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Country moves forward with Obama

By **Hannah Fermanich**
news editor

Millions of Americans flocked to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6 to cast their votes in this year's election, but after a close battle, President Barack Obama was re-elected to serve our country in a second term.

As of Wednesday, Nov. 7 morning, Obama secured 303 electoral votes to Mitt Romney's 206. Only 270 electoral votes are needed to claim victory, a number that Obama claimed last night. Florida has

yet to declare where their 29 remaining electoral votes will go, but with Obama having more than the required 270 electoral votes, his victory has already been claimed, according to election results from the Associated Press (AP).

"[Obama's] got a challenge facing him," said Tom Baldini, adjunct professor in the political science department. "He has to bring a divided country together."

America proved itself to be divided with the results from the popular vote. The percentage of voters who chose

Obama was 50.34 percent to Romney's 48.1 percent. Obama claimed victory in 25 states, including Michigan and the District of Columbia while Romney won 24, according to AP.

Although there certainly is disappointment amongst Republicans, Justin Bis, NMU College Republican, hopes for the best in the next four years.

"Overall, we're just proud of the work we did," Bis said. "We wish the best for the president in the next four years. We wish the best for him and our country."

According to Baldini, when Obama became president in 2008, he was left with the results of the Bush administration and what it had done to our economy.

He said that Obama laid the groundwork for recovering the economy through gradual growth.

"I think we forget the hand he was dealt when he came into office," Baldini said.

According to Baldini, Obama has worked for the people by establishing his healthcare reform and also by trying to reduce our energy

dependency on foreign countries.

The Political Science and Public Administration departments is hosting a Wrap-Up and Analysis of the Election at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 in Jamrich 101.

William Ball, professor in the political science department, and Baldini will be there to provide commentary on how the election went as well as talk about numbers and trends went into this year's election.

For more information, contact Baldini at (906) 225-1825 or tbaldini@nmu.edu.

Upper Peninsula meth lab numbers increase

By **Braden Linick**
assistant news editor

The amount of methamphetamine or "meth" use in the Upper Peninsula has been on the rise in a community unaware of how to report such a dangerous drug.

Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET) Lt. Detective Tim Sholander said Allegan County started as the meth capital of the state. Allegan County, southwest Michigan, held 80 percent of the meth labs in Michigan in 2003.

Many users learned to make meth there, and the skills eventually branched off to the Upper Peninsula.

According to Sholander, the number of meth labs has substantially jumped since 2008 when there were only seven meth labs in the Upper Peninsula.

In 2010 there were 21 labs and 2011 brought even more. The past month of October brought 10 meth labs alone, Sholander said.

"I think the report number is low because a lot of people are unsure what to look for," Sholander said. "Citizens who don't know much about meth would walk past it and think nothing of it."

Sholander said some telltale signs of a person using or creating meth.

"They use common household materials," Sholander said. "Any single one alone won't signify a meth lab, but a combination."

According to Sholander, some of these common household items consist of Gatorade bottles, lithium batteries, starting fluid, acetone, Coleman camp fuel, any kind of plastic tubing, such as aquarium tubing and the list goes on.

People who consistently use meth are going to wear scars. Sholander said meth users who smoke it show signs of rotting teeth.

Other users have a lot of irritable spots on their body such as an itch on their head that they would constantly scratch at until it "literally bleeds." These marks could also show up other parts of the user's body, such as arms or legs, but the head is the most common spot, Sholander said.

Burns on the arms or face from a chemical explosion could be another sign, he said.

Sholander continued with another dead giveaway of meth use/creation — the smell.

"If they do something wrong



A meth lab was discovered Friday, Oct. 19 in the Presque Isle apartments in Marquette. This was one of 10 meth labs found in the month of October.

Kristen Koehler/NW

[creating meth] and these gases escape, they are very hazardous and harmful as they can cause the lungs to burn and blister," Sholander said. "The odors are different every time depending on the chemicals they use. I want to describe it as a strong gasoline or fuels smell."

Sholander has been working to get funding for The Meth Project, a foundation that works towards advertising the negative health effects of meth through TV and radio broadcast along with distributing flyers throughout communities.

The organization believes people using the drug would not use

it if they fully understood the consequences the drug could have on them.

According to Sholander, Michigan State Police conducted a study where they found that 50 percent of one pot method cooking, a common way individuals cook meth, left lethal chemical explosions. These explosions could result in fires and major burns on the cooks.

"People struggling with alcohol, nicotine, cocaine, are all the same," said NMU Health Specialist Lenny Shible. "If they keep it up long enough, the drug will be in control and not the person."

Patrol Captain Blake Rieboldt of Marquette Police Department said everything about methamphetamine is negative, such as rotting teeth, paranoia, irritable skin, etc. Absolutely nothing positive comes from the drug.

Sholander and his team at UPSET have all gone through at least 40 hours of training through the Drug Enforcement Administration.

They have chemical suits with mounted oxygen tanks to keep themselves protected from the hazardous gases meth labs emit.

Sholander said him and his team neutralize the chemicals with other chemicals and then have the waste transported to a containment center.

The containment center was implanted Monday, Oct. 1 and saves money because they no longer need to transport lab remains after each individual bust.

According to Sholander, if a person feels they have discovered a meth lab, they should immediately leave the premises to avoid the harmful effects of the gases.

If you or someone you know suspects someone is using or creating methamphetamine, call UPSET at (906) 346-9289. Anonymous tip requests are available.

Briefs

State News

Task force investigators arrested a suspect in the 24 shootings on Interstate-96. According to State Police Lt. Michael Shaw, the 43-year-old suspect was arrested the night of Monday, Nov. 5 at his Wixom, Mich. home during the execution of a search warrant. FBI technicians found evidence that connects the individual to the shootings, Shaw said. A vehicle was seized from the suspect's address matching the description given by one of the victims. Charges are expected to be announced within 72 hours. Gathered evidence was forwarded to prosecutors in Oakland, Livingston, Ingham and Shiawassee counties, where the shootings occurred, as well as federal prosecutors, to determine if, and what, charges will be brought against the suspect. The task force said the investigators received the information leading to the arrest over the last few days.

National News

For the first time, Puerto Rico favored U.S. statehood in a nonbinding referendum in the recent election. Citizens of the country were able to vote on the issue in two ways. First, 54 percent of Puerto Ricans rejected their current status as a U.S. commonwealth, versus an opposing 46 percent. Second, 61 percent decided statehood as the alternative, 33 percent voted semi-autonomous "sovereign free association" and 6 percent wanted complete independence. Decreasing population and an economic slump were two major contributors to the turnout of the vote. Roughly 4 million Puerto Ricans that inhabit the region were not able to vote in the past election, although the nearly 5 million that reside in the 50 U.S. states can exercise full voting rights. Puerto Rico Secretary of State Kenneth McClintock noted the referendum is nonbinding, however it compels lawmakers in Washington to act.

International News

Violence sprung out of an anti-austerity demonstration in Athens on Wednesday, Nov. 7 ahead of a parliamentary vote on new spending cuts for Greece. Hundreds of the 80,000 people present at the demonstration began throwing rocks and gasoline bombs at riot police who were guarding Parliament. The riot police responded with tear gas and stun grenades as well as water cannons. This was part of the second day of a 48-hour general strike of Parliament employees. The strike began when Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras wanted to add an amendment to the austerity bill that would cut wages for Parliament employees. Later, Stournaras withdrew the amendment, allowing the debate to continue after Parliament employees returned to their work.

Weird News

A Cleveland woman was ordered to wear a sign warning against idiots because she drove on a sidewalk to avoid a school bus that was unloading children. On Monday, Nov. 5, a Cleveland Municipal Court judge ordered 32-year-old Shena Hardin to stand at an intersection for two days wearing a sign that reads: "Only an idiot drives on the sidewalk to avoid a school bus." She is ordered to stand at the intersection from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. on those two days. Along with this punishment, Hardin's license was suspended for 30 days and she is required to pay \$250 in court fees.

— Compiled from news sources

UAW frustrated with negotiations

By Hannah Fermanich
news editor

Members of the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Local 1950 are feeling the toll of facing over a year and a half of contract negotiations with the administration at NMU.

UAW Local 1950 represents the secretaries and clerks that work here on campus. They are often the first people that a student will meet and work with here at Northern. Michelle Kimball, president of Local 1950, has seen a drop in morale amongst members within the group.

"We're pretty beaten down right now," Kimball said. "We feel very unappreciated and undervalued from the administration. But fortunately, the people we actually work for appreciate our efforts."

According to Kimball, part of the

problem that Local 1950 members are facing is that they feel that the administration doesn't think that members of the group are worth trying to bridge the gap between their wages and the rise in health insurance costs put in place through the university.

