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Continued negotiations for UAW

By Hannah Fermanich
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NMU's chapter of the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America Local 1950 are working with the university to ratify a new labor contract.

The last contract between the university and the UAW expired on June 30, 2011.

Since then, the members of the UAW have been working without a contract while negotiations continue with the university over new proposals.

"Since the contract expired over a year ago, we've simply been working with an expired contract," said Michelle Kimball president of the UAW Local 1950. "As is typical in those circumstances, most workplace issues and concerns are handled the same as previously, so for instance, we are allotted the same amount of sick leave as in the 2008 to 2011 contract."

The most recent proposal from the university was rejected on Aug. 30 by the UAW with a vote of 114 to 11.

This proposal included a net loss of \$0.34 per hour for members who currently are starting at wages between \$9.10 and



\$9.82 an hour.

They are also affected by the change in health care coverage from last year.

This change in health care means more out-of-pocket expenses for these employees.

"We agree that health insurance is valuable and costly, but people who make so little simply cannot afford that much of a premium," Kimball said. "For the 46 members of my group who earn less than \$24,000 per year, that claims more than 10 percent of their gross salary, not their take home."

The negotiation process has taken over a year now.

There are a lot of big issues that are taking more time to come to an agreement on both sides.

Until a new contract can be ratified, the UAW will continue to work with the agreement put in place that expired last year.

"Negotiations have taken a lot longer than they would have hoped," said Cindy Paavola, Director of Communications and Marketing. "It would be accurate to say that it's gone on longer than both sides would have wanted."

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) is also currently going through contract negotiations.

Neither the AAUP nor UAW contracts will be available in more detail until they have been ratified by their corresponding membership and the university.

"We've been holding monthly informational pickets at lunch since January, wearing black shirts on Tuesdays and trying to get the word out anyway we can," Kimball said.

According to Kimball, the UAW union on campus has about 92 percent female membership.

They are a primarily clerical secretary union and are currently the lowest paid union on campus.

"Last semester, 73 student workers on campus earned more per hour than lowest paid members of my union," Kimball said.

The UAW Local 1950 is asking students to wear black shirts on Tuesdays to show their support for the members of the union during the negotiation process.

Student searches for 'a different kind of skateboard'

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

It's not uncommon to see students riding to class on a skateboard or longboard, but this fall you might come across something different.

For senior human centered design major Adam Reed, making skateboards has been a long-time dream.

"I have always wanted to make my own boards, and when my senior year began I decided that I would start making them," Reed said.

Reed, who operates ReeDesign LLC., began designing and constructing skateboards as a project for his senior thesis.

"Ever since then, it has be-

come a dream for me to be able to support myself manufacturing skateboards," Reed said.

The process of constructing takes around three days from start to finish.

Wood veneer is cut into rectangles to be covered in glue and placed within a hydraulic press for eight hours.

"After the glue has shaped the wood into a skateboard template, it's removed from the press and left alone to let the glue cure for an additional 48 hours," Reed said.

The template is then cut down to the size and shape desired, and holes are drilled for the trucks that hold the wheels.

The edges of the deck are then smoothed out with a hand

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Photo courtesy of Adam Reed

ReeDesign LLC uses a variety of experimental materials and shapes to create unique skateboards. The project started as a senior thesis for human centered design major Adam Reed, who began designing boards last fall.

AAUP and local unions marches through Ishpeming for Labor Day



Zerek Twede/NW

Left, marchers bring their children along while supporting union with their displays. Center, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) has a band performing on top of a trailer through the parade. Right, marchers display their political beliefs against the Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and Dan Banishek (R-Mich.).

— BRIEFS —

State

Michigan to protect bargaining

Michigan voters can decide in November whether to allow a right to collective bargaining in state constitution.

According to Reuters, on Wednesday, Sept. 5, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of unions and organized labor.

"A coalition of unions submitted petitions with nearly 700,000 signatures, twice the number needed, to get the measure on the ballot," Reuters reported. "The coalition included the AFL-CIO, the United Auto Workers and the Michigan Education Association."

If passed, Michigan would ensure collective bargaining of labor contracts as a right guaranteed by the state constitution.

Florida and Missouri also protect actions such as collective bargaining in their state constitution. Currently, there are 23 states with "right-to-work" laws, which ban employers from making workers pay for union representation.

National

Democratic convention ending

After keynote speeches from Michelle Obama and actor Kal Penn on Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Democratic National Convention continued in its host city of Charlotte, N.C. with a speech from Bill Clinton on Wednesday, Sept. 5, and will wrap up with an acceptance speech from President Barack Obama on Thursday, Sept. 6.

The event's speakers are focusing strongly on social issues above economic issues, addressing such points as same-sex marriage laws and women's rights.

The president was set to speak this evening at the Bank of America stadium in Charlotte, but has been forced to relocate his speech to the smaller Time Warner Cable Arena due to ongoing storms in the area. The difference in seating between the two venues is nearly 55,000, leaving many ticket holders without seats. The last-minute change was prompted by a forecast of strong thunderstorms on Thursday night in North Carolina's largest city, making convention officials concerned over the potential for an evacuation.

— Compiled from news sources

McNair scholarship aids students seeking Ph.D.

By Heidi Robitaille
contributing writer

The McNair Scholarship Program is seeking students for its program and will begin accepting applications on Monday, Sept. 10, 2012.

In order to qualify for the program, a student must be a first generation student and low income and/or under-represented in graduate education, must have sophomore status or completed 40 credit hours by the start of the winter semester, are looking to pursue a Ph.D. and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

"Those students accepted will start taking part in workshops in the winter semester," said Megan DelBello, McNair Scholars Program Coordinator. "Ultimately, their goal is to apply to graduate school and be accepted."

The McNair Scholarship Program provides students with assistance in GRE preparation, one-on-one faculty mentorships to conduct research, attending and presenting materials at conferences and attending graduate school

prep workshops, along with visiting regional research graduate programs. Students can also receive up to a \$2,800 research stipend and participate in social events.

"The biggest thing for me is the opportunities; I'm in with faculty and doing paid research as an undergraduate," said junior Zoology Honor's student, Rozemary Howard. "The doors that open with the program are huge. I've been able to visit graduate schools, and I've shadowed with the veterinarian oncology team at MSU."

The McNair Scholarship Program has been refunded for the next six years.

"Our focus and the Department of Education's focus are to prepare and place students in Ph.D. programs," said Heather Pickett, Director of the McNair Scholarship Program and Freshman Fellowship Program.

The program pays for nearly everything on a university trip to meet with prospective graduate programs. If a student wants to attend a research conference, the program will do as much as possible to cover the costs.

"We provide opportunity," DelBello said, "The students take the initiative."

This year the program is seeking sixteen open positions.

"Every April students participate in NMU's Celebration of Student Works," DelBello said. "They put together a poster outlining the research they did the previous summer with their faculty mentor."

Students accepted for the McNair Scholarship Program will know by the end of this academic semester and will begin participating in workshops in the winter semester.

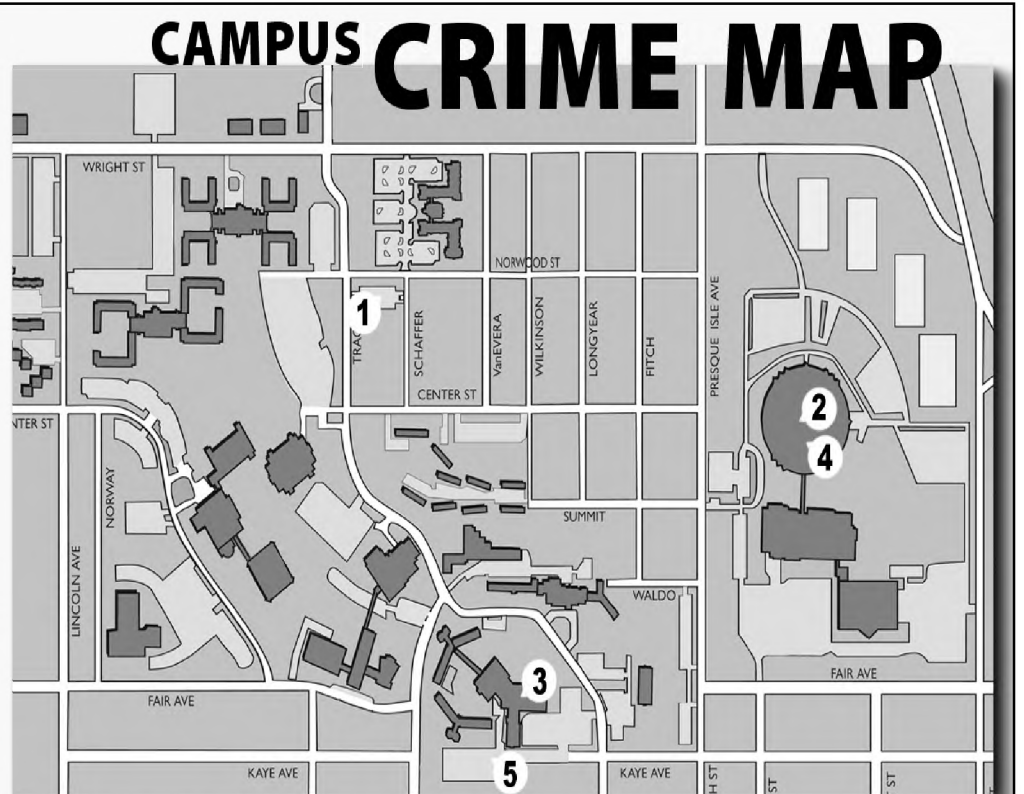
"One of the criteria we use to evaluate prospective new participants is their commitment to pursue a Ph. D.," Pickett said. "Our ultimate goal is to ensure that every one of our students enters a Ph.D. program and graduates within 10 years and enters faculty ranks."

The program works with 25 students each year, and the deadline for submitting an application is Monday, Nov. 5.

For more information, visit www.nmu.edu/mcnairscholars or call (906) 227-2560.

Map Key

- 1) A person was charged with malicious destruction of property at 2:30 p.m. Aug. 26 in Lot 14.
- 2) A student reported simple assault at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 27 at the Superior Dome.
- 3) A person reported larceny of personal property at 12:05 p.m. Aug. 29 at the University Center.
- 4) A student was charged for minor in possession at 1:30 a.m. Aug. 31 at the Superior Dome.
- 5) A person reported malicious destruction of property at 10:50 a.m. Aug. 31 in Lot 15.



Superior made safer for swimmers

Marquette fire department revamps lifeguard program

By Jenean Zahran
staff writer

Earlier this year, the Marquette City Fire Department was asked to partially take over the city's lifeguard department.

Since the transition in February, the fire department has added firmer policies within the program and now requires more certifications in order to become a lifeguard.

A request made from Marquette's city management, Marquette City Fire Department Chief Tom Belt believes this was a smart move to make.

"Quite a few fire departments around the country also have their fire departments involved in the lifeguarding department," Belt said. "Lifeguards save lives, and we are a lifesaving program as well. It's logical that they work with each other."

