb people to act exactly in that manner. I hope the show never stops.

**Global warming has been a controversial topic in recent years, Satan. What is your take on this issue? Is it real or made up?**

Satan: It's simply not true, Morlan. Can't you see what's happening? The liberal hippies are brainwashing you with this biased ideology called science. What has science ever proved? Next thing you're going to tell me is that light is both a particle and a wave.

That would be crazy. Global warming was created by liberals to convince people to hate capitalism and freedom. Everybody knows that.

**I don't think liberals made up global warming. That would be a lot of scientists creating and believing a lie. On a different note, who do you think will end up in hell that you're looking forward most to meeting?**

**Satan:** I'm really looking forward to seeing Mupert Murdoch. I enjoy reading "The Ball Street Journal" on Sundays. He has done so much for humanity during his life.

If he didn't own half the world's news, how would people get news? They couldn't. He definitely didn't hack into any British people's phones either. Those were just lies. If you watched "Faux News," you would hear from a fair and balanced perspective instead of the "lamestream" media.

**Right, I should definitely not watch BNN and the lamestream media. I will keep a note of that. Speaking of crazy people, what are your thoughts about the GOP presidential primary? Are you ready to endorse a candidate?**

Satan: I like all the Republican candidates so far. In fact, I have my own SuperPac supporting the Republican Party called "Armageddon 2012."

It funds all the candidates and will also bankroll the eventual GOP presidential primary winner.

I hope that Sick Rantorum wins the nomination. I've never seen such an impressive Republican presidential candidate.

He loves ketchup and so do I. He hates contraception and so do I.

If people stop having children, I wouldn't be able to torture any new souls. I also like how he supports free market health care insurance.

The only way to provide health care to everyone is to set up a system that denies millions of people health care every day.

**Well, Satan; it's been nice to hear about your life and views from your home in hell.**

**Unfortunately, we are out of time for this week. That's a good thing though; the burning sulfur is numbing my nostrils.**

# Forget ketchup, jump on dat BBQ



Totally Innocent & Objective Chef Larry

At least once a day, I witness someone placing ketchup on their food. Part of me wants to run up to them and ask just what in the good Lord's name is wrong with them; ketchup is literally the most disgusting substance on this planet.

Firstly, ketchup is essentially nothing more than tomatoes, vinegar and high fructose corn syrup. What part of that sounds appealing to a normal person? I suppose there is nothing wrong with those products individually, but that combination? Thanks, but no thanks.

Ketchup was invented in China in the 1600s, but that concoction bears little resemblance to the bottles of vomit we sell in today's American supermarkets. The Malay states of Singapore and Malaysia invented a version slightly more similar to today's disgusting product. It was later discovered by the British and taken back to their home country where it would become a staple food product.

Seriously, the British love this crap. And for some reason we embraced it? The fact that the British loved

it should have been a red flag. I mean, come on, those people eat pudding made out of pig's blood. If we had been smart, we would have dumped all the ketchup into the Boston Harbor instead of the tea.

(This, incidentally, just filled my head with visions of what the modern Tea Party's signs might say if we had, in fact, dumped ketchup off the British ships.)

The original recipe for ketchup claims to be able to create bottles of the stuff that will last for two to three years. Keep in mind this was in 1801, before most homes could be counted on to have any sort of reliable refrigeration. Ketchup was able to stay good for multiple years completely unrefrigerated. Of course, it didn't quite take off because people were concerned that it was actually poisonous.

That's right; ketchup is so bad that people thought it was poisonous.

That is not right. I don't trust any food that can last for years without any sort of preservation system around it. That's just dis-

gusting.

Ketchup also refuses to innovate or evolve. Seventy years ago, the selection of mustard and other condiments were as limited as this disgusting bile of a condiment. But these condiments were enjoyed by people with more refined palates. We demanded variety, improvement and innovation.

It's not for lack of effort by the producers of this vile concoction. Garlic ketchup, spicy ketchup, a more full-bodied ketchup — they've all been attempted and they've all been put to market, but they've all been spurned in favor of the same, overly-sweet red puddle of garbage that pollutes our society. Why? Because people who like ketchup have terrible taste.

Some may point to the fact that ketchup hasn't been changed in years as a sign of its staying power, how it doesn't need to improve, how it's perfect as it is. Those poor, naïve souls.

Everything has room for improvement, especially things that are terrible, quite like ketchup, with that horrifying "I-just-puked-in-my-mouth" smell.

Barbeque sauce, on the other hand, is available in dozens of varieties by more companies than we know what to do with. It can be put on anything: hot dogs, french fries, hamburgers,

heck it even works on Ramen noodles. Barbecue sauce is the Playstation 3 to ketchup's cheap Chinese knock-off Playstation look-alike piece of crap.

Even if you like ketchup as is, you deserve better and you should demand better.

You should do what I have done: completely replace ketchup in your diet with barbeque sauce.

It will not only send the signal you are no longer going to eat what the ketchup conglomerates tell you that you can eat, but it also shows that you demand variety.

It shows you want your choice in ketchup, that you won't lie back and eat what they say is good enough anymore.

Sweet Baby Ray's barbeque sauce comes in many delicious varieties, including Hickory & Brown Sugar, and my personal favorite, Honey Chipotle. Sweet Baby Ray's is described on their website as being sweet sauce with a little bit of a kick.

Wouldn't it be great to just slather every food product that slides down your gullet in this delicious stuff?

Sweet Baby Ray's: The Sauce is Boss.

# Nickelback reclaims Platinum Nickel

By Wiggles Giggles  
ink slinger

Fans all over the Upper Peninsula are going crazy to hear that Nickelback is returning to their roots in Marquette.

Many people know that the Platinum Nickel bar was the first love of Nickelback members Chad and Mike Kroeger.

They opened it up as their own business after graduating from NMU in 1997 with their degrees in candy-making and burger-flipping.

"We always knew we were destined for greatness," Chad said.

After establishing a karaoke night, Ryan Peake, now their back-up vocalist, came to the bar and started serenading the crowds.

It wasn't long after that, they discovered how well Peake's and Kroegers' talents mixed into a sound that would keep audiences hungry for more.

"I guess we just didn't know it then, what we could be," Chad said. "We were just fooling around at the Platinum Nickel, but before we could object we had the entire Marquette community in our fan club."

A recruiter happened to be in

town to see a musical put on by the NMU theater department and stopped by the bar.

"I guess he liked what he saw, because we were offered a record deal that very night," Chad said. "It didn't take us long to say 'yes' and move our gig on to the road to begin our reign as punk stars. We're looking forward to reclaiming our bar, however, and returning to a simpler time in our lives."

When the boys were invited to record their songs and go on tour, the bar fell into the hands of Daphne Kroeger, the younger sister of the Kroeger brothers who had no interest in college or music.

"My whole family just thought it was a phase that would pass over," Daphne said. "We just wanted them to stick to what they knew instead of getting mixed up in all this fame and fortune business."

According to Daphne, while she misses her brothers, she found that she has grown accustomed to running the bar her way and doesn't want them to mess it up again.

"I realize that Marquette is really looking forward to welcoming them home, but this is my bar now, I can't be expected to give

it up just like that," Daphne said.

Peake said there has always been drama in the Kroeger family.

"I don't think I've ever known a time when they weren't shouting on the phone about something or other," Peake said. "Just because Kroegers' family didn't approve of the whole Hollywood scene doesn't give them the right to contradict every single decision they make, especially when that decision is to come home and be a family again."

However, the Kroeger family has been outnumbered by the hundreds of Marquette fans eagerly awaiting Nickelback's return to the Platinum Nickel.

"I just can't wait to see them," said Tangerine Sunrise, a freshman hobo techniques major. "I feel like it's destiny to be in Marquette at the same time they will be. I just hope I can get into the bar to see them and hear them and touch the things they have touched."

Nickelback has agreed to perform on stage during their grand re-opening night on April Fools' Day.

They will be playing all songs they wrote in Marquette as tribute.

Tickets are on sale anywhere they can be found.



Roland Blantz/SB

Nickelback started in Marquette while they owned the Platinum Nickel bar. Now, after a long stint touring worldwide, they've decided to return to being bar owners and will reclaim the Platinum Nickel from Daphne Kroeger.

# Grilled keeps students out of classes

By Lazlo Snufflepuff  
new jersey ambassador

The heart-healthy eatery that opened last fall in Bushstick attracts people on a national level, if only for the smell.

Gino "G-Dog" Cangelosi traveled all the way from Mantoloking, N.J. He drove with his group of friends without any stops after they learned about the amazing aroma.

"Yo, check it out, that place smells awesome," Cangelosi said. "I've smelled fried Oreos and funnel cakes on the boardwalk and liking that it's a 'Jersey Thing.' However, everyone I

know, Jerseyan or not, loves the smell of Grilled."

Students are in agreement as absence rates in classes are at an unprecedented high in NMU's history. Mike Marino, sophomore sleeping major, said he has never attended his Sleeping 101 class in order to catch a daily whiff of Grilled.

"That place smells so good that I think I may change my major from sleeping to public smelling," Marino said. "If I could, I would move out of my dorm and sleep under the counter of Grilled."