"I definitely feel that our morale is as low as I've ever seen it," Kimball said.

UAW members such as Jennie Gentile, senior secretary for Counseling and Consultation Services, are feeling the impact of having an health care costs increase without a pay raise to close the gap.

"The lack of increase in pay over 10 years of employment has convinced me that retiring from NMU might not be a reality," Gentile said. "I started considering about how I can make a difference to help protect my family. I work two jobs and will continue to further my education."

Tracy VanAbel, principal secretary

of the education department, feels that the administration aren't showing the members of their union the respect that they deserve.

"It's hard because you want to give the best to your students," VanAbel said. "It's hard when you know the administration doesn't feel the same way about us."

According to Kimball, some members have asked her about how to move to another union on campus due to the lack of progress in the negotiations for this contract. Despite this, Kimball is still trying to keep up morale amongst members. Students and faculty are asked to wear black shirts on Tuesdays to support the secretaries and clerks on campus.

UAW Local 1950 recently went to mediation with the university, but no ground was gained in the process. They currently do not have another session scheduled.

ASNMU update

General assembly members resign at meeting

By Braden Linick
assistant news editor

The ASNMU meeting this week began with the resignation of two more General Assembly members, College of Business Representative Jonathon Brady and Down Campus Representative Sally Osentoski.

Voich, a General Assembly member for the past two years said in her letter of resignation that she has not enjoyed her position in ASNMU this year. She said she still feels the same as she always has about the group, but the recent ASNMU affairs no longer interest her.

Osentoski, a more recent member to the group, wrote a much longer letter of resignation.

"I do not want to be a part of an organization with such a poor reputation," Osentoski said. "It saddens me that one bad apple can spoil the whole

bunch. I have faith in ASNMU to restore its credibility."

Jonathon Brady was then sworn into the General Assembly as the College of Business Representative.

The meeting then turned to College of Arts and Sciences Representative, Troy Morris who further expressed his frustration from last week's meeting towards the "limbo" the group is in with the judiciary.

Associate Provost for Student Affairs Bill Bernard made his first appearance at an ASNMU meeting in 10 years. He gave his insight to the group along with relaying messages from others that he has received about their current situation.

"I know your heart is in the right place, but these reasons of resignations reinforce what I have heard on campus. You're losing members faster than you're gaining them," Bernard said. "As a group, I implore you to take

some sort of action on this as a group or individuals. Either find a way to work together and solve the impeachment issue or work together as an organization."

Treasurer and Student Finance Committee Chairman John Comastro then offered his views on the current status of the impeachment process.

"I want to ask the president and vice president to step down," Comastro said. "This conflict needs resolution."

Several members of the General Assembly voiced their opinions as well and seemed to agree with Comastro's outlook.

"I am more than willing to resign, but [Stanley is] first," ASNMU Vice President Kelsey Hayes said. "I have done nothing wrong, but if that is what you want, I am willing to do so."

Stanley gave no response.

The meeting was then adjourned.

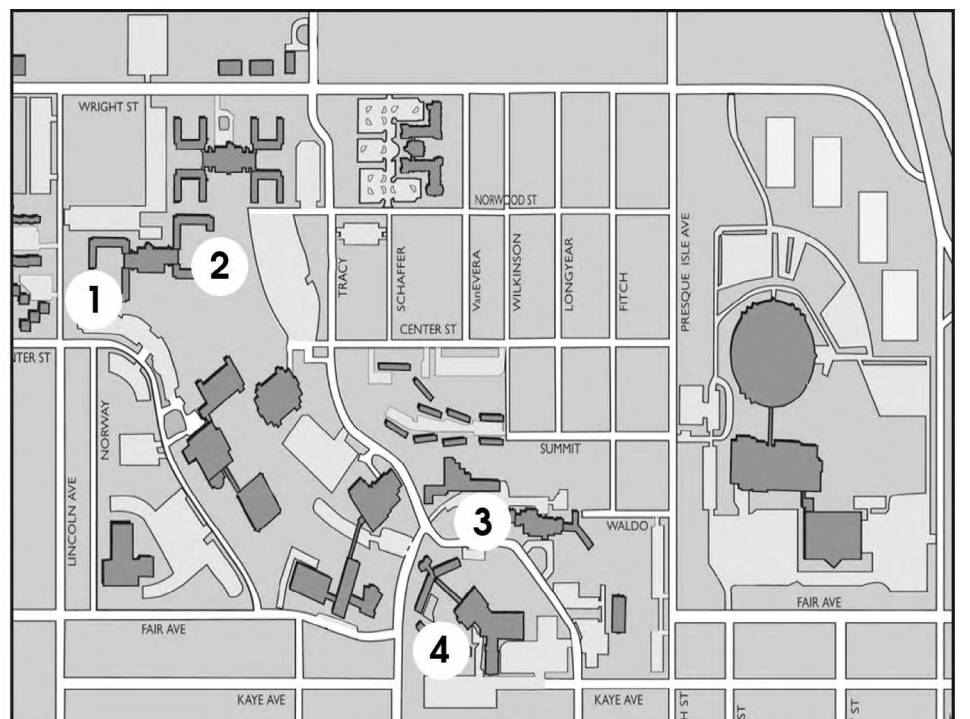
Campus Crime Map

1: A person was reported for a possession of marijuana at 11:16 p.m. on Nov. 1 at Spalding Hall.

2: A person was arrested for a minor in possession at 11:40 a.m. on Nov. 2 at Payne Hall.

3: A person was reported for use of marijuana at 12:37 a.m. on Nov 3 at Spooner Hall.

4: A person was arrested for a minor in possession at 3:14 a.m. on Nov. 4 at West Hall.



Rape resources available to students

By Jenean Zahran
staff writer

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), around 20 to 25 percent of women reported experiencing an attempted or a completed rape in college.

The Health Promotion Office (HPO) on campus offers support and referral for anyone that is a victim of sexual and domestic violence or is a friend of a victim.

HPO health specialists give presentations about sexual and domestic assault in first year experience classes, a university orientation class for first year students at NMU. Due to sexual assault being more common than domestic violence in college, the HPO makes it more of a priority to cover during presentations.

"In the class presentations, we want to reach out to the victims of the crimes, and especially friends of the victims," said Lenny Shible, health specialist for HPO. "Those victims that choose to come forward to their friends have given them an opportunity to help them."

Many survivors of the crime tend to be too scared or uncomfort-



Justin Key/NW

RAD class participant sophomore, Kirstyn Rosip, practices self-defense maneuvers with instructor Lt. Don Peterman in class on Monday, Nov. 5.

able to come out publicly with their story, Shible said.

According to Shible, the chances that a victim will seek help or counseling is very slim, so if someone is a friend of a victim, they are asked to take advantage of the situation once you are aware.

The university offers counseling located on the top floor of Hedgcock in the Student Service Center, for anyone that wishes to discuss their problems with counselors.

They also offer emergency appointments as well for students who need immediate help after experiencing something traumatic, such as sexual assault.

"During our presentations, we make sure to tell our students that only the victims can make the appointment for counseling, not a friend," Shible said.

Friends are encouraged to be with them when making the appointment, as well as staying with

them to make sure they actually go see the counselor. All counseling is private and confidential, according to Shible.

To become more knowledgeable on ways to avoid and protect yourself from sexual assault, NMU offers Rape/Aggression Defense (RAD) classes every semester. Lt. Don Peterman started this course in 2001, and now is one of the three police officers along with two female instructors that teach the class.

"We cover the four risks as well as ways you can avoid dangerous situations," Peterman said, "Along with different self-defense techniques we have them practice on the instructors."

The course is designed around realistic and dynamic hands-on training for the student with certified instructors.

"Students will benefit greatly from this class, and will better understand the definition of sexual assault and what steps to take if they are a victim," Peterman said. "I would make this class one of my top choices to take at Northern."

Along with counseling services on campus, Marquette has a Women's Center that deals specifically

with survivors of sexual and domestic violence.


"Although it is called 'Women's Center,' our services are available for men and children as well," said Kelly Laakso, sexual assault victims advocate of the Women's Center.

Another community based service providing support for victims is Harbor House, which is an affiliate with the Women's Center and houses survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

"We also provide information for friends of victims on ways to help their friend through it patiently," Laakso said.

Some of the services the Women's Center provides are individual counseling, support groups and court advocacy. In addition, a 24-hour crisis hotline is available for anyone that needs to talk with advocates of the Women's Center. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The HPO office is located on the first floor of the University Center and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (906) 227-1455 to receive information and referrals for sexual assault concerns.



