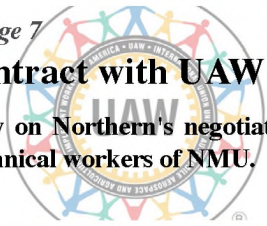


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Campus debate offers voter information

By **Hannah Fermanich**
news editor

Before heading to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6, NMU's Students for Liberty invites everyone to come learn more about the candidates and the top issues affecting the country at the Campus Debate on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Student representatives from the democratic, libertarian and republican groups on campus, along with their co-debaters, will be present to discuss major issues from the perspective of both the candidates and their corresponding party.

The goal of the debate is to present attendees with the facts about the election through civil conversation so that they can make informed decisions at the polls.

"We don't want this to be a fight

over petty issues," said Rachael Fisher, co-president of Students for Liberty. "Education is the main goal."

According to Fisher, Michigan residents have the most to vote on in the country this election season.

Not only is there the presidential election, but also voting for the different propositions as well as for the 109th district representative in the state legislature.

"It's exciting that we're going to see this debated on intelligently," Fisher said.

Representing the Democratic Party, president of NMU's College Democrats Drew Janego hopes that this event will help inform students and bring the political conversation back to campus.

"Try and become a more informed voter," Janego said.

As part of the discussion, Janego plans on talking about the different programs that President Barack Obama has implemented to expand education beyond universities to give more students an opportunity for higher education, according to Janego.

Matthew Holliday, junior mathematics major at NMU, will be representing the lesser-known Libertarian Party and candidate Gary Johnson.

Holliday has been involved with the College Libertarians on campus since its inception and he wants to inform students about the libertarian party and how it's more than just the middle ground between Republican and Democratic parties.

He plans to talk about important social issues including immigration and the legalization and distribution control of drugs, ac-

cording to Holliday.

"Saying you're voting for the lesser of two evils doesn't absolve you from all responsibility," Holliday said.

Former College Republican president Justin Bis will be representing the Republican Party at the debate.

He hopes that those who attend the event will be open to hear all sides and ultimately make their decision based on facts.

Bis plans on discussing the job situation in the country and presidential candidate Mitt Romney's plan to grow the economy.

"I really hope that they're (students) able to come in with a fair mind to listen to what we have to say," Bis said.

By bringing this event to North-

ern, these groups hope not only to inform their peers, but also encourage them to make the change they want to see happen.

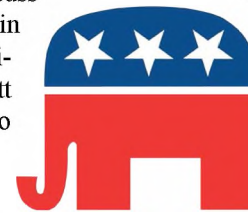
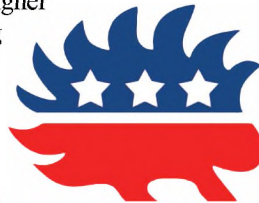
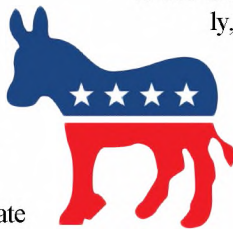
"If you really can't stand how things are going today, get involved and try to change it," Bis said.

The representatives for each party will answer questions first as to how their candidate would respond, and then based on the views of their parties.

The debate will be moderated by Dr. William Ball and Dr. Ruth Watry, both of whom are professors in the political science department at NMU.

The event will last about two hours, leaving the last hour open to questions from the audience.

The Campus Debate will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 in Jamrich Room 102. The event is free for students and community members.



Third party gives alternative

By **Marcellino Signorelli**
staff writer

While President Barack Obama and Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney occupy most of the media attention, there is more on the ballot than red versus blue.

Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson was the former governor of New Mexico, from 1995 to 2003. He founded Big J Enterprises, a construction company, during his college education. His running mate for vice president is James Gray.

"His achievements as New Mexico governor were balancing the budget, creating a surplus and limiting the size of government without anybody losing their jobs," said John Cruz, Michigan Campaign Director for Gary Johnson.

According to Rachael Fisher, Students for Liberty president and senior biology major, Johnson wants to see sensible reform to programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security by

shifting the programs to states and to fund it via grants to the states.

He is against and would repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly known as "Obamacare," citing that it is a duty for state government, not Federal government.

"He wants a 47 percent decrease in the defense budget and spending cuts all across the board," Fisher said. "He wants to abolish the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) and limit the Federal Reserve."

As a Libertarian, Johnson is against a large federal government. He believes the power should lie with the state government's and the federal government should have a limited role.

"[Education] is best handled

at the local level," Cruz said. "He would eliminate or decrease federal departments, and give the money to the states so they can pursue their own interest, education being one. He would either downsize or eliminate the Department of Education."

Johnson is a non-interventionist, meaning he does not support war as well as overseas bases.

"He believes strongly in humanitarian missions when appropriate, because sometimes intervention is necessary to save or protect lives," Cruz said. "The day he takes office, he would call for a total withdrawal from Afghanistan immediately. He would close overseas bases, Guantanamo and make the role of the military national defense, without policing the world."

Johnson supports a laissez-faire economy, having studied job growth as New Mexico governor.

"To grow jobs, the government cannot create jobs but must get out of the way to foster an environment where it can grow,"



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Police investigate operating meth lab

By **Hannah Fermanich**
news editor

An operating meth lab was discovered in the Presque Isle apartments of Marquette after local police officers were alerted to a possible exposure of a military nerve agent on Friday, Oct. 19.

According to the press release, officers arrived at the apartment to investigate the possible nerve agent exposure. Upon searching the apartment, officers found components that are used in the manufacturing of meth as well as an active cook in operation.

According to the press release, the tenants of the surrounding six apartments were evacuated along with the tenants of the apartment in question. The Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET) arrived on the scene to clean up and collect evidence from the apartment.

The Marquette Fire Department and the Marquette County Sheriff's Office also responded to the scene.

NMU Public Safety encourages



Kristen Koehler/NW

A meth lab was discovered Friday, Oct. 19 after police received a tip.

students who are suspicious of possible drug activity to contact them with their concerns.

"If you suspect any making of any type of drug, or the using of any drug, contact Public Safety and they will make the determination," said Capt. Jeffrey Mincheff of Public Safety.

The case is still under investigation and more information will be available as the case progresses.

Briefs

State News

Governor Rick Snyder signed new legislation aimed at protecting young athletes from concussions on Tuesday, Oct. 23. The new law requires that all adults involved with youth sports, including coaches, volunteers and employees, go through a concussion awareness program. It also requires them to provide educational materials to the athletes they work with. Coaches will now have to remove any youth athlete from play if they suspect them of having a concussion. The athlete would then not be allowed to return to compete until receiving written clearance from a health care professional. According to Snyder, more than 140,000 high school athletes in the U.S. are injured with concussions every year.

National News

Recent emails to the White House, obtained by news organizations, show that the Sept. 11, 2012 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya, was confirmed a terrorist attack two hours after the initial strike, despite what the administration had originally said. A tip from an anonymous source specifically mentioned the group Ansar al-Sharia as the Libyan group responsible for the attack. The emails also show U.S. diplomats describing the attack as it happened. The attack claimed the lives of four Americans, including the U.S. Ambassador to Libya, Christopher Stevens. U.S. officials credit the attack to local militants with alleged links to al-Qaeda affiliates. White House spokesman, Jay Carney maintained the claim that the attack developed spontaneously from a demonstration outside the facility over an anti-Islam video. U.S. Officials have also emphasized that early intelligence of the attacks were mixed.

International News

Mark Thompson, former head of British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and incoming chief executive of The New York Times, has been questioned by Margaret Sullivan, The New York Times public editor, for his possible involvement in the BBC child sex scandal that took place last year. The scandal involved the late Jimmy Savile, long-time host of the BBC music program "Tops of the Props." According to police, there could be over 200 victims. Thompson stated he never worked with Savile, never worked on his programs and never met him. However, The Sunday Times reported in an Oct. 7 story that a BBC journalist had tipped Thompson off about the investigation into Savile. Doug Arthur, an analyst with Evercore Partners, said Thompson should delay accepting his position at The New York Times until there is more clarity.

Weird News

Donald Trump released a statement on Wednesday, Oct. 24 saying he would write a check to a charity of President Obama's choice for \$5 million. In return, Trump has requested Obama's college records, passport records and applications to be released to the public. Obama must release the documents by Oct. 31, a week from the initial request and before election day. Trump began his statement by arguing that Obama has been the "least transparent" president America has ever seen. He also brought up the long battle Hillary Clinton and John McCain fought for the release of Obama's birth certificate.

— Compiled from news sources

NMU students attend drop in fitness classes



Zerek Tweed /NW

NMU offers students a variety of physical activities through their drop-in classes at the PEIF, including Zumba classes.

Pedestrians killed in local motor vehicle accidents

By Hannah Fermanich
news editor

The Marquette City Police Department is investigating two incidents of pedestrian motor vehicle accidents that claimed the lives of two local men.

The first of the two incidents involved 86-year-old Marquette resident, Donald A. Papin. According to a police report, Papin was crossing West Washington Street, around Burger King, at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 when he was hit by a van.

"There was a man walking from the area of Burger King across the street to do his laundry," Detective Sgt. Mike Kohler of the Marquette Police said.

The van was driven by a 50-year-old Marquette resident on his way to work that morning. Papin was crossing the street from north to south with the van travelling east when he was hit. The collision fatally injured Papin.

"It was dark out, the roads were wet," Kohler said. "There's a bit of a hill there. I believe the pedestrian would have been at the crest of the hill."

The second incident involved 31-year-old Thomas Oral Pizziola of Ishpeming. Pizziola was walking on the west shoulder of highway US-41 near the Econo Lodge motel, facing traffic, when he was struck by a semi at 6:44 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21.

