

Student vote is crucial for election

Student age demographic chronically underrepresented in recent local and national elections.

Homecoming celebrations begin

Homecoming kicks off with Dead River Games this weekend on the shores of Lake Superior.

Football dominates on gridiron

Rushing attack and defense pace Wildcat victory against UW-Lacrosse in home opener.

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9/11 victims remembered by students

By Marcellino Signorelli
news editor

As 2012 marks the eleventh anniversary of the September 11 attacks, the NMU College Republicans and NMU College Democrats worked together to dedicate a memorial to the victims.

The event started with the College Republicans, placing a flag for each of the nearly 3,000 victims whose lives were lost during the attacks for every anniversary.

In the past few years, the College Democrats have joined in helping place the flags.

The flags were placed in the academic mall, close to Jamrich Hall.

"We have been doing this for at least the past four years, but with no written history as members have come and gone, it's hard to know when it began exactly," said Justin Bis, president of the College Republicans and senior political science major.

In the past, members would create the display during the early morning hours of Sept. 11 but for this year, they decided to put it together the night before.

"This year we had double

the amount of people as we had in the past," said Brandon Zanon, vice president of the College Republicans and sophomore pre-med major. "This year it took us an hour. Last year it took at least an hour and a half."

For two years in a row, the College Democrats have also gathered to help with setting up the display.

"It's a non-partisan event that's above partisan politics," said Drew Janego, president of the College Democrats. "We work with the College Republicans to show students a nice tribute

to the victims of 9/11.

"It's important to show support and it shows a goodwill of working together."

The flags were supplied to the College Republicans years ago from various donors.

The organization plans to continue the memorial for every anniversary.

"As long as we're here, we'll keep it going," Zanon said. "We'll have to keep a written record for the future."

Other groups have been invited to help set up the display in the past.

Despite being sponsored

by the College Republicans, anyone is allowed to participate in the annual memorial.

"We always invite other groups, but it's especially important this year to have the College Democrats involved," Zanon said. "This is a bipartisan event. Due to being an election year, it's important to stress and magnify the message of the memorial."

The display remained in the Academic Mall during the day of Sept. 11 and both organizations worked together again to disassemble the display during the night.

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AAUP contract near ratification

A tentative labor contract has been reached by the American Association of University Professors and the university and was sent out for membership approval votes on Monday, Sept. 10.

Many changes were made to past contracts to create this agreement, and, if approved by AAUP members, it will be sent to the NMU Board of Trustees for approval at their meeting on Friday, Sept. 21.

The contract will go into effect immediately and run through June 30, 2015.

A chapter membership contract ratification meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 in Room 2904 of the West Science building.

The chief negotiator and negotiating team members will give a short overview of the agreement and answer any questions.

Another meeting will be held for those who still have questions from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17.

The North Wind previously reported that AAUP works with the university to establish both financial and non-financial agreements for the faculty.

The labor contracts with NMU must be able to compete with other universities in order to draw in high quality teachers.

The last AAUP contract expired June 30, 2012 and has been under negotiation since the Winter 2012 semester.

According to www.nmuuap.org AAUP works to "serve as the collective bargaining agent for the faculty of the university."

AAUP members can return their ballots by campus mail to the AAUP office by 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 to be counted in the vote.

No union members or faculty were able to comment at this time until the contract is approved.

— NW Staff

Voter registration made easy

By Marcellino Signorelli
news editor

For many students, the presidential election coming up this November will be the first in which they can partake; however, becoming a registered voter can present confusion for those who have never

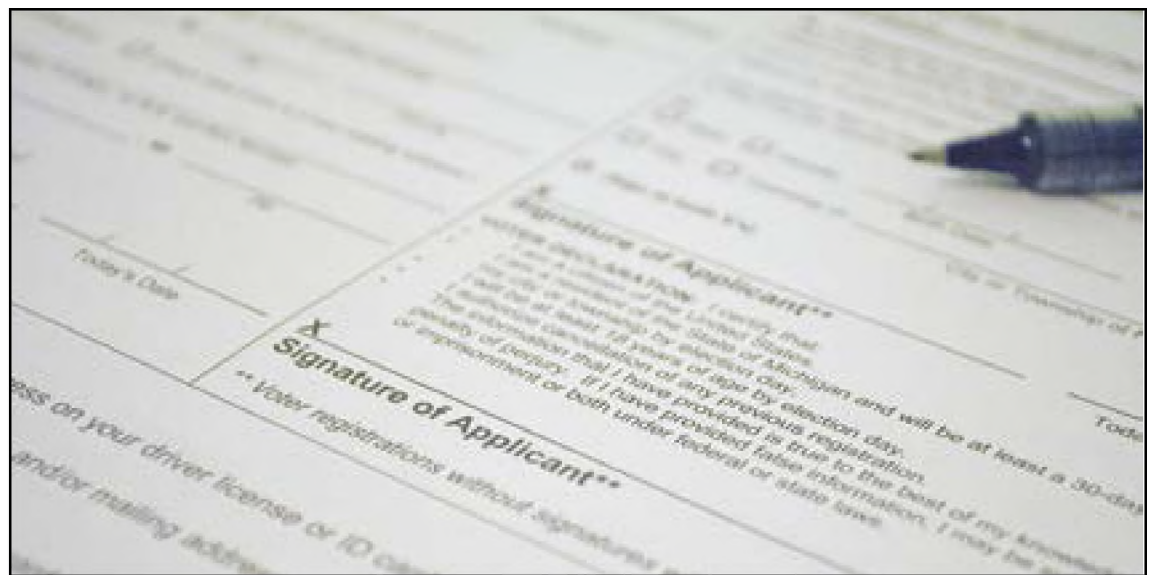
previously done so.

To register to vote, one must be a U.S. citizen and be at least 18 years of age. The deadline to register to vote for the general election is Oct. 9. Students can use their home address to register, but they can also use their residence at school if they have been residing there for at

least 30 days. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, and the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"The easiest way is to go to the Secretary of State (S.O.S.) branch office and register there," said Pete Dishnow, Marquette City Clerk. "If

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The deadline to register to vote for this upcoming presidential election is Oct. 9. Students must be 18 years of age and can go to the Secretary of State or city clerk's office to register or to the YMCA for those who are living on-campus.

— BRIEFS —

State News

University of Michigan defensive end Frank Clark plead guilty to taking a laptop from a dorm room and continues to play for the team. Clark plead guilty to a felony, second-degree home invasion on Tuesday, Sept. 11. If he completes probation he can have the conviction dismissed from his record under a first-time offenders program. Clark was suspended by coach Brady Hoke for a week of preseason practice and the opener game against Alabama. Hoke said Clark had to pay for his bad choice, but he continues to be a part of the team and family. Clark's sentencing will be on Oct. 23, the same day U of M's running back Fitzgerald Toussaint is set for sentencing after pleading guilty to drunk driving.

National News

Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. filed a federal lawsuit against a mandate in the U.S.'s health care laws that requires employers to cover the morning-after pill and similar drugs. As a Christian-oriented company, the owners of Hobby Lobby feel it is against their religious beliefs to provide contraceptives to its employees. By failing to provide coverage of these drugs, Hobby Lobby could be looking at fines of up to \$1.3 million a day, according to the company. The representative for Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. Kyle Duncan said this lawsuit does not challenge the rules on preventative birth control, only on the morning-after pill and similar contraceptive drugs. He also said that 27 other similar lawsuits were filed nationwide because of the new mandate.

International News

The United States Embassy in Libya was attacked on Wednesday, Sept. 12 by Islamic gunmen who were angered by an American film that mocked the Prophet Mohammad. Four people were killed in the attack, including U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three others who were employed by the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. Nearly 17 other victims were injured during the attack in which the gunmen not only attacked the embassy, but also set the consulate on fire. The attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya was followed closely by a similar attack on the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Egypt, however no one was killed in the Cairo incident. In a striking resemblance to a 2005 Danish newspaper, which also mocked the Prophet Mohammad, an amateur American film represented the Prophet as a religious fake and a fool. The video, which was also released on YouTube, was highly offensive to Muslims, who hold the position that anything insulting the Prophet Mohammad is blasphemous.

Weird News

A homeless Florida man was arrested after he stole a credit card from a vehicle and attempted to buy beer from the bartender who was the owner of the credit card. The 53-year-old man was arrested and later charged with credit card fraud and theft in Miami Beach, Fla. on Sept. 10. The bartender called the police when he saw the homeless man was trying to use his credit card. According to the police, Weber told them he found the credit card on the ground.

— Compiled from news sources

NMU students sail Lake Superior

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Left, the NMU sailing club had it's Sailing Day on Saturday, Sept. 8. They ventured out onto the waters of Lake Superior. Right, NMU students work together to raise the sail in order to enjoy a smooth ride out on the lake.

Vote

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they're going to NMU and want to register in the city of Marquette they can go to the city clerk's office, but if they would rather register in their home town (in Michigan) it's better to go to the S.O.S. office. Even though it's in Marquette, they can register with their home address."

Students from out of state can still use their address at NMU to register and they would be registered as voters in Marquette. Michigan varies from other states because a voter registers with the town or city rather than with the county.

"If you register in person, whether it's a local clerk's office or the S.O.S., as long as someone has seen you register in person, you can use an absentee ballot," Dishnow said. "In Michigan, if you use the mail-in registration form, then you have to vote in person."

According to Dishnow, laws vary by state and some allow residents to both register via mail and send an absentee ballot; he recommends out-of-state students check with their local clerks to

know the rules. Those who register using an address on-campus would be in Precinct 6 of the City of Marquette and they would go to the YMCA, located at 1420 Pine St., to vote.

"It varies on a student's situation, but for those who have never voted or registered before I would recommend they register here [in Marquette] to vote," said Drew Janego, president of the College Democrats and senior political science major. "If they're already registered, I recommend an absentee ballot to avoid confusion. It truly varies on a case-by-case basis, but in general, an absentee ballot works smoother than having to re-register."

According to Brandon Zanon, vice-president of the College Republicans and sophomore pre-med major, he recommends those living year-round in Marquette to register here but for those in the dorms or living in Marquette temporarily, he suggests an absentee ballot using the original home address.

"In the end however, the most important thing is getting out to vote," Zanon said. "A lot of people say the electoral college vote doesn't matter but if we don't vote, then they don't know

who to elect. It's an important right as Americans that we should exercise."

The election is vital for college students as relevant issues such as education have arisen, and registering and going out to vote is a vital part of the electoral process, according to Janego.

"It is required to ask for picture ID; however, if you don't have it there is a certificate on the back of the application that you can sign attesting to the fact you don't have one," Dishnow said. "They won't prohibit anyone who doesn't have an ID."

While some states have varying laws, Michigan requires a valid excuse for an absentee ballot. With one, a person must apply in writing to his local clerk's office and send with it an application, which the clerk must receive by 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, according to Dishnow.

For more information about voter registration in Marquette, contact the local county clerk by calling (906) 225-8330 or email countyclerk@mqtco.org. Students can also email the College Democrats at nmucollegedems@gmail.com or College Republicans at collegerepublicans.nmu@gmail.com.

Map Key

- 1) Four students were charged with minor in possession at 9:40 p.m. Sept. 8 at Harden Circle Drive.
- 2) A person reported malicious destruction of property at 10:15 p.m. Sept. 8 at Lee Hall.
- 3) A student was charged with minor in possession at 10:45 p.m. Sept. 8 in Lot 4.
- 4) Students reported simple assault at 10:50 p.m. Sept. 9 at Meyland Hall.
- 5) A person reported malicious destruction of property to a motor vehicle at 6:36 p.m. Sept. 10 in Lot 13.

CAMPUS CRIME MAP

Know risks before plunging into Lake Superior

By **Amanda Monthei**
managing editor

Regardless of how long someone has been a student at NMU — a couple weeks or five years — the dangers of Lake Superior are evident.

From the posters on campus and warnings from NMU staff and Marquette community members, it is well-known that Lake Superior rip currents can be dangerous for any swimmer in spite of experience or strength.

However, students are rarely given the most specific — and important — information regarding rip currents and swimmer safety in Marquette County.

Details like where the strongest rip currents are and how they're created, or where someone can hone their skills before advancing to the sometimes vicious waters of Lake Superior, are much more helpful than mere warnings.

"You see the signs a lot around campus and at the beaches that warn about rip currents," said NMU student Ben Raiche, an outdoor recreation major. "And of course how every year or every other year, you hear about a student that swims when they probably shouldn't have and just got into a bad situation."

Rip currents — or a small current that work away from the shore — are attributed to nearly 32 incidences in Lake Superior as a whole since 2002. Eleven of those were deaths, while the

other 21 were near-deaths according to the Marquette National Weather Service (NWS).

While most rip currents are associated with sand bars, they have been known to develop in such places as Middle Bay near Presque Isle, popularly known as The Zoo.

Despite being a lesser-known swimming area, four of the previously mentioned 32 incidents occurred at The Zoo, two of which were deaths, as recorded by the Marquette NWS.