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Superior Edge Spotlight
Molly

Zoology major Molly Davis has recently completed her fourth and last edge. Originally from Eagan, Minnesota, she has been an active member of Superior Edge since 2009 and has logged over 1,450 hours! Molly is a senior and will be graduating this December. Her most influential activity has been her experience volunteering more than 200 hours at the Minnesota Zoo in Apple Valley, Minnesota. This photo of Molly shows her holding a real piece of coprolite at the dinosaur exhibit at the Minnesota Zoo. She says, "I would often use this fossil to show and inform the guests at the zoo." Congratulations, Molly!

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Campus offers help with stress

By Adele Herman
contributing writer

As the end of the semester approaches, students feeling overwhelmed from course work have options to help lower their stress.

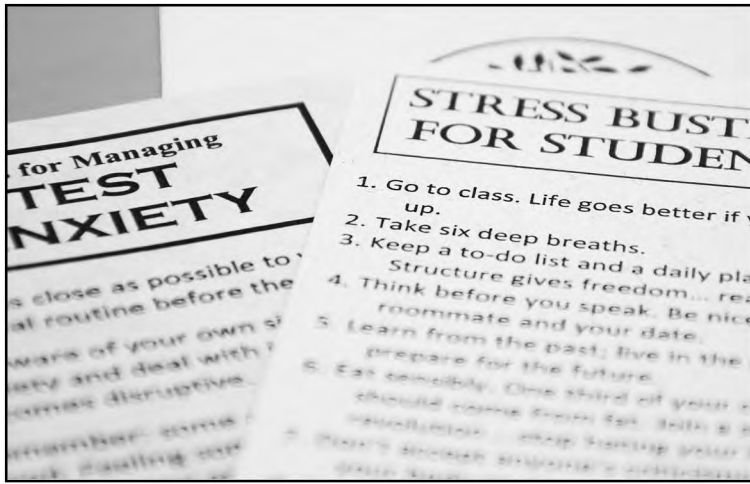
NMU Counseling and Consultation Services and the Academic and Career Advisement Center (ACAC) both offer services to students who are dealing with stress during their semester.

"We have walk-in hours where someone is always available to help with anything academic related," said Lina Blair, director of orientation and assistant director of the Academic and Career Advisement Center at NMU.

The accumulation of student workload, social time restraints and financial strain can also contribute to student stress during the fall semester according to NMU Counseling and Consultation Services.

"Students get surprisingly stressed about registering for classes," Blair said.

ACAC is available to help students pick classes that are appropriate for them and also match their learning style. Staff at the ACAC know faculty in nearly every department at NMU and therefore know the teaching styles of many instructors, Blair



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Students can find information on stress management through campus resources such as Counseling and Consultation Services and ACAC.

explained.

Blair said students also feel stressed academically from being behind in classes, midterm scores and not putting enough time into research.

"Be intentional about how you use your time between classes," Blair said.

Taking less time to walk home between classes and staying on campus to do work is more beneficial, according to Blair.

"Break your work into chunks," Blair said.

Time management is a key portion to controlling stressors. ACAC provides skill development resources online covering

methods of time management and other strategies to best control school related stress.

Students admit they also deal with stress in a variety of ways on their own.

"I usually sleep when I am stressed," said Cassandra Hastings, junior physics major. "I am just not in the right frame of mind to do work otherwise."

While some students choose relaxing for stress relief, others choose to better organize what they have to do.

"I make a lot of lists when I am stressed," said Kaitlin Kolhoff, sophomore secondary education major.

Making lists for daily tasks, learning to budget time, and allowing opportunities for play can all help to reduce stress effectively according to Counseling and Consultation Services.

For students who need assistance in managing stress, Counseling and Consultation Services provides free sessions to any NMU student during the academic year as well as self-help references available online.

Learning to adapt to stressful situations, asking for help, staying physically healthy and using time efficiently can all help manage stress, according to Counseling and Consultation Services.

As for students who need assistance with academic work, All Campus Tutoring (ACT) is available for free to any student. This service provides study groups and one-on-one tutoring on a walk-in schedule, Blair said. ACT can also help students develop more effective organizational and academic skills.

"As the semester ends, commit to it and finish the job," Blair said.

For more on stress management and services provided by Counseling and Consultation Services and ACAC go to www.nmu.edu/counselingandconsultation or www.nmu.edu/acac.

Website places at conference

By Braden Linick
assistant news editor

The North Wind editors attended the 2012 National College Media Conference Thursday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Sheraton in Chicago, Ill. and took third place for best website at the enrollment two level.

Over 200 Universities and 1,200 advisers and editors from all over the country entered their publications in the competition.

The conference brought in aspiring journalists, photographers, designers and broadcasters to the five-day event.

Scholars and employees of major publications attended the conference as well. Some of these included The Chicago Tribune, Associated Press, MLB writers and The Daily Collegian from Penn State, who were one of the first publications to uncover the Sandusky case.

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Marquette marred by act of vandalism

The statue of Father Marquette was vandalized sometime between Tuesday, Oct. 30 and Wednesday, Oct. 31. Red spray paint covers the bronze face of Jacques Marquette, the man for whom this city is named after.

The statue has been a fixture in this community for the past 115 years since its installation in 1897. The defacing of this statue is an act of ignorance, and the person who perpetrated the crime should be brought to justice.

If any student or community member knows any information about the person or persons who vandalized the statue, they should contact the Marquette Police Department at (906) 228-0400.

In addition, the Marquette Beautification and Restoration Committee is offering a \$500 reward for any information leading to the arrest of those involved in this crime. The statue has been a part of Marquette's city scape for more than 100 years and characterizes the impressive history of not only Marquette, but of the Upper Peninsula as well.

Father Marquette travelled to the Upper Peninsula in 1673 as a missionary from France. During his time, he explored the Midwest and journeyed almost as far as the Gulf of Mexico. He was a dedicated, adventurous man and the city that was named after him has built upon these virtues to establish such a wonderful community.

It is men like Father Marquette who helped discover places throughout the Midwest. In addition to Marquette, there are four other towns in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin that are named for him. Father Marquette's legacy deserves more than a coat of crimson spray paint.

Help bring the vandal to justice so that Marquette can restore not just its beautiful bronze statue, but also its sense of community pride.

Join on-campus organizations



Staff Column

Braden Linick

While many students concern themselves with enduring a four-day week of classes just to make it out on Thursday night for some drinks with friends, they miss the reason why students go to college in the first place.

During my first years of college, I didn't have the slightest interest in joining a student organization. However, over my last two academic years, I have been a part of Public Eye News (PEN) and The North Wind. My only regret now is that I did not seize these opportunities sooner.

I'm not saying that enjoying the weekend is a bad thing; however, as of lately, simply passing classes is not enough to land a job in a desired field; a loaded résumé could be the dealbreaker.

On-campus organizations apply skills students learn in the classroom to an environment modeled on specific careers.

For instance, PEN is based on a real news station and is conducted in an actual TV broadcast station. PEN is completely student run. The members write their own stories, have a daily live broadcast and use the same high tech production equipment that one would find at an actual news station.

The North Wind has helped me develop my writing skills to a more professional level. I would feel comfortable and confident assuming a position at a real publication after working at PEN and The North Wind.

Students need to realize that there are organizations for almost any major, such as ASNMU for political science majors, Radio X and PEN for those interested in broadcast, and The Northern Lights for music majors or those who just enjoy a cappella groups; the list is endless.

These organizations are here to serve students, not use them as free labor. Getting involved on-campus is a key ingredient to a more well-rounded individual.

When I was a member of PEN last year, I was also taking the television production class with Mike

Lakenen. One day, he sent me and a few others an email looking for some students who had done decently well in PEN and in his class to help with some real productions. I followed him up on his offer. This gave me the opportunity to work a few hours a week at WNMU-TV13 while actually getting paid to run the cameras, audio board and graphics.

Not only do opportunities like this fine tune your skills in a certain field, but they also boost your résumé significantly.

On-campus groups also offer a place for students to make friends with people who have similar interests. When I came to NMU, I didn't know anyone. I wish I would have been a part of one of these groups back then because now a lot of my close friends are in these organizations.

I started at The North Wind last winter semester writing briefs. This semester I am a part of their staff, and last weekend I was invited to attend the National College Media Conference in Chicago.

At the conference, our staff had the opportunity to listen to speakers from major publications such as the Chicago Tribune and Associated Press. Our staff also had the chance to listen to the student newspaper staff at Penn State that uncovered the Sandusky case. It was an experience I'll never forget.

Meeting with fellow journalists, photo editors, broadcasters and designers from all over the country was just as much of a thrill.

I'm pretty sure the chance to stay at one of the nicest hotels in Chicago, and have it paid for, will not come knocking on my door in the future.