"The subject was walking northbound on the west side of the highway, towards town," Kohler said. "He would be coming against the traffic coming southbound towards Harvey."

According to Kohler, the 30-year-old semi driver from Winnipeg, Manitoba was heading south on the highway when he came upon Pizziola who was northbound. The driver observed the pedestrian and changed lanes from the right lane to the passing lane when Pizziola crossed the road in front of him. The accident claimed Pizziola's life.

Both incidents are still under investigation. More information will be released once the investigations are complete.

Campus Crime Map

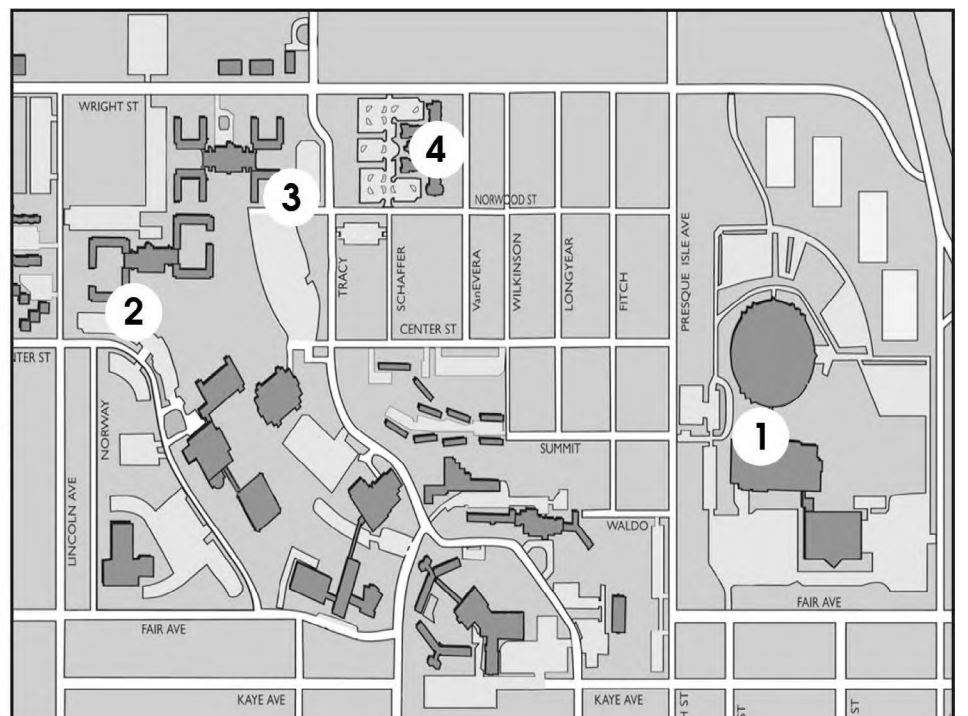
Map Key

1: A theft was reported at 3:40 p.m. on Oct. 18 at the PEIF.

2: A person was arrested for violating the controlled substance act at 1:38 a.m. on Oct. 18 at Spalding Hall.

3: A simple assault involving four students was reported at 7:33 p.m. on Oct. 20 at Magers Hall.

4: A larceny of university property was reported at 4:57 p.m. on Oct. 22 at Woodland Park apartments.



Health resources available to students

Online resources give students information about healthy living

By Braden Linick
assistant news editor

The Health Promotion Office (HPO) has recently added two new online resources for students, the Health Guru and Student Health 101.

The Health Guru is a video library on the NMU website which covers a range of different student-related health issues.

The online database contains about 1,000 videos that typically range from two to three minutes per video.

It is free of advertisements and comes at no cost to the university to gain access to it.

"Health Guru was looking to expand their video library and picked about half a dozen schools to try it out," Lenny Shible said, Health Promotion Specialist. "We were picked by Health Guru to try out their program."

Student Health 101 is an e-

magazine that puts out a new issue every month. Each issue is 40 pages, with six of them being locally related. It is being used by more than 500 universities across the country.

According to Shible, the idea for the e-magazine came when funding was made available by the university for him and his staff to attend a nationwide health conference in Chicago, put on by the American College Health Association (ACHA).

The group spent some time at a poster session during the four-day conference.

"It was kind of like a flea market, where folks were selling products and services that were convinced this would help student's lives," Shible said. "Here they were selling jobs and services to explore."

"We pulled our heads together and all stumbled upon Health Guru and Student Health 101."



When the group returned from the conference, Shible was able to get things going to institute the programs, Stephanie Stockel said Health Promotion Assistant.

They then brought the idea to the Center for Student Enrichment (CSE) who has approved the two resources. Although Health Guru happened to be a free resource for Northern, Student Health 101 cost about \$7,400 to bring to campus.

Shible credited Associate Provost for Student Affairs, Bill Bernard, to getting the project on its feet. Bernard suggested HPO find partners to help fund the project.

According to Shible, Dining Services, the Health Center and Public Safety were recruited

to partner with HPO and split the funding of the project.

The health, physical education and recreation department went in with the dean of professional studies for a split partnership.

"Each of the funders will get one complete page in the magazine every month," Shible said. "We saw this as an opportunity to get a health related message out from our partners every month for the next ten months."

On the first of each month, students will receive an email alerting them of the e-magazine. If students lose the email link, the

monthly catalog can be found on the HPO website, Stockel said.

Shible went on to mention some incentives for students who participate in the e-magazine.

"Student Health 101 is giving away \$1,000 every month to a student," Shible said. "In order to be eligible for that drawing, you need to open up that email and click the 1000."

"On the local level, NMU Public Safety donated a parking pass for this month's drawing."

Students have access to the entire archive of Student Health 101 from 2007 when it first became available, Shible said.

The archive can be found by clicking in the upper right hand corner on the front page of the e-magazine.

For more information, the Health Guru can be accessed at www.nmu.edu/healthpromotions/healthguru and www.readsh101.com/nmu.html for Student Health 101.



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UPAWS finds success with NMU volunteers

By Katie Buda
contributing writer

For the third consecutive year, the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter (UPAWS) has earned the "No Kill" award for an outstanding save rate, with help from NMU students.

The Michigan Pet Fund Alliance named Marquette County as one of 11 communities in the state with a save rate of at least 90 percent of its shelter animals.

There are 50 no-kill shelters, or shelters with a 90 percent save rate, in the nation. Eleven of those are in Michigan. Seven of those 11 are located in the Upper Peninsula.

According to Larcina Van Strien, the shelter's manager, over 100 NMU students volunteer at UPAWS, which contributes considerably to its success.

From grooming the scraggly pets, to cleaning up their "accidents," to simply giving them some R&R, NMU student volunteers help the UPAWS to maintain its "no kill" status.

"To know that you've saved at least one life is remarkable, let alone as many as UPAWS has," NMU student and volunteer Julia McLean said.

McLean served her Superior Edge internship with UPAWS where she spent several hours

walking, grooming and socializing with the homeless animals.

"I know countless passionate students like myself who visit frequently and I know we've made a difference," McLean said.

Beyond pet-grooming and dog-walking, the shelter provides other opportunities for students.

A variety of student majors have worked and gained experience with UPAWS including graphic arts, pre-vet, business and building trades.

Although the shelter is now one of the most acknowledged in the nation, it hasn't always been this way.

A few years ago, the shelter had an average save rate of 40 percent. Today, the animal home boasts a 95-percent save rate.

"It used to be I never even wanted to get to know the animals that came into our shelter because you knew that over half of them would die because we failed them," UPAWS board president Reva Laituri said.

In the last several years, however, every healthy, safe, adoptable animal has found a home, Laituri said.

The only ones that have not been saved were fatally ill, injured or had behavioral issues that made them a risk to the community.

In 2009, Laituri recalls when two NMU students took in an el-



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UPAWS is located about one mile from U.S. 41 in Negaunee Township and offers shelter for the homeless animals of Marquette community.



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derly cat with health and behavior issues, knowing full well the extra care, cost or attention that animal needed.

"We will never forget the kindness they showed that cat in providing it a loving home for the last month of its life," Laituri said. "Those are the people that are especially near and dear to our hearts."

Out of the 5 to 7 million companion animals that enter an animal shelter each year, 60 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats are euthanized nationally, according to the ASPCA.

The president attributes

UPAWS' successes to not just the staff, but the entire community that supports the shelter and its mission.

"When I accepted the award on behalf of the community, I thought of those two NMU students," Laituri said.

Laituri also praises the businesses who allow donation bins in their establishments, the volunteers who keep the website updated and transport animals and the local veterinarians who keep the animals healthy.

"If I had to be a homeless animal, I would hope it was in Marquette County," Laituri said.

Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month

Decolonizing Diet Project: A six-month overview with Martin Reinhardt, Ph.D.

Thursday, November 1 at 6 p.m.

Mead Auditorium - West Science Building

Since March 25, 2012 Marty Reinhardt, assistant professor in Native American Studies, has led an academic research project entitled the Decolonizing Diet Project. Learn about how the project has been going for the first six months and learn about a mini-challenge taking place from November 2-9.

U.P. Art and Folklife Workshop with guest Anishinaabe elder Elizabeth Kimewon

Two-part workshop making birch bark trivets with porcupine quills and sweetgrass

Beaumier Heritage Center - 1st Floor Cohodas

Friday, November 2 from 1 - 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Limited Seating for 15 - Must pre-register for this two-part workshop by calling Dan Truckey at 227-1219 by Monday, October 29 at 5 p.m.

Co-hosted by the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center, the Center for Native American Studies and made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Coffeehouse Music Series featuring Anishinaabe musician Bobby Bullet

Saturday, November 3 at 7 p.m.

