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Author spills brains about zombie survival

By Jordan Beck
staff writer

The living dead will be taking over the University Center for the night on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Acclaimed writer Max Brooks will be presenting a lecture entitled, "10 Lessons for Surviving a Zombie Attack." Students might even pick up some real-life survival strategies along the way.



BROOKS

If Brooks' name sounds familiar, there's a good reason for that; he's the son of Mel Brooks, writer and director of "Blazing Saddles," "Young Frankenstein" and "Spaceballs."

His mother, Anne Bancroft, is an actress best known for her roles as Annie Sullivan in "The Miracle Worker" and Mrs. Robinson in "The Graduate."

Throughout Brooks own career, he's worked as both an

actor and a screenwriter, including writing for "Saturday Night Live," for which he won an Emmy.

But, if you had to summarize his career in one word, that word would almost certainly be "zombies." Two of Brooks' most popular books, "The Zombie Survival Guide" and "World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War," provide an interesting perspective on the archetypal monsters. A third book, "The Zombie Survival Guide: Recorded Attacks," was released in 2009.

Horror fans have been hugely enthusiastic about his books, sophomore Abby Johnsen said.

"I'm a huge zombie nut, and that sparked my interest when I first saw 'The Zombie Survival Guide,'" Johnsen said. "So I

read it, and I loved it."

"10 Lessons for Surviving a Zombie Attack" serves as a live extension of "The Zombie Survival Guide" and "World War

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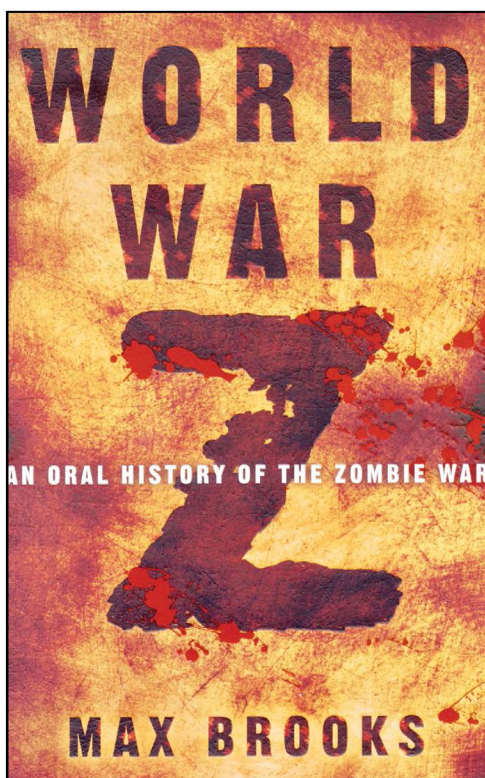


Photo courtesy of Center for Student Enrichment
Max Brooks will be presenting "10 Lessons for Surviving a Zombie Attack" on Tuesday, Oct. 23.

City commission seats up for vote

By Marcellino Signorelli
staff writer

With the presidential election in three weeks and the debates between the candidates sparking the interest of millions of Americans, local politics tends to be overshadowed, but the City of Marquette is asking voters to select candidates for the city commission.

There are seven seats on the city commission with two open for election. The candidates for Marquette city commission are Sara Cambensy, Amy Conover, Mike Coyne and Tony Tollefson.

"The commission sets policy for the entire city, including the university, ordinances that control law enforcement, planning and zoning, parks and recreation and all kinds of other things," city clerk David Bleau said. "The routine things they do include adopting budgets, paying bills, activities in the community and a wide range of things from routing to the unusual.

It includes the university and can impact many things for anybody who lives or works there."

According to Bleau, candidates must be registered voters

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Marquette city commission has two open seats for election. The candidates include Sara Cambensy, Amy Conover, Mike Coyne and Tony Tollefson.

Upfront closure leaves artists searching for venues

By Braden Linick
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With the recent closing of Upfront & Company, many local musicians are reaching out for alternative local venues to showcase their work.

Upfront was officially closed Saturday, Sept. 29 by the Illinois-based owner Rhys Mussman.

Staff members say renovations are being planned, yet no deadline has been made as to when they will be completed, or when the facility is to be reopened, if at all.

No official statement has been made as to why Upfront was closed.

"I don't know if he knew how

much it meant to all of us, but now it's put in our own hands to do something with this music scene the Upfront has helped us develop," said Tyler Detloff, of the band Kiddy Wompus. "It's a huge loss but it could be a big gain."

Now that Upfront has officially checked out of Marquette, music artists have turned to other places to play at.

According to Detloff, some of the remaining venues in Marquette are Wild Rover, Wooden Nickel, Merlot Mansion and The Blue Lounge.

The Doghouse has recently started booking Kiddy Wompus for Tuesday nights, but it is unsure if they will be booking others.

The Doghouse hope to see

a positive response from the Tuesday night gigs and go from there. The Ore Dock Brewery has started booking some folk and bluegrass musicians as well.

"Music is kind of like a weed — It's going to find a place to pop up," said former Upfront booking and promotions manager, Mike Walker. "Hopefully someone else will offer the same kind of opportunity."

Not only was Upfront just another place to play, but it had a sound system and stage that dominated most other venues, according to Detloff.

Most of the remaining venues in Marquette have little-to-no sound system. Bands that play at these locations need to bring their own gear, such as amplifiers and microphones,

Detloff said.

Most of the remaining venues offer a cleared area or corner for musicians to set up, but nothing that can compare to the elevated stage surrounded by the entire bar that Upfront provided.

"It'd be nice to see someone encouraging people to start their own venue. It's not an impossible task," Walker said. "If someone has a little bit of capital or some friends all go in it, it wouldn't be difficult to put on something together."

According to Walker, the church on the corner of West Ridge and Third Street is for sale and could potentially be a new music venue if someone



Kristen Koehler/NW

Upfront & Company hosted its last Saturday night on Sept. 29.

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Briefs

State News

The Michigan Farm Bureau and Michigan United Conservation club are two of the groups that are pushing for an open hunting season on Gray Wolves in the U.P. The wolves have recently been taken off the endangered species list for the Great Lakes region. The wolves have been attacking livestock of farmers throughout the U.P. Farmers are currently permitted to shoot the wolves if they are caught endangering the livestock, however some have argued that it is impractical and the farmers cannot keep watch at all times. The Humane Society of the United States and the Fund for Animals claims the hunt is recreational, unjustified killing. They would like to see the wolves put back on the endangered species list.

National News

A naked University of South Alabama freshman was shot and killed on Saturday, Oct. 6 while repeatedly attempting to threaten a campus police officer. Gilbert Thomas Collar, an 18-year-old freshman at the Mobile, Ala. campus, died of a single bullet wound to the chest by an unnamed officer, according to www.Reuters.com. The altercation began around 1:30 a.m., when Collar started banging on the window of the police station. When the officer responded, Collar was said to be in a 'fighting position' according to the article, and the officer drew his gun. The man continued to chase and harass the officer, who attempted to calm Collar a number of times prior to shooting. He died on the scene. An autopsy is scheduled to determine if Collar was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The campus officer responsible for the shooting has been put on paid administrative leave in the wake of the incident.

International News

Several paintings, which include the works of Picasso, Monet and Matisse, were stolen from a museum in Rotterdam, Netherlands during the early morning of Tuesday, Oct. 16. The Kunsthal museum was celebrating its 20th birthday. The museum does not have a collection of its own, and the art was exhibited in public for the first time. Charles Hill, a former Scotland Yard art detective, said the theft was well thought out and quickly executed, which would suggest the work of professionals. The museum's security measures involve "technical security" at night, with camera surveillance and alarms instead of guards. Police arrived within five minutes of the alarm. While museum officials decline to comment on the value of the stolen works, experts say it could be up to hundreds of millions.

Weird News

A former McDonald's owner in North Dakota sold a 20-year-old container of McJordan barbecue sauce for about \$10,000. The sauce was used for a short time in the 1990s on the McJordan Burgers, named after basketball star Michael Jordan. After storing the sauce in his basement, Mort Bank decided to list it on eBay. The sauce sold for just under \$10,000 on Monday, Oct. 25 to a buyer from Chicago. Bank said he has been selling McDonald's memorabilia and other collector's items on eBay for three years, but none of them had ever sold for as much money as the sauce.

— Compiled from news sources

Students check out local scenery



Amanda Monthei/NW

NMU students Samm Grezeskowiak (left), Audrey Koster (middle) and Jaimi Cawley (right) take in the fall colors that the Upper Peninsula has to offer at Lunar Loaf, not far from Sugarloaf Mountain just outside of Marquette.

ASNMU update

General assembly begins voting on judiciary

By Braden Linick
assistant news editor

The process for choosing a judiciary for ASNMU that will eventually determine the fate of Benjamin H. Stanley's presidency began this week.

The regular Monday meeting started with the resignation of College of Professional Studies Representative Abby Roberts.

In a long letter of resignation, she stated she was unhappy with the way ASNMU had been conducting itself and could no longer be of service to them. ASNMU now has 12 board members.

Five judiciary appointees were brought before the general assembly to either be approved or disapproved. The appointees were Richard Keiser, John Martin, Taylor Tillotson, Wesley Reiber and Tanya Pazdernik.

The nominations of Keiser and Pazdernik were defeated. The voting

of Martin, Tillotson and Reiber was postponed to a later date due to no prior interview.

An interview is to be scheduled with each of these candidates and they will either be approved or disapproved at the meeting on Monday, Oct. 22.

Stanley again expressed his concern and opposition with the articles of impeachment.

"What people have been impeached for in the past is not what I have done. They have been actual bad things," Stanley said. "Maybe some of these things are valid, but I know some are not."

Stanley then provided a letter of authorization from the Center for Student Enrichment stating he was permitted to sell T-shirts in the University Center at certain times, contrasting what the articles of his impeachment state.