Even professors are guilty of indulging, cancelling their classes

so they don't miss Grilled when it's open. Jason Smith, professor of sleeping, has not been to any of his classes since the beginning of the semester.

"I'm fortunate enough that my students take class so seriously, sleeping for the whole class period," Smith said. "Only the students who don't take the class seriously notice I'm actually not there. If I could I would hold my class outside Grilled, but unfortunately there is already a waiting list for that."

More seats and tables have been placed on the top level of Bushstick in order to handle the demand. On average, more than

200 people a day pass through to bask in the aroma of Grilled.

"I love that smell no matter how much people think it smells bad," Marino said. "Not that anyone thinks it smells bad and if they do think that, they must be from Neptune because everyone I know thinks Grilled smells amazing."

NMU is proposing installing more vents to draw the air outside, in order to radiate the aroma to the rest of campus. In order to fill the campus effectively with a sufficiently concentrated smell of Grilled, the proposal also includes making the whole top floor of Bushstick into Grilled.

Plans for a perfume of the smell of Grilled are proposed but does not seem feasible due to the cost of packaging and shipping.

For now, those wishing to smell Grilled must make a trip to the eatery itself.

"It would be wonderful to always smell Grilled no matter where I am on campus," Smith said. "I have tried multiple times to bottle the fragrance but it never seems to stay in the bottle. If the proposal passes I no longer will have to worry about saving the smell."

Grilled still allows smellers to remain in Bushstick for free, allowing them to stay as long as they wish during business hours.

The aroma is so pleasing that some tourists decide to settle down in Marquette.

"I'm talking to my friends and we're thinking of staying up here permanently," Cangelosi said. "In fact, we're thinking of starting our own NTV show called Superior Shore where we tan on the beach and go for Grilled smelling sessions."

NTV studio executives were not available for comment about the possibility of this new show.

Even without the show, the amount of tourists stopping by for a scent of Grilled is still high.



Roland Blantz/SB

Grilled has had a significant impact on the habits of students and professors alike. Tourists have been traveling from all over the country to catch a whiff.

# New hospitality internship offered

By Neb Krolan  
pole enthusiast

For students in the hospitality management program, an economic recession might seem like bad news.

With people tightening their budgets and generally spending less, especially on the “extras,” hunting for jobs in the hospitality industry might feel dismal, but local business owner Linda Largeman feels differently.

“People need to be taken care of during hard times,” Largeman said. “When you’re down and out, letting your hair down should be priority No. 1.”

Largeman, who owns a local exotic dancing boutique called Lusty Linda’s, has the numbers to prove her theory.

Since 2008, Largeman’s business has become increasingly popular among residents and visitors to Marquette.

“They just keep coming and coming,” Largeman said. “I don’t want to seem like I’m profiting off people’s hardships,

but we offer a service that helps people forget about their financial problems.”

The spike in business has created a need for an extra pair of...hands...at Lusty Linda’s.

Starting this summer, Lusty Linda’s will be offering internships for hospitality management students at Northern.

“It’s a great place to get some experience in the field,” Largeman said. “If you don’t mind getting your hands a little dirty, it’s pretty much perfect for someone looking for practical experience.”

The internship, which is unpaid except for tips, can count for up to four credits towards a student’s degree and serves as a resume builder.

The expansion for businesses like Lusty Linda’s hasn’t been without challenges.

“We’ve really had to restructure our business,” Largeman said. “That’s why these interns are going to be so great; a couple of fresh hands to help out are really going to shake things up.”

For senior hospitality management major Becky Thurgood, the decision to apply seemed like a no-brainer.

“My dad told me about the internship after he came home really late the other night,” Thurgood said. “Linda’s seems like a great place to work; it’s not all cheap perfume, tassels and glitter. These ladies are trained professionals. I’m curious as to why I didn’t see them at the job fair last month.”

Thurgood has been seeking internships and employment relevant to her degree for months without much hope.

“Restaurants and hotels just haven’t been hiring,” Thurgood said. “It’s been pretty discouraging as a soon-to-be graduate. I’m just really thankful for the opportunity with Largeman; I think it’s going to be a perfect fit.”

Since the economic downturn in 2008, employment in most areas of the private sector has suffered.

Jobs in tourism and restau-

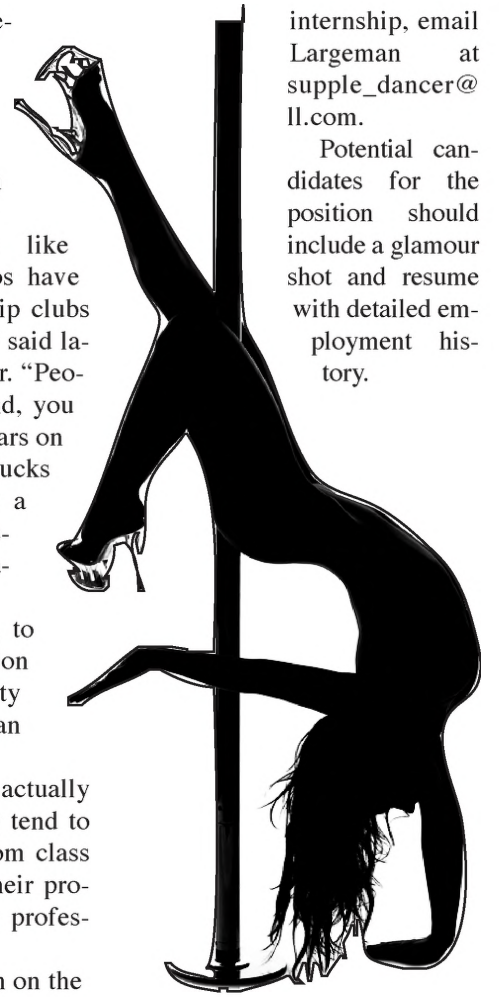
rant and hotel management have sharply declined, but a recent study conducted by the Department of Employment has shown an anomaly in the field.

“While businesses like cruise lines and casinos have really been hurting, strip clubs have been blowing up,” said labor analyst Dick Varmer. “People can’t afford to spend, you know, thousands of dollars on a cruise, but a couple bucks here and there to see a beautiful woman dancing is a much more reasonable alternative.”

While tourists seem to love the extra attention of the interns, university professors are less than pleased.

“When these interns actually show up for class, they tend to distract the students from class with the costumes of their profession,” said business professor Hatin Striff.

For more information on the



internship, email Largeman at [supple\\_dancer@ll.com](mailto:supple_dancer@ll.com).

Potential candidates for the position should include a glamour shot and resume with detailed employment history.

# Student fascinated by historical center

By Eino Rajalamaki  
outhouse architect

The newest hang out and hot spot for Northern students is the Southern Historical Plaza.

Students since the beginning of school have started flocking to the reign of events being held at the plaza this year.

Beesley John, a senior garbage conservationist, has been at the center every day since he was a freshman.

“It is seriously the coolest place to hang out,” John said. “I’ve skipped a lot of my classes just so I can hang out in the center.”

What most faculty and staff don’t know, except for very few, is the weekend raves being held

at the center.

“It is the best place to hang out on a Friday or Saturday night. Especially in the V.I.P room if you know the password,” John said.

The password, Pulio raha, as well as a secret handshake, gets you into a secret sauna and underground cabbage-eating tournament. Unless you are a member, very little information is given out about these events.

The cabbage-eating tournament has one rule, never talk about cabbages outside of the cabbage room.

Another one of the biggest reasons the plaza has become popular is because of the events they are having next week for Lute Heritage Month.

In honor of the Scandinavian

culture here in the Upper Peninsula, the plaza is holding two annual events that have been popular since they began 10 years ago.

One of the top events being held next week is the annual Lute Hunt in the secret sauna with authentic lutefish as their mascot. The plaza has been hard at work finding the perfect aroma of nature to get everyone’s stomach churning with excitement.

To make it fair for students participating, this year they are required to wear clothespins on their nose to block the smell.

Hannu Halsemaki, a freshman lute enthusiast, has been co-planning this event with faculty members.

“It makes it fairer to hunt because you’d have to see it instead

of seeking the smell,” Halsemaki said. “One good thing about lutefish is that it tastes better than haggis.”

While lutefish may taste better, the smell has been known to overpower entire blocks in the city. Last year it forced the people of Marquette to evacuate until the smell dissipated out, aided by giant fans put up by the fire department.

“We’re not even sure if the clothespins are going to work completely,” Halsemaki said. “But we’re going to try it out anyway.”

Another event that will be held this April Fools’ Day is the Annual Pasty Drop.

Similar to that of an egg drop that most of us are familiar with

in elementary school, the pasty competition is one of the biggest hits among Northern students.

Pasties are left outside in the sun for days to create the hardened crust that will allow them to survive the fall.

“It is not a good pasty unless it can survive a drop down the shaft and stay intact,” Halsemaki said.

The competition consists of having students on the roof of the Husciete building and the pasty that stays intact will not only be one of the tastiest treats but also the winner of a gift basket of reindeer eggs.

For more information, contact the Southern Historical Plaza about these current events and other upcoming events being held.