The fire department formulates policies for the lifeguards, decides which lifeguards should be at the waterfronts and how many lifeguards they will have at each Marquette beach.

They were also in charge of hiring the head lifeguard, Christina Moffett.

Moffett was hired right after the fire department took over the program from the city's Parks and Recreation depart-

ment. For both her and Belt, this has been a big learning experience.

"I was new to the city, and the fire department was new to the lifeguard program," Moffett said. "With a lot of help from the returning lifeguards, we got to learn what they used to do and mix it in with the new policies the fire department added to the program."

Improvements with the lifeguard's communication equipment has also taken place since the transition, and now lifeguards have a fire department radio that goes directly to the police department's switchboard when calling in for help.

"Presently that is the quickest way to get emergency services deployed," Belt said. "That may change next year as we are exploring several different means of electronic communications."

In order to be considered for a lifeguard position, a candidate must have current lifeguard certifications through American Red Cross (or equivalent), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and a certification for waterfront lifeguarding as well.

In addition to that, a candidate must be able to pass the City of Marquette Water Skills Test.



Zerek Twede/NW

Marquette city lifeguards watch over beachgoers who go to enjoy the waves of Lake Superior, but the lake can be risky for the inexperienced.

The lifeguards will also be expected to operate a jet ski while on duty.

The usage of the jet ski was already part of the lifeguard program when the fire department took over, but this year was the first time the lifeguards had training on it.

"During training we spend time practicing how to drive it and learn rescue techniques for active and passive drowning victims," Moffett said. "The jet ski allows for the lifeguards to access remote locations quickly and efficiently."

Since Labor Day was the last

official day for beach season, lifeguards will no longer be on duty, however, the fire department is still going to try and get at least half a dozen lifeguards to be out on the beaches during the weekends.

The department is now looking for guards for next year, according to Moffett.

"They are looking for motivated, professional people that can react quickly in emergency situations," Moffett said.

To learn more about how to apply for a lifeguard position, visit www.mqtcty.org.

Workshop gives groups skills to succeed

By Audrey Menninga
staff writer

At 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10 in the Back Room of the University Center there will be a Skill Builder! workshop, teaching student organizations the skills to function well.

The workshop is geared towards student organization leaders and active members, and will consist of topics such as recruiting, retaining members, organizing a school event and funding organizations.

The workshop, "Leaning Forward, Part I: Getting Your Organization Moving!," is being hosted by Dave Bonsall, director of the Center for Student Enrichment, and Hannah Kratz, a graduate student assistant for the Center for Student Enrichment.

"In our session, through the sharing of ideas and strategies, we hope to help organizations meet the challenges they are facing and maximize the opportunities that they have," Bonsall said.

According to Bonsall, the workshop was suggested by a student after a similar workshop last semester.

"If we get a good turnout with several or more student organizations represented, I think all involved will really benefit," Bonsall said.

Those interested can reserve a spot via the Skill Builder! page through www.nmu.edu/student-leaderfellowship.

South Beach shut down for rest of season

By Marcellino Signorelli
news editor

South Beach in Marquette has been closed for the remainder of the summer season due to elevated levels of E. coli.

Over the summer, South Beach has been closed repeatedly due to the high level of bacteria, but those were temporary closures.

However on Aug. 31, the decision was made by the city to permanently shut it down.

According to city officials, swimming is currently banned at South Beach until the end of the season.

The cause of the elevated level of E. coli is due to the waste from seagulls and geese washing into the water, according to Wastewater treatment plant officials.

A reading of the bacteria level taken on Aug. 29, revealed the level of E. coli to be above the safe level.

Other beaches in the city will continue to be open until the end of the season.

Rock and jazz to fill the air at NMU

Fundraiser will gather donations for West End food bank

By Marcellino Signorelli
news editor

"Music to Feed the Soul Concert: A Hunger Relief Fundraiser Event" opens its doors at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 in the Great Lakes Room of the University Center.

The event is to help gather donations for the West End Feeding America Food Bank in Ishpeming. Two groups will be performing at the event.

There is no cost for admission, but donations of two non-perishable canned food items or \$5 are appreciated.

"One group is String Theory which is a jazz band and the second is Everything Under the Sun, and they play a variety of rock music," said Adele Herman, an art and design photography junior and student administrative assistant for the Lutheran Campus Ministry. "Any student or community members are invited to attend the event. The event is funded

by a grant."

The sponsors for the event include the Lutheran Campus Ministry, the Messiah Lutheran Church, the Northern Great Lakes Synod and they are partnered with the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) World Hunger Grant.

"Most of our music is original and our style varies from blues, rock, reggae, funk and jazz," said Bret Hanson, lead singer of Everything Under the Sun. "We compose a lot of the music we play."

"Some of our greatest influences are Sublime, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jackson Browne, The Eagles, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Primus, among others."

The current line-up of members in Everything Under the Sun was formed five months ago.

According to Hanson, he and Mike Krah, the guitarist, were about to give up on the band when they met their future band members out at dinner one night.

"The next day we all got together to play and the rest is history," Hanson said.

Hanson grew up in Chicago but has spent most of his life in Michigan. A few years ago he made the move out to Marquette.

"We enjoy playing nightclubs and weekend shows but we also love giving back to the community too," Hanson said. "We were approached by NMU and we jumped on the offer."

"We love being able to help out any way we can, especially for a food pantry in a way that not everyone can help out."

Steve Leuthold, professor of Art and Design and manager of String Theory, also will be playing saxophone and flute with them for the event.

"The main duo are Kirsten Gustafson, vocalist, and Dave Ziegner, guitarist," Leuthold said. "They released an album last year and have toured the Upper Midwest."

"I'm basically sitting in with them for this concert and

I've played with them a couple times before."

Being a jazz band, their preferred venue is in an intimate setting or a club and they have played in the Marquette Blues Fest and the NMU Jazz Fest last winter, according to Leuthold.

"It's the kind of band that lends itself to a kind of adult-listening audience," Leuthold said. "We do sometimes play large spaces."

"The events are often related to the jazz or blues genre."

String Theory is also a band based out of Marquette.

"It's going to be a really great time for those who come," Hanson said. "They [String Theory] are really talented musicians and they're just amazing at what they do."

"Also, we have a different stage presence every time so each show is a different experience."

For more information about the event, call the Lutheran Campus Ministry at (906) 228-8033.

Slim ThinkPads don't play CDs, but run faster

New laptop trades off DVD drive by halving weight and adding RAM

By Marcellino Signorelli
news editor

The ThinkPad X230i debuted on NMU's campus this year, displaying its slimness along with a lack of a DVD drive.

As part of the Teaching, Learning and Communication (TLC) program, every NMU student is issued a laptop and the price is included in tuition.

Art and Design majors receive a MacBook, but students in other majors receive a Lenovo ThinkPad.

"The X230i has half the weight of the older models, longer battery life, a faster processor, faster memory and a bigger and faster hard drive," said Scott Krah, director of microrepair. "That being said, those were two things [DVD drive and firewire port] based on trends we have seen and heard that have been going away."

James Wallace, a junior wild-life management major, has previously had a Lenovo SL410 and currently has the new X230i.

"I love the new ThinkPads," Wallace said. "It runs 100 times better than the last one and has twice as many gigabytes, which is awesome when I'm playing

Starcraft.

"I have six hours of battery life at full force versus two hours for the old one."

According to Krah, most computers use USB 3.0, which is faster than firewire, and even higher-end models of laptops are straying away from DVD drives.

"We go as a group to Raleigh (N.C.) and get a briefing on what's new and the trends in the industry, look at new products coming out, listen to student input from the year before and talk to a committee," Krah said. "We don't just go out and say 'that's the one we want.'"

"Mostly everyone either downloads or gets their information online."

Exavier Wooten, a freshman culinary arts major, said he is upset he cannot watch any of his DVDs or listen to CDs with the new school computer.

"It runs better than my laptop back home and I heard that the older NMU laptops have more problems," Wooten said. "However, I would probably rather have the older one just for the CD drive. I feel I can do much more stuff with it versus the new."

Students who do need to use



Zerek Twede/NW

The new Lenovo X230i, issued to new students and returning students at the end of their lease, is half the weight of previous ThinkPads but also has more memory and longer battery life. To use a CD, an external drive is required.

a CD or DVD are able to pick up an external DVD drive from microrepair, free of charge.

However, it is only available for students who need it for a class, not for purposes of leisure.

While the size may cause some concern over the durability, the X230i is as strong as

larger models.

"We were concerned that the smaller laptop would break a lot easier," Krah said. "He [an engineer] had one fall from a seven foot shelf on a wood floor. It ran flawlessly."

A survey conducted by the bookstore last year for instruc-

tors found that 95 percent did not use a CD and of the 5 percent that did, only a small percentage were required to use it, Krah said.

For any other questions about the ThinkPad, or any school-issued laptop, call Microrepair at (906) 227-1192.

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Gearing up for November election

Know the candidates before going to vote

By **Hannah Fermanich**
assistant news editor

As November draws closer, candidates on both sides of the political sphere gear up for the final stages of the election season.

For students who are unsure of who to vote for, now is the time to start looking at the issues and find out who stands for what they believe in most.

Each candidate has their own set of policies that should be carefully considered before heading to the polls in November.

According to an informational flier, Gov. Mitt Romney's campaign focus is on restoring America's promise, the promise of the American dream.

His campaign promotes restoring the economy, reducing the deficit and creating more jobs for the American people.

According to the flier, Romney is quoted as saying, "From my first day in office, my number one job will be to see that America leads the world in job creation once again."

Romney has released his

59-point plan in a book titled "Believe in America: Mitt Romney's Plan for Jobs and Economic Growth."

In the book, Romney details his plans on taxes, regulations, trade, labor, human capital and spending.

According to Romney's official website, his book also gives a precise list of what he plans to do on day one of his term should he be elected.

This includes several bills and executive orders.

They are working toward ending Obamacare, sanctioning China for unfair trade practices and investigating American energy resources, just to name a few.

"I want students to think about what is best in the long-term for the country," said Brandon Zanon, vice president of the College Republicans.

Along with his plan for economic growth, his running mate Paul Ryan has a plan for medicare reform that would bring more options for citizens entering into the medicare system.

The new program would not affect those who are currently

age 55 and older.

For those who would be affected by the plan, they would be given a choice in how to use their medicare money by being able to shop around for providers, according to Zanon.

President Barack Obama has already demonstrated his plans for the country through his first term as president.

Under his presidency, the United States has seen a government bailout of the auto industry, a new health care system known as Obamacare and the death of Osama bin Laden.

Obama has proven himself to be a president in favor of diversity.

He has openly come out in support of gay marriage.

He also supports the Dream Act, which, if passed, would allow undocumented young immigrants to earn their citizenship through military service or through a higher education, according to Obama's official website.

"The plan is to keep go-

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— Brandon Zanon
vice president of the
College Republicans

ing in the same direction we have been," said Drew Janego, president of the College Democrats.

Obama's plan for fixing the economy emphasizes putting an investment in education that will hopefully bring back a large return.

He also hopes to bring out the truth behind the actions of his administration.