The last time an ASNMU president was impeached was in 1998 when the articles of impeachment of former AS-

NMU President Ryan Weidner were passed.

At the time, ASNMU members were on payroll. Weidner was reported not being in his office at the hours he had logged on multiple occasions.

At a recent Board of Trustee's meeting, the ASNMU constitution was changed to give ASNMU their own judiciary to settle matters such as this.

The method for recruiting a judiciary is done by the president appointing candidates and then having three-fourths of the ASNMU general assembly approve those candidates.

"This is causing a lot of conflict on campus and needs to be resolved," up-campus Representative Amber Lopota said. "There are candidates who would make an excellent judiciary, but cannot be approved due to this impeachment."

If the impeachment is carried out by the judiciary, it will be up to ASNMU Vice President Kelsey Hayes to assume the title of president.

Campus Crime Map

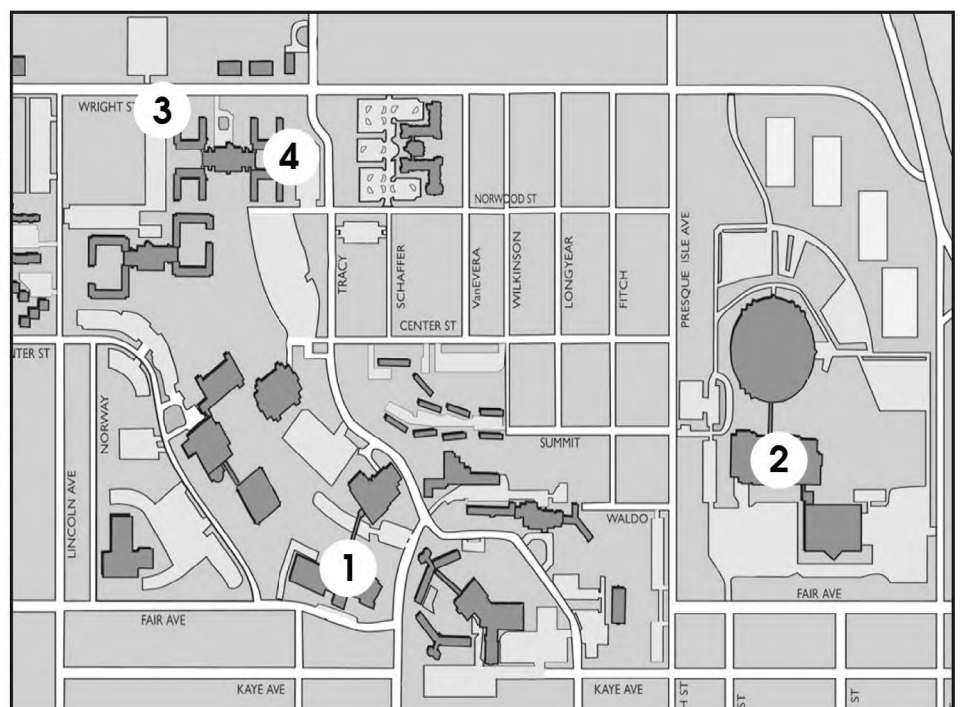
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1. A malicious destruction of property was reported at 5:04 p.m. on Oct. 11 at Thomas Fine Arts.

2. A person reported a larceny of personal property at 9:11 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the PIEF.

3. A person reported a larceny of a bike at 2:37 p.m. on Oct. 13 at Hunt Hall.

4. A person was charged with a minor in possession at 2:58 a.m. on Oct. 14 at Magers/Meyland Hall.



Project studies effects of native food

By Hannah Fermanich
news editor

With processed foods filling the shelves of every grocery store, it can be hard to imagine life without packages and preservatives; the Center for Native American Studies brought the Decolonizing Diet Project (DDP, project # HS11-415) to Northern in the hopes of learning how getting back to indigenous foods can affect the human body.

DDP is a yearlong study on the biological, cultural and legal political aspects involved with eating a diet consisting of 25 to 100 percent indigenous food.

The study also features an added exercise regimen designed to help participants reach an activity level close to that of the early indigenous peoples. Voluntary research subjects will self monitor their progress through journals, photos and other media to log their results.

"It provides data about the relationship between humans and indigenous food in the Great Lakes region that is not well studied at this point," said Dr. Martin Reinhardt, principal investigator for DDP. "We include multidimensional study: biological, cultural and legal political aspects."

The implementation of the study began on March 25, 2012 and will end at midnight on March 24, 2013. Participants can choose what level of commitment to the

diet works best for them, ranging from 25 to 100 percent. Reinhardt is one of a few to commit to the whole 100 percent.

The different foods that participants can eat for this project must fall under these stipulations: items have to be native to the Great Lakes region or introduced by indigenous peoples prior to 1600, they must be derived from a native or introduced species that were in the area prior to 1600 and they cannot be genetically modified organisms (GMO).

"This food is not convenient food," Reinhardt said. "It takes a lot of preparation and a lot of research."

Because of these stipulations, participants are facing a variety of cultural and legal political problems. Culturally, these participants are dealing with not being able to go out to eat with friends, a key part of socialization, according to Reinhardt.

Where the legal political issues becomes apparent is in problems with treaty rights. While tribal members may be able to harvest certain animals and plants with treaty rights, non-tribal members can't, according to Reinhardt.

Where the line becomes less clear for legal political problems stems from rules implied with institutions such as movie theaters. If a participant were 100 percent committed to the diet, the only thing they could legally consume at

a movie theater would be the water bought on site. The participant could choose to bring their own food to the theater, but that would be breaking the rules of that institution and could have negative results, according to Reinhardt.

Biologically, some of the participants are already seeing improvements. Reinhardt himself said he has lost about 38 pounds since March.

"I am so much more healthy right now," Reinhardt said.

The idea for the project was conceived by Reinhardt about two years ago following NMU's annual First Nations Food Taster in November 2010. He wanted to learn how his ancestors ate prior to the colonization of America.

The following months were spent discussing this idea amongst the community of the Center for Native American Studies and it grew into a research project to find out how a decolonized diet can affect the human body, according to Reinhardt.

DDP was then approved by NMU's Internal Review Board. This board reviews all research projects through the university to ensure the safety of human subjects involved. They also ensure that there are no issues with confidentiality, ethics and they keep the best interest of the participants in mind, according to Derek Anderson, chairman of the Institutional



Zerek Tweed/NW

Corn, beans and squash are known as the "three sisters" in the native community and are often used together in popular dishes and casseroles.

Review Board.

"We need to make sure it's physically safe for participants to be eating in that manner," Anderson said.

The board consists of individuals with a wide variety of backgrounds including ethical police, community representatives, prosecutors and physicians to ensure that all aspects of a research project are thoroughly considered.

"Research is the backbone of higher education," Anderson said. "We want students and faculty to do research."

Once the research portion is complete in March, Reinhardt said he is interested to learn from the

research subjects how the transition back to "normal" food goes.

Although he himself hopes to maintain at least 50 percent dedication to the diet once the project is complete, Reinhardt already has his first post-DDP meal planned, which includes a double cheese vegetarian pizza from Villa Capri and a pumpkin shake from Culvers.

"We're not trying to ram the DDP down anyone's throat," Reinhardt said. "We want people to get a taste for indigenous foods."

For more information about the DDP, including a master food list, indigenous recipes and other resources, visit www.decolonizingdietproject.blogspot.com.

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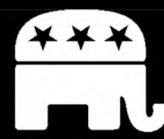
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dates must be registered voters within the city of Marquette, they cannot be indebted to the city and cannot have a felony.

Conover is a full-time graduate student at NMU and the assistant manager of the Studio Gallery at Presque Isle.

"I want the commission to be more involved in things going on in the community and the decisions being made," Conover said. "I want to be a part and help other people become more involved. I want to increase transparency, help other people understand the decisions made and the process that goes behind those decisions."

Conover said being a commissioner is about having to make tough decisions to do what is best for the city, not just economically, but for the health and growth of the city.

"I think there are a lot of opportunities for the city and Northern to work together, because we're inextricably linked," Conover said. "Marquette would not be the city it is

without Northern and vice versa. Rather than hiring expensive consultants not familiar to the area, the work of students and professors would have the same quality and collaboration while providing them hands-on learning."

Tollefson has previous experience not only being on the commission in the past, but also being a former mayor of Marquette.

"It's a process of providing for the city's services, making sure of proper accounting of the budget and meeting needs and services of people in the most appropriate manner," Tollefson said. "I understand how important Northern is in doing business within the city and positive relations between the city and Northern need to continue."

Tollefson is currently the coordinator for International Students and Scholars in NMU's International Programs Office.

"I'm not sure about what the other candidates stand for, but I know that I have the experience to fulfill the job," Tollefson said.

Cambensy has been a life-

long resident of Marquette. She has been involved in the city planning commission and is on the city charter commission.

"[The commissioner] is a steward of the city, who puts the best interest of the community at heart," Cambensy said. "It's about being informed, educated, putting time in and doing a good job. I'm someone who has a good idea what the community wants, to see Marquette develop and grow, and a good grasp on things that need to be looked at and considered."

Cambensy graduated from NMU with a master's degree in Public Administration with an emphasis on local and state government. She is currently the director of the Kaufman Auditorium and the Adult and Community Education Program.

"[NMU] students are some of the best and brightest community members with new information, new ways to do things and great ideas," Cambensy

said. "I'd like to see them have a way to get info and ideas to us, and to do that we need to look for new means of communication with the public as we

go forward technologically.

Coyne has served on the commission for nine and a half years, as well as been mayor of Marquette three times in the past 30 years.

"I've been in public service to the city of Marquette since the 1980s and I really enjoyed and had a good record while doing so," Coyne said. "I'm presently serving on the charter revision commission and doing that has me interested again in city government."

