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Police investigate soccer player drowning

By Shaina James
editor in chief

The investigation of the drowning of an NMU women's soccer team player on Friday, Nov. 30 in the PEIF pool still continues, as NMU Public Safety tries to put a timeline together.

Arianna Alioto, 18, from Columbia, Mo. was found in the PEIF lap pool at 5:35 p.m. Friday when a girl working out in the area that overlooks the pool spotted Alioto's body and reported it to the information desk, said director of Public Safety Michael Bath during a press conference held Monday, Dec. 3.

The staff then entered the pool area to find Alioto's body in the

pool and unresponsive, and called 911. Alioto was taken to Marquette General Hospital where she was pronounced dead by the hospital staff.

"We are going through a grieving process," Bath said. "This type of investigation is going to take a little bit more time than normal because the individuals that we are interviewing are obviously dealing with the stress of the situation."

The soccer team had been working out in the pool prior to Alioto's drowning and the pool was closed to the public during this time.

According to Bath, their practice had ended shortly before 5 p.m. There was a lifeguard pres-

ent during the team workout.

Public Safety is still investigating why there was no lifeguard present while Alioto was in the pool alone.

"There was no trauma to the body on the initial observations," Bath said.

Whether or not Alioto had previous medical conditions is still being investigated, Bath said.

"[The lifeguards] had been on our staff working for us for a couple of years," said athletic director Forrest Karr. "Actually the head lifeguard and the lifeguard who trains other lifeguards [were on duty]."

According to Karr, the lifeguard on duty was a student.

"We are in the process of re-evaluating our whole [surveillance] video program on campus," Bath said. "But all we have in that [pool] area is live-time video."

According to Bath, an autopsy was being conducted Monday, Dec. 3 and results won't be completed for two to four weeks. The pool was closed Saturday and reopened to the public Sunday.

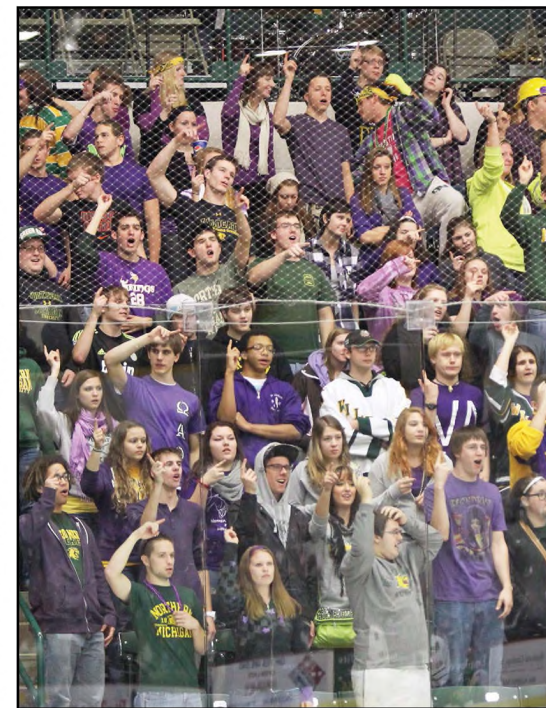
Students were encouraged to wear purple to honor Ali-

oto throughout the week and to Tuesday, Dec. 4 NMU men's hockey game against Michigan Tech. Purple was Alioto's favorite color.

A crowd of about 200 also came together Saturday evening, Dec. 1 in the Magers Hall courtyard, where Alioto lived, to participate in a candlelight vigil for Alioto.

Alioto was redshirted while recovering from a previous injury.

Alioto's funeral arrangements are being handled by the Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery of Columbia, Mo. Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the First Christian Church of Columbia, Mo.



Justin Key/NW

People were encouraged to wear purple to NMU's hockey game against Michigan Tech to honor Alioto.

Support counseling will be provided to team members, coaches and students or administrators by NMU counseling services for those who need it.

"This is a very difficult time on campus and a very tragic situation," said NMU President David Haynes.



Shaina James/NW

Alioto's body was found in the PEIF lap pool Friday, Nov. 30 at 5:35 p.m.

The North Wind celebrates 40 years of print

Hannah Fermanich
news editor

As the last few weeks of the semester come to a close, so comes the last issue of The North Wind's 40th anniversary of existence.

The North Wind as we know it today was born in 1972, with its first issue printed on September 14 after a long struggle to make the newspaper independent from the school's administration. Its previous incarnations included the Northern News, Northern College News and Northern Normal News, which was first published in January of 1919.

The North Wind's first few years on campus had its share of challenges, many of which former North Wind adviser Gerald Waite witnessed in his almost 20-year run with the paper.

"When I came here as adviser, there was really no journalism classes at all," Waite said. "We



Courtesy of NMU archives

(Left) The North Wind staff in 1972 when the paper was first printed. (Right) The North Wind staff in 2012.

Kristen Koehler/NW

had a lot of developing to do in a lot of ways, writing, layout and so on."

By becoming independent of the administration, funding for The North Wind had to be derived through alternative means, which brought about the creation of the Student Activity Fee at Northern.

According to graduate thesis

"The History of Student Journalism at Northern Michigan University, 1919-2002" administration had ceased funding not only the student newspaper, but also the concert and lecture series on campus. The creation of the student activity fee allowed the students to have a say not only with what entertainment was brought

to campus, but also in how they chose to run their newspaper.

"Funding has always come from the sStudent Activity Fee as part of the designated funds of the fee," said Bill Bernard, associate provost for student affairs.

Along with establishing the Student Activity Fee, when The North Wind was created, a board

of directors for the paper, composed of both faculty and students, was also made to ensure that it operated within its bylaws.

"The board is to oversee the operation of the newspaper, not in a day-to-day way, more to make sure the paper meets fiduciary responsibilities and make sure it follows its bylaws," Bernard said.

Not only were there obstacles in the form of funding, The North Wind staff also dealt with having their headquarters relocated a few times in the past 40 years. The staff have made their home in two locations in the UC, the basement of Lee Hall and now have returned to the UC where the office is currently located in Room 2310, according to "The History of Student Journalism."

Although there were trials along the way, The North Wind still managed to attain a standard

Briefs

State News

Ilitch Holdings, Inc., owner of the Detroit Red Wings, has announced plans to create a "multi-purpose events center" in downtown Detroit. The development of the new arena depends on the passing of state legislation to allow the use of Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funds. A Senate committee unanimously approved the bill supporting the arena on Tuesday, Dec. 4. The new arena is projected to create 5,500 jobs. George W. Jackson, Jr., president and CEO of Detroit Economic Growth Corporation, supports the new arena as it is intent on integrating districts rather than being for a single purpose. The exact location of the arena has not been announced but will be centrally located in downtown Detroit.

National News

The New York Post came under heavy criticism on Tuesday, Dec. 4, for running a cover photo of a man moments before he was killed by an oncoming subway. The victim, 58-year-old Ki Suk Han from Queens was pushed onto the tracks by a man who was harassing others on the platform. R. Umar Abassi, a New York Post freelance photographer took the pictures. He said he was using his flash to warn the subway operator, and said he was not physically strong enough to help the man get back onto the platform. The newspaper faced criticism for buying and running the photographs. Criticism arose due to the headline as well, saying, "Pushed on the subway track, this man is about to die," and in all capitals, "Doomed."

International News

Israel has made plans to create more than 3,000 homes in the sensitive West Bank, while the European Union summoned the ambassador of Israel to speak up. Israel's decision was announced Friday, Nov. 30, one day after the U.N. General Assembly's de facto recognition of Palestine. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas stated the housing project to be an uncrossable "red line," as it could divide the West Bank and make a Palestinian state an impossibility. Eleven U.N. members, including key members of the European Union have expressed staunch criticism over Israel's plans to develop. The Palestinian leadership decided Tuesday to seek a binding resolution at the U.N. Security Council requiring Israel to halt its development in the West Bank.

Weird News

Chinese newspaper The People's Daily fell victim to a satirical news story by The Onion that named North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong Un "Sexiest Man Alive for 2012." The People's Daily, quoting The Onion, wrote, "With his devastatingly handsome, round face, his boyish charm and his strong, sturdy frame, this Pyongyang-bred heart-throb is every woman's dream come true." Previous winners of The Onion's "Sexiest Man Alive" have been Bashar al-Assad, president of Syria and Bernie Madoff, former chairman of Nasdaq and convicted of a Ponzi Scheme. In 2002, the Beijing Evening News published The Onion's account of the U.S. Congress wanting a new building and threatening to leave Washington. The article was a satire of sports teams threatening to leave a city in order to get new stadiums.

— Compiled from news sources

Spreading good cheer



Kristen Koehler/NW

Children chose free books at the annual Lighting Up the Holidays event held at Northern on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

ASNMU update

Representatives readily repopulate roundtable

By Braden Linick
assistant news editor

A lot of brainstorming occurred at the weekly ASNMU meeting Monday night, Dec. 3.

ASNMU President Ben Stanley announced that NMU President David Haynes said he would like to see a list of priorities from ASNMU regarding some of the things they are working towards on behalf of the student body.

Many of the general assembly members wanted to work on a student union and help smaller organizations on campus get funding.

Stanley suggested it would be appropriate for their organization to address the 45-minute rule at the Wildcat Den. According to Stanley, it has been a rule for the past few years, however rarely enforced.

Chairwoman of the Assembly Abby Roche noted the priority of get-

ting posters up to promote the 24-hour study lounge in Starbucks and the surrounding areas from Sunday, Dec. 2 through Thursday, Dec. 13.

Five new members were sworn into ASNMU at the meeting. They included: College of Arts and Science Representative Jenna Ennamany, College of Professional Studies Representative Mackenzie Carlson, general studies representative Wesley Reiber, down-campus representative Brandon Zanon and off-campus representative Neil Martel.

College of Professional Studies Representative John McGovern presented a budget to provide donuts and coffee at the 24-hour study lounge from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 10 to Wednesday, Dec. 12. Although the budget was passed, some funding issues arose, making it unclear whether or not the plan would go through. However, Stanley said Dining Services

told him they would most likely be able to make a sufficient donation for the event.

College of Professional Studies representative Sam Forintos presented a budget to host an ASNMU social that was also passed. A date is uncertain at this time, but they are planning to have it in the Payne/Halverson lobby. Some food and beverages will be provided along with surveys for students to fill out on what they would like to see from their student government.

The issue of finding a new vice president was also addressed at the meeting.

"I plan on having a nomination up the first week of winter semester," Stanley said.

ASNMU faculty adviser Larry Pangel said that although ASNMU is currently without a vice president, there were no essential duties that were not being fulfilled.

For a full list of university crimes, visit www.nmu.edu/publicsafety/node/20

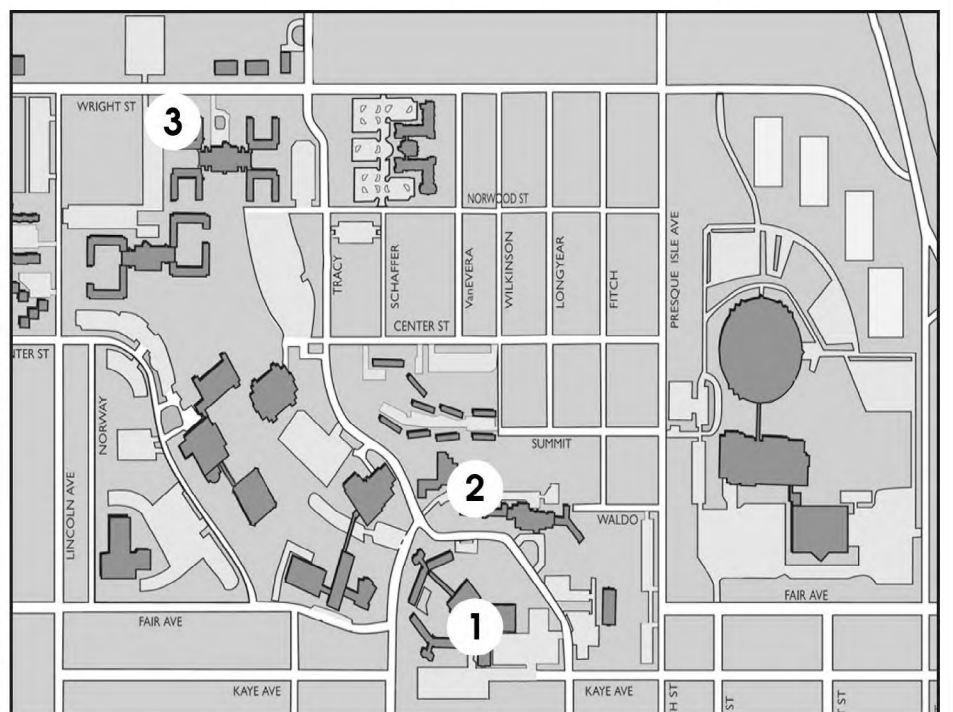
1: A larceny of a laptop was reported at 9:10 p.m. on Nov. 28 at the University Center.