By laying out the facts behind the decisions made, he hopes to gain more support from the people, Janego said.

Both candidates have plans for how to tackle the big issues.

By knowing how they plan to accomplish their goals, an informed decision can be made when going to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Students are invited to help foster children

By **Marcellino Signorelli**
news editor

The Volunteer Center will be holding orientation sessions for those who want to be a mentor and a friend for foster children.

The sessions will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 in the Pioneer A Room of the University Center and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the Cadillac Room of the U.C.

The orientation will explain how the Volunteer Center helps foster children through the Teaching Family Homes organization, as well as brainstorm ideas and plan a schedule of events.

"The program started in 2007 and has grown since," said Nik Krawczyk, junior entrepreneurship major and Volunteer Center coordinator. "Now we work with them two to three times a week, not just tutoring, but also recreational events such as basketball or going to a hockey game."

According to Krawczyk, a background check is conducted for those applying.

"It's great real-world experience and it's a great time for the volunteers as much as it is for the kids," Krawczyk said. "Anyone who is energetic and enthusiastic about working with kids should consider coming to the orientation."

For more information, email the Volunteer Center at volctr@nmu.edu or call (906) 227-2466.

DO MORE THAN JUST WATCH.



INVISIBLE CHILDREN

A screening of the newest Invisible Children documentary

Wednesday, Sept 12
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Invisible Children exists to stop LRA violence and support the war-affected communities in East and Central Africa. They also exist to empower young people to "do more than just watch," to take steps towards ending injustice. Join us to view the newest documentary and hear more about Invisible Children.

Q&A immediately following the screening.



Staff Editorial



ASNMU president disappoints

Ben Stanley's actions have demeaned the office of the ASNMU president, and he has demonstrated a lack of respect for policy and procedure. The students of Northern Michigan University deserve a president that represents them and gives voice to student concern.

Stanley's latest scheme has been to attempt to create a non-voting position on the NMU Board of Trustees so that the ASNMU president can sit in on closed session meetings, a needless addition.

The ASNMU president already is allotted time to bring the concerns of the student body to the Board of Trustees. Obtaining a non-voting position for the ASNMU president is a waste of students' time.

In Michigan, there is no other university that has a non-voting position for the president of the student government. Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the governor, and it is highly unlikely that the state will create such a position for the ASNMU president.

Stanley could be devoting his effort elsewhere to better represent his constituents.

This is not the first time Stanley has made a mockery of NMU's student government. On April 9, Stanley was jailed for contempt of court after he failed to appear at a court date on Oct. 27, 2011. This set the precedent for Stanley's continued disrespect of authority.

He was then quoted by this newspaper as saying, "[The incident] helped because many did not know what ASNMU was until this [Stanley's jailing] happened." This kind of fallacious logic is unacceptable.

Students should become aware of student government not by the scandals of its members but for the virtue of its purpose, to bridge the gap between students and the university.

This is the kind of representation the students of NMU have been receiving by the ASNMU president. He has smeared previous presidents and shows no indication that he is working for the benefit of the students, but only the furthering of his own ego.

If ASNMU's main emphasis is on communication then maybe that communication should be with the students that elected ASNMU board members and not with the Board of Trustees during closed-session meetings.

No more used games



Staff Column

Hannah Fermanich

The Internet is buzzing with rumors about what the next generation of gaming consoles might have in store for gamers, but the one that has sparked the most backlash and controversy is the rumor that these new consoles are anti-used games.

This means that game discs that were used previously would not be playable on the new systems. If this is true, consumers would no longer be able to buy used games at stores such as GameStop or Best Buy at prices lower than what the game would sell for brand new, nor would they be able to borrow games from video stores or even friends for that matter.

While these rumors have not been confirmed by either Microsoft or Sony, this brings to question the idea of how far a corporation can go before consumers will stop buying into it.

Not everyone who games can or wants to buy brand new games, especially if they've never tried them before. By making these new systems anti-used games, it would hurt the amount of profit these corporations would make more than it would benefit them.

We see this in the music industry as well when it comes to the issue of copyrights. A majority of artists, especially up-and-coming ones, would prefer their music to be shared without the strict rules imposed by copyrights because it gives them that extra bit of exposure.

If more people hear their music, more will want to buy it. The same is true in the case of video games.

A consumer is more willing to spend the extra money if they have had the ability to try something brand new.

While it is true that there are some hard-core gamers out there that will line up for hours on end to be one of the first to get a newly released game, not all of us are that dedicated.

These corporations are for-

getting that a large portion of their target audience happens to be between the ages of 14 and 34, according to marketing community website iMedia Connection. A great deal of these consumers simply don't have the money to spend \$60 on a brand new game.

Now, while I don't agree with these measures if Sony and Microsoft choose to go through with them, I can also see why they might try to pursue it. Although stores like GameStop may offer used games at low prices, they also tend to make a lot of their money by purchasing used games from consumers at incredibly low offers and then selling them again at a much higher price.

They are making profit by reselling a product they had no part in contributing to the creation of. Simply put, they are making money off of someone else's work.

By making the next generation of consoles anti-used games, these corporations might create a solution to this problem but that does not necessarily mean that it's the correct one.

I think that further discussion of the methods involved in reselling video games is needed, not a direct action against the consumers who happen to be buying them.

When it comes down to it, this change in the gaming market is punishing those who support it most.

If Microsoft and Sony want to keep their systems and games as popular as they currently are, they would be wise to not embrace a new anti-used games system.

Unfortunately, we will have to wait until these systems are released to know for sure what the future holds for used gaming. I know that I, for one, have a hard time spending more than \$40 on a used game.

I will rarely buy a game brand new simply because of the higher price tag.

If Sony and Microsoft go through with these said rumors, I really can't see myself spending a small fortune on the next consoles, not when I can't at least save on buying used games.

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NASA should encourage competition



Weekly Take Away

Lee McClelland

On Saturday, Aug. 26, Neil Armstrong died after experiencing complications from a cardiovascular surgery at the age of 82. His death signals an end to an era of innovation and space exploration in America.

I was saddened to hear about Armstrong's death because he was the first man on the moon and an American icon. He took that famous giant leap for mankind. In July 1969, he defied gravity and bounded across the moon's dusty surface.

In 1961, John F. Kennedy pronounced to the world that America would go to the moon and a global technological race ensued.

Russia and the United States were at odds. The technological advancement from that time is almost unbelievable.

Now look at the present state of things: NASA has retired the Space Shuttle Program and each shuttle now rests in a museum.

Space exploration has become a predominantly unmanned endeavor. In the wake of a recession, America has cut funding for NASA and the future of space flight has been privatized.

Currently, there is one company that has a contract with NASA to transport cargo to and from the International Space Station and that company is SpaceX.

In the past, companies like Boeing and Lockheed Martin have engineered and built rockets and shuttles for NASA. They were awarded "cost-plus" contracts, ones that funded the full cost of research and development as well as a guaranteed profit. This is no longer the case with dwindling funds for space exploration.

NASA has been giving companies subsidies, or "fixed-cost" contracts, to develop rockets that can deliver cargo to the space station.

The four original companies that were vying for a fully funded contract to transport cargo were SpaceX, Boeing, Blue Origin and Sierra Nevada.

After NASA submitted their 2013 Fiscal Year President's Budget Summary to Congress, the House Appropriations committee requested that NASA choose one of these companies to contract out the job to cut spending.

The most successful candidate was and is SpaceX, whose company has lowered the cost of spaceflight so much so that even the Chinese government cannot match SpaceX's launch costs, which are the lowest in the world.

SpaceX is the appropriate choice, but a real problem is created by cost-cutting decisions. NASA has now eliminated competition between aeronautic firms. It was competition that put America on the moon, so it is troubling to see NASA make such a costly misstep in the name of trimming their budget.

SpaceX sent their Falcon 9 rocket into space on May 22, 2012 and their Dragon spacecraft docked at the International Space Station on May 25. This was the first and only test of the unmanned Dragon spacecraft docking at the space station.

With relatively little testing, NASA is taking a big risk by eliminating subsidies for the other three companies competing with SpaceX. There is no longer any incentive for SpaceX to innovate at a rapid pace. Without competition, innovation is stifled.

Russia is the only country currently taking crews to and from the space station, but NASA has already awarded a contract to SpaceX for transporting crews in the future; the company doesn't have a craft capable of this yet.

NASA hopes to have manned spaceflights sometime after 2020. In the meantime, NASA should subsidize research and develop-

ment that is conducted by competing companies.

It is imperative for humankind to go into space. Galileo Galilei could only gaze at the stars in the 1600s. Now we can break away from our own atmosphere and explore the vacuum of space.

I know SpaceX can send a craft to the space station. I am confident that they will deliver precious cargo in the years to come but will they be able to create a spacecraft that can travel farther than that? I am not so sure.

Without a doubt there is a company that can send us farther into space than we have ever gone before. Perhaps that company is Boeing or Blue Origin or Sierra Nevada. But it is hard to imagine that they will be able to keep up with SpaceX now that they are a government funded company and the others are no longer subsidized.

Without capital, these other three cannot compete.

This is a turning point in space exploration, not just for America but for the world. The privatization of spaceflight may well be the boon that humanity has been waiting for.

These companies will employ many workers from all branches of science.

In the span of a decade or so, maybe a Northern Michigan University graduate will be counting down from 10 to launch the first privately funded, manned spaceflight.

I am pessimistic, though, in the same way that Neil Armstrong was. It was his opinion that divorcing man from spaceflight was detrimental to the whole industry.

I am worried more about one giant government funded company taxiing food and supplies back and forth to the space station and that men and women will be bound by gravity during a time when they could be traveling to extraterrestrial locales.

The world should worry about the next giant leap; it could be the one that causes us to fall away from our potential: prolonged spaceflight to extraterrestrial locales.

Speedskating program closure affects athletes



Guest Column

Barry Winslow

Just a few months ago, it became official that the United States Olympic Education Center (USOEC), located on NMU's campus, would be closing its short track speedskating program due to financial issues.

What many Wildcats don't know about this campus is that it was home to one of four Olympic Training Centers in the United States, and the only one located on a college campus that required its athletes to continue to pursue an academic career.

Since the USOEC's development in 1985, Marquette has been able to host some amazing athletic events, house thousands of potential Olympic athletes and help bring home some Olympic medals.

I first came to Marquette in the summer of 2003, long before I became a Wildcat. The occasion was a one-week short track speedskating training camp located at the USOEC.

I was one of the little kids walking through Meyland Hall with my skates in hand, staring at all these U.S. Olympic athletes in total admiration.

My dream to become an Olympian began in the halls of Meyland.

I was fortunate to grow up in Midland, Mi. where I was surrounded by a helpful community that is home to one of the largest speedskating clubs in the nation.

I started my career with the Midland Speed Skating Club at the age of seven and continued to skate there until I moved to Marquette at the age of 16 to be a part of the USOEC program.

I made a good name for myself skating for Midland, and I was a recognized North American athlete.

At the age of 13, I competed against Apolo Anton Ohno. He beat me pretty soundly, yet I felt honored to qualify for an event and measure myself against his talent.