Coyne was previously a physician but is currently retired.

"[The job of the commission] is representing the citizens and having to listen to what people have to say and their concerns," Coyne said. "I've been a part of building the city into what it is and my record, reputation and listening ability, along with my experience, sets me apart. I think the university, the students and the city are interconnected, not isolated."

Election day for city commissioners is Tuesday, Nov. 6. Those who have questions about the election can contact Bleau at (906) 228-0430 or clerk@mqctcy.org.



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would step up to the plate and see the demand for a place like that.

"Under \$180,000 for the whole thing and churches usually have really good acoustics," Walker said. "Whether it's a coffee shop or a sandwich bar, I don't think musicians will really give a crap as long as it's a place to play"

The church could be similar to the Merlot Mansion, a community-ran venue that usually averages about two or three gigs a month.

There is also a lack of shows for all ages in the current venues of Marquette. It is unfortunate that many people don't get to enjoy the music scene until they are 21, Detloff said.

A persisting problem with this is that a cover is usually charged with these shows.

Many people miss the importance of paying those covers, as they are necessary for certain bands bound by contracts.

Detloff mentioned the student organization, First Aid Productions whom has some funding to bring artists to campus.

They could get local artists for next to nothing compared to how much they spend on some of the out of town musicians the bring in.

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Ruff is a senior policy fellow with the policy research firm Public Sector Consultants and is a former long-time Michigan executive office administrator.

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Health seminar required for Greeks

By Jenean Zahran
staff writer

All new members of sororities and fraternities are required to attend NMU's annual Risk-Management seminar to learn about the ways they can live a healthier and safer lifestyle while still enjoying Greek life.

This workshop will inform students of the issues that have been previously known to impact student organization effectiveness.

The key topics that will be discussed at the seminar are the dangers of hazing, sexual assault, sexual health and drinking.

Although it is only required for new students who are just joining sororities and fraternities, it is open to any NMU student organization, according to Dave Bonsall, director of the Center for Student Enrichment.

"It will be beneficial for any student from any organization to attend," Bonsall said. "They will have more knowledge on the responsible use of alcohol and to know how important it is to practice safe sex."

Though hazing isn't a huge problem here at Northern, it is definitely an issue at other colleges nationwide and should still be addressed, Bonsall said.

Speakers at the seminar include Bonsall, health specialist Lenny Shible, associate professor in the department of Health and Physical Education Barb Coleman, and Crime Prevention and policing specialist for Public Safety at NMU Don Peterman.

Shible will present informa-

tion about the role alcohol can play in student organizations.

"It is in our best interest to do everything that we can to keep our students safer and healthier so that we can minimize any distractions and support the pursuit of their academic and career goals to be successful and productive Wildcat alumni," Shible said.

He wants the students to leave the seminar feeling well informed about how alcohol can affect themselves and others.

"It is our intent that information is power, and when applied to great social support systems like our student organizations, it creates an

environment where individuals, fellow members and organizations can become healthier, safer and even more successful than they already are," Shible said.

Coleman, who will be covering sexual health, wants students to be more informed of the resources available for information, protection and help when needed.

"Our goal is to empower members of student organizations, and all interested individuals, with information and resources to help them make choices that will avoid serious consequences," Coleman said.

Sydney D'Andrea, a sophomore and new pledge for Phi Sigma Sigma, agrees with the fact that she is required to attend this workshop.

"The topics being discussed at the seminar, whether people like it or not, happen at college. It's better to be informed about these issues than to just ignore them," D'Andrea said. "I do think that all

students should have to take this and not just the students involved Greek life."

Jenny Albrecht, a junior and member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority for three years, is glad these workshops are required for new members.

"I found the seminar to be very informative when I went last year. A lot of the information I already knew but it doesn't hurt to hear it again," Albrecht said. "I feel as though more organizations should require their members to attend them."

The workshops will be held from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 and from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, Nov. 2 in the Back Room of the University Center. Members of all student organizations are encouraged to attend.



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Staff Editorial



Benching Young correct choice

The decision to bench Prince Young on Saturday, Oct. 13 was commendable and reflects an athletic administration that adheres to the NMU Athletic Code.

An article published in the Thursday, Oct. 11 issue of the North Wind, "NMU rusher could face time in jail," outlined Young's criminal activity, which includes an assault and battery charge, as well as contempt of court.

According to the NMU Athletic Code, "All student athletes will be subject to review under the Athletic Code if the athlete... has committed criminal activity that consists of an act or acts prohibited under municipal, state or federal law."

Wearing the green and gold colors of NMU is a privilege—one that can be taken away.

In the past, student athletes haven't always received repercussions fitting of their misconduct. The six NMU hockey players who were arrested for stealing bicycles in November 2011 did receive punishment, but few had to sit on the bench following their Athletic Review.

Being competitive is important, especially for school-sponsored teams who spend tremendous amounts of money to fund their sport. At the same time, the university should not allow students whom violate the Athletic Code to keep participating in their chosen sport.

Letting Young play after neglecting to fulfill his legal obligations will do more harm than good. Other athletes may start to think they are untouchable. If no one blows a whistle, then no one will stop athletes' behavior from taking an illegal shift.

Athletes are held to a higher standard because they are visible representatives of NMU. Holding Young's feet to the fire sends a message to traditional and athletic students: there are repercussions for misconduct off the field.

Dated music tires students



Staff Column

Shaina James

In the past couple of years that I have attended NMU, it seems the quality of bands that have performed on campus has been extremely disappointing.

Bands such as The All American Rejects, Boys Like Girls, 3oh!3, Lights Out Dancing and The Ying Yang Twins may still be popular, but not with our current college crowd.

Our taste in music has changed since high school. Some of us may have liked these bands eight years ago, but our taste evolves with age as we begin to appreciate real music.

If Northern Arts Entertainment (NAE) is to use the Student Activity Fee to bring bands to NMU, then they should at least bring bands that more Northern students enjoy and find worth their money.

I understand that they can not afford to bring very expensive bands, but I am sure there are bands out there that cost less than The All American Rejects and can be enjoyed by a larger portion of the student body.

NAE polls students on their Facebook page, but this apparently isn't enough. Some students do not have a Facebook page, and others may not know of the NAE page or when a poll will be posted. The poll does not discriminate against students and non-students, although the obvious focus should be on Northern students.

If the community is allowed to vote, that is fine, but let them foot the bill.

The Student Activity Fee affords students quality entertainment, not the surrounding Marquette community.

Polls need to be conducted, but on campus rather than online so that it is ensured students are voting for student entertainment.

Despite the effort, these polls do not seem to carry much weight.

On Oct. 31, 2011, there was a poll asking students who they would prefer to see come to

NMU: Mac Miller, Girls, Mayday Parade, RJD2, Justin Moore or none of the above. Mac Miller won with 472 votes, none of the above was in second place with 470 votes and Mayday Parade was close to last place with 160 votes.

Later that year, Mayday Parade performed at NMU with 911 people in attendance, 589 of which were students according to Center for Student Enrichment.

The Vandament Arena holds 1,400 people, which means about 65 percent of the arena was filled. I really think this number should and could be much higher.

If student feedback isn't even used or the options used in the poll are feasible, then polling students seems like a waste of time.

To find what types of bands NMU students are interested in, NAE should send out an email to all Northern students or post on NMU's website a poll where students can vote what type of music they like and even what bands they would prefer to come to Northern that are within the budget.

Perhaps they should return to the old standby: paper polls that are conducted in the LRC or other places on campus, or sending students an email with a link that brings them to a website where the survey can be taken. This will give students some voice in the decision on what bands to bring.

By seeing what a majority of the Northern population wants, not what the Facebook community desires, NAE can ensure that students are benefiting from bands they want to see.

An on-campus presence or an email to students would let the student body know this poll was being conducted.

NAE has brought some great musicians to NMU, and I have enjoyed more than a fair share of concerts on campus.

Lately though, there has been a decline in the quality of music coming to NMU with more and more bands that were popular when I was in the fifth grade.

Students deserve music that is relevant to them: after all, we are paying for it.

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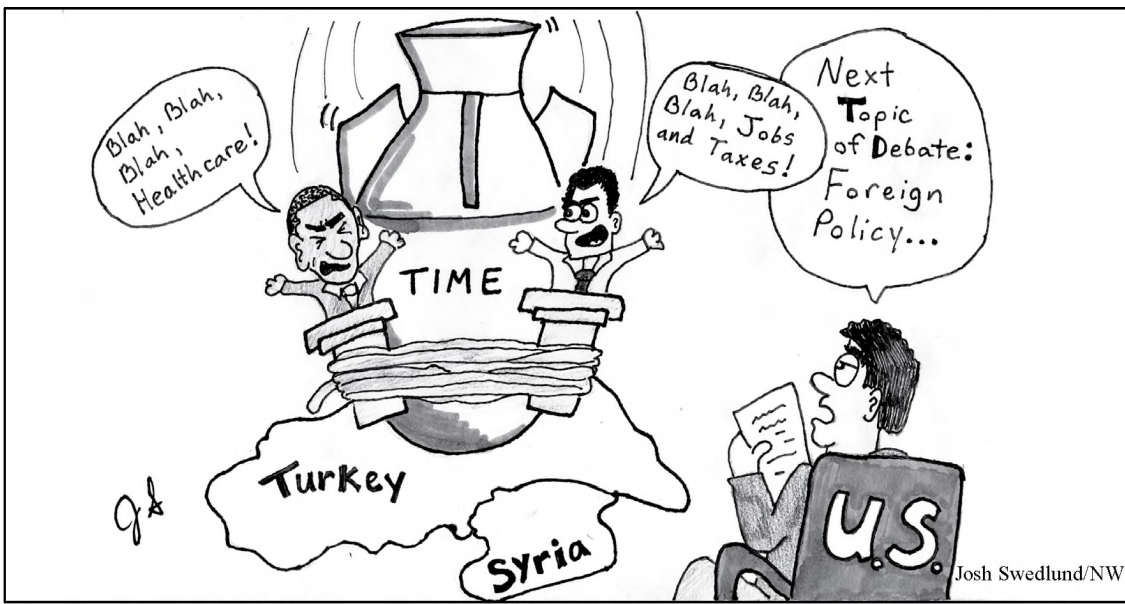
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Syrians need American assistance

Weekly Take Away



Lee McClelland

Tensions the world over are on the rise, and the United States is being looked to for answers.

