

Articles of Impeachment examined

Staff calls for the removal of Ben Stanley from office. Stop the squawking and end this game of chicken.



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NMU leading rusher could face time in jail

By Shaina James
editor in chief

An NMU football player could now face jail time after being charged with contempt of court.

From an incident on Friday, Jan. 27, 2012 at the Vera Bar, Prince Young pled guilty to assault and battery.

24-year-old Young is a senior running back and leading rusher for the Wildcats this season and led the team with 960 yards rushing on 202 carries in 2011.

He agreed to pay medical expenses and restitution for the injured victim.

According to court documents, Young pled guilty to being in contempt of court after failing to pay and follow other court orders Thursday, Oct. 4.

Young has played every game this season prior to his court appearance. He did not dress for the game Saturday, Oct. 6.

According to NMU head football coach Chris Ostrowsky, they have not determined whether Young will be suspended for the rest of the season.



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Prince Young was charged with assault and battery Jan. 27, 2012. He could now face jail time after being charged with contempt of court Oct. 4.

ASNMU focuses on judiciary

By Braden Linick
assistant news editor

The ASNMU meeting Monday, Oct. 8 noted a top priority of completing interviews with individuals appointed to the ASNMU Judiciary.

Once the interviews are completed, the general assembly will vote on the candidates. Each candidate needs three-fourths of the boards approval to be on the ASNMU Judiciary.

When the judiciary has been determined, they will then process the articles of impeachment of ASNMU President Benjamin H. Stanley.

"There is a process in doing something like this and our process was quick," off-campus representative Rachael Fisher said. "We didn't have enough time to fully analyze the document before people voted on it."

At a recent Board of Trustee's meeting, the ASNMU constitution was changed to give ASNMU their own judiciary, rather than the Student Conduct Board, who previously settled ASNMU conflicts.

"Now it's certain to not go to the student conduct board, it will be going to ASNMU judiciary," said ASNMU vice president, Kelsey Hayes. "It will make it a longer process for the board."

There are five available positions on ASNMU Judiciary.

At the start of the meeting, Stanley made a statement that he needs to work on some things he could be doing better as a president, and he will be making an effort to show it. He has already removed the chicken cartoon T-shirts from his office.

Fisher suggested the board retract the articles of impeachment, claiming there were some flaws within the document that could po-

tentially lead to a legal issue if not corrected.

"Ben has rights," Fisher said. "If the document is incorrect, to make it a legal issue."

However, no motion to retract the articles was made. ASNMU faculty adviser Larry Pagel then gave the board a brief overview of Roberts Rules of Order on how their meetings are to be conducted.

The articles of impeachment of Stanley were passed Monday, Oct. 1 by the general assembly of ASNMU by eight out of nine board members.

Given that the constitution was recently changed to grant ASNMU with their own judiciary, it is an awkward time for the impeachment to surface, because the president appoints the people who will be processing the articles. This makes it difficult for the ASNMU general assembly to approve these appointees.

UAW local 2178 ratifies contract

By Hannah Fermanich
news editor

NMU's chapter of the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Local 2178 ratified their new labor contract with the university after three days of negotiations.

UAW Local 2178's previous contract was set to expire on Monday, Oct. 1, 2012 after being in effect for the last three years.

Negotiations for a new contract began on Monday, Sept. 17 and culminated on Thursday, Sept. 20 with a tentative agreement that was sent out to union members for a vote.

"They were reasonable and we were reasonable so we got through it quick," said Jon Barch, president of UAW Local 2178. "I think we did really good."

casting their votes.

A presentation explaining the contract was given on Wednesday, Sept. 26 to union members with the vote coming to a close the following day at 2 p.m.

The votes were tallied and the contract was ratified with a vote of 106 in favor and six against.

The next step forward is for NMU's Board of Trustees to meet to formally vote on the contract.

They have been kept up to date on the negotiation process of this contract and the details involved.



BARCH

"The NMU Board of Trustees will be working on finding a time to hold a special teleconference meeting when they can formally vote on the contract," said Cindy Paavola, NMU director of Communications and Marketing.

If approved by the Board of Trustees, this contract will be in effect from 2012 until 2015.

In the meantime, some parts of the contract are already in

The tentative contract was sent out to union members on Friday, Sept. 21. They had up until Wednesday, Sept. 26 to look over the document before

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State News

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson has decided not to pursue filing an emergency appeal of a ruling which prevents a citizenship question from being asked on the ballot. U.S. District Judge Paul Borman granted an injunction against Johnson's plan to have a citizenship checkbox on the general election ballots. Borman said the equal-protection constitutional right for voters would be violated since some election clerks were not asking the citizenship question, while others were. Johnson added the question as a protection against non-citizens from voting. Johnson said the ruling hinders the ability to have election integrity and will continue to push to reduce non-citizens from voting.

National News

In the wake of last week's presidential debate, Mitt Romney has pushed past President Barack Obama in a poll done by www.Reuters.com. Romney leads slightly, coming in with 45 percent of registered voters supporting him, while Obama is at 44 percent of likely voters. The lead came just a day before the vice presidential debate between Paul Ryan and Joe Biden, which takes place at 9 p.m. on Oct. 11. Reuters reports that Romney came off as more perceptive of voters, more prepared to deal with the national deficit, and had a better approach than Obama in key issues like the economy and unemployment. Just days before the Wednesday, Oct. 3 debate, Obama was leading Romney in the polls, 45-44. The Reuters poll was taken among 1027 likely voters in the week following the debate.

International News

Russia has stated that it doesn't plan to renew a 21-year old nuclear and chemical weapons agreement with the United States next year, an agreement which has been renewed twice since the end of the Cold War. The project — aimed at coercing the former Soviet Union into dismantling its holding of nuclear and chemical weapons — was last renewed in 2006 and was set for another renewal in 2013. Still, in its 21-year existence, the project has successfully disassembled nearly 7,560 weapons. The Russian Foreign Minister, Sergei Ryabkov, said that Russia now has the finances to continue its own programs, and that the former agreement, established in 1991, "doesn't satisfy (Russia), especially considering new realities," according to an article on www.Reuters.com.

Weird News

Jeffrey McMullen tried to rob a Pennsylvania bank for \$1 on Friday, Oct. 5. McMullen, a regular customer of AmeriServ Bank in Northern Cambria, Pa., handed two notes to a teller demanding a dollar. The tellers initially thought it was a joke. McMullen then spoke to another teller and repeated he was robbing the bank for a dollar. According to police, his goal was to be sent to a federal prison in central Pennsylvania, but police could not say why. As set by the district judge, McMullen must undergo a psychological evaluation. His bond has been set to \$50,000.

— Compiled from news sources

Crafting a good time



Zerek Twede/NW

Students Ethan Hornacek (left), Kelly Gilligan (bottom right) and Corbin Schlott (top right) take a break from working on their jewelry projects in the Metals Studio of the Art and Design Building on NMU's campus.

UAW

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the works of being implemented. "I have confirmed with the human resources office that it is ready to incorporate the new pay rates, having prepared under the assumption that the ratified agreement is agreed upon by both sides and ready for the formal board approval when it takes place," Paavola said.

This part of the contract is being implemented now to coincide with the start of a new pay period that would be covered under the new

contract once it is officially passed.

"Neither side got everything that they wanted," Barch said. "Both sides were reasonable and that's why it happened quickly and nearly everyone is satisfied."

The UAW Local 2178 is the union on campus that represents the administrative professionals employed at Northern.

The union works as a mediator between the university's administration and the employees, not only with establishing labor contracts.

They help resolve issues between the employees through mediation with the administration and

also by helping the administration with disciplining employees.

While the UAW Local 2178 was able to ratify a new labor contract within a few days, the other UAW group on campus, Local 1950 is still in the negotiation process after a year and a half of working with the administration to create a contract that is agreeable to both sides.