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Students at the Southern Historical Plaza enjoy tasty cabbage-eating tournaments and lutefish hunts as benefits of their super secret membership to the sauna and underground clubhouse. The only rule of the clubhouse is that what happens in the clubhouse, stays in the clubhouse, though the similarities to Las Vegas end there as the clubhouse is student-run.

# Spandex: male athletes' new best friend

By May Bradshaw  
 statless wonder

The men's volleyball team had a run in with the NCAA authorities last weekend when they were kicked out of the post-season tournament due to their choice of attire.

The Wildcats were sporting women's volleyball spandex. The tight nature of these uniforms left little to the imagination and were deemed "disgusting" by NCAA official Robert Rayman.

Rayman refused to allow the 'Cats to participate unless they put on "proper men's clothing." The team responded in outrage and refused to cover up. The Wildcats ultimately chose a forfeit over baggy shorts.

Senior setter Luther Longoria said he saw no reason for the infraction. In his eyes, the 'Cats were dressed appropriately for a volleyball match.

"The way I see it, the girls really get the better half of this whole uniform thing," Longoria said. "It is true what they say about the spandex; it gives great

support and is crucial for the sport of volleyball. Without it, the sport would be dead."

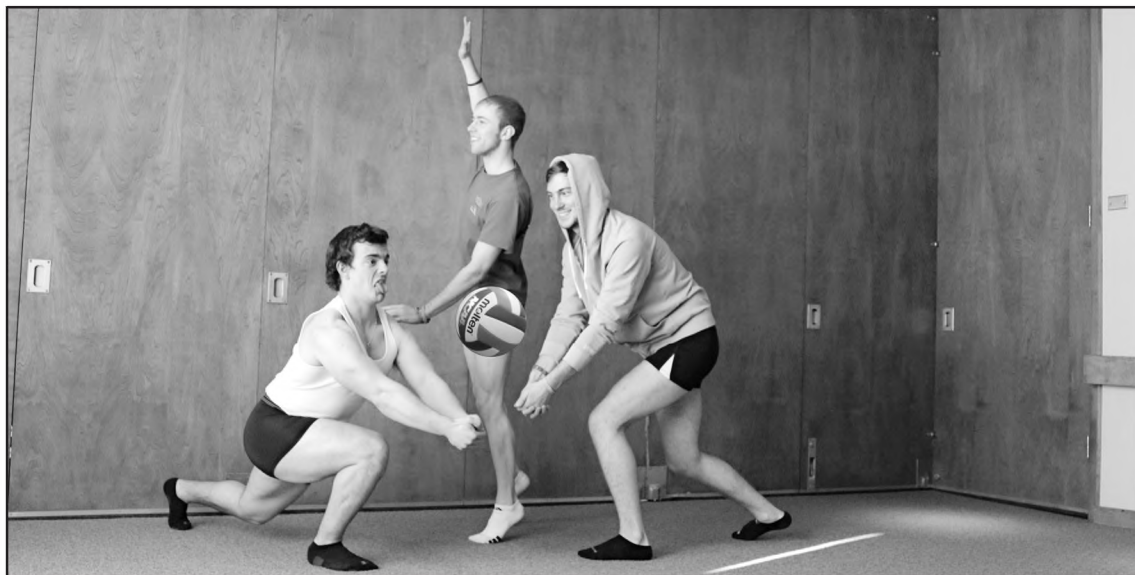
Head coach Jameson James said he was outraged by the call as well. He said the team has worn women's shorts all year and he sees no issue in the matter.

"If my guys want to wear ladies shorts, I say 'to heck with it!'" James said. "I told them, 'As long as you guys start winning, you can wear tutus for all I care.' And to be honest, it really worked!"

The history of spandex goes back for years, and junior outside hitter Wilfred Warbler said it is gender discrimination that the men's team is not allowed to participate in this historical lineage.

"Volleyball and spandex go together like macaroni and cheese," Warbler said. "The fact that the male volleyball players in this society are discriminated against for wanting to partake in the historical attire is an outrage. It almost makes me want to quit volleyball all together."

Freshman libero Timmy Thomison said this is the first



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Senior Mario Cutino (left), juniors Shane Feehery (middle) and Steve Noel, captains of the men's volleyball team, set the ball in the National Championship. They swept the match, showing spandex wins championships.

time he had ever worn women's spandex, and it has really helped his game.

"I have never been this flexible in my life," Thomison said. "Before, if I wanted to dive for a ball, I had to worry about my pants flying everywhere. Now, I can slide all over the ground and not even have to worry."

The men's soccer team is out-

raged by the volleyball team's decision to wear the women's shorts.

"We have been trying to get our short shorts approved all year," senior Richard Richardson said. "If we were allowed to wear spandex, our agility and speed would increase by the hundreds."

The men's swimming team agrees with the volleyball team's

choice of attire and supports their efforts.

"We get to wear speedos," senior Jorge Jalapeno said. "I don't understand the difference between swimmers wearing tight swimsuits and volleyball players wearing tight shorts; it is the same concept. The volleyball team should be able to do what they want."

## 'Cats fill every seat

By Forgetful Frank  
 heroic hero

Just this morning the Athletic Department announced that every sports team at Northern Michigan has sold out tickets for the entire 2012-13 seasons.

As no real surprise, the men's swimming and diving team was the first to sell out. Nobody saw the women's lacrosse and women's club football teams selling out mere seconds after though.

Head coach of the NMU women's club football team Matthew Stafford said this is a huge step for the program and can't wait to have his team run out to a packed house of 25 students in next season's home opener.

"It's just unbelievable to think that all three rows of bleachers will be full for every game next year," Stafford said. "The extra boost will hopefully lead us to our first win in 20 years."

For many years now, the men and women's poker teams have been playing out of the Berry Events Center. Often having a hard time filling the seats, head athletic director Donald Driver said the athletic department has kept the faith that one day they will pack the arena.

"Even though many think we should play out of the library, we knew one day fans would be able to roar as one when they witnessed their first live royal flush," Driver said.

Men's swimming and diving is a fan favorite at NMU and normally is the only team that has a chance of selling out.

Head coach Kalt Wyle said this is a big day for NMU and he will have to manage the team's emotions so nobody drowns in the first meet.

"Since our first event is the 20-meter high dive, our emotions will have to be intact," Wyle said. "This event can be lethal if

not performed properly, but we are thrilled to have the support of the city behind us."

This is the first time in school history that NMU has sold out a sport for the entire season. With multiple sports selling out, President Wes Long credits the athletic department with doing a great job of advertising.

"I'm excited to see the amount of support our community will provide our athletes with this coming season," Long said. "If this keeps up we'll be able to provide all incoming students with a free backpack."

Returning for his ninth year at NMU as the captain for men's drop-in hockey, super senior forward Ben Der said the reason he has decided to return for one more year is because of all the support the team has received.

"Throwing sauce has always been my hobby, but in front of a full house is a dream come true," Der said. "I bought three new wood sticks and a new Mylac helmet because I'm so excited."

NMU is proud to bring in men and women's foosball as the newest sport for the fall semester. Both teams will be Division I in their first year.

Burton Ernie will be the head coach of both teams. Ernie has 20 years of coaching experience and is leaving his previous job as a garbage truck driver to return to coaching.

"I've been away from coaching for a few years now, but I can't wait to hear that first row of players spin when the ball hits the table," Ernie said. "I've never been at a school that has sold out every season ticket and I'm glad I can be part of it."

For anybody interested in tickets, it will probably be hard to find any because NMU normally wins every game. Trading Dining Dollars for a ticket may be the only option if you really want to see a game.

## NMU new host of prolific WWE

By Gus Jennings  
 beastie boy

There are some big changes on the athletic front at NMU as a decision has been made that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the campus.

The North American College Athletics Center (NACAC) has been replaced by the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

School president Wes Long said the move was more than just financial.

"I mean have you actually seen those guys," Long said. "The drama and passion they bring to work each day is unmatched. They don't sit around and cry about their problems, they fight it out on TNT in front of thousands of spectators."

Long said he hopes they can set an example for students in how to handle what life throws at you, adding that they "take it in stride."

"Imagine hearing in front of thousands of screaming hill-jacks that your superstar wrestler wife was cheating on you with your opponent," Long said. "The average person would crumble. Not these guys; they get even. It's going to give students a real dose of reality."

WWE president Vince McMahon said the move to NMU makes sense and he's excited to bring some new life into the program.

"College campuses are a great place for drama. People party and fight all the time. We're just going to show them how to do it in a professional manner,"

McMahon said.

Along with bringing in some of the current stars such as John Cena and Rick Flair, McMahon plans on bringing back Stone Cold Steve Austin and he's hopeful The Rock will be on board. But that's not all he plans.

"We are searching the high schools to find the most dramatic, dirty kids who appear to be down for a good scrap," McMahon said. "We have 20 scholarships to work with in our first year, and we know if we place them all in the same dorm it will make for some great wrestling."

Potential NMU athlete, high school senior and self proclaimed thug Danny "Quick Fists" Jones said he was excited to see McMahon at his school's football game, where Jones attempted to pick a fight with an opposing fan, only to see it broken up by multiple school officials.

"I really want to get into the wrestling program at NMU," Jones said. "It will be a great place for me to hone my acting skills, beat some kids up and find a soul mate."