Peter White Lounge - University Center

Co-hosted by the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center, the Center for Native American Studies and made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Special performance and reading with Joseph Bruchac, Ph.D.

Thursday, November 8 at 7 p.m.

Jamrich Hall 103

Sponsored by the King*Chavez*Parks Visiting Professor Initiative, the NMU Center for Native American Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the English Department and the School of Education.

12th annual First Nations Food Taster

Friday, November 9 from 5 - 7 p.m.

D.J. Jacobetti Complex

In conjunction with the Decolonizing Diet Project. This is a ticketed event.

This is a fundraiser for the Native American Student Association with support from the Center for Native American Studies and the Hospitality Management program



Above: Lac du Flambeau music artist Bobby Bullet



Above: Joseph Bruchac, Ph.D.
Photo Credit: Martin Benjamin

For the entire list of Native American Heritage Month activities call the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397 or visit www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.



Northern Michigan University

Students learn about business

Business competition teaches entrepreneurship

By Adele Herman
contributing writer

The NMU College of Business will sponsor the seventh annual New Business Ventures Competition in which students will create business plans for new entrepreneurship ideas.

The competition is open to any NMU student, regardless of major, with a business idea in the beginning stage or startup phase of operation.

The intent to compete form, including a business proposal, is due to the College of Business on Thursday, Nov. 15.

"We thought it would be a great opportunity for Northern students," Jody Lindberg said, assistant dean of the College of Business.

Lindberg said there have been many other models of the business competition at other universities that have inspired NMU to offer a competition of their own.

The first portion of the competition consists of completion of the Intent to Compete form.

This form outlines the proposed business, which will be

screened by a panel of faculty and staff to select those who will move on to the next round of competition, according to Lindberg.

For the second round of competition, students will write a business plan for a 20-minute presentation in front of a panel of judges.

Students also participate in a trade fair offering prototypes or informational materials on services of their proposed business as well as a 60-second elevator pitch.

"Each one of the judges has a select expertise," Lindberg said.

The panel, consisting of five judges, is comprised of individuals who are considered business professionals that are not from NMU.

The panel of judges changes for every year of competition, according to Lindberg.

Students are judged on the viability of the business plan and persuasiveness used in pre-

senting the plan, Lindberg said.

"I wanted to participate to be able to take advantage of the judges who are there," Martin Banerud said, graduate student in the Masters of Business Administration program.

Banerud and his team including Steve Farr, Jordan Wilson and Aron Jurmu took

We are lucky at NMU as future business owners and entrepreneurs to have an opportunity to learn, but to also get valuable feedback.

— Martin Banerud
graduate student

second place in the 2011-12 competition for their business idea, Marquette Roofing Tiles.

The product proposed for the business was a new roofing material made of concrete, Banerud said.

"We are lucky at NMU as future business owners and entrepreneurs to have an opportunity to learn but to also get valuable feedback," Banerud said.

By entering the competition, students learn valuable information regarding both the marketing and financial sides of business as well as learning where there is room for improvement in their business plans, Banerud said.

"There is some level of business knowledge that everyone is going to need," Lindberg said.

Business ideas from the competition have ranged from ice cream shops to handcrafted winter clothing, Lindberg said.

Simple ideas can be just as successful as the complex ones, but it is easy to tell who puts the time and thought into the creation of their business plan, according to Lindberg.

"If they need guidance or help, we will help," Lindberg said.

The entrepreneurship faculty is available to offer guidance to anyone interested in the competition, Lindberg said.

For more information on the New Business Ventures Competition, contact the College of Business at bizdean@nmu.edu or visit www.nmu.edu/business.

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Cruz said. "He is an advocate of the Fair Tax, and would replace the IRS with a prebate consumption tax."

Johnson is also against the War on Drugs, claiming it as detrimental to civil liberties as well as financially for the government.

"Marijuana laws channel funds that police would have otherwise," Scott Ranger, Students for Liberty member and junior economics major, said. "Johnson related it to Prohibition, where the outlawing of alcohol did nothing but create crime. Just like alcohol and tobacco, he believes it should be legalized and taxed."

According to Fisher, Johnson believes the duty of the Federal government is to hold property rights, protect freedom and to ensure the 'pursuit of happiness.'

"The Federal government should not mandate federal laws, as it is not feasible for each state because each state is unique," Ranger said. "As governor, he had a record for vetoes, striking down legislation that would grow the government."

Johnson is not on the ballot in Michigan, as he decided to switch from the Republican to the Libertarian ticket, but voters can write him in.

For more information about Johnson, visit www.garyjohnson2012.com.



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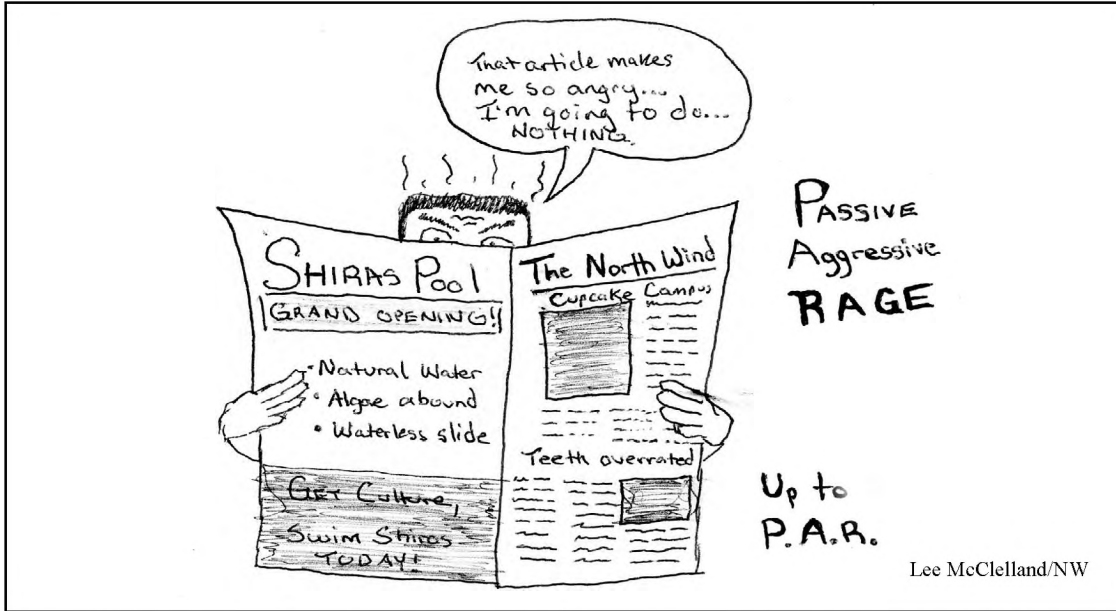
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Staff Editorial



Voice opinion, write letter to editor

Our staff challenges the students of Northern Michigan University to voice their opinions, to express dissent and to make themselves heard. By writing a letter to the editor, you are providing your perspective on current events and giving other students an opportunity to respond.

The North Wind wants to hear what students think about current events on campus. As of late, our staff has only received one letter to the editor. This is much lower than usual.

There is an absence of conversation about the news on campus, and it is the students who can start a discussion right here in the pages of the North Wind.

The students of NMU have a lot of valuable things to say, and the North Wind staff knows this. Students should take the time to write out their thoughts and submit them.

If you don't write a letter, then it can be assumed you take no stance on any issue. Feeling strongly about something is one thing, but doing something about it, such as writing a letter to the editor, is another.

Students should be more engaged in current events here at NMU. The whole purpose of going to college is the pursuit of knowledge and the expression of ideas. A letter to the editor is a testament to students' passion and interest in campus life.

Don't be a passive reader. Write a letter to the editor and tell us what you think.

The North Wind's letter to the editor policy is as follows: letters to the editor must include a full name, year, major and phone number for verification. Limit letters to 250 words or less. Letters can be mailed to The North Wind, 2310 University Center, 1401 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette, MI 49855.

Letters can also be submitted via email to editor.northwind@gmail.com, or through a website submission on www.northwindonline.com.

Shopping local smart choice



Staff Column

Jon Young

In the four years that I've been in Marquette, I've noticed an influx of name-brand chain stores popping up on the highway.

I'm sure a lot of college students get excited that they can get their fix of Buffalo Wild Wings, Best Buy or whatever sweet deal T.J. Maxx is offering that week, but I think it's important to consider the effects this trend could have on Marquette's downtown and locally-owned businesses.

With the opening of PetSmart and T.J. Maxx in the past two months, it is as important as ever to support businesses that have served the community and that have local ties to the community amongst their ownership.

Casualties is a family-owned business and has been in Marquette for 13 years, providing the area with snowboards, shoes, skate and surfing accessories and T-shirts they make in-house.

The owners of Casualties are NMU alumnus and have invested in the city by providing students and residents with job opportunities and a place to shop. Do you think the CEO of T.J. Maxx cares about the community of Marquette, let alone has even heard of Marquette?

The Pet Shop is a similar case. It has been in Marquette for over 15 years and the owner is an NMU alumni. PetSmart had their grand opening last weekend, and while it garnered a lot of excitement, we as buyers should keep supporting places like The Pet Shop and Mare-Z-Doats (locally owned since 1983).

I'm not implying that being the CEO or owner of a chain store makes you a heartless person, but I do think that distance disconnects you from the Marquette community.

When someone has no connection to the city or community other than the money their business generates, they don't have the emotional tie that is crucial in keeping downtown vibrant.

Someone miles away has less of a connection to the city and, in

many cases, will not care about Marquette or the workers that keep the city alive.

A good example of this is the recent closing of Upfront & Company. While this business wasn't part of a chain, it was controlled by out-of-town ownership.

The owner deuced on over 70 employees, giving them a four-days notice before locking the doors.