UAW Local 1950 represents the secretaries and clerks employed at Northern. They are scheduled for another mediation meeting on Monday, Oct. 15, according to Michelle Kimball, president of the UAW Local 1950.

Congratulations NMU on a low crime week

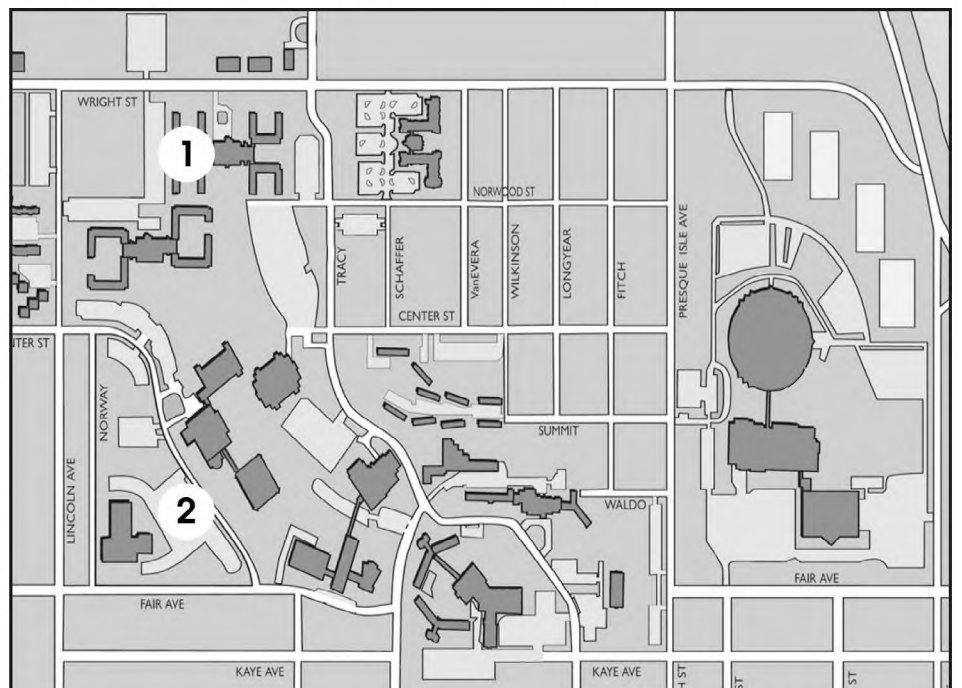
Campus Crime Map

Map Key

1: A person reported larceny of a bicycle at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 8 in the Hunt/Van Antwerp courtyard.

2: A person reported larceny of a parking permit at 3 p.m. on Oct. 9 in Lot 17.

Crime Tip: Be sure to lock up your bikes. Also make sure to register your bikes with Public Safety. The registration is free for the life of your bike.



Voters to choose new state representative

Kivela and Hubbard seek to replace Rep. Steven Lindberg

By Marcellino Signorelli
staff writer

Election Day is approaching for voters and not only is there a president to vote for, but also a state representative for Michigan's 109th district, which includes the city of Marquette.

State representatives provide a voice for their constituents in the state capital. The incumbent Rep. Steven Lindberg has been representing Michigan's 109th District since 2006, but due to term limitations, cannot run for re-election.

Vying to replace him, Democratic candidate John Kivela and Republican candidate Jack Hubbard head off on being elected the next representative for the 109th district.

Kivela, a Marquette native, has been mayor since 2008.

"My main focus, as it has been as mayor, is jobs," Kivela said. "In Michigan, that is the key to an economic turnaround. There is no money to fund education, roads and other programs unless people are working."

According to Kivela, having a daughter in college has helped him become more familiar with the costs and obstacles parents

and students face with higher education.

"Education is paramount and schools have been crippled in the last couple years with cuts," Kivela said. "We need to put more resources into education and make it affordable. There are not a lot of opportunities for [graduates] to stay and work in the area so we need to bring better technology, infrastructure and the environment where companies can grow and bright, young kids graduating would be more than willing to start an entrepreneurship."

According to Kivela, he wants a diversified economy.

"Eighty percent of Michigan products are shipped internationally, mostly by small to medium companies," Kivela said. "By making Sawyer an international port, it will open doors and make it competitive, becoming a global market. As we continue to push the envelope with technology, it

will create a reliable infrastructure and more people will want to live here."

Kivela said there is a lack of reliable energy in the U.P. and without that, companies are not going to locate here. He also wants to expand opportunities with logging and mining, making sure those jobs continue to operate cleanly and safely, because the natural resources have been key to the economy.

"There are no overfunded departments out there, so we're at a standstill unless we grow the economy," Kivela said. "Northern is really starting to get traction, attracting research and development grants. We're not really high on Lansing's radar as the representatives in senate haven't worked well together in years past, so this area needs better representation."

Republican candidate Hubbard was born and raised in Marquette, but has been living in Grand Marais, Mich. for the past few years. During his time spent in Grand Marais he has been the township supervisor for Burt Township, Mich., in which Grand Marais is located.

"Land-based industries such

as mining, logging, farming and recreational use of land are pretty key issues here," Hubbard said. "They are not only the key to revenue but our way of life, and they've always been the base of the U.P."

Hubbard said the best way to develop the economy is to start with the natural resources and build off of that.

"We can speculate what will happen next but we have to go with the proven stuff we know, and companies want to and have been mining and logging," Hubbard said. "This is a really big district which spreads from Michigan to Newberry, so it's not just about Marquette, but other areas, too. Most of the population is in Marquette County but it doesn't mean other counties aren't important, too."

According to Hubbard, who is the owner of a logging company and a small hotel, both in Grand Marais, he believes the district has been underrepresented in the

state legislature during the past 12 years.

"I have a real advantage, as I've been [to Lansing] to deal with people, and I already know an enormous amount and work with a lot of people," Hubbard said. "The problem new legislators face is bureaucrats who try to spin them around, but I've been down that road and won't get spun around the way others have."

One issue Hubbard has fought for in the state capital was the reconstruction of a breakwall in Grand Marais.

"Grand Marais tried for five decades to get the Army Corps of Engineers to repair the breakwall and save the harbor," Hubbard said. "It took six years of me essentially fighting with Lansing and the Corps of Engineers to get them to fix it, with the support of (Sen.) Casperson and the governor."

"It's an economic boost not only to Grand Marais, but also a positive impact on Lake Superior and the U.P."

For more information about the candidates and their plans, visit www.kivelaforstaterep.com or www.jack4rep.com.



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ROTC takes first in national assessment

By Braden Linick
assistant news editor

NMU's Reserve Officer Training Course (ROTC) battled through a number of different obstacles, outscoring all other teams in the nation in the Leadership Development and Assessment Course over the past few weeks in Fort Lewis, Wash.

The Leadership Development and Assessment Course is the largest annual training event the United States hosts. It's also seen by some as the pinnacle of preparatory events for an Army ROTC Cadet.

Most cadets spend three years preparing for the physical and mental challenges the course contains.

"Only having two returning cadets with experience made me nervous, but after working and spending a lot of time with the ladies I knew we were going to be a good team," Women's Team Captain, Cadet Ashley Collier said. "Everyone put in so much time and effort throughout training it made me as captain very proud to have such a great group of girls to work with."

The course began June 1 and ended August 11, but each team only participated for 29 of those days. There were 5,000 Army ROTC Cadets from 273 universities nationwide participating.



Photo Courtesy of NMU ROTC

NMU ROTC cadets spent 29 days competing against cadets from 273 other universities in the Leadership Development and Assessment Course in Fort Lewis, Washington.

The NMU cadets continued to meet and exceed course standards in all formal evaluations, which were graded by a U.S. Army certified board.

They were also graded by peer competitors and received the highest possible evaluations for the entire event.

"We sent seven cadets who competed with over 5,000 other cadets," said Lt. Col. Kyle Rambo. "As a group, they outperformed all other universities."

"I will also compliment the

instructors who put as much hard work in to make sure the cadets manage this."