This election season, Iran has dominated the discussion when it comes to foreign policy. Both Mitt Romney and Barack Obama agree that America, and the world, cannot allow Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon.

Yet, with tensions rising within Syria, between Turkey and Syria, and with Russia, perhaps it would be beneficial to analyze the strife in the Near East and see where political lines are being crossed, as well as the metaphorical ones prominent in American-political rhetoric.

Iran's economy has been hampered by the United Nations-placed sanctions. According to Reuters, the Iranian rial's value has fallen by 50 percent since the same time last year, and by a 25 percent since last month.

The Iranian people are now suffering, unable to afford necessities. Shortages of chicken spur riots, and protesting has begun to emerge. The Iranian people do not want a nuclear weapon, and with less than a year left in Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's presidential term, things are looking up.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) estimates that Iran may have the 19.75 percent enriched uranium by spring or summer of 2013 at the earliest. This would be enough for one warhead. Lack of funds due to the economic sanctions may buy even more time.

Either way, it is clear that Israel and America will not wait for an atomic bomb to be available to the Iranians. Once the 20 percent mark is reached, military action will likely ensue.

The thought of the Islamic Republic of Iran, a Shia dominated theocracy, having a nuclear weap-

on has kept the world on its toes but so has the conflict in Syria.

The civil war in Syria rages on, and every day, more complications arise.

In the past six months, the United States has conferred with other world powers on what steps to take regarding the conflict in Syria.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights news release on Saturday, Oct. 13, at least 33,082 people have died—1,000 of them in the past five days.

The current president of Syria, Bashar al-Assad, has waged a war of desperation since March 2011. The rebel faction, the Free Syrian Army (FSA), has been making inroads, but lately has been pushed back by a resurging Syrian-military force.

The remaining Syrian army is composed of a tested, loyal bunch, most of whom are part of a Shia sect of Islam called Alawite.

The Alawite are the minority religious group in the region, and they have isolated themselves from the Sunni-Muslim majority as well as the Christian minority.

The Kurdish population has unified on the side of al-Assad, occupying a small region of Syria where a branch of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) has taken control of a growing autonomous community.

The Syrian people have been reduced to factions based on religious affiliation and ethnic lines drawn in the blood-soaked soil, and still there is no word of international involvement in this situation.

Of course, the United States has expressed their strong opposition to al-Assad's actions, but the cost of military involvement (during an election season) could be too high in regards to political and financial resources.

The Republic of Turkey, a close ally of the United States, was hit by Syrian motor attack in Akcakale, Turkey on Wednesday, Oct. 3, that resulted in the deaths of five people.

Already incensed by al-Assad's support of the branch associated with the PKK and the furthering of poor relations with the Kurdish minority, the Turkish government retorted with mortar shellings of their own, which killed seven Syr-

ian soldiers.

Turkey recently forced a Syrian plane to land after it was suspected the craft was transporting Russian weapons. This has escalated tensions between the two. Both have closed their air space to one another.

Turkey has a Sunni-Muslim majority, whereas Syria has a government ruled by the Alawite al-Assad. Iran is an ally to al-Assad, and Russia is still supplying Syria with weapons while exerting its power on the UN Security Council so that no sanctions come against al-Assad's fragile government.

In short, the United States supports Turkey, a country that is on the brink of war with Syria. Syria is an ally of Iran, and any action taken against Syria could worsen diplomatic relations with Iran, which have constituted of terse conversations as of late.

Iran doesn't have the bomb yet. Russia does and has recently decided not to renew a 21-year old agreement with the United States, which ensured that Russia would dismantle its extensive stockpile of nuclear weapons. There is nothing scarier than a nuclear Russia or an angry Vladimir Putin.

With so many lines of foreign policy crossed, how will Mitt Romney or Barack Obama avoid a major military engagement abroad?

I do not think there is any alternative. Iran doesn't have a bomb yet, and sanctions weaken them everyday as the Syrian army grows stronger.

Russia cannot keep promoting the dissolution of the Syrian government, a shameless blood bath of religious cleansing, the death toll of which will only rise.

The UN has been adamant, as has the United States, that the line in the sand for Syria is the use of chemical weapons, yet atrocities are already occurring without them.

The Syrian conflict needs to be addressed by the United States. Syrians are writhing in anguish in every headline.

When genocide is taking place, someone needs to step in.

Be it election year or not, the United States needs to mobilize the UN and address the atrocities being committed in Syria.

Biden, Ryan reveal true colors



Guest Column

Ellen Lindblom

Americans are only 19 days out from the election, and last Thursday, Oct. 11, we got to listen to our vice presidential candidates debate over both foreign and domestic policy.

It was a very interesting and fast paced debate that had us on the edge of our seats because of the questions from the debate's moderator, Martha Raddatz.

It was curious that most of her questions had to do with foreign policy.

Americans can hardly remember a time when they were not at war, but how much do we really know about this war we're paying for?

Most forget that we are still at war in Afghanistan. It seems like no one in Washington is talking about Afghanistan either.

Our decade long war has taken a back seat to the current economic recession and unemployment rate. Thankfully, this topic didn't escape from political discussion in the debates.

Raddatz asked many questions about foreign policy in regards to Iran and Afghanistan. Americans finally heard the vice-presidential candidates talk about the war in detail, especially the situation in Iran.

Paul Ryan was the first to respond, accusing President Barack Obama of allowing Iran to get more fissile material, saying that they are "racing" toward a nuclear weapon.

What Ryan doesn't say is that although Iran may have built up a supply of nuclear material, none of it is usable in a weapon yet.

Experts believe the United States and its allies will have more than enough time to act if Iran tries to enrich its nuclear material to weapons grade.

During the debate, Raddatz also asked the candidates about Afghanistan, which has been without a doubt one of the largest military expenditures.

The Obama administration is confident that America has trained enough Afghan soldiers, degraded al-Qaeda and that we are ready to leave Afghanistan.

Joseph Biden responded that the reason we began this war was to eliminate Osama bin Laden and weaken al-Qaeda.

On top of that, we decided to help train military forces to take over after our military leaves. Biden stated that the Obama administration is confident in their plan to leave by 2014.

Obama and Biden believe the troops that have been trained will be able to suppress al-Qaeda and keep themselves safe.

Ryan says that the Romney-Ryan administration agrees with the

2014 transition out of Afghanistan but makes no promises. "What we don't want to do is lose the gains we've gotten," Ryan said.

He went on to explain that they believe the best case scenario would be a successful transition in 2014 but will listen to our generals and commanders to make sure that leaving Afghanistan wouldn't give the terrorists room to expand and attack us again.

Ryan also doesn't believe America should "broadcast" when it is withdrawing from Afghanistan.

The final question was very different and the candidates answers were intriguing.

Raddatz said a decorated war veteran told her he is disgusted by the way these campaigns have been run and is embarrassed. He doesn't like the negative ads and speech. Raddatz asked them what they would say to this war hero.

Biden responded very personally because his son had also served in Iraq. Biden said he would thank him and that the veteran should be honored, but that Romney considers him to be part of the 47 percent who don't pay taxes and don't take responsibility.

Biden said he doesn't believe that is true. Biden believes the veteran paid the highest price by putting his life in danger for his country.

Ryan responded with what seemed like fear mongering. He put blame on Obama for military cuts that would compromise their safety, insinuated that the Obama administration is the only one putting out negative ads, plugged taxes, Obamacare and the deficit.

Ryan, instead of answering the question, attacked the Obama administration. He took on a fear-mongering tone, which reflects the way in which Romney and Ryan are running their campaign.

Ryan is the only one who used this question to talk badly about his opponent and painted a picture of Obama as a bad leader, while never really answering the question, though he did thank the veteran for his service.

If you watched the debate, it is very possible that you learned something new about our past decade in the Middle East and about these candidates.

Americans heard many things over the course of the 90-minute debate, and it was very interesting to see that both candidates have similar views of what should happen with the war in Afghanistan.

The last question paints a clearer picture of how Ryan and Biden differ and is a testament to both men's character, as well as how they run their campaigns.

Americans have to decide whether or not they want a vice president like Ryan or Biden.

Either Americans can be all smiles with Joe Biden or have a thrist for a Republican president.

It is a choice of character that will define the next White House administration.

GET HAUNTED

By Nolan Krebs
contributing writer

As Halloween sneaks closer, people may find a growing urge to explore the paranormal and creepier side of life.

For those that carry the curse of curiosity, there are a number of things to do and places to see to keep the haunted spirit of Halloween alive.

Marquette has its own history of ghostly sightings and encounters. The break wall on Presque Isle and the lighthouse on McCarty's Cove are two spots in Marquette with a creepy history, said president of the NMU Paranormal Research Team Brooke Linn.

"Two students fell off the break-wall a long time ago, and whenever the weather gets bad or a storm rolls

in, people have said that they can feel people or voices telling them to turn back," Linn said. "People have also reported EVP (electronic voice phenomena) and cold spots outside of the lighthouse in McCarty's Cove."

The Landmark Inn supposedly houses a number of spectral visitors. According to the hotel's website, one of the most well-known legends revolves around the story of a librarian and her lover, a sailor who never returned from a voyage on Lake Superior. Her spirit waits for him and can apparently be seen looking out from the Lilac Room on the sixth floor.