McMahon said the potential high school athletes are super pumped to join the program but the veterans and alumni are equally as juiced for the opportunity, especially Stone Cold Steve Austin.

"This is what I need to jumpstart my career," Austin said. "I know the Superior Dome will provide a great atmosphere and I hear that Matrix place is a hot bed for drama and cute girls. I seriously can't wait."





— Check out our awesome insert. Just so you know, it's our April Fools' Day edition, *The Southern Blow*.

## Stanley, Hayes win election

### Three referendums pass, one denied

By Delaney Lovett  
editor in chief

After the Associated Students of NMU elections on April 3 and 4, a new president, vice president and several representatives have been chosen.

Benjamin Stanley won as president over Adam Papin with a 439-381 vote, and Kelsey Hayes was chosen over Dani Thoune with a 551-230 vote.

"I've seen a lot of things that I think I could change and I think I have the energy to do it," Stanley said. "I want students to feel like we're actually doing something."

Stanley said he has sat on a few ASNMU boards and knows how they run.

He also said he has found people who are willing to fill some of the board positions.

Last year, Stanley ran for president and was disqualified due to breaking five election rules as determined by the All-Student Judiciary.

Hayes, who ran for the first time this year, said it was a last-minute decision to run but wanted to get more involved during her senior year.

Hayes' main goals as vice president next year are to recruit more representatives to fill the board and to update the ASNMU website.

"We're supposed to be transparent to students and we're not, and that's a problem," Hayes said. "New agendas and minutes need to be up there (on the website)."

Stanley said he looks forward to working with Hayes next year, and they have similar goals for Northern Michigan University.

"She seems very enthusiastic and very excited as well," Stanley said. "We both want Northern to be a great place to be an alumnus of."

Other winning representatives were Rachael Fisher as off-campus, Leann Herrmann as down-campus, Alex Nye as college of arts and science, Abby Roche as general studies and Brittany Voich as college of professional studies.

There were 917 total general

election votes this year, down significantly from the last referendum year with 2,308 votes in 2010.

Of the four referendums on the ballot this year, three passed and one did not.

For the first time in years, two of the referendums – Radio X and ASNMU – requested a decrease in student activity funding.

"In the past, the organizations came to us with what they want on the ballot," said Justin Brugman, current ASNMU president. "This year, the referendum committee has taken a more active role in deciding what should be on the ballot."

Brugman said the referendum committee looked through the budgets this year and noticed excessive carryover from the two student organizations.

Both referendums for budget decreases passed easily, and The North Wind's referendum for an increase was narrowly rejected.

The fourth and final referendum requested a change to the ASNMU Constitution, changing references of the "All-Student Judiciary" to the "ASNMU Judiciary."

Currently, ASJ is combined with the student code review board, and any challenges of ASNMU constitutionality go through both ASJ and the review board.

The constitutional changes will detach the two, so the ASNMU Judiciary will deal strictly with ASNMU constitutionality, impeachment and election complaints.

Also, instead of being chosen by associate dean of students Mary Brundage, ASNMU Judiciary members will be appointed by the ASNMU president and subject to approval by the board, Brugman said.

"In my opinion, it really should be separate," Brugman said. "We shouldn't be bogging down that board with ASNMU stuff."

Brugman said, although students voted in favor of the referendum to change the ASNMU Constitution, it must first be approved by the NMU Board of Trustees.

### 2012 ASNMU Election Results

**President** Total vote: 917

Adam Papin: 381

Ben Stanley: 439

**Vice President**

Dani Thoune: 230

Kelsey Hayes: 551

**Off-Campus Representative**

Rachael Fisher: 142

Megan LaRocque: 117

Chelsea Parrish: 126

**Down-Campus Representative**

Leann Herrmann: 232

**College of Arts & Sciences Rep.**

Amber Lopota: 122

Jacob McDaniel: 100

Troy Morris: 111

Alex Nye: 240

**General Studies Representative**

Abby Roche: 36

**College of Professional Studies Rep.**

Brittany Voich: 223

**Referendum #1: ASNMU Decrease**

Yes: 551

No: 335

**Referendum #2: Radio X Decrease**

Yes: 585

No: 302

**Referendum #3: North Wind Increase**

Yes: 439

No: 448

**Referendum #4: ASNMU Judiciary**

Yes: 569

No: 300

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## Radio X to expand coverage

By Kristen Koehler  
staff writer

Wider spread audiences will soon be able to tune in to NMU's Radio X with the addition of a new transmitter.

Not only will the transmitter be a major technological advancement for the student radio station, but it will also be moved to a more efficient location.

According to Radio X faculty advisor Charles Ganzert, the current transmitter has been in place at the Presque Isle power plant since the early 1990s and the station is looking forward to a much-needed upgrade.

"This is a big change for Radio X because we now have the option of moving the transmitter to Morgan Meadows, a location that offers better reception," Ganzert said.

The improved reception is largely due to the 1700 watts the new transmitter provides as opposed to the current 360-watt transmitter. The increased elevation of Morgan Meadows is a contributing factor as well.

"The higher location combined with a stronger transmitter will hopefully allow us to reach out to all of Marquette County," Ganzert said.

While Radio X can be heard as far as the outskirts of Ishpeming with the current transmitter, noisy static often overwhelms the music for many NMU commuters. Fortunately, this will soon disappear once the new transmitter is activated.

John Naracon, student radio general manager, anticipates the positive impact the improved reception will have for Radio X's ability to communicate to the community.

"The transmitter will allow us to broadcast in a cleaner, clearer quality," Naracon said. "It's good for radio and it's good for Northern."

Although many listeners enjoy Radio X for its variety of music, the station remains a

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# Student loans may be forgiven

## Bill in House will decrease debt

By Marcellino Signorelli  
assistant news editor

The Student Loan Forgiveness Act of 2012 aims to solve the issue of student loan debt.

Congressman Hansen Clarke, D-Mich., proposed a bill in the House of Representatives on March 8 to provide relief to millions of Americans with student loan debt.

The national average for a graduate with student loans for the class of 2010 is \$25,250.

Unpaid student loan debt is set to exceed \$1trillion during 2012, and in 2010 it had surpassed total credit card debt.

What Clarke proposed was a 10/10 repayment plan, where graduates would only have to pay 10 percent of their income a year for 10 years, and after 120 consecutive payments, their debt would be forgiven.

"Anytime there's a program to pay student loans with the ability to have a portion forgiven at end of a 10-year cycle, that does sound like something definitely worth exploring," said Mike Rotundo, director of finan-

cial aid. "If a student can keep on track meeting obligations and then have a portion forgiven, that can only help students in the long run; both in fact of keeping their credit rating so they'll have ability to borrow future loans."

The maximum for forgiveness is \$45,520 for borrowers after the date of enactment, but there is no cap for borrowers before enactment.

Another part of the bill proposed setting a cap for interest rates at 3.4 percent, halving the 6.8 percent interest set for loans to be borrowed after July 1, 2012.

"Anytime a student is having difficulty, they should contact lenders," Rotundo said. "Students can work with the Department of Education and lower

obligation, which allow students to meet obligations and still have reduced obligation."

Options currently available to borrowers facing financial difficulty are forbearance and deferment.

Forbearance is a temporary postponement or reduction of payments but interest still accrues.

Deferment allows borrowers to momentarily suspend loan payments for reasons such as unemployment, economic hardship or returning to school.

Under deferment, interest on subsidized loans does not accrue.

"NMU students mostly don't default, but it could be a combination of contact [with the DoE] and setting up forbearance and

**Anytime there's a program to pay student loans with the ability to have a portion forgiven at the end of a 10-year cycle, that does sound like something definitely worth exploring.**

— Mike Rotundo  
director of financial aid

# Seven dead in campus shooting

By Marcellino Signorelli  
assistant news editor

One Goh may face the death penalty for the shooting last Monday at Oikos University in Oakland, Calif.

Goh made his first court appearance Wednesday, April 4, when he was charged with seven counts of murder along with three counts of attempted murder. Goh has not yet entered a plea.

According to the Associated Press, Goh was targeting Ellen Cervellon, director of the nursing program, partly due to being denied a tuition refund despite dropping out nearly halfway near the nursing program.

Cervellon was not killed in the shooting, due to being in a different part of the building as Goh. Officer Robert Trevino in a statement said Goh admitted shooting and killing several people then fled the scene, according to the AP.

The shooting has been the deadliest campus shooting in America since the Virginia Tech massacre.

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— Volunteer of the Month —

Congratulations to Britta Schneider for being selected as February's Volunteer of the Month! Hailing from Menominee, Michigan, Britta is a senior majoring in Elementary Education Language Arts, and she is passionate about her volunteer work. Britta is thorough, prepared, and willing to step up to any task asked of her. She selflessly involves herself in areas which will help others, including the Michigan Reading Association (MRA), serving as the Vice President of Marquette Alger Reading Council (MARC), and working on projects in local schools. Britta is also the chairperson of The North Wind Board of Directors.

Thank you, Britta, for all of your hard work and dedication to the Marquette community. It is people like you who make NMU such a great place to go to school!





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## — RADIO X —

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leading source for campus information as well as weather announcements. This was taken advantage of earlier this year when Marquette experienced severe weather.