According to Rambo, some of the evaluations the cadets faced tested areas such as army physical fitness, leadership skills, ability to work as a team, being a good follower, knowledge of military tactics, knowledge of field craft (survival in the wild) and more.

"These cadets were in Washington for over a month and certainly didn't get much time to

sleep," Rambo said. "They averaged about four hours of sleep per day."

The NMU Cadets also competed in the Ranger Challenge competition on October 6 to 7 in Fort McCoy, Wis., with the women's team bringing home first place and the men's taking a close second.

The competition consisted of 23 teams that were scored in 10 events. The cadets were thrown into the land navigation day and night in a 48-hour event, and then

given many different types of tasks to evaluate themselves.

"Ranger Challenge is my favorite time of year. During the competition and training I may hate it, but coming out on top with a first place is more than worth all the early mornings and bumps and bruises," Collier said. "I didn't have a lot of hopes this year having a new team and all, but now I couldn't have asked for a better team."

According to Rambo, the maintenance challenge included moving a disabled vehicle across a field. The medical challenge consisted of treating a casualty and helping them up a steep mountain, then requesting a med evacuation.

In the weapons challenge, cadets had to shoot, assemble and disassemble weapons. Other challenges included the task of crossing a river by using a rope as a bridge and carrying all their gear across with them.

After scoring so well in the Ranger Challenge competition, the cadets will go on to face 40 universities from all over the Midwest that have won competitions similar to this one.

Rambo trains with the cadets daily and is pleased with their placement in both competitions. He believes they went above and beyond everyone's expectations for what's required of a cadet.

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Staff Editorial



ASNMU needs new leadership

ASNMU president Ben Stanley's removal from office is now in process.

According to the articles of impeachment, over the span of seven months, Stanley has been accused of violating ASNMU policy and procedure 22 times. That is an average of a little more than three violations per month.

Breaking order of closed session rules, neglect of office, misconduct, breaking order of censure and undermining the integrity of his office are listed as reasons for Stanley's impeachment. With such a laundry list, it is mortifying that Stanley has been the visible leader of the students of NMU during his term.

Students need a professional representative. They do not need someone who "present[ed] to an assembly of Northern Michigan University Para-Professionals in an unacceptable manner as deemed by numerous persons in attendance," as Stanley did on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Stanley's ongoing removal is an action that is appropriate and something many have anticipated in the past couple of months. What NMU needs now is a president who represents the student body with a level of professionalism and timeliness that upholds NMU's image.

If Stanley is removed from office, it will be up to ASNMU vice president Kelsey Hayes to take on the role of president. Hayes will have the responsibility of clearing the air and starting ASNMU in a new direction.

ASNMU is the committee that gives a voice to and communicates the needs of the students. In order for the students' voices to be heard, they need to have someone that the NMU community respects, someone with professional integrity.

The North Wind supports ASNMU's decision to impeach President Ben Stanley.

Liberal arts stigma misguided



I love and earn a modest living than to do something I hate just because it comes with a larger paycheck.

I may not be discovering the cure for cancer, but I could very well be the writer to dumb down that science report so everyone else can understand it.

Having a liberal arts degree should not be looked down on with such disdain.

It's a life choice and not something that should be judged. Just because someone doesn't choose to be a doctor or a lawyer doesn't mean they should be looked down on.

And no, just because I have a liberal arts degree does not mean I will be asking "do you want fries with that?" for the rest of my life.

Being a liberal arts major doesn't mean your highest potential is to become crew leader of whatever fast-food joint will take you first. I've come to learn that there are so many different opportunities for individuals like myself just in the field of English.

There's journalism, technical writing, editorial work, communications and much more.

English is one of the most versatile degrees out there because it is a degree that emphasizes solely on communication, an area that every industry and employer needs some sort of person to manage in order to be successful.

I personally want to be an editor. I want to be the person that reads through novel after novel and decides which one is the next best seller and which belongs in the recycling bin.

It's a literature geek's greatest dream and one that I hope to accomplish.

It's what makes me happy, just like how working with patients or creating the marketing scheme for the next greatest product makes others happy.

So before you start shaking your head at the next liberal arts major you come across, take a moment and appreciate the fact that that person is trying to live their life in the way that makes them happiest.

Who knows, you could be looking at our generation's most prolific up-and-coming writer.

When it comes to picking a major, nothing is considered as impractical as choosing a liberal arts degree. Students in the humanities often receive pitying looks from friends and family; people think you are going to be another unemployment statistic.

The question many ask over and over again to a student with a liberal arts degree is, "so what are you going to do with that?" This question can make a student feel certain that they are doomed, though they are pursuing a degree they are passionate about. A student might doubt themselves because of this constant disapproval, and switch majors in haste, a decision they may later regret.

During the Month of Majors at NMU, do not rule out a degree in the field of liberal arts just because some say no money can be made in the humanities.

Though the world needs biologists, chemists and computer science majors, someone has to edit their journal articles, theses and software documentation.

As an English writing major, I know the pitying looks and the disapproving gestures all too well. I've seen it time and time again when I tell someone I'm going to school for English.

What I want to know is where this stigma against liberal arts majors comes from. Isn't the goal in life to be happy, not to make money hand over fist?

I could very easily be a biology major and do research for the rest of my life, but I would be miserable.

Dissecting and studying organisms simply does not peak my interest nor does it do much for my appetite.

Obviously, there would be a great deal of money to be made for someone working in a science-related field, but what good is money when you aren't happy with what you're doing in life?

I would rather spend the rest of my career doing something

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Fear of Islam in America hindering foreign relations

Weekly Take Away



Lee McClelland

As the election season approaches, it is important for Americans to consider each candidate's foreign policy regarding the Arab Spring and the Muslim world.

Often times, Americans fall prey to the Islamophobia propagated by many politicians, such as Michele Bachmann, R-Minn.

On Friday Sept. 14 at the Value Voters Summit in Washington D.C., Bachmann delivered a speech where she stated: "This time, I'm sorry to say, it's even worse because the fires of radical Islamic traditionalism are not just limited to one country. They're currently raging all across Africa and all across Asia. Every week our Christian brothers and sisters from Nigeria to Kenya are being persecuted."

Bachmann uses the term "radical Islamic traditionalism," but she does not define it. What is radical Islamic traditionalism? To insinuate that those who are followers of Islam are trying

to attack American values and Christian ideals is too simplistic a view.

Bachmann mentions the persecution of Christians in these areas, and on this point, Bachmann and I agree: the persecution of Christians in these areas is similar to the persecution of Muslims in America.

Throughout history, certain groups of people have been targeted for hatred. In the past 100 years, the United States has hated the Japanese during World War II, going so far as to put them in internment camps; hated African Americans on a widespread scale; hated homosexuals, which continues today; and, most prominently now, hates Muslims.

Our society has created an "us" and "them" mentality that can be likened to the Cold War era. America versus the communists bent on destroying us from the inside. After the Cold War, the United States has lacked an enemy, until the heightened dealings with the Middle East and the events of September 11.

The United States has defined Islam as "them," the people whom are against our country. Americans refer to these people as Muslims, Arabs and terrorists almost interchangeably.

This foreignness—geographically, politically, spiritually—has led to such rampant and

socially-acceptable discrimination against the Muslim faith in America.

Nearly one in four people in the world are Muslim, according to a report published by the Pew Forum on Religious and Public Life in 2009. It is estimated that there are 1.57 billion Muslims, nine out of 10 of them are Sunni Muslims.

An Arab person is someone from the Arab Spring region in the Middle East, while a Muslim is someone who is a believer of the Islamic faith. A terrorist is someone whom uses violence to achieve political aims. These terms are not interchangeable.

A Gallup Poll from August revealed that 93 percent of Muslim Americans are loyal to the United States; 80 percent of Jews, 59 percent of Catholics and 56 percent of Protestants also believed Muslim Americans are loyal to the United States.