The area, situated on the west side of the island, can experience four to six foot swells when winds are high, making it more popular for surfing and windsurfing than for swimming.

Just as many things can factor into how a swimming area becomes high-risk-like water depth, offshore obstacles, a bay location or a man-made obstacle—many things also factor into what makes a certain day high-risk.

"Typically when we see the most high risk days, we see a cold front dropping south across Lake Superior, so we get strong northwesterly winds and larger waves," said Megan Dobson of the Marquette NWS.

Another frequented swimming and cliff jumping area is Little Presque Isle, which with both channel currents and coves that allow for large waves is a dangerous place for those not completely comfortable with their swimming abilities.

"I like going out to Little Presque and cliff jumping back



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The Picnic Rocks are one of the more dangerous areas of Lake Superior. It is one area of the lake where swimming is banned year round.

there, but I was out there one time this summer and there were probably five to six foot swells coming into that little cove," Raiche said, referring to the coves on the back side of the island near the cliff-jumping area. "I had made the decision to jump into the water and it was pretty scary.

"I think that's just that area back there, water just kind of funnels into the bays."

But unlike Middle Bay, the inherent dangers associated with cliff jumping and Picnic Rocks are two things students are generally knowledgeable of. Picnic Rocks, however, is not actually affected by a rip current but instead by a current channel, as seen on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-

ministration's (NOAA) website.

In order for a current channel to exist, the water has to be squeezed through an offshore obstacle (typically rocks) and the shore to create a strong sweeping current, much like a water treadmill.

Fifteen people have drowned at Picnic Rocks since 1963, including two NMU students in 2005 and one in 2010.

The most important information to remember when dealing with rip currents and current channels is how to swim safely to shore after being caught in one.

With rip currents, which move perpendicularly to the shore, it's critical to swim parallel to the shore and not against the current, according to the

Marquette NWS.

However, with channel currents, it's important to understand that the water is pushing in a distinct direction as it's being squeezed through a small space.

Swimming backwards or against the current is not advised, whether there is a sandbar close or not.

Instead, it is recommended to carry with the current until it loses strength, and then swim towards shore.

However, for those who prefer natural water to a swimming pool, the safest bet would be a lifeguard-protected beach.

Danger zones, including Picnic Rocks, piers and most of the water around Presque Isle should be avoided altogether — whether swells are large or not.

The areas in Marquette that should be avoided have been marked appropriately, warning of any potential for strong currents.

Avoiding these areas is crucial for one's own survival and well-being, but it is equally important to know how to handle a strong current.

Dobson said August is the time they see the most drowning accidents in Marquette, however despite a decline in swimmers in the fall months, wind and wave patterns are even more dangerous because of falling water temperatures.

For more information and updates on the different currents in Lake Superior, visit www.rip-currents.noaa.gov.

Superior Edge gets students involved in community

Center for Student Enrichment provides opportunities for volunteers

By **Braden Linick**
contributing writer

The Center for Student Enrichment offers students a wide variety of programs and organizations for students to make the most of their college experience.

The CSE ranges from resume building, enriching college experiences and to helping students gain real world experience for their future occupations.

The CSE also helps promote and create student-run organizations.

Academic Service Learning is a program built to help incorporate community service into a primary course objective of a certain major.

"I would really encourage students to make the most out of their college experience," said Director of CSE, Dave Bonsall. "It is such a unique time in one's life and there are so many opportunities available."

Superior Edge is another enrichment program for a student's college career. It consists of four edges: Citizenship, Diversity, Leadership and Real World Experience.

Students are able to choose which 'Edge' they would like to be a part of after completing the 50 minute orientation.

From there they need to put in 100 hours and complete a reflection paper to complete the program.

Superior Edge also offers a few International Service trips annually. This year three trips have been scheduled throughout the year.

One trip goes to India in late December through January another to Ecuador over spring break, and a final trip to Spain in early May.

Trips vary in price from \$1,800 to \$3,600.

"With this specific program they are all noted on a student enrichment transcript that goes out with your academic tran-

script," Bonsall said. "They have real world experience above and beyond going to classes.

"It could be the factor that makes them stand out on a job application in front of 30 others with the same GPA."

The Student Leader Fellowship Program (SLFP) was designed for students interested in leadership, community service, resume building.

It is a two-credit leadership course that students must apply to get into.

Only 50 to 60 applications can be accepted per course. Time put in at SLFP can count towards Superior Edge hours.

Skill Builder! Workshops are also offered at the CSE. They are interactive leadership related activities with roughly 25 to 30 offered every semester.

Skill Builders can be counted towards Superior Edge hours. Students can learn a new skill, help your community, or improve yourself with the

workshops.

The Health Promotion office offers a range of resources to students looking to lead healthier lives through better choices.

They encourage safer decisions on a variety of health and safety related issues through interactive and educational presentations.

"My favorite part about CSE is the student organizations, because there are over 300 and so many ways to be involved," said sophomore business management major, Jenna Krawze. "If a club doesn't fit you, you can create your own club."

"You only need one student and one faculty member to create your own club. If you don't have a faculty member, CSE can help you find one."

The NMU Volunteer Center sponsors around 10 major

It could be the factor that makes them stand out on a job application in front of 30 others with the same GPA

— Dave Bonsall
Director of the Center
for Student Enrichment

events a year such as blood drives, bone marrow registrations, Special Olympics and Make a Difference Day among other events.

Once a week they send out a volunteer newsletter to gain more attendance and awareness.

They show the opportunities available and allow students to choose which ones they would prefer to take on.

For information on joining any of the programs or student organizations visit www.nmu.edu/cse or stop in their offices at 1201, 1202, 1205 and 1206 University Center.

Workshop offers résumé assistance

By Adele Herman
contributing writer

NMU Career Services will be holding a résumé workshop for students on Monday, Sept. 17 at 4 p.m. in Room 2303 Hedgcock.

The workshop will cover résumé writing techniques, common mistakes to avoid, how to create an effective résumé and information about the online résumé system NMU provides for employers to search and view student résumés.

"We have two job fairs coming up and students should have their résumé ready if they plan on attending," said Steve LaFond, assistant director of Career Services.

The two jobs fairs being held this fall are the Construction Management and Technology Career Fair on Thursday, Sept. 20 and the Fall Job Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 10. The résumé workshop will help students prepare for the upcoming job fairs.

Three other résumé workshops will be held during the fall semester on Monday, Sept. 27, Tuesday, Oct. 25 and Thursday, Nov. 8. Interview and job search workshops will also be held throughout the semester.

For more information, contact Career Services by calling (906) 227-2800 or emailing careers@nmu.edu.

Marquette offers skaters a place to ride

Los Angeles-based company constructs new park

By Jenean Zahran
staff writer

A new skatepark is being constructed in Marquette by a crew of professional skatepark contractors at the corner of Pine Street and Fair Avenue.

Spohn Ranch, the company building the park, is based out of Los Angeles and builds skateparks in communities all over the country.

Skate Plaza Committee member Nheena Weyer Ittner said they were very particular when choosing who would construct the park.

"We decided right from the beginning we needed experts, and that's exactly who we got," Weyer Ittner said. "We were told by Spohn Ranch that we are getting a state of the art plaza."

The beginning of this project took place seven years ago after people were coming to Weyer Ittner concerned because kids were getting opposition around town for skateboarding.

The Marquette City Commission promised to match the committee \$75,000 for the project if the skate plaza committee raised \$150,000 for the

construction of the park.

With the help of donations and fundraisers, they raised enough to start on the project.

"It was great to know they believed in our project and had set aside money for us," Weyer Ittner said.

Donated labor and materials from local subcontractors also helped make this project become possible.

The Spohn Ranch crew travel about nine months out of the year designing and building skateparks in various cities around the United States.

Their latest project, a concrete portable bowl, was featured in the Mountain Dew tour last month in Ocean City, Md.

With the opening debut for the skatepark nearing at the end of September, the six men with the Spohn Ranch crew are working to complete this unique three level skatepark.

"In this park, we wanted to embrace well known skate features as well as our own designs into it as well," said Anthony Zavala, head of the Spohn Ranch crew.

The park will feature unique designs such as the California high bank, the Bar-



Zerek Twede/NW

Spohn Ranch, a Los Angeles based construction company, works on building a park for skaters in Marquette. It should open the end of September.

celona wall and hipped flat banks.

Evan King, an avid skateboarder and junior music major is very eager for the skatepark to be finished.

"This is definitely something that a lot of skaters in Marquette have been waiting for," King said. "Having a

brand new skatepark will definitely make the community happy."

After the skatepark is completed, the city will take over ownership and maintain it.

It will be open to the public and will have the same rules and regulations as any other park in Marquette.

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Local pet stores gear up for competition

By **Hannah Fermanich**
assistant news editor

Local pet stores are getting ready to take on the competition as a brand new PetSmart is set to make Marquette its home.

Starting Saturday Oct. 20, local pet stores Mares-Z-Doats and The Pet Stop will have a new source of competition. PetSmart will be opening its doors to customers just in time for the coming holiday season.

"Competition is a good thing," said Jennifer Hallinen, manager of Mares-Z-Doats. "Since we've heard they were coming, we've looked at things we could improve on."

Mares-Z-Doats has been a part

of the Marquette community for 30 years. Family run, they provide customers with a wide variety of animal supplies including feed, toys and equipment necessary for pet ownership.

"We're just going to keep going above and beyond and out beat them in service," said Andy Hallinen, manager of Mares-Z-Doats.

Although the Hallinens are sure their loyal customers will keep coming back to Mares-Z-Doats, they are looking at options for how to compete with a large chain store like PetSmart.

Already Mares-Z-Doats offers discounts to a large variety of customers as well as bringing in brand new items in the pet market.

They plan on offering more specials to keep customers coming in along with store events such as their annual Christmas and spring sales, according to Jennifer Hallinen.

"I think our customers can count on us to be here to serve them to the best of our ability," Andy Hallinen said.

The Pet Stop is another local pet store that will be competing against PetSmart. Started by NMU alumni Patrick Kaski, the Pet Stop has been open in Marquette for the past 19 years.

"We appreciate the loyalty in the past and we hope they will maintain loyalty with us in the present and future," Kaski said.

The Pet Stop provides customers a large assortment of pets including fish, reptiles, birds and rodents along with the supplies needed to care for these pets.

They also will bring in puppies, kittens and other animals from the local community.

The Pet Stop also has a grooming service along with a fish tank cleaning service for businesses, according to Kaski.

"We hope people recognize and continue to support us," Kaski said. "We hope they give us every opportunity to be a part of their lives and their pets' lives."

The Pet Stop has taken advantage of local events to get their name out to the public.



Zerek Twede/NW

Pet Stop on Coles Drive is not just a pet supply shop, but they also carry a variety of pets. It has been in Marquette for the past 19 years.

They had a stand at Fall Fest this semester and also worked with the Strut Your Mutt charity walk. Along with getting out in the community, they plan on doing more updates to the store in the future, according to Kaski.

Both the Pet Stop and Mares-Z-Doats are confident that their

customers will remain loyal to them even after the opening of PetSmart. According to their website, PetSmart will be offering customers access to pet grooming as well as training.

PetSmart has more than 1,000 stores located in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.



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Mares-Z-Doats on Division Street has been serving Marquette for the past 30 years. Locally owned, they carry a large array of supplies for pets.

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License plate benefits USOEC

New design displays Olympic support

By Marcellino Signorelli
news editor

A new license plate design will allow Michigan residents to show their support for Olympic Team USA and the United States Olympic Education Center.

The state had a previous design of license plates to support the USOEC but according to Brian Gaudreau, interim director of the USOEC, the remaining supply of the original design has dropped to less than 40, which prompted a re-design.

"I think it's good timing the way this redesign came out," Gaudreau said. "We were able to debut the plate shortly after the London Olympics and then capitalize on the winning spirit from the U.S. team performance in London."

The cost of the license plate is \$35 in addition to the regular price of registration. \$25 of the \$35 cost goes to the benefit of the USOEC.

When the time comes for the annual registration and license plate renewal, there is a \$10 additional charge on top of the initial registration charge for the license plate, but the entire \$10 goes to the benefit of the USOEC. The old plate had text reading "U.S. Olympic Education Center" beneath the Olympic rings, which has been removed on the new plate.



photo courtesy of the USOEC

The new design standardizes the license plate with other states that offer an Olympic plate. The cost is \$35, and \$25 goes to the benefit of the USOEC.

"The USOEC worked together with the S.O.S. (Secretary of State) to create the new design for the license plate," Gaudreau said. "Quite a few states have an Olympic training site and it's hard for them to identify their own place, which led to it being standardized."

"Other states' Olympic plates won't look exactly the same as Michigan's but they will share a similar look."

According to Fred Woodhams, spokesman for the Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson, there are more than 3,000 of the updated Olympic license plates in circulation for the state of Michigan.