"During the huge wind-storm this past fall, we were the only radio station that still had power," Naracon said. "We were able to let students know that there was a special weather alert."

Naracon hopes better reception will help Radio X inform more people about dangerous weather situations, which are not uncommon in the Upper Peninsula. In addition to public service announcements, Naracon and Ganzert look forward to connecting students with the community through music.

"Radio X is an opportunity for students to communicate with the world," Ganzert said. "It's a chance to reach out to the community and share new music, especially alternative music that people can't find just anywhere."

Ganzert expects the transmitter to be installed before the end of the semester and at the earliest within the next two weeks. Radio X listeners will experience a brief pause in broadcasting when the transmitters are switched over, however it should only last a few seconds.

For more information regarding the new transmitter, call the Radio X office at (906) 227-1844.

## Map Key

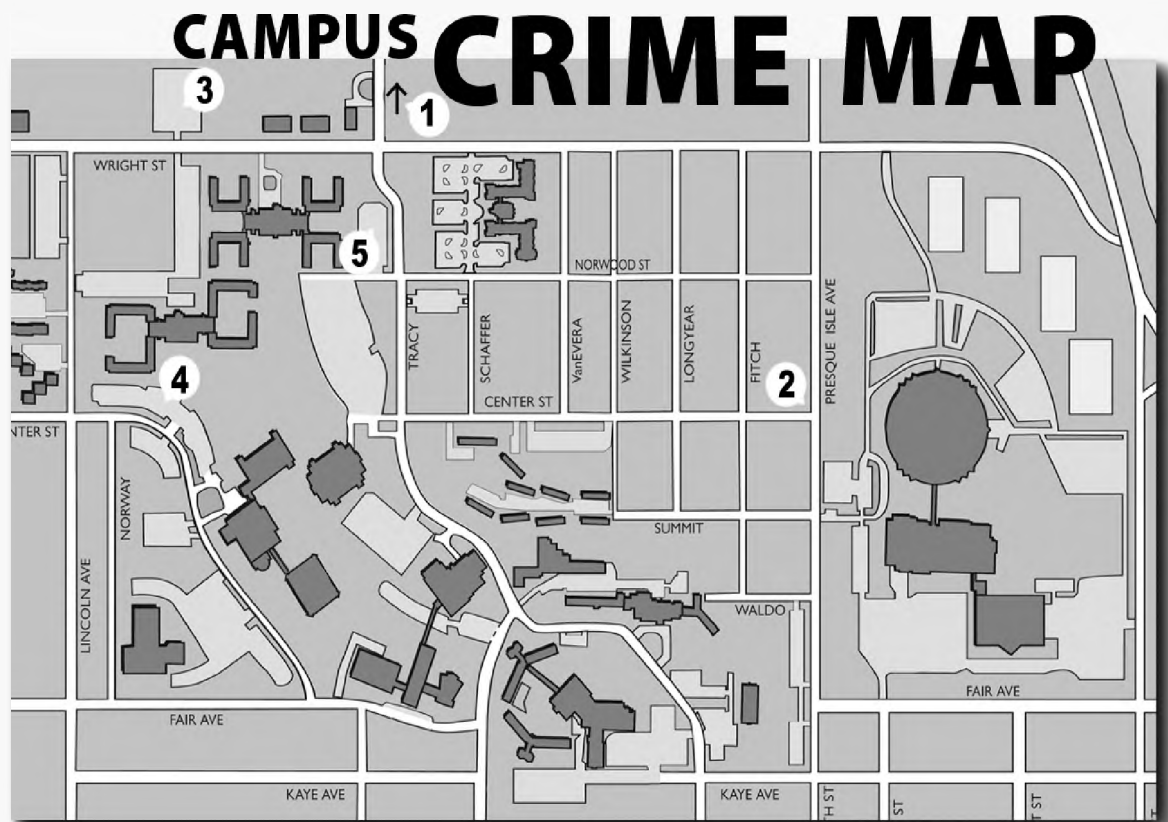
1) A faculty member reported larceny at 12 p.m. March 29 at the Jacobetti Center.

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5) A student reported damage to a vehicle at 9:35 p.m. April 3 at Lot 24.



## Bay College and NMU team up to help students

By Elizabeth Bailey  
staff writer

Northern Michigan University makes graduation easier for students, and with the new agreement between Bay College in Escanaba.

The agreement is the first of its kind, and it will allow students in the central part of the U.P. to "stay local."

"This program assures that students will smoothly transfer from Bay's associates degree in network administration to NMU's degree in computer networking," said Mark Highum, computer systems instructor at Bay College.

Although the transfer process is the same, according to Randy Appleton, NMU computer science professor, once you're accepted, it is "smooth sailing."

"Basically it's a promise to transfer students that they will graduate in four years," Appleton said.

The program has a specific set of classes

that will all transfer to NMU computer networking degree.

The majority of the classes are in the informational technology field, including computer science, object-oriented programming and network programming, along with upper level math requirements.

Appleton said there might also be a few required liberal studies classes thrown in the mix.

"If students follow what is prescribed in that agreement, they will seamlessly be accepted into NMU's College of Arts and Sciences for the completion of the bachelor's program," Highum said.

This opportunity can only help those that are interested in staying at community college for the first two years.

"While the agreement is designed to work specifically with Bay College's new associate of arts in network administration, current students in the computer network systems and security department can use the articulation as a starting point for a smoother transition to NMU than what was previously avail-

able," Highum said. "What that means is that not every course from the existing degree will be applied to the bachelor's program, but any of those in the articulation agreement will definitely be accepted."

The Bay board approved the program, which took more than a year to get into working order.

It is finally ready for students to take advantage of and will be enacted in the fall semester of 2012.

According to Appleton, there are already students on NMU's campus that are on the track that the agreement hopes to pave.

"We are hitting the ground running at full speed, and we expect that this new agreement will be the beginning of a long partnership," Highum said.

According to Appleton they estimate that six to eight students will partake in this transfer program each year, which he said is a nice increase for the program.

"It's an experiment that we hope works, and if it does then we'll be doing more of this kind of thing," Appleton said.

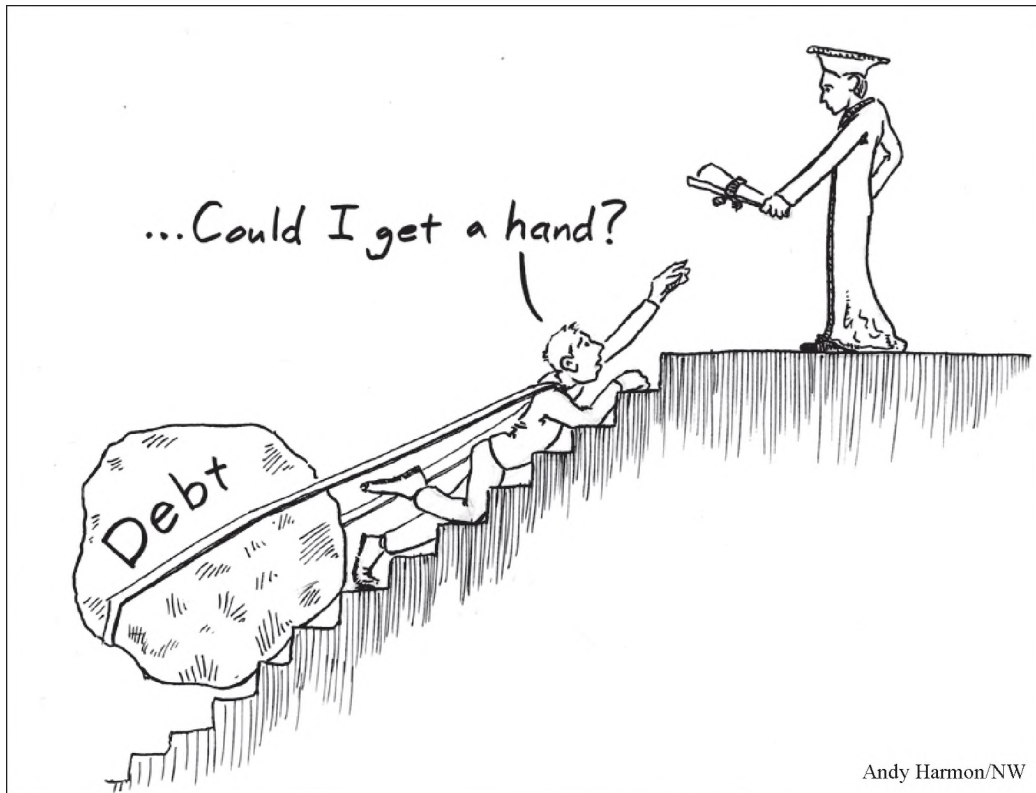
## Lake Superior sparkles in the spring sun



Photos courtesy of Zerek Tweede

From the top of Hogback Mountain, left, hikers can see Lake Superior as it crashes against the shore. The mountain is a popular destination for tourists and Northern Michigan University students. Right, at the shore of Presque Isle, a frequently visited park near Upper Harbor in Marquette. Blackrocks, Sunset Point and an ice cream stand are in the park.