Nearly half of America, mostly Christian, doubts the allegiance of Muslim Americans. This is due in part to the fear mongering of prominent figures in society as well as American Publications.

The December 2011 issue of *The Atlantic* had a cover depicting a man holding an AK-47, wearing a turban that covered his face and long, flowing clothing with a headline "The Ally From Hell," an article by Jeffery Goldberg and Marc Ambinder.

This image is a stereotypical, ignorant view of one quarter of the world, and the article uses the term Muslim and jihadist as synonyms for each other throughout the article. The authors write, "Western leaders have stated that a paramount goal of their counter-terrorism efforts is to keep nuclear weapons out of the hands of jihadists."

To whom does "Western leaders" refer? This is something few think of, but the West is constantly battling with another entity, in this case the Near East. This separation between cultures isolates an entire people and, like us, they are fed propaganda based on fear (an easy thing to do when American drone campaigns plague Yemen and Afghanistan) that creates hatred against America.

The ignorance on both sides is what separates the West from the Near East from the East. Governments make no efforts, nor do the people, to understand the culture of those with whom we interact politically, economically and culturally.

President Barack Obama has made it a goal to develop America's relations with the Muslim world. He has made efforts to build a report with the new governments of Egypt and Libya.

By creating a bond between America and the Muslim world, perhaps we can avoid cultural misunderstandings, but first

America has to deepen its understanding of the Muslim identity. Without knowledge of what being Muslim means, Americans will always fall prone to Islamophobia and the fear mongering of public figures.

This election season, do not let either presidential candidate paint the Muslim world as a threat. Do not let congressional candidates or incumbents spread word of an insurgence of the Muslim Brotherhood in American politics. To do so would be to accept one of the biggest lies of our time.

The fear of Islam is leading America towards a route of ignorance and injustice to those citizens whom are Muslim. They deserve the right to practice their religion without persecution.

In Africa, Christians may be persecuted because they do not enjoy the separation of church and state as in America, or the separation between mosque and state as in Turkey.

We live in America, a land founded on religious freedom. Muslims should feel welcome, not marginalized by a fearful Christian hegemony. To say that Muslims are the perpetrators of terrorism is to falsely blame 1.57 billion people for the dogmatic views of a small minority.

Let Americans free themselves of this fear, because there is no "us" and "them."

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Candidates try to twist truth in presidential debate



Guest Column

Ellen Lindblom

If you watched the Debate on Wednesday, Oct. 3, you may not have been impressed with either candidate. President Obama was distant and didn't fight hard enough, and Gov. Romney was loud and obnoxious, but passionate and convincing.

It would be easy to determine a winner if this debate was not wrought with statements that Americans later found out were lies.

Obama claimed that Romney has proposed a \$5 trillion tax cut, which is not true, mostly because Romney has never specified how his tax plan would be paid for. It is simply an estimate on an incomplete plan. It is known that Romney would favor tax cuts for Americans with higher income and plans to lower taxes for everyone, but he has not explained how he would offset the cost of these tax cuts.

It's hard to comprehend why Romney did not tell Americans what he has planned in his tax policy. The presidential debates are one of the best times to be spe-

cific and tell the American people what each candidate plans to do for them. Taxes are a subject that many Americans care about because it directly affects us all.

Obama did put forward a mostly complete plan, but it is a hard one for conservatives to agree with. A progressive tax plan is not always appealing to people on the right side of the political spectrum because they usually make more money and oppose raising taxes in any circumstance.

Taxes remain to be a major focus this year because Romney is still living in a gray area on tax policy, while Obama has clearly outlined his plan. Most of the middle and lower class agree that Obama's progressive tax plan is favorable, while upper income Americans dislike having to pay more taxes.

Another hot button issue was the Affordable Care Act (ACA), or as you may know it, Obamacare. While Obama oversold the ACA, Romney made erroneous statements claiming that the ACA would tell people what kinds of treatment they must have, when it is actually illegal to ration care and reduce benefits.

Obama did claim that health care premiums have gone up more slowly than they have any time in the past 50 years. This is true of health care spending but not of

premiums. The ACA didn't actually cause this slow down. Perhaps the most infuriating thing that gets brought up when the ACA does is the "\$716 billion in cuts to Medicare" to fund it, which is an untrue statement.

The ACA doesn't literally cut funding from Medicare. The health care law instituted will actually make changes to try to bring down future health care costs in the program. This \$716 billion figure is the projected savings by reducing the rate of growth for Medicare's budget.

Claims that Obama would "cut" Medicare need more explanation to be fully accurate, and in part this is the Obama campaign's fault for not being more upfront and specific. The ACA is very complex and requires more than one paragraph to explain. That being said, let's take a look at what the basic facts of these "Medicare cuts."

The spending cuts are aimed at insurance companies and hospitals. Hospitals will be paid less if they have too many patients re-admitting or if they do not meet new benchmarks for patient care. The law also made significant reductions to Medicare Advantage, a private insurance option for Medicare. Medicare Advantage was started under former President George W. Bush's adminis-

tration, with the idea that competition among the private insurers would reduce costs. The private plans have actually cost more than traditional Medicare. The ACA will scale back these payments to private insurers.

Although this statement is somewhat true, it depends on how you say it. This statement has also been used and thrown around like it doesn't need explaining when it obviously does. The figure is true, but how it was used in Romney's delivery is not.

This is not the only statement made throughout this debate that was only partially true. When Obama's jobs record was brought up, he said that five million jobs had been created in the past 30 months.

Although that is a good thing, it is not 100 percent accurate. The official number is 4.6 million, because the full report will not be available until 2013. Small exaggerations like these make Americans wonder how truthful the candidates are in their existing campaign statements. Lies are lies, and the American people are looking for someone whom is trustworthy. Even these small lies can taint public opinion about a candidate.

Obama was not the only one to utter white lies. Romney accused Obama of doubling the deficit and

claimed that the median household income declined by \$4,300. Both of these statements are untrue as well according to Factcheck.org, in addition to the previous untrue statements.

We all know someone whom is just not interested whenever politics comes up in a conversation. They say that it's a corrupt system. When you really examine the things our politicians say, then it's easy to understand why they feel that way.

The lack of accuracy for many of these statements causes them to be more like half-truths rather than whole-truths. How can we fully trust anyone in our current political climate? It's easy to see it happening, but it's harder to do something about it.

Albert Einstein said it best; "Anyone who doesn't take truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either."

The American people need to be able to trust the people running our government; otherwise the institution itself will prove to be ineffective.

We need to write letters to our representatives and senators, to campaign organizers and governors alike and tell them that we don't want any more lies.

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By Nolan Krebs features editor

Being a student at NMU opens up a lot of different opportunities, both inside the classroom and out.

Experiences in the classroom provide students with the knowledge and skills to pursue professional goals, but there is a lot to be learned outside of the classroom as well.

Becoming involved with student organizations on campus is a great way to fill in some of those cracks, said volunteer center coordinator Nik Krawczyk.

“Joining a student organization is a way to meet people with the same goals and mindsets that you have,” Krawczyk said. “It’s also a good way to connect with the community that you live in.”

In addition to meeting people with interests that align with yours, joining an organization serves as a resume-builder. Employers often look for practical, hands-on experience outside of the classroom, Krawczyk said.

NMU offers dozens of organizations for students to join. In addition to groups that are academically related, there are clubs tied

to community service, diversity programs, and honor societies and interest groups.

The organization sponsors hundreds of programs and events, as well as volunteer opportunities in the community. Students can also be able to log their hours through the Superior Edge program.

For some students, joining a group on campus can be a door to some experiences that don’t often come.

“I joined the All Nations Club on campus and got to do a few projects to help out the community in the senior environment,” said senior Nathan Wenzel. “I went to the elementary school and did an activity with the kids. It was a really cool experience that definitely opened my eyes.”

For those that are starting their own organization on campus, it’s a clearly defined mission of the organization that provides opportunities for members



Based out of the Jacobbeti Center, the Aviation Maintenance Club works on various aircraft.