"People can either go in to their local Secretary of State office or send in their registration by mail and ask for the Olympic plate,"

Woodhams said. "Once the S.O.S. receives their registration application or renewal, their plate will then be mailed back to them in a short amount of time."

The original design came out in 1995 and there were 75,000 of the originals created. Currently, an Olympic license plate is available in 11 different states.

"The original set of plates generated more than \$2 million in revenue for the (Olympic) center," Woodhams said. "These new plates will continue to help the center and their release was at a good time, coinciding with the Olympics."

For more information about how to purchase a Michigan U.S. Olympic license plate, call (888) 767-6424.

Study abroad fair teaches how to travel and study

By Marcellino Signorelli
news editor

The Study Abroad Fair will offer students a chance to learn how to combine a college education as well as travelling the world.

The International Programs office will be hosting the fair from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 in the Whitman Commons. Students are able to come in any time if they are interested in learning more about studying abroad.

"The fair will discuss the steps to take to plan successfully," said Susan Morgan, coordinator of education abroad. "Faculty who have study abroad courses as well as staff from the Financial Aid office will be there as well."

Peer advisers and students who have previously studied abroad will also attend the fair. Students who are eligible for financial aid are able to use funds for their study abroad.

Scholarships are also available for students who wish to study abroad.

"We have study abroad programs all over the world,

including Asia, Europe and Africa," Morgan said. "We also have volunteer programs in Ecuador, Spain and India."

The study abroad program provides academic credit for students and all programs offer credits counting towards a degree, according to Morgan.

"It's an academic study program, not just a vacation," Morgan said. "It's a great way to practice language skills, but you don't need to know a foreign language to study abroad."

For those who cannot attend the fair but are interested in studying abroad or want to learn more, there will be study abroad coffee chats from 3 to 5 p.m. on various dates until November, with the most recent one on Wednesday, Sept. 26 in Whitman 142.

"The fair and chats will help students plan for a semester or summer abroad," Morgan said. "It's strongly advised to have a full semester to organize and begin the application process before studying abroad."

For more information about the fair or studying abroad, email the International Programs Office at ipo@nmu.edu.

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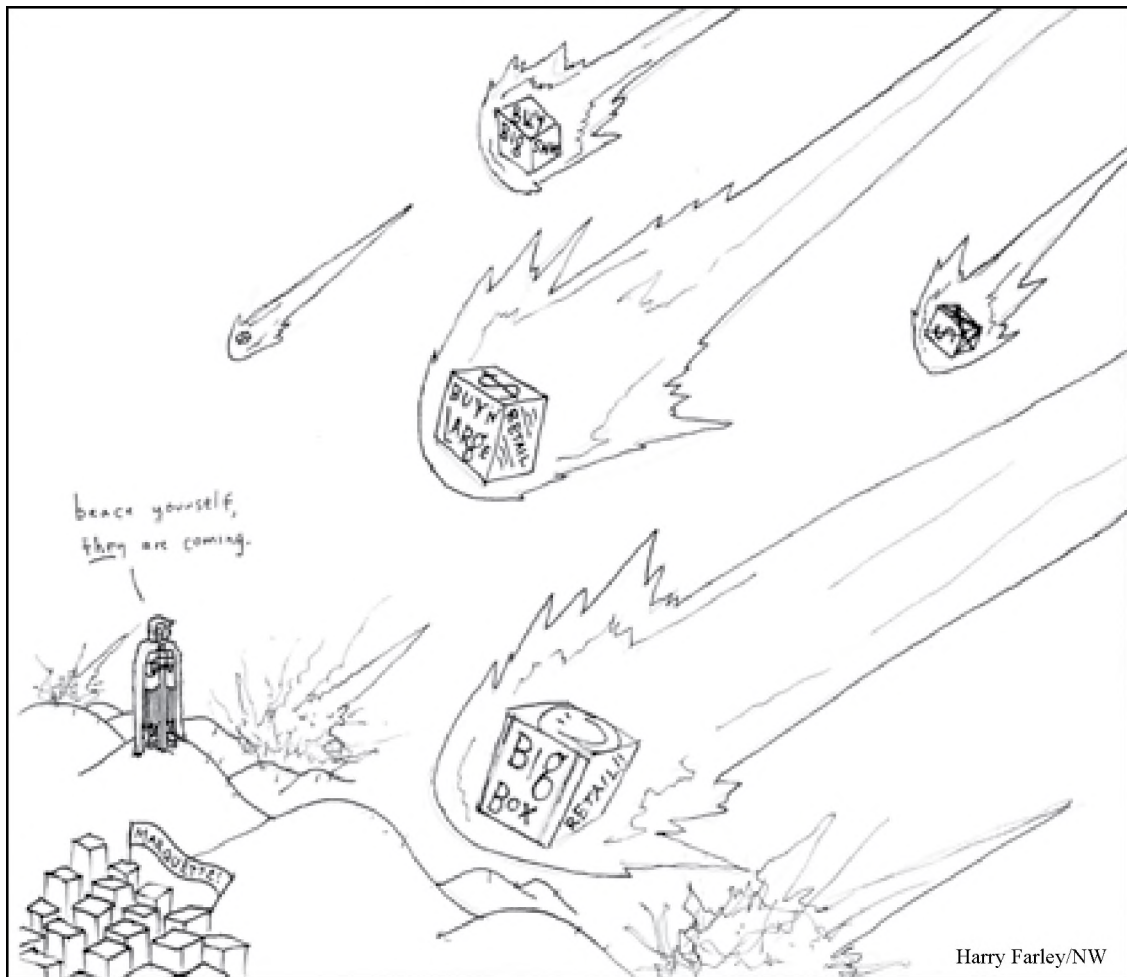
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Staff Editorial



Harry Farley/NW

Support Marquette businesses

A variety of new Marquette businesses have opened their doors in the past five years, and many of those businesses are locally owned and operated. These local businesses complement the community, and residents have been eager to support them.

Along with smaller operations, larger retail stores have begun opening in Marquette, most noticeably along US-41. Marquette now has a Best Buy, TJ Max, Lowe's, Arby's and PetSmart.

All of these businesses offer people a wider variety of products and prices, but it is also important to think about who's going to benefit from your patronage.

Take Mares-Z-Doats for example; this business has established itself as a friendly place for pet owners to buy pet food, toys and supplies. They also sell grain, seed and other products, such as their wide selection of work boots.

It is wonderful that our community is attracting outside investment and that the little city of Marquette is growing in size, but it is important to remember the businesses that have been faithfully serving the Marquette community.

People are spending conservatively all over the country, and Marquette residents are no different. Everyone is trying to make their dollars go further during this time of economic uncertainty.

It is not only people who are affected by the current economic conditions, though. Local businesses feel the effects, too.

The next time you need to purchase clothing at a bargain price, consider stopping by one of the consignment shops in town. When your dog's bowl is empty, remember who has been helping you keep it full for years.

Marquette has been heralded as one of the finest communities in the nation. This is because of the luscious landscapes, friendly people and array of local businesses.

Our community is only as great as the sum of its parts. Make sure you do your part and support local businesses—the same ones that have supported Marquette over the years.

Poor range for WiMAX



As NMU students, we are lucky enough to have computers and Internet provided for us. On-campus students have free wireless, and off-campus students and faculty are provided with WiMAX.

Most students living off-campus have a great connection to WiMAX; however, many people either have no connection to WiMAX or the connection is very weak.

On the NMU website it says "As with any wireless system, building construction, trees and other natural terrain can severely affect signal strength." Still, many people living within a one mile radius of campus have a horrible connection.

The worst part about WiMAX is that many times I will be connected to the Internet and doing something (once this even happened during a test) and the connection will all of the sudden be lost. I then have to manually connect to the Internet. I was lucky that I have two tries and was able to retake my test.

Another issue I have with WiMAX is connecting. I know some people have their computers set up to automatically connect to WiMAX, but no matter what I do, my computer will not connect to WiMAX.

I have to manually connect to WiMAX every time I open my computer and want to go on the Internet. After a few, tries it may connect. This is a very annoying and time-consuming downfall to WiMAX.

In the summer, when less students were using WiMAX, the connection was great. I had no problems connecting and it never tried kicking me off the Internet.

Now that school is back in session and so many people are trying to connect to WiMAX at the same time, I have trouble getting a good connection, or connecting at all.

Many college students do not have cable TV and use an alternate source to get online. Netflix

is one website that allows people to rewatch their favorite series or a recently released movie. These online sites are a much cheaper alternative to cable. However, trying to use sites like Netflix while connected to WiMAX often times is a failure.

It will most likely either take at least ten minutes for the video to load or if it has loaded in a short period of time the video will stop just as you are getting to the good part, try to load and will fail to do so because the connection to the Internet is not strong enough.

Some students who commute from surrounding areas have small coverage areas and weak signal strengths.

Negaunee, Ishpeming, Gwinn, KI Sawyer, Harvey and Big Bay each have one WiMAX tower. Marquette has a total of nine towers. Each WiMAX tower has a range of 2.5 miles. So if you are in a town like Ishpeming the chance of you getting a decent WiMAX connection is unlikely.

Roughly 6,300 NMU students who are classified as commuter students have to worry about connecting to WiMAX.

According to current enrollment rates listed on NMU's 2011-12 profile, almost 70 percent of the NMU population is considered commuter students. It is important for WiMAX to be concentrated on the areas where most of these students live.

There are two WiMAX towers in Houghton and Hancock, though I am sure there are only a very few whom commute from there.

I think that NMU should concentrate on Marquette and the more local towns.

I think WiMAX is a great resource for students, but the infrastructure required for such an extensive service is not in place and the speeds at which WiMAX operates do not offer students a secure enough connection.

WiMAX has been recognized by President Obama, and the eyes of the nation are on us to keep developing our renowned service. The coverage needs to be expanded and improved so that NMU can actually reach rural areas such as outlying commuter towns.

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Americans deserve health care

Weekly Take Away



Lee McClelland

With the passage of the Patient Protect and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the Supreme Court's landmark decision to rule the act constitutional, more Americans will have access to health care.

The election season has brought the debate about federally mandated health care back into full swing. Mitt Romney vowed in his Republican National Convention speech that, if he was elected, he will begin the process of "repealing and replacing Obamacare."

Many critics of the PPACA claim that government shouldn't intervene in private affairs and that this act will hurt the health care industry.

The PPACA does not force people to purchase insurance through the government's program. Subsection 1A of Section 1251 of the PPACA states: "In general—Nothing in this act (or an amendment made by this act) shall be construed to require that an individual terminate coverage under a group health plan or health insurance coverage in which such individual was enrolled on the date of enactment of this Act."

Instead it requires uninsured people to purchase health care, which will increase the number of people entering the market for health care. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the PPACA will give 30 million Americans access to affordable health care. People with insurance

go to the doctor, and those without insurance tend not to seek medical services. With more insured people, there will be an increase in demand for health services.

Naysayers make assertions that the act will cause a loss of jobs in the U.S. economy.

It is important to understand that most people, when they make this claim, are talking about the whole economy and not just the health care sector, which will employ more people because of the resources that are being directed toward it.

Dr. Chris Conover, a health policy expert, estimates that the PPACA will cause a loss of more than one million jobs, adding to the already five million unemployed people in the United States. Under the PPACA, employers are penalized for not offering health care of a certain standard to their employees: a \$2,000 fine.

When one considers that a large portion of a person's wages goes toward the cost of their health care plan and that an employer has to pay toward an employees' plan as well, it is logical that the employer would offer a health care plan of a lower standard to reduce their own costs. The fine is less costly than providing health care to a company's unskilled workforce.

Dr. Conover says that low-wage workers will be the section of the workforce affected by the PPACA, but he points out the short-term effects of this act's implementation.

A low-wage worker, before the passage of the PPACA, who lost his or her job usually lost their health care coverage when their position was terminated. The result is an unemployed, uninsured American.

After the PPACA is implemented, a worker that loses a job won't have to worry about whether or not he will be insured. She won't have to wonder where the money for prescriptions will come from.

In the long-term, the PPACA will give Americans something that shouldn't be a luxury—affordable health care.

After our country recovers from this recession, job creation will be spurred and more jobs created. These displaced workers will find employment.

In this debate, it is easy for supporters of the PPACA, as well as critics, to cite statistics and projections, but it also takes away the most important aspect of health care reform: the human element.

Medical advancements have changed the American way of life.

In the course of one century, life expectancy in the United States has increased by 28.1 years on average; from 50.1 years old in 1910 to 78.2 years old in 2010. Americans are living longer, and because of this, they require more health care services.

For the segment of the population that suffers from a chronic illness, health care coverage is the difference between life and death. These people benefit from the AHA, and so does anyone else who has been denied a health care plan because of a preexisting condition.

As an industrialized nation, it is unsettling that something as crucial to public wellbeing as health care has not been offered to American citizens before. Medicaid and Medicare have proven an ineffective system, so the time for reform has come in the form of the PPACA.