With a resume built up of solid performances and fast times in all distances, I was accepted into the

USOEC's short track speedskating program in June 2006.

Being accepted at such a young age was an honor, and to this day saying that I was a USOEC resident athlete for five years is something of which I am very proud of.

It breaks my heart to know that I was part of the last batch of speedskaters to ever go through the USOEC program.

I would still be going after my Olympic dreams today if the speed skating program was still in existence.

Not having the USOEC program has forced me to retire from speedskating two years before the next Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia and has left the question lying over my head: what if the USOEC had kept my program?

I don't want other athletes to ask themselves these kinds of questions because of financial issues.

It is truly sad to know that I will not be able to represent my country doing something that I love.

After receiving a full scholarship, it is disappointing that I won't be able to train for the Olympics and that no other athletes will have the opportunities I enjoyed.

It felt really good saying that I trained full time in Marquette when someone would ask me where I'm from. There is something special about it up here, something about the people, and the lake and the small-town comfort that this area brings.

The speedskating program brought some of the greatest athletes in the USA together, and we were able to form a family of friends.

Now, many of the sports that trained at the USOEC, such as boxing, women's freestyle wrestling, women's weightlifting and speedskating have moved to different training centers, such as the centers in Colorado Springs, Colo. and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Although these training centers have plenty to offer, it was amazing that Marquette was our home.

It is a small town doing a big city's job—and doing it even better.

I only hope that Marquette and NMU can get other USOEC programs up and running again so that future generations can light that Olympic fire and fuel the dream right in our own backyard.

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Society needs to update its dating techniques

Our generation can start to set standards for successful marriages



Guest
Column

Cora
Thiele

We are a culture obsessed with dating. With all this interest in relationships, you would think that Americans would have strong families, yet according to DivorceRate.org, "50 percent of all marriages in America end in divorce."

If you have any experience with divorce, you know the harm such a separation can often do to a family: child support payments and court settlement fees hassling an individual and unrelenting burnout threatening single working parents.

The U.S. Census Bureau found that single parent families are far more likely to have a low standard of living than families with a stable marriage.

If our current strategies for finding a marriage partner fail to keep 50 percent of marriages together, I would conclude that a radical change needs to be made in the dating process.

Bahá'í 'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, postulates an approach I find much more effective and authentic than the one employed by the generality of society.

In this approach there are four stages: personal reflection, acquainting yourself with the other's character, courtship and parental consent.

Bahá'í 'lláh describes marriage as a "fortress for well-being" and emphasizes the importance of careful preparation for marriage.

Before considering marriage, Bahá'ís are encouraged to reflect on their own character. For me, this means recognizing my strengths and weaknesses and knowing what I want from life.

A surface investigation of my own character might reveal that I am a creative thinker who presents only the illusion of being organized and who finds joy in most aspects of life.

Any person I consider marrying would have to accept and encourage these qualities.

The next step in the process is becoming thoroughly acquainted with the character of your prospective spouse. This means noticing the character traits of those around you and gauging how they mesh or clash with your own.

By noticing and encouraging the good qualities revealed by this mindful search, you can strengthen good in others, which, if you make a habit of it, will benefit society whether or not you choose to marry that particular individual.

If you are already accustomed to noticing the positive qualities in others encouragement will be second nature when you marry and will help support a lasting, loving relationship between you and your spouse.

When you meet someone who seems to match your character, specific attention paid to that individual can then take the form of a courtship.

You and your potential marriage partner court by engaging in service together with other friends and taking the time to thoroughly discuss every facet of life.

By engaging in service, you learn how each of you react to stress and how you work together as a team.

Rather than going to dinner and dressing up for a special occasion, why not take the opportunity to simulate daily life in a practical way, and learn who the other person really is on a day-to-day basis?

By taking the time to discuss the little things you can avoid nagging habits later that can drive a wedge between married couples.

By taking time to talk about dreams (and goals for the future too) you can decide if the life you want and the life he or she wants can be combined harmoniously.

It seems logical to me that both lifestyles and future plans must be

compatible to make a marriage work.

This kind of courtship requires that both people are dedicated to a relationship unaffected by physical intimacy.

This kind of relationship avoids the challenges of illegitimate children, single working parents and marriages forced upon two individuals by a sense of duty to their child.

By detaching oneself from physical intimacy, one might avoid the scenario of "falling in love" only to "fall out of love" just as quickly when lust has been satisfied.

Because Bahá'í courtship focuses on the content of a person's character, rather than on physical intimacy, Bahá'ís must find other ways to learn about each other.

Two good friends of mine spent many afternoons in a local coffee shop reading favorite books aloud during their courtship.

The pattern continued on into their marriage and is still something they enjoy doing together.

Once two individuals decide to marry, as Bahá'ís they are required to seek consent from their parents. This helps to maintain family unity, both in parental generation and in the new union.

This method may seem old fashioned, but if you look at it carefully, it is new and incredibly

radical.

A Bahá'í marriage must be built on equality, frank and loving communication and a lifestyle of service to one another and to humanity.

It will take concerted effort on the part of every individual to realize such a reality, but our families and our society are in a sad state. Is it not time for a change?

I've gotten some pretty strange looks when I try to explain why I choose not to "date" in the usual sense of the word, but I feel it's worth it.

I'm different, and I want to be, because I am not satisfied with the family structure I see modeled by much of society today.

The change you make in your life could be as simple as learning to listen and really hear your friends when they talk.

Notice only the best in people, and encourage them to strengthen those qualities by not gossiping about their mistakes.

Ask yourself if you have the courage to change the norm and create a society based on your lasting marriage.

I believe that everyone does, but you must believe it is possible to make a difference. Lasting marriages could be the norm in the future.

It's up to us to make the change.

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Access books in new format

Some have difficult time adjusting to e-readers



Guest Column

Kiah Watson

By now I'm sure that it is popular knowledge that having an e-reader is an advantage to the college-aged student.

Almost all textbooks are available in the e-reader format and they're cheaper, too; for students with mounting debt who need to be able to feed themselves, it is probably worth the expense.

Or is it? I haven't decided yet. As an English writing major, I have severely mixed feelings about the e-reader. I've talked to other people, some even in the same field as me, who absolutely love this new bit of fancy electronics.

My friend says he's been reading more than ever now that his entire library is on a handy little device that he can throw in his briefcase.

Real books are heavy, large and sometimes downright awkward to try to carry around.

Then you have those who are cheap—or just have no money—who appreciate all of the incredibly low-cost or even free books

that have popped up thanks to the self-publishing market the e-reader introduced.

Websites like Amazon now have programs that let writers who can't be or aren't inclined to be published in the traditional way have their shot on e-readers.

The results include waves of books that may or may not be worth the read, but at least they're inexpensive.

Although many people may have heard about the tough time the e-reader is giving the publishing industry, it's not entirely true.

Traditionally published books still far outnumber e-books as far as profits and circulation at this time, but how long will the e-reader phenomena last?

Still, consider the experience of reading a book. Some curl up on the couch while others run a bath, soaking for hours with a paperback.

The weight of a book, their different sizes, the way that some are rough, cracked and old all adds to the appeal. Their physical attributes are half of their charm.

What about the ability to take your reading material with you wherever you go?

Those options are so much more precarious when the book

you're reading is on a device that can be ruined through sand and water. Trust me, books are much tougher.

In fact well-known authors Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett said something similar in the forward of a book they wrote together called "Good Omens." They said, "Believe us: We have signed a delightfully large number of paperbacks that have been dropped in the bath, gone a worrying brown color, got repaired with sticky tape and string, and in one case, consisted entirely of loose pages in a plastic bag." You can't get an e-book signed.

If all of the world's books are suddenly only available through one source, someone could change things at will. With no physical copies, no one will notice. I'm getting ahead of myself, but it's an issue to consider.

I appreciate and disdain the e-reader in different measures. I will always give thanks to anything that can influence people to read.

Reading is perhaps the most important thing in the world. If there are people who did not read before and have suddenly discovered an e-book, then good for them.

For me, there will never be anything but a book.

Sound Off

compiled by
Kristen Koehler

How was your first week back at NMU?



Andrew Brim
senior, physical education
"I miss summer."



Jackie Gostomski
freshman, nursing
"Pretty epic."



Drew Dean
senior, environmental conservation
"Fantastic!"



James Pesola
sophomore, criminal justice
"I had a pretty good time."



Emma Schuch
freshman, nursing/undecided
"It was great."



John Owens
sophomore, bio physiology
"Long, I didn't get much sleep."

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By Nolan Krebs
features editor

Some would say that beer is a thing worth celebrating. The third Annual U.P. Fall Beer Festival will be flooding downtown Marquette from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8 in Mattson Lower Harbor Park.

Boasting more than 30 Michigan craft brewers and 200 different beers available to sample, the event is hosted each year by the Michigan Brewers Guild.

“Beer fest is hands down my favorite day in September,” said senior art and design student and home-brewer Collin Gaudard. “There’s so many different beers you can try, it really opens you up to some brewing possibilities you wouldn’t have imagined otherwise.”

Tickets for the festival are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the gate. Fifteen drink tokens are included with admission and are redeemable for a three-ounce sample of beer, while additional tokens may be purchased

inside the gate for 50 cents.

Marquette’s microbreweries will be representing their craft at this weekend’s Fall Beer Festival, and we caught up with two of them to see what they were most excited about pouring.

Blackrocks Brewery, a micro-brewery founded in 2010 by Andy Langolais and David Manson, will be featuring two collaboration IPAs with Keweenaw Brewing Company, as well as a limited surprise for the opening ceremony.



Above left: A glass of saison, one of Ore Dock Brewery’s specialties. Typically a refreshing summer ale, saisons originated in Wallonia, Belgium.

Above right: Including both a production system and an R&D system, Ore Dock features both permanent and experimental, smaller batches of beer.

Photos by Kristen Koehler & Ben Stewart/NW

It's brewing at the U.P. Fall Beer Fest

"We're mostly excited about our barrel-aged Blackberry Sour Porter," Langolais said.

Ore Dock Brewing Company, which opened in May and celebrated the opening of its upper level last week, will be serving a traditional Finnish sahti.

"With the sahti, we use traditional Finnish brewing techniques with juniper boughs and tips," said Ore Dock beer pourer Adam Robarge.

Right: A sampler filled with the various grains used in Ore Dock Brewery's brewing process.



Above: Founded in 2010, Blackrocks Brewery was started out of the basement of David Manson and Andy Langlois. Taking advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity, the two expanded enough to become Marquette's first official "nanobrewery." The brewery has been expanding ever since.

SKATE

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router, and the board is touched up with a belt sander before the finish is applied.

The finished product looks different than an average skateboard.

"Blending the ideas used in snowboarding, my skateboards add a little more curvature to the deck," Reed said. The result adds more control and response for the rider.

In order to create the boards, several pieces of equipment are required: a hydraulic press, table router, band saw, drill press, barrel sander, hand router and table saw.

Since he no longer has access to NMU's lab facilities, Reed has had to look elsewhere for the essential tools - the internet.