The NMU campus is also reported to have a few resident spirits, Linn said. The Forest Roberts Theatre is the location for some of the paranormal research teams training sessions, and the ghost of Lucille Payne, after whom Payne Hall was named after, is said to have been seen inside the residence hall.

Students from the paranormal research team will be volunteering at a number of local events this year, including the Haunted Bog Walk. From 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 through Saturday, Oct. 27, tours are led through the Presque Isle Bog as volunteers lurk close by to scare visitors.

"The bog walk is a lot of fun, but it's also MooseWood Nature Center's largest fundraiser for the year," said event coordinator Dawn Marsh. "We have volunteers helping out and waiting at scare stations throughout the bog."

The First Nighter's Club and NMU will be hosting the fourth annual Haunted Theatre this year at the Forest Roberts Theatre. The Haunted Theatre, which also runs from Oct. 25 through 27, transforms the stage into



Kristen Koehler/NW

Hayes Corn Maze, located in a corn field in the town of Rock, provides entertainment for people of all ages.



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Forest Roberts Theatre is home of the fourth annual Haunted Theatre, which begins October 25.

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a haunted house for visitors to walk through. A family version runs from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, while an adult version runs from 8 to 11 p.m. on all three days.

Marquette hosts a Haunted Hay Ride on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Marquette County Fairgrounds in Sands Township. The hay ride runs through the “scaregrounds” as volunteers hide and do their best to scare visitors.

The event runs from 7:30 to 11 p.m. and costs \$10 for ages 14 and over, and \$5 for ages 13 and under. Family passes are available for \$25. All

proceeds are donated to different organizations within the community.

Those looking for a family-friendly Halloween experience can visit the Hayes Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch in Rock, Mich., which features hay rides and other activities for the younger crowd. The Hayes Corn Maze is open Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and costs \$8 per person (kids two and younger are free). The event runs through Wednesday, Oct. 31.



Kristen Koehler/NW

The McCarty's Cove Lighthouse has supposedly been known for cold spots and EVP (electronic voice phenomena).



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Z.” For more than an hour and a half, Brooks will speak about the topic of zombies, focusing on how one could deal with a real-world zombie apocalypse. This is Brooks’ second visit to NMU.

“His first visit was so popular that we decided to wait a few years and invite him back,” said Rachel Harris, associate director of the Center for Student Enrichment.

Senior marketing major Roy Owensby, who attended Brooks’ first NMU visit, said the lecture wasn’t strictly for entertainment.

“Brooks made sure to point out that whether you think this is a joke or not, it’s not. It’s serious,” Owensby said.

Another one of the interesting things about learning hypothetical survival strategies for a zombie apocalypse is that several of them can also help out in actual catastrophes, Harris said. As a result, the lecture offers you a chance to learn about more than just a pop culture phenomenon.

However, when it comes to an event like this, pop culture is inevitably going to be a factor. In the event of a zombie apocalypse, there were a variety of scenarios offered.

“I’d definitely shave off my hair,” Johnsen said. “I’d probably band together with a group of people, get as many supplies as I could, and keep moving.”

Owensby was similarly ready.

“I’d probably go to someplace remote yet fortified with someone experienced with survival,” he said.

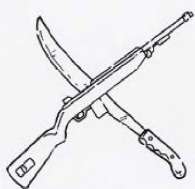
In contrast, Harris hadn’t given the matter much thought.

“Everyone who’s into zombies already has a plan, but I still need to think about mine,” Harris said. “Be faster than the next guy, I guess.”

“10 Lessons for Surviving a Zombie Attack” begins at 7:30 p.m. and admission is free with an NMU ID, or \$2 for members of the general public. For more information on the event, call Harris at (906) 227-6543.

THE ZOMBIE SURVIVAL GUIDE

COMPLETE PROTECTION FROM THE LIVING DEAD



MAX BROOKS

Photo courtesy of Center of Student Enrichment

Brooks is the author of the popular book “The Zombie Survival Guide.”

Hiawatha Music Co-op holds annual concert

By Nolan Krebs

features editor

The Hiawatha Music Co-op will have its annual membership meeting followed by a concert on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Ore Dock Brewing Company in downtown Marquette.

The co-op is a non-profit organization that supports traditional American music by holding concerts and workshops in the Marquette area.

The group works to provide traditional music events to an audience that may be new to the genre, said board president Susan Bertram.

“The mission of the co-op is to promote traditional music and bring it to people who may not be familiar with it,” Bertram said. “For this concert, it’s a younger band presenting traditional music in a modern way, and I think people who haven’t been to a concert like this before would be surprised.”

Dragon Wagon, a bluegrass band based in Ann Arbor, will be performing from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The six-piece group is composed of Mike Bustos (bass), Diana Ladio (fiddle/vocals), Troy Stanley Radikin (mandolin/vocals), Rich Delcamp (banjo/vocals), Don Sicheneder (guitar/vocals) and Fritz McGirr (drums/percussion).

The band, self-described as bluegrass folk-rock with a shot of Irish whiskey, played at the teen dance at the Hiawatha Music Festival over the summer, Bertram said.

“They’re a really high energy group and really good for dancing,” Bertram said. “We’re really excited to have them back—they’re one of Michigan’s premiere bluegrass bands.”

Prior to the concert, the annual Hiawatha Co-op membership meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Ore Dock Brewing Company.

The meeting will include drawings for prizes and refreshments will be served. Memberships, which can be purchased



Photo courtesy of Hiawatha Music Co-op

Both regional and international musicians visit Marquette for events sponsored by the Hiawatha Music Co-op.



Photo courtesy of Hiawatha Music Co-op

The Hiawatha Music Festival features a wide variety of performers rooted in traditional American music.

for \$10, provide voting privileges at the meeting and eligibility for the board of directors.

The membership fees fund music events throughout the year and allow the group to maintain a small staff and office.

They also cover performer fees, venue rentals, printing, postage and taxes. All operations are exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and for the promotion of social welfare, Bertram said, and that

students are welcome to join.

“We would love to have students be involved with the co-op,” Bertram said. “We used to have a student chapter at NMU, and we’re always pursuing new members.”

The co-op is active in Marquette’s community, Bertram said. The organization received the Michigan Governor’s Art Award in 1993, as well as the Community Arts Impact Award from the Marquette Arts and Culture Center in 2006.

A popular event sponsored by the co-op is the Hiawatha Music Festival, which features bluegrass, old-time, Cajun, folk and other types of traditional music from around the world.

The festival, held each summer in Tourist Park, also holds workshops and other activities for all age groups. In 2013, the festival will be in its 35th year and will be held from July 19 through 21.

“Hiawatha [Music Festival] is one of my favorite things to do in Marquette over the summer,” said senior communications studies major Julia Smith. “It seems like a higher caliber type of performance. The bands are great and because it’s a traditional festival, it has sort of an old-time feel that makes it a really cool experience.”

Admission for the Dragon Wagon show at the Ore Dock Brewing Company is free for members of the Hiawatha Music Co-op and \$5 for non-members.

For more information on the Dragon Wagon concert or upcoming events through the Hiawatha Music Co-op, visit www.hiawathamusic.org.



Photo courtesy of Hiawatha Music Co-op

Concerts hosted by the co-op usually include bluegrass, old-time, Cajun, acoustic blues or folk music.

Volunteer center prepares for Make a Difference Day

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

The NMU Volunteer Center is gearing up for its largest event of the year, which takes place on Saturday, Oct. 27 and puts more than 1,300 students to work throughout the community.

Make a Difference Day started off as a modest volunteer project more than 15 years ago and has blossomed into the premiere event for students to help out people in Marquette County, said coordinator for the NMU volunteer center Nik Krawczyk.

“Right now we have around 120 student organizations signed up to participate in Make a Difference Day, which is over a third of the registered organizations,” Krawczyk said. “We’re pretty thrilled about the amount of people signed up to help.”

Students that participate in Make a Difference Day are assigned a number of household tasks for homes in the community, including raking yards, washing windows, pulling weeds, moving furniture and other tasks to help prepare homes for the winter season.

Make a Difference Day is a national event, created in 1992 by the magazine “USA Weekend” in partnership with the volunteer organizations HandsOn Network.

The volunteer center has a database with names and addresses in Marquette, Negaunee, Ishpeming, Harvey and Gwinn that are sent a registration form if they wish to have students come to their homes, Krawczyk said.

“A lot of people in the community also hear about Make a Difference Day just through word of mouth,” Krawczyk said. “When one house needs work done, they

usually know someone else that we can help out as well.”

Student groups and organizations are then paired to one of the 230 currently registered homes.

However, helping out isn’t limited to only student organizations, said assistant volunteer center coordinator Seth Kratz.

“We have a number of volunteer groups that come from outside the university,” Kratz said. “This year, we have an insurance agency helping and a basketball team from Negaunee as well. Anyone is welcome to join.”