Finally, there has been an act passed that doesn't impose a government-run health care system, but instead gives people the freedom to choose which health care plan they want. In the long run, Americans will reap the rewards of the PPACA.

No longer will people have to worry how they will pay for essential medical care—America has you covered.

Vote in November Crucial that students flock to polls



Guest Column

Ellen Lindblom

With the election right around the corner, the biggest fear for the Obama administration is that the 18 to 29 year olds won't come out to vote this year.

In 2008, 18 to 29 year olds made up 18 percent of the electorate, according to CNN's political analysis, and most of those votes helped Obama win in that election. Now it is more critical than ever for students to use their right to vote.

Many young people think that politics and voting don't matter. Perhaps they should take another look at how important it is to pay attention to what our government is doing.

As Jonathan Allen, Ph.D associate professor of political science at NMU, once said, "You may not be interested in politics, but politics is interested in you."

Politics are the activities associated with the governance of a country or area. Politics are the process by which we decide how power, goods and services are distributed. This matters to everyone.

Politicians are in charge of many aspects of our lives as students. They get to make policies on how we live our lives.

Congress is in control of the amount of taxes we pay, the amount of aid we can get for college including Pell Grants, what we can do with our bodies and how clean our air and water is.

In a few weeks you have a choice to make. Deadlines in many states across the country are coming up next month for voter registration.

All you need to register is a valid driver's license, valid state ID or Social Security Number.

If you are from Michigan and are an NMU student, you can register with your local address and vote here in Marquette.

You can still register at home if you plan to travel home before the election to get an absentee ballot. Keep in mind that you must vote in person in Michigan if it is your first time voting.

If you are from out of state, you must register in your state. You can even register online. Find out your states' policy on voting. Be

sure to get your absentee ballot if you qualify for one, and send it in before the deadline.

On campus the College Democrats and Republicans will be doing voter registration drives this month. Look out for them by Starbucks and all around campus, specifically the Academic Mall.

After you are registered you have to make the hardest choice in the voting process: choosing whom will have your support on Election Day.

Many young people say that they don't really care for candidates from either party. Did you know there are more than just two?

There are at least five or six parties running for the presidency in each election, some you may have never heard of before.

The Constitution Party, the Libertarian Party and the Green Party are all going to be on the ticket in November.

Although the Presidential election is important, the most important elections to the common citizen are the local and state elections for representatives.

There are even bipartisan races for judges locally where you can vote for a candidate and not a party.

These local elections affect us in a more direct way. If it is difficult for you to choose a candidate in a national race, try voting for a candidate in a local race first.

Until 2008, voter turnout was relatively low among 18 to 29 year olds. Politicians think that students won't vote, so they cut programs that will benefit us first. They assume that we don't care about what they're doing.

Let's show them this year that we won't fit that stereotype anymore. Register to vote, get informed and see where the candidates stand on issues that matter to you.

Decide what races you are going to vote in and take control of your future. The youth vote is important, but every vote matters.

In America, 213,313,508 citizens have the right to vote. In 2008 there was a record high for voter turnout, but only 132,653,958 citizens voted.

Whether you voted or not in 2008 or 2010, there are still 80,659,550 new votes to be cast in this election.

Take the opportunity this November to let your voice be heard.

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Positive outlook needed on campus



Guest Column

Chris Dittrick

In neon pink chalk during the first week of classes someone scrawled the message “This School Sucks” outside of the LRC.

Maybe the original writer had a change of heart or someone else saw fit to soften the message by crossing out sucks and writing rules in much smaller print, the message caught the eye of many students.

I passed this spot many times, and it not only caught my eye but made me wonder: how someone could form such a negative opinion

after only the first few days of the semester?

It is rather easy to drop out during the first week of classes with no real loss, if someone really didn’t want to be a student, then they should just leave rather than spread such a bit of pedantic apathy to the students that crossed over the pink text.

The more I contemplated this message, the more reasons I found not to agree with it. How could someone not take pride in their effort to get to NMU, and their accomplishments thus far.

Or better yet, how can someone not take pride in their school, their work and their goals?

In all this hating on and ranting about this fiendish statement, an idea occurred to me. Maybe that

was the point of the message.

Perhaps the messenger wanted students to be enraged by the sight of the chalk words and in seeing it start to think about why they are, or at least should be, devoted to finding fulfillment and enjoyment during their time at NMU.

No one is going to hold our hands and go out of their way to entertain us. No one will be there to read our minds and tell us the best path we should take to be successful. Only we can do that for ourselves.

Maybe such a statement of apathy was meant to carry a deeper meaning. Maybe it is time for us all to start caring about our campus.

Rather than the nonconstructive criticism the chalk offered, one could focus on the reasons for feeling that NMU may not fulfill stu-

dents’ expectations.

In my experience, for example, what complaints I have with a new environment often boil down to an expression of the awkwardness in having to adjust to the differences in a new setting. Complaints are not all invalid, but some are likely to be resolved when we stop focusing on where we came from and explore our new boundaries.

What we need to do is find ways to take pride in ourselves and in our campus community.

We live in an open, free environment that encourages us to think, to explore and to have fun while we are learning.

There are many ways to take part and take pride in our community on campus. It could be as simple as leaving your dorm-room door open

in the evenings and greeting your neighbors.

One could go to the many hall specific activities, such as beach parties, camp outs and movie nights in the lounge.

There is culture to take part in. There’s more than just leisure activities and arts to explore.

One could attend house, hall and even campus-wide student governing meetings and volunteer to maintain and improve our NMU community.

The real message here is that we should all take at least the tiniest moment out of each day to just simply look around and find at least one reason to be thankful that we are here.

We are the assemblage of the great minds of the future.

Social media new way for youth to access politics



Guest Column

Katie Buda

The air conditioned convention rooms of today crawl with iPads and cable cords but lack one thing: a genuine and indispensable role in the nation’s democratic process.

In a time where information is communicated in an instant, the basic purpose of national political conventions is quickly fading.

Today, each party’s nominee is chosen long before the delegates arrive at the convention; the gathering is nothing but a bunch of hype and hoopla with little significance.

The question that is being asked, with more relevance than ever before, is why do we need to have these gatherings at all?

“There was a time when decisions were made at the conventions,” said professor Chuck Ganzert, professor of political science and media at NMU. “But now, all of the real decision-making has

been done during the primaries and before the conventions.”

Ganzert explained conventions have no real drama and few surprises; they resemble pep rallies more than they do a political convention.

A major reason national conventions are losing relevance with young voters is due to the prominence and accessibility of social media.

“Social media coverage of this election might have its greatest impact among college students and other recently franchised voters,” said David Carlson, professor of political science at NMU.

College students mostly rely on social media more than any segment of our society.

Being so accustomed to instant information in our hands at any time we want, it is no wonder campaigns are forced to meet the needs of generation Y.

Rushing to incorporate Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and Youtube into their campaigns has also decreased the significance of conventions.

Both the Democratic and Republican conventions aim to engage much larger audiences than

those present at the events.

The Grand Old Party encouraged its speakers to post updates, take photos and conduct interviews through Twitter, Facebook and Skype in a green room devoted to digital media.

Four years ago social media were still budding. According to Twitter’s blog, the number of tweets on Election Day in 2008 is equal to six minutes worth of tweets posted today.

Watching four days of droning politicians on television is just not necessary when you have photos of the Republican stage under construction in Tampa and profiles of each of the delegates.

Users can interact with their candidates of choice with the click of a mouse.

Democrats say their assembly will be “the most open and accessible in history” while Republicans call theirs a “convention without walls.”

In a generation known for the social media revolution, it is no wonder some students are looking online for information rather than at their flat screens.

Some still avoid the social networking hotspot altogether, stick-

ing to the old fashioned way of a television set and a coffee in hand.

However, with live stream, YouTube videos and thousands of photos posted each day, those open to the new ways of access have the opportunity to see the same, if not better coverage of the delegates and candidates than they can on television.

Social media allows modern day political parties to get their unfiltered message out to a much broader audience than in the past.

Personal messages from politicians or parties via social media also come across as more credible and genuine.

Broadcasters and newspapers are aware of the public’s preference of continuous communication via internet and social media, drastically reducing the air time and space they devote to conventions.

More media outlets are asking for viewers’ opinions through social networking sites.

“The TV networks have concluded that the conventions are not good or urgent programming,” Ganzert said. “They have shuttled them off to their smaller cable channels, for most of the week.”

The way political information is now communicated to the mass population has eliminated the need for delegates to hold conventions in a last ditch effort to persuade voters.

Extensive public opinion studies indicate that both parties only gain a short term advantage and voter decisions are not changed very much.

Little persuasion among the undecided voters occurs, and conventions have little impact on the election overall.

If politicians can reach their constituents through social media, than why should our country spend so much of its time on the parties’ national conventions.

It is an outdated system in need of reform to keep up with the changing times.

In the generation of constant communication and instant information, who needs the smoked filled convention rooms of yore?

Political conventions of today serve more to fire up the troops in preparation for the final showdown and not necessarily to choose whom fights the battle.

It is time political conventions are shelved.

Sound Off

Should NMU-issued laptops have CD drives?

compiled by Justin Key



Samantha Sweet
sophomore, undeclared
“I believe NMU should provide CD drives, although my computer has one already.”



Mitch Hanley
sophomore, management
“I think they should in case you want to download CDs into iTunes.”



John Gordon
junior, public administration
“It doesn’t really apply to any academic principle.”



Andy Garcia
sophomore, nursing
“Yes, students might need to use a CD drive.”



Conrad Jewett
sophomore, communications
“One hundred percent yes. The school should provide students laptops with a CD drive.”

New lifeguard program makes swimming safer

Redesign of safety systems will save student lives for years to come



**Guest
Column**

**Kaitlyn
Doane**

Summer has come and gone and school is back in session, but many college students are still enjoying Marquette's gorgeous beaches and of course, the lake.

Lake Superior is just a short walk away from NMU's campus and is not as safe as you would think.

Many students enjoy taking a dip in the months of summer and continue to use the lake well into the fall.

Be it swimming, kayaking or paddleboarding, many community members and students are taking advantage of the lake's calming waves.

What many do not know is that Lake Superior also has her negatives as well as positives. Sometimes the lake can be a hazard instead of a hangout.

While swimming in any body of water can be dangerous, Lake Superior has its own level of danger. Marquette has decided to bring in the fire department

to improve the lifeguarding program.

This giant body of water is very powerful, causing quite a few areas, such as Picnic Rocks, to be deemed unsafe due to strong rip tides and currents that have caused 13 deaths since 1961.

Drownings have caused the surrounding community to become aware of the various places that pose a risk to swimmers.

Due to these deaths, safety precautions have been installed at various beach locations around Marquette, including signs, additional lifeguard stands, life ring stations, a flag system and safety pamphlets are given out to new students coming to NMU.

The safety of the public is a very important aspect of Marquette's community.

With a large number of tourists visiting the area every year, the city decided it was time to improve various safety systems along the shores of Superior.

City management made the decision this year to redesign the lifeguard training procedures and other safety measures with the help of the local fire department so that the beach can remain a safe place for citizens to swim.

This overhaul of the lifeguard

program included adding jet skis for faster transportation to people who need to be rescued, radio communications to police and fire departments to increase the speed in which rescue vehicles can arrive to the scene and more intensive training for lifeguards to make sure they are fully prepared to save lives.

For people new to the area, this is a fantastic thing. Having highly trained lifeguards on the beach allows them to ensure that tourists or new students don't find themselves swimming in an area that could endanger them.

Many of the drowning victims at Picnic Rocks have been from out of town, so it is important that even with the signs in place, that these students have an extra reminder not to swim around the rocks, and if they do find themselves in a bad situation, they are more likely to be rescued.

The fire department already saves lives and promotes safety around town, so arguing that it was a bad decision to improve Marquette's safety seems kind of silly.

It may be harder to be hired as a lifeguard, but in the end if the rules and regulations are stricter, the citizens are going to be safer.

It's another great thing for families that live in the area.

Parents already have a huge responsibility of watching possibly multiple children on the beach.

Having watched small children before, I know that having a trained eye helping keep watch allows for a more enjoyable, stress-free trip to the shore.

Being a decent swimmer myself, I wouldn't think I'd personally need to be saved by a lifeguard.

Breaking away from the pull of a rip tide or current isn't a matter of skill, it's a matter of being knowledgeable in how to escape.

If someone is ever caught in a rip tide-current it is valuable to know how to escape, even if a lifeguard is in shouting distance.

The most important thing is do not try to swim back to the shore. A rip tide does not drag a person under water but brings a swimmer away from the shore, so it is best to swim with the current rather than against it.

Always remain calm and if you cannot swim very well, try to float with the current until it dies out.

Then you can safely return to shore by swimming diagonally towards the beach, and away from the current.

Two USOEC athletes over the

past few years have drowned near Picnic Rocks; the power of the lake is not something to take lightly.