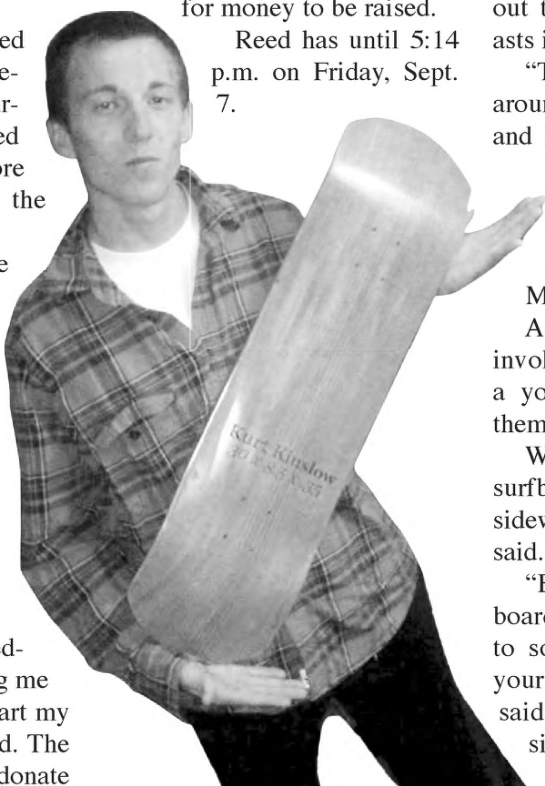
"Kickstarter is an incredible website that is helping me raise money in order to start my small business," Reed said. The website allows people to donate

money to help startup costs and receive rewards in return.

"I am currently selling stickers, posters, sweatshirts, skate decks, cruisers and longboards," Reed said.

However, the website allows only a limited amount of time for money to be raised.

Reed has until 5:14 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7.



"I have 45 days to raise my goal of \$4,000, but if I don't hit the goal, the money is returned to the backers and my project would end there."

Reed hopes that he'll be able to operate his own website for ReeDesign in the future to reach out to the board sport enthusiasts in the area.

"There's a lot of students around here that love to skate and longboard, and it's a community that's always open to new challenges and things to try out," said junior marketing major Guy McCarthy.

As someone who has been involved with board sports from a young age, connecting with them is part of Reed's dream.

Whether it's a snowboard, surfboard or skateboard, riding sideways on a board is life, he said.

"Besides staying active, board sports are a great way to socialize, de-stress and put your life in perspective," Reed said. "I want to share that vision with as many people as I can."

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Photo courtesy of Adam Reed

ReeDesign skateboards blend the ideas used in snowboards by adding curvature to the deck. The altered surface shape gives riders more control and response.

DeVos exhibit features artists influenced by U.P.

By Lucy Hough

contributing writer

It's not too late to see the work in this year's U.P. Focus exhibition.

A closing reception for the works featured in this exhibit will take place from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14 in the DeVos Art Museum.

The U.P. Focus exhibit is an annual show featuring art influenced by the Upper Peninsula, and this year's exhibit includes work from artists John Lundeen and Theresa Smith.

"The DeVos Art Museum is proud to give exhibition opportunities to talented artists from the area or influenced by the area. It's important to showcase the artists in the area for both local visitors and the NMU community," said Melissa Matuscak, director and curator of the DeVos Art Museum. "The U.P. influences artists

in the area in different ways.

Nature is always a big influence, we are surrounded by lots of beautiful scenery. There is (also) a lot of interesting history and stories about people in the U.P. that artists tell through their artwork."

Both artists are influenced by the history and environment of the Upper Peninsula. Nature specifically influences Smith's work. According to Matuscak, Smith's work is inspired by the "small details of nature."

Smith is from Marquette and has been selected for residencies and exhibitions nationally and internationally; she uses clay and iron in her work.

"Iron has a long history in the U.P., so there may be an influence there too," Matuscak said.

John Lundeen is also a resident of the U.P.; he splits his time between AuTrain and Marfa, Texas.

Lundeen's work is influenced by Lake Superior and also Finnish history, which is a major component of U.P. culture.

"My work has been described as 'dream-like' or 'soft surreal.' I think those are reasonable characterizations," Lundeen said. "We live on the shore of Lake Superior, which provides a continuous inspiration with its changing moods and colors. I am also inspired by the truly imaginary, Finnish epic poem 'Kalavala.'"

According to Lundeen, his paintings focus on composition and paint surface quality, even more so than the subject matter.

"The DeVos space is an exciting place to show. The museum has great lighting and the space needed to show my larger work. Matuscak and her staff did an extraordinary job hanging the show," Lundeen said.

Matuscak said she feels students are often surprised by the U.P. Focus exhibitions each year.

"Sometimes I think it's easy to think most artists in the area make very traditional work, and while some do, there are artists here working in different media and concept imaginable," Matuscak said. "I think they will enjoy the skill that each of these artists have and the way they handle the materials they are using. There is so much texture in their work but in very different forms."

At the Friday Sept. 14 closing reception, the artists will be available to answer questions about their work.

Also during the reception, the artist of the upcoming DeVos exhibition will be available. The



Nolan Krebs/NW

Pieces by John Lundeen and Theresa Smith cull some of their inspiration from the natural environments and aesthetics of the Upper Peninsula.

next Andrew Ranville's exhibit, "No Island is a Man," will feature his work as the first artist in residence on Rabbit Island.

This will be an annual show at the DeVos Art Museum. Ranville has been instrumental in setting

up the artist residency on Rabbit Island, located off of the U.P.'s Keweenaw Peninsula.

To learn more about the exhibit and the upcoming "Andrew Ranville: No Island is a Man" exhibit, visit www.nmu.edu/De



Nolan Krebs/NW

The art work of John Lundeen is on display in the DeVos Art Museum.

Exhibition displays artifacts from NMU field school

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

The Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center will be hosting an exhibit exploring the history of Beaver Island through Saturday-Sept. 22.

“Scattered to the Winds: the Vanished Community of Cable’s Bay and Beaver Island” was created, designed and planned with the help of students in the sociology and social work programs.

“Beaver Island offers a pretty unique site for archaeology students because of its isolation and history,” said assistant professor of archaeology Scott Demel. “Being two and half hours away by ferry limits a lot of outside influences.”

The exhibit features artifacts that were excavated from two historical sites on the east side of Beaver Island by NMU students during a field school in 2010.

Students enrolled in AN355 conducted excavations to study life on the island during the 1800s.

Cable’s Bay, an early fishing village, and Burke’s Farm, a farmstead owned and operated by Irish immigrants were the two main sites visited by students enrolled in the field school.

Cable’s Bay was started by James Cable in 1838 and was



Nolan Krebs/NW

Artifacts on display at the “Scattered to the Winds” exhibit. The pieces were discovered by students enrolled in AN355, which visited Beaver Island in 2010 for a field school that studied two sites on the east side of the island.

occupied by fishermen and their families, as well as traders, merchants and clerks. By 1850, Cable’s Bay had 27 houses with 108 people living there.

“Cable’s Bay was one of two villages on the island from about 1840 to 1865,” Demel said. “That’s a relatively short duration in terms of archaeology, so by excavating we’re able to get a real

good glimpse at how they lived at the time.”

Burke’s Farm was established in the 1850s by a Mormon family called the Clarkes, but was abandoned during a forced exodus in 1856.

“For about six years, from 1850 to 1856, the island was ruled by King Strang, who kicked most of the non-Mormon inhabit-

ants off the island,” Demel said.

The island was later reclaimed by fishermen and the homestead was taken over by the Burke family.

“Burke’s Farm is an important site because it showed us how an inland village operated compared to a coastal community,” Demel said.

Students working at the site

surveyed the surface of the farm and searched the ground for any artifacts laying on the surface, which were then tagged and mapped out using a compass and electronic distance reader.

Students returned to Beaver Island this summer for the AN355 field school, which visits the island every other year.

This year, students visited a new location.

“We discovered a late woodland prehistoric site this year, dating from around AD 900 to 1100,” Demel said. “We found fishing tools and other artifacts somewhat similar to those found around other settlements of the island.”

NMU has recently been working with students in the construction management department to create plans for a proposed research station on a 20-acre plot of land purchased by the NMU Foundation.

“We hope to keep returning there in the future,” Demel said.

The Beaumier Heritage Center is located in 105 Cohodas Hall and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The exhibit was funded by the Michigan Humanities Council and is free to students and the public. For more information, call (906) 227-3212 or email heritage@nmu.edu.

‘Strut Your Mutt’ to raise money for homeless animals

By Jordan Beck
contributing writer

On Saturday, Sept. 8, Mattson Lower Harbor Park will be going to the dogs.

The seventh annual “Strut Your Mutt” Charity Walk for Homeless Pets, in support of the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter, will feature vendors, contests and prizes following the main event.

“It’s a really community-oriented event and everyone has a good time,” said UPAWS shelter

manager Lareina VanStrien,

To register for the event, UPAWS offers two options: filling out a traditional form or registering online. Both options are quick and easy, and only cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for youths.

The entry fee includes a free bandanna for each registered dog and a free goodie bag for each registered person. Those interested in participating without a dog are encouraged to walk in honor of a pet, or on behalf of all animals.

The entry fees aren’t the only

source of money contributed toward UPAWS from the walk. The fundraiser also collects pledges from participants. UPAWS offers both online and offline options for raising pledges.

The online method involves creating a “fundraising page,” which can include pictures, biographies, and other information.

Offline pledge-raising can be done by writing down pledges on a form included with the registration papers. Both methods include the possibility of winning prizes for raising certain amounts

in pledges.

There are other ways to contribute than collecting pledges, VanStrien said.

“Some people ask their family and friends [for pledges], and others run lemonade stands or yard sales, but everyone who participates in the walk typically raises pledges or contributes in some other way,” she said.

The walk itself will take place at 10 a.m., rain or shine. The “Strut Your Mutt” Charity Walk promises to bring Marquette’s animal lovers together to raise

money for a worthy cause. While doing so, they’ll have the opportunity to meet other dogs and dog owners.

UPAWS will host a number of post-walk activities, including a contest for best costume, as well as vendor businesses, service booths and raffles.

Vendors include Invisible Fence of the U.P., Angie’s Pet Salon & Spa, Brigitte’s Mutt Kutz, Pet Stop Grooming and others.

For more information, call UPAWS at (906)475-6661 or register online at www.upaws.org.



Photos courtesy of Lareina VanStrien

Participants walking their dogs at the 2011 “Strut Your Mutt” walk. The event raises money for homeless animals by collecting pledges for the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter.

Marquette Farmers Market offers a taste of fall

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

With a little less than two months left in this year's season, the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is as busy as ever.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday until Oct. 27, vendors from across the U.P. gather in the Marquette Commons to share food and art with the community.

"People might think that things would wind down in the fall, but some of the best products and the best produce comes in at the end of summer," said market administrator Sarah Monte. "Tomatoes,

lots of greens and squashes are all in peak season around this time of year."