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In a time when job opportunities are slim, even with a college degree, it takes an extra step to stand out. The experiences and the skills picked up from joining an active group on campus is a great way to do just that.

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For more information on student organizations, call the Center for Student Enrichment at (906) 227-2439. Students interested in joining a club on campus can view a full list of current student organizations on campus at www.nmu.edu/organizations.



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NMU Jazz Band opens season with 'big band Beatles'

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

The NMU jazz band will be playing the tunes of the Fab Four as they kick off the 2012-13 season on Tuesday, Oct. 16 in the Reynolds Recital Hall.

The jazz band, which usually hosts two concerts per semester, will be performing a number of Beatles hits for the show, including "Blackbird," "Come Together," "Norwegian Wood" and "Yesterday."

"This show is going to be a big-band approach to the Beatles," said NMU jazz band direc-

tor Mark Flaherty. "There are a number of good arrangements for Beatles songs, and we've been playing with the idea for a while."

The NMU jazz band, which is composed of 17 students, is an instrumental ensemble that typically performs pieces by well-known jazz composers, such as Duke Ellington, Bob Brookmeyer and Maria Schneider. Learning Beatles songs was a slightly different experience for some students in the band.

"It's different than what we've done so far, at least in the two years that I've been with the band," said sophomore alto sax

player Abbie Beekman. "We learned the songs in the same form as we usually do, but things moved along a little faster because everyone had a better idea of what the songs should sound like."

The performance may also bring in a different group of students that most jazz concerts, Beekman said.

"[Playing the Beatles songs] is cool because it will probably attract a different audience base than some of the other shows," Beekman said. "Students should definitely go to a jazz concert at least once; the energy is spectacular and the quality of the music is excellent."

Like most groups that fall under the big band category, the NMU jazz band has a number of different sections, including alto, tenor and baritone saxophones, trumpets, trombones, piano, guitar, bass guitar and drums.

The NMU jazz combo, which is a smaller group of seven students, features alto and tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, vibraphones, bass guitar, drums and a vocalist.

"For fans of jazz, the concerts are the place to be," Flaherty said. "There's a great atmosphere and great music. It's also great for students to see some of their colleagues performing on stage; we've got some really good players this year."

Each year, the group is fea-



Nolan Krebs/NW

The NMU Jazz Band is stylistically a big band, which has 17 members.



Nolan Krebs/NW

The NMU Jazz Band rehearses at the Reynolds Recital Hall on campus.

tured at the NMU Jazz Festival on campus, which invites high school and middle school jazz bands from the region to participate, as well as renowned performers from around the world. This year, the festival will be held on Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12, and features saxophonist Jim Snidero.

The NMU Jazz Band is open to both music and non-music majors who are enrolled in MU117. Competitive auditions are held at the beginning of each semester for students who are interested in joining.

For more information on the concert, call the music department at (906) 227-2563.

Wildcat Market offers venue for student entrepreneurs

By Lucy Hough
staff writer

Creative students who make sellable goods have an opportunity to become entrepreneurs on campus.

The Wildcat Market is an opportunity for students, faculty, staff and community members to purchase products made from fellow NMU students.

The market will be open from noon to 3 p.m. each Thursday, outside of the NMU Bookstore in the University Center starting Thursday, Oct. 18.

Sellers will have goods available ranging from jewelry to stuffed animal monsters to baked goods.

"Everyone should attend the market at least once to see if it is something that they are interested in," said Alex Nye, a senior writing major and college of arts and sciences representative of ASNMU. "They may never know what is being sold here and could find the perfect gift for their family, loved ones, and friends. It can also inspire people to create their own product and be selling here at the market the following week."

The market is partially being run through ASNMU, but also as

a part of Nye and junior elementary education major Brittany Voich's Student Leader Fellowship Program efforts.

"The Wildcat Market is important to me because it is a program that Alex and I are very passionate about and we have worked hard to get it back up and running," Voich said.

This Wildcat Market is not new to NMU. The market was on campus in 2010, run by the Center for Student Enrichment.

Nye was a patron of the market then and said he wanted to see the project succeed. To hopefully encourage sellers to participate, there is no deposit for sellers and no mandatory meeting before being allowed to sell.

"I also want there to be a place on campus that has student activity, a buzz of sorts, and I feel like the Wildcat Market could create that for a few hours every Thursday this fall," Nye said. "I want a place on campus to feel like a student union."

The cost to operate the market is less than \$400, according to Nye. Much of this amount will be spent toward advertising and promoting the program.

Other operation costs include renting the space and ten tables each week, but that was donated

by Tom Helgren, who operates the University Center.

Nye said there are seven or eight sellers lined up for the first week. He and others operating the market are hoping for more sellers before the opening day.

"(Director of the Center for Student Enrichment) Dave Bonsall told me that a school in Florida has been running an outdoor market like this for some time now," Nye said. "It is so large now that they have hundreds of sellers and thousands of visitors at their market. It would be incredible if we could strive for that someday."

Among the over six students already planning to participate in the Wildcat Market is senior communications major Amber Lopota.

Lopota is on ASNMU with Voich and Nye, and she will be selling Murano-style glass pendant necklaces and occasionally some baked goods.

"I have always had an entrepreneurial spirit, finding ways to make ends meet is a skill everyone should devote some time to developing," Lopota said.

Students who are interested in participating can email Nye at anye@nmu.edu or Voich at bvoich@nmu.edu.

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The Wildcat Market is a way for students to buy and sell goods at NMU.

Mumford and Sons offers up more of the same



Album: Babel

Artist: Mumford and Sons

Release Date: Sept. 21

Label: Island, Glassnote (US)

Runtime: 52:17



By **Jordan Beck**
staff writer

Mumford and Sons have far more to live up to on their second album than most bands do.

Since their first LP, "Sigh No More," hit American stores back in 2010, they've sold over a million records on both sides of the Atlantic, served as Bob Dylan's backing band for his performance at the 2011 Grammys and helped kick off a folk revival that's still going strong today.

By combining everything from finger-picked banjos, horns and Arcade Fire-esque rhythmic propulsion, "Sigh No More" in-

roduced a sound that instantly recalled any number of bands before Mumford and Sons, but which was identifiable as their own.

Unlike its predecessor, "Babel" isn't about Mumford and Sons emulating the folk artists before them. Instead, it's about Mumford and Sons emulating Mumford and Sons.

It's an impressive facsimile, too. In fact, any of the songs on "Babel" could have been placed in the middle of the tracklist on "Sigh No More" and it's doubtful that anyone would notice.

They all feature the same instrumentation, similar lyrics and the same basic structure (either "start quiet and then explode" or "start with an explosion and then

explode more"). Even the non-musical aspects are suspiciously similar.

Both albums feature faded photographs of the band sitting in an English marketplace on their covers and the titles of both are allusions to classical literature ("Sigh No More" to "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Babel" to the Old Testament).

The thing is, this wouldn't necessarily be bad in and of itself. Granted, it would be more of the same. But if "the same" means more of a good thing in this case, everything's fine, right?

Well, this is where the real problem shows itself: "Babel" only sounds like more of the same on the surface.

The songwriting itself, previously one of Mumford and Sons' greatest strengths, isn't particularly memorable here. The first three singles on "Sigh No More" were rightfully smash hits, as they featured some of the most irresistible earworms to be found in modern folk.

These songs were so huge that they managed to sneak onto modern pop radio through sheer force of will. In contrast, massive stretches of "Babel" just float by without making an impression, working more as Muzak than anything.

But there are a few highlights,

in particular, "I Will Wait." The song is catchy, anthemic and a well-chosen first single. It's just as bombastic as the rest of the album, but in a way that works.

On the other hand, "Reminder" stands out by not building to a massive coda, but by remaining relatively quiet for two minutes and two seconds. It's a breath of fresh air in an album that desperately needs one.

The worst part of all this is that Mumford and Sons are capable of scaling greater creative heights than displayed here. For a particularly interesting taste of

what this band is capable of when they push themselves, check out 2011's "The Dharohar Project EP."

It's a four-track release which combines western bluegrass with the folk traditions of Indian music (featuring contributions from guest artist Laura Marling). "The Dharohar Project" could have easily gone off the rails, but it managed to try out a risky East-meets-West concept and somehow make it work.

It's a shame, then, that "Babel" is a record that got lost in translation.



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'Cats skate past Brock, aim at Badgers

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University hockey team left the arena victorious on Sunday as they opened the 2012-13 season against Brock University.

After ending the 2011-12 season with a loss in the CCHA play-offs versus Bowling Green, the Wildcats started their season on a high note, beating the Badgers 2-0. The 'Cats started off the game with a goal in the first period and remained consistent to score another in the third.

NMU used a combination of two goaltenders to earn their first shutout this year. NMU head coach

Walt Kyle said the team exhibition game gave some of the new players a chance to experience Wildcat hockey.

"We were able to get a lot of young guys a lot of ice time and minutes tonight," Kyle said. "They got a good taste of a game at this level, and I am happy with them."

Sophomore defenseman Mitch Jones gave the 'Cats their first point at 8:11 in the first period with a power-play slap shot from the blue line to get the puck passed Brock goaltender, Kody Blois. Freshman forward Justin Rose got the assist after he passed Jones during the first of nine power plays.

"We had a lot of chances with power plays," Kyle said. "We

scored the one in the first, we were sloppy at times, we fumbled the puck around and missed the net at times, but if we generate that many chances then we'll score a lot of goals."

The 'Cats brought 37-20 shots-on-goal against the Badgers. The first ice-time of the season gave the 'Cats many advantages, while the Badgers racked up 18 minutes of penalties. Six out of nine Badger penalties occurred in the second period. The Wildcats had players in the box for 12 minutes with six penalties.

NMU tacked on the final goal of the game at 14:04 in the third period, with freshman forward Cohen Adair scoring his first Wildcat goal for the team from in front of the net. Junior forward Erik Higby assisted the goal after he took the puck away from Brock and passed it to Adair in the zone.

Higby said the chemistry of the team improved as the game progressed, allowing better lines and more opportunities.

"I thought we played well," Higby said. "I think we came out not flat, but we were a little jittery. There were a lot of power plays, so we really didn't have to stay together. During most of the third period, we took over and that's when Cohen scored his goal. Chemistry started clicking."

In the net, junior goaltender Jared Coreau started the game in the crease and remained in play



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore defenseman Jake Baker looks to forward the puck against St. Cloud State last season. Baker appeared in 36 games for NMU in 2011-12.



Justin Key/NW

Senior forward Kory Kaunisto looks for possession against Miami last season. Kaunisto scored two goals in 2011-12 and recorded six assists.

until the second period. Freshman Michael Doan took his place with 9:08 in the second period, making his first appearance in the net for the Wildcats. Coreau made nine saves, while Doan saved 11.

"You got to give Michael Doan a lot of credit," Kyle said. "He came in at halftime without a lot of shots. He comes in and had to make a lot of big saves, and he winds up closing the door. He did a great job there."

The Wildcat freshmen maintained a dominant presence on the ice. Freshman forward Ryan Aynsley was able to play after a year of ineligibility. Offensively, Higby, Adair and Rose remained a consistent forward line throughout the game. Kyle said a lot of promise was generated with how the fresh-

men and the Higby-Adair-Rose line performed.

"I think Ryan Aynsley did a really good job for a guy who couldn't play all of last year," Kyle said. "He had a number of opportunities. Higby, Adair and Rose were clearly our best line today. They had the most chances and I thought they played very well."

The Wildcats are gearing up to open their regular season next weekend at 8:05 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13 against the Wisconsin Badgers in a non-conference game.

The game will take place at the Resch Center in Green Bay, and last-minute tickets are still available online at www.ticketstaronline.com or at the Superior Dome Ticket office.

Wildcats spike Finlandia, split over weekend

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU volleyball team swept Finlandia on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 3-0 following a split weekend competing on the road in Ohio.

Coming off of a loss against the Walsh Cavaliers on Saturday, Oct. 6 the 'Cats took to the court to win the match against the Finlandia Lions in three sets, 25-7, 25-4 and 25-9. With the victory, the Wildcats improve to 13-6 overall. NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said the game allowed opportunities for more athletes to play while allowing better communication between the starters.

"The game gave our non-starters a chance to play and enjoy the moment of being successful," Yoder said. "I thought that everything worked out well on the floor. The non-starters got to communicate with some of the starters that we mixed in, and they got to really figure out how to play well together."

Offensively, freshman middle-hitter Alexis Nelson led the Wildcats in kills with a match-high of 16, while junior left-side middle Kalli Herron was right behind her with seven. Junior middle-hitter Sarah Hamilton also contributed five kills.

Junior left-side Lina Lopes earned four service aces for the team, three of which occurred back-to-back. Senior Kalin Zimmerman contributed three service aces. Zimmerman also led in digs with 11.

The Wildcats dominated the offense, scoring 42 kills while Finlandia scored six. Junior setter Kellisha Harley helped the offense with 33 assists while also adding three service aces.

"One of the things we talked about tonight is playing error-free volleyball," Yoder said. "I felt that we did a pretty good job doing that. Finlandia put some pressure on us, so we really had to play within ourselves and error-free volleyball was the key."

The Wildcats faced off against Malone University on Friday, Oct. 5 and Walsh on Saturday, Oct. 6. Yoder said the athletes worked together with their usual consistency, and some of them stood out.

"Sarah Hamilton and Kalin Zimmerman both had good matches versus Malone," Yoder said. "Our team defense, serve and pass both worked really well."

NMU started the match against Malone with a win in the first set, 25-20. Malone came back to win the second with a score of 25-17. The Wildcats returned in the third

and fourth sets to win the match, 25-18 and 25-15.

Herron led the offense in the match, bringing a high of 13 kills. Hamilton and Lopes added 11 kills each. Zimmerman led the team in digs with 21, while Herron and Lopes each contributed 12.

Defensively, Harley recorded 40 assists. Herron said the 'Cats entered the weekend with goals and worked to achieve them in the first match.

"We came out this weekend focusing on our play and what we could do to improve ourselves," Herron said. "Against Malone, we played with good energy and both our offense and defense did a very good job."

NMU won the game with a .130 kill percentage and had a 47 match kills overall. On Saturday, the 'Cats fought a five-set match against the Walsh Cavaliers, losing 2-3.

NMU started the match by taking the first set, 29-27. The Cavaliers answered, winning the second set 25-21.

The Wildcats returned after the break to win the third 25-23. Walsh took the final two sets of the match, 25-21 and 15-12. Yoder said the match gave NMU openings to move ahead, but the team's

consistency faltered.

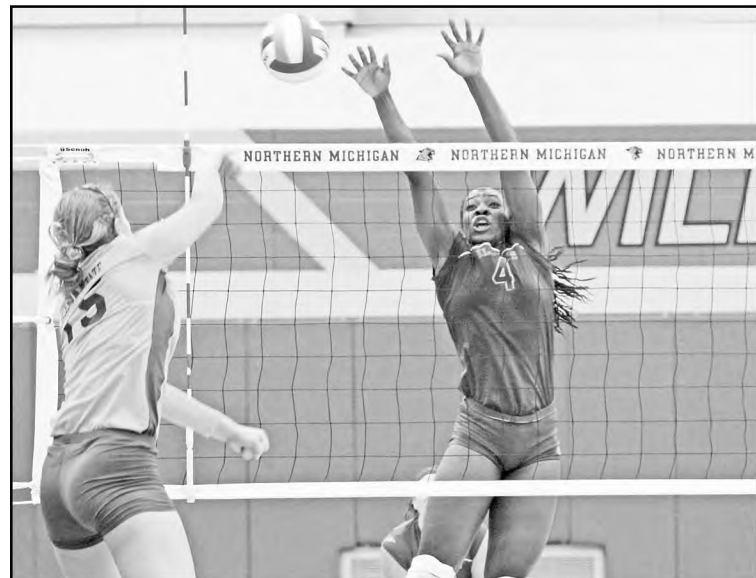
"We've lost three matches now that have gone to five sets," Yoder said. "They were giving us opportunities to win, but we were just making critical errors at the wrong time."