I see it as a great thing for these newly hired workers to be more knowledgeable in the many ways to save a drowning victim and being trained on how to escape properly from rip tides if needed.

The addition of jet skis and radio equipment also allows fast transportation and communication to police and fire departments to ensure proper treatment quickly to those who need to be rescued.

Even with beach season being officially over and the guards being currently off duty for weekdays, the added safety and new training for the lifeguards was probably one of the best decisions the city could have made.

As the weather shifts, the direction and pull of the current changes along with it, it is the perfect time for Marquette to redesign their lifeguard program.

Lake Superior can be dangerous and swimming is a fun, leisurely activity that everybody should feel safe doing.

I have a feeling these shores will become safer under the watchful eye of Marquette's very own fire department.

Superior Edge

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Tuesday, September 18	5-6 p.m.
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Friday, September 28	Noon-1 p.m.
Friday, September 28	1-2 p.m.
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Schooling halts over dispute in Chicago



Guest Column

Emily Stenson

On the morning of Monday, Sept. 10, members of the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU) took to the streets in protest after failed contract negotiations with Chicago Public School (CPS) officials. School will not be in session until an agreement is reached.

President of the CTU, Karen Lewis, said the notion “the contract will be settled today [Tuesday, Sept. 11] is lunacy.” Statements from the CPS saying that both groups are not far apart in the negotiation process, while the CTU put out a statement claiming the two are very far apart on the major issues.

In any negotiations process both sides bargain to achieve a mutual benefit, but the tense climate surrounding unionized workers has brought this strike to the national news cycle.

Chicago is the third largest public school system in the country and the nation is watching.

The situation brings to mind the Wisconsin protests that resulted from Gov. Scott Walker’s desire to strip the Wisconsin

teachers union of their collective bargaining rights; he won that battle, but it is questionable whether or not the CTU will win theirs.

The CTU represents nearly 30,000 teachers and educational support personnel, and they are in heated contract negotiations that have, thus far, resulted in disagreement and discontent.

The two organizations are far apart on quite a few aspects of their contract; one of the largest issues is the implementation of a new teacher evaluation system, Recognizing Educators Advancing Chicago students (REACH).

The REACH system is the result of a mandate requiring CPS to establish a new teacher evaluation system in the 2012-13 school year per the Evaluation Reform Act of 2010.

Lewis has been quoted saying that the REACH system could result in the termination of up to 6,000 Chicago teachers, though CPS officials have expressed doubt about the validity of that figure.

Educational reform has been a concern brought to the federal level over the years. The United States is ranked seventh in high school graduation rates on a global scale. Chicago boasts their highest high school graduation rate for the 2012 year: 60.6 per-

cent, a rate that CPS CEO Jean-Claude Brizzard is proud of.

The debate regarding the reformation of the teacher evaluation system stems from the ineffective results that it produces, which many teachers and principals in the CPS system find to be “arbitrary and unfair” according to a study published in the “Consortium on Chicago School Research.”

The current evaluation system was implemented in the 1970s and CPS finds it to be outdated. Data from the old evaluation system shows that 93 percent of teachers are marked as “superior” or “excellent” while 66 percent of public schools fail to meet state standards.

In lieu of the old system, the CPS wants to introduce a new teacher evaluation system. Unlike the old system, it does not conduct a single yearly class observation that uses a simplified checklist of strengths and weaknesses to rate a teacher.

The REACH evaluation system has produced data indicating almost all teachers have high performance ratings when data elsewhere proves otherwise.

The REACH system is based around the Charlotte Danielson Framework which divides teaching into four separate areas: planning and preparation, classroom

environment, instruction and professional responsibilities.

Danielson Framework ratings have shown that classrooms where teachers have high ratings show students with high growth ratings as well; classrooms where teachers have low ratings show students with low growth ratings.

It is no secret that the educational evaluation system is broken and in need of fixing. The standoff between CPS officials and CTU members is a display of the attitudes surrounding the discussion about politics in this country.

Both sides want their way, and neither group is willing to budge an inch, afraid that they will lose valuable ground in the fight for fair pay and quality education.

Chicago officials have painted teachers as selfish individuals whom are hurting children by continuing to strike, a view expressed by the mayor.

It is deplorable that Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel would vilify teachers for demanding quality compensation for a high-stress job, larger class sizes and heavy workloads.

Teachers deserve their fair share, but they need to be reasonable as well. Asking the CPS to hire from a wealth of teachers whom are currently displaced or laid off is too idealistic a de-

mand. There is no differentiation between unemployed and recently-terminated teachers in the wording of the current statement released by the CTU. CPS should have the freedom to hire qualified candidates from any section of the population.

Unions exist for a reason and that is to get the best possible work conditions for workers, as well as to mediate contracts which contain agreeable terms of employment.

These collective bargaining sessions are fair and just; the notion that these people are sucking the government dry is ludicrous.

The most important issue that both sides use as cannon fodder is the education of the third largest population of American children, many of whom live in less-than-ideal conditions.

While the children of Chicago enjoy their precious days off in the waning days of summer, I hope Chicago can set an example for the rest of the country—that two organizations can come together and find a middle ground that benefits both.

Chicago needs to do this for the sake of public education, the keystone of the American dream, otherwise we will continue to see the archway of the future slowly crumble into disenfranchisement and poverty.

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Homecoming springs to life at the Dead River games

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

The NMU homecoming celebration will begin with the Dead River Games on Sunday, Sept. 16 on the shores of Lake Superior.

A long-standing favorite, the Dead River Games feature four contests for students to compete in: the ice cream scoop competition, obstacle course, egg toss and the sand sculpture competition.

“It’s a messy day, but it’s a lot of fun,” said special events coordinator Sarah Muellerleile.

While the deadline for students to register for the event with a team has passed, Muellerleile encourages students to stop by to visit. “Discover the Unknown” is the sci-fi based theme of this year’s homecoming.

“The games are full of silly, Northern-spirited events, with over 50 teams competing altogether,” she said. The

teams are composed of members of different student organizations on campus and the events are judged by members of the Special Events Committee.

“Students have the possibility of winning points and prizes depending on how they finish in their events,” Muellerleile said.

The Dead River Games are from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16 across from the Dead River bridge on Lakeshore Drive.



Egg Toss

Left: Students standing across from each other toss an egg back and forth, increasing the distance until someone

Sand Sculpture

Right: All members of the team have 15 minutes to build a sculpture related to the “Discover the Unknown” theme.



The Dead River Games will take place Sunday, Sept. 16 from 2-4p.m.



Above: NMU dorm residents pose for a group shot after a long, messy day of Dead River games. Winners are judged by overall points.

Relay Race

Right: The relay race usually includes a three-legged sack race, members diving across syrup-covered tarps and a summersault race. In the past, the last members of the team have had to dig for poker chips in sand.



Ice Cream Scoop

Left: Working in teams of six, one member stands on the top of a ladder and drops scoops of ice cream into the mouth of another team member lying below. The first team to have all six members catch the ice cream wins.

Bill Nye brings message of 'scientific literacy' to NMU

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

Scientist and television personality Bill Nye will be visiting the Northern Michigan University campus on Thursday, Sept. 20 to speak at Vandament Arena.

The event, which will focus on the importance of science in our everyday lives, will be hosted by the NMU Honors Student Organization.

"We wanted to organize an event to get our name out there as a student organization, and we wanted to provide something to students that would be academic and also entertaining," said president of the Honors Student Organization Morgan Raether.

"The organization Platform Personalities brought NPR correspondent Dina Temple-Raston last year, and we wanted to do something like that, which wouldn't be a normal lecture but something more engaging," Raether said.

Nye is best-known for his children's television show "Bill Nye the Science Guy," which aired from 1993 to 98.

As a writer, producer and star of the show, Nye won seven national Emmy Awards, and the show itself collected 18 Emmys in its five-year life span.

Nye holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University, and honor-

ary doctorate degrees from Johns Hopkins University, Goucher College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

According to www.billnye.com, Nye now works as the executive director of the world's largest space interest program, The Planetary Society.

He also travels the country as a science educator and entertainer "to help foster a scientifically literate society, to help people everywhere understand and appreciate the science that makes our world work."

"There are very few people who don't know who Bill Nye is," Raether said. "A lot of students remember him from growing up and watching 'Bill Nye' in the classroom, and that experience is something that we want to bring along with us as college students."

While the event is centered around a lecture concerning the role of science in the modern world and the benefits of being environmentally-conscious citizens, the HSO plans to reach out to the youth in the community through the event as well.

"We think that students are going to really have a good time, but we've invited students from the high school and middle schools so that they can share in the event as well," Raether said.

The Honors Student Organization had planned to bring Nye



Photo courtesy of Bill Nye

Bill Nye will be speaking to NMU students at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Vandament Arena. Famous for his television show "Bill Nye the Science Guy," Nye now travels the country as a science educator and entertainer.

to campus last year, but the event was pushed back due to funding issues.

"I had heard a while ago that they were thinking about bringing him to campus," said senior human geography major Gage Brogan. Word spread quickly when Nye was confirmed as a speaker.

"When rumors kind of started

flaring up last week that he was coming, my roommates and I started scrambling to see when and where we could lock down some tickets," Brogan said.

For some students, the event is a trip down memory lane. "I watched his show all the time with my brothers and sisters when school got out," said sophomore art and design major Madeline

Goodman. "When I start thinking about it, I can hear the theme song in my head."

Bill Nye will speak at 7 p.m. and the event is \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public. Tickets are currently available through all NMU ticket outlets.

For more information, call the HSO at (906) 227-2344 or email honors@nmu.edu

NMU students featured in statewide Pure Michigan singalong

By Lucy Hough
staff writer

Featuring 50 cities in seven days seems like impossible task to make a quality video, but a group of NMU students can attest to its plausibility.

The Pure Michigan Statewide Singalong, which was released on Sunday, Sept. 9, features a group of Northern Michigan University students singing a line in a song about the unique aspects of the state of Michigan.

"I was truly honored to be in a Pure Michigan video. I have so much pride for Michigan, and everyone in the U.S. should know what a beautiful place Michigan is," said Lauren Larsen, a junior communications major from Brighton, Mich.

Marquette is the fourth city featured in the video and the filming took place on top of Sugarloaf Mountain.

The students were asked to meet at 7:45 a.m. and spent an hour or so practicing and filming their portion of the video before the film crew had to move on to the next city.

"The day that they filmed our section of the song, they had to go to around seven other cities to film, so they were on quite a time schedule," Larsen said.

Status Creative, a design com-

pany with locations in Grand Rapids, Los Angeles and Chicago, sold the idea for the video to Pure Michigan with the stipulation that they visit the cities in Michigan in seven days.

The company had created the popular Grand Rapids Lip Dub which has more than four million views.

The Pure Michigan video is not a lip dub because the people in the video are actually singing the songs. The song featured is a parody of the Owl City and Carly Rae Jepsen's single, "Good Time."

Rob Bliss, co-founder of Status Creative, said that the group of NMU students who participat-

ed were "great to work with" and "good singers."

Bliss describes traveling to 50 cities in seven days, "physically exhausting but mentally inspiring."

The video features cities throughout the state, in the U.P. and Lower Peninsula. Some of the cities include Grand Rapids,

Caseville, Boyne City, Traverse City, Newberry, and many more.

Bliss was born and raised in Grand Rapids and said that this video has a personal importance to him.

"Showing the diversity of this state, everything it has to offer, was really important to me."

Bliss said one of his favorite experiences in the week was parasailing in front of the Mackinaw Bridge.

Before the video was released on YouTube and the Pure Michigan website, it was shown at the Lions home opener at Ford Field in Detroit.

Bliss was at the game and saw the singalong as it aired to the stadium.

"It was awesome," Bliss said. "I was glad to hear the cheering. (It was) a special moment for sure."

Since being added onto YouTube, the video has reached more than 500,000 views. Bliss said that it is not scheduled to air on television, but with the national news coverage, it's possible that it will in the future.

"Seeing it was so exciting. It was a little strange to see all of us on video, and know that so many other people will be watching it, but I was so happy to be a part of this huge project that involved so many people," Larsen said.



Photo courtesy of Katelyn Durst

Students met at 7:45 a.m. on Sugarloaf Mountain to film the Marquette segment of the Pure Michigan singalong.

Beaumier Coffee House Series begins season

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

The Northern Michigan University Coffee House Concert Series will begin its 2012-13 season on Friday, Sept. 14 with a concert featuring local bands Team Awesome and Shadow Arcade.

The series, sponsored by the Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center, hosts performances by folk musicians and songwriters from the area.

“While our other performing arts series, like Northern Nights, bring in acts from across the country, the Coffee House Series is specifically geared toward folk artists from Marquette and the U.P.,” said director of the Beaumier Heritage Center Dan Truckey.

The Coffee House Series was created out of a need for venues that could house quieter, more intimate performances.