These groups have provided me with a realistic learning environment that has allowed me to develop good relationships among students and faculty.

You might learn a lot in class, but the place where students can gain real-world experience is within these student organizations.

Get involved on-campus. You pay for tuition, so get the most for your money.

Join a group that interests you and take advantage of the incredible opportunities that become available like presenting at conferences or meeting influential people.

It is too costly not to be involved on-campus. You owe it to yourself.

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Americans must unite behind elected officials

Weekly Take Away



Lee McClelland

It has never meant so much to be an American.

Watching Barack Obama deliver his acceptance speech; listening to Mitt Romney humbly admit defeat while instilling his faith in American democracy; feeling a part of something much bigger than myself: all of these experiences reaffirmed what it means to be an American.

For months, political advertisements have discredited candidates on both state and federal levels.

The negative images became disheartening after a while, and every candidate acted like an athlete towards the end of a hard game: tired, ruthless and prone to make

mistakes. It was overwhelming.

When the results were announced, I was reminded that we, as a nation, are truly united. After voting in my first general election, I now know, after palpating the depths of my own patriotic pride, what it means to be an American.

I am reminded of the incredible history that underlies the foundation of our government; that a few intellectuals and farmers divorced from England decided to fight against the most powerful military in the world in hopes of a better life.

I am reminded of the founding fathers who risked their lives in order to start anew; the veterans, those men and women who fell on bayonets, took bullets for friends and gave their lives for the United States.

I am reminded that despite political pressures and pundits, citizens can form their own opinions and exercise their right to vote, actively shaping the future of our country.

This is not to say that the United States is without its problems.

Though Americans have twice elected an African-American president, racism is still apparent in our country.

The state of our economy is troubling; there are millions without jobs; the East Coast is still reeling from Hurricane Sandy; and extremely important foreign policy matters wait to be addressed in the Middle East, China and Russia.

Yet despite all of these negatives, I am confident that Americans can unite behind their elected politicians to march toward solutions.

I believe in America and its ability to move forward as both a people and a nation.

Barrack Obama's reelection will not unhinge American morals and values, and if Mitt Romney would have been elected, America would not have fallen into the hands of a ruthless business man bent on destroying the middle class.

These are the rhetorical portraits painted with the words of both candidates. It is this fear mongering that further alienates me from the political process of an election.

America's course would not have changed drastically under Mitt Romney, nor will it under Barack Obama. The result, in either case, is a slight shift of the boom to either the right or the left, not the sinking of the ship.

At the conclusion of yet another election year, take the time to think about what it means to be an American. Consider what it will take to spur on the prosperity of the United States.

The United States can use improvement in both domestic and foreign spheres. Though the election has ended, Americans will debate the outcome for the next four years.

If you voted in this election, your criticisms and complaints are warranted. If you did not vote, then enjoy the silence that only civic inaction guarantees you.

I welcome the next four years and all of the potential promise and problems they may bring. I look to the future, while looking back to our past to remember and acknowledge the mistakes we have made.

I urge Americans to follow politics closely in the next four years. Become more active in government. Write letters to representatives and senators. Find a cause worth fighting for.

The America I love is one comprised of a multitude of voices and opinions. What I desire most is a respect for people and their opinions. Calling a politician an idiot for taking an informed stance on an issue, this is something I cannot stand about the current state of public discourse.

Sir Thomas Browne once wrote, "I could never divide myself from any man upon the difference of an opinion, or be angry with his judgment for not agreeing with me in that from which, perhaps, within a few days, I should dissent myself."

You may not agree with the outcome of the election, and you are entitled to your opinions, but temper your words so that they match the measure of your merit.

After all, yours is one of the voices that makes up the mighty roar of one of the worlds most powerful democracies.

Women deserve representation in American government



Guest Column

Ellen Lindblom

As we look to the next four years, some of us also look backwards to the election in 2008.

The election of 2008 was a historic election. Americans had elected the first African-American president in our nation's history. Americans are now looking to what will be the next election to change history; the first woman president.

According to the U.S. Census in 2012, women make up 51 percent of the United States population. They only comprise 17 percent of Congress. In 2008, 95 congressional seats out of 545 were held by women, but since then three have

resigned, lowering the ratio to 16.8 percent.

This trend is seen across our country. Only 34 women have served as governors as opposed to the 2,319 men who have. Data compiled by the Inter-Parliamentary Union shows America is ranked 90th in the world in terms of women holding political office, and that countries like China, Iraq and Afghanistan have more women in their government than America does.

America is the largest and most powerful democratic society in the world, yet women and men are not equally represented in our government. Americans cannot have democratic legitimacy until they have an equal number of women and men in our government.

Why are there so few women in politics? In some ways it is the American tradition for women not to be in politics or even to hold jobs.

Dating back to the 19th century, upper-class and middle-class women were not expected to earn their own living. Women rarely had careers and most professions refused to let women enter the workforce.

Women were, however, allowed to become teachers. In 1861, more than 72 percent of teachers were women, but teaching was a low-status job and was also very badly paid. To the present day, teaching is considered to be a mostly female pursuit.

In the middle of the 19th century it was virtually impossible for women to become doctors, engineers, architects, accountants or bankers.

Women fought for the right to hold professional careers, and, by the beginning of the 20th century, there were 200 women practicing as doctors. It was not until 1910 that women were granted positions as accountants and bankers.

Women in America spent a majority of the first 141 years of our time as the United States of America as unemployed, stay-at-home mothers. This tradition continues today.

Some professions are dominated by males and lack female representation. Women are often treated as second-class citizens.

The fact that women are able, and in some ways expected, to bear children keeps women from moving to a higher rung in professions because they would need family leave. This is why women's access to contraception is more than just a war on women. It's actually an economic issue. Being able to choose when or if you will have children changes a woman's choice to pursue a professional career.

On the other hand, the United States is the only industrialized nation without federally mandated

paid family leave, leaving female employees at risk for termination when they have a baby.

Americans are at the end of an election cycle where there were a record number of women running for office. There were 163 women who appeared on ballots across the country.

Women are continually proving themselves and not letting anyone take away their power or right to equal opportunity.

Americans need to support women in these roles. The way women relate and interact with each other has to change. If we assume all women are not meant for these positions of power in our government, then half of our population will not be represented.

A democracy needs women to make balanced decisions. Don't discredit what women can bring to the table.

Sound Off

What is your favorite on-campus bathroom?

compiled by Zerek Twede



Lynnea Cribley
senior, psychology

"I like the ones in Hedgcock because they are newer."



Randy Greiner
senior, philosophy

"The bathroom outside the Student Services Center. It's pretty nice."



Sarah MacDonald
junior, nursing

"The University Center bathrooms because they have couches!"



Daniel Kennard
sophomore, undeclared

"The bathroom in my room because there is no one to share it with other than my suite mates."



Anthony Capodilupo
junior, network computing

"The one in the University Center next to Radio X. It's the cleanest and there's a lot of space."

VETERANS DAY TO NATION'S SE



By Nolan Krebs
features editor

As the national focus shifts away from the all-consuming hype of the presidential election, citizens will have a chance to honor a different type of icon: our country's veterans.

November 11 is Veterans Day, a national holiday that was first established as Armistice Day by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. The day marked the end of hostilities between the Allied forces and Axis forces in the First World War, and officially became a legal federal holiday in 1938. Following World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day.

According to Bradford Slagle, the administrator of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, the holiday is a chance for people to show their support for those who have served.

“At the veterans home, we consider every day of the year to be Veterans

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Day,” Slagle said. “But [Sunday, Nov. 11] is the day the public gets the opportunity to thank veterans and confirm their support.”

For those who wish to pay tribute to veterans in the community, the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans will be hosting an event at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11 in the facility’s chapel to honor veterans. NMU President David Haynes, who is an Air Force veteran, will be the keynote speaker.

Volunteering at the veterans home is another way for students to pay tribute, Slagle said.

“The best thing that students can do is to volunteer here at the veterans home,” Slagle said. “We usually have a number of NMU students come in throughout the year, whether it’s an ongoing thing or only for a few hours.”

Students interested in volunteering can work with the veterans home to align volunteering projects with their interests, said Ken Arseneau, the vol-

unteer coordinator at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans.

“Students are welcome to come in and we can figure out what’s available,” Arseneau said. “If you don’t have a lot of daytime availability, there are events in the evening or on weekends as well. We have people volunteer in a variety of ways, but it’s important just to visit and spend time [with the veterans].”

As an institution, NMU has made efforts to accommodate veterans. In May, the university announced a new veterans scholarship that guaranteed in-state tuition for all eligible U.S. military vets who are pursuing a college degree. The scholarship covers all tuition costs beyond the schools in-state rate not taken care of through other veteran’s benefits and the Federal Yellow Ribbon Program.