Herron led the offense once again with a match-high of 23 kills while also contributing 10 digs. Zimmerman led the team in digs with 20. Lopes maintained the line with 17 kills and another 10 digs. Defensively, Harley setup her team with 47 game assists.

The Wildcats concluded the match with an attack percentage of .163 and 61 kills, overall.

NMU will once again travel for their next match, which starts at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 in Aurora, Ill. against Southern Indiana in the Great Lakes Valley Conference/GLIAC Crossover.

"For this coming weekend, we are going to work on eliminating our errors," Herron said. "We'll also be focusing on holding our lead, staying focused throughout the whole match."



Justin Key/NW

Junior setter Kellisha Harley (4) goes for the block against Wayne State. Harley who has started all 19 matches, leads the team in assists with 750.

'Cats show improvement in loss to Tech

By Jon Young
sports editor

It was another conference game and another loss for the NMU football team as they fell,



Justin Key/NW
Redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Morley (6) was knocked out of Saturday's game with a concussion. Senior quarterback Cody Scepianiak replaced Morley and will get the start this weekend.

17-41, to Michigan Tech in the battle for the Miner's Cup on Saturday, Oct. 6.

The end result might have been the same for the Wildcats (0-5 GLIAC, 1-5 overall) but they made progress on both the defensive and offensive sides of the ball.

The 17 points posted by the offense was the most they've scored against a GLIAC opponent this year and the defense held a GLIAC opponent under 40 points for the first time this season.

The other Tech touchdown came from a blocked punt.

"Anybody that has any idea what they're looking at can see these guys growing up," said head coach Chris Ostrowsky. "They're giving up big touchdowns and now coming off the field and telling us what happened and then the next time it

doesn't happen."

NMU stumbled out of the gates as the Huskies put up 34 first half points.

The Wildcats lost two fumbles and an interception in the first half.

Ostrowsky said those are mistakes you can't make against a team like Tech.

"I thought it was a situation where we played a really good football team and came out and really made some mistakes that will hurt any team," Ostrowsky said.

The Wildcats turned the corner in the second half on both sides of the ball.

The defense held the Huskies off the score board and the offense put up 14 points.

Ostrowsky said he was encouraged by the second half performance.

"Overall I was really happy with the way our players responded," Ostrowsky said. "It would have been really easy at halftime to get in that locker room and pack it in but they came out and played hard and played until the end and almost had a shot late."

Redshirt quarterback Ryan Morley took a shot in the third quarter and left with a concussion, finishing the game 11-24 for 63 yards and one interception.

Ostrowsky expects him to be out for a minimum of a week.

Senior quarterback Cody Scepianiak replaced Morley and led the 'Cats to two scoring drives, including a 77-yard pass to junior wide receiver Christian Jessie.

Scepianiak said understanding the system allowed him to excel in the game without getting first team reps in practice.

"Football is still a game, it's the same no matter where you are," Scepianiak said. "I know I'm going to know the offense mentally so without taking reps, I still know what I have to do, so it's just about playing the game."

The 'Cats were without senior running back and leading rusher Prince Young who violated team rules but got a boost from Jessie as NMU ran their version of the "wildcat offense" through him.

Jessie rushed for 27 yards, including a 15-yard touchdown on a direct snap. He also caught three passes for 96 yards.

Running the offense wasn't an adjustment for Jessie.

"I'm very comfortable in it," Jessie said. "In high school I played quarterback. I ran a spread option so it was nothing

Anybody that has any idea what they're looking at can see these guys growing up.

— Chris Ostrowsky
head coach

new to me. I just like getting the ball in my hands and seeing what I can do with it."

The 'Cats had a shot at the Huskies early in the fourth quarter as they rattled off 17 unanswered points to cut the score to 34-17.

NMU's chances were foiled by a blocked punt in the fourth quarter with 6:56 left to play that ended with a Tech touchdown and the final score of the game.

On defense the Wildcats were lead by junior defensive back Brandon Parson's nine tackles.

Sophomore Derek Beltrame also added seven tackles and intercepted a pass that he returned 38 yards.

NMU is at home again this weekend as they take on the Grand Valley State University Lakers (4-1 GLIAC, 5-1 overall) at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.

NMU looks to bounce back after roadtrip

By Karly Ratzenberger
staff writer

The NMU women's soccer team took too the road last weekend, but couldn't bring home a win.

On Friday, Sept. 5, the 'Cats were defeated by Northwood University, 1-2, and on Sunday, Sept. 7 by Saginaw Valley State University, 0-5.

Sophomore defensive player Cheyenne Cecchini said she thought the Wildcats could have

done better in their weekend games.

"Obviously we are a young team so there are a lot of skills and techniques that need to improve," Cecchini said. "I think we could have beaten both teams."

Sophomore midfield/forward Kim Rietveld said the 'Cats played well in the second half of the first game, but the team couldn't pull the trigger on scoring goals.

"We could have played bet-

ter," Rietveld said. "I don't think we played as well as we could have in our game on Sunday, and the score shows that. I think we will get better in the games to come."

Head coach Matt Granstrand said he thought the games could have gone better.

"I thought we had every opportunity to win the game on Friday," Granstrand said. "On Sunday we could not catch a break, which is kind of the theme for this season."

In the Wildcat's first game of the weekend, freshman goalkeeper Shelby Conard made four saves and freshman midfielder Gabriella Garza scored NMU's only goal unassisted.

On Sunday, Conard made three saves and sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Musi made two saves. Cecchini said she has been playing better than earlier in the season due to her increased focus.

"I had a few distractions at the beginning of the year, but I am definitely playing better," Cecchini said. "My head is here for the team now."

Rietveld said she played well in the weekend's games and she was happy with her personal performance.

"The only thing you can ask for is to give 100 percent and I think that is what I did," Riet-

veld said. "I am proud of how the team did and how I did as well."

Rietveld said the team worked on a new formation last week that may have helped the team in the weekend's games.

"We played a 4-5-1 so we had to work on that because we had never used it before," Rietveld said. "We worked on that and crossing the ball and headers, corners, stuff like that."

Cecchini said senior forward Amelia Johnson and Rietveld both played very well in the games.

"Emmy was phenomenal and Kim, as always was the bulldog," Cecchini said.

Rietveld said the whole team played well, but a few players in particular stood out to her.

"Gabby in the middle is a freshman and she is playing really well," Rietveld said. "Cheyenne did awesome in the back as well, but everyone played well."

Cecchini said the team just needs to keep their heads up and stay positive in the coming week.

"I know that we can beat teams as long as we have trust in each other and work hard at practice," Cecchini said.

Rietveld said the team

needs to move forward from the tough losses last weekend.

"It is hard to lose, but we are a young team and we will just get better from here," Rietveld said.

The Wildcats will host two home games this weekend. At 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 the 'Cats will square off with Ohio Dominican University.

At 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14 the team will take on Ashland University.



Justin Key/NW
Sophomore defender Taylor Smith (28) looks to punch in a goal against Schoolcraft College earlier this season. Smith has two goals on the season.



Justin Key/NW
Sophomore forward Tevun Sellers (2) looks to gain ball control. Sellers has started all 11 games for the Wildcats in 2012.

Lifters power into competitive season

By Laura Conway
staff writer

The first competition of the season for the USOEC weightlifting team was the Upper Peninsula Weightlifting Championships on Friday, Sept. 28 at the Superior Dome.