That's not to say that all owners are this ruthless, but it goes to show that when someone doesn't live in a community, they don't care as much about the effects of their decisions.

Marquette's downtown has its own style. The store fronts are almost all filled and there aren't any nationally recognized chains fogging up the windows on Washington Street. Marquette has its own culture.

The outskirts of downtown are already showing signs of corporate America with Little Caesars and Dominos on the horizon.

These stores haven't muscled their way into the main block of downtown Marquette, but it seems like that could be the next step.

Now think of locally-owned restaurants like The Vierling being replaced by Texas Roadhouse; Dairy Queen taking over for Donkers; and The Landmark Inn turning into a Holiday Inn.

This seems unlikely, but it's our responsibility as consumers to support locally-owned business and keep downtown Marquette original.

If students want to spend their time shopping at malls and blowing money at fraternity-style sports bars, they should go to school in a city that has already established that scene and not expect Marquette to adapt.

Owners of stores like The Pet Shop, Casualties and Mare-Z-Doats, amongst others, have connections to Marquette. They have taken the risk of opening a small business and are giving back to the community.

Local businesses give the Marquette community a distinct character and quality. They have been helping residents for years.

We as consumers owe it to these owners and the city itself to shop local and keep chain stores on the highway out of town.

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UAW 1950 deserves raise to cover health care costs

Weekly Take Away



Lee McClelland

Northern Michigan University has been locked in contract negotiations with the 1950 United Auto Workers (UAW) since July 2011. Almost a year and a half later, the two parties have not reached an agreement.

In an interest-based bargaining process, each side makes an offer and the other considers that offer. While time is needed to weigh the options, the time it is taking the university to settle the 1950 UAW contract is erring on absurdity.

The 1950 UAW represents 150 NMU employees, 138 of whom are female. These workers help communicate within and between departments on campus. They are seeking a new contract that would allow them to break even in regards to pay.

The issue at hand is primarily about health care coverage, a cost which has risen all across the country. The university has proposed a

contract that would switch health coverage to a plan with a \$2,600 premium—an \$1,100 increase in cost to the 1950 UAW employees.

This cost would cut into the gross pay of these dedicated workers, some of whom make less than \$10 an hour. An increase in health care premiums would amount to a 34 cents an hour loss in pay for 1950 UAW members at NMU.

These workers are some of the lowest paid on campus. According to the Northern Michigan University 1950 UAW Seniority list from July 2012, the calculated median wage of secretary and clerical workers is \$13.49 per hour.

The United States Bureau of Labor and Statistics states that the median pay for secretaries and administrative assistants is \$16.66 per hour, 19 percent more than the median pay for 1950 UAW members here on campus.

NMU has settled contracts with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), 2178 United Auto Workers (UAW) and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). The negotiations with the 1950 UAW have gone on much longer than those with any of these other unions.

The university's contract proposals have sought to minimize the cost of health care for the uni-

versity by passing the cost onto the employees, digging into their take-home pay which they use to take care of their families and pay their bills.

The difference between the other unions on campus and the 1950 UAW is that the percentage of annual income affected by the increase in health care costs is much higher for 1950 UAW employees.

During hard economic times, it is understandable for the university to try and cut its costs. By creating a contract that puts an additional \$1,100 onto the backs of employees who already make considerably less than others on campus, it is cutting costs in an area that does not amount to substantial savings.

With 150 members, saving \$1,100 per person would sum to \$165,000 of savings annually. The 2011-12 NMU Financial Report indicated that the "Operating and non-operating expenses of \$155.2 million for the year ended June 30, 2012 decreased by \$1.9 million and includes a \$2.8 million decrease in salaries, wages, and benefits."

I commend the university for tightening its belt and cutting costs, but by giving the 1950 UAW a 53 cents an hour raise, it will allow 1950 UAW workers to cover the cost of health care so

that those workers break even in regards to gross pay. The aforementioned \$165,000 of savings amounts to roughly six percent of the \$2.8 million that was the result of decreased salaries, wages and benefits.

Workers on campus deserve adequate pay that reflects their worth. Be they professors, janitors, maintenance workers or secretaries, these people deserve a fair wage.

Cutting the 1950 UAW wage by 34 cents shows that the university dismisses the needs of the lowest wage earners on campus.

I encounter these secretaries every day. The English Department's secretary, Angela McCabe, is the glue that holds her department together. She coordinates schedules, keeps in contact with other departments and answers a myriad of questions brought to her everyday.

Cara Kamps, the principle secretary for the Superior Edge program, juggles work and family, but she still has time to help out Platform Personalities, a group of which I am co-president. For our Max Brooks event that took place on Tuesday, Oct. 23, she put up posters all over campus, adorning them with stickers that read "tonight."

This is not a part of her job description, but she does it on top of everything else.

Bernadette Norden is another one of these secretaries: she is also known as the woman who helps manage student organizations on campus, while making sure we all land on the other side of chaos.

Without these individuals, there is no NMU, or at least not one that runs with any kind of productivity and order.

NMU can afford to give the 1950 UAW enough money in their new contract to offset the rising cost of health care.

These individuals have earned a raise, and with all they do for the university, it is a wonder why they have been locked in negotiations this long.

The character of NMU can be measured by those who work and learn within its buildings. There are 150 people that contribute to making this campus a truly great place.

The university should recognize them and give them the paltry sum they are asking for.

For almost a year and a half, it has been an all right day to be a Wildcat for members of the 1950 UAW. The university should come to its senses and give the secretaries and clerical workers on campus the raise they so deserve.

It will be a great day to be a Wildcat when the 1950 UAW contract is ratified.

Electoral College represents rural voters



Guest Column

Brian Westrick

The Electoral College is a confusing concept for many. We're aware of the simple version of it; presidential candidates attempt to win states, rather than individual votes.

By winning these states, the candidates bank a certain number of electors, or "points." The number of points, or votes, that a candidate can win from a certain state is directly proportional to the population of the state, as it is the same as the number of Congressmen who can represent the state.

With a finite number of points available to the candidates, a candidate must secure "50 percent plus one," of the votes to be elected president.

It's complicated, convoluted and makes some states matter more than others.

The Electoral College system is not without its critics. Among the chief criticisms is the nature of "swing states," or states that can be unpredictable come election day.

There are many critics who say that this makes a vote in Ohio or Florida, two of the largest swing states, more important than, say, a vote in California.

It is with this in mind that a large cry has been heard to go to a popu-

lar vote to choose the president. While this may solve the swing state problem, it creates new problems that the Electoral College actually does address.

First, it prevents an urban-centric electoral process. More than 75 percent of Americans live in areas that could be considered urban, or at the very least, metropolitan.

This creates a problem in which a candidate can completely ignore rural voters, and go so far as to state that these rural areas don't matter and could shape policy in that fashion.

For example, a massive subsidy to people living in urban areas at the expense of rural Americans might be enough to secure a majority of urban votes, which creates an underrepresented sect of Americans.

This is an issue that those of us in the U.P. already deal with on a smaller scale. When it comes to electing congressmen or governors in Michigan, the U.P. can be essentially ignored and a candidate can still win the office without much problem.

Our population is so small and spread so thin that we are politically irrelevant. This makes us a small-scale example of what could happen to every rural voter in the country should a popular vote be instated.

Some may ask if our situation doesn't make us more of a model of a state in the Electoral College than a model for rural voters. The answer is that no matter how liberal

or conservative a particular state is, after time, if the party that a state typically supports continues to fail to serve the interests of the state, the party will lose hold on power within the state.

The former deputy director of the Office of Election Administration, William Kimberling, in 1992, stated in his report that it also helped to enhance the voting power of minorities.

By breaking the election down state-by-state, more diverse states force candidates to acknowledge and to campaign toward minority voters. This means any minority population throughout the nation that is prevalent in a state. This could include legal immigrants, the elderly and white collar Americans, among others.

It also addresses issues that may come from low voter turnout. With a November election, it is perfectly reasonable to believe that voters in New England, or the Midwest may be less likely to make it to the polling stations.

The smaller sample that may accurately represent those who were unable to make it, even though not all voters could do so.

The Electoral College is not perfect. Any method used to measure an executive in charge of 300 million people will have its share of flaws.

While the popular vote has its strengths, it comes with a host of problems that many believe to be much more damaging than the system in place.

Sound Off

compiled by Zerek Twede

What are you going to be for Halloween?



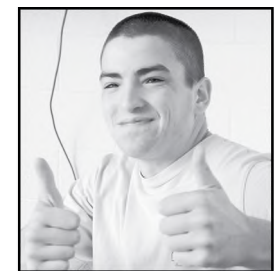
Virginia Ponkey
sophomore, illustration
"Jedi, so I can talk Jedi."



Kyle Cushway
freshman, history
"A vampire because they are sweet."



Gary Graf
freshman, criminal justice
"A pirate because I already had an eye injury and a eye patch."



Miles Curnutt
freshman, English
"A lumberjack because I'm from the north woods."



Ashley Novak
junior, nursing
"The Hulk because I already found the costume."



Amanda Woods
sophomore, theatre
"A gypsy because it's easy to throw together."

Treat yourself

By Nolan Krebs
contributing writer

Few days in the calendar year fill the air with a more mystical, ghostly and downright bizarre essence than the night of October 31.

According to the American Folklife Center, what is now known as Halloween began as a Celtic festival of the dead known as Samhain (pronounced Sah-ween). The day marked the beginning of winter, a time when crops were to be harvested and stored for the harsh months ahead. For some people, the Halloween today still has strong ties to the harvest season.

“When I think of Halloween, the first thing that pops into my mind is pumpkins and apple cider,” said senior art and design major Brian Kroes. “Of course it’s a time to celebrate, but it’s a seasonal holiday first for me.”

The Celtic people believed that this was also the time of year when the ghosts of those who had died during the year were among the living, as they made their journey to the afterlife. Animals were sacrificed and bonfires were lit to guide the departed souls.

The connotation of All Hallows’ Eve as a day of evil came about when Christian missionaries began to change the religious beliefs of the Celts. Samhain, and its reliance on traditional Celtic deities, was deemed a pagan celebration and associated with the devil. Those that continued to follow the old religious beliefs were forced into hiding and called witches by the church.

Today, the association with this day and all types of supernatural beings carries on. Kids and adults dress up in all sorts of costumes and wander the streets in a strange celebration undeniably tied to the afterlife.

While trick-or-treating is one of the most notorious traditions of the holiday, for a lot of college students, Halloween revolves around dressing up and the parties.

“My favorite part is just seeing everyone all dressed up and out and about,” said junior English major Dane Branson. “There’s always a lot going on and it’s rad to see what people come up



Kristen Koehler/NW

The Forest Roberts Theater will be hosting the fourth annual Haunted Theater, running from Oct. 25–Oct. 27.

with for costumes.”

Whether All Hallows’ Eve is a day to be willfully weird or a day to commemorate the harvest and impending winter, it’s certain that there will be no shortage of celebrating on Oct. 31.

Halloween events around town and NMU campus:

There will be a Halloween Costume Party hosted by Black Student Union from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the Michigan Room of the University Center. Prizes for best single, couple and group (no more than 3 people) costumes.

Campus Cinema will be showing the movie “Poltergeist” at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in Jamrich 102. Free with NMU ID, \$1 for general public.

Wear a costume to the Halloween Spectacle in downtown Marquette, featuring a skeleton drumline and live dancers. The event starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the Marquette Commons.

The Multicultural Education and Resource Center will be hosting a pumpkin painting event from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 in 3001 Hedgcock.



Kristen Koehler/NW

An electric chair; one of the many props that are part of the haunted theater maze in Forest Roberts Theater.

F to Halloween



Kristen Koehler/NW

A witch at the Hayes Corn Maze, a Halloween entertainment destination 45 minutes south of Marquette. The maze, located in the city of Rock, costs \$8 for adults but children under the age of two get in for free.



Kristen Koehler/NW

David Epper, a Marquette resident, encourages students to walk by his house on Waldo Street and check out his yard decorated like a bog.



Kristen Koehler/NW

The Pumpkin Patch, located off of US-41 in front of the Westwood Mall, supplies Marquette residents with cheap, locally grown pumpkins each year during Halloween season.

Cultures, foods presentation kicks off Native American Heritage Month

By Mindy Grabko
contributing writer

As November approaches, NMU is preparing for Native American History Month and the celebrations that come with it.

"Those Who Sustain Us: Native Cultures and Foods" is one presentation among many during the month that is free for the community.

The presentation will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 in the Mead Auditorium.

Joseph Bruchac is an Abenaki author that will be presenting at the event. Bruchac has published more than 130 books for both adults and children, poems and music to aid in his story telling. He holds a Ph.D. in comparative literature.

Bruchac is Abenaki Indian, English and Slovak. "Much of what I do focuses on the Indian side," Bruchac said.

His presentation, "Those Who Sustain Us: Native Cultures and Foods," will reflect an Iroquois nation term that encompasses corn, bean and squash known as "Three Sisters," Bruchac said.

The presentation will take a closer look at the indigenous North American peoples' traditional diet and plants.

"The traditional diet was much more healthful for Native people

and many current health problems [such as obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes] that are all too common in American Indian communities can be linked to the separation of our cultures from our native foods," Bruchac said.

There will be two more performances of Bruchac's here at NMU, "Sharing the Gift: Understanding & Teaching Contemporary Native American Literature" and "An Evening with Joseph Bruchac."

"Sharing the Gift: Understanding & Teaching Contemporary Native American Literature" will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 in the Whitman Hall Commons.

Bruchac said he will bring truth to some misunderstandings in American Indian literature and help the community to understand the work of Native American writers.

"An Evening with Joseph Bruchac" will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 in Jamrich 103.

"[The presentation will] consist of my doing storytelling, reading from some of my own work, performing some music, followed by a time for questions and answers with the audience," Bruchac said.

Bruchac said he would like his presentations to be enjoyable and for his audience to have a good time and learn.



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Joseph Bruchac is a Native American writer, musician and storyteller.

"Traditional stories are almost always told for at least two purposes: one is to entertain and the second is to teach," Bruchac said.

According to April Lindala, director of the Center for Native American Studies, it is a privilege to have Bruchac visit NMU.

"He has text that is associated with people's relationship with food," Lindala said. "[Bruchac] is a notable figure in Native American literature and we feel very honored."

For more information on the events, call the Center for Native American Studies at (906) 227-1397.

Upcoming workshop available through NMU Beaumier Heritage Center

By Lucy Hough
staff writer

To celebrate Native American Heritage Month, the Center for Native American Studies is holding a workshop on how to make birch bark trivets.

The workshop will be held by Anishinaabe elder Elizabeth Kimewon, on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3. The deadline to register is 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 29.

"It is an honor to have an elder who is a traditional culture bearer here on the NMU campus," said the Center of Native American Studies April Lindala. "She is also fluent in Anishinaabemowin so that is an additional bonus to hosting her at NMU as she will also include language lessons with her art workshop."

The birch bark, or wiigwaas, trivets are made from natural materials, including birch bark, sweetgrass and porcupine quills. These materials are provided to participants as a part of the class fee, which is \$2 for NMU students, \$5 for other students and \$10 for the general public.

"I know from personal experience it is not easy working with quills," Lindala said. "You

have to treat them with respect."

This workshop is being presented in collaboration with the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center's U.P. Folklife Festival.

"We try to co-sponsor events as a way to extend our combined resources to bring Anishinaabeg culture to campus," said Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center director Dan Truckey.

Kimewon requested that the workshop be spread over two days because the artwork is intricate in design. Lindala was familiar with Kimewon because she participated in the creating and learning art in native settings projects last summer.

"She was so kind to others and she has a delightful sense of humor," Lindala said. "The participants and staff really enjoyed working with her. Upon talking to Dan, I knew I wanted to recommend her for something on campus for our NMU students."

The first day of the workshop will take place from 1 to 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 and the second day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3.

Both days of the workshop will take place in Beaumier Center in Cohodas Hall. To register, call (906) 227-1219 or e-mail dtruckey@nmu.edu.

NMU Orchestra prepares new material for joint concert

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

Some residents of Marquette would say that there's a price to be paid for living in a place known for its geographic isolation: less than frequent visitors.

When a friend comes to town, it's often cause for celebration. According to NMU Orchestra director Barbara Rhyneer, the opportunity to team up with the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra for a joint concert on Friday, Oct. 26, was something that couldn't be passed up.

"Often times, we try to get together as orchestras in the U.P., but it can be difficult because of our different schedules," Rhyneer said. "The conductor of the KSO wanted to go on tour, and sent out a number of requests, so we invited them to come and join us for a joint concert."

While the two groups actually share a few members, the current NMU Orchestra has never played with the KSO for a concert like this, Rhyneer said.

The NMU Orchestra consists of both music and non-music majors from Northern, while the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra includes students from Michigan Tech. Both groups include community members as well.

"Often times the college orchestras in smaller towns will fill spots with people from the community," Rhyneer said. "We've currently got a couple high school players as well."

The NMU Orchestra will play the first half of the concert with three different pieces: "Coriolan Overture" composed by Ludwig van Beethoven, "Pavane for a Dead Princess" composed by Maurice Ravel and "Symphony No. 8 in B Minor" or the "Unfinished Symphony" by Franz Schubert.

The group has been working on the pieces since September, Rhyneer said.

"I've done 'Unfinished Symphony' before, but these are new pieces for this group," she said.

Learning the new pieces has been both challenging and rewarding said cellist Alexis Mahler.

"The program [for the concert] is great for the ensemble," Mahler said. "It's filled with exciting and emotional music to be performed by energetic and passionate musicians. We have grown in different ways from each piece and I'm really proud of the progress we've made."

The KSO, under the direction of Dr. Joel Neves, will perform two pieces during the second



Nolan Krebs/NW

The NMU Orchestra rehearses for the joint concert with the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra on Friday, Oct. 26.

half of the concert: "Antar Symphony" composed by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and "Sleeping Beauty Suite" by Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

The chance to see the two groups performing together is unusual, Rhyneer said, and should be taken advantage of.

"The music is really exciting, which is something that people can forget because of the stigma of classical music," Rhyneer said. "But to see musicians up close, two different groups and two different conductors - it will really be exciting to hear the differences."

Collaborating with other groups is a really important experience for both the musicians and the community for a number of reasons, Mahler said.

"Not only does it appeal to a wider audience, but it mixes things up a bit for the listeners because they get to see and hear multiple ensembles in one performance," Mahler said. "It's extremely rewarding for us musicians, because we are exposed to performance and rehearsal techniques of other groups. It can be really inspiring for everyone involved."

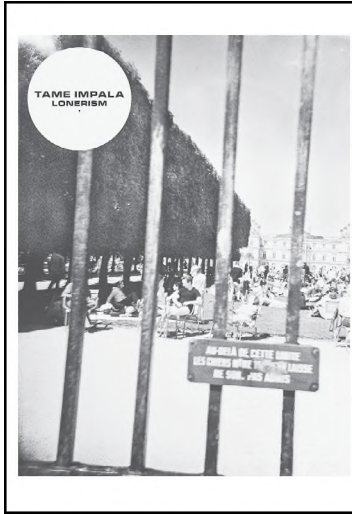
Students or community mem-

bers who haven't been to an orchestra concert before might be surprised at the energy of the experience, Mahler said.

"Even if they don't think they like the kind of music we play, just watching students play their instruments and the conductor is fascinating," Mahler said. "The whole vibe of an orchestra concert is different than a live band or show, not just because of the music, but because of its delivery and reception by the people."

The concert begins at 3 p.m. and is free to the public. For more information, call the NMU Music Department at (906) 227-2563.

Tame Impala smooths edges on sophomore album



Album: Lonerism

Artist: Tame Impala

Release Date: Oct. 9

Label: Modular Recordings

Runtime: 51:53



By Barry Winslow
staff writer

In a world where Top 40 pop hits and bass-heavy rap songs take over mainstream radio, it's not hard to believe that psychedelic rock gets overshadowed in the music game.

The 1960s were a time when bands such as Cream, The Grateful Dead and The Doors were in their prime, ripping radio receivers nationwide and changing the music scene in the world as we know it. These times are gone, but not forgotten.

For one band today, the aforementioned groups left behind an influential sound they felt needed

to be taken to a new level and expended upon. Tame Impala, a five-piece psychedelic rock outfit from Perth, Australia, have done just that.

"Lonerism," Tame Impala's second studio release, hit American shelves on Oct. 9 under the label Modular Recordings.

The group consists of Kevin Parker (vocals, guitar), Dominic Simper (guitar, synth), Jay Watson (synth, backing vocals, guitar), Nick Allbrook (bass) and Julien Barbagallo (drums).

Tame Impala formed in Perth in 2007. In 2008, the band signed to Modular Recordings and released their first EP, the self-titled "Tame Impala." This six-track album has a heavy rock sound, relying on powerful, guitar-driven structure and an overall

psychedelic blues feel similar to the sounds Cream produced in the late 1960s.

It wasn't until 2010 that the band came into prominence with the release of their first full-length album, "Innerspeaker." The album found the band settling into a more sprawling, expansive sound.

Tracks like "Alter Ego" and "Solitude is Bliss" start with a fuzzed out, spacey feel that grows into a terrestrial blend of blues, rock and dream pop, proving to be high points on the album.

What Tame Impala does do at times on "Innerspeaker," though, is get a bit caught up in their own expansiveness. Some moments seem to drag on and get lost, with solos and spacey drifts taking too long to reach a climax or fold back into a chorus.

Two and a half years after their debut, it's to be expected that Tame Impala were to make some changes. "Lonerism" is tighter and more thought out than its predecessor. Parker and crew have stepped away from ultra-spacey psych-rock riffs, snipping away unnecessary sonic fillers for softer, full-bodied compositions.

No harm is done, as fans of the more visceral, hard-edged Impala sound are not let down with this more focused approach. This is a method that lets the band explore their musicality without becom-

ing monotonous.

"Lonerism" opens with "Be Above It," a tune drenched in trippy, melting synthesizer cues that wrap around boisterous bass guitar slaps. At first listen, this tune sounds like a Beatles song that didn't make the final studio mastering of "Magical Mystery Tour."

This simple-structured song blends naturally into the second track, "Endors Toi." Acoustic guitar chords are overdubbed and manipulated with numerous pedal effects, creating a free fall sensation when coupled with squeaky organ fills.

Next up is "Apocalypse Dreams," the album's first single. This song is a prime example of the true Tame Impala sound. Parker's high voice soars over elongated organ chording and the smooth high hat beats delivered from Barbagallo.

The fourth track, "Mind Mischief," is stellar. Dual electric guitars start the tune off, floating atop an eerily cool bass lick and fantastic snare rips.

Parker's voice is dream-like, whispering "It feels like my life ready to blow/ me and my love we'll take it slow" between the catchiest guitar riff I've heard from the band yet.

"Feels Like We Only Go Backwards," the album's seventh track, is a slower-paced, harmoni-

ous groove with a gospel feel.

The ninth song, "Elephant," is the hardest hitting on the record. Hints of previous hard licks like "Half Full Glass of Wine" and "The Bold Arrow of Time" are present here, but what is different this time around is that this tune is mainly synth driven.

Parker's voice resembles John Lennon's on "Sgt. Pepper," but sung over a bass line that could be played on any Wolfmother song. After continuous power-chord prodding, the song abruptly comes to an end without warning.

The album's eleventh track, "Nothing That Has Happened So Far Has Been Anything We Could Control," is a spaced out electronic tune.

An interesting tune, this six-minute experimental piece is outrageously explorative, but lacks direction and cohesiveness. Considering how unbelievably great the rest of the album is, this doesn't seem to be much of a downfall.

Tame Impala has really made a name for themselves with "Lonerism." Delivering by far one of the best albums of 2012, the only thing worrisome for the band now is how they will top this sonic treat the next time around.

Do yourself a favor and give this gem a listen. It promises to provide amazement with each and every play.

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Wildcats drop first game, split series

NMU jumps to No. 16 after win, gears up for Notre Dame at home

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU hockey team went on the road to play in the second series of non-conference play against the University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks, splitting the weekend with a loss and a win.

The No. 16-ranked Wildcats (3-1) played Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20.

On Friday, the 'Cats suffered a loss, losing to Nebraska-Omaha

5-2. NMU returned for the final night with a different resolve, defeating the Mavericks 2-1.

NMU head coach Walt Kyle said the team went into the weekend without the right mindset, but recovered it Saturday.

"I don't think we played very good, and you have to give the other team credit," Kyle said. "They are a really hard-playing team, very physical, and we got in there after a long trip. They came at us hard and put us behind the eight-ball, which we abso-

lutely should have expected and we didn't react very well."

The UNO Mavericks started the game off on Friday leading 3-0 going into the second period.

The 'Cats answered the call to action 9:14 into the second when freshman forward Darren Nowick earned his first Wildcat goal, bringing the game 3-1.

Freshman forward Justin Rose and junior forward Erik Higby assisted Nowick's goal.

Nowick said the team's preparation could have used some fine-tuning before Friday's performance.

"I don't think we were prepared right," Nowick said. "We were 2-0 going into the game, so the loss was educational. We didn't have the legs and they came out strong. We came together as a team for the next game, so we did get on the right track."

The Mavericks scored one more goal before Northern Michigan could get another, bringing the game to 4-1 at the end of the second.

Sophomore Reed Seckel brought the 'Cats into the third, scoring 13:12 into the period. Senior forward Matt Thurber assisted the shot.

Seckel said the team rebuked

Friday's loss successfully, although the first game taught a valuable lesson.

"First night, there were no excuses," Seckel said. "We need to be able to be ready to play in those situations, especially on the road. However, I really enjoyed seeing our team coming together to get ready to play. We started talking about ways to improve before the game, and we went out there and played hard. We did it and we came out with a 2-1 victory."

In the crease, junior goaltender Jared Coreau started the game with 22 stopped shots.

Freshman goaltender Michael Doan took over with 13:11 remaining in the third period, saving 14 shots in his first appearance in the regular season.

"Michael played really well," Kyle said. "Jared's our guy to start our games, but when games like that happen, I want to be able to get Michael in. The experience on the ice will be important for him a little further down the line."

Saturday night's game went in the other direction for the Wildcats, as the team entered the arena with a stronger start.

Sophomore forward Ryan Daugherty started the team early

with his second goal of the season in the first period, assisted by junior forward Stephan Vigier.

NMU's scoring continued with freshman forward Ryan Aynsley's goal in the second period, assisted by Seckel and Thurber.

Aynsley said the way the team performed on the ice in the second game changed drastically from the previous night's performance.

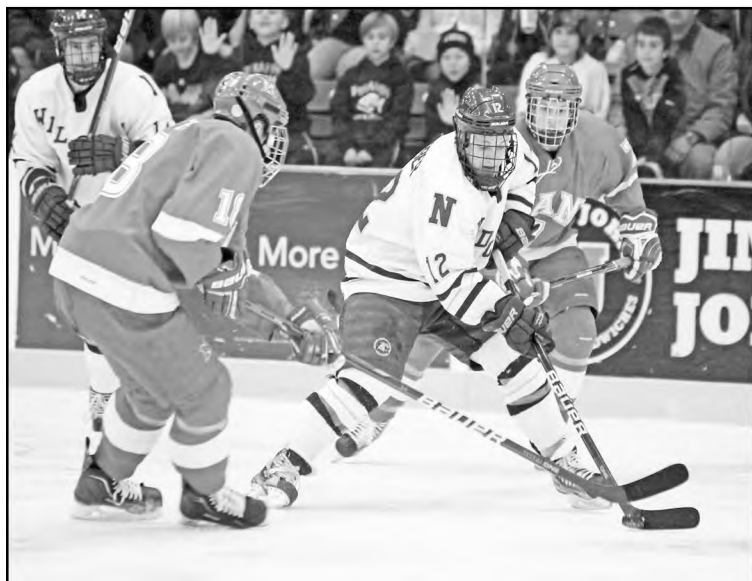
"On Saturday, I thought how much we hit them really changed a lot," Aynsley said. "We were fast with all of our puck movements, and it was a good game, overall. I got put into a good opportunity with Thurber and Seckel, who gave me a great pass."

Coreau remained between the posts for the extent of the game, stopping 35 out of 36 shots on goal. NMU had 23 shots on the goal for the night.

The Wildcats will be returning home to face off against the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

The game will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Berry Events Center.

Tickets are still available at any NMU ticket sales location, online, or by calling 906-227-1032.