NMU was also named a Military Friendly School by “G.I. Jobs” magazine for the fourth consecutive year, which ranks the school in the top 15



Kristen Koehler/NW

percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that seek to assist veterans in the classroom.

Students and community members interested in volunteering at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans can call Arseneau at (906) 226-3576 ext. 396.

Outdoor recreation clubs premiere climbing film

By Amanda Monthei

copy/layout editor

To maintain the summer and fall climbing excitement, the South Superior Climbing Club (SSCC) will be partnering with organizations from all over the Midwest for Sender Films' Reel Rock Film Tour movie premiere.

The event will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 in Jamrich 102.

The premiere is one of only two in Michigan, and organizations like the American Alpine Club and the NMU Outdoor Recreation Center will be participating and raising money for climbing efforts in the area.

"The guys from Reel Rock film professional climbers around the world on a lot of diverse routes and in different events that are going on in the climbing world," said South Superior Climbing Club president Neil Po-

glese. "The movie doesn't actually release on DVD until January."

The premiere will be the first of a handful of climbing events on the starting on Friday, Nov. 9, as the ORC will be holding a Midnight Madness climbing event following the premiere from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The following morning and afternoon will be the Michigan Tech Climbing Competition, which brings in student climbers from all over the Upper Peninsula.

Poglese, who credited NMU student Colton Moore with wanting to bring the Reel Rock Tour to Marquette, said SSCC has teamed up with Moosejaw, Switchback Gear Exchange and Down Wind Sports for prizes that will be raffled off at the event.

"We're going to be showing the film and we'll have a booth set up by the American Alpine Club there to help promote safe

climbing and the world of alpinism," Poglese said.

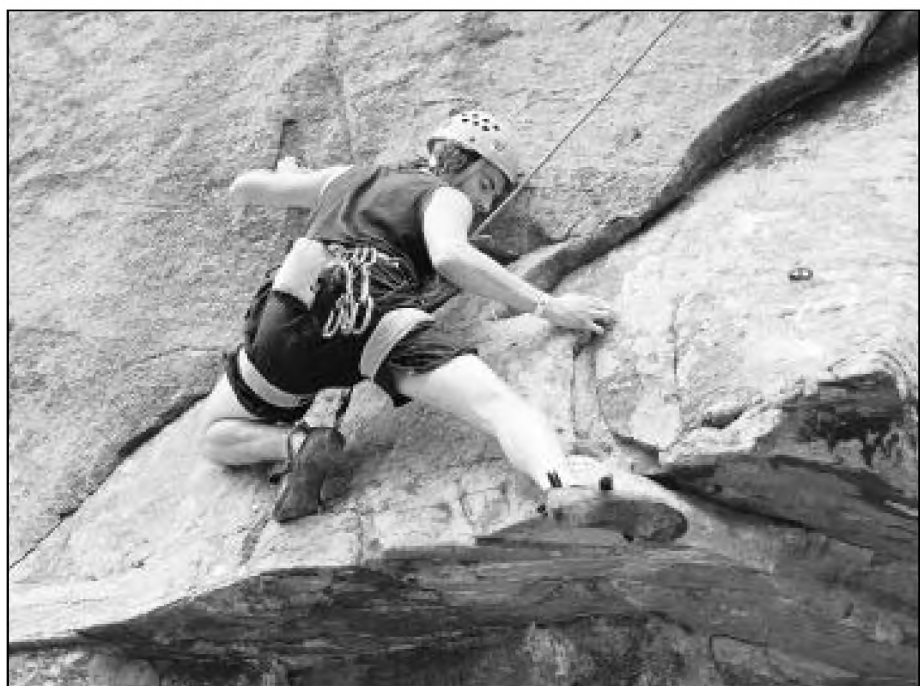
A ticket for the event, which is \$8 for students and \$10 for non-students, provides a raffle ticket for prizes, and the money raised will go towards local climbing development.

"Marquette is one of the best areas for climbing in the midwest, and it has only recently been expanding with new climbs and new climbing enthusiasts," said senior psychology major Ashley DuFresne. "It is great that this is being held at NMU. People that love the outdoors in Michigan are not going to go to Western [Michigan University], they're going to go to either Michigan Tech or NMU."

The Reel Rock Movie, which highlights free-soloing in Yosemite, two of the world's best climbers attempting the hardest route ever climbed. It also features a myriad of other locations, routes and events in the climbing world, and isn't just for the climbing community.

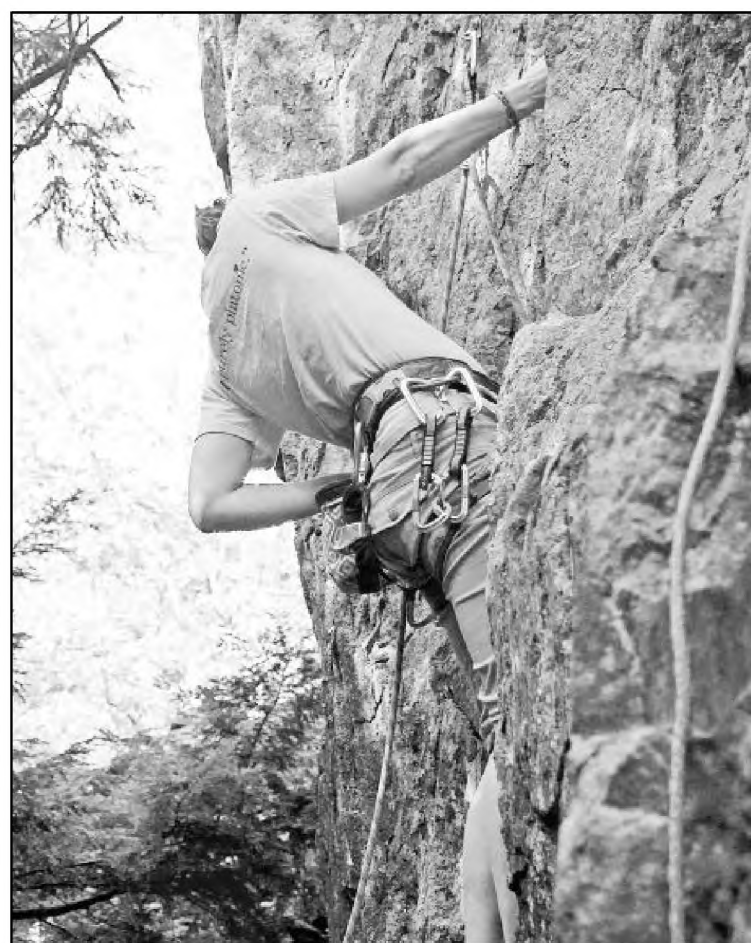
Poglese said the premiere and fundraising will be a good environment for non-climbers to learn and meet other climbers in the NMU and Marquette area.

"It's just a good atmosphere for people who have never seen climbing and are interested in it," Poglese said. "This will show them what it's all about and inform them a little bit."



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Steve Goulding, senior earth science secondary education major, climbs across a wall in Jasper, Arkansas for the South Superior Climbing Club during spring break 2012.



Amanda Monthei/NW

Junior Alex Berghoef scales a wall at Triple A in Big Bay during a South Superior Climbing Club event as a part of "Climb the Upper Peninsula."

Poglese said even in the off-season, climbing is a good way for students to embrace the larger community in Marquette, but also a good way to get motivated and stay in shape.

"The reason I see climbing as beneficial is that it gives you a chance to get outside and into the community," Poglese said. "It gives you the chance to meet fellow students that have common interests, and it's a good way to get motivated and set goals, achieve things and also to get a good work out in."

While the tour started in 2006, the Reel Rock climbing premieres in 2011 showed in 280 locations

all over the world and raised over \$15,000 for non-profits. On a local level, it comes down to influencing students and community members alike to get outside and find your climbing niche.

"It's a good opportunity to showcase what's out there, the different aspects of what climbing can be to certain individuals, that everybody can find their own little niche within it," Poglese said. "I thought it would be a good way to present that and get people psyched and amped up about climbing."

For more information on the premiere, email Poglese at npoglese@nmu.edu.

First Nations Food Taster cooks up taste of region's history

By Nolan Krebs

features editor

In association with the Decolonizing Diet Project at NMU, the 12th annual First Nations Food Taster will be held on Friday, Nov. 9 in the Jacobetti Center.

The event focuses on dishes that are historically tied to the Native Americans of the Great Lakes area.

According to assistant professor of Native American studies Martin Reinhardt, it provides people with a rare opportunity to try less-than-common foods.

"[The Food Taster] is a unique opportunity to partake in foods that aren't necessarily available every day," Reinhardt said. "You can't exactly go to a local restaurant, or to a grocery store, and get Indian food."

Patrons will be served from two serving lines and seated in a common area. The menu features

both traditional and contemporary Native American dishes like venison and bison meatloaf, roasted turkey, wild rice, sweet potatoes, fish, crab abbe sauce, cranberry pudding, pumpkin bread, maple baked beans and a variety of pecan-based recipes.

The First Nations Food Taster is part of the ongoing Decolonizing Diet Project, which is an academic research initiative of the Center for Native American Studies, Reinhardt said.

According to the project's website, the program is a multi-dimensional study that explores the biological, cultural, legal and political aspects of the relationship between people and foods of the Great Lakes region. The project is supported by several organizations, including NMU, the U.S. Forest Service, the Cedar Tree Institute and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, as well as a number of local businesses.

The event also serves as a fundraiser for the Native American Students Association's largest event of the year - the annual Learning to Walk Together Traditional Pow Wow.

"The pow wow is definitely an immersive experience for students interested in Native American culture," said senior environmental studies major Hilton DeTar. "It's a great opportunity to learn about the culture that was here a long time before we were."

Advance tickets for the event are \$5 for students and elders and \$12 for the public. They can be purchased at the Center for Native American Studies in 112 Whitman Hall.

Tickets at the door cost \$7 for students and elders and \$15 for the general public. The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call the Native American Student Association at (906) 227-1397.



Photo courtesy of Center for Student Enrichment

Students prepare dishes for the annual First Nations Food Taster in 2010.

Forest Roberts Theatre brings 'Bears' to stage

By Jordan Beck
staff writer

Those looking for something to do away from the low temperatures may look to the theatre this month.

The Forest Roberts Theatre will be premiering their second play of the year, "Bears," from Wednesday, Nov. 14 to Saturday, Nov. 17.

"Bears," which was written by Mark Rigney, tells the story of Growl Bear and Timmy Bear, two friends who have lived in an abandoned zoo for most of their lives.

According to Ansley Valentine, director of the Forest Roberts Theatre, the play is essentially devoid of humans.

"['Bears'] happens after some apocalyptic event has occurred...clearly, there are very few people around," Valentine said.

Growl and Timmy's lives continue like this until they meet another bear named Suzie, who convinces them to leave captivity and to explore the world outside their cage.

Despite the fact that it hasn't been officially presented to the public yet, "Bears" has already received quite a bit of critical acclaim.

The play won NMU's Panowski Playwriting Competition,

a biannual writing contest put on by the theatre to discover aspiring playwrights. Panowski-winning plays are given a full production by NMU, which is how "Bears" found its way to the stage.

The first performance of "Bears" has been in the works for quite a while, said Nikke Nason, box office manager for the Forest Roberts Theater.

"We actually workshopped this production last spring," Nason said. "The playwright came to town and the dramaturg also came to town, and they did a read-through of the play."

Rigney used feedback from the event to help him revise and edit the story, a process which resulted in the final script used in NMU's full production.

Since this will be the very first time "Bears" will be done as a full play, the cast and crew have had to deal with some unique challenges, said senior theatre major Courtney Brown, who is also working as the production stage manager.

"It's awesome to work with a director, especially a guest director, on an original production, one that's never been performed before," Brown said. "It's fun to go through the learning and creating process."

The cast has had some unique challenges to deal with, as well,

Brown said. The show's actors had the hardest job, with taking bear behavior and translating it to human behavior, but still being bears, Brown said.

Shane Vincent, a junior and theater major who plays the role of Timmy Bear, said the production has been enjoyable.

"The show itself is just a very fun play to be in," Vincent said.

While NMU will be home to the first performances, the success of "Bears" won't be contained to the Upper Peninsula. Rigney's play will be making its off-Broadway debut next March through 59E59 Theaters and Sans A Productions.

Tickets are \$5 for students with an ID and \$15 for the general public, and are available at NMU EZ Ticket outlets.

The play starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. For more information, call the box office at (906) 227-2553.

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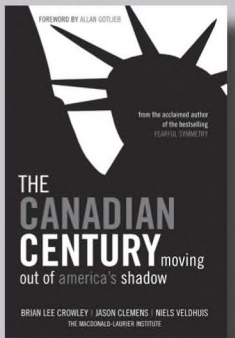
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"Bears" is the second production of the 2012-13 theatre season. The play, which won the biannual Panowski Playwriting Competition, was written by Mark Rigney.

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'Cats respond after tie, drop Wolverines

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

After getting swept at home by Notre Dame, the NMU hockey team faced off against the University of Michigan last weekend to walk away with a tie and a win.

The No. 20-ranked Wildcats took on the No. 8-ranked Wolverines on Friday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 3, ending the first night with a tie of 4-4 and a shootout ending with an extra point scored by U of M. The 'Cats returned the next night with their first CCHA victory of the season, 4-3.

NMU head coach Walt Kyle said the second night against the Wolverines brought the team a step closer to achieving the level of performance they are looking for.

"I thought it was a really good

win," Kyle said. "They are a very good team and you can't let them breathe. Overall, we played much better tonight than we did the first night. There were much longer stretches where we played the way that we want to play."

The Wildcats hit the ice on Saturday to a sold-out arena after a hard-hitting opening night, setting up the victory with a first period score of 2-0. Sophomore forward Reed Seckel started the 'Cats off with the first goal 4:04 into the first period.

Assisting the shot was senior forward Matt Thurber. Seckel scored two goals during the game following a hit that removed him from play on Friday.

"I've taken a lot of big hits, but I think that was the biggest hit of my life so far," Seckel said. "I was pretty excited coming into the

game, and I was just happy being able to play out there."

Senior defenseman Scott Macaulay scored his first goal of the season to wrap up the first period. Thurber and freshman forward Justin Rose earned the assist on the shot.

Thurber said the leadership on the team was responsible for the second night's endurance, as well as his three assists in the game.

"We were definitely nervous," Thurber said. "We kind of fell apart last night, but the leadership on our team is pretty good. We brought everyone together and just made sure that nothing else happened out there when they started coming back, went from there and just kept pressing on."

Freshman forward Cohen Adair earned his fifth goal of the season to open the second period, with the pairing of Thurber and Rose assisting the shot again. Adair currently leads the team in goals.

After Adair's goal, the Wolverines answered with a goal of their own 7:37 into the second. Three minutes later, Seckel tallied his second goal of the night, putting NMU ahead 4-1. Sophomore forward Ryan Daugherty and junior forward Stephan Vigier assisted the goal. The night ended with two more U of M goals before the clock ran out, unlike the night before.

Kyle said Friday night was a tough loss for the team, as they lost the 4-1 lead they had going into the third period.

"We were really disappointed in the result," Kyle said. "We started slowly and then I thought



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Leading the charge against the University of Michigan, junior forward Erik Higby scored to tie up Friday's game to start off the second period.

we played really well the last part of the first and early in the second. I thought we even played well 10 or 12 minutes into the third, but then we started making mistakes that cost you games."

The Wolverines opened the first game with a goal at 15:38 in the first period. The Wildcats were able to answer their goal when junior forward Erik Higby tied the game. Adair and Thurber assisted Higby's first goal of the season. NMU pulled ahead in the second period when junior defenseman Wade Epp earned his first goal of the year from the blue line, with Vigier and freshman defenseman Ryan Trenz with the assist.

At the end of the second, Daugherty brought the score to 3-1 with his fourth goal of the year after receiving a pass from junior forward CJ Ludwig and sophomore defenseman Mitch Jones.

Adair scored during a power-play following a pass from Ma-

caulay and Thurber, bringing the game to 4-1.

The Wolverines returned in the third period with three unanswered goals, including one with 0.6 seconds on the clock. Overtime came and went with no points being scored, and then U of M scored the only goal during the shootout to end the game in a tie with a U of M favor of 5-4.

"Every game is important," Kyle said. "The biggest thing for me that I am taking out of this weekend is that we have a win and a tie against Michigan. I can assure you they're going to be beating a lot of hockey teams, and at the end of the year that could be really big for us. These guys have worked hard and they did a great job."

The next set of games for the 'Cats take them out-of-state as they travel to Ohio. NMU will play on Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10 against Miami.



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore forward Reed Seckel returned on Saturday after taking a big hit that benched him on Friday to score the first and game winning goals.

NMU shatters Saginaw's playoff chances

By Jon Young
sports editor

The upset streak continued for the NMU football team as they knocked Saginaw Valley out of playoff contention with a 33-28 win on Saturday, Nov. 3.