Head coach Vance Newgard said he was pleased with the meet overall, not just the athletes' performances.

"I am extremely happy with the athletes' results," Newgard said. "There was also an amazing turnout from the community, and a turnout like that means the world to us."

Newgard said one of the athletes that hit some personal records was 63 kg lifter Vanessa

McCoy who lifted 105 kg in the clean and jerk.

He said McCoy had been working off an injury and this was her first competition back.

"We had to work around her injury to keep her not only physically but emotionally strong," Newgard said. "With her first competition back she got a personal record in the clean and jerk and is right on track with her snatch."

McCoy said she was nervous for her first meet back and it got the best of her during her first set of lifts.

"I have a tendency to rush when I'm nervous and ended up missing the first two snatches," McCoy said. "I reminded myself that I was out there to have fun and made my third snatch super easy."

Newgard said McCoy is on her way to making some national records even though she is just getting back from her injury.

"I am very happy with her clean and jerk," Newgard said. "She is setting herself up to threaten the American record of 116 kg."

Another lifter at the competition was senior Kyle LaJoye at 85 kg. This was his first competition coming off the NMU men's club track and field team.

"I got injured in track and ended up crossing over into weightlifting," LaJoye said. "It was my first competition and I wanted to focus on making all my lifts instead of making any personal records."

LaJoye said after getting warm ups and the first sets of nerves out of the way, he was able to perform.

"I opened with 75 kg then made the jump to make 80 and 81 kg in the snatch," LaJoye said. "After that I was so relieved clean and jerks were easy and I made all three."

Newgard said LaJoye did exactly what he needed to do to have a successful first meet.

"He had a perfect day and went six for six," Newgard said. "The first meet is not about how much weight you lift but making the lifts, it is very important for an athlete's confidence."

Newgard is expecting to see LaJoye place high in the rankings

over the next couple of years.

"He will get good results at University Nationals and has all the tools necessary to be a topped ranked weightlifter," Newgard said.

Another crossover lifter, sophomore Bryan Budd at 94 kg, competed for the first time with different goals than his teammates.

Budd said coming in as a football player, he was used to needing to gain weight, now he had to cut.

"I came up here at 100 kg and had to cut seven kg in three weeks, that is a lot for a weightlifter," Budd said. "It was my goal though to get down, and I did it, it felt great to meet that goal."

Newgard said there is more precision to Olympic weightlifting than football trains its athletes for.

He said even the strongest athletes have to focus on technique

before they lift very heavy.

"Budd is one of our strongest athletes in the gym, but he needs to work on perfecting movement," Newgard said. "If he stays disciplined and focuses on training he will be on the medal stand within a year."

The next competition for the USOEC weightlifting team is the American Open on Friday, Nov. 30 in San Diego, Calif.



Justin Key/NW
Breanne Carlson performs a snatch in last weeks competition. Carlson is in her fourth year at the USOEC.



Justin Key/NW
Senior Kyle LaJoye performs a clean and jerk during the Upper Peninsula Weightlifting Championship. It was LaJoye's first USOEC competition.



Jimme Vereb

— Volunteer of the Month —

Congratulations to Jimme Vereb for being named September's Volunteer of the Month! Jimme is a freshman Nursing major from Marquette. She has dedicated many hours to volunteering at the Care Clinic, displaying an energetic and cheerful spirit as well as a deep compassion for others. For her efforts, we are happy to award Jimme with a \$30 Gift Certificate to Casa Calabria. Thank you, Jimme, for your dedication to volunteering!

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NMU — Student government shouldn't be so fowl. What a poultry sum it is to pay in order to have someone who answers the peck and call of the students. — **Concerned student**

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Drunk Minnesota man — Remember when you broke into the State Capitol Building? Didn't think so. Anyways, just wanted to say you weren't the first drunk in our building. — **Wisconsin Capitol**

Rick Scott — We agree that Florida is too sexy for both it's shirt and meningitis. The number for the sex-hotline did make us a little sick, though. — **Floridians**

My Bridesmaids — Can't wait for our girls weekend. Love you both — **Love your bridesmaid**

My Roomie — Sleeping in Antarctica at night is wonderful. Love ya. — **Your roomie**

Man who wants jail time — Hey man, if you want to go to federal prison, why only get a buck. If you're getting arrested, why not go big and steal enough to pay your bail? — **A not so sane person**

Sea Star — Super excited that mom and Zach are coming up this weekend to celebrate you, happy early bday sis! — **H**

PJ — Enough of the serenading, it's time to make your move on Christine already! — **Carlotta**

Christine — Christine, just listen to the music of the night! You know you want to. — **Carlotta**

D.S. — Why are you such an idiot? You should know girls are not that dumb and this is a small town. — **Angry girls.**

Saige — I love you. — **Shaina**

Bernadette N — You are the best. Thanks for all of your hard work and everything you do for us! — **Student orgs**

BB — Thanks for the pancakes. — **TW**

ASNMU — ASNMU is making fast decisions on subjects most of their constituents don't agree with. Get out of your cliky state of mind and vote justly, not by the whim of your friends...stop the witch hunt! — **Concerned Students**

Delaney — I can't wait to have our singles girl night. It is going to be so much fun! — **Shaina**

Jess — You are the best sister. Love ya lots! — **Shaina**

NW Staff — It was lovely too see you all during production night! Miss it...kind of. — **Former EIC**

NE — Great job on your first official week! — **EIC**

ANE — Thanks for dealing with all the nonsense. Great job this week. — **EIC**

NW staff — Great job this week. Things just keep getting better. — **EIC**

Winter — Bring it on. Let the snow fall. — **Winter lover**

OE — Thanks for always making the whole office laugh every week with all your witty jokes. — **EIC**

Kristy — Thanks for being such a great adviser (with an "e"). — **EIC**

Track ladies — Love you all! Keep up the hard work and we'll be golden. — **Delaney**

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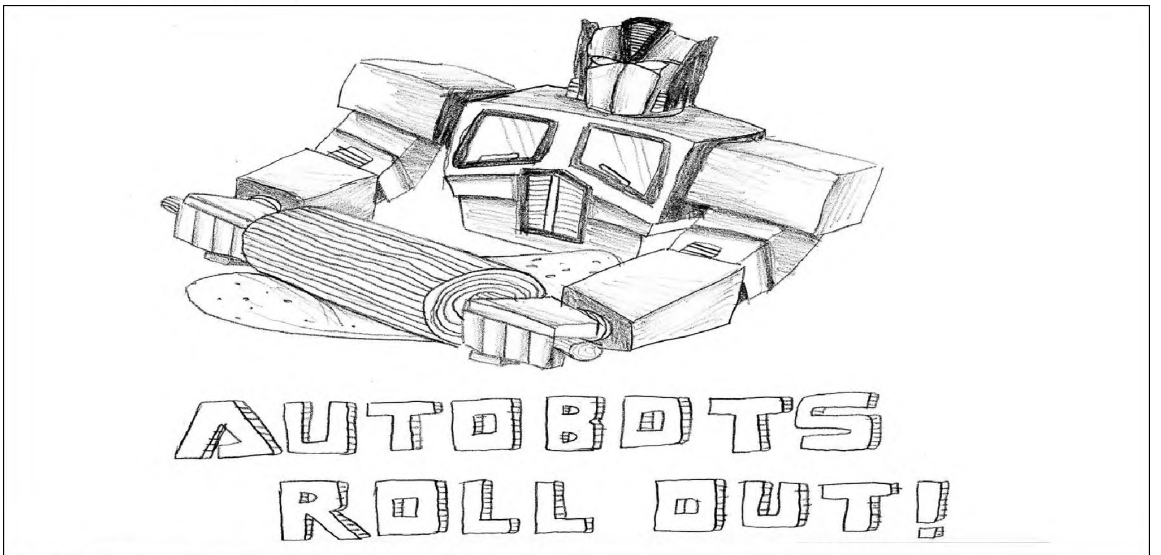


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