“We have a lot of great folk artists and songwriters in the area,

but there really are not very many places that they can play,” Truckey said. “We felt that we needed to create more opportunities for these types of performers.”

Team Awesome, composed of local high school seniors Heather Evans and Gretchen McKenzie, is the first of the acts headlining the series. The two began performing nearly three years ago, Evans said.

“We started playing together in an orchestra quintet,” Evans said. “Now the music that we play is best described as acoustic alternative rock.”

Evans plays the acoustic guitar, while McKenzie dons the standup bass. The duo is occasionally accompanied by a drummer, but will be playing a strictly acoustic set for the inaugural Coffee House Series show.

“We’ve been to the Coffee House shows before and we’re really excited to play,” Evans said. “We usually do a pretty wide variety of covers, but our original



Photo courtesy of Superior Edge

Team Awesome kicks off the 2012-13 season of the Beaumier Coffee House Series at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14 at the Peter White Lounge in the University Center. The group describes their style as acoustic alternative rock.

stuff is harder to classify.”

Also performing on the same night is the Marquette-based Shadow Arcade, an indie pop group composed of local musicians Troy Graham and Breanne Kanak.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Peter White Lounge in the University Center.

The show is funded in part by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural

Affairs.

Admission is free and donations are encouraged.

For more information on the Beaumier Coffee House Series, call the Heritage Center at (906) 227-3212.

Funky Dance kicks off annual U.P. Folklife Festival

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

The sounds of the Mississippi Delta will be heard in Marquette on Friday, Sept. 21, as the U.P. Folklife Festival kicks off its fifth year with a Funky Folk Dance at the Ore Dock Brewing Company.

The U.P. Folklife Festival is an annual event that celebrates the variety of cultural groups in the Upper Peninsula, said director of the Beaumier Heritage Center Dan Truckey.

“The Folklife Festival began in 2008 when we were thinking of programs we could do that encompassed all of the cultures in the U.P.,” Truckey said. “We

thought it would be great to have a festival that focused on all the different aspects of these cultural groups, including music, dance, art and food.”

The festival originally began as a single-day or weekend event, and remained that way for the first three years, until a decision was made to spread it out over the school year.

“Every weekend has something going on in Marquette, so it’s often hard to try and fit everything into a few days,” Truckey said. “We noticed that it worked better and turnout was better if we spread things out over a larger, eight-month period.”

This year, the Folklife Festi-

val will hold three or four events each month that relates to folk culture in the U.P. In the past, events have included contra and Finnish folk dance lessons, a variety of musical performances, and a number of different craft workshops.

The first event will feature a performance by the local folk band U.P. Gumbo, a Marquette-based band stylistically rooted in New Orleans-style blues, Zydeco and jazz.

U.P. Gumbo consists of Bill Hart on resophonic guitar, Dan Flesher on upright bass, Randy Seppala on percussion and Warren Hants on the keyboard and banjo.

While the overall sound and

style of the band isn’t native to the Michigan, the group is composed of Marquette musicians who mix U.P. culture with other cultural styles.

“We hold the Funky Folk Dance every year, and we like to have a group that mixes folk styles with more contemporary genres,” Truckey said. “It’s really fun music to dance to.”

For some students at NMU, folk music is a reflection of the culture that attracted them to the U.P.

“We live in such an outdoorsy community that folk music from around here seems to have a big draw, and it feels pretty native to our environment,” said senior environmental studies and sus-

tainability major Anne Noble. “Apart from that, folk shows have such a great energy that you can’t help but dance.”

The Funky Folk Dance is sponsored by the NMU Alumni Association and the Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center.

Festival events are funded through grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. The event begins at 8:30 p.m., is limited to those 21 and up and admission is free.

For more information on the U.P. Folklife Festival, call the Beaumier Heritage Center at (906) 227-3212.



Photos courtesy of Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center

The Upper Peninsula Folklife Festival begins with a Funky Folk Fance at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21 at the Ore Dock Brewing Company. The festival is ongoing throughout the school year, and features events each month that encompass different aspects of the Upper Peninsula’s cultural groups, including dance lessons, musical performances and craft workshops.

Electronic artist experiments with sight and sound

Artist: Amon Tobin

Performance Date: Sept. 9

Venue: Royal Oak Theatre



By Mary Wardell
contributing writer

It's difficult to imagine what kind of concert can be expected from a "virtuoso sound composer," such as Brazilian electronic music artist Amon Tobin.

The way we make music is evolving, and the way that music is performed in front of an audience is changing too.

For the tour of his latest album, "ISAM" (Indexed Sequential Access Method), which was released last year to rave reviews, Amon Tobin—true to form—is experimenting with something totally new.

Electronic music typically does not translate to an engag-

ing stage performance, especially when there are no vocals and no traditional instruments.

Watching someone play a drum machine on stage tends to lack the excitement we've come to expect of concert-going.

So when I first previewed Tobin's new tour on Youtube, I enthusiastically bought tickets for a concert that promised to be an original and exhilarating experience.

The album itself, along with his last, "Foley Room," is notable for Tobin's exclusive use of his own modified and intricately sculpted field recordings (a deviation from jazz vinyl samples of earlier albums).

Tobin's innovative approach to the concert medium was to collaborate with graphic design artists to create a set made of large white cubes on which an intricate light show would be projected to create an intense multi-dimensional audio-visual experience.

I arrived at the Royal Oak Music Theatre with high expectations. The opener, Holy Other, was hugely disappointing.

Holy Other embodied the problem with an electronic set—he was boring to watch. It didn't help any that his music felt heavy, monotonous and uninteresting.

Then the curtains opened to reveal a plain cubic structure resembling an unfinished piece by M.C. Escher. Hidden inside one

of those cubes was Amon Tobin himself and his drum machine, poised to begin.

As the first beats began to rearrange my insides and damage my hearing (word to the wise: wear ear plugs), the set became a window into the depths of outer space.

The next 20 minutes featured a light show that created a modern spectacle of truly impressive magnitude.

Giant gears churned and shattered, cities rose from nothing and were destroyed piece by piece and smoke plumed.

Tobin himself was alternately projected larger than life on the cubic screen or could be seen through a screen in his cube; meanwhile, abstract images emerged, tumbled, and rearranged themselves in bizarre fashion—morphing into blinking microchips, barcodes, and strange patterns disjointedly reminiscent of the times.

It was clear the amount of intricate engineering required for the show was enormous. After a while, perhaps because I am a child of this era or perhaps because the first half was just better, it left me wanting more.

If there was a single unifying theme, it was a broad criticism (or arguably a celebration) of modernity that tended more toward looking "cool" than making a comment. While it did exceed

"cool," there were images that felt redundant and moments that disappointed.

It was ultimately an extremely impressive performance, but I'd hoped the artists behind the set would have had the time and budget to make every song count.

While technology and artistry come together in incredibly impressive ways, it's hard to beat the energy and enthusiasm gener-

ated by old-fashioned live performance. At least, for this music-lover.

As for the album itself, though I can't necessarily speak from the full context of electronic trip hop leading up to its debut, but it is clearly something composed with a great amount of skill and authenticity, and it is definitely worth a shot to the curious listener.



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Amon Tobin is Brazilian artist known for his experimental compositions.

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Minus the Bear returns with cohesive fifth album



Album: Infinity Overhead

Artist: Minus the Bear

Release Date: Aug. 28

Label: Dangerbird Records

Runtime: 41:43



By Barry Winslow
contributing writer

Minus the Bear is back, and in solid fashion.

The five-piece Seattle rock band, known for their spacey electronic rock riffs, complex time signatures and sprawling guitar loops, recently released their fifth album, "Infinity Overhead," on Aug. 28.

Since their 2002 debut LP release, "Highly Refined Pirates," Minus the Bear has rapidly gained a generous following of listeners, mostly due to word of mouth and heavy touring. With their recent release, the band continues to

push the rock music envelope with their expansive, technology driven sound.

Comprised of Jake Snider (vocals and guitar), Dave Knudson (lead guitar), Cory Murchy (bass), Alex Rose (synths, backing vocals), and Erin Tate (drums), Minus the Bear has captivated their audience with a palette of songs as diverse as their very sound.

Ranging from hard-hitting alt/metal jams ("Michio's Death Drive," "Drilling," "Knights") to smooth, melodic ballads ("We Are Not a Football Team," "Hooray," "White Mystery," "Excuses"), the band has a song to offer for any mood.

Minus the Bear's second and third LP's, "Menos El Oso" (2005) and "Planet of Ice" (2007)

put the band on the map as alternative rock's new heroes. Sometimes coined as having a "math-rock" sound due to unpredictable beat patterns and oddly placed refrains between verses.

"Planet of Ice" picked up where "Menos" left off by adding new dimensions to the band's still unpredictable sound. On "Planet," Minus the Bear relied more heavily on synthesizers to create an exploratory and spacey quality to their songs. The rugged, raw, and adventurous instrumentation-became more polished and exact.

After Leaving Suicide Squeeze Records following their first three albums and being signed by Dangerbird Records in 2010, Minus the Bear's 2010 release, "Omni," delivered an even more synth-based sound. If the band ever wandered off course, it happened here.

Now, the band has jumped back on course with "Infinity Overhead." Some poppy synth tones still exist, but the wild experimental sound that Minus the Bear is known for is drizzled tastefully throughout the record.

Right off the bat, the album's opening track, "Steel and Blood" smacks you in the face with a hard, repeating guitar riff that explodes into a tasteful blend of harmony, deep bass, fuzzed synth tones, and off-balance drumming.

The track's last lyric "over with the silence" fades out and blends naturally into another blasting tune, "Lies and Eyes."

Knudson is back to form and shreds a guitar solo that soars over another dark riff delivered from Snider's guitar.

Head-banging is a certainty and the solo ends with more guitar shrills that weave in and out between a confident bass line and stellar drumming.

The album's fourth track, "Toska," adds some new flavor by incorporating orchestral sounds behind a boppin' guitar loop and walking bass.

The chorus feels like a free fall as the bass beat lengthens and the clean effect on both guitars being stuck in unison are magnificent. The seventh track, "Empty Party Rooms," is the smoothest sound I've heard from the band in years.

The eighth track, "Zeros," opens with that signature staggered guitar chord progression as so many of the tunes did from Minus the Bear's earlier records.

This song could easily be tucked in the middle of any of these records and still give off that natural, explorative feel.

This song dissolves into the ninth track, "Lonely Gun," a poppy, synth-backed tune with an aggressive feel and distorted guitar effects.

A mellow chorus and slowed dance backbeat makes this track the most similar to the softer sounds present on Omni, but with hints of a darker synth effect that could be heard on any Daft Punk recording.

One quality holds true with Minus the Bear; they always seem to save the best track for last. The tenth and closing song, "Cold Company," is by far the hardest and most obscure on the record.

Crazy guitar loops meander through incredible, galactic sounds spewing from Alex Rose's synthesizer.

This song pounds and screams, but is much more polished than previous Minus the Bear work, which makes me want to believe the band came across this song after misplacing it during the "Planet of Ice" recordings.

Overall, "Infinity Overhead" is a very cohesive record. With influences from all four previous albums scattered throughout, it leaves the listener with a musical portrait that is filled with hues of old and new elements from the band, creating a very collective and artistic feel.

Sure, this is no "Menos El Oso" or "Planet Of Ice," but what is here is fresh, and paves a solid path for the band's promising road ahead.

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'Cats win on the road

Volleyball team takes three of four on the road, improves to 7-2 on the season

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU volleyball 'Cats went to the net this weekend with redemption on their mind, winning three out of four matches at the Missouri S&T Middle of Everywhere Classic.

The Wildcats returned from a loss against Minnesota-Duluth last Tuesday, splitting their victory on Friday and winning both matches on Saturday. NMU defeated Emporia State, 3-2, (16-25, 25-23, 16-25, 25-21 and 15-8.) The 'Cats lost their second match this season against Missouri S&T, 3-1, with scores of 25-23, 18-25, 25-22 and 25-20.

NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said how the team played was a step in the right direction.

"The team played very well, especially blocking and serving," Yoder said. "We had real scrappy play with tons of heart to win three five-set matches."

The 'Cats opened the weekend against Emporia State with victory in mind. Four players scored at least 10 kills and the team had 12 team blocks versus Emporia's eight.

Leading NMU with 13 kills was junior left-middle hitter Kalli Herron, followed closely by junior middle hitter Sarah Hamilton with 12. Herron said she concentrated on paying attention to any openings the other team offered.

"I mainly focused on what I had available for me with my different hits and the defense did a really good job at telling us what shots were open while we were hitting," Herron said. "Blocking also was a huge key for us this weekend."

Other 'Cats with kill counts at 10 were junior left-side hitter Lina Lopes and freshman left-side hitter Lisa Studnicka.