A record setting day from the foot of senior kicker Rockne Belmonte and a spark from the special teams gave the 'Cats the push they needed to take down the Cardinals.

Belmonte connected on four of five field goals to cement his name in the record books as NMU's all time leader in field goals at 42.

"He's one of the all-time greats here in his position," said head coach Chris Ostrowsky. "I'm really pleased I had the opportunity to coach him. I think his impact will be long lasting. He's made a significant dent in the record books, and I'm sure that will stand for awhile."

In the 'Cats win over Grand Valley on Saturday, Oct. 13, Belmonte put a 58-yard bomb through the uprights, which stands at NMU's longest field goal.

Along with Belmonte's four field goals, the special teams unit recovered three dropped punts and an onside kick in the fourth quarter; all of which lead to points for the 'Cats.

"That was just more or less our guys going out there and making plays," Belmonte said. "I just hit the ball really high, didn't really hit it too far, they couldn't catch it and our guys went down there and made plays."

NMU got the score within two, 28-26, after a 46-yard field goal from Belmonte with 11 minutes left in the fourth quarter. The teams traded punts, and Saginaw botched their third return that was recovered by junior defensive back Phillipe Micheau.

The 'Cats started their drive at the Cardinals 29-yard line. Junior quarterback Cody Scepaniak broke off a 27-yard before fumbling the ball into the end zone. Senior offensive lineman Jace Daniels was there to scoop up the ball, giving the 'Cats a 33-28 lead and the win.

Ostrowsky said NMU was suc-

cessful in all facets in the game and he was pleased with the balance of the team.

"I thought we played good defense, I thought we played good offense and I thought we played good special teams," Ostrowsky said. "When you're doing all three well you become a real quality team and I was really pleased with that."

The Cardinals threatened twice, but both drives were snubbed as junior defensive back Brandon Parson intercepted a pass in the end zone and the Wildcat defense forced a turnover on downs.

Scepaniak finished the game 11-23 for 112 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. He also ran for 98 yards and a touchdown. Junior wide receiver Christian Jessie had five catches for 75 yards and a touchdown.

Junior running back Casey Cotta racked up 109 yards on the ground. Defensively the 'Cats were paced by 11 tackles from sophomore defensive back Nick Krause. Freshman defensive back Loran Jaddou added 10 tackles

and senior defensive end Zach Anderson recorded nine tackles.

The 'Cats take on Ferris State at home at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10. It's the final game for 12 NMU seniors who will be honored

before the game.

"The group of seniors has really been our foundation, and I'm really pleased that I've had the opportunity to coach them," Ostrowsky said.



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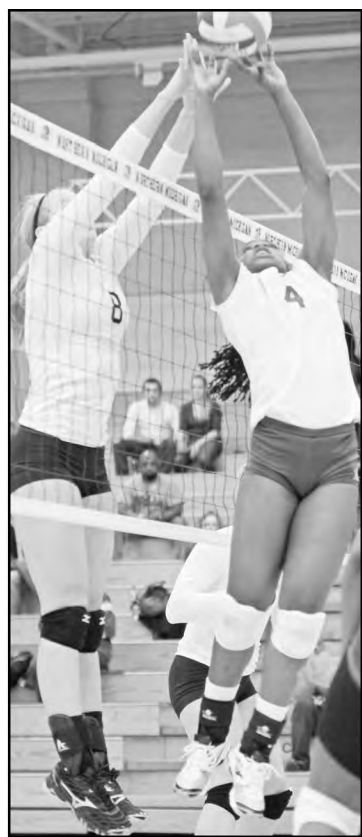
Junior running back Casey Cotta (40) dashes through the gap against Saginaw. Cotta has rushed for 100 yards or more in three of four games.

Wildcats fire up for tournament shot

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU volleyball 'Cats spiked their way to a win and a loss over the weekend, splitting their games against Hillsdale and Northwood.

The Wildcats took on the Hillsdale Chargers on Friday, Nov. 2 and the Northwood Timberwolves on Saturday, Nov. 3, defeating the Chargers 3-1 and losing against the Timberwolves 3-0.



Justin Key/NW
Junior setter Kellisha Harley gets under a block to set up an assist.

The 'Cats walked away from the matches 10-6 in the GLIAC and 18-11 overall this season.

NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said the pacing of the game was consistent, but the team lacked concentration.

"Tempo was fine over the weekend, but we just weren't focused against Northwood," Yoder said. "There were some upsets in the conference during last night's win that really allowed us to be able to sneak ahead a couple of teams. There is not one single team in our conference that we can't beat. As long as everything works out next weekend, we should be able to make it to conference tournament."

The Timberwolves closed the weekend with a close match against the 'Cats, remaining undefeated in the GLIAC at 16-0.

Scores for the game tallied 25-22 in the first set, 25-23 in the second and 25-21 in the third.

"We just weren't focused on the game plan," Yoder said. "When we did during the first two sets, it was really close. Even in the third set, it was still pretty close. Again, the tempo was fine. We just did not pass-serve very well."

While the game ultimately ended with a loss, the 'Cats' lines did not go down effortlessly. Offensively, junior left-side Lina Lopes led NMU with 14 kills. Junior left-side middle Kalli Herron tallied six more kills. Defensively, senior libero Kalin Zimmerman contributed 11 digs.

Junior libero Suzanne Solin

contributed eight digs.

Lopes said the team had a lot of energy going into the game and have goals to aim for while going into the rest of the season.

"We need to play angry, that's for sure," Lopes said. "In general, the lines were working well together tonight. We weren't focusing on the little things. Each point is important, and then at the end of the set, that's what counts. We just need to keep the little details in mind and focus on each one of them, like serve-serve and each serve that we missed."

On Friday, the Wildcats took the first set to start off the match 25-14.

The Hillsdale Chargers answered the set with a win of their own, scoring 25-21 in the second. NMU kept the lead for the rest of the game, winning the final two sets 25-22 each.

Yoder said the energy during the night helped the team to keep an eye on the pace of the game.

"If we are serving well and we are passing well, then our energy will be high," Yoder said. "That's how we control the tempo of the match and of the sets."

Lopes once again led the Wildcat offense, marking a season-high of 17 kills. Herron was right behind her with 13 kills, while junior middle-hitter Sarah Hamilton contributed 12.

Hamilton said the game plan worked out well with special plays while playing against the Timberwolves.

"We came out really excited

to play and prepared," Hamilton said. "We have been working a lot with our scramble plays during practice. Our reversals were probably working the most this evening, while our outsides were doing a phenomenal job, too. They go hand-in-hand."

Defensively, Zimmerman tallied 17 digs for yet another season-high, while Harley followed closely with 11. Lopes contributed

her own 10 digs. Harley assisted her Wildcat offense, setting up 46 assists.

The Wildcats are gearing up to finish their regular season next weekend at home. Fans can catch the team in the Vandament Arena.

NMU will be playing at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 against Saginaw Valley and at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 against Lake Superior State.



Justin Key/NW
Junior left side hitter Lina Lopes (12) returns the ball in action against Ohio Dominican. She currently leads the Wildcats offense with 338 kills.

Swimmers jet past competition at home

By Karly Ratzenberger
staff writer

The swimming and diving team won their home meet last weekend on Saturday, Nov. 3 against University of Wisconsin Eau Claire 165-78.

The Wildcats have won four out of their five meets and came in second place in one.

Freshman Crystal Bennet said the team swam very well on Saturday and they pulled through and performed when they needed to, winning 12 out of the 13 events.

"In three of the 13 events we placed first, second and third which was really exciting," Bennet said. "It was a good meet and we always enjoy swimming in front of our home crowd. Lots of families and friends always turn up to support us."

Head coach Heidi Voigt said UW Eau Claire is a competitive team despite their showing on Saturday.

"I think they have graduated a strong senior class and may not have been as strong as they have

been in the past, but Coach Art (Brandt) is very good, I expect them to be strong again," Voigt said.

Bennet had only good things to say about the Blugolds and their attitude during the meet.

Despite the Blugold's larger roster, the Wildcat's still prevailed.

"The Blugolds had a larger team, but in the end they were unable to match our skills," Bennet said. "They were very complimentary afterwards and had good sportsmanship."

Voigt said the Wildcat's season has been great so far and she is very happy with the team's performance and dedication.

"We have done very well at home defeating Hillsdale and UW Eau Claire," Voigt said. "We are swimming very well for this point and training hard."

Bennet said the team has been swimming strongly and consistently throughout the season.

"The season has been going great so far," Bennet said. "Heidi has been pushing us in training and it has been paying off be-

cause we are all seeing the results during these meets."

Team chemistry is very important for success in athletics and Voigt said the swim team is no different.