The farmers market offers a wide range of seasonal delights, including produce, meat, eggs, wool, maple syrup, body care products, flowers and baked goods from the area.

"While most of the vendors are from the Marquette area, we consider all of the U.P. to be local," Monte said.

For some students, the farmers market is the best place in town to get fresh food.

"I definitely prefer to get my produce and some other things from the farmers market when

I can," said post-baccalaureate nursing student Kalen Walkington. "The quality is definitely better than a supermarket, and it's pretty affordable."

Keeping prices down and making payment easier is a priority, Monte said.

"I think most people would assume it's cash-only, but we accept credit and debit cards, as well as bridge cards," she said.

A new program called the Double Up Food Bucks program, doubles the money of people who use a bridge card to pay. If a person spends \$10, \$20 is given out to the customer, Monte said.

Whether students are shopping or just looking for something to do, Monte encourages people to stop by.

"You can't find better food in the area, but there's also live music and other fun activities going on that make it a great place to hang out," she said.

At 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Sept. 22, the farmers market will be holding a fall demonstration about the benefits and possibilities of using fall produce.

These free events are often beneficial, Walkington said. "The demos and events at the market are cool because often times I don't know where to start with cooking but they help teach people how to better use fresh food."

For more information, call Sarah Monte at (906) 235-6389.



Kristen Koehler/NW

A local musician performs for patrons at the downtown farmers market.



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Tomatoes are one of the foods that are in peak season at the end of summer.



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Vendors from across the U.P. bring fresh produce to the farmers market.

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Lyons continues hoops career overseas

By Jon Young
sports editor

When former Wildcat hoops star Chelsea Lyons started her college career, she was buried on the bench at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Since she learned that professional basketball existed at the age of five, Lyons dreamed of taking her game to the next level, but that wasn't going to become a reality in her first collegiate stop.

"I was told I was never going to amount to anything, the UWGB coach told me that I didn't have any natural ability or technical skills to play the game at that level," Lyons said. "He said he would love to keep me on the team because I was a two-sport athlete, I had a great attitude, but if I ever wanted to actually play I should transfer schools."

Lyons took that advice and transferred to NMU with two years left of basketball eligibility.

The move paid off as she started 15 games in her first season and led the team in scoring at 12.8 points per game while earning All-GLIAC Second Team honors.

"Troy took a huge chance on me because he had never seen

me play and I didn't really have any game film from UWGB to give him and I didn't have film from high school anymore so he took a huge leap of faith taking me," Lyons said.

The leap of faith soared for NMU head coach Troy Mattson as Lyons continued to excel on the court for the 'Cats earning All-GLIAC first team honors her senior season while averaging 16.9 points and six rebounds per contest.

"Chelsea Lyons is probably one of three if not the finest athlete to come out of Northern Michigan...I mean just as a pure athlete," Mattson said. "Her work ethic was just second to none the past year-and-a-half. She put in extra time outside of practice every day working on her body, working on her shot as a basketball player and just put in incredible amounts of time."

The dream of playing professionally started to become more of a reality during the start of the 2011-12 season.

"I decided I wanted to truly try to (play professionally) at the beginning of my senior year of basketball," she said. "Then I got a letter inviting me to that tryout in January and that's

when I really started to prepare it and in May I kind had a go-pro-or-g o - home atti-

tude."

The pro mindset paid off as Lyons caught the attention of scouts in her tryout and was signed to a one year deal in Romania.

"Any time someone wants to pursue a

start-for of

dream and that dream comes true I'm excited for them as a person," Mattson said. "She couldn't have worked any harder at it and (she) really put all her time and effort into trying to get over there."

Lyons is playing for Baschet Club Teleorma Alexandria, more commonly known as BCT Alexandria.

The team is the highest level of professional basketball in Romania and if they win their Romanian conference they get a birth into the Euroleague, which is the highest level of competition in all of European basketball.

Lyons is one of three Americans on the team and is averaging close to 15 points-per-game in three preseason contests while starting.

She said she hasn't had to adjust her game and is still attacking the basket like she did as a Wildcat.

"NMU definitely prepared me for this," Lyons said. "I came in here and I was on top of my game and looked like a freak of nature compared to some of the Romanians."

Lyons said the experience of travelling overseas has also helped change her mentality regarding her future.

"I always used to freak out about my future and get really bad anxiety about it and I'm going to just kind of take it day by day now," Lyons said. "If I get to play another year after this, awesome. If I go to another country, even better and if I have to come back home and coach or sit in a desk, whatever, it's God's will, I just have to take it day by day."

Lyons said she'll look back fondly on her time in Marquette and the bonding that came with her Wildcat teammates on both the basketball court and soccer field.

"I miss it, I can't believe how much I miss college and Northern in general, I'm always going to cherish the memories I had putting on that Wildcat uniform and going to the Berry," Lyons said. "I'm blessed to be where I am but I definitely miss where I came from."

Mattson said getting discovered is never easy especially playing Division II.

"It's not easy for Division II guard to go overseas and play but they saw a special athlete and a special person and she's very very deserving of what she got."



Spikers hit the road, win tournament

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU volleyball team dominated at the Ferris State Tournament over the weekend, beating four teams and finishing with the only undefeated record.

The 'Cats defeated Mercyhurst and Minnesota Crookston on Friday before winning against Glen-

ville State and West Virginia State on Saturday, with two members of the team earning places on the all-tournament team.

NMU set their stride early Friday, Aug. 31 morning with a 3-1 victory against Minnesota Crookston, marking their only lost set of the tournament. The team was constant with their ability on

the court, scoring 25-19, 18-25, 25-21 and 25-23. The 'Cats kept their vigilance the rest of the day, sweeping Mercyhurst, 3-0, with scores of 25-12, 25-17 and 28-26.

Juniors Sarah Hamilton and Lina Lopes held an offensive lead for NMU during the Crookston matches. Hamilton had 12 kills, while Lopes set the bar with 15. Junior Kalli Herron, senior Andree Ring, and freshman Lisa Studnicka accumulated more kills, Studnicka with seven, Herron with eight, and Ring with nine. Junior setter Kellisha Harley brought 43 assists to the team.

Harley said the tournament prompted the team to keep going consistently even more than usual.

"There was a little more pressure knowing that we would have to perform for multiple matches in a row with little recovery time," Harley said. "Going into the first match, we definitely wanted to start off strong because how we did in that match would determine how we played the rest of the tournament."

Lopes once again led the 'Cats in the afternoon against Mercyhurst, scoring 13 kills. Ring and Hamilton continued their dominant presence, each with two block assists. Harley continued working hard with 31 assists.

Lopes and freshman Alex Berger led the team in digs, Berger with 21 and Lopes with 10. Berger said NMU's performance at Ferris revealed important pros and cons.

"After the tournament, our team was very successful in serving and serve-receiving as well as defense and offense," Berger said. "If anything, we will probably need to keep working on our blocking."

Northern Michigan went into Saturday just as competitively, keeping to the norm and beating both West Virginia State and Glenville 3-0. With another morning match, the 'Cats scored 25-12, 25-20, and 25-10 against West Virginia State and held their poise in afternoon with scores of 25-11, 25-9, and 25-17 against Glenville.

The 'Cats dealt superior serves against West Virginia State with 23 service aces above them. Ring led in the aces, serving a total of eight. Studnicka followed closely with five service aces, while Lopes and Berger both contributed four.

Offensively, NMU kept the pressure strong. Hamilton scored nine kills while teammates Lopes and Herron each scored seven. The freshmen presence continued to satisfy with Studnicka scoring five kills. Freshman Alexis Nelson

achieved four kills in her first start as a Wildcat. Defensively, Harley had 26 assists, while Lopes had nine digs and Berger had five.

The competitive spirit remained with the team as they powered over Glenville, Nelson leading the way with four block assists and nine kills to maintain her prominent first start. Ring scored eight kills, with Hamilton and Studnicka also contributing. Senior Kalin Zimmerman had seven digs, while Berger had 10.

With 25 assists, Harley said she was aiming to maintain the offense while feeling out different strategies.

"My goals for this weekend were to run a consistent offense, and figuring out what works in certain situations and what doesn't," Harley said. "Serving got better this weekend, and we were able to force teams out of their system with our serves."

The Tuesday, Sept. 4 match against the University of Minnesota Duluth brought the 'Cats a loss with scores of 25-21, 25-14, and 25-21. Minnesota-Duluth is currently ranked sixth in the nation, and both teams went into the match undefeated.

The Wildcats travel once again on Sept. 7 through Saturday, Sept. 8 at Missouri S&T, where they will be facing four other teams.



Justin Key/NW

Junior setter Kellisha Harley looks to assist a teammate in the Green and Gold match last week. She was named GLIAC North Division Player of the Week after helping NMU win the Ferris State Volleyball Invitational.

Former Wildcats compete at Olympics

By Laura Conway
staff writer

The USOEC mission states that it will provide athletes with the "world-class facilities and support services that [they] need in order to become Olympians"; that became a reality for the 2012 Olympic summer.

Six prior USOEC athletes earned a spot on the 2012 U.S. Olympic team: Greco-Roman wrestlers Spencer Mango, Ellis Coleman, Justin Lester, Ben Provisor and Chas Betts, along with weightlifter Sarah Robles.

The one other thing these athletes have in common in addition to the Olympic experience is their appreciation for their start at the USOEC.

Betts said since the 2012 trials for the Olympic spots, there's not even an argument that the program is doing its job.

"For Greco at least, you get these guys right out of high school and get them training internation-



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ally right away instead of doing NCAA wrestling after high school first," Betts said. "The reason why the Olympians this year were from the USOEC is because we were the first crop of athletes to come through the program, most of us right out of high school."

Robles also agrees that for her sport, the USOEC is vital to becoming stronger on the international field. She was worried when the weightlifting program at the USOEC was in danger of closing.

"It would be such a detriment to USA Weightlifting because we keep losing athletes to other sports because we don't have more col-

lege programs and funding like we do at the USOEC," Robles said. "We lose kids that could be on the next Olympic Weightlifting team to sports like football or track and field because that will pay for their college education."

Mango credits a huge part of his success to him being at the USOEC.

"It's a very unique place where you can focus and buckle down on academics, your sport, and be successful in both areas," Mango said. "You want to put your faith in a system that is proven to be successful; we need to keep supporting the USOEC so we can get exposure to kids younger and train them to become Olympians."

USA Wrestling held its Olympic Team Trials at historic wrestling venue Carver-Hawkeye Arena at University of Iowa in April 2012. The trials had record breaking numbers in attendance with a morning session of almost 14,000 and a two-day record of just under 55,000 in the crowd.

Of the seven Greco weight classes, six of the trial champions were past USOEC team members.

USA Greco-Roman head coach Steve Frasier, 1984 Olympic champion and All-American wrestler from Hazel Park, Mich., wasn't surprised that so many of the Olympic team had roots at NMU.

"The USOEC program is geared for producing future champions in Greco," Frasier said. "We've been very happy with the skill level of the guys that come out of that program."

One such champion is Spencer Mango of the U.S. Army, 2010 NMU graduate, at 55 kg. Mango, a 2008 Olympian, was excited for the new challenges that he faced in London.