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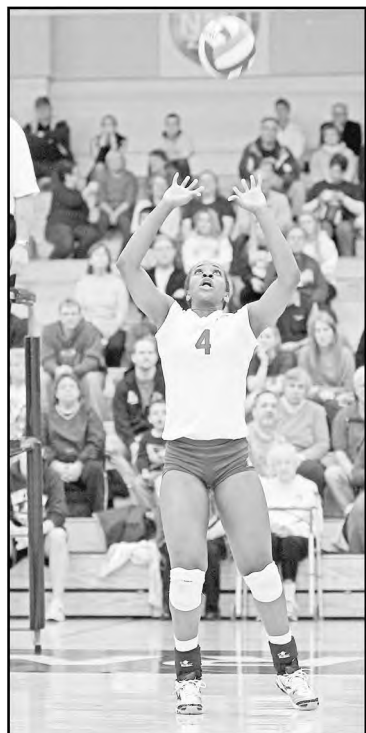
Senior forward Matt Thurber fights for the puck during a game against Miami last season. Thurber recorded his fourth assist in Friday's 5-2 loss.

'Cats dominate at home, pick up two wins

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU volleyball team stormed the Vandament Arena last weekend, defeating Ohio-Dominican and Tiffin following two losses on the road.

The Wildcats put an end to their three-match losing streak on Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct.



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Junior setter Kellisha Harley sets the ball against Tiffin recently.

20, leaving the weekend 7-4 in the GLIAC and 15-9 overall. The 'Cats defeated the Ohio-Dominican Panthers, 3-1 and, the Tiffin Dragons, 3-0.

NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said the team wrapped up the weekend with good plays and energy, along with organization.

"We pass-served and sided out very well," Yoder said. "That's what really kept us in the lead. We switched our line-up a little bit, and one of the things that we really worked on was our blocking scheme. I think our team did a really good job."

On Friday, the Wildcats defeated Ohio-Dominican in four sets. NMU won the first and second sets, 25-13 and 25-22. The Panthers came back in the third set, coming from behind the 'Cats to win it 25-22. In the end, the Wildcats clinched the match with a fourth set of 25-22.

"There was definitely more confidence tonight," Yoder said. "It's nice to get a win at home after those last two matches away. It comes down to just playing. When we come out and play, we have to play all 25 points. I think we did that for the most part."

For the 'Cats offense, junior left-side hitter Lina Lopes and junior left-side middle Kalli Her-

ron tied in kills and block assists with 12 kills and two block assists each. Junior middle-hitter Sarah Hamilton contributed nine more kills for NMU.

Senior left-side hitter Andrea Ring said even though the team lost the third set, they know what they need to focus on in the future.

"I'm glad we finished it out and got it done when we needed to," Ring said. "We've been struggling with that lately, each individual player finishing what they were doing and completing simple tasks and things that we normally do instead of making errors."

Defensively, senior defensive specialist Kalin Zimmerman led the team in digs with 24, followed by junior defensive specialist Suzanne Solin with 10.

Herron recorded six digs, while Lopes and junior setter Kellisha Harley contributed five. Harley earned a match-high of 43 assists.

On Saturday, the Wildcats entered the fray with a better outcome, winning the match against Tiffin in three sets. The 'Cats swept the three matches, 25-16, 25-13 and 27-25.

"Siding out was one of the things we really have been focus-

ing on," Yoder said. "We've also been focusing on really forcing the other team to attack the ball to the center of the floor, giving our middle defenders a chance to go and dig the ball. I think they did a really nice job at challenging the ball back to the middle of the floor."

Lopes and Herron once again led the 'Cats offensively, with Lopes scoring 15 kills and Herron scoring 14.

Freshman left-side Lisa Studnicka contributed 12 kills. Harley led the offense with 50 assists.

Zimmerman led the defense with 14 digs against the Dragons.

Zimmerman said NMU went into the match with a renewed strategy following the two recent losses and the four set match against Ohio-Dominican.

"Every game, we have a strat-



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Junior left-side hitter Lina Lopes returns the ball against Tiffin. Lopes leads the 'Cats in kills with 283.

egy," Zimmerman said. "We scouted the other team a little bit so we knew what they wanted to do against us. We just manipulated our defense and our offense in order to find a way to beat them, and we executed everything well."

NMU hits the road again to compete in the team's final-road matches of the season, competing on Friday, Oct. 26 against Grand Valley State and on Saturday, Oct. 27 against Ferris State.

Comeback falls short

NMU drops road battle to Wayne State, preps for game against Northwood

By Jon Young
sports editor

A furious fourth quarter rally fell just short as NMU dropped a 38-31 road battle to Wayne State on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Senior quarterback Cody Scepaniak said the Wildcats weren't intimidated by the Warriors, who were runner-ups in 2011 NCAA Division II Championship.

"We knew it was going to be a tough physical game against Wayne State," Scepaniak said. "They were second in the National Championship last year, so we went out with the mentality that we just got to go out there and believe in each other and we did."

The 'Cats (1-6 GLIAC, 2-6 overall) fell behind 31-10 with 4:19 left in the third quarter before rattling off 21 straight points to tie the game at 31 a piece, with just over two minutes left in the fourth quarter.

The 'Cats tied the game on a 25-yard strike from Scepaniak to junior wide receiver Christian Jessie with 2:21 left in the game.

Wayne State scored with just over a minute left to take the 38-31 lead.

With just over a minute left the NMU drove the ball to the Wayne State 28-yard line.

The 'Cats had a final shot at the endzone but Scepaniak's pass was intercepted as time expired.

Scepaniak said the team battled until the end and he thinks the momentum will carry over to this week's game.

"We fought hard, we were down by 21 and we came back and tied the game up with three minutes to go," Scepaniak said. "You can't ask for much more than that. We ended up falling short but we're still pumped and excited that we can play with a team like that and we're ready to win this weekend."

Eight of the last 10 games



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Senior linebacker Josh Droese (44) puts the hit on the Grand Valley quarterback. Droese has appeared in all eight games, recording 29 tackles.

against the two teams have been decided by eight points or less.

Head coach Chris Ostrowsky said he wasn't happy with the loss but he is pleased with the growth he has seen in his team.

"It was a great day to be a Wildcat," Ostrowsky said. "You're never happy when you lose games, now in terms of the progress of this program, I'm really, really becoming very happy with the way we're going about our approach. As long as we continue to keep growing it's going to be very special."

The 'Cats got a big boost from junior running back Casey Cotta in their Saturday, Oct. 13 win against Grand Valley.

Cotta kept at it against Wayne State racking up 100 yards rushing and adding two touchdowns. In his first two games Cotta has four touchdowns and 230 yards rushing.

Another young Wildcat who is making his impact felt is freshman wide receiver Sterlin Darling who has had two 118-yard receiving games in-a-row. Scepaniak said Darling's work at practice is paying off.

"He's a young kid and he's surprised all of us," Scepaniak said. "He works hard at prac-

tice and in the game he gets in the zone, and when he's in that zone you just got to believe in your guys, he believes in me and I trust him and he goes up and gets the ball, and you can't ask for much more as a quarterback."

Scepaniak finished the game 18-30 for 229 yards and one touchdown. He also scrambled for another 60 yards and a touchdown.

The Wildcat defense held the Warriors to three of 10 on third down conversions. Senior linebacker Eddie Knoblock and red-shirt freshman defensive back Matt Smith both recorded interceptions for NMU. Freshman defensive lineman Levi Perry led the Wildcats with 10 tackles.

Junior defensive back Chris Collins recorded eight tackles and Knoblock added eight. Senior defensive end Zach Anderson also contributed five tackles and a sack. Ostrowsky said the offense and defense feed off each other.

"I think our defense is playing well, so it's consequently helping the offense," Ostrowsky said. "You know very rarely is one side of the ball in football doing well just because they're so special. It takes a lot of different intangibles and right now we're just playing really well as a team."

The 'Cats take on Northwood (3-4 GLIAC, 4-4 overall) this weekend for their final road game of the year. Kickoff is at noon, Saturday, Oct. 27 in Midland, Mich.

The Wildcats beat Northwood 38-17 last season. Ostrowsky said the team is taking it one game at a time.

"Northwood's a good football team and it's another away game and we just want to take it one week at a time and not be in a rush for the season to end and just hope to continue to get better," Ostrowsky said.

'Cats cruise to fourth-place finish at conference

By Jon Young
sports editor

The NMU women's cross country team has been able to use depth to their advantage all season and it showed at the GLIAC Championships on Saturday, Oct. 20.

The 'Cats top five runners all finished within 16 spots of each other as the team captured fourth place out of 16 teams.

It was the highest the team has finished since head coach Jenny Ryan has been at the helm and she said she was pleased with the results.

"It was a great performance," Ryan said. "You know the GLIAC is really a strong conference, so I knew we'd have a chance to be anywhere from third to seventh place. So finishing fourth was a great accomplishment."

Junior Mandy Dye was the top finisher for the 'Cats with a time of 22 minutes, 14 seconds, good for 19th place.

It was also a personal best for Dye. Junior Mallory Celaya finished second for NMU in 22nd place and three seconds behind Dye at 22:17.4.

"Both Mallory and Mandy have been doing so well all year," Ryan said. "Mandy has the speed so at the end she was able to gain some more spots and have that great finish."

The 'Cats packed in four more runners right behind Dye and Celaya.

Sophomore Larissa Halonen finished 31st (22:28.9), freshman Megan Edic was 32nd (22:30.5) and Sophomore Katie Granquist was 35th (22:31.4) followed by freshman Mary Kate Cirelli (22:31.8).

Halonen said the group aspect of the Wildcats has been pivotal to their success as a team and individuals.

"It is incredible to run in a race with so many wonderful teammates right beside you," Halonen said. "The encour-

agement is constant out on the course and we are always moving up as a pack, which I believe is a little daunting to some of the other teams."