## Staff Editorial



Andy Harmon/NW

## Loan forgiveness act would help students

The passage of the Student Loan Forgiveness Act of 2012 would help students stay in college and get their degree, pay their student loans and help spur the American economy.

Students are taking on an ever-increasing amount of student loan debt, totaling more than \$1 trillion, according to USA Today. This amount, for the first time, is higher than American credit card debt.

This high amount of student loan debt is starting to adversely affect students and the American economy. Twenty-five percent of 2010 college graduates are behind on their student loan payments.

If the number of students not being able to pay their loans continues to increase, the American economy could collapse in much the same manner that it did in 2008, because homeowners could not pay their mortgages. The similarities between the 2008 housing bubble and the current higher education bubble are eerie.

The Student Loan Forgiveness Act would cap payments on federal student loans at 10 percent of discretionary income per month. According to Yahoo News, after making monthly payments for 10 years, your federal student loan debt, up to approximately \$45,000, will be forgiven by the federal government.

This legislation would allow graduates

in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to have their federal student loans forgiven in five years instead of 10 years.

These aspects of the Student Loan Forgiveness Act would allow many students to stay in college and make payments on their federal student loans instead of ending up in default.

There are worries about how this legislation will be funded and if it will add to the ballooning federal deficit. This legislation, in its own language, is funded by future appropriations available through the Overseas Contingency Operations.

The Overseas Contingency Operations budget funds mainly the military operations in Afghanistan and the military operations that occurred in Iraq in the past. It is not clear what the Student Loan Forgiveness Act would do to the U.S. budget deficit.

It's possible that there will be extra money in the Overseas Contingency Operations budget to fund this legislation. Just as easily, the exact opposite could be true. More transparent information is needed to know whether this would negatively affect the federal budget.

One thing is certain; the Student Loan Forgiveness Act would help students get an affordable college education and improve the American economy.

## More lawyers are needed for poor



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**Aaron  
Loudenslager**

There is a bleak job market for many law school graduates; becoming a lawyer doesn't look so good now.

With the average law school graduate borrowing approximately \$90,000 to finance their law degree, many students are rethinking their decision to enter law school.

Yet, there is actually a shortage of lawyers in America. Contrary to market conditions, this country needs more people to attend law school to help those who are without legal aid, even given the obstacles of high legal education debt.

When I received my acceptance letter from UW-Madison Law School, I couldn't have been happier. I had been dreaming of this moment since I was 10 years old. Then the reality of my future law debt started to hit me. Even with in-state tuition at UW-Madison Law School, I will probably be at least \$70,000 in debt after graduation.

This debt could possibly force me to take a position at a private law firm after graduating law school in order to pay off my debt. Hopefully after a few years, I can go into public interest law or look at becoming a judicial clerk.

Our system of financing law school needs to be reformed. Many law students are burdened with high debt. Many times this makes graduates choose between a job they love and a job that will pay off their student loan. This isn't right.

Most people think we have too many lawyers in this country. That is why it's so hard for law school graduates to find jobs. That's only partially correct. There are too many lawyers for corporations and those who can afford an attorney. For those who truly need legal aid and can't afford it, they probably won't be able to get the services they need.

The top 35 legal markets in the United States receive 75 percent of all lawyers' earnings, according to the "ABA Journal." Outside those top legal markets, lawyers don't earn much and people who need legal representation go without it.

According to Legal Services Corporation, there is one private lawyer per 429 people in the general population. Yet, there is only one legal aid lawyer per 6,415 in poverty.

Financing any education can be difficult, especially graduate school. I know I will find a way to pay off my student loans in the future. For others, it's not fiscally possible.

There is a shortage of lawyers in this country for those who truly need it. Law school graduates should be able to choose a job that makes them happy and helps people. They shouldn't be coerced by student loans into a job they dislike simply to pay off their debt.



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# Reform NHL point system



**Staff Column**  
**Brad Gicopoulos**

Just because you have won a division in the NHL does not mean you're a top team. The NHL needs to figure out a new point system where the best teams are atop the standings.

The Western conference and Eastern conference both have three divisions that make up their conference. Eight teams make the playoffs from each conference. As it stands now, the top three spots in each conference are reserved for the division winners from that conference.

When a division like the Southeast has teams in it that aren't elite in the league, they still get a spot atop the conference, even if they have less points than teams four through eight. Currently, the Florida Panthers have 91 points and are third place in the East.

Washington has 88 points and is eighth. The Panthers would be the last team to get a spot in the playoffs if the NHL went by most amounts of points from top to bottom.

This may not seem like a big deal, but the top four teams from each conference get home-ice advantage to start the playoffs and that can be huge for teams if they go to seven games.

I think the league should approve a new point system to reward teams for winning games, not for winning a joke division. The fact that they still have not clinched a playoff spot with five days left in the regular season and actually still have a chance to miss the playoffs should be a red flag that things have to change.

The same thing is true in the Western conference with the L.A. Kings. The Kings are leading the Pacific division with 91 points. If the standings went by the most amounts of points, they would be tied for seventh with only two points to spare on the ninth place Dallas who are not even in the playoffs.

I believe that this standings

system does not really benefit teams for winning in regulation. For the teams in first and second, they are there because they have earned it and would be atop the conference either way.

Good teams are on the outside looking in to the playoffs as the best time of the year is about to start.

The point system needs to change so that teams with a regulation win receive three points. An overtime win should be worth two points and a shootout win worth one point. Any loss needs to receive zero points. This will make teams push that much harder to win the game in regulation.

Teams are now standing behind their net at the end of the season just to get the extra point you are awarded now for reaching overtime. This will weed out the bad teams that get tons of points from winning the individual competition in the shootout.

# Sound Off

compiled by  
Kristen Koehler

What is your best April Fools' Day story?



**Kim Mattson**  
freshman, undeclared

*"I really don't do April Fools' jokes because it makes too many people mad when I try to be funny."*



**Wade Canell**  
senior, hospitality mgmt.

*"One year my buddies filled my car with whipped cream and shaving cream."*



**Amber Vincent**  
freshman, bus. & photography

*"When I was 13, I lived in a group home with my foster parents. My brothers and sisters and I painted every door handle in the house the same color as the door handle. When my dad went to open the door, the wet paint got stuck to his hand and then he touched his face!"*



**Jason Barber**  
freshman, media production

*"I gave my friend a phone number and told him it was some girl that had a crush on him. It's actually another friend of ours whose number he doesn't have. They've been texting back and forth for the past two days. It's been pretty funny."*

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# COLLEGE EXPERIENCES

## NMU OFFERS ON-CAMPUS JOBS TO HELP STUDENTS BOOST FINANCES

By Alisa Fox  
features editor

Although scholarships and student loans help in the struggle towards affording higher education, many students still feel the need to have a part time job to help with their budgets.

NMU offers many on-campus jobs to students. Although the jobs differ depending on the department, all of them are capable of being much more than just a part time job to bring in money.

“When you are working at Radio X as opposed to a retail job, you get a lot of hands-on experience with the equipment and it gives you immediate resume building,” said Jonathon Naracon, the general manager at Radio X.

While being a radio announcer at Ra-

dio X is on a volunteer basis, they also offer paid positions like station manager, music director, chief engineer, IT director and art director, among others.

“The people you get to work with are great,” Naracon said. “We get some really awesome staff and volunteers.”

Naracon said he wanted to make it clear that they accept all majors to apply for opening positions. Naracon himself is a junior hospitality management major.

“We’re very education-based, so you don’t necessarily have to know how to do everything because we’ll show you,” Naracon said. “You get communication skills from working here as well as a basic knowledge of how the radio station and all of the equipment works.”

Radio X is a student-run station. Al-

though there is a board of directors that hires for the management positions, everything else is overseen by student workers. According to Naracon, this creates a few challenges.

“We are a business as well as a student organization, so we have different sets of rules to follow,” Naracon said. “We don’t break the rules but there’s stress just from the fact that those rules can be broken. Also, we have other monetary obligations other than the university and we have to make sure to serve both the student population and the Marquette community.”

Aside from being a resume-builder and teaching new skills, there are other benefits to working at a place like Radio X on campus.

“You can get ‘Real World’ hours for the Superior Edge program,” Naracon said. “It’s also a good place to get experience for a job in the real world.”

Naracon said that the executive staff positions are currently hiring for the Fall 2012 semester, but they take applications to be a radio announcer all year long.

“We generally look for people that



Kristen Kochler/NW

The PEIF is home to a multitude of student job opportunities, from desk workers to physical trainers.

have the confidence to be a DJ and to go on air," Naracon said. "Reliability and an open schedule is important for the management positions and also a good work ethic. Often we work more hours than we are paid for and so the applicant has to be willing to do go above and beyond."

On-campus jobs can span almost any major. The PEIF offers opportunities for personal trainers and workout class instructors. Admissions uses student workers as tour guides. Housing offers custodial, residential advisor and desk receptionist jobs.

"We offer a variety of positions and we offer a unique experience where you'll have fun, meet new people and make a difference with the people you interact with," said Tanya Savage, service specialist for Housing and Residence Life.

Many of the jobs in the Housing and Residence Life department are available in the summer as well. Custodians, desk receptionists and security assistants are all needed during the summer to service the various camps and orientation groups that come to NMU between semesters.