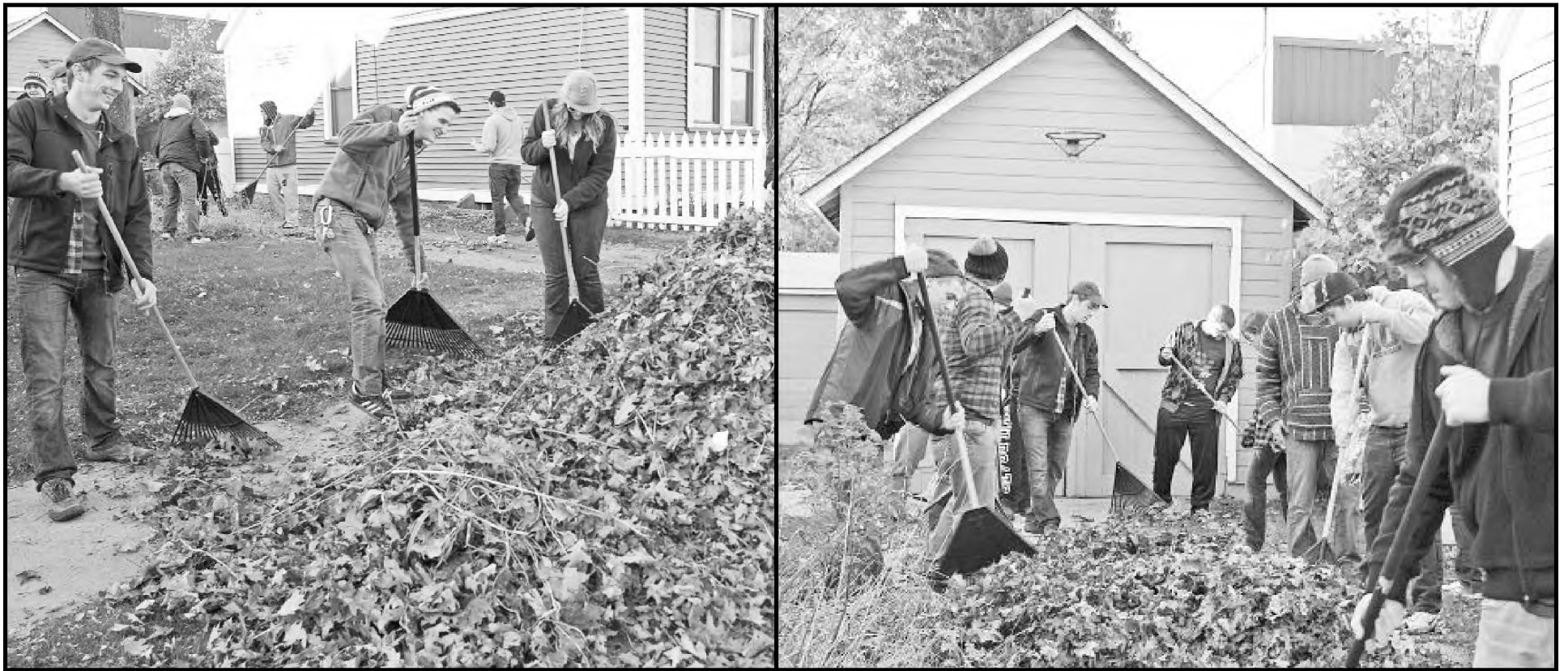
Volunteering is also a way for

students to learn new skills, see the community and build your resume, Kratz said.

Students can register for Make a Difference Day at the volunteer center through a participating student group, or as an individual.

Volunteers will receive a complimentary breakfast and T-shirt. Students may also count hours from Make a Difference Day towards the Superior Edge program.

For more information or to learn about other volunteer opportunities, call the NMU Volunteer Center at (906) 227-2466.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Student volunteers rake leaves at a house in Marquette County as a part of national Make a Difference Day. The NMU Volunteer Center has recruited over 1,300 people for this year's event.

Flyfishing offers unique experience between seasons

By Amanda Monthei
copy/layout editor

In the weeks between fall colors and early-season snow, it’s tough to find something to help pass the time outside in the Upper Peninsula.

With rain, wind and chilly temperatures seriously hindering hiking, biking and other outdoor exploits from mid-October to mid-November, it’s no wonder that people would rather spend time inside watching Netflix than venturing into the woods.

But when the weather deteriorates in the latter weeks of fall, some of the best fishing of the year can be found in area rivers for those that are OK with the mud and rain.

“Even if it’s rainy and overcast, the less you want to go (outside) the better (the fishing) is,” said Nick Simon, a fly-fishing guide and employee at Switchback Gear Exchange and Outfitter.

Any combination of a rod and reel would suffice, but for students who have never tried fly-fishing, the next month and a half could be your chance, Simon said.

“There’s no hiking or biking, but the fishing right now is great,” Simon said.

Marquette and the Upper Peninsula in general have some very unique waters, compared to the rest of the state and the country.

According to Simon, there are successful fishing days downstate where you can’t find a parking spot near the river, whereas if you see one car in a parking lot near a river in the U.P., it can be almost guaranteed that you won’t get much success.

“Fishing pressure on a bad day is extremely low (in the U.P.),” he said. “Most of our rivers you also can’t take a boat down, so it’s a free-for-all for people with waders.”

While waders and other equipment are helpful in most rivers around the U.P., the beautiful thing about fishing in the Marquette area is that the water is shallow and the banks are dense but manageable.

According to Simon, tall waterproof boots and some good outdoor gear can get you basically anywhere that waders could.

“You don’t need (a lot of) equipment to fish effectively up here, which is awesome for stu-

dents,” he said.

Simon also acknowledged that out of the people who shop for fly-fishing gear at Switchback, almost half are young or in college, challenging some of the stereotypes about fishing and hunting.

“What I like about fishing in the Upper Peninsula is that the fish are so abundant, and on a general scale, larger,” said Devin Dante, a junior business major. “It’s also sweet seeing the scenery while taking part in the sport.”

Anyone wanting to give flyfishing a try should get an all-species fishing license from the DNR before embarking on any fish adventures this fall, Simon said.

For more information on fishing reports or river closings in the area, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.



Amanda Monthei/NW

A flyrod, reel and flyline are the essential pieces of equipment needed to start flyfishing.

'Cats thrash Badgers in road opener

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU hockey team broke out the brooms in Wisconsin over the weekend, sweeping their first series of the season.

The Wildcats took on the No. 15-ranked University of Wisconsin Badgers on Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13, clinching both games with third-period goals. NMU head coach Walt Kyle said the results of both games were a welcomed step for the team in their season-opener.

"As a coach, I was very happy with the way we played and how we came out on Friday," Kyle said. "Both teams were a little sloppy, which you would expect for your first games at that tempo. We were able to keep composure and stay more composed than Wisconsin."

The 'Cats started off on Friday

behind Wisconsin after the Badgers scored the first goal at 14:25 in the second period. NMU answered the goal with one of their own at the beginning of the third with sophomore forward Reed Seckel scoring his ninth career goal 18 seconds into the period. Seniors Matt Thurber and Kyle Follmer assisted Seckel's goal.

Kyle said the team's ability to lead from player to player resulted in a stronger performance on the ice.

"You have to certainly give credit to our leadership, and when I say 'leadership,' I don't just mean the captains," Kyle said. "The upperclassmen and other guys were able to settle things down and they played better and better as the games went on."

Freshman forward Cohen Adair scored a power-play goal at 9:07 into the third period to win the game for the 'Cats, 2-1. Assisting Adair's first career goal was junior forward Stephan Vigier and freshman forward Justin Rose. Between the posts, junior goaltender Jared Coreau saved 19 shots on net, earning his 18th career win with NMU. Adair said winning against Wisconsin was a boost of

morale for his fellow Wildcats, but there was room for improvement.

"Winning against Wisconsin is huge," Adair said. "They are ranked fairly high, so beating them early on is a big thing. There were a few things that could still use some improvement, such as our systems."

On Saturday, the Wildcats started from behind their opponents for the second time during the weekend after the Badgers scored three minutes into the first period. Adair earned his second career goal to tie up the game in the second period, with Thurber and senior defenseman Scott Macaulay with the assists. Thurber contributed to the 'Cats with a goal of his own in the third period, tying up the game after a second Badger's goal. Thurber said beating a team that was once his own felt good for both himself and for the rest of the 'Cats.

"Playing against Wisconsin again felt good," Thurber said. "It always feels good, getting a couple of wins coming out of there. It's huge for our team to be able to get out-of-league game wins, as well."

Senior forward Kory Kaunisto

tagged the game-winning goal, with Macaulay earning his second assist of the game. Sophomore forward Ryan Daugherty finalized the 4-2 victory with an empty-net goal, assisted by junior forward Erik Higby.

Defensively, Coreau established his place between the posts with 18 saves. Following the weekend's victories, the Central Collegiate Hockey Association named Adair the Gongshow Rookie of the Week. Adair scored

a winning goal against Brock University on Sunday, Oct. 7 and scored goals in both games against Wisconsin.

"Adair is a guy that we expect to have good offense out of," Kyle said. "Getting as much as we have so far is a bonus, and we expect him to contribute offensively on a regular basis."

NMU travels again next weekend to play at 8 p.m. on both Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20 against Nebraska-Omaha.



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Justin Key/NW

Senior forward Kory Kaunisto (19) pushes the puck in action last season. Kaunisto netted a goal for the Wildcats during their 4-2 on Saturday.

Wildcats demolish No. 14 ranked Lakers

By Jon Young
sports editor

The NMU football team went into the game on Saturday, Oct. 13 winless in the GLIAC and facing the No. 14-ranked Grand Valley State University Lakers.

"This week our motto was believe," said senior quarterback Cody Scepaniak. "We believed in each other and it turned out great for us."

The 'Cats (1-5 GLIAC, 2-5 overall) came out firing on all cylinders as they snapped their four game losing streak with a 38-10 thrashing of Grand Valley. It was the first time since 2000 that NMU has defeated Grand Valley.

It was the first conference win for head coach Chris Ostrowsky and his staff. Ostrowsky said he could see the team's growth after

their loss to Tech on Saturday, Oct. 6 and this week it came together.

"It's a big time win," Ostrowsky said. "It's one of those wins that solidifies us in terms of this tenor. I can't tell you how proud I am of the players, their ability to believe in what we've done and work hard every day."

The Wildcat defense forced a three-and-out during the Lakers first drive of the game and the offense capitalized on a seven-play, 56-yard drive that ended with an 11-yard touchdown from junior running back Casey Cotta.

The 'Cats picked up the momentum early and never looked back outscoring the Lakers in each quarter and dominating Grand Valley on both sides of the ball.