"It was an amazing experience with some tough competition," Mango said. "That kind of competition is great to learn and build from."

Mango placed ninth at the Olympics with one win and two losses. Frasier is sure that with some work on his positioning that Mango will have his medal in no time.

"Spencer has been on five world teams and is our number one guy at world competition," Frasier said. "He's a very talented kid and with a little more work we are confident he will be able to score on anyone in the world."

Next on the 2012 Olympic roster is Ellis Coleman at 60 kg from Oak Park, Ill.

Even though he only spent a short time at the USOEC, it was still enough time to get the national team coaching staff's attention and recruit him to the Olympic Training Center.

"Ellis is very talented, dedicated, and hungry for victory," Frasier said. "He is a coachable athlete and has wonderful potential to be a great Greco-Roman wrestler."

Coleman is most famous for his Flying Squirrel throw at the 2011 Pan American Championships that went viral on the internet.

Though it caught a lot of attention to the sport, Frasier said he isn't surprised that he didn't see the throw at the Olympics.

"You don't practice that move, it's more of a last minute 'you are down and need some big points' move," Frasier said. "Everyone knew that was his move so it would have been dangerous to do it with everyone expecting it at London."

The next Olympic team spot went to 66 kg wrestler Justin Lester of the U.S. Army, who graduated NMU in 2007 with a degree in history.

Lester went into the London Games having already been a two-time world medalist for the United States on the international wrestling circuit.

With a win against Japan and two losses each against Germany and Hungary, Lester had an eighth



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—Spencer Mango
2012 Olympian, NMU graduate

place finish at London.

Frasier said Lester has already proven that he can be a great champion and with his skill and competitiveness sees a promising future for Lester.

Ben Provisor from Stevens Point, Wis., won the Olympic spot at 74 kg and had one win against Cuba and a loss against Georgia in London.

Frasier is confident in the growth that Provisor has shown from his very beginnings at the USOEC.

"He is young with great potential and good talent," Frasier said. "As long as he remains coachable he will be able to improve and become one of the best in his weight class."

At the 84 kg Olympic spot is Charles "Chas" Betts from St. Michael, Minn., and a 2010 graduate of NMU with a bachelor's in electronic imaging.

Betts said it was a long road spending so much time away from family and friends for him to now finally realize his Olympic dream.

"You normally hear stories about athletes who had others telling them they couldn't do it," Betts said. "I always had 100 percent support; it was so hard missing all of those people who unconditionally loved and supported me through all of this."

He said the feeling when he realized he wasn't coming home empty handed, that it wasn't all for nothing, was hard to put into words.

"It felt great to make all of my

family and friends happy," Betts said. "And having them over in London to support me was amazing on top of the Olympic experience."

Betts said being in the Olympics was something great, to be a part of something bigger than all of us was pretty special.

Of the two weightlifters that competed for the United States this summer, one of them was 2008-2009 USOEC team member Sarah Robles at 75 kg.

Once in London, Robles was set to compete against the best lifters the world had to offer.

Even though she was across an ocean and in a different time zone, for the most part, the Olympic atmosphere didn't distract her.

"The only difference was the amount of people in the stands, there were so many people there to support weightlifting," Robles said. "I fed off it. I enjoy being on stage and performing; it was everything I could have wanted it to be."

She cleared two of her three attempts in the snatch lifting a personal record at 120 kg.

Robles said that getting a PR at the Olympics was exciting and now she is much closer to the American record of 128 kg.

In the next event, the clean and jerk, Robles missed her first two attempts at 144 and 145 kg.

Pulling it together, she cleared 145 kg for her final attempt totaling up 265 kg and earning a seventh place overall finish, only two kg's below sixth place.

Cross Country 'Cats dominate Tech

By Jon Young
sports editor

High expectations were met with even higher results as the NMU women's cross country team blew past the competition to start their season last Friday, Aug. 31 at Michigan Tech.

The 'Cats snagged the first 12 collegiate spots led by junior Mandy Dye who finished the 5K race in a time of 19:23.3. Head coach Jenny Ryan said she wasn't surprised by Dye's time.

"Definitely a great performance," Ryan said. "I knew it was coming because she has been training very well. Four years of good, smart training and it's all coming together for her

and its great."

Sophomore Olivia Howard also ran a sub -0 minute 5k as she cruised to a second place finish for NMU with a time of 19:57.6. The next four Wildcats to cross the line were all within 15 seconds of Howard.

Ryan said running in a pack is beneficial to the team and she told her athletes to work on that going into the race.

"It really helps because they can really push each other and work together," Ryan said. "I told them ahead of time; don't run two steps in front of your teammate and go the same pace, run together and try to help push each other."

The plan worked as NMU finished the race with a perfect

score of 15 points. Michigan Tech was second with 58 points and Finlandia finished with 81 points. Dye said beating the Huskies adds something to the win.

"Michigan Tech is never an easy race; in fact I would say that it is the most difficult course we run each season," Dye said. "Each school has a rival, Tech happens to be ours so beating them always makes for a good day."

Freshman Megan Edic crossed the line third in 19:58.6, followed by sophomore Katie Granquist in 20:04.3 and senior Rita Wiotas placed fifth with a time of 20:09.2.

"Our team has strength in numbers and we ran really, really well, especially for how early we

are in the season," Dye said. "To say that I am looking forward to the rest of our season is an understatement; I cannot wait to see what we will accomplish."

Ryan said Tech's course is the hardest the team will run all season and it provides a good chance to see where the athlete's fitness level is. The course follows ski paths and the final two kilometers are mostly an uphill climb.

"I thought it was definitely a great start to the season, I was really impressed with the entire team," Ryan said. "Everyone ran smart and they ran some great races and I'm definitely happy to see how well they did for the first meet and to see where we stand and it looks like everybody

trained well over the summer."

The Wildcats are on the road again this weekend as they travel to compete in the Midwest Collegiate Opener. The race gets underway at noon, Saturday, Sept. 8 in Kenosha, Wis.

Ryan said the Midwest Collegiate Opener gives the team a chance to face some bigger schools and different competition.

"It will be a faster course so we will really get to see some fast 5k times and also some more competition so we will kind of get an idea of where we stand against them," Ryan said. "There's always a few Division I teams. It'll be a chance to compete against more teams and to see what we can do."

Football looks to bounce back at home

By Jon Young
sports editor

Following their 45-10 loss to Findlay on Thursday, Aug. 30, the Wildcat football team is focused on getting all 11 players on the same page and taking it one week at a time for their upcoming game against University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Thursday, Sept. 6.

"We talked as a program about understanding we just simply have to get better each week and grow," head coach Chris Os-

trowsky said. "It's about a process of getting better week after week, and as long as we do that, I think we'll grow as a football program and the rest will fall into place."

The numbers were closer then the score would have appeared.

Findlay only edged NMU on time of possession 30:38 to 29:22 and the Oilers only managed five more first downs than the Wildcats.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Morley—who finished the game 24-44 for 235 yards

and one interception—said the team was able to get drives going but the key is converting those drives into points.

"We have to move the ball, but we have to put it in the end zone at the same time," Morley said. "We can't stall out four times like we did in the red zone. Whether it's kicking a field goal or putting it in the end zone for a touchdown, we've got to put some points on the board."

The 'Cats were able to move the ball on the ground as senior running back Prince Young racked up 93 yards on 18 carries.

Freshman running back Keon Collier picked up 79 yards on nine carries. Ostrowsky said the rushing effort is a positive sign moving forward.

"Prince Young had a great day, Keon Collier had a great day, so we had two kids that almost had 100 yards which we're pretty excited about," Ostrowsky said. "I thought they were physical upfront, I can't say enough about coach (Rob) Boss and the job he is doing."

Along with the solid rushing game, the offensive line didn't allow any sacks on Morley, who threw 44 times in the game.

"I thought a combination of sound offensive line play and Ryan getting the ball out of his

hand equaled great success," Ostrowsky said. "We didn't expect to throw it that many (times), for him not to get sacked at all is a pretty special sign that things are going in the right direction."

On the other side of the ball defensive coordinator Brain Newberry-like Ostrowsky-stressed the idea of each player doing their job and collectively getting better each week.

"Every day you come out to practice you just have to get a little bit better. On the surface, giving up 45 points looks like you are way off the mark but I'm telling you—we're not far off the mark and we're going to get better," Newberry said.

Newberry said the defensive lapse doesn't fall on one area of the defense but on the group as a whole.

"We told the team the defense made just as many mistakes upfront, made just as many mistakes at linebacker that we did in the secondary," Newberry said. "It wasn't lack of effort, it wasn't because we have bad football players, it was not understanding that we have to have 11 guys doing their job in order for this thing to work."

The 'Cats cut the score to 10-7 on a 9-yard touchdown run from Young with 9:42 left in the

second quarter. Findlay scored once more before the half to take a 17-7 lead into the break.

In the third quarter three straight touchdowns put the game out of reach as the Oilers jumped out to a 38-7 lead before senior kicker Rockne Belmonte connected on a 26-yard field goal for NMU's last score.

NMU committed three fumbles—losing two—and Morley threw one interception in the game, due to miscommunication on a receiver's route.

One of the fumbles came after a collision between Young and Morley.

Ostrowsky said these types of mistakes should lessen as the offense gels.

"I think it's just execution, understanding the speed of the game. The errors we made were such rookie errors, if you will. (But) with that being said, they're errors and you have to be accountable for them," Ostrowsky said. "I think we just have execute from start to finish and offensively we'll be fine."

Fans can get a chance to catch the 'Cats this weekend in their home opener.

Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6 in the Superior Dome. NMU is hosting the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.



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Senior running back Prince Young (26) cuts up the middle during a game last season. Young racked up 93-yards last week to pace NMU's run game.

Lady 'Cats soccer drops two, wins one

By Karly Ratzenberger
staff writer

The women's soccer team suffered two losses over the holiday weekend, but finished out with a Labor Day win on Monday.

The 'Cats were defeated at home by University of Minnesota-Duluth 4-0 and on the road by Bemidji State University 1-0. The team had a major comeback on the third day of their three-day weekend with a 2-0 win over University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Head coach Matt Grandstand said he was pleased with the team's performance last weekend, and blames luck for the 'Cats' loss.

"I think anytime you go on the

road and split, it's a great weekend," Grandstand said. "We could have won both games and we played really well against Bemidji, so all-in-all it wasn't a bad weekend."

Sophomore midfield forward Kim Rietveld said she thought the weekend wasn't too bad, but she believes the team could have won both games.

"In our game against Minnesota-Crookston, we played really well and it was a step up from our last game against Bemidji," Rietveld said. "Overall, I am excited to see how we do from here on out."

Grandstand attributes a portion of the team's success to two key players who stepped up their game

in the weekend's matches. Freshman goalkeeper Shelby Conard, who had her first career shut out and freshman midfielder Gabriella Garza who also played well.

"The thing is, we are really beat up. We have so many players out, so for us to be successful everyone is going to have to step it up and I think they are doing a good job of that," Grandstand said.