"I think we're pretty easy to work with and we look to help them improve themselves through working here," Savage said. "We give our workers feedback so that they know what they can improve on and so that they know what it would take to get and hold a job outside of the university."

Some summer positions offer alternative benefits like receiving free room and board in the dorms throughout the summer. Both positions of desk super-



Kristen Koehler/NW

Lance Jacobson, the front desk worker from Van Antwerp Hall enjoys a relaxing moment on the clock. If you qualify for the position, such jobs can be located in convenient proximity to your room just down the hall or in a neighboring dormitory.

visor and security assistant have these benefits, but the other positions still give students a sense of what the world outside of the University is looking for.

"We really look for reliable and dependable students with consistent attendance," Savage said. "We also look for people who take the initiative and do not need constant supervision."

Savage said they also need students who are respectful of each other and of university guests, since their jobs would deal with other people on a regular basis.

However, Savage said they get multiple complaints from students who want to work for Housing and Residence Life,

but they live off campus.

"The reason why they get frustrated is because of our hiring guideline," Savage said. "Many don't realize that we offer employment to help those who live on campus since they are paying us money to live here. We thought we would do our part by helping them afford on-campus housing."

According to Savage, this is the reason why Housing and Residence Life gives preference to students living on-campus rather than off-campus students.

Regardless of living status or major, there are on-campus jobs available for those willing to look for them.



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Kristen Koehler/NW

Radio X has opportunities available for both student employees and volunteer DJs looking to get their music out to a broader audience in the community.

# April Fishes shares passion for music

By **Beatty Nelson**  
contributing writer

Drawing their sound from African-American, Latino, Pacific Islander and middle-class white hipster roots in the San Francisco Bay Area, Rupa & the April Fishes have created a sound that is well-known all over the world.

Rupa & the April Fishes will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 in the Great Lakes Rooms.

The performance is a part of the International Performing Arts Series.

Rupa Marya is the voice, composer and musical director and also works as physician and teacher at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center where she is a professor of internal medicine. Her music is one of her passions in life and she loves to share her love for humanity through music.

"Our band is the sound of the party that is rising out of the ashes of the apocalypse when we have to dust off ourselves and start building," Marya said. "It's the sound of insistence, defying categorizations that were put in place to market music on the art market where ideas and images are packaged and sold."

Hailing from San Francisco, Marya and the band try to embrace their cultural roots and the cultural history of the city they're from. In 2006, the band started in the Mission District and performed in bars in the barrio, as they found their own unique sound inspired by street music and public art. The band began touring for several years and has toured all over the world.

They have played in the United States, Mexico, India and all over Europe. Marya said the travels have helped them grow individually.

"We have also played at the bedside of sick and dying people in San Francisco, at universities in North America, in garages where music is seen as a way of social engagement rather than something to be bought, sold and traded," Marya said. "We love it all. All these different experiences hone our craft and ask us to examine what we feel the role of music is in today's society."

Marya is the daughter of Punjabi immigrants and was raised between San Francisco, France and India. She was classically trained in both voice and piano.

The culture she experienced as a young girl helped her create the sound that she is known for to-



Photo courtesy of Hilary Hulteen

The April Fishes found its start in the diverse San Francisco Bay area.

day. Her own personal experience helped her to share this advice with the people of Marquette.

"Create the vision you want to see in the world," Marya said. "Engage your own power of manifesting that into reality and take risks with what you think the world can be. When you make your choices based off of fear, you will live fear and that will shape everything you do. Instead of building a life based in fear, imagine and create the reality you would like to see."

Erin Astle, a senior entrepreneurship major, said the group's lively and upbeat music will make for a great performance.

"The music that Rupa & the April Fishes makes is really di-

verse and engaging, which makes for a great show that students will have an awesome time at," Astle said.

Astle is a member of First Aid Productions who helped to bring Rupa & the April Fishes to campus, along with the Beaumier Heritage Center.

"The Heritage Center came up with a list of performers that they would be able to bring to campus with the help from another group," Astle said. "They contacted First Aid Productions and together we decided we liked Rupa the best and asked them to perform for us."

Tickets are now on sale and students get in free with a valid



Photo courtesy of Hilary Hulteen

Rupa's music is a mix of the various ethnicities found in the San Francisco barrio that they performed at.

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# 'Cats set up for success

By Jon Young  
assistant sports editor

Spring has brought new life into the NMU women's volleyball team as they continued to roll in their third competition in three weeks.

Their latest stop was in Duluth, Minn., where they captured another pair of victories.

The first opponent of the day was the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The 'Cats dropped three close matches, 25-22, 25-20 and 19-17. Junior left side hitter Andree Ring said the team's effort was encouraging in the close match.

"We kept fighting the whole time," Ring said. "There were a few little mistakes that we made but we kept on pushing all the way through."

Head coach Dominic Yoder said he was impressed with the team's performance against Duluth, but noted the need for some improvements.

"One of the things we didn't do well against Duluth was block," Yoder said. "Their left side really went to town on us and was scoring a lot of points. She made adjustments, we didn't make adjustments."

In the three-game set the Wildcats were led by sophomore left setter Lina Lopes with 12 kills. Junior libero Kalin Zimmerman chipped in seven digs and freshman setter Kaitlyn Hoffman led the team with 24 assists.

The 'Cats next match was against the University of Minnesota-Crookston and there appeared to be a bit of continuation from the previous match, as they dropped the first game, 25-20.

"(We were) sloppy at the beginning; we allowed them to score quite a few points," Yoder said. "But in the second set we came back and really dominated and in the third set we took control and were able to win the match."

The 'Cats took the second match, 25-17, and were able to snag the third one, 15-12, to win the best of three series, 2-1. Pacing the 'Cats was Lopes, who recorded eight kills. Hoffman chipped in 17 assists and 12 digs, while Ring and sophomore left side hitter Kalli Herron each added five kills.

In the final match of the day, NMU got an early look at rival Michigan Tech, who is under the direction of first-year head coach Matt Jennings. Yoder said he adds a positive element to their team.

"The new coach is enthusiastic and energetic," Yoder said. "I see the program going in the right direction. The new coach coming in is bringing in new life, new blood to the system, and I think he's going to do a nice job."

A new coach wasn't enough for the Huskies to top the Wildcats as NMU swept Tech, 25-9, 25-20 and 15-11. Middle hitter Danielle Kowalski said she was surprised how the team jumped out so early.

"We were actually shocked," Kowalski said. "They're beatable, but it's usually a competition and we just came out there knowing that we were going to win, but we won respect."

Kowalski led NMU in the match with two solo blocks and two block assists. Ring contributed 11 kills and Zimmerman held down the defense with 14 digs. Hoffman added 22 assists for the 'Cats.

Yoder said there are still areas to improve in, especially the blocking and serving aspects, but he likes where the team is at and expects next years juniors to step up.

"Lina Lopes is going to be really strong going into next year and Kalli Herron is really turned the corner in her performance," Yoder said. "I think this team, with our recruits coming in, is going to be a team to reckon with in the conference, as well as the region."

The 'Cats next match is on Saturday, April 14 in the Vandament Arena and it's going to give them a different look. Instead of the regular six player teams, the competition will be a four-on-four match, a formation that Yoder thinks will challenge the squad.

"I think understanding how to play the game from different levels is going to help them be better teammates and better players when it comes to six-on-six," Yoder said.



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore left side hitter Kalli Herron and junior middle hitter Jasmine Calhoun go up to block against Ferris State. The 'Cats are hosting a get-together with scrimmages on Saturday, April 14 in the Vandament Arena.

# Track 'Cats stride near front of the pack

## NMU track and field finishes second behind Wisconsin-Oshkosh

By Cody Boyer  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan track and field team traveled to Wisconsin on Saturday to compete in the Oshkosh Invitational, placing second overall and trailing first by only two points.

The Wildcats scored 235 team points with 11 athletes finishing first in their events. University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh finished in first place, scoring 237 points. The meet marked the first outdoor competition in which all of the team performed.

Going into the meet, head coach Tom Barnes said the talent of the team had reached its peak and he was predicting great performances, no matter what the weather brought.

"We are definitely going to see some really good times," Barnes said. "The biggest thing is being tied to the weather; it's a smaller meet, so it will be really good for us."

The 'Cats started placing high early in the meet with ju-

nior Mallory Celaya winning the 5000-meter run. Celaya broke a school record in the event, running a time of 18:23.44. Three other NMU athletes placed in the top five for the event, with junior Rita Woitas finishing third, sophomore Chelsea Farquhar in fourth and junior Brittany Loomis in fifth.

At the pole vault, sophomore Jaime Roberts came in first place with a 12 foot jump. At the high jump, senior Bailey Franklin took the event home with a 5-foot, 4.25-inch jump, with senior Melissa Christensen placing third.

At the javelin throw, junior Mariah Beaman finished in first place with a 100-foot, 1-inch throw. Sophomore Katie Searles took second and sophomore Shannon McNabb placed third.

While javelin is her most competitive event, Beaman said the event is very technical and is

ready to kick it up a notch with some good competition and good coaching.