The 'Cats forced four interceptions, including two by sophomore free safety Derek Beltrame and held the GLIAC's top ranked

offense to 78 passing yards.

The NMU defense held Tech scoreless in the second half a week prior.

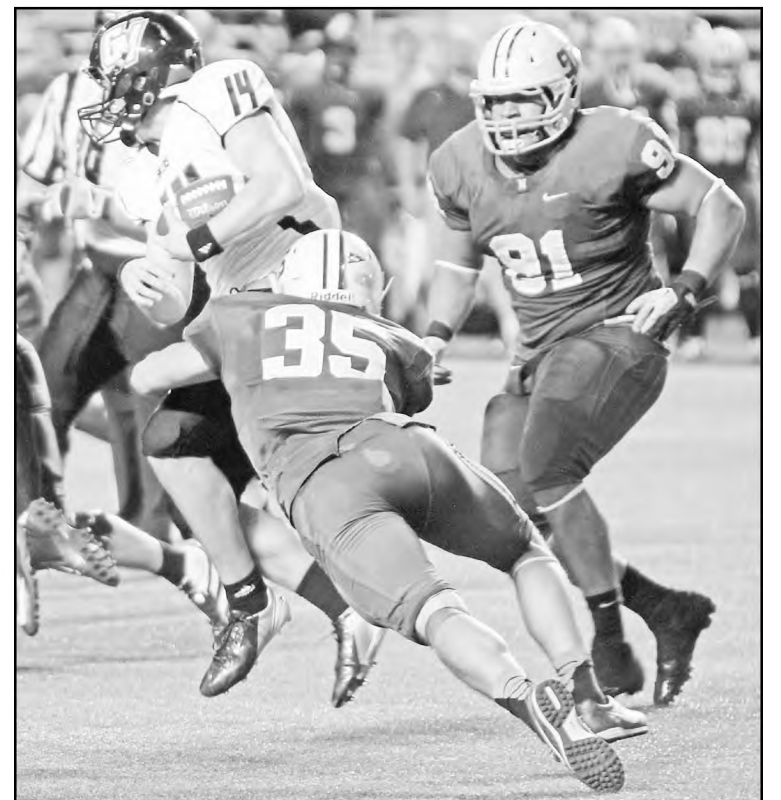
"It's six great quarters now," Ostrowsky said. "They went out just running at the football and believing in the scheme. All of those things, it takes time for kids to gel, for a team to understand. It's obviously starting to turn the other way right now."

The offense got a big boost from the foot of senior kicker Rockne Belmonte right before half. With 22 seconds left Ostrowsky rushed the kicking team on with the belief that the previous Wildcat reception had stayed inbounds.

The play in fact was ruled out but Belmonte and the kicking unit already had setup. The result was a 58-yard bomb that went through the uprights and gave Belmonte the school record for longest field goal, the previous record was 55 yards and had been in place since 1986.

"All week and the past two weeks, Coach O has given me chances during practice under pressure, 57, 59, 56 yards and I've been lucky enough to nail them all during practice," Belmonte said. "I took my time back there and Cody (Scepaniak) put the ball down, and as soon as I hit it, it was gone. We were celebrating."

On the offensive end, Scepaniak led the charge for the 'Cats connecting for 18-of-26 passes for 218 yards and a touchdown. Scepaniak also scrambled for 128



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore defensive back Nick Krause (35) and sophomore defensive end Jordan Adediran (91) make the tackle on Grand Valley's quarterback.



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Senior quarterback Cody Scepaniak (12) stretches out for one of his two rushing touchdowns against Grand Valley during Saturday's 38-10 win.

yards and two touchdowns.

Scepaniak, who started in place for injured redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Morley said the team's unity was key in the win.

"I waited a long time for this week, I worked hard and believed in my teammates," Scepaniak said. "The way our team played, it wasn't me, it was our team. Our team just came together and did some amazing things today and I'm so proud."

Cotta, who filled in for senior running back Prince Young,

racked up 130 yards rushing and punched in two touchdowns.

Scepaniak hit six different receivers led by freshman Sterlin Darling's three catches for 118 yards and sophomore Kelvin Smarwt's four catches for 43 yards and one touchdown.

The 'Cats racked up 462 total yards of offense, while holding Grand Valley to 263 yards.

The 'Cats hit the road next weekend as they travel to Detroit to take on Wayne State University at noon, Saturday, Oct. 20.

Wildcats bolt past U.P. rivals

By Jon Young
sports editor

The NMU cross country team took advantage of their lone home race of the season on Friday, Oct. 12, taking first at the U.P. Championships.

The 'Cats outpaced rival Michigan Tech and Finlandia, using groups of runners to put distance between the competition.

Head coach Jenny Ryan said she likes the teamwork of her athletes.

"It's good to see them run as a pack and team the first half of the race, and then they just all ran hard at the end," Ryan said. "It's great to see us finish one, two, three, four, five."

Along with taking the top five spots, NMU captured nine of the first 11 spots en route to a perfect team score of 15.

Sophomore Larissa Halonen, who finished second for the 'Cats, said having teammates around makes pacing easier.

"The depth has been unbelievable this year," Halonen said. "Every race it feels like someone new has come in first, second, third, fourth, fifth; it's great. It makes it a lot easier to have someone right next to you with your matching uniform on. You know if they can do it, you can to."

Junior Mandy Dye led the 'Cats with a time of 14:45 in the only 4k race of the year.

Dye said the shorter race is a good way to quicken the pace heading into the final weeks of competition.

"The pace is a lot quicker and we can sustain the same pace for what would usually be the first half of our race for this entire race," Dye said. "So it was a good time to tweak our speed."

Halonen finished behind Dye with a time of 14:50, followed by freshman Megan Edic (14:52), freshman Mary Kate Cirelli



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The 'Cats used their depth to capture nine of the first 11 spots at home on Friday. NMU is gearing up for the GLIAC Championship this weekend.

(14:53) and junior Mallory Celaya (14:53). Dye said the length of the course didn't change the team's mindset.

"We went into this just like we would any other race, working together, talking to each other, making sure that we stay really positive because we believe that a team that works together is a team that goes to Nationals and that's kind of our goal this season," Dye said.

To make it to Nationals, the 'Cats have to get a top-five finish in their region, where they are currently ranked eighth.

The Wildcats dropped a bit after the Roy Griak Invite but Dye thinks they are still in contention for a top five place.

"After our third meet of the season, we were seeded fourth, so I don't see why there is any reason that we can't get there again," Dye said.

NMU hits the road this weekend to gear up for the GLIAC Championship.

The race is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 in Midland, Mich. Halonen said the team is expecting a solid finish at conference.

"I think we have great potential to do very well this year," Halonen said. "Conference is a week away, so we're getting ready for that. We're kind of tapering a little bit. We're expecting to place in the top half definitely, hopefully even higher than that."



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Junior Mandy Dye dashes towards the finish line for a first place finish.

NMU sweeps Hillsdale at home

By Tyler Markle
contributing writer

On Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13, everything went swimmingly for the Wildcats as the women's swimming and diving team started the season with a sweep over Hillsdale.

On Friday the 'Cats swept all nine of the relays, winning 190-168 and Saturday NMU won the traditional dual meet, 170-101.

With first place in 10 of 13 competitions and a sweep in diving, the Cat's cruised to victory, and got things going quick this

year.

The day started with sophomore Emily Bourguignon taking first in the 100-yard backstroke, leading Hillsdale's Sarah Rinaldi all race.

The 100-yard breaststroke saw the 'Cats dominate as senior Olga Budiansky, freshman Caitlyn Brenden, and sophomore Aspen McHugh took first, second and third respectively.

The 100-yard butterfly was the Wildcats first loss as sophomore Madisen Sechena came in second to Hillsdale's Catherine Shilda by just a fraction of a second.

NMU quickly rebounded as sophomores Jordan Iverson, Tara Dowling and Dakota Sechena took the top three spots in the 1,000-yard freestyle. Jordan Iverson took an early lead and held onto it for the duration of the race, taking first by 15 seconds. In the 200-yard freestyle, sophomore Emily Brennan took first for NMU, leading the pack by four seconds. Hillsdale took first in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley.

Sophomore diver Molly Kearney swept Hillsdale's Gretchen Geist on the one-meter and three-meter boards. Kearney scored mostly sixes on her dives, with a few sevens, which was enough to beat Geist, who rarely scored above a five.

Wildcats' coach Heidi Voigt said she was very impressed with the whole team, and especially Kearney.

"I'm very happy with our performance today," Voigt said. "The speed of the swimmers looked very good. Molly was undefeated, and looked great. We can always hope to improve though, and looking forward, we are in a great spot right now."

(Madisen) Sechena took a first place finish in the next race, the 200-yard butterfly, beating Hill-

sdale's Jennifer Wheeler by one second. The 'Cats then won in the 100-yard freestyle as freshmen Crystal Bennet, and Bourguignon took first and second respectively. Wildcat Debbi Lawrence won the 200-yard backstroke by two-tenths of a second.

Iverson won the 500-yard freestyle, leading the entire race. It was close though, as sophomore teammate Dowling was just behind in the end, finishing a second short of Iverson as NMU took first and second.

In the final individual event, NMU took the top three spots as Budiansky, Brennan, and Brenden led the 200-yard breaststroke.

The match ended with the 400-yard freestyle relay. NMU's relay teams took first and third in the event. NMU senior Lauren Cockels was excited about her team's performance.

"The team did really well, we improved a lot from last year," Cockels said. "We're looking forward to next week, and the remainder of the season. This was a great effort for our first match."

The Wildcats have two meets next weekend at St. Cloud Minn. against St. Cloud and Minnesota State -Moorehead at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Golfers conclude fall season

By Karly Ratzenberger
staff writer

The golf team packed their bags and made the long trip to Elyria, Ohio on Friday, Oct. 13 to compete in the GLIAC Championship.