"We have a wonderful team atmosphere," Voigt said. "Everyone is on the same page, at practice everyday, everyone is ready to train and be the best we can be."

From the perspective of a freshman, Bennet said the team is very close knit, and that the upperclassmen are very helpful and accepting.

"I've formed many new friendships on this team," Bennet said. "We all get along and have our own little quirks but that's what makes us work really well together. Everybody brings something special to the team. It makes training with these girls so much easier and enjoyable; there is never a dull moment with these Wildcats."

Bennet said last week was hard on the team as a whole with a couple of the girls becoming sick or injured.

"We persevered and were able to finish the meet strong," Bennet said. "This week we will just keep up our training, and work on the little things with our stroke technique."

Voigt said the team has a few busy weekends coming up with some key meets.

"We have a big challenge next weekend," Voigt said. "We are going up against some very strong teams, UW Milwaukee, MS-Mankato, U of South Dakota and UW Stevens Point. We need to stay sharp and keep racing strong."

The Wildcats will be traveling out of state as they gear up to compete in the Border War Invite.

The meet will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 and will be completed the following day, Saturday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at Stevens Point, Wis.



Justin Key/NW
Sophomore Sophia Garris (above) finished third in the one-meter dive for the Wildcats.

Wildcats break out the brooms

Head coach Carl Trosien picks up 100th win in sweep

By **Katie Bultman**
contributing writer

The men's club hockey team had a successful weekend in Minnesota Friday, Nov. 2 through Sunday, Nov. 4. The team picked up three wins to earn a No. 10 Central Region ACHA ranking, along with earning head coach Carl Trosien's 100th ACHA victory.

The 'Cats are now 5-0 on the conference, with a 15-2 overall record. Head coach Carl Trosien is very proud of his teams, both past and present, for the accomplishment.

"The wins obviously were huge, and I give the kids all the credit," Trosien said. "I've had some very good teams over the years."

The Wildcats kicked off the weekend on Friday, against the University of Minnesota with a 10-0 win.

Sophomore goaltender Jeffery Ryan earned the win and his first shutout for NMU.

Ryan said he was pleased with the outcome.

"It felt good," Ryan said. "Shutouts are not really common, with playing three 20-minute periods it is kind of difficult. I was

more worried about getting the win."

The Wildcats scored three goals in the first period for the early lead. Left wing junior Eric Wozny scored at 14:53 in the first period with assists from freshman forward Anders Carlson and senior defenseman Mark Novak.

In the second period, Wozny began the series of goals again, with assists from freshman defenseman Karsten Heppler and sophomore forward Gunther Garrett. At the end of the period, the 'Cats left with a 7-0 lead.

In the final period, NMU scored three more goals without a response from Minnesota.

Saturday night the Wildcats came out strong when sophomore forward Wolff Belanger assisted senior center Brad Gicopolous for a goal at 14:21 in the first period. Minnesota answered with a goal at 12:12.

Belanger scored two more goals for the 'Cats with assists from Gicopolous and Carlson, bringing a 3-1 Wildcat lead with three minutes left in the first period.

Minnesota surprised the 'Cats by scoring two goals in under a minute. The Gopher's first came at 0:51 and then a second goal was scored in under five seconds.

The teams left the first period tied 3-3.

In the second period, the Wildcats shut out Minnesota and scored two, one of which was a shorthanded goal.

Belanger, who put up six goals and three assists for the 'Cats over the weekend, knew how hard the team worked for those goals.

"In hockey, shorthanded goals are not that common," Belanger said. "They have been very common this year, though. We have a lot of speed and it helps us on the penalty kill."

NMU left the second period up 5-3.

In the final period the 'Cats scored another two before Minnesota answered at 9:23, and then dropped off from there.

Right wing sophomore Ben Hughes finished the game when he scored the final goal at 2:02 in the third period. The teams left the ice with NMU leading 8-4.

Sophomore goalie Alex Latvala earned the win for a 4-0 season record.

The 'Cats made the most of their weekend with a third game on Sunday afternoon against St. Thomas in Minnesota.

NMU pulled out a 6-1 win, with Ryan picked up his second

win of the weekend as goaltender. The wins put Ryan's record at 9-2 for the season.

In the final game, Garrett scored first off a power play assist from Gicopolous. Afterwards, Belanger scored off assists from Gicopolous and Latvala to bring the 'Cats up 2-0 in the first period.

During the second period, penalties ran high and all of the goals were scored off power plays. NMU had two of the three goals, and the Wildcats led 4-1 at the end of the second period.

The statistics looked as if the penalty average was higher than normal. However, Belanger noted otherwise.

"We took advantage of the penalties and we were disciplined," Belanger said. "We were just clicking."

The 'Cats scored two more power play goals in the third period. The sixth and final Wildcat goal was scored by senior defenseman Shane Feeliery with help from Gicopolous, who assisted on the play.

The No. 10 'Cats will be facing off with the No. 13-ranked Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs next weekend at the Lakeview arena at 9 pm on Friday, Nov. 9 and 3:30 pm Saturday, Nov. 10.

Wildcats close out XC season

SOMERS, Wis. – The NMU cross country team wrapped up the 2012 season at the NCAA Midwest Regional on Saturday (Nov. 3) finishing eighth out of 23 teams with 245 points.

"We had a good day but not a great day today," said NMU coach Jenny Ryan. "We ran well with fast times but we have such a strong region and everyone ran fast."

Grand Valley won the meet with 45 team points. Also qualifying for the NCAA Championship was Saginaw Valley State (110), Ferris State (134), Southern Indiana (147) and Bellarmine (154). Junior Mallory Celaya was the first Wildcat across the finish line in 22:23, good for 34th place. Freshman Mary Kate Cirelli was 17 seconds back in 47th. Junior Mandy Dye finished two seconds and three places behind Cirelli in 50th.

Sophomore Larissa Halonen (54th) and sophomore Katie Granquist (60th) also ran under 23 minutes. Senior Rita Woitas (89th) and freshman Megan Edic (90th) rounded out the runners for NMU.

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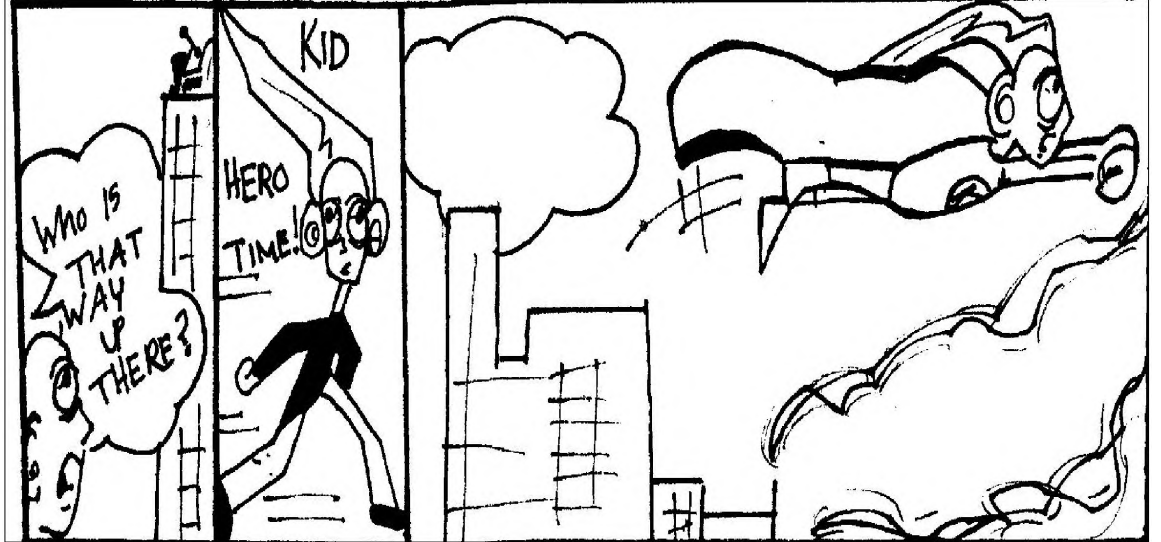
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November is Native American Heritage Month

“Native Cultures and Foods” a presentation with Abenaki author Joseph Bruchac, Ph.D.

Thursday, November 8 at 1 p.m.

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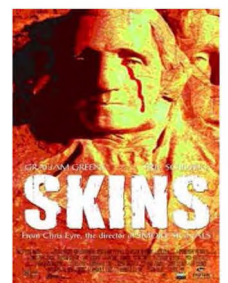
An ethnographic study by April Lindala, director of the Center for Native American Studies.



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Seymour Polatkin (left) is confronted by Aristotle Joseph in The Business of Fancy Dancing



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