The 'Cats next step is regionals where they're looking for a top five finish in order to make it to the NCAA National Championship.

The 'Cats are currently ranked sixth in their region, which consists of a combination of the GLIAC and the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Ryan said the team's depth could be a difference maker with a bigger field of competition.

"I think that will make a difference because with more athletes the field will be bigger so that will give some of the other teams who have runners behind us more points which will help us," Ryan said. "It's going to be tight, it's going to be tough but we definitely have a shot if they ran like they did."

NMU has a week off of competitions before their regional race. Halonen said the team is working to maintain.

"We are tapering a bit in our training as we head into the final two weeks before the regional race," Halonen said. "The last few days of training will focus on specific details that play a role in the race; namely starting, finishing and mental strategy."

The NCAA Midwest Regional is held in Kenosha, Wis. The race gets underway at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3.

NMU already ran the course earlier this season and Ryan thinks that will benefit her team.

"I think that's a really good course for us," Ryan said. "It's a fast, rolling course and most of the athletes have been there at least once and a lot of them have ran there, two, three, four times so they're comfortable and know the course really well."



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Junior running back Casey Cotta (40) avoids the Laker defender as he picks up a touchdown. Cotta has scored four touchdowns in two games.



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The 'Cats cruise in a pack during their home meet earlier this season. NMU is aiming for a top five finish at regionals to keep their season alive.

'Cats strive to finish year on high note

By Karly Ratzenberger
staff writer

Last weekend the Wildcats traveled down state to play two competitive matches against noteworthy teams, Ferris State University (5-4-2 GLIAC, 6-6-3 overall) and Grand Valley State University who is ranked first in the GLIAC (9-1-1 GLIAC, 13-1-2 overall)

The 'Cats lost their first match of the weekend on Friday, Oct. 19 against Ferris, 2-5. On Sunday, Oct. 21 they lost to Grand Valley, 0-8.

Sophomore defensive player Cheyenne Cecchini said the Wildcats could have done better than they did, and it was a tough weekend for the team.

"We could have done much better," Cecchini said. "It was a rough weekend that's for sure. It's always difficult going on the road and coming back with two losses when you know the team could have come away with at least one win."

Head coach Matt Granstrand said despite the outcome of the weekend, he understands the position his team is in, and is not too dissatisfied.

"We are young and beat up and so this year is and will be a challenge all the way till the end," Granstrand said. "We are competing and playing hard and it is a good group of kids, it's just when you have a rebuilding year and you also have upperclassmen out

hurt you are going to struggle. It is not something any of us enjoy, but all we are doing is competing hard and we are going to do that through the end."

Cecchini said the competition last weekend was very tough, but despite the fact that Grand Valley is a good team, the 'Cats should have been able to keep up with them.

The Wildcats let up in the second half, which gave the Lakers a window to the win.

"I think the key was to keep everyone positive and to believe in each other, but goal after goal against us just made things even more difficult," Cecchini said. "As for Ferris State, they were a good team, but honestly that is one game we should have won if we played the full 90 minutes. Having any luck is just not on our side this year."

Granstrand said Grand Valley is the best team in the country and with that in mind, he is not disappointed in the Wildcat's level of play.

"When you play Grand Valley, you have two choices, you can come out and try to play or you can sit back and get shot at," Granstrand said. "We came out and tried to play and the first half we did great. The challenge is we are beat up and low on players so we run out of energy late in the game."

Against Ferris State, the 'Cats scored two goals. The first one was scored by sophomore forward Tevun Sellers, assisted by senior forward Amelia Johnson.

The Wildcats struck again 42 minutes into the game with an unassisted goal by sophomore midfielder Kim Rietveld. Freshman goalkeeper Shelby Conard had eight saves.

The Wildcats faced 17 shots on goal from Grand Valley, nine of which were saved by Conard. Cecchini said not only is Grand Valley a good team, but the 'Cats had a few internal problems that affected the outcome of the game.

"In the second half there was a breakdown on our part," Cecchini said. "It's late in the season and we have injured players and we are a young team. As coach has been saying, it's a building year for us."

Granstrand said the 'Cats are not disheartened by their losing streak, they understand their circumstances and will continue to work hard.

"We know what is going on and we know we are beat up," Granstrand said. "We all want to win but this team is not distraught or giving up, we are very comfortable with where we are. Motivation and hard work is not an issue for us, we are going to show up and play hard and hopefully we can make something happen this week."

The 'Cats will finish up their regular season play next weekend with two home games.

The first matchup of the weekend will take place at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 against Walsh University.

The Wildcats will then compete in a senior day game at 12 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28 against Malone University. After the game, the team will honor the four seniors.

"We are going to come out and play hard and hopefully get some success this weekend," Granstrand said. "If not for some confidence going into next year, but for our seniors."



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Sophomore midfielder Kim Rietveld pushes the ball against Ashland. Rietveld recorded an assist this weekend and has started 14 games this year.

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Barack Obama —Can I sleep in your bed tonight Barack? Paul Ryan lives under my bed, and he scares me.— **Joe Biden**

Drug-sniffing dogs—The difference between you and I: there is no such thing as the infalliable dog. Scalia is infalliable. — **Antonin Scalia**

Gallic Dubstep — You rock so hard. Last week, you brought down Hadrian's Wall. That's how hard you rock. You destroy the Roman relics.— **Englishman**

English Standard— What the heck do you think you're doing? Everything is so complicated because you are littering my system of measurement.— **Metric system**

Mitt Romney — Stop scheduling everything for my day. You are the Ron Swanson of presidential candidates. Ninety-four meetings on day one? I think not.— **Day One**

Socks— I am holier than thou.— **Odor eaters**

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Fox News —Stop hitting yourself, stop hitting yourself, stop hitting yourself.— **MSNBC**

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My roomie — SOA was intense this week! I can't handle the stress on Tuesday nights.— **Love your roomie**

My Bridesmaids— Yeah, no, don't put me down for cardio. Horizontal running.— **Your Bridesmaid**

Shaina James— Northern Arts & Entertainment meets Mondays at 8:30 in the Back Room of the UC. I would love to see you there.— **Jordan Paquet**

Drewski — Ten more months. That is exciting.— **Peaches**

Dearest History Department— Why must you torture me with all of the great choices in History classes next semester? There are not enough hours in the day to take them all!— **G-Dubbs, the Wicked One**

The best family and friends— Congrats you guys pulled off a surprise!!! Thank you so much it was the best weekend, love you all! thank you again. — **Spoiled birthday girl**

The girls — "In white houses!"— **Taylor**

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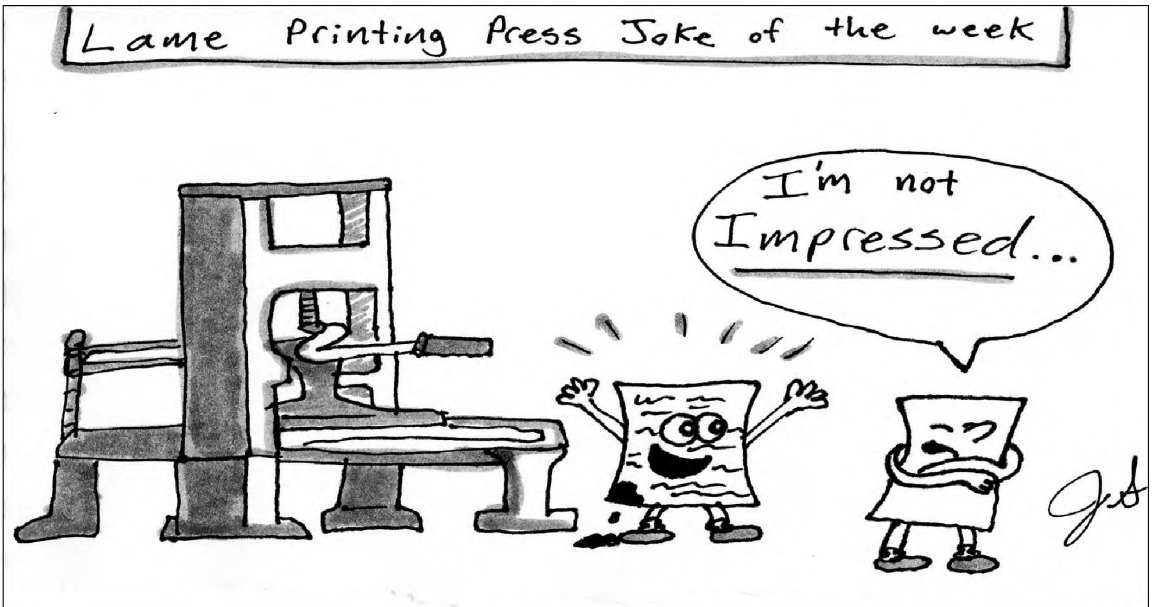
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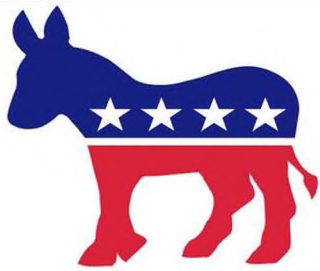


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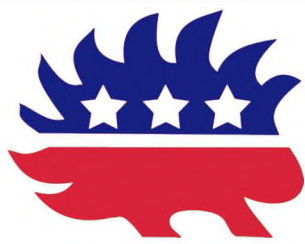
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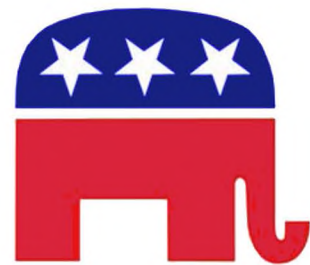
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