This year's Wildcat roster of 24 includes 19 underclassmen, and as a result, Grandstand said there will be a lot of learning going on this season.

"We are going to make some mistakes," Grandstand said. "The future for us is really good, but this year a lot of freshmen players will be starting and playing in a lot of the games. We will grow each game, but it will take a little bit of time."

Rietveld said she thinks the young roster will have an effect on the team in the beginning of the season due to inexperience, but she feels they will adapt to the speed of the game.

"I am not too worried about the young players that are getting playing time," Rietveld said. "I have seen that they can handle anything that is thrown their way."

A team's chemistry can greatly affect the outcome of clutch games. Grandstand said the harmony on this team is fantastic and plays a huge role in its success.



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Sophomore goalie Nicole Musi charges the ball against Duluth. Goalie duties have been split between Musi and redshirt freshman Shelby Conard.

"We were on the road for a little over four days together, for us to win on that final day has a lot to do with the team chemistry," Grandstand said. "It is a credit to the upperclassmen and returners because they have helped invite the freshmen in and helped them feel comfortable. I think that is a huge reason we will be successful this year."

Grandstand said the team tries to play a professional style of soccer and in order to do that, they have to spend a lot of time practicing and scouting their opponents.

"We have to train hard every week to be comfortable controlling the ball under pressure and a lot of it is just getting ready for the next opponent," Grandstand said.

"We will be spending a few days at the end of the week scouting them and trying to plan how we will play against them."

Rietveld said she hopes the student body will come out and support the team as they play in their numerous home games this season.

"We would be so grateful if people would come out and watch us play and support us," Rietveld said. "There is no better feeling than winning a game on your home turf and having a crowd that cheered you on to get the win."

You can support the Wildcats by heading out to the NMU soccer field at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 8 as they take on Schoolcraft College.



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Sophomore defender Taylor Smith (28) looks to push the ball in action last week against Minnesota-Duluth. The Wildcats dropped the match 4-0.

Club baseball eager to start fall season

By **Dustin Anand**
contributing writer

Northern Michigan Wildcat men's baseball is now a nationally recognized club team with

the National Club Baseball Association.

The Wildcats will join Division II Sector V- East of the NCBA. Competitors such as Grand Valley, Saginaw Valley State University, Lake Superior

State University and Michigan Tech will be in the mix for this upcoming season.

NMU student and captain of club baseball Brandon Frazho said he expects the 'Cats to be focused and work hard.

"We are all super excited about the upcoming season. There are about 10 returning players, so we will recruit about 15 more during this year's fall tryouts," Frazho said.

Frazho believes that the 'Cats can really go far and set a high standard.

"We definitely think that we have a shot at taking top two in our division this year, especially with a new class of ballplayers coming in," Frazho said. "I definitely think we have a realistic goal of placing top two, because we played well last year with less. We were just getting into existence and weren't NCBA-material yet...but now we're ready!"

The NMU wildcats will be hosting Grand Valley State University Saturday, Oct. 13 and Sunday the 14th for their season opener.

Frazho has been working with his teammates and his coaches to build the team that will carry them to the championship.

With high hopes entering the season, the team is excited and energetic about playing

club teams and rising to the top. Frazho feels that the team is well balanced but there are always areas to improve on.

With recruiting and returning players, he feels that this team can really go far.

Coach Kane Beauchamp said his expectations for his players are promising.

"First and foremost they are at Northern Michigan University for an education. After that comes baseball," Beauchamp said. "On and off the field I expect them to be good representatives of the game. The baseball program and the university as a whole. I also expect the players to give me 100 percent effort on every single practice and every single pitch thrown in games."

Beauchamp is happy to be a part of club status but it's not what is important.

"I'm not a big status or labels guy," he said. "Every team I've coached I've tried to treat like a top tier organization. From 10-year old Little League teams to this team, we play baseball plain and simple."

Tryouts have come to a conclusion this past weekend as the 'Cats holds a 26-man roster.

"The team will rotate players every game. Some weekends we play up to three games and we cannot have a main roster of only nine players, it'll be tiring

and the focus is to build a team and have everyone to be on the field," Frazho said.

Frazho likes the new recruits for his team and is eager to see some new pitchers get into action. Mike Fawcett will be the 'Cats pitching coach.

Frazho feels he is a great addition and coach for the 'Cats, Fawcett was once drafted by MLB in his earlier years.

Frazho and his team would like to give a special thanks to former President Les Wong for his tremendous support to the team.

After meeting Northern Michigan University athletic director Forrest Karr Frazho feels that his support with be a big help and they'll pick up right where they left off at.

"A big thanks to Herman Eleby, who used to be in charge of Marquette Little League but now is in charge of Marquette Reds baseball," Frazho said. "He will be supporting NMU by announcing their home games from the booth and working on the scoreboard for a legitimate baseball experience for the players and fans."

The team fee is \$300 for freshman and after that each semester will cost \$200.

For additional information visit www.wix.com/bfrazho/nmucatsbaseball.



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Captain and outfielder Brandon Frazho (1) takes a crack at the ball during action last spring. Frazho helped jumpstart club baseball last year.

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Chong Kim is a survivor of human trafficking and child sex exploitation. She has traveled extensively to create awareness and to educate others about human trafficking. She uses her personal story to enlighten non-governmental organizations and political officials with the goal of strengthening the advocacy system, as well as reaching out to the victims of trafficking.

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Roomie — Oranges, cheap plastic glasses, "grape juice" love you :). — **Love your roomie**

Mother Dearest — Thank you for spoiling me this weekend to the point where I didn't want to go back to school. Love how you manage to do that every single time. The MP could never compare to your cooking. Love you. — **Your homesick college student**

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Family — Love you guys. Thanks for your support. I loved being home. Miss you all.— **Shaina**

Jake — You won't see this for a month, but I had an amazing weekend with you. Thank you. I love you so much. — **Peanut**

NW Staff — Great job this week. You guys are awesome. — **EIC**

Ben and Eli — I will always dominate you in boggle no matter how much you guys practice.— **Word game champ**

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Bill Cosby — You are my inspiration, not only in worldviews but also in sweater choice. — **Opinions section**

The Count — We'll miss you one, two, three times more than you'll ever know.— **Children everywhere**

Michael Clarke Duncan — Thanks for being such a great actor. You'll be missed both on and off the silver-screen.— **Moviegogers**

H.R. Puffin' Stuff — We found your friend and things are going to get rough. — **DEA**

Upper Peninsula — Pull my finger. — **Lower Michigan**

The Internet — Know I know how the Radiostar felt when I killed him. — **Video**

Ace of Base — When are you going on tour? All we want...is another encore! — **Both of your fans**

Hillary Duff (2012) — What happened to you? — **Hillary Duff (2000)**

Barack Obama —I hope you don't get canceled. I'd love to tune in for another four years. You're the best show on TV. — **Spock**

Bob Dylan — I love your music, but you look creepy now. — **Young Fan**

Lake Superior — Nice flags. Did your Mom make them? — **Lake Michigan**

Lake Huron — You're looking a little erie.— **Lake Ontario**

Spiders — You bit me. This means war.— **Apartment dwellers**

Facebook — You know more about me than I do. Why do I have so many issues?— **Internet Child**

IHOP — I'm coming to a town near you! — **Lee**

Phillip — If I were a pirate, I would be one peglegged, juandiced looking gentleman.— **Bawdy Pete**

New desk — You cleaned up real nice. I hope we can have a long, productive relationship. Thanks for having me. — **KB**

Stailey — Hall and Oates swag. — **Jon**

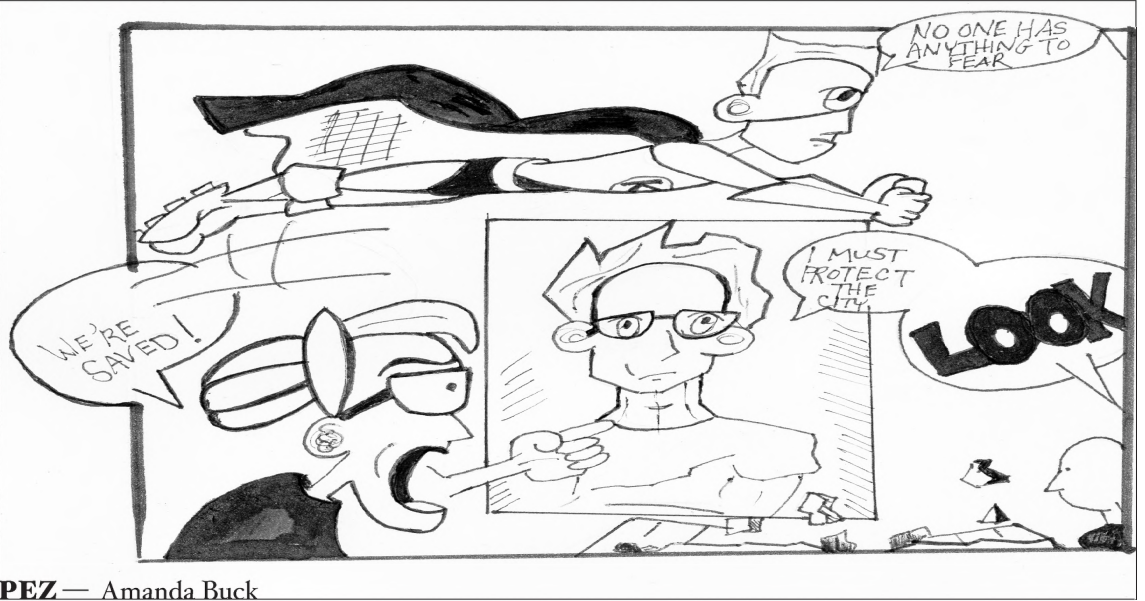
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<p>Dead River Games 2-4 p.m. Dead River Bridge</p> 	<p>Scavenger Hunt 6:30 p.m. Great Lakes Rooms (University Center)</p> 	<p>Stepping Competition 7 p.m. Jamrich 102</p> 	<p>King and Queen Competition 7 p.m. Great Lakes Rooms (University Center) Hosted by Comedian Adam Mamawala</p>	<p>Bingo Night Time and Location To Be Determined Sponsored by Primetime Productions</p> 	<p>Homecoming Parade 5:30 p.m. Third Street</p> <p>All Colleges Reception 6:30-8:30 p.m. Landmark Inn</p> <p>Funky Folk Dance 8:30-10:30 p.m. Ore Dock Brewing Company (ages 21+) FREE EVENT</p> 	<p>NMU Game Day 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Third Street (Kaye to Magnetic) Ft. Double Trouble DJ's</p> <p>NMU Football vs. Ashland University 2 p.m. Superior Dome</p> <p>Fifth Quarter Reception 5 p.m. Holiday Inn Ft. Jim and Ray</p> <p>Homecoming Party 10 p.m.-2 a.m. University Center Sponsored by the Black Student Union Ft. Travis Porter</p> 

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For more information contact the Special Events Committee at sec@nmu.edu or (906) 227-1622. Visit www.nmu.edu/homecoming for event information, rules and registration forms.



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