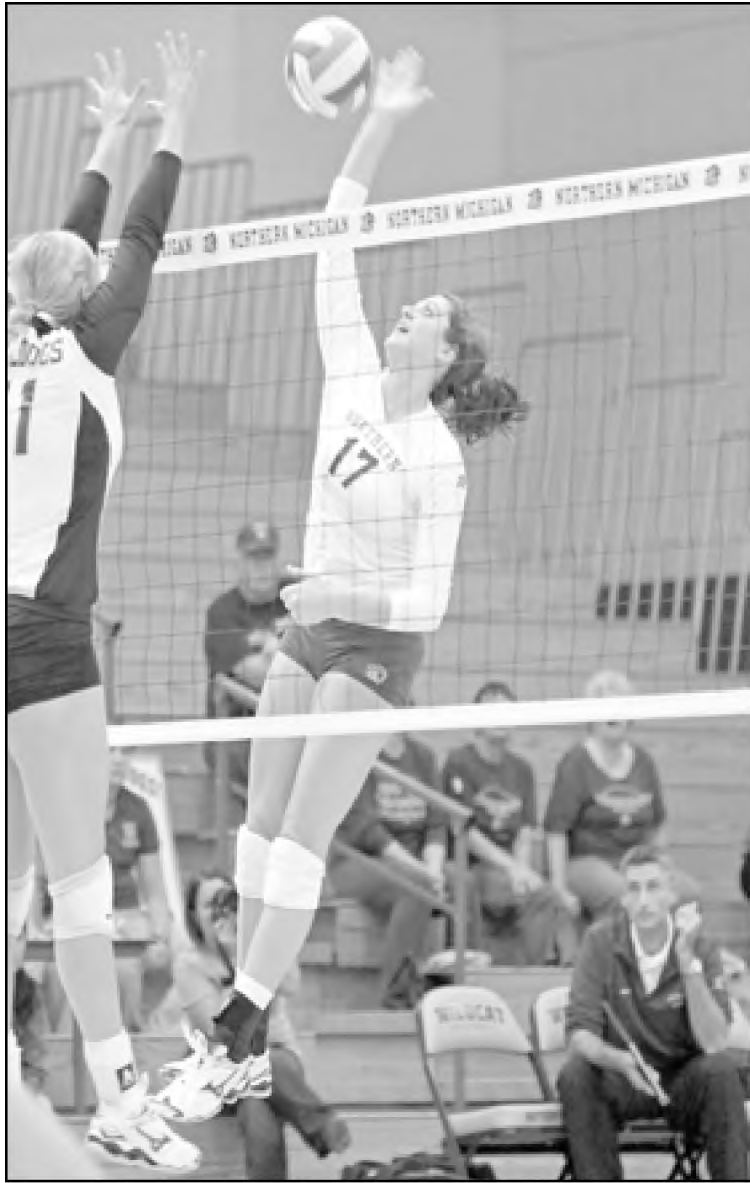
Junior setter Kellisha Harley kept the offense strong with 46 assists and five block assists.

Freshman defensive specialist Alex Berger contributed to the team with 13 digs while Harley followed closely with 10. Hamilton also had 10 block assists.

Harley said the matches helped the team discover new strategies to success.

"We found some new strengths this past weekend, so I'm very excited to keep utilizing them and seeing what else is there," Harley said. "We may get into ruts sometimes, but it's awesome to be able to push through them and come back on top. That requires 100 percent on every ball and every point."

Moving on into Friday evening against Missouri S&T,



Justin Key/NW

Junior left-side hitter Kalli Herron (17) spikes the ball in action last season against Minnesota-Duluth. Herron is third on the team with 87 kills. NMU is in the midst of a 13-game road trip and starts GLIAC play this week.

NMU put up a strong fight for all four sets, winning one.

Studnicka led the offense this time with 16 kills and four service aces, while Herron was right behind her with 11.

Harley set up 42 assists for her teammates. In terms of digs, Berger maintained consistency with 10, also contributing four service aces.

Although the first day ended in defeat for the 'Cats, the team returned fire on Saturday against Southern Indiana and Missouri-St. Louis.

The team finished the weekend strong, defeating both Southern Indiana and Missouri-St. Louis, 3-2.

NMU started the morning match versus Southern Indiana by losing the first set, 19-25, but came back with vengeance, scoring 25-15, 25-22, 23-25 and 15-10.

Leading the team offensively was Lopes and Herron, Lopes with 14 digs. Lopes and Herron each scored 16 kills.

Studnicka remained a force with 14 kills, while Harley helped the team with 14 digs and 47 assists.

Defensively, Berger set the bar with 21 digs. Overall against

Southern Indiana, NMU contributed 17 team blocks, Hamilton with 10 block assists and Herron with eight. Freshman middle-hitter Alexis Nelson also helped with five block assists and a solo block.

Going into the evening match against Missouri-St. Louis, Studnicka once again proved her offensive ability with 18 kills.

Herron was right behind her with 17, with Lopes bringing 16 to the table. Harley again increased her number of assists, adding 50 assists and 12 digs.

Leading the team in digs once more was Berger with 18, while Studnicka contributed 14. Senior Kalin Zimmerman had 12 digs.

NMU finished the weekend 3-1 and is now 7-2 overall. The team prepares to begin conference matches with next week's play against Saginaw Valley and Lake Superior State.

The 'Cats will hit the road this weekend. At 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 they face Saginaw Valley and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 they face Lake Superior State to start GLIAC games.

The Saginaw Valley Cardinals are 4-5 on the season while the Lake Superior State University Lakers are 3-5.

NMU runners blaze past the competition

By Jon Young
sports editor

For the second week in a row the NMU women's cross country team ran through their opponents on the way to a first place finish.

In the first meet of the year the Wildcats dominated their Upper Peninsula rivals. On Saturday, Sept. 8 they took aim at a larger field of competition in the Midwest Collegiate Opener at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The 'Cats used their depth to beat out 16 other schools including two Division I opponents.

"They ran great against some tough competitors," head coach Jenny Ryan said. "I think the team is finally learning how to work together and run as a group and I think that really paid off."

The group mentality paid dividends as the Wildcats first five runners all finished in the top 13 to help pack the points in.

Each team scores their top five runners and NMU's ability to keep it close paid off.

"It was kind of interesting because both of the two schools right behind us had their two top athletes in the top 10 and their number three, four and five were quite a ways back," Ryan said. "That's what made the difference for us, we had one through six all up there and when we can do that it definitely helps."

For the second race in a row, it was junior Mandy Dye leading the way for the 'Cats completing the 5k course in 18 minutes and 57 seconds. She finished fifth overall.

Junior Mallory Celaya made her Wildcat cross country debut in style finishing second for the 'Cats and seventh overall with at time of 19:13.3.

Celaya said she hopes to build off her first race.

"I was blown away by the performance by my teammates and myself. There is always room for improvement and I aim to work on improving my time," Celaya said.

Celaya was held out of the first race because of knee injury that gets irritated on hilly courses such as Michigan Tech's.

Ryan said she is excited to see what Celaya can add to the team.

"She ran really well and I think she has more potential, she'll just keep moving up to," Ryan said.

At the Wisconsin-Parkside course the 'Cats worked together to battle a hilly first kilometer. Ryan said the team tackled the task in groups and that the terrain around Marquette helps to prepare them for the hills.

"They started off really smart, they sort of had two groups that worked together, ran together and ran a smart first kilometer," Ryan said. "Being able to run around here and a lot of the trails that we do around here are hilly so I think that definitely prepares them."

Rounding out the first group of finishers along with Dye and Celaya was freshman Mary Kate Cirelli in 10th place with a time of 19:15.6.

The next group of three to finish for NMU was senior Rita Woitas in 12th place (19:22.3), sophomore Olivia Howard in 13th place (19:27.5) and freshman Megan Edic finished 14th with a time of 19:31.9.

Celaya said the group work the 'Cats employed helped during the race.

"I cannot express how great it felt to run as a pack out there on the field," Celaya said. "We all worked together to pull each other through the course. This will be a huge advantage against other teams."

The 'Cats finished with 47 points, second place finisher Wisconsin-Parkside finished with 77 points and Division I University of Wisconsin-Green Bay finished third with 78 points.

"The team is really running well together, they're bonding well and it's really just a hard-working positive group," Ryan said. "I think that's what continues to carry them forward, they're really excited about how it's going and that positive energy is good for the team."

The Wildcats dominate performance came without the help of last year's top runner sophomore Larissa Halonen who was out with a strained hamstring.

Sophomore Katie Granquist, who finished fourth at Michigan Tech, was also out due to sickness.

"We have a lot of depth this year which really helps because when you do have somebody that has a problem and you can still do well it's really exciting," Ryan said.

The 'Cats have a week off of competition before they hit the road on Saturday, Sept. 22 to run in the Northwood Open in Midland, Mich.



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The Wildcat defense shutdown the Eagles, holding them to 196 yards of total offense while recording three sacks for a loss of 26 yards. The Wildcat rushing attack racked up 142 yards.

'Cats thrash UW-La Crosse in home opener

Defense dominates, Prince Young rushes for three touchdowns

By Jon Young
sports editor

Despite a dominant defense in their game against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Thursday Sept 8, the 'Cats were still barely clinging to a 7-6 lead halfway through the third quarter.

NMU was backed up on their own 7-yard line on third and 11 when redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Morley hit junior wide-receiver Christian Marble-King with a 56-yard strike.

"After he caught that ball the momentum just shifted," said senior running back Prince Young. "Everybody said 'we can do this, we can drive from 92 yards and score every time.' We just have to know it, execute and get on with it."

Four plays later, Young punched in his second touchdown for the night on a one-yard

run with 7:41 left in the third quarter.

NMU never looked back after that on their way to a 24-6 victory.

Young racked up 102 yards on 27 carries to go along with his three touchdowns.

Head coach Chris Ostrowsky said Young is going to have his number called on a lot this season.

"Prince Young's a work horse," Ostrowsky said. "He's one of the few guys we have that are older, that have been there and we're going to have to ride him and count on him."

Even after the low scoring first half the Wildcats (0-1 GLIAC, 1-1 overall) stuck with the run game and physically dominated the smaller Eagles.

"It helped wear them down a lot," Young said. "They're fast (UW-La Crosse) and they can get

to it but as we just keep pushing away and pushing away and keep wearing them down and wearing them down and keep hitting holes something is bound to open up."

On the defensive end it was the same story as the Wildcats used their size and speed to dominate UW-La Crosse.

Senior defensive end Zach Anderson said the team hopes to build off the performance.

"I feel like this is a stepping stone, obviously the first week didn't go as planned but we really needed this week to come together and get the defense unified as a family," Anderson said. "Having a six-point show brings everyone together and lets the younger guys know that we can do it, we can shut down teams."

On the opening possession of the game the Eagles marched down the field on a 15-play 69-yard drive to take a 6-0 lead.

Anderson said the team was initially overlooking their Division III opponent.

"I'm blaming that first drive, the one that they got, I'm going to say that we took the D-III team lightly," Anderson said. "No way around it, I'm not going to sugarcoat it, that's how I feel. But we came in after that drive and said 'hey they didn't come to mess around, they aren't playing lets go.'"

The Wildcats didn't allow another score after that and held the Eagles to under 200 yards of total offense.

NMU had nine tackles for loss and three sacks on the night. Senior linebacker Eddie Knoblock who led the team with nine tackles said defensive coordinator

Brian Newberry's play calling coupled with the defense buying into the system led to the dominate showing.

"I'd say it's a two part success story, he's calling the right plays and we're running what we're supposed to," Knoblock said. "He knows what schemes we're running, we trust him and I think everyone was just fired up out there."

Morley finished the game, 11-25, for 169 yards and one interception. He also rushed for 29 yards.

Despite a dip in his numbers

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— Zach Anderson
senior defensive lineman

from the game against Findlay, Ostrowsky was pleased with Morley's performance.

"(This was a) step forward, no question about it," Ostrowsky said. "I think he (Morley) handled some different looks and was able to decipher some different coverages. When you look at the big third-down passes he threw, I think it was a step forward for sure."

The defense held the Eagles to 196 yards of total offense and sophomore defensive lineman Jordan Adediran recorded an interception for the 'Cats after the UW-La Crosse quarterback was hit while throwing.

Adediran returned the ball 26 yards to set-up another rushing touchdown for Young.

Ostrowsky said the defense's performance was a huge step in the learning curve that followed the switch to a 4-3.

"Terminology's brand new, philosophy is brand new, approach is brand new, so with every week our kids have become more comfortable with the verbiage, consequently we'll become more successful on defense and today was a dominant dominant show on defense," Ostrowsky said.

The offense finished with 313 total yards and 13 first downs. King led the receivers with 81 yards on three catches.

The Wildcats are on the road next weekend as they take on Ohio Dominican.

The game gets underway at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in Columbus, Ohio. It is the first time the two schools have met.



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Sophomore defensive lineman Jordan Adediran intercepts a pass in the fourth quarter after the UW-La Crosse quarterback was hit during the throw. Adediran returned the ball 26 yards to the Eagles 35-yard line, setting up the stage for senior running back Prince Young's third score of the night. The defense stuffed the Eagles 10 times behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of 40 yards.