The Wildcats finished the tournament in 12th with a team score of 950.

Freshman Patrick Sweeney said the team's scores were not as low as they had hoped, but that did not dampen his spirits about the weekend in general.

"The weather conditions were tough on Saturday so we were not too disappointed with what we shot," Sweeney said. "We were hoping to make a lot of pars in the days following and try to move up on the leaderboard as much as we could."

Sweeney led NMU all tournament and finished in a tie for 47th place.

"My putting was definitely what kept me in the seventies," Sweeney said. "I was just hoping to hit some greens in regulation, and if my putting keeps up, my score should take care of itself."

Sophomore Ayrton Mantha was second for NMU and 50th overall with a score of 235.

Head coach Dean Ellis said the team lost one of its top players early in the season, so it was difficult for them to gain any momentum this season.

"When you lose your top player off of any team, it is a challenge," Ellis said. "That is a very big factor for us."

This tournament marked the end of the fall season for the 'Cats.

As they prepare for the spring season, Sweeney said the team is hoping to spend a lot of time hitting practice golf balls off of mats in the dome this winter.

"Living in the U.P. makes it very difficult to practice golf in the winter and spring," Sweeney said. "But we are going to practice as much as we can."

Ellis said he is generally disappointed in the team's fall season, but he is hopeful for the spring.

"A couple of tournaments got in the way of how we finished, and it was not a good situation to be in," Ellis said. "We will be working hard this winter to put us in a good position for the spring."

The 'Cats will kick off their spring season with the NCAA Regional tournament on the weekend of Friday, April 5 in Georgetown, Ky.



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore Molly Kearney soars mid-air during a dive attempt. Kearney was the lone NMU diver, winning both the one and three-meter events.

NMU returns home in search of wins

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU volleyball team competed at the fifth annual Mizuno GLVC/GLIAC Crossover Tournament last weekend, facing three teams and leaving with three losses.

The Wildcats travelled to Illinois to compete at the Crossover, starting on Friday, Oct. 12 against

Southern Indiana, 0-3, and Missouri-St. Louis, 0-3, and concluding on Saturday, Oct. 13 against Lewis, 2-3. The 'Cats wrapped up their final non-conference match with a record of 13-9. NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said the team played well to make the matches close, but came up short in the end.

"The players played hard," Yoder said. "They competed to give us chances to win, but we had some critical errors on both days that led to us not winning."

The 'Cats were swept in three sets against the Southern Indiana Eagles, losing the first set, 24-26, the second, 23-25, and the third, 17-25.

Junior left-side middle hitter Kalli Herron led the team in kills with 15.

Senior defensive specialist Kalin Zimmerman contributed from NMU's side of the net with 18 digs. Junior middle-hitter Sarah Hamilton contributed four block assists. Defensively, junior setter Kellisha Harley tallied 36 assists.

Harley said the team is coming away from the weekend with a renewed outlook for the future.

"We are taking this week of practice and these upcoming games to refocus and get back on the right track," Harley said. "We are just working on forgetting about the losses while working on perfecting the little things of the game that will help us finish sets and help us for the remainder of the season."

Friday's second match brought the 'Cats another close game, but ultimately brought them a second loss. NMU held their own against the Missouri-St. Louis Tritons, losing the first two sets 20-25 and 21-25. The Tritons clinched the match in the third set, 18-25.

Herron, once again, led the team in kills with 15. Zimmerman contributed 25 digs, leading the 'Cats defense. Harley remained consistent at the net with 28 additional assists.

Herron said a few aspects of the team's performance were not working during the match.

"The main thing that was not working for us was finishing sets," Herron said. "Other than that, we were playing strong. We tended to start well in all sets, but once it got to the last few points we struggled to finish the match. We are going to focus on serve-receive and finishing sets strong and not getting stuck in a rut at important times to

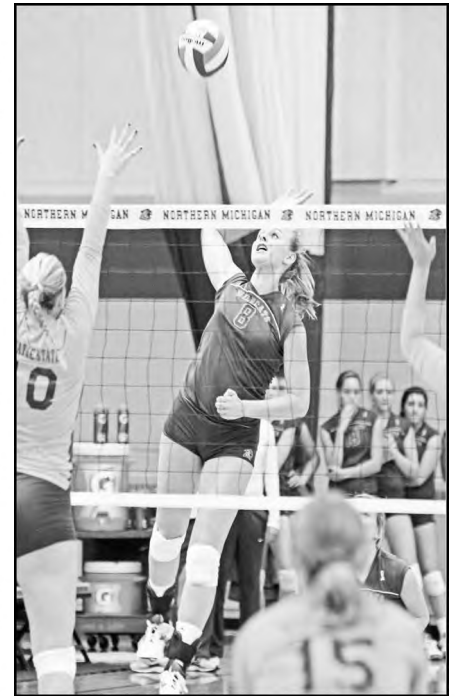
prepare to play at home."

On Saturday, the Wildcats lost its final match of the weekend against the Lewis University Flyers, 2-3.

The 'Cats had their strongest start of the weekend, taking the first two sets, 25-18 and 25-23 before dropping the final three matches.

For the weekend the 'Cats were led by Herron's 50 kills. Zimmerman chipped in 47 digs and Harley added 112 assists.

The Wildcats return home for their next two conference matches, starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 against Ohio Dominican. The next match starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 against Tiffin.



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Junior middle hitter Sarah Hamilton returns the ball against Wayne State. Hamilton has 165 kills and nine blocks this year.



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Senior right-side hitter Bailey Franklin sets up for the spike in action against Tech this season.

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Squirrel Dinner — I'm burning, I'm burning for you. — **Holland Township**

Mel Gibson — Just stop.— **The Human Race**

Paul Ryan —We don't want no scrubs. A scrub is a guy who uses us for a publicity stunt. — **Ohio soup kitchen**

Antonin Scalia — You can get into my amicus briefs anytime you'd like.— **Juris Prudence**

96-year-old farmer — You told me you were only 70. And to think, you were just using me to set a world record. — **Mother of your child**

The Universe — I always thought you were just a cool Science Fiction show on the History channel, but then my mom bought me a telescope.— **34-year-old couch potato**

Peanut butter — I wish we could be together, but it Johnny I tell you. He'd just die if were got together. — **Jelly**

Short shorts — Who wears short shorts? We do. — **70's basketball players**

Politics —Thanks for making us a part of the process. I know everyone wanted to hear what people like Quasimodo5968 had to say about Obama's flag pin. — **Twitter**

Gas station bathrooms — You better shape up soon. — **Stooly Dan**

ASNMU— Get a life. No one cares what you do, you can't actually change the school anyways #whereismypeifpass — **Student**

Whistleblowers — I'm offended that you're offended. — **A Normal Person**

Roomie — Please make yourself a speaker.— **Other roomie**

S. — Thanks for being the best. — **S.**

Kayleigh and Alaina— I know you are reading these... Make Good Decisions... WOOO! — **A**

Sea Star — Happy 21st Birthday lil sis!!— **H**

Sean H. —Word on the street is that you're taken. Just so you know that is not going to stop me. — **That Darn House**

Sara S.— Happy 21st Birthday to you on October 23! Love ya!— **Mom**

Marquette— Watch out for the 90s pro wrestler group on Halloween! We're tearing down the town! —**X-Pac**

Saige — Happy Birthday Saigey-poo! I love you! — **Carley**

Saggy — Happy Birthday. I love you. This weekend will be a blast! xoxo. — **Shaina**

My roomie — Can't wait for your birthday this weekend! Love ya girl! — **Love your roomie**

Shaina —Do people at The North Wind know how awesome their EIC is...? If not, someone should probably tell them. P.S. I can't wait to see you in Chicago!— **Andie**

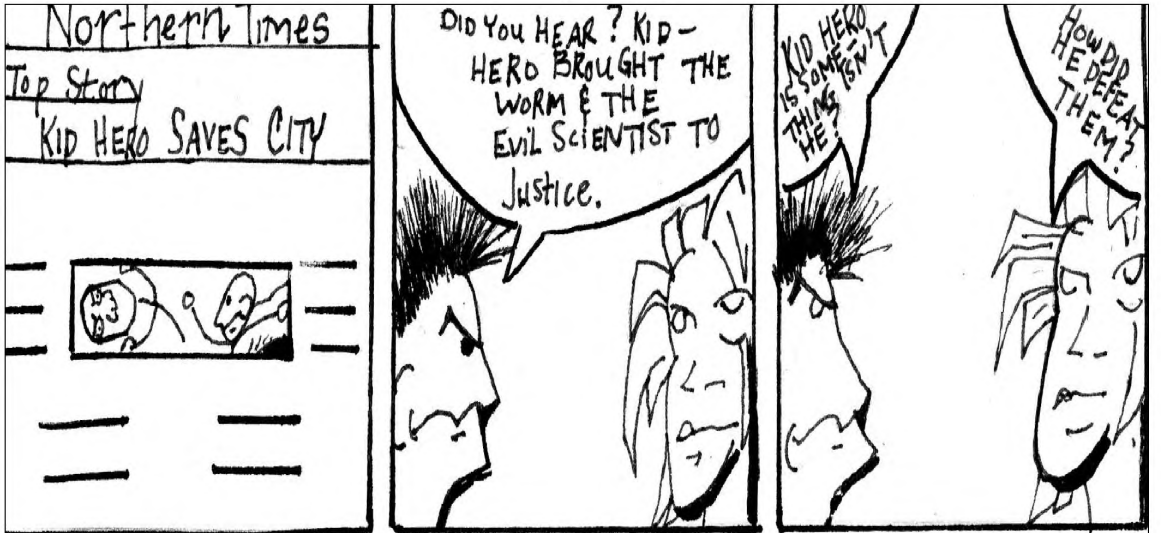
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