"Without my coach, Andy, I wouldn't be where I am right now," Beaman said. "He's taught me everything, along with so much about feeling my way

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head coach

through the positions of the javelin throw and the release. I'm ready to put myself and the team in better focus of the goals we're striving towards."

The team continued placing first when senior Catherine Angeli finished first in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes.

Freshman Angelina Howard

placed second in the 100, and redshirt freshman Sherice Hewett placed third in the 200. Hewett placed first in the 100-meter hurdles, with Christensen in second.

In the 800-meter run, senior Rachael Williams placed first with seven other 'Cats placing in the top nine.

Sophomores Katie Granquist and Alicia Romana placed second and third, freshman Caitlin Keskey finished fourth, sophomore Kristina Mattson in fifth, freshman Abby Roche in sixth, junior Kristina Donley in eighth and freshman Kailey Sickmiller in ninth place.

Williams said the race was intense for her teammates and herself, providing competition and determination for them as they raced for high places.

"It was intimidating having all of my teammates right behind me," Williams said. "Those girls train so hard and are so determined that I was scared they were going to catch me, but at the same time I wanted to see them succeed, too. I am really

proud of everyone."

The 'Cats 4x100 relay team placed first with Howard, Angeli, Hewett and sophomore Samara White running in the event. In the 1500-meter run, junior Nora Kiilunen placed first and freshman Larissa Halonen placed second. In the 3000-meter run, freshman Olivia Howard finished in second place with freshman Emily Allen in third.

The Wildcats' next meet will be on Thursday, March 5 at the St. Norbert Invite in De Pere, Wis.

Williams said it was good for the team to be back together again and is proud of everyone as she continues into her final year in track and field.

"It was nice being with all of the girls again and watching everyone compete," Williams said. "We work so hard almost every day and it is truly paying off. I love these girls so much and I am going to be really sad when I have to leave, but I am excited to try and finish my last season on a high note."

# Ostrowsky makes immediate impact on players

By Jon Young  
assistant sports editor

Changing a program isn't an easy job, but it can be made easier if surrounded by an experienced staff.

That's exactly what first year head coach Chris Ostrowsky has done by adding four former Division I athletes to his staff.

Brain Newberry, Marcus Knight, Joe Coniglio and John Russell have been brought in to help boost the Wildcats on both sides of the ball.

"I think the first thing that you have to do is surround yourself with quality, knowledgeable people," Ostrowsky said. "I think we've done that for sure."

Newberry, who was a defensive back at Baylor University, has been named defensive coordinator. He has coached at multiple schools. His last stop was a defensive coordinator position at Sewanee.

Ostrowsky has known Newberry for 13 years as they worked together at Washington and Lee University. Ostrowsky said he's a positive addition to the team.

"He brings as much continuity and consistency to the program on the defensive side that I could ask for, in terms of matching what we do offensively philosophy wise," Ostrowsky said. "I know what he's about, I know what his hearts about, I think he's going to be a

phenomenal addition to what we have going on."

On the offensive end, the Wildcats have added Knight as their wide receiver coach. Knight played on the 1997 University of Michigan Rose Bowl Championship team.

"On the surface he brings the wow factor, but when you really break it down he's a great technician a great teacher, someone who knows fundamentals," Ostrowsky said.

Knight was named All-Big Ten second team in 1999 and he also played for the Oakland Raiders during the 2000-02 seasons before continuing his professional career in the Arena Football League. Ostrowsky said his talent stretches further than the field.

"I've been around a lot of great players who couldn't coach, so I don't think his playing ability has anything to do with his coaching," Ostrowsky said. "He's a good football coach and I think he's a better man than he is a coach."

Coniglio comes to NMU after spending the last three years as a defensive coach at Kent State University. He played college ball at Miami University of Ohio where he earned third-team All-MAC honors in his final two seasons. He will be the strength and conditioning coach and defensive line coach.

The newest addition to the staff

is John Russell, who played at the University of Louisville. He will help sure up the pass defense as assistant defensive backs coach.

The addition to the staff isn't the only thing different about this year's team. Ostrowsky has become the first NMU coach to require all his athletes to take part in the Superior Edge volunteer program.

"I think it's critical for us to engage the campus, to engage academia," Ostrowsky said. "I think Superior Edge gives us that first step."

Ostrowsky said winning games is important but he wants to build a legacy that runs deeper than that, and Superior Edge helps in that regard.

"I don't want to just win championships," Ostrowsky said. "I want to finish this and say the foundation of this program was built to last, in terms of academics, in terms of athletics, in terms of our performance on the field. I think that this is a giant step for us, to get involved with the community via the campus."

In addition to the new coaches and Superior Edge policy, the 'Cats have signed 26 incoming freshmen for the 2012 season.

Ostrowsky said he's excited for the incoming class that consists of 13 players on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

"I think what I'm most proud



Justin Key/NW

Senior defensive back Jacob Lehmann makes a tackle in 21-18 loss to Michigan Tech last season. The 'Cats are in the middle of off-season training. NMU is adjusting to a coaching change and new personnel as well.

about is the symmetry in which we went about recruiting," Ostrowsky said. "I think we've gotten faster; we've brought in two outstanding tailbacks, two outstanding quarterbacks to create

that competition to create that edge."

The 'Cats will be in action at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 at the Superior Dome for their annual spring game.

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**To My Favorite Megingish** — I love you! Going to miss you when I leave. — **Grandmother Willow**

**d bags at library** — The library is not for social gatherings, especially not the top floor. If you want to talk, even about school, go to starbucks! — **pissed off student**

**The Grateful Girl** — No problem. You are cute, so it was easy to be polite :) — **The Guy Who Held Open the Door**

**The Guy Who Eats With His Mouth Open** — Hey you. Yeah, you with your trap open. Shut it. And knock it off. — **A Disgusted Worker**

**My Bridesmaids** — Happy Easter!! We are almost done! I love you girls and am gonna miss you! — **Love Your Bridesmaid**

**Relevant students** — Come on hang in there just a few more weeks, you can do it. Keep plugging away and No slacking. Kick butt — **Your President**

**Springfield** — Hey you guys are awesome and I think we’re the best house! Great RA, great residents and great times!! Springfield Rocks! — **Denville**

**JT** — You are great at what you do. We wouldn’t be the same without you. — **Mr. Lynn Halverson**

**Niall** — Good luck Saturday. —

**your fan**

**CVP** — Prepare yourself. This weekend.. — **M.C.**

**NMU** — Why? Really, I mean why? I’m pretty sure Nostradamus said this would be one of the signs of the apocalypse.. — **Concerned classmate**

**The bestest RA in Payne** — Thanks for being an amazing RA and always being there for us. Your gunna pass all classes and graduate in May no problem! — **Your favorite residents**

**D.Dake** — You really need to practice more. I’am kicking your a\$\$ on rookie. You’re such a noob. — **NHL 12 Computer**

**Dedicated Red Wings Fan** — You are such a dedicated fan, if the RW boys knew they would be so impressed! We so need to see a Griffen’s game in the fall! — **Your friend**

**Halvy Staff** — Thanks for a great year! Stay classy next year! — **3.1 RA**

**Garlic Clove** — Thanks for spending your vacation with me. I love the shit outa you. — **Little Onion**

**LJ** — Don’t let senioritis bring you down. You are almost there!. — **LJ**

**T-Do** — Lets catch up soon! P.S. Congrats on grad school!. — **Long Lost friend**

**Michigan** — Wisconsin gives away free cheese with the purchase of beer. What the heck is your problem Mitten State? Get with the program and give me some free cheese! — **Cheesehead**

**Ging** — I like your flow. — **Me**

**Alpha Xi Girls** — Love all of you!! And to the new girls...you are now one of us.— **Grandmother Willow**

**Danger** — I need to get away from you. My parents said your just too dangerous — **Saftey**

**Bob** — I just realized we have the best job ever. Seriously, who would think that vegtebles could get paid to simply be good looking and nutritious. — **Larry**

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### Tapped

Documentary exploring the bottled water industry's effects on our health, economy & environment. Introduction by Chauncey Moran of Yellowdog Watershed

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm  
&  
Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

*Time for discussion follows  
Michigan Room, University Center*

### The Climate Reality Project

Mike Powers will present on climate change and personal and community level changes to make a "negative" impact.

Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm

*Jamrich Hall, Room 103  
climaterealityproject.org*

### Water, Government & Local Partnerships: City of Marquette on Campus

Department heads of Water & Water Treatment, supervisor of Public Works, chair of Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and executive director of Superior Watershed Land & Trust

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3-5 pm

*Jamrich Hall, room 105  
Presentations, question & answer sessions, as well as opportunities to get involved*

### Workshop: Make your Own Water Filter

Learn how to create your own filter using common household objects. One audience member will win the filter!  
*2pm on Sunday before Tapped*

### Water Love Concert

The Water Women will sing following Wednesday's Tapped song;  
Laura Nagle & friends will sing & dance at 5pm Sunday

### Safer Chemicals in Your Home

Information on body care products, cosmetics & cleaning agents regulation, health effects & DIY recipes

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm**  
*Jamrich Hall, Room 231*

### Tap v. Bottled Water Taste Test

Greenpeace will host taste tests around campus throughout the week. Can you taste the difference?