'Cats lose at Tech, win home exhibition

By Karly Ratzenberger
staff writer

The Wildcat soccer team took to the road on Monday, Sept. 10 to face Michigan Tech, losing their non-conference game against the Huskies, 2-0.

Head coach Matt Granstrand said the team played well against Tech and the level of play between

the two teams is very similar.

"It was 1-0 and we tried to get the tying goal, but they scored on us in the end to make it two," Granstrand said. "We haven't seemed to be able to capitalize on some scoring opportunities and that is hurting us a bit."

The Wildcats captured a home turf win last Saturday against Schoolcraft College, 3-1.

The 'Cats set the pace three minutes into the first half, with a goal scored by sophomore forward Tevun Sellers.

The second half was a busy one for the Wildcats. Senior forward Amelia Johnson scored two consecutive goals to make the score 3-0. Schoolcraft answered back with their only goal of the game 20 minutes into the half.

Sellers said she thought the game was amazing, and a great way to start off the official season.

"We lost our first two games against teams we should have beaten, so that was kind of disappointing, but we came out today and we did great," Sellers said.

Head coach Matt Granstrand said the team played really well and the exhibition game served its purpose.

"They all played and got some quality time in so it was good," Granstrand said.

Sellers said she was nervous about the game because Schoolcraft had beaten Saginaw Valley State University, who is usually good competition for the Wildcats.

"Coming into this game, I was a bit worried," Sellers said. "But, we went into this game like we do every time: wanting to win and play our hardest."

Sophomore midfielder Kim Rietveld said she felt really good about the game, because the team tried out a lot of new things.



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Freshman midfielder Gabriella Garza pushes the ball upfield for the 'Cats. She recorded three shots on goal during a 2-0 loss to Michigan Tech.



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Junior midfielder Jenna Peplinski looks to advance the ball against Schoolcraft College on Saturday. The Wildcats picked up a 3-1 victory.

"We came out really strong and played really well, we had good possession and passing," Rietveld said.

Sellers said the team had been working on the forwards and center midfielders all week, and as a result, the 'Cats played a game of possession.

"We just really focused on making sure we find feet instead of just knocking it over the defense much like we have been doing," Sellers said.

Rietveld said she is looking for-

ward to the rest of the season, and how the 'Cats play together.

"We played really well in our exhibition game, and I am excited to see if we go up from here and I believe we can," Rietveld said. "I believe we are a really good team and we have the potential to get really good."

The Wildcats will make the trip to central Ohio this week to play Notre Dame College on Thursday Sept. 6, and Lake Erie College on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Golfers host only home match of the season

By Karly Ratzenberger
staff writer

The men's golf team held their only home tournament of

the season and finished in ninth out of 10 teams. The teams participating in the Greywalls tournament included Finlandia University, University of Findlay,

Grand Valley State University, Lake Erie College, Lake Superior State University, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Wayne State University.

The tournament was played in match play style, which means the teams play in six individual nine hole matches.

Out of all the matches played, the 'Cats won 24 and lost 30 for a 44 percent winning average.

Sophomore Michael Murphy, junior Jared Reid and freshman Ayrton Mantha lead the Wildcat squad in first, second and third places respectively.

Reid won five of his six matches and finished the tournament in the final four.

Head coach Dean Ellis said due to the unique format of the tournament, it was difficult to gauge just how well the team as a whole did.

"Patrick Sweeney played well all weekend and won four of his six," Ellis said. "There are more that played well but hopefully we can continue from there. Just being able to win 44 percent of our matches is a positive thing in itself."

Mantha said the team did not do as well as they had hoped, despite the fact that they were very

prepared for the tournament.

"I played well but my results didn't show it," Mantha said. "That is one of the bad things about match play, if you and the guy you are playing against make a birdie, it doesn't really matter but if you bogie the hole you pretty much lose the hole."

The 'Cats only get to play in a home tournament once every four years, and Mantha said the team had an advantage playing on their home course.

"Greywalls is a very difficult course, and we knew our way around it which gave us an advantage that the other teams didn't have," Mantha said. "The problem was, some guys just had a bad day, and that course can really get you if you aren't hitting the ball very well."

Ellis said Greywalls is a difficult and demanding, yet beautiful course.

Because of that, Ellis said the team did not have a home course advantage.

"It doesn't matter how many times an athlete plays the course, it will still be a difficult experience," Ellis said. "I think in general, the ten teams that were there enjoyed their experience at Greywalls."

Mantha said the level of com-

petition at the tournament was very high and some low numbers were shot during the weekend.

"I am excited to keep playing and seeing more people because I really like playing against good players, it makes it very exciting," Mantha said.

The Wildcats held a tryout last week to determine who would be competing in the tournaments during the fall season.

To make the playing squad, players had to finish in the top five of all the people trying out.

"We got our roster to 12, which is a good sized team for us," Ellis said. "Twelve quality players add a lot of depth and competitiveness to the team, but to get it from 12 to five will be a very competitive thing."

Mantha said the team will be doing some individual training this week to prepare for their next tournament.

"Dean will probably spend about an hour with each of us working on some stuff," Mantha said. "Hopefully we get a lot done."

The Wildcats next tournament will be the GLIAC North Neutral, which will take place the weekend of Friday, Sept. 21 through Sunday, Sept. 23 in South Haven, Mich.



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Junior Jared Reid drives the ball during Sunday's action at Greywalls in Marquette. Reid won five of his six matches to lead the Wildcats.

USOEC lifters hit the gym over summer

By Laura Conway
staff writer

While the country's eyes were on the London 2012 Olympics, the USOEC Weightlifting team was working straight through the summer.

Head coach Vance Newgard said the team used the down time this summer to train hard so they could hit the ground running for the upcoming competition season.

"This summer was our off season so we did not have any competitions," Newgard said. "We are getting ready now for the first two competitions of the season."

The first competition of the year will be held at NMU's Superior Dome: the Upper Peninsula Weightlifting Championship. Newgard said this is not only a qualifier for another big competition, but also a chance to see how prepared the athletes are.

"Some of the athletes have weight class goals to make by this meet," Newgard said. "For other athletes, this will be their first competition before the American Open and it will be good to get the jitters out now."

One of the first competition athletes is freshman Andrew Wener from Munising, Mich. Wener said he is glad he has the competition here at school because he just started Olympic lifting.

"Someone mentioned there were weightlifting competitions," Wener said. "I know very little about them, so I am kind of diving in headfirst and seeing how it goes."

Wanting to pursue strength training further than what his high school coaches took him, Wener was glad to be able to come to NMU and start training at the USOEC.

"I heard rumors that the USOEC was going to be closed," Wener said. "I was psyched to find out the team was still here and working hard."

The Upper Peninsula Weightlifting Championship is a qualifier for the American Open later on in December. Newgard said the athlete's finishes at the Open are important for rankings.

"If you are ranked high enough after the American Open, you can qualify for a National team," Newgard said. "After that you can qualify to make a World team."

One of the higher ranked junior level athletes on the USOEC team this year is sophomore Chris Young. At 77 kg and in his first year of competition, Young placed fifth at the Junior National Competition last year and has his eyes set on a higher prize this year.

"Last year I was here to see if I liked Olympic lifting," Young said. "This year I'm here working

towards a goal; making that junior world team."

Post graduate student Breanne Carlson placed top nine at the National University Championships last year which qualified her to make the University World Team. She will be traveling to Israel in early November to represent the United States at the University World Championships.

"I am very excited to go compete on the international stage," Carlson said. "Not only will I be able to represent Northern, but also my country, against the world's best student athletes; it's going to be a great learning experience."

Even when training for such high stakes competitions, the USOEC weightlifters find time to give back to their community. Over the summer they volunteer at some regular community events to help out where they can.

"We volunteer at 'Lose the Training Wheels' every summer," Newgard said. "It's a great program that helps children with special needs learn how to ride a bike without the training wheels."

Newgard said the team is really excited for the Upper Peninsula Weightlifting Championship because it is the first one of the year and they get to compete at home in front of family and friends. He encourages the community to



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Sophomore and first-year USOEC weightlifter Bryan Budd performs a snatch set at practice. The team has a home competition later this month.

show up and support the athletes Friday, Sept. 28 on the northwest corner of the Superior Dome.

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Women's club soccer gets home win

By **Dustin Anand**
contributing writer

NMU Women's Club Soccer came out strong during their 3-1 victory over Loyola Sunday morning.

The 'Cats were consistent the whole game as they maintained the lead since the first half of the game. The team cooperated with each other and kept constant communication on and off the field.

Wildcat senior captain Lana Bannow was pleased with the performance of her team.

"Being our first game of the season, I feel everybody played very well and gave a full effort," Bannow said. "We were unsure how our formation would work and how everybody would play

together, but it ended up working out. Our focus starting the game was to work on constant movement and quick passing and I believe we achieved that goal."

The Wildcats showed a lot of potential on the field and kept constant effort defensively. Although the team has only started practicing together last Tuesday, Bannow feels that this season will be exciting and competitive.

"A major strength going into this season is a new style of training," Bannow said. "Two times a week as a team, we will be training at CrossFit training here in Marquette."

Bannow is confident with her roster and knows the areas to focus on as a team.

"Another strength we have is

numbers, we rostered 20 players to account for any injuries or missing players. This is something that hasn't been done in the past," Bannow said. "We will need to continue working on formation, communication and conditioning. We will continue to work on these key elements throughout the whole season, because there are always ways we can improve."

The team seems focused on their goals to have a successful season and continue to having fun. NMU sophomore midfielder Lizzie Wolak felt that their first game went strong and the team really came together.

"I can honestly say I think the game went beautifully," Wolak said. "We were a little off to start the game but we got into the swing

of things about halfway through the first half. Most of the girls are returners but there are a few new ones so you have to feel out everyone's style of playing and make it work. We communicated very well and raised our intensity, especially after we scored and tied it up 1-1."

Wolak likes the teams participation and feels the team is starting to get comfortable with each other.

"The second goal a few seconds later really bumped up our energy," Wolak said. "Overall we played really well and clicked in all the right places."

Wolak has high hopes for this season and feels that regionals are a definite possibility.

"I have really good feelings

about our team this year. We have a lot of talent and well-rounded players. As for accomplishments, keep playing well and continue to improve," Wolak said. "We hope to qualify for regionals at the end of the season."

Wolak likes the communication on and off the field with her teammates. Wolak said that as time progresses, the bond will only get stronger as they strive to their ultimate goal.

"Our chemistry is something else. We are all very different people but when we come together and play, we click," Wolak said.

The team will be traveling to Milwaukee to play Marquette University and University of Milwaukee the weekend of Saturday, Sept. 22.

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CocaCola — Watch it. I'm going to put a cap on your glass. — **Pepsi**

Marquette Sewers — I would assess that you are speical. You'll always be number two in my heart. — **Donatello**

John Mayer — I've got your ball and chain right here.— **1930s prison system**

Fred Durst —You know exactly what to do with that cookie.— **The 90s**

Automobiles —You've got two tons on most of us. Why don't you just let us do our thing. Stop trying to kill us. Please.— **Cyclists**

Billy Cosby — Pudding!— **Suzie Q**

Raz — Trying to get some bucks. — **Jon**

Creed — Can you take me higher? To a place I've never been. — **Creed Super Fan**

Kristy — Thanks for being awesome and always bringing us delicious food! — **NW Staff**

Packers — Great job on Sunday.

— **49ers**
Roomates — It's on in Monopoly! — **Jon**

Homeless Man — Nice try. — **Bartender**

Phantom — Thank you for serenading me with your beautiful music, but you're starting to creep me out. — **Christine**

Family — I love you guys. I miss you all. Boys be good and send me pictures. Mom and dad stay strong. You guys are the best parents ever. — **Shaina**

Gaga — I miss you and love you. Sorry I have been super busy. I think about you all the time. Hope you are hanging in there. — **Shaina**

Springfield — Miss you guys, miss being around as much as I was last year! Though, this year will be fun and make this year just as as last one! We gotta make it fun! — **124**

Kristy — Thanks for being the best ever! You make this such a great job and you are the best adviser ever. — **Your staff**

Winter — You mad, bro? So, you were pretty weak last year, you going to make a comeback or are you going to be just as weak? — **Student**

NW staff — Hey, so great job getting done before midnight! Two weeks in a row. Yay. Conrats guys. You are all doing such a great job. We got a great crew. — **Anonymous Person**

Ben — You are a great lower-level neighbor. Thanks for, ya know. — **Boggle dominater**

Caramel — You taste so good, why do you have to so unhealthy? I wish we could grow old together! Well, you and me will be together for life. — **Smoker**

NW Staff — Great job again this week. You guys are doing awesome. Keep up the good work. — **EIC**

Jake — Counting down the days. Get some sleep, will ya! Love you and miss you so much. — **Shaina**

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