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UAW contract approved after lengthy negotiations

By Amanda Monthei
news editor

For more than a year and a half, local UAW 1950 chapter president Michelle Kimball has, as she puts it, “exhaled union thoughts and inhaled union thoughts.”

By Wednesday, Dec. 5, after being involved in union contract negotiations since July 2011, her efforts in the campus union—which serves the Technical and Office Professional Staff (TOPS)—materialized into a ratified contract that was eventually approved by the NMU Board of Trustees on Friday, Dec. 14.

While the resulting contract wasn't fully what Kimball and the other members of UAW 1950 had bargained for, Kimball asserts that the negotiated terms are of benefit to her membership.

“I have to say that when I left mediation on Monday, Dec. 5, I was cranky. I was angry,” Kimball said. “We had worked so hard, and I just didn't see how we were getting anywhere, but somewhere between Monday walking home from the mediation and Wednesday presenting the proposal to my group, I came to realize it wasn't that bad of a contract given the time. Times are hard and the fight was meaningful on both sides.”

The approval of the new contract—which was ratified by a vote of 95-32 among union members and later approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees—will give TOPS a \$0.25 per hour base increase, including an additional \$0.10 increase for the lowest paid employees at each classification level.

The necessity for a new contract came after changes made in the Michigan legislation, particularly regarding health care reform.

The increase in healthcare costs for university employees to \$2,600 per year equated a \$1,100 increase from TOPS' prior premiums, making a fight almost necessary for many union members on campus, according to Kimball.

“We were actually looking at

people making almost minimum wage with that health insurance pay in, so we had to fight. We had to,” Kimball said. “That's why these sessions of negotiations took so much longer (than other unions).”

For a handful of the 150 members of TOPS, \$2,600 per year for a compensation package equates to nearly 10 percent of their yearly salary. Yet while the negotiations for TOPS lasted 16 months, other unions on campus faced the same premiums subtracted from their paychecks every month, but have in due time allowed for ratifications in their own respective contracts.

Ron Sundell, President of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), said while his membership is only somewhat associated with other unions on campus, they do make efforts to get involved when bargaining attempts are being made.

“There are five unions on campus and we do get together sometimes and talk strategy,” Sundell said. “Also, whenever they were holding informational pickets, our members would go out there and stand in the informational picket lines with them.”

“In those types of activities, we try to help support them. When I would give remarks to the Board (of Trustees), I would usually include a statement of support for their efforts as well.”

Additionally, other unions faced similar ratifications to their respective contracts.

“We weren't the only union



Kristen Koehler/NW
Union members hold a protest at the intersection of Wright Street and Tracy Avenue early last year.

on campus to face this, all unions on campus faced this exact same thing,” Kimball said. “The only issue for us is that we have some of the lowest paid employees on campus. Our starting rate was \$9.82 an hour, and then you start asking for \$1.75 an hour back for health insurance (when employees are making) \$9.82...”

The contract will be in effect during the fiscal years 2013 and 2014, and also includes one-time payments to union members of \$300 and \$200, respectively.

Also approved by the Board in the Friday, Dec. 14 meeting were \$216,000 in renovations to be made to the Kaye House, as well as a reopener of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 1094's previously accepted contract. The result was a 1.5 percent increase in base wages and a one-time distribution of a \$150 university contribution to the pre-tax employee HRA accounts, or a taxable cash payment was also approved.

No administration was available to comment on the ratification by press time.



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An NMU student was shot at a residence on Fisher Street just prior to Christmas break in a shooting that has been deemed accidental.

Student wounded in off-campus shooting

By Amanda Monthei
news editor

An accidental off-campus shooting on Wednesday, Dec. 12 involving two Northern Michigan University students left one individual injured, while another was arrested and charged with a two count misdemeanor warrant, according to Marquette City Police Department Detective Capt. Gordon Warchock.

At 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, police received a call from NMU student Nicholas Ireland, who had accidentally discharged a friends' .45 caliber handgun in the living area of a residence on Fisher Street, according to a press release from the Marquette City Police.