2: A larceny from a motor vehicle was reported at 8:20 a.m. on Nov. 29 in Lot 2.

3: A person was arrested for a minor in possession at 1:03 a.m. on Dec. 1 at Hunt Hall.

Crime Tip: Be safe traveling home over break. Don't be distracted by cellular devices while driving.

Campus Crime Map



Students learn lifelong lessons abroad

By Katie Buda
contributing writer

Study abroad offers Northern students a chance to experience a variety of cultures while still earning credit toward their degree.

English professors Z.Z. Lehmberg and Peter Goodrich will be leading study abroad programs in the coming year. Students who sign up for both EN411Z, which covers contemporary Chinese literature, and AD495, covering digital photography, will have the opportunity to travel to China with Lehmberg.

Born and raised in China, Lehmberg will be leading the China study abroad trip from July 7 through 22, 2013. Once in China, she plans to partner NMU students with Chinese students.

"This way, the American students and the Chinese students can get to know each other and travel together in China," Lehmberg said.

Goodrich, will also be leading two upcoming study abroad programs. The first trip to Thai-

land and Cambodia led by Goodrich is from May to June 2013 and can be registered for between now and February.

Goodrich's second trip will be during the Winter 2014 semester to Macerata, Italy.

The trip to Macerata will be ideal for students who want to experience authentic Italy, Goodrich said.

Goodrich himself studied abroad in Ireland after graduating college and taught in Germany for four years while he was a graduate student at the University of Michigan.



Courtesy of Peter Goodrich/NW
Students enjoyed a traditional northern-style Kantoke Meal while in Chiang Mai, Thailand during their May 2011 trip. The dinner was complete with floor entertainment including Thai dancing, singing and sword tricks.

"Those were among the best years of my life so far," Goodrich said. "I am still in contact

with some of the friends I made then."

Students who study abroad will leave their current friends behind for a few weeks or months but when they return they will have new lifelong friends, Goodrich said.

"Study abroad will truly change your life, give you increased confidence and maturity, and open your eyes to the world," Goodrich said.

He is also developing a new Turkey study abroad program where students will study several works of Turkish literature, giving them insight into Turkish life in Istanbul and other parts of the country over the past 1000 years.

The dates for this trip are yet to be announced.

With the support of fellow students and experienced faculty and tour guides, study abroad is an ideal way to experience the world, according to Goodrich and Lehmberg.

"It's like international travel with training wheels," Goodrich said.

Students can sign up now by submitting a study abroad ap-

plication obtainable from the International Programs Office and by contacting the English department.

Zach Fix, one of Goodrich's former students, now teaches English in South Korea because of the experience he had studying abroad in Thailand.

Having lived in the U.P. his entire life, Fix found his trip to Thailand eye-opening.

From learning about the history, absorbing the culture, visiting many temples and eating "amazing" food, Fix remembers his last night in Thailand with his new friends, a group of Wildcats and Thais, most vividly.

"The stars were out, the food was great, and we all just relaxed and reflected on the amazing times we had had," Fix said.

Fix said traveling across the globe not only supplemented his education, but also provoked his eagerness to see the world.

"It was one of the best things that I had done during my time at Northern," Fix said. "The most important thing I learned was that I needed to see more."

Law affects wolf hunt

By Jon Young
sports editor

Roughly nine months ago wolves were taken off the endangered species list in Michigan for the first time since being placed there in 1973.

On Thursday, Nov. 29 a possible wolf hunting season got one step closer to becoming a reality as Senate Bill 1350, backed by Republican Senator Tom Casperson of Escanaba, passed in the Senate with a 23 to 15 vote.

Senate Bill 1350 does not permit a hunt, but rather designates the wolf as a game species. If the bill receives a majority vote in the House, it will be turned over to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC). The NRC acts as the decision making body for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The NRC is a seven-member group that is appointed by the governor. Great Lakes Regional Director of the National Wolf Watcher Coalition, Nancy Warren said the NRC looks like a safety net on paper but that's not always the case.

"On one hand it is really good that it's going to be in the hands of biologists and the Natural Resources Commission, however, where the bad side of this is, is the Natural Resources Commission are political appointees," Warren said. "So even though the legislator doesn't make the rules and regulations, the board that does is politically motivated."

In 2008, Michigan established a

Wolf Management Plan. The plan was set up to maintain a healthy wolf population, minimize wolf-related conflicts and conduct science-based wolf management methods.

Part of the plan deals with wolves causing depredation of livestock on farms. Currently, if farmers can prove depredation of their livestock was caused by a wolf, they are reimbursed. If the problem continues, they are permitted to obtain a permit to hunt the wolves.

Bear and fur bear specialist for the DNR, Adam Bump, supports following the plan but would like the wolf to be designated as a game species to give the DNR and NRC another option.

"The section of the plan that is most relevant is 6.10, basically what it outlines is in certain circumstances, public harvest could be a useful tool to help reduce wolf-related conflicts and that, that tool would be used in conjunction with other tools such as non-lethal techniques to avoid depredation," Bump said. "It would just be one other tool that might be useful to try to resolve some of those larger scale conflicts situations."

Warren believes that there are already enough non-lethal tools in place to manage wolves and depredation issues.

"We really think we need to allow the plan time to work," Warren said. "Now the DNR is saying they would welcome the opportunity for another tool to manage prob-

lems. Well we already have the tools to manage problems."

Warren believes that if the wolf is designated as a game species and turned over to the NRC, there will ultimately be a wolf hunting season in Michigan.

"DNR supports the designation of the wolf as a game animal," Warren said. "The fact that the DNR gets to establish the rules and regulations, DNR supports the hunting season. The writing is on the wall, there is going to be a hunting season."

Bump said the DNR is committed to the Wolf Management Plan but does hope the 1350 passes to give them another option in dealing with wolves, should the need for a hunting season arise.

"We're supportive of the bill and having wolves designated as a game species so we have the ability to have those discussions and those are probably something that will occur once the bill passes, if it passes," Bump said.

Warren said her coalition can find common ground with the DNR, but the groups need to work together to educate society on wolf behavior and shake the stigma that comes with the animal.

"We believe the fears and prejudices that caused the wolves to come in danger in the beginning still exist today and they're just manifested in these recreational hunts," Warren said.

For more information check out www.wolfwatcher.org or www.michigan.gov/dnr

Pipes pose problems

By Hannah Fermanich
news editor

Residents in Hunt Hall had an unexpected surprise when water made its way into their residences on Saturday, Dec. 1.

A failure in the attic sprinkler system caused water to leak and saturate the insulation on top of the building. The water made its way down into three student rooms, a TV room, storage rooms and into the mechanical room.

"It took us about five to six hours before it was at a point where we could comfortably leave it," said Director of Housing and Residence Life, Carl Holm.

According to Holm, the incident was caused by a failure to drain the water completely from the attic system after it had been tested. Because only parts of the attic are heated, the remaining water froze, causing damage to the pipe system. The recent warm weather that hit Marquette last week caused the ice to thaw and no longer plug the weaknesses in the pipes.

The contractor in charge of the sprinkler system responded immediately on Saturday, Dec. 1 to make a temporary repair, followed by a permanent solution that was finished Tuesday, Dec. 4, according to Travis Reamer, assistant director for facilities.

According to Holm, the next step is to remove the saturated insulation from the attic, let the

attic dry out and then put in new insulation. Buildings with similar sprinkler systems will be tested soon to ensure that a similar problem does not happen.

"We're not aware of any property damages to student furnishings," Reamer said.

Of the three resident rooms that had water problems, the largest water saturation was in the carpet of a room on the third floor. As of yet, Reamer said no one has reported any damage to personal property, but students are encouraged to contact them if they find damaged items.

According to Holm, students are told in orientation sessions to insure their items before attending school, though many do not. Typically, the university is not responsible for covering any damage to personal property, but it can vary depending on the situation.

"Students are expected to have insurance on their property," Holm said.

According to resident director (RD) of Hunt Hall Rhian Smith, several RDs and resident directors (RA) as well as members of Public Safety and the Housing Office all responded to the incident.

"Housing really pulled together really fast," Smith said. "We're pretty much put back together."

Smith said she is grateful for the support and help from everyone on campus that was involved with the incident.

NMU center earns award

By **Braden Linick**
assistant news editor

Director of the Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship (CEEE) Tawni Ferrarini is the 2012 recipient of the Albert Beekhuis Award, a national accolade granted by the Council for Economic Education (CEE).

According to Ferrarini, the award is given only when a network affiliated council or center does something deemed significant by the CEE. To be eligible for the award one must be a member of the CEE's network which currently consists of roughly 200 university-based centers and councils.

"I was shocked. This is an enormous honor for me and Northern," Ferrarini said. "I never expected this to happen. Pay attention to what others value and good things will happen."

The Albert Beekhuis Award was established in 2002 after a donation was made to the CEE from the Albert Beekhuis Foundation. The award is granted to someone that shows outstanding performance in working with teachers and exhibits excellence in practice, delivery of high quality programs and outreach to its community, marketing manager of the CEE Leslie Rasimas said.

According to Rasimas, an awardee must demonstrate an ongoing dedication and superior service to K-12 educators. Under Ferrarini, the CEEE has been promoting economic education by providing workshops for K-12 teachers since 2000.

"The Center has worked to grow its reach broadly and deeply within the 15 counties of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan," Rasimas said. "Through its publications, conference presentations, workshops and webinars, it helped integrate economics into the preschool to high school curriculum as well as in higher education within the state of Michigan with special attention given to engaging students and teachers in their communities."

Rasimas added that as well as Ferrarini's work with training Michigan teachers, she has also held workshops for the CEE at the HSBC National Center for Economic and Financial Education.

Ferrarini said she center uses multimedia technology to expand their reach across the nation and world. She went on to give some examples of the work she has done recently.

"A teacher from the Hannahville Indian Community came to me with an idea," Ferrarini said. "I brought him together with my students and other U.P. teachers, to create Monopoly on the Rez. People learn about personal

finance and entrepreneurship through Native American lenses while playing the game."

Ferrarini said she hopes to bring the Native American work to the CEE so economics, entrepreneurship and personal finance can be taught at the national level while getting to know more about Native American Culture.

Rasimas said over the past few years NMU's center has served as a liaison between the CEE and the Council for Economic Education of Japan.

The NMU CEEE recruited the director of the first Center for Economic Education in Peru, Hugo Eyzaguirre, in Peru to build its staff.

"It draws visitors from places like Mexico, Argentina and Uruguay to learn more about how to succeed," Rasimas said. "Visitors quickly discover that CEEE partnerships within the CEE/NAEE network and its local community are at the heart of its success."

Ferrarini said the projects she works with are based on community needs, wants and values. She is open to suggestions and can be contacted at tferrari@nmu.edu.



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— Tawni Ferrarini
Director of the Center for Economic
Education and Entrepreneurship

Den rule considered

By **Amanda Monthei**
copy/layout editor

An altercation in the Wildcat Den last week has prompted action from Campus Dining Services after a student was reportedly asked to leave the campus dining hall for staying there for more than 45 minutes.

Senior theater major Michael Skrobeck said while he was studying in the Café Libre public space near the Wildcat Den on Wednesday, Nov. 28, he was told by a Dining Services supervisor and cashier that he only had 45 minutes to eat and that he had to leave.

The event resulted in a short meeting with Dining Services prior to its scheduled meeting on Wednesday night, in which Skrobeck voiced his concern over student awareness of the "45-minute" rule.

"(Students) need a place to allow (them) to be relaxed and focused other than (a) dorm room, and be able to eat at the same time," Skrobeck said. "It takes a heck of a lot more time to eat and study and hang out with friends (than 45 minutes), and you want to be able to catch up on all three things."

According to the Frequently Asked Questions section on the Dining Services website, "In the Wildcat Den your card is swiped and you have 45 minutes to have all you care to eat. If you leave the dining location, you must swipe your card again to eat."

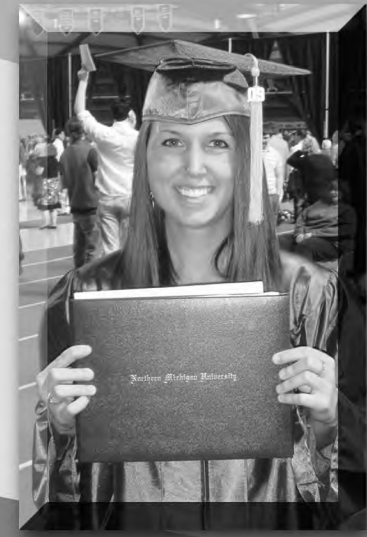
Skrobeck said this is not enough to inform students of the rule, and proposed that either Dining Services eliminate the rule or find other ways to get the word out to students.

"Nobody is going to go on

their website and look up the rules," he said. "So you might as well just get rid of it or if they want to keep the rule, make a poster or a table tent at the Den, being that the Den is the only place that enforces the rule."

In terms of enforcing the rule, Dining Services said that they have taken into consideration the social aspect of eating in dining halls, the lack of student awareness surrounding it and the potential discomfort of student cashiers having to reprimand other students.

According to Director of Auxiliary Services Tom Helgren, the enforcement of this policy has been suspended. The policy is currently being reviewed and a new policy will be drafted if deemed necessary. The new policy would then be presented to the Food Advisory Board.



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Outreach expands Haynes visits South Korea

By Katie Buda
contributing writer

President David Haynes, along with a group of faculty members, embarked on a trip to Seoul, South Korea on Oct. 26 as the first of many endeavors to extend the university's global outreach and foreign exchange opportunities.

Haynes, NMU Trustee Dr. Sook Wilkinson and Dean of the College of Professional Studies Paul Lang took the first of many trips to come in the next year.

After a decade of trips across the globe to strengthen and develop NMU's foreign connections, the University is now putting a narrower focus on such trips.

While in Seoul, the president signed a memoranda of understanding with two universities, Seoul National University of Science and Technology and Hankuk University of Foreign Studies.

Lang explained the purpose of the trip was to build relationships with institutions in South Korea for foreign exchange purposes and to attract international students from South Korea to attend Northern Michigan University for some part of their education.

During their trip, the three spent the most of their time in the city of Seoul.

"We had long days, mostly because the traffic is so intense and hectic that it took us quite a while to get from one place to another," Lang said.

From meeting with student alumni, government and university officials for breakfast to visiting two universities a day, meeting with presidents, deans and international programs offices, Lang had little time for sightseeing.

"We didn't have time for it," Lang said. "However one day we did get to spend two hours in a small old village outside of Seoul walking around looking

in shops and visiting museums."

Born, raised and educated in Seoul, Dr. Wilkinson was a vital aid to the group while abroad.

"Even before we left for South Korea, I was able to contact certain universities to set up the link between Northern and that university," Wilkinson said. "Being able to utilize my knowledge of the the university system there and knowing the culture made our trip run smoother."

One specific difference between American and Korean cultural communications is their use of the word "yes" and "no" when speaking with visitors.

"Korea has a culture where you do not offend your guests by saying no," Wilkinson said. "Often times I had to distinguish whether they really intended to say yes or if it was just a courtesy yes."

On Wednesday, Oct. 30, three days into the trip, a reception was held for NMU alumni currently studying at Munji University in South Korea. Thirty attended the evening event.

"Each one of them [universities] were memorable," Lang said.

The trio visited many universities on their six-day trip, one of them was the elite and all womens school that Wilkinson graduated from in 1969, Ewha University.

"I would say the biggest cultural difference that I saw was the enormous focus South Koreans put on education," Lang said. "They spend many hours a day studying and little time on intramural sports or arts."

Other global outreach trips planned for later in the year include China, Vietnam, Kenya, Abu Dhabi and a follow-up trip to South Korea between now and the end of next semester.

"We have always valued global relations," Lang said. "Now we're just refocusing our interest."

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of journalism that has been awarded several times throughout the years. Since its beginning, the paper has earned more than 18 awards from different organizations, including the Associated Collegiate Press, according to "The History of Student Journalism."

"We won a number of awards from different organizations," Waite said. "I think the interest that the students take in the paper from year to year was heartening. It wasn't a casual sort of organization, and they wanted to improve."

Former North Wind staff members have gone on to find careers in a variety of fields. NMU alumni Ken Silfven, class of 1983, now works as the deputy press secretary for Governor Rick Snyder.

"I owe a lot to The North Wind in terms of personal friendships and professional development," Silfven said. "Even though it's been 30 years since I was part of The North Wind team, I still have fond memories of my time there, and also developed friendships that last to this day."

"It was a great, hands-on way to learn the craft of journalism. The disciplined writing, attention to detail and management skills that I learned at The North Wind were invaluable in preparing me for a fulfilling career in communications."

Waite also remembers his time with the paper fondly.

"Working with the students and seeing their progress, I enjoyed getting out of the office and the classroom and working with the students both one on one and as a group," Waite said. "It was a good thing, and useful too. Not only did I enjoy doing it, but it was of practical use to the students to work on a newspaper and of course useful to the community as well."

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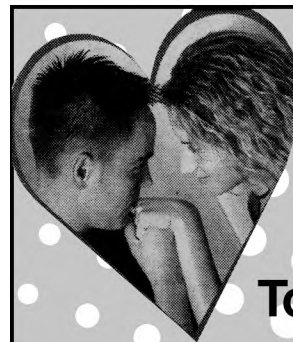
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Students hindered by caffeine

By Chelsea Ewaldt
contributing writer

Students who are counting on caffeine as a study aid during finals week may not realize that too much of this stimulant can actually undercut academic performance.

With often crazy schedules and the pressure of important exams, Northern students may boost caffeine intake hoping to gain a few extra hours of study time. Students who use caffeine in an attempt to amplify their performance on exams probably don't know that caffeine is actually working against them.

"Students have been busy all semester balancing class, assignments, jobs and family," said NMU health promotion specialist Lenny Shible. "By the time you hit exam week, that is when they are trying to eke out an extra minute to study for finals. In many cases students are trying to be as productive as possible and they think the use of excessive amounts of caffeine will make them more productive."

The Baseline of Health Foundation suggests that there may be some benefits to caffeine if consumed responsibly. Moderate caffeine consumption for most adults, 200 to 300 milligrams, or about two to four cups of brewed coffee a day aren't harmful. But heavy use, more than 500 to 600 milligrams a day, or about four to seven cups

of coffee, can cause a whole host of problems.

These side effects include insomnia, nervousness, restlessness, irritability, nausea, fast or irregular heartbeat, muscle tremors and headaches, according to the Mayo Clinic.

While physical and emotional effects may be common if too much caffeine is consumed, relying on it as a study aid could not only jeopardize your health, but it may not be as beneficial towards schoolwork as many think, according to Shible.

When students resort to caffeine, they are inhibiting their body and their ability to function, according to Angelo State University.

"Your body is constantly trying to get back to a balanced state, we prohibit it from functioning the way it should," said Robin Rahoi, Northern's registered dietician. "Every time your body takes a step closer to balance, your brain will be able to respond better. Students will be much better equipped to handle the stresses of the day if at a balanced state than having to troubleshoot and add caffeine. Students owe it to themselves. They have a miraculous, wonderful body; take care of that sucker."

Liz Wachowiak, physiology major and self-proclaimed coffee connoisseur said she has experienced a run-in with the side effects of overconsumption.

"My throat felt like it was

going to close up and I'd suffocate," she said. "I had just consumed more caffeine than I thought was humanly possible in an attempt to aid in my studying for my first immunology exam. I ended up curled up in a ball on the floor for an hour."

Alissa Cherry, a shift supervisor for Starbucks, said there is a notable increase in sales at the campus coffee shop during finals week, as students like Wachowiak rely increasingly on caffeine to get in more study time before big tests.

There are several things a student can do to ensure that they are drinking a moderate amount of caffeine.

"Don't drink caffeine after 3 p.m., have three meals a day, drink 64 ounces of water daily, exercise most days of the week and get eight hours of sleep," Rahoi said.

If caffeine is a must for exams this semester, make sure to use it in moderation.

"Since caffeine is a relatively short-acting drug, meaning it does not stay in your system very long, students who are using some form of caffeine to study should take precautions to avoid any sudden crash, especially during exams," Shible said. "So, make sure to have that last cup of coffee or that last bottle of caffeinated pop just a bit before heading into your exam so that you will be as alert as possible throughout your entire exam period."

Library offers resources

By Jenean Zahran
staff writer

The Lydia M. Olson Library provides students with a variety of resources to help prepare them for upcoming exams.

Hours for the Olson Library in the LRC on campus do not change during finals week, however the resources they provide for students are very useful, whether you need assistance for a research paper or are just looking for a quiet place to study. The library is open from 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday.

"Study rooms will be available for students, but it's a good idea to reserve one in advance because they're very popular and fill up fast," said Mary Freier, head of Public Services and associate professor.

Reference librarians will be available for consultation next week starting Sunday, Dec. 9 from 12:30 to 9 p.m., as well as Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Olson Library's website offers an online catalog if you need to look up textbooks or full-text electronic journals. The Electronic Reference Shelf, www.library.nmu.edu/guides/erefs/subject.php, gives access to online reference texts, according to Freier.

"If you need help finding something, locating the right resources or have a question, just ask the Public Services Desk," Freier said.

Holly Fremling, a senior and English Writing major, highly suggests using the library's website and speaking with a library consultant as a way to locate sources.

"The Olson Library's homepage is very useful when I am looking for sources for my research papers," Fremling said. "I would definitely recommend it to other students who need assistance with their papers."

Another option for students to study during finals week is the first floor of the LRC in Starbucks if you need some caffeine to help you stay awake while you study throughout the night.

During finals week, Starbucks

will be open until 11 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, until 5 p.m. on Thursday and until 3:30 p.m. on Friday.


The Writing Center and All Campus Tutoring (ACT) will be closed during finals week. Joy Weitzel of the Writing Center offers some tips for students since assistance will not be available for them next week.

"What I would suggest for a student who has a paper due finals week is to have another person read your paper," Weitzel said. "They may find little typos that you missed, misspelled words or be able to point out confusing sections that you read over."

"Also, read your paper aloud to yourself, slow and precisely. This way you will notice where potential commas, periods or semicolons ought to be placed in your paper."

If you struggle with grammatical issues, you can visit the Writing Center's website for numerous grammar worksheets at www.nmu.edu/writingcenter.


ACT and the Writing Center will both re-open the second week of the winter 2013 semester.



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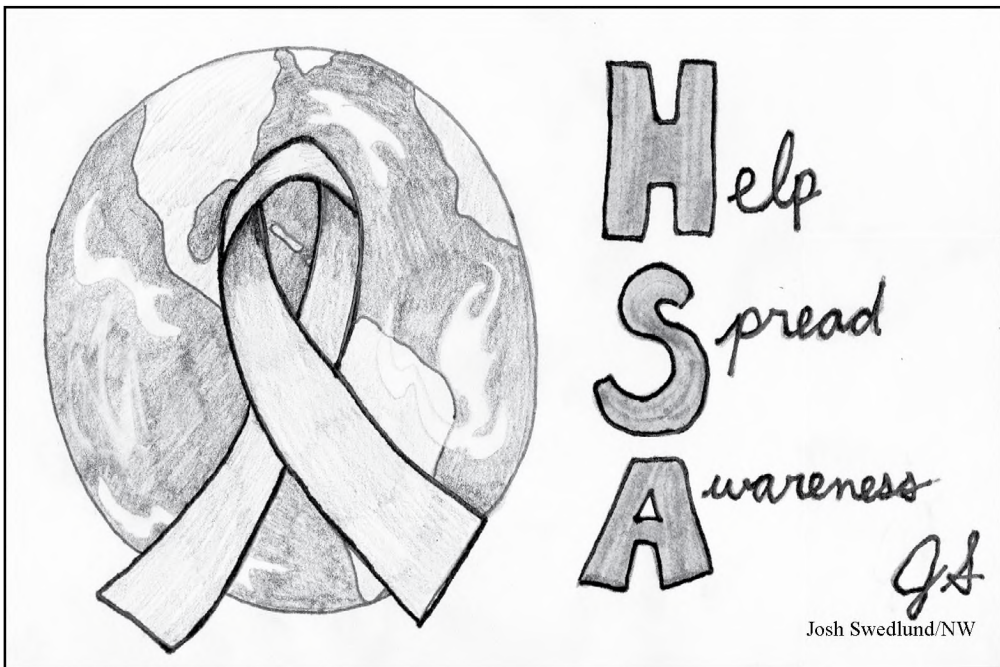
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EDITORIAL



Organizations educate students

Saturday, Dec. 1, was World AIDS Day, and thanks to the efforts of the Health Promotions Office, Outlook, Latino Student Union and Black Student Union, students were provided with a myriad of opportunities to become informed about the risk of HIV and AIDS.

OUTlook organized the World AIDS benefit dance; the Latino Student Union organized the display of the AIDS quilt, which can be seen from Monday, Dec. 3 to Friday, Dec. 7 in Hedgcock; and the Black Student Union organized the HIV/AIDS quiz bowl and the free HIV testing that took place on Thursday, Dec. 6.

All of these events and services bring to light the importance of HIV/AIDS awareness among college students, a young demographic that experiences a higher frequency of HIV diagnosis in Michigan.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), an average of 803 new cases of HIV were reported between 2006 and 2010.

MDCH estimates that there are 19,500 people living in Michigan with HIV as of January 2011.

The MDCH report indicated that “the rate of new HIV diagnoses increased significantly among persons 20 to 24 years of age (an average of 12 percent per year) and among those 25 to 29 years of age (7 percent per year).”

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that there are 1.1 million people living in the United States with HIV, though one in five are unaware that they are infected.

While HIV/AIDS affects many, blacks experience the heaviest burden of HIV. The CDC reported that in 2009, blacks accounted for 44 percent of new HIV infections, while Latinos accounted for 20 percent of new HIV infections.

The North Wind staff applauds the efforts of Outlook, the Latino Student Union, the Black Student Union and the Health Promotion Office.

HIV/AIDS is an epidemic that affects a younger demographic in the United States, and spreading awareness is crucial to decreasing the number of new HIV infections every year.

Other organizations on

campus should emulate the efforts of these groups.

When student organizations bring to light issues and events that are important to the student body, while presenting them in a way that is entertaining and engaging, it is beneficial to Northern’s community.

Events like this help NMU to strive further toward the goal to be a university that is highly involved with larger communities (local, state, regional, national and global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity, according to the standards of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Though HIV and AIDS has caused so much heartache and damage in the lives of many individuals, the opportunity to stop the spread of this disease rests with those who are educated about and aware of HIV/AIDS.

Thanks to our fellow students for presenting an issue that is important to the future of many and congratulate these individuals for their service to NMU students.

Campus unified by community



When I first made the trip to Marquette five years ago, leaving home seemed like a daunting challenge.

As scary as it seemed at first, my fears were soon washed away by the sense of community in both NMU and Marquette.

Recently, I have been reminded of the importance of community at NMU and in the surrounding area.

Sports have a way of bringing people together, but it’s not always about winning or losing.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, Ishpeming High School captured the state football title. Ishpeming had the entire community backing them as their quest for the state championship gained support throughout the area.

After their win, they were escorted into town by the fire department and police officers as cars were backed up for miles to Negaunee in a show of their support.

Maybe even more impressive than the state championship victory was the support the community showed for senior Eric Dompierre.

The MHSAA wasn’t going to let Dompierre, who has Down syndrome, play sports his senior year due to his age.

The community backed Dompierre, starting last year with t-shirts and flyers that read “Let em play.” An online petition was started on Saturday, March 24, 2012. The support flooded in as more than 90,000 people signed. By August of 2012, the MSHAA changed the age limits regarding students with disabilities.

Dompierre, who kicked extra points for the football team, got to be a part of the championship run, but more importantly, the team.

His story has been picked up by Sports Illustrated, and he was recognized in their series “Underdogs.” Dompierre’s story was bigger than wins and losses. It was about being a part of a team and a community.

In Dompierre’s case, the community rallied behind a success story.

This week NMU’s campus has showed that a community can

come together even in the wake of a terrible tragedy.

With the events regarding the death of freshman Arianna Alioto, I was reminded the importance of NMU’s community.

I grew up in a small-town and I’ve seen time and time again how these kinds of communities can rally together and truly become a “family” during difficult times.

It sounds cliché at times but in the wake of this tragic event, NMU showed how our campus is a tight-knit family community. Within 24 hours of Alioto’s passing, nearly 200 students gathered in the lobby of Magers Hall before moving to the courtyard to honor Alioto with a candlelight vigil.

Reactions like this show how connected we are as a student body. It puts the more important aspects of life in perspective and shows how much one life can affect an entire community.

With more than 9,000 students, NMU is a moderately-sized school, but it isn’t so big that the student body loses sight of something bigger than themselves. I didn’t know Arianna personally, but I’ve seen the support her tragedy has garnished.

Whether it’s through the vigil, talk around campus or Facebook statuses, there has been an outpouring of compassion in regards to her death. It speaks volumes to Alioto’s character and the character of our school.

I feel for the members of the NMU women’s soccer team who lost their teammate and those who personally knew Alioto. I got my start at The North Wind covering soccer, and I know that is a close-knit squad.

Events like Dompierre’s petition and Arianna’s death show how strong a community we have in Marquette and the surrounding towns. It’s adversity like this that makes this area, especially our campus, a family.

There is no way to express how devastating this event is to Alioto’s family, friends and the NMU community. I can’t begin to understand the pain of the loss, but I am confident that the NMU community will foster support for those affected by this tragedy.

Students looking for additional support should visit Counseling and Consultation Services, located in 3405 Hedgcock between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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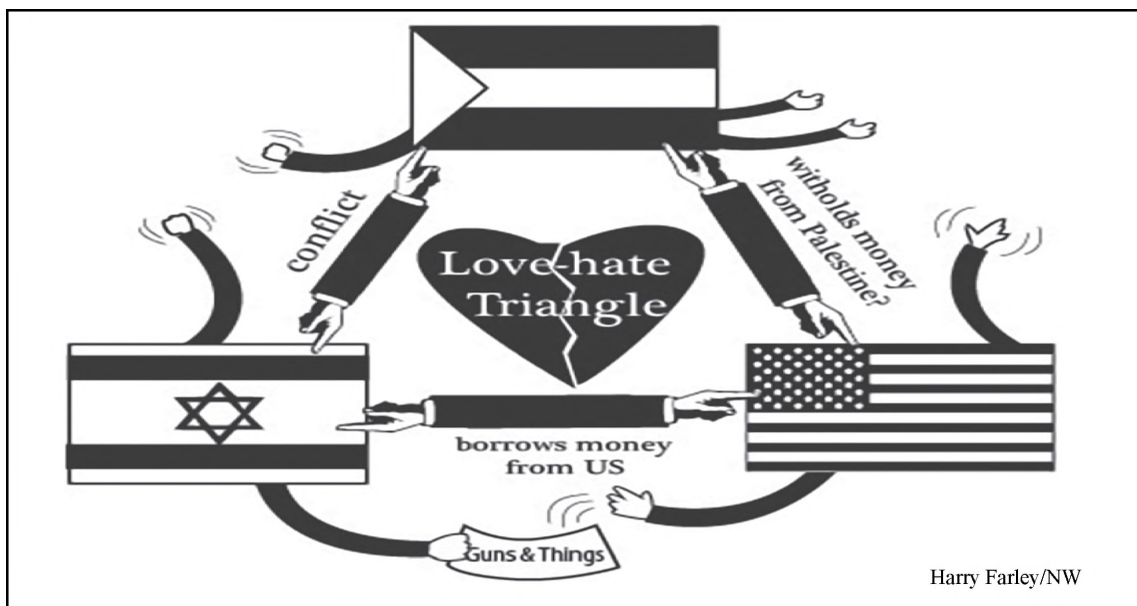
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One state solution for Israel, Palestine

Weekly Take Away



Lee
McClelland

In a contentious yet historic United Nations (UN) vote on Thursday, Nov. 29, the Palestinian Authority was granted an observer non-member status in the General Assembly, despite opposition from Israel and the United States.

It was 65 years ago that the UN voted, on Nov. 29, 1947, to establish a Jewish and Arab state alongside of each other in the British mandate territory.

This vote has drawn heavy criticism from both the United States and Israel, furthering a tense relationship with Palestine.

Israel, unhappy with the outcome, has made some rash moves since the UN upgraded the Palestinian Authority from an "entity" to a "nonmember state."

On Friday, Nov. 30, Israel made an announcement that they would move forward with the development of a settlement in a disputed area, known as E1, just outside of East Jerusalem. Israel's plan to build more than 3,000 houses would put possible negotiations for a two-state solution in jeopardy.

The United States has acted as a broker of peace between Israel and Palestine, but the opposition of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has made it difficult for President Barack Obama to work with him — a stumbling block in foreign diplomacy between the two countries.

While Israel has shown hefty opposition to the Palestinian's recognition as a nonmember state in the UN General Assembly, it is important for the United States to recognize the growing power of Palestinian unification.

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, the leader of Hamas, Khaled Meshal, discussed the possibility of joining his party with the Palestinian Liberation Organization (P.L.O.), which would lead to the further

unification of Palestinians.

It was the Israeli drone strike that resulted in the assassination of a Hamas military official, Ahmad Al-Jabari, which ignited the eight-day dispute between Israel and Palestine.

Hamas is classified as a terrorist organization by the United States and Israel because of their use of violence to try and solve the Israel-Palestine problem.

Nevertheless, Hamas has the support of Palestinians who desire the "right of return" to their homelands in present-day Israel.

If Hamas was to join the P.L.O., the leader of Palestine and the Fatah party, Mahmoud Abbas, would face a challenge.

Hamas would, no doubt, seek to toughen up P.L.O. policies. This could complicate future peace talks.

The United States would be foolish to ignore the influence that Palestine and the Arab Spring has on the global stage. After all, it was the Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi who brokered the cease-fire between Israel and Palestine.

In fact, Egypt, Qatar and Turkey have all proven to have significant clout when it comes to global issues.

These countries have supported Palestine's recognition in the U.N.

With these powerful governments arising in the Middle East and Palestine moving closer toward its statehood, it is time for the United States to push harder for peace talks between Israel and Palestine.

When the UN vote was passed, Israel announced on Sunday, Dec. 2, that it would withhold tax revenues that are collected on Palestine's behalf for this month, claiming the Palestine Authority owes \$200 million to the Israel Electric Corporation.

Israel will withhold more than \$100 million from the Palestinian Authority. Historically, when tensions rise between Israel and Palestine, Israel has found a way to withhold money from Palestine.

Why can't the United States cut funding when our ally acts out?

The Congressional Research Service published a study in 2012 that stated, "In 2007, the Bush Administration and the Israeli

government agreed to a 10-year, \$30 billion military aid package," which is justified because it was "an investment in peace—in long-term peace. Peace will not be made without strength."

Though the United States provides Israel with an ample amount of military assistance, Israel often neglects us as an ally.

When Israel threatens a potential peaceful solution to be made with Palestine, the United States should not be hesitant to reduce aid packages.

If Israel can withhold money from Palestine, so can the United States from Israel.

The truth is that Israel and Palestine are guilty of needless aggression. The conflict between the two can be solved, though compromise is needed.

The history between the two has been wrought with bloodshed, turmoil and deep-seeded hatred for one another, but there has to be an aim for peace so that both countries can establish a manageable relationship for the future.

A two-state solution may prove a fruitless effort, which has been the case for many years.

If the two nation states can learn to accept one another's identity and culture, as well as drop the crippling hatred of one another, then maybe a one-state solution would be plausible.

Establishing one state would allow Palestinians to return to their homeland, while allowing Israelis to share the entire region.

Jerusalem could be a shared capital, and peace between Palestinians and Israelis could be a step toward a bright future.

Many argue for a two-state solution, yet this route has only ended in renewed conflict between the two nations.

One state of peace would enable both Palestinians and Israelis to enjoy the holy city, land, water and improved relations.

Peace through strength is not the answer. It is imperative that Israel and Palestine find a peaceful solution.

This conflict can be solved by employing the wisdom to refrain from resorting to an act of military strength when it is most tempting to do so for unsavory reasons.

Sound Off

compiled by Zerek Twede

Will the world end on December 21, 2012?



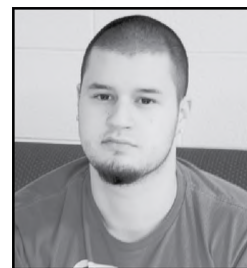
Adam McFadzean
freshman, criminal justice

"Yes. The zombies are coming, and I hope they are the slow ones."



Korshye Long
freshman, environmental science

"No. I believe it will be a spiritual awakening."



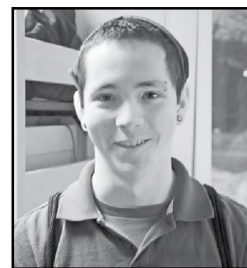
Tyler Cotton
sophomore, pre-med

"No. The earth has survived long enough that the odds are against us for this specific date."



Jarrett Neilson
freshman, industrial technologies

"No. I think people misinterpret what the Mayans predicted."



Corey Bennington
freshman, criminal justice

"The new world order will be put into effect and that will be the downfall of us all."



Annie Dekorne
freshman, electronic imaging

"I think the world will end on December 21, 2012 because it's when we least expect it!"

Letter to the editor

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, a very large crowd turned out for a music department concert at Reynolds Hall (The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber).

Because the event was unticketed, patrons had to be turned away and others who had entered the hall were asked to move because they were sitting or standing in locations not allowed by the fire code.

We apologize for this inconvenience.

Events at Reynolds Hall have not used a ticketing system because they are offered without charge and audiences

have rarely reached the hall's capacity.

Wednesday's event points to a need to re-examine this policy.

Hopefully a solution can be found that won't sacrifice the convenience of the current procedure.

Again, thanks to the entire university community for supporting great music events at Reynolds Hall.

We welcome your comments and suggestions.

Dr. Robert Engelhart
department head,
music department

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NMU's heading in right direction with Road Map 2015

Semester in Review



Lee McClelland

After reviewing NMU's Five-Year Master Plan from November 2012, I found areas in which Northern excelled and others where the university did not meet expectations.

At the close of yet another semester, I took it upon myself to give an in-depth look at NMU's progress on the Road Map to 2015.

According to NMU's mission statement, the university "challenges its students and employees to think independently and critically."

With that in mind, I reviewed the "strategic elements" in the Five-Year Master Plan.

The emphasis of this review will focus on enrollment growth (or lack thereof), green innovation on campus and rates of involvement in the Superior Edge program.

There was a projected enroll-

ment of 9,250 students for the Fall 2012 semester, but a head count on the tenth day of classes showed that there were 9,098 students enrolled.

Of these 9,098, 75.6 percent were pursuing a baccalaureate degree, 7.1 a graduate degree and 17.3 percent were involved in community college courses.

NMU has made it a goal to continue efforts that help increase enrollment.

The data presented in the Master Plan revealed that there was a slight decrease in equated student change from 2011 to 2012; in the past four years, though, there has been a 1.8 percent increase in enrollment.

While enrollment is slowly growing and retention rates look promising, the amount of international students studying at NMU is disappointing.

There were 128 non-U.S. students studying at NMU in the Fall 2012 semester, a 97 percent increase since 2007, when only 65 non-U.S. students were enrolled.

Compare the Fall 2012 number to the Fall 1997 number of non-U.S. students, 117, and there has been a net 9.4 percent increase in non-U.S. enrollment since 1997.

The Institute of International Education Open Doors report

from Tuesday, Nov. 13, indicates that international student enrollment in the United States has increased by six percent in 2011-12: that is a record high of 764,495 non-U.S. students.

Midwest universities see some of the highest rates of enrollment in regard to international students, according to the Associated Press article "US colleges look to foreign students."

The University of Illinois alone has 9,000 international students, which is the second highest rate in the United States.

NMU has worked so hard to create a brand for the university, and now it is time to start aggressively marketing that brand abroad to increase international enrollment at NMU.

While enrollment has been building at a slow but steady rate, NMU's efforts to create a greener, more environmentally friendly campus have been significant.

The new steam plant, which is nearing completion, will use renewable resources, wood chips and wood by-products, to generate energy for Northern's campus.

It is estimated that the plant will meet 87 percent of NMU's thermal needs.

Over a 20-year period, it may save the university as much as

\$5.1 million.

This is a great step toward becoming a greener campus. NMU has made strides to upgrade facilities to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, in addition to the creation of the new steam plant.

A major part of the Five-Year Master Plan is promoting and fostering community engagement, which places an emphasis on the growth of the Superior Edge program on campus.

In 2006, the Superior Edge program was started to provide a unique experience that allowed students to become active in the surrounding community.

Students give back to Marquette, creating a positive image for NMU. In doing so, students also form strong ties in the area and this can have a positive effect on retention rates.

Since its establishment in 2006, Superior Edge has turned out 379 students who have completed either various or all edges of the program.

As of Tuesday, Dec. 4, there are 2,918 students enrolled in the Superior Edge program, and 2,173 are actively working towards their edges.

From 2006 to 2012, there has been a 21.4 percent overall

growth of students graduating with all four edges complete.

This is NMU's greatest accomplishment because it engages the community, provides students with real world experience and helps retain enrolled students.

There are still many things that NMU can improve before reaching the end of the road, but significant progress has been made thus far.

It is imperative that the administration looks into marketing strategies for reaching a broader international audience. This is the greatest area of increased enrollment and tuition revenue, and it should not be ignored.

International enrollment is one of the largest factors that the university must address in the coming years.

The university's emphasis on innovation, meaningful lives, campus attributes and community engagement are important strategic elements that will push NMU further toward its goals of creating "productive citizens in the regional and global communities," as well as lifelong learners.

As the Fall 2012 semester comes to a close, NMU should take stock and make the necessary improvements to ensure a future of promise and growth.

Blocking Obama's Secretary of State choice hypocritical move

Guest Column



Ellen Lindblom

President Barack Obama is facing opposition from Republicans over his choice of who will replace current Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton.

The Secretary of State, appointed by the president with the advice and consent of the Senate, is the highest ranking appointed executive branch official both in the presidential line of succession and the order of precedence.

The Secretary of State is one of four senior officials in the federal government that are considered the most important cabinet members.

The Department of State, headed by the Secretary of State, is principally concerned with foreign affairs.

The position was modeled to be the United States equivalent of a foreign minister.

The current Secretary of State is Hillary Rodham Clinton, the 67th person to hold the office since its creation in 1789, and the third woman to hold the post.

Hillary Clinton's exit at the

end of Obama's first term as Secretary of State has caused lots of controversy in Washington in the past weeks.

The first rumored official to potentially head this position was John Kerry, a senator from Massachusetts, who seemed to be the legislature's favorite for the new Secretary of State.

Kerry, who has 27 years of experience working on the Foreign Relations Committee, knows every global player, is personable and professional.

For example, when Afghan President Hamid Karzai flew into a dither and refused to sanction a presidential runoff election, Obama dispatched the Democratic senator from Massachusetts to help.

Kerry patiently walked Karzai around his Kabul residence for hours and won his acquiescence.

Some political experts speculate that part of the enthusiasm for Kerry could be that his departure would trigger a special election in Massachusetts, where recently defeated Republican Scott Brown could run again and give the Grand Old Party another seat in the Senate.

While Senator Kerry seems like the obvious choice, the Obama administration has had their eyes on someone else to take the job: United Nations

Ambassador Susan Rice.

Rice is an American diplomat, former Brookings Institution fellow, and is also the first African-American woman to be the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

Rice served on the staff of the National Security Council and as Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs during President Bill Clinton's second term.

Rice was confirmed as UN Ambassador by the U.S. Senate unanimously in 2009.

Her credentials are impressive, but many Republican legislators are unconvinced.

It seems puzzling why the Senate that gave her unanimous consent is all of the sudden changing their mind when it comes to her run for Secretary of State.

Most of the opposition points stem from Rice's appearance on the major "Sunday Shows" on Sunday, Sept. 16, where she discussed the attack on the United States Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

As Americans found out later, the attack was more complicated than the intelligence community first believed.

Rice's opponents claim that she did not provide correct information during the interviews and was covering the Obama administration's tracks with

false rhetoric and conjecture.

On this point, Republicans are being hypocritical.

Senator John McCain, who has been one of the ring leaders in the fight against Rice, has vowed not to approve anyone to hold the office of Secretary of State.

This is strange, considering that Senator McCain has been on the "Sunday Shows" himself 20 times this year alone.

In the past, Senator McCain has frequently said things that were untrue on the "Sunday Shows" and no one stopped him from being a politician.

Why all of the sudden does he have the right to hold others to a higher standard than himself?

It seems that The Grand Old Party just can't seem to give up on this pre-election plan to create a scandal out of a tragedy.

The anti-Rice crusade and the attempt to make the Benghazi attack look like a scandal is just another example of the Grand Old Party shooting themselves in the foot.

Americans have the real story now and it is time to stop attacking President Obama, White House staff and Ambassador Rice.

Americans elected President Obama, and by electing him, they gave him the benefit of the doubt.

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He chooses those who will do the best job possible. For the president, trust is a very important factor in his decision to appoint Rice as Secretary of State.

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Whether President Obama will appoint Susan Rice or John Kerry, Americans and elected officials should support his decision.

This is his cabinet, his staff and his choice: Americans have to believe he will make the best choice for the people of the United States of America.

THE END

By Nolan Krebs

features editor

It's been a topic of discussion for years – from Hollywood to the church, it has been suggested that the world will end in 2012.

There have been dates supposedly linked to the apocalypse that have come and gone; humanity made it through the year 2000, as well as the more recent and widely-publicized prediction of May 21, 2011 as the end of days by Christian radio host Harold Camping.

While previous dates have failed to bring about the end of the earth, 2012 is the next “big one,” specifically Friday, Dec. 21, 2012. According to the NASA website, there are several key myths tied to the origin of the supposed apocalypse.

The origin of the 2012 prediction stems from the claim that the supposed planet Nibiru, which was discovered by the Sumerians, is going to crash into the earth. While the initial prediction was for May 2003, the date was pushed to December 2012 to coincide with the end of a cycle in the Mayan calendar.



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The city of Chichen Itza, now a tourist attraction, was once a bustling city from the years 600-800 AD. The Castillo, pictured here, is the most popular landmark of the Mayan civilization.



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However, NASA scientists believe that the Mayan calendar doesn't "run out" on Dec. 21, 2012, but a long-count period simply ends and another begins, just as most calendars reset on January 1.

Other theories, such as a catastrophic meteor strike, are not considered by NASA to be a legitimate threat. NASA's Near-Earth Object Program website, which monitors the movement of large, near-Earth asteroids, shows no evidence of an impending collision.

The lack of hard evidence behind most apocalypse theories are cause enough to discredit them, said senior earth science major Nathan Wenzel.

"The 2012 phenomenon is interesting, but it's more entertainment than reality," Wenzel said. "There isn't any science behind the major arguments, especially things like the polar shift theory. Without support from the science community, there doesn't seem to be much of a case."

The constant flip-flopping of dates that are supposed to mark the end of the world is enough to dispel any worry, said senior education major Mary Canfield.

"The numbers always seem to contradict each other without much gravity," Canfield said. "If the world's going to end, it's going to end – it doesn't seem there's much we could do about it."

While some may believe the fall semester is going to be our last, it's a safe bet that class will still be in session come January 14, 2013.

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Student raises awareness for sustainable fashion

By Amanda Monthei
copy/layout editor

In a society where fashion can have an enormous influence on our lives, some may find it hard to imagine winter without new boots, summer without new dresses or life without new styles.

In addressing this belief—the idea that spending large amounts of money on new clothing is a necessity of fashion and our lifestyles—senior English writing major Katelyn Durst is aiming to do something, however small it may be, to challenge that assumption.

“I was really materialistic,” Durst said. “I always had all these clothes that I didn’t even wear, or

I’d wear something once and not wear it again for six months, just things like that.”

After initially being inspired by the documentary “No Impact Man,” which highlights a New York City family that eliminates almost all 21st century luxuries from their lives, including cars, electricity and even ice cubes, Durst was inspired to confront her own materialism. What resulted was a personal commitment to sustainable fashion and humane product development, which led her to an organization called The Uniform Project.

“I really liked (the Uniform Project’s) idea of wearing one thing for a whole year and accessorizing it whatever way I want,”

she said. “But really, it’s just wearing it consistently and doing it for the cause. A lot of people said I couldn’t do it, which kind of fueled me to be like, ‘yes I can.’”

The Uniform Project was created in 2009 as a campaign to address overconsumption in first-world society, but also aimed to present a progressive fashion movement revolving around the wearing of a single black dress for a year.

The challenge and ultimate enjoyment of the campaign is in maintaining creativity through the use of accessories and other additions that can be made to a black dress.

“It makes you a lot more creative than I expected,” she said. “As I get closer to seven months I’ll probably be getting extremely creative. But there is a lot you can still work with because it’s black and anything goes with it really.”

As of Wednesday, Dec. 3, Durst is on her 120th day of the project, which lands her right around four months. She acknowledged that as the weather gets colder, her wardrobe seems to be getting much smaller, as she is limited to a small amount of cardigans, leggings and scarves.

“(My closet) is pretty bleak,” Durst said. “It’s just like a few cardigans and shoes, winter boots and leggings, stockings and coats.”

“It’s really kind of depressing because I used to be so dependant on all these different things, but I’m learning to work within what I have right now and still be cre-



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Durst, a senior, has a number of accessories to make her dress stand out.

ative and come up with new (outfits).”

Her initial goal to raise awareness of sustainable fashion isn’t all she’s hoping to accomplish with the project, however. Other focuses of hers include less shopping for new clothes, eliminating her support of Wal-Mart and other corporations, and raising money for a charity of her choice.

“I will only buy something new if something I already have wears out,” she said. “It’s not really fair for me to be buying so many new things when I don’t really need them. I already have a closet full of stuff, I can just give that money to people that really need it.”

Durst estimates that she’s saved over \$300 in the past four months by not buying any new clothes. But for Durst, who considered one of her hobbies to be thrifting prior to her year-long commitment, the biggest chal-

lenge is avoiding used clothes.

“A lot of people want to go thrifting with me but now I just can’t do it, it’s too much temptation,” Durst said. “A big majority of what I was buying anyways was from thrift stores—I try to buy at least 75 percent of my clothes from thrift stores.”

For students interested in the Uniform Project or a commitment to humane fashion, Durst suggests a few simple ways to improve your spending power and support sustainability in the fashion industry amid increasing consumption.

Among things that students can do, donating any unworn clothes to thrift stores in the Marquette area is the easiest. Other ideas include holding clothes swaps with friends, recycling old clothes and supporting sustainably minded clothing companies. For additional information, visit www.theuniformproject.com.



Nolan Krebs/NW

On the first day of her year-long commitment to raise awareness of ethical fashion, Katelyn Durst poses in the black dress she chose for the project.

Senior capstone project features one-man theatre production

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

Forest Roberts Theatre will be invoking the spirit of the holidays with “Santaland Diaries,” a play based on an essay by David Sedaris, on Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8.

“Santaland Diaries” is a story seen through a somewhat atypical viewpoint when it comes to Christmas stories, said director of theatre Ansley Valentine.

“The play, which is based on Sedaris’ essay of the same name, is sort of a backstage look at when [Sedaris] worked as an elf at Macy’s during the holiday season,” Valentine said.

The play is also the capstone project of senior theatre major Jacob Barbot, Valentine said, something all theatre students must complete prior to graduation.

While most seniors in the theatre department direct a one-act play for their capstone project, Barbot said he was interested in doing something different.

“I approached my professors asking if I could do some sort of acting piece as my capstone,

since I intend to graduate and work preferably as an actor” Barbot said. “We discussed the option of doing a variety of scenes or a one-man show.”

As Barbot and his instructors mulled over the possibilities, Barbot became increasingly interested in the idea of a one-man production.

“Having a cast of one became a practical idea,” Barbot said. “Great self-exploration of expression, opportune practice doing monologues, which are essential to get a job, and not having to work around the schedule of others.”

The essay by Sedaris came up in conversation, Barbot said, as he had heard the essay read by the author on NPR over the last few Christmases and loved the material.

“The play is often used as a season show and an alternative to other plays,” Barbot said. “On top of that, this show seemed ideal for my own personal disposition towards Christmas, and I hope it draws out a good student audience as well.”

Preparing for the production

has been tiring and nerve-wracking, Barbot said. The rehearsals alone require an hour-and-half performance without much of a break.

“For the first few weeks, I rehearsed alone and it became disheartening to be in such a quiet empty room,” Barbot said. “Is this even funny?” I thought.”

With the help of professors and feedback from friends, Barbot said he feels confident the show will go well.

The “Santaland Diaries” will also mark the first time that the Forest Roberts Theatre has held late night performances, with a 7:30 p.m. show on Friday, and an 11 p.m. showing on both nights.

“We’ll have two late performances, which we haven’t done before,” Valentine said. “We’re hoping that might be more appealing to the students, who can still go out and then come later for the show.”

All performances of “Santaland Diaries” will be held at the Forest Roberts Theatre and tickets are \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.nmu.edu/tickets.



Courtesy of Forest Roberts Theatre

“Santaland Diaries,” first published in 1992, follows author David Sedaris’ experience working as an elf at Macy’s during the holiday season.

'Dia de los Tacos' plots mobile food options

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

For Marquette resident Mike Walker, opening a restaurant has seemed to be in the cards for a while, but it was a winding path and a love for one particular food item that led to the idea for Dia de los Tacos, Marquette's own mobile taco truck.

Walker, who has been working in the restaurant business in some capacity or another since the age of 15, said the idea of bringing mobile-food to the community started after spending time away from Marquette, where he grew up.

"When I first started thinking about returning to Marquette after almost 20 years in Detroit, and then Portland (Ore.), the plan was for my wife and I to open a restaurant," Walker said.

Spending three years in Portland, the home of a vibrant mobile-food culture, sparked the interest in opening something similar, Walker said. When Walker and his wife, Teri, moved back to Marquette, they both took up different jobs.

"I was working as a manager and promoter at the Upfront, and Teri was a document controller for one of the mines," Walker said. "When the Upfront closed,

85 of my friends started applying for the same nonexistent jobs. In light of the complete lack of possible employment options, we thought it might be time to try our own."

Walker's thoughts turned back to opening a food truck, which he saw as an interesting alternative to a brick-and-mortar restaurant. The question of what to serve, and where, was a no-brainer, he said.

"I really love tacos," Walker said. "Ask anyone who knows me, it's kind of ridiculous. We'll be around late night at the bars, after sporting events, the ski hill and even just around lunch. We plan to target three different places per day and announce locations via Twitter and Facebook."

Dia de los Tacos will be offering gluten-free menu items, which were an important part of the project. As someone with a gluten intolerance, Walker said it can be difficult to eat out.

"I know there are lots of people in the area that also eat a gluten-free diet, and hopefully they'll feel comfortable trying anything that we offer," Walker said.

The recipe that has Walker most excited is a handmade chorizo, or Mexican pork sausage, taco and the black bean option, as well as pupusas, which are torti-

llas filled with cheese, pork and beans.

For junior marketing major Guy McCarthy, who grew up around Chicago, Marquette has been in dire need for more Mexican food options.

"It seems like everyone is always saying we could use more Mexican food, like a burrito or taco place that you might find in a big city," McCarthy said. "A place that offers simple, inexpensive tacos seems like it would make a killing."

McCarthy, who often gigs as a drummer downtown until bar close, said the late-night food scene has been lacking, especially since the closing of the Upfront.

"It was cool that you could get decent food at the Upfront right inside the front door until 2 a.m.,



Nolan Krebs/NW

Dia de los Tacos plans to hit the streets around the middle of the 2013 winter semester.

but now you're pretty much limited to hot dogs."

Walker said the response in the early stages of planning has been great, especially in the first two weeks since he created a Facebook page for Dia de los Tacos.

"I feel like the area is really ready to embrace the concept of mobile food, and they have been

really supportive," said Walker, who plans on hitting the streets early in 2013.

Dia de los Tacos will be making its first public appearance at the Ore Dock Brewery on New Year's Eve.

For more information, call (906)361-3740 or visit www.facebook.com/DiaDeLosTacos.

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North Wind staff picks favorite holiday flicks

By NW Staff

The Christmas spirit can be a polarizing subject – some people can't get enough of the holiday jingles and television specials, and some can't shut them off fast enough.

Regardless, they keep coming back each year. To celebrate the resilience of all things Christmas, the North Wind staff took a moment to reflect on their favorite movies of the holiday season.

Photo editor Kristen Koehler: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" is a holiday comedy that never fails to entertain. Chevy Chase portrays Clark Griswold, a father determined to create the perfect old-fashioned Christmas for his family.

It becomes apparent early on their holiday will be far from traditional when Griswold attempts to string thousands of Christmas lights on the roof and clumsily staples himself to the storm gutter instead.

More hilarious mishaps ensue, most of which are self-inflicted by Griswold. A severely-overcooked turkey taints the Griswold's holiday feast and one family member even swirls a slice of meat in their water glass in hopes of rehydration.

Christmas Vacation is filled with many more amusing holiday

disasters that everyone can relate to during this time of year.

News editor Hannah Fer-manich: Disney's "The Muppet Christmas Carol" has had a special place in my family for as long as I can remember. Michael Caine, playing the grouchy old Ebenezer Scrooge, joins the Muppet gang in their humorous spin on this holiday classic.

This light-hearted film, complete with musical numbers, still brings the message of the true meaning of Christmas to light. This film is one of my favorites because of its silly humor and storytelling. It always manages to bring a smile during the holiday season.

Sports editor Jon Young: My favorite Christmas movie of all time is "The Christmas Story." This movie embodies the excitement and imagination of being a child around Christmas time.

Despite the many subplots, the movie focuses on the main character, Ralphie, getting an "Official Red Ryder Carbine-Action Two-Hundred-Shot Range Model Air Rifle."

But of course the lame adults don't understand the need of a nine-year-old boy to have a BB gun and repeatedly inform him, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid." Ralphie, not easily deterred, makes it his mission to obtain

the gun. This isn't the only action he faces as he has to avoid local bully Scut Farkus, angry parents, bank robbers and triple-dog dares. Good news for fans, the movie runs for 24 hours straight on TBS during Christmas.

Opinions editor Lee McClelland: Lee McClelland has had his fill of traditional Christmas movies. One of his treasured holiday movies is "Santa's Slay" (2005), a cheesy B-movie where Santa is actually a demon who lost a bet with an angel over a curling match.

As punishment, he must deliver toys to girls and boys for 1,000 years. After the bet is over, Santa gets naughty before the New Year. It is an unconventional twist for those who are sick of "A Christmas Story."

Editor-in-chief Shaina James: The classic "Home Alone" is the greatest Christmas movie for kids and adults alike. An 8-year-old boy (Macaulay Culkin) is responsible for guarding his house from burglars, after his parents accidentally left him behind when they travel to France for Christmas.

This entertaining movie will leave its audience on the edge of their seats, as this boy sets up booby traps and fends off the burglars.

Features editor Nolan

Krebs: "Jingle All the Way" is hands down the greatest Christmas movie of all time. The 90-minute masterpiece is completely devoid of self-awareness, and it continually reaffirms for its pre-pubescent audience that the role of suburban Daddy (Arnold Schwarzenegger) on Christmas is to cut down those who stand in the way of obtaining the material possessions that the spoiled suburban child feels strangely entitled to.

When Daddy misses kiddo's karate recital, he becomes hell-bent on getting his son a Turbo-Man doll. Over the course of the film, Arnold beats his way to victory, halting only momentarily to thoroughly decimate the villain, played by Sinbad.

If you're feeling disillusioned about the air of insanity surrounding Black Friday and Christmas, watch "Jingle All the Way" to remember it's all sort of a weird joke.

Copy editor Saige James: I would have to say my favorite Christmas movie is definitely "Elf." There are so many funny one-liners that make me laugh no matter how many times I watch it. "Bye Buddy, hope you find your dad," has to be one of my favorite quotes from the movie.

I am not sure if it is the fact that an older man, which just so


happens to be one of my personal favorite actors Will Ferrell, believes he is an elf that makes it so enjoyable or all the light humor throughout. Either way this movie will never get old.

Copy editor Marcellino Signorelli: My favorite Christmas movie is Tim Burton's "A Nightmare Before Christmas." The animation always fascinated me as a child and I actually enjoy the music as well. I like the plot, with the story of Jack and Sally falling in love, but also Jack learning about a brand-new world. He experiences and embraces the world of "Christmas" even though all he was used to was Halloween.

Layout/online editor Ben Stewart: My favorite Christmas movie is also Tim Burton's "A Nightmare Before Christmas." After being forced to watch "A Christmas Story" every year in grade school, I was fed up with wholesome holiday movies.

"A Nightmare Before Christmas" is as far from wholesome as it gets, and I have always been intrigued by Tim Burton's style of animation and direction. It takes dark, scary characters and juxtaposes them into the happiest environment of the year: Christmas time. "Elf" is a close second as far as entertaining Christmas movies go, but nothing compares to Jack and Sally's horrific holiday tale.

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Wildcats slash Huskies

Crowd dons purple in honor of Alioto

By Cody Boyer
staff writer

The NMU hockey team took on the Michigan Tech University Huskies on Tuesday, Dec. 4, skating away with a 2-1 victory.

Following a weekend of back-to-back losses against Western Michigan, the Wildcats aimed at redemption on home-ice against their rivals. The game also honored the memory of fellow NMU athlete Arianna Alioto, with fans wearing purple to commemorate her life.

NMU head coach Walt Kyle said the win was a welcome one, especially in light of the recent tragedy on campus.

"It was a big one," Kyle said. "There was a great show of support from the students and people at the game for a fellow athlete after the tragedy. I think it was a good effort by our guys coming out, and I think we needed to come out feeling good."

Similar to past match-ups against the Huskies, the Wildcats scored early in the first period when junior defenseman CJ Ludwig shot a one-timer off of a pass by teammate freshman forward Ryan Aynsley 1:29 into the match. Junior forward Stephan Vigier also contributed an assist for the goal.

Junior forward Erik Higby kept the 'Cats going with a goal to open the second period, bringing the game to 2-0.

Freshman forward Darren Nowick earned an assist on the shot after managing to turn-over the puck to Wildcat control.

Nowick said the offense was



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore forward Reed Seckel hauls the puck towards Tech territory. The 'Cats have defeated the Michigan Tech Huskies four times in a row.

clicking better during the game than in past match-ups despite a few isolated injuries on the bench.

"We were mixing it up a lot down low," Nowick said. "I had a few days off due to injury, so I have been just trying to get my legs back going. It was also a good night to have (senior Matt) Thurber back in the line-up. He's a big offensive part of our game."

Despite four separate challenges where goals were declined by officials, including two MTU challenges, the Huskies scored in the final 10 minutes of the third period, bringing the score to 2-1. The Wildcats were able to hold their defenses and closed the night with a victory.

Between the posts, junior goaltender Jared Coreau saved 25 shots-on-net, while MTU

goaltender Jamie Philips saved 23.

Both the 'Cats and the Huskies tallied seven minor penalties in the game, while MTU also suffered a game misconduct during the third period.

Coreau said the victory against the team's rival was a nice step away from the losses against Western Michigan last weekend.

"It felt really good," Coreau said. "We needed a really big win, especially against our rivals. It was pretty heated at the end, so it was important to get the victory, so I think we got Big Mo back. Guys are feeling pretty good."

Looking back on Saturday, Dec. 1, the Wildcats experienced another series of losses on the road at Kalamazoo, Mich. against the No. 10-ranked Western Michigan Broncos.

Saturday night's game marked the sixth loss in a row with a score of 1-0.

In the crease, Coreau saved 37 shots-on-net. The game marked the third game in a row that Coreau saved more than 30 shots in a match.

On Friday, Nov. 30, the Wildcats started the game with a 2-0 lead during the second period.

Junior forward Jake Johnson put the 'Cats on the board at the top of the second period, assisted by junior defenseman Wade Epp and Vigier.

Sophomore forward Ryan Daugherty kept the offense moving with his sixth goal of the season. Sophomore forward Reed Seckel and senior defenseman Kyle Follmer assisted the shot.

NMU wrapped up the series in Kalamazoo 5-7-3 overall and 2-6-3-1 in the CCHA. Coreau finished the game with 35 saves.

The Wildcats will resume gameplay at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 15 at Sault Ste. Marie to take on Lake Superior State, as NMU has this weekend off.

Weightlifters capture medals in competition

By Laura Conway
staff writer

Last weekend on Thursday, Nov. 30 through Saturday, Dec. 1, the USOEC weightlifting team brought home two medals from the 2012 American Open in Palm Springs, Calif.

Taking home a gold medal at the 63 kg was Vanessa McCoy who also set personal records with during the competition. Head coach Vance Newgard said he was very pleased with McCoy's performance.

"She looked strong during warm ups then lifted very well," Newgard said. "This was important because it was her first national meet back from a year and a half injury."

McCoy had a shoulder injury that put her on the bench for over a year. She said she was glad to compete again and do so well.

"It's a good feeling to come back after being out for so long," McCoy said. "To come back on top though, makes it even more special."

McCoy had a total score of 183 kg with a snatch of 84 kg, a personal record, and a clean and jerk of 99 kg.

There were attempts for 103 kg, but a judge called her for an elbow lock; meaning an illegal jerk.

"I didn't want to challenge the call initially, but now I wished I had," McCoy said. "I really wanted a higher total score, but I will get it next time."

Newgard said going into the clean and jerk session, McCoy was already ahead of the second place lifter so they were just trying to keep the lead.

"Even though she missed her second clean and jerk and the judge disqualified her third lift, she was still able to pull the gold medal," Newgard said. "She performed very well under pressure."

Another lifter bringing home a medal was sophomore Ryan Borges at 62 kg. Totaling at 218,

Borges was able to leave with a bronze medal.

Newgard said that Borges had a good warm-up and was shooting for second place after the snatch session.

"The first place lifter was a little out of reach and after his 98 kg snatch, Borges was in a tie for second," Newgard said.

Borges made his opener clean and jerk at 120 kg but was unable to make his 125 and 126 attempts.

"The bar got out in front of him in the last two jerks but we are still happy with his overall results," Newgard said.

Newgard said he is looking for continuing improvements from Borges even though he is younger than most of his competitors.

"He is a very strong lifter," Newgard said. "Even though he is young, he is a veteran performer and he will be successful."

Other athletes that traveled to compete were junior Holly O'Dovero, junior Kendra Miller, senior Daniel Gorelik, and junior John McGovern.

Even though these athletes did not place, they all lifted national competition personal records.

Newgard said the team has shown a lot of improvements as a whole since last year and the results at the U.S. Open have only proved that.

"The fact that all the competitors opened this meet with personal records shows you how far they have come since collegiate last march," Newgard said. "Everyone got some much needed experience and now we can move onto next semester's competitions with another meet's experience under our belt."

The USOEC weightlifting team will be training straight through winter break for the 2013 National Junior Weightlifting Championships on Saturday, Feb. 16 and Sunday, Feb. 17, in Foster City, Calif.



Justin Key/NW

Senior captain Scott Macaulay blasts the puck down the ice against Tech. Macaulay was picked as CCHA Defenseman of the Week on Nov. 26.



Justin Key/NW

Freshman Ryan Borges completes a lift during a home competition in the Dome earlier this year. Borges won a bronze medal last weekend.

Wildcats catch victory, look for snow

By Karly Ratzberger
staff writer

The Nordic ski team followed the snow to Houghton, Mich. for their first race of the season.

The 'Cats took top finishes in a classic race and on Saturday Dec 1, and a freestyle race on Sunday, Dec 2.

On Saturday for the men's division, junior Erik Soderman (12:15:00), sophomore Kyle Bratrud (12:09:30), senior Chris Bowler (12:11:00) and junior George Cartwright (12:13:00) took second, third, fourth and fifth place respectively.

The women's team also finished top tier with first, second and third places. Freshman Mary Kate Cirelli started off the Wildcat win with a first place finish and a time of 0:18:55.0. Following close behind was junior Jordyn Ross with a time of 0:19:11.5. Junior Rosie Frankowski rounded off the top three with a time of 0:19:17.0.

Head coach Sten Fjeldheim said he thought the first race went really well despite the fact that the team has not spent much time on snow.

"The team has done a good job of dryland training, but still it is quite a bit difficult to get on the real thing," Fjeldheim said. "The snow is a bit different. Considering that we haven't had a whole lot of time on snow, I was really pleased with the results."

On Sunday, the men took

home the win by placing in the top four spots of the freestyle race. In first place was Cartwright with a time of 12:13:00. Soderman slid in second with a time of 12:15:0, followed by junior Ben Hugus (12:09:00). Bratrud finished off the pack with a fourth place finish and a time of 12:10:00.

For the women on Sunday, the 'Cats took first, second and third place with Frankowski (0:27:33.3) heading off the pack. Frankowski was followed closely by Cirelli (0:27:52.2) with a second place finish. Ross finished off the top three with a time of 0:28:06.4.

Fjeldheim said he was very pleased with the results of the weekend and it was fun to see the freshmen make adjustments to the new level of skiing.

"Mary Kate and Megan have adjusted well and are skiing well," Fjeldheim said. "Our upperclassmen George and Erik just crushed the field on Sunday so they are really happy to see those results."

Senior Monica Markvardsen said she thought the races went very well for the team as a whole.

"Although there were some tricky conditions," she said. "The team performed very well in the opening races."

Markvardsen said the team did not have any specific goals going into the meet in Houghton, rather, they were simply getting back into the swing of things.

"Besides just skiing, I think

our goal was to just do the best that everyone could and getting into the rhythm of the season again," she said.

Despite the move north, weather conditions were still not ideal for skiing, and Markvardsen said in general, the weather was a bit tricky to work with.

"Saturday it was very warm and the snow was quite wet, so for the classic race, it was really tough to get wax to work and most of the team ended up skiing on skis that are specially made for warmer weather," she said. "After the race on Saturday, it rained quite a bit and was very warm so it was very slow and slushy on Sunday, making it a very tough race course."

Due to weather conditions and lack of snow, the race which was originally scheduled to take place in Al Quall, Ishpeming was moved up north to Houghton.

Fjeldheim said the team is not at a huge disadvantage due to the lack of on snow training but when it comes to techniques, it is hard for the team to work on the technical aspects of their races.

"We have dealt with the lack of snow before," Fjeldheim said. "Psychologically, it is a bit of a bummer when you can't be skiing but the kids are keeping a great attitude and it doesn't make a huge difference."

Next weekend, the snow 'Cats will be traveling to Ironwood, Michigan to compete in the Central United States Ski Association

Opener. The meet will take place on Saturday Dec 8 and Sunday Dec 9.

Fjeldheim said it is a tradition for the USSA to put on a race to open the season, and the team will be working hard to put up a good showing at the tournament. As student athletes, however, the team will be backing off a bit in preparation for exams.

"We will be working on continuing what we have been doing with an emphasis on backing off on our volume of training," Fjeldheim said. "Our intensity and in-

terval training will be the same it has been for the past few weeks. With finals coming up, our schedule gets a lot more flexible to accommodate the student athletes needs for studying and things. We will back off a bit but not too much."

Markvardsen said the team will continue to train to prepare for the upcoming race.

"Hopefully we will find some snow to ski on," she said. "I think also a lot of the team will be trying to improve technique for the upcoming races."



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Junior Jordyn Ross competes in women's freestyle race in Ishpeming. Ross skied to third place in the freestyle race in Houghton last weekend.

'Cats stay hot, look to defend home court

By Jon Young
sports editor

There hasn't been much time to rest for the NMU women's basketball team as they made two sepa-

rate trips to Ohio in a seven-day stretch.

The good news for the 'Cats is they were able to win three of their four games, including a 58-57 win in the school's first ever matchup with Walsh University on Thursday, Nov. 29.

The Wildcats and the Cavaliers traded leads seven times, but in the final 1:30 it was NMU coming up with the big shots.

Sophomore guard Lauren Gruber nailed a 3-pointer to tie the game. 56-56, with 1:29 left in regulation.

Walsh made it to the foul line with 14 seconds left, but only sunk one free-throw.

Head coach Troy Mattson put the ball in the hands of sophomore

guard Alyssa Colla for the last play. Mattson said the Cavaliers stopped the intended play.

"I saw it get knocked loose with about three seconds and then I said we lost, and I turned my head and all of the sudden I saw that she was shooting it," Mattson said. "She ended up on the block and kind of leaned in against two or three people and made it off the backboard. It was a heck of a play to get the ball back and get the ball in the basket."

Colla's shot ended up being the dagger as a last second Walsh shot fell short, giving NMU the 58-57 win. Gruber said the 'Cats didn't lose focus.

"It didn't really work," Colla said. "Anna Liewen went backdoor so I tried passing to her and it got fumbled around. I don't really know how I got it back."

There was seven lead changes and three ties during the game and no team ever lead by more than eight points through the game. Gruber said the 'Cats had the right mindset in the win.

"Overall I think we had the mentality to win that game," Gruber said. "I mean at every timeout, everyone was screaming 'we're not going to lose' and we were all

just really into it."

The backcourt of Colla and Gruber led the 'Cats in scoring that game 10 and nine points respectively. Gruber also added seven rebounds to pace NMU on the glass.

On Saturday, Dec. 1 NMU took on Malone University in search of a fourth straight road win. The 'Cats were unable to climb back into the game after a Malone run in the middle of the second half, dropping the contest, 64-56.

Mattson said the travel schedule was wearing on his team by the fourth game but it was a good learning experience for the 'Cats.

"We had no energy in the Malone game and it really affected not only the way we looked out on the court but also our mental approach," Mattson said. "We looked very tired and sluggish and we didn't play well. If you want to be a great team you have to be able

to overcome those things, but we looked that way."

NMU returns home this week for a pair of GLIAC games. At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6 they take on Hillsdale and at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 they face Findlay. Both games are in The Berry Events Center.



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore guard Lauren Gruber (10) drives past the Davenport defender. Gruber has started all six games and leads the team in scoring at 12.5 points per game.



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Sophomore guard Alyssa Colla looks to advance the ball. Colla leads the team in assists with 21.

Hoopers return home in search of wins

Wildcats look to shake off injuries and snap four game losing skid

By Jon Young
sports editor

The road hasn't been kind to the NMU men's basketball team as they dropped a pair of games last weekend running their record to 0-2 in the GLIAC and 1-4 overall.

The record isn't as lopsided as it appears as all of the Wildcats losses have been by 11 points or less. Head coach Doug Lewis said his team is on the verge of turning the corner but they need to work on closing out opponents.

"It's a situation where we've been losing the last couple games down the stretch," Lewis said. "We can't get defensive stops, can't get rebounds and we haven't been playing tough and those are the things we have to get better at."

That situation replayed itself in the 'Cats, 75-68 loss to Walsh University on Thursday, Nov. 29. NMU held a 34-24 lead at half-time and remained ahead with just over six minutes left in the game.

"We should have won," said sophomore guard Quinten Calloway. "We were up by 10 at half and we were up by 11 with 14 minutes to go. They went on a run and we couldn't come together and get a stop. We need

to do a better job of coming together when they make runs and get stops and to stop their momentum."

The Wildcats handled the Cavaliers pressure in the first half only committing three turnovers. In the second half NMU was forced into 10 turnovers. Lewis said the team needs to adjust better when the opposition makes a run.

"It's a game of runs," Lewis said. "You know we play solid for 34 minutes, we didn't turn the ball over, second half we play pretty well but then the other team was more determined, and you know they put a little bit of pressure on us and we kind of cracked."

The 'Cats have played their last four games on the road and have played two exhibition games on the road against Division I schools. Lewis said the road tests should help his younger players develop the toughness he is looking for.

"Experience, the one thing about getting tough is experience," Lewis said. "(Learning) the ups and the downs of college basketball and when you get that experience you know what it takes to win games on the road, so it's helping my young guys grow up."

Calloway led NMU with

15 points. Junior forward Matt Craggs added 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Junior center Scooter Johnson chipped in 12 points and sophomore forward Kendall Jackson added another 12 points.

On Saturday, Dec. 1 it was a slow first half that proved too much for NMU as they lost to Malone University, 75-66.

The Wildcats stumbled out of the gates falling behind, 44-26, at the end of the first half. NMU outscored Malone 40-31, in the second half but never got within seven points of the Pioneers.

"First half was bad; we didn't play well at all in the first half," Calloway said. "Second half we showed some improvement and got close but we couldn't finish it off."

Craggs led the 'Cats with 22 points and eight rebounds. Junior forward TJ Cameron also netted 12 points in the loss.

NMU is home this weekend as they take on a pair of GLIAC South opponents.

The 'Cats tipoff with Hillsdale at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6 and take on Findlay at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8.

"We're just happy to be home, we don't care who we play,"

Lewis said. "We've played a tough schedule so far. Hillsdale made the NCAA tournament last year, Findlay made the NCAA tournament. They're two teams that have been pretty good the last three or four years so we have our work cut out but we're just happy to be home."



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Senior forward TJ Cameron pushes the ball up court against Finlandia. The 'Cats are in search of their first conference win as they host a pair of GLIAC South opponents.

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'Cats drop Finlandia, gear up for road

By **Katie Bultman**
contributing writer

The men's club hockey team was handed two season wins on Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1 when the University of Minnesota-Mankato forfeited the weekend series.

NMU bounced back with a game on Sunday, Dec. 2 against Finlandia, where the 'Cats

picked up their third win of the weekend. The game got off to a slow start, but the speed picked up after the Wildcats chipped in two goals within minutes of one another.

The Wildcats scored in the first three minutes of the game when sophomore forward Wolff Belanger sent an assist to freshman forward Anders Carlson for goal number one at 18:40. A little

over a minute later, Belanger tallied a second assist, this time to senior forward Brad Gicopoulos, for the second Wildcat goal.

Finlandia did not respond until 9:13 in the first period. As a result, NMU took a 2-1 lead going into period two.

In the second period, NMU and Finlandia picked up 11 penalties between the two teams.

Head coach Carl Trosien de-

scribed how the game pace was faster in the second period after the play became more physical.

"It was an aggressive game," Trosien said.

"Part of that was that we lost our discipline in the second period, and we need to do a better job of not taking penalties."

In addition to the penalties, the scores increased on both sides of the floor, as well. The Wildcats put in two goals within 35 seconds of each other to start the scoring run. Afterwards, Finlandia stepped up and scored two at the end of the period.

Going into the third period, NMU was up 4-3.

Freshman goaltender Neil Flavin described how the game went back and forth before the final buzzer.

"They made a push in the second period and our team turned back and got the win," Flavin said.

In the final period, there were seven penalties between the two teams, which aided the 'Cats in a powerplay goal at 19:31 when Carlson assisted Belanger for the first goal of the period. Finlandia came back with 10:04 left in the period to score a powerplay goal.

The Wildcats reacted when

They made a push in the second period and our team turned back and got the win.

— Neil Flavin
Goaltender



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The Wildcats celebrate after scoring against the St. Norbert Green Knights on Oct. 19 defeating them, 5-1. The Wildcats begin a set of nine games on the road, starting on Friday, Dec. 7 against the University of Wisconsin.

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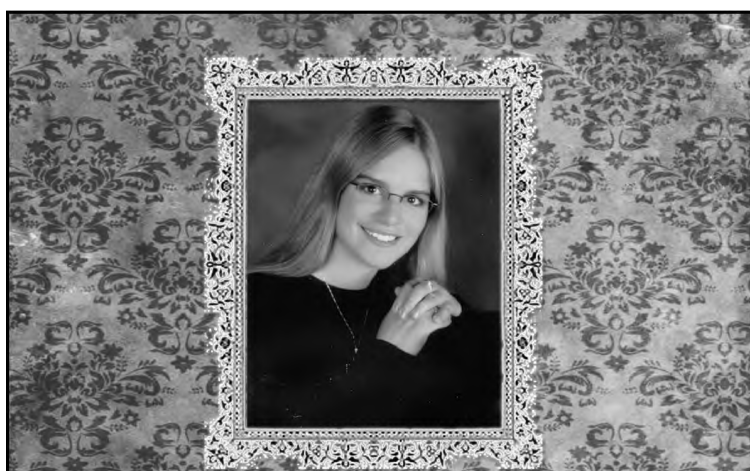
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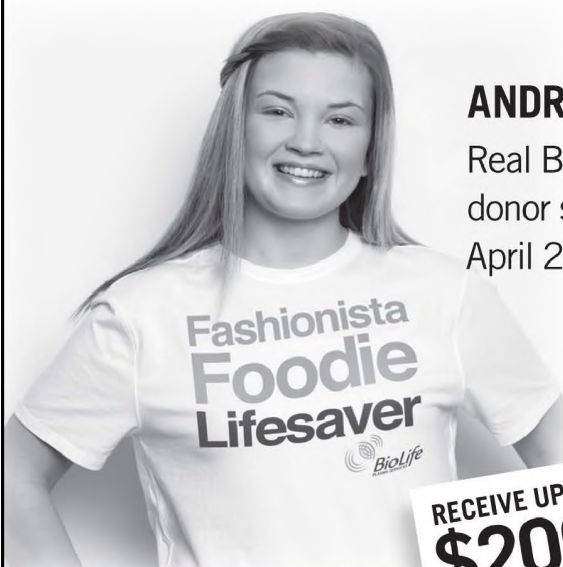
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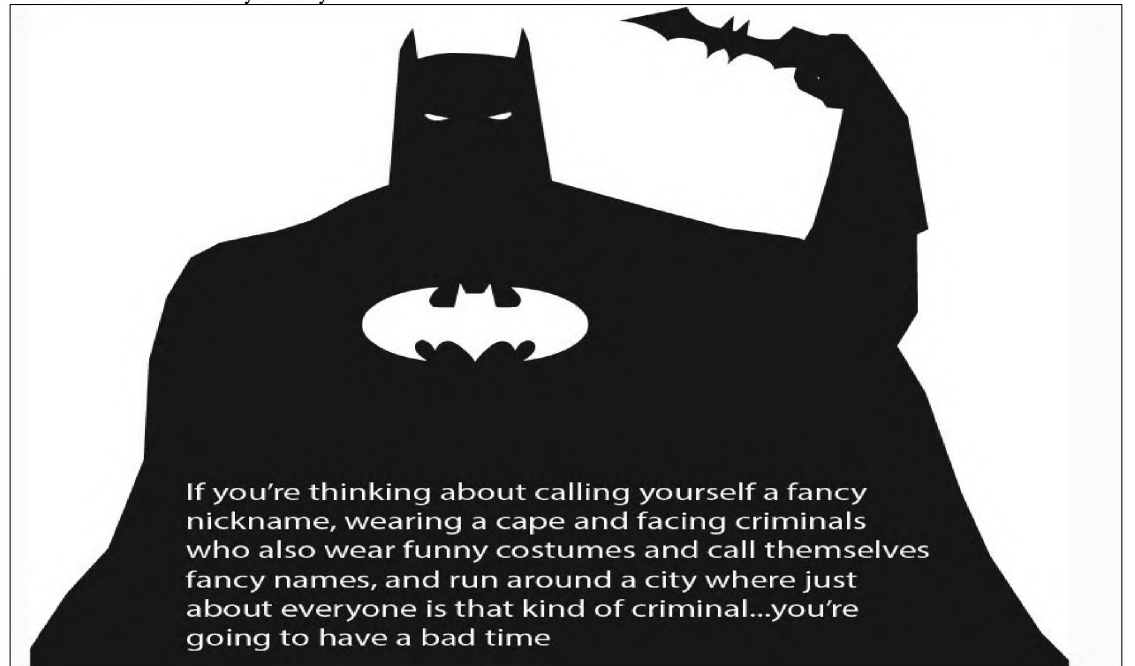
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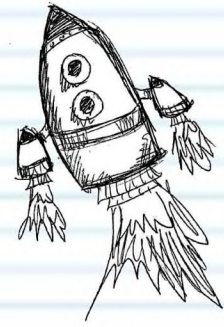


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