In the same press release, it is said that Ireland had taken the weapon from another individual as a safety precaution, but had allowed the weapon to discharge upon handling it.

Lauren Cockels, another NMU student, was lying on the couch in the living area when she was struck in the right

knee with a bullet from the discharged weapon.

Other individuals in the room aided Cockels as Ireland called 911.

Ireland was arrested on one charge of careless discharge causing injury—a high court misdemeanor carrying a punishment of up to two years in prison and \$2,000 fine. According to the press release, Ireland was also charged with one misdemeanor count of possession of a weapon while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Prior to his hearing on Friday, Jan. 14, Ireland was released on a Personal Recognizance bond.

At the hearing, he plead no contest to the charge of possessing a firearm while under the influence, according to Marquette County Prosecutor Matt Weise. He was dismissed of one charge of careless discharge causing injury.

If charged, Ireland could spend up to 93 days in jail, in addition to a \$500 dollar fine, according to Weise.

Ireland is scheduled to be sentenced on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Online Articles

Sports

- Swimmers compete in Puerto Rico
- Men's Nordic skier selected for world team

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Briefs

State News

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, in his State of the State address on Wednesday, Jan. 16, communicated his hopes to fix the state's roads in the coming year, among plans for other transportation projects.

Snyder's plans to improve roads and transportation in the state will result in an estimated raise of \$1.2 billion of annual revenue, funds of which Snyder has not offered specifics. According to www.mlive.com, one possibility offered for raising the necessary funds is to increase vehicle registration fees for drivers in Michigan.

Other topics that were discussed in the address were education, the environment and social services.

National News

In some of the most sweeping gun control legislation in decades, President Barack Obama encouraged Congress on Wednesday, Jan. 16 to approve a renewed ban on assault weapons, in addition to legislation urging background checks on all gun purchases.

The new plans, which are a response to such mass shootings as the recent Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Conn., are expected to curb mass shootings in the United States after a particularly deadly year of gun violence in 2012. President Obama also seeks to pass a new federal gun trafficking law, which would aim to keep out-of-state guns off the streets of major urban areas.

"We can't put this off any longer," Obama said. "Congress must act soon."

The president also vowed to use whatever weight his office holds to make his proposals to Congress a reality.

International News

Three people have been reported dead following a seize of Western and Algerian hostages in the deep Sahara by Islamist fighters on Wednesday, Jan. 16, according to reuters.com.

The raid came as a result of France's new offensive against Malian rebels this week, as the radical Islamists demanded a standstill in France's attacks. France's intervention in Mali was encouraged by both the United States and other European powers.

The hostages, a handful of which are American, were seized at a natural gas facility in the Saharan desert near dawn on Wednesday. No explicit threat has been made, though it is clear that their lives are at risk.

Weird News

A woman in Portland, Ore. found herself wedged between two buildings on Wednesday, Jan. 16, after falling 12 feet from a second-story roof.

After spending four hours in an eight- to 10 inch space between the two concrete walls, the woman was released by firefighters who had to cut a hole in the concrete and apply a "soapy lubricant" to free her.

Upon being released from the space, the woman raised her face and clenched her fists while yelling, "Oh, my God."

After being taken to the hospital afterwards, the woman was subsequently declared to be in good health.

The firefighting unit that responded to the incident said its earthquake preparedness helped immensely in the rescue, but that Wednesday's incident was the first of its kind that they had responded to.

— *Compiled from news sources*

Getting Back Into Classes



Kristen Koehler/NW

Students walk by the Learning Resource Center on Monday, Jan. 14, as they find their way to their first classes.

ASNMU update

By **Amanda Monthei**
news editor

Still without a vice president at its first meeting of the semester, the ASNMU general assembly on Monday, Jan. 14 consisted primarily of suggestions for the new semester as well as a discussion regarding the open vice president position.

Before the assembly began its discussions, Relevant Campus Ministries adviser Deborah Heino began the meeting with a public comment regarding the potential for a campus organization dedicated to giving students sober rides home on the weekends.

Relevant currently gives free rides to students one weekend per semester, typically Halloween in the fall and St. Patrick's Day in the spring. Heino said with a handful of committed volunteers, she could likely have an organization up and running by next fall that would give free rides every weekend,

and to anywhere in the greater Marquette area.

Heino asked the assembly to spread the word about the program so she might gain enough volunteers to make it possible.

Following the public comments, President Ben Stanley shared a handful of suggestions for the coming semester, proposing, among other things, that the organization gain a larger presence in social media.

He then motioned for the appointment of general studies representative Wesley Reiber to the vice president position, which was rejected by the assembly on grounds of a lack of experience within the organization.

Stanley said after the meeting that such projects as the Bike Share program and responsibilities like establishing committees are a vice presidential responsibility, and he hopes to appoint someone in the next two to three weeks.

Organizing campus committees to

be more efficient is also a main focus in the coming weeks, he said, but not much can be done without a vice president in office.

"I'm talking with the marketing and communications office to have a protocol for committees to be entered into a database," Stanley said. "So that we know what committees we need and what we don't need anymore, and that will help get students involved in all these different areas."

Stanley said he would prefer a honest and open-minded individual to fill the vice president position. Above all, and in the midst of much internal conflict, Stanley said he needs someone who is willing to work with him, not against him.

"(If we get) somebody that says 'I don't like this rule,' that's something I can work with," he said. "But if someone says 'I can't work with him,' I can't do anything with that. (We need) someone that is supportive of not only me, but the entire ASNMU body."

Campus Crime Map

Map Key

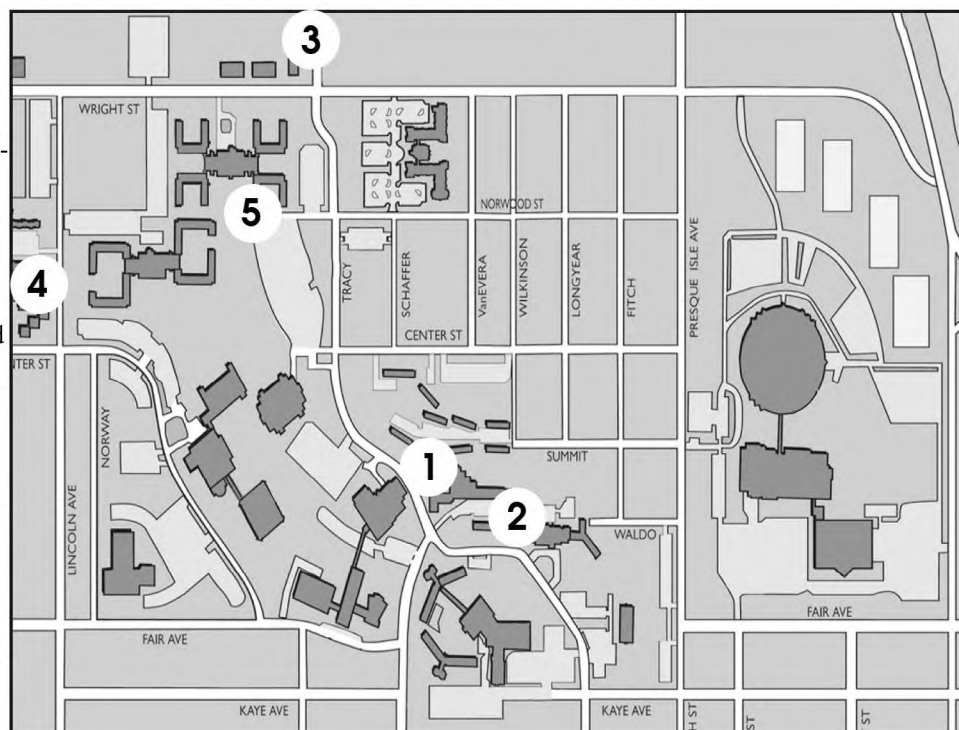
1. Larceny of university property was reported Jan. 7 at 10:20 p.m. at the Art and Design building.

2. A laptop was reported stolen at 2:09 p.m. at lot 51 on Jan. 7.

3. A student was charged with a violation of the controlled substance act on Jan. 14 near Public Safety.

4. On Jan. 14, a student was reported for possession of marijuana at the Lincoln apartments.

5. A bike was reported stolen from Magers Hall on Jan. 15.



NMU improves shooter response measures

By Ellen Holmes
contributing writer

Following the December shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, public schools and universities across the country have become more skeptical of the safety precautions in place in the event of a campus shooting.

Providing a response to the recent influx of mass shootings in the United States, Northern has dedicated nearly two years to putting the finishing touches on an automatic locking system on campus.

The system is capable of locking all exterior doors on campus from a central computer in the case of a shooter or other harm on campus.

In cases that require the lockdown system, students and staff

would be notified via NMU's Emergency Text Alert System, as well as an alert message appearing on every NMU-issued computer and laptop, regardless of the location.

"The benefit of this system is the sheer speed to which a campus-wide lockdown would be possible, especially for those buildings such as Jamrich, the Science Complex and the LRC that have high volumes of traffic throughout the day and evening," said Cindy Paavola, director of communications and marketing. "People may not realize just how many doors each of our large academic facilities have, but it's a lot."

Along with updated technology, NMU faculty has been constantly revising emergency plans for the campus as a whole, as well as to many individual de-

partments and units within the university, according to Paavola.

"In addition to new technology being put in place, campus staff is routinely trained on what to do in the case of an emergency situation," said Mike Bath, director at Public Safety and Police Services. "Public Safety holds training courses for staff to work with local police and fire teams to better prepare for any emergency situation on campus."

Paavola also emphasized the importance of student and faculty awareness, so they can be prepared in the event of an emergency.

"We strongly encourage students, faculty and staff to also play a role in preparing for emergencies on crisis," Bath said. "By that, I mean that anyone on the NMU campus who has cell phone texting capabilities needs to have signed up for the emergency text alerts—it's free of any NMU charge and it is by far the fastest way for university officials to communicate emergency situations."

In the event of a shooter or other emergency, many students are unaware of the measures Northern is taking to secure their safety, but also of what they need to do should an emergency hap-



Kristen Koehler/NW

Students and faculty can download the application NMU Mobile to their smartphones that allows them to check NMU campus alerts right away.



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— Mike Bath

pen.

Junior painting major Kelly Peters said if she were to ever experience an emergency on campus, she isn't sure what measures would need to be taken by her and her peers.

"I'm not sure what I would do," Peters said. "I guess it's not something that is ever really talked about. Maybe if the university made it something that you have to learn in one of your classes, just 20 minutes once a year or so where every student has to participate in a safety lockdown walk through of what

exactly to do."

Another thing to do as a student or faculty member to be prepared for an on or off campus emergency is program the NMU Public Safety and Police Services administrative line (227-2151) into their cell phone for emergency use, according to Public Safety.

Bath also urges students to call in any suspicious behavior that is noticed on campus as soon as possible.

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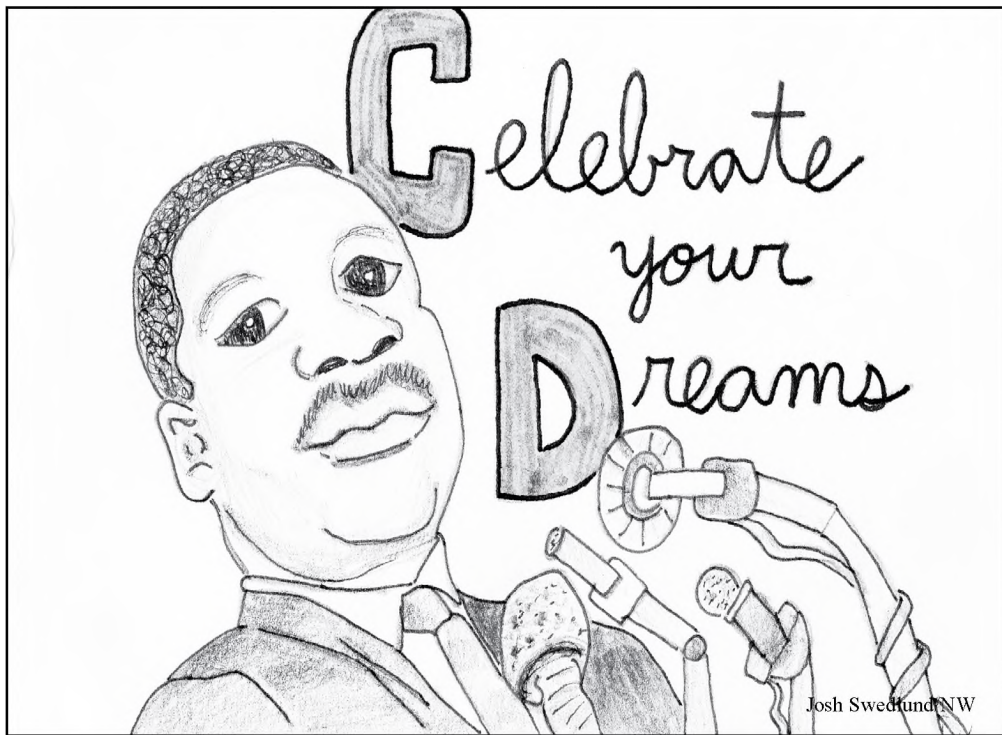
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EDITORIAL



Participate in MLK Day events

NMU's decision to designate Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a university holiday is a welcome one, though it lagged behind the federal government by almost 30 years.

That is not to say Northern is the last university to do so. Lake Superior State University is now the only campus included in the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan that does not observe MLK Day as a university holiday.

While the decision to observe MLK Day came about suddenly between two academic semesters, it is important, nonetheless, that students recognize that the holiday is a day on, not a day off.

The holiday is one of service—a chance for students to learn about and speak out against current issues regarding social justice.

The university will be holding a number of events to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., and students should use the time off to attend these enriching, thought-provoking events.

Whether it is attending the viewing of the Presidential Inauguration on Monday, Jan. 21 or the screening of "Precious Knowledge" on Wednesday, Jan. 23, students can utilize these opportunities to become more involved on campus and in advocating for change.

The student body has enjoyed the entirety of winter break to take time off

for relaxation, videogames and movie marathons; now that students have returned to an academic environment, they should engage themselves in the intellectual community once again.

After all, Martin Luther King Jr. changed the racial, political and social landscape of American culture.

During a period when African Americans were required to use separate facilities and acquiesce to white prejudice, MLK Jr. organized an effort for equality—a movement that exercised civil disobedience.

He did not promote peace through strength, nor did he meet violence with violence.

MLK Jr. was a man who believed he could turn an atmosphere of prejudice into one of progress.

When Ronald Reagan signed the King Holiday bill into law, Coretta Scott King said, "This is not a black holiday; it is a people's holiday."

The North Wind staff urges students to be active and engaged during their day off on MLK Day.

It is the least they can do for an iconic figure in American history who reminded a people that, "all men are created equal," no matter their race or religion.

MLK Jr. once said, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

Start living this Monday, Jan. 21.

Violence in media affects youth



Staff Column

Nolan Krebs

Reigning in gun violence has become a focal point in the news coverage over the past year.

The issue remains divisive; there are those who want stricter restrictions on guns or certain types of weapons, those who see such restrictions as an encroachment of the second amendment, and a slew of viewpoints that lie somewhere in between.

Following such a monumental tragedy, like the shootings in Connecticut or 9/11, the focus seems to be on questions such as, how could this have been prevented? Who can be held responsible? What can we do to make sure this never happens again?

Of course, these are questions and concerns that have to be answered, yet another question seems to get overlooked: why did this happen?

When mental health becomes part of the picture, rational thought ironically seems to go out the window. Often you'll hear, "Well it happened because some guy went batshit crazy and killed a bunch of kids."

Well, that doesn't answer a lot of questions, and violent crime in America isn't exactly an anomaly. So what are the causes for this kind of behavior, is it nature, nurture or both?

As a small but active member of the "media," the question of whether or not increasingly violent media contributes to these kinds of things is, to an extent, a personal conundrum.

There's no doubt that contemporary media is addled with violence. The effects, however, have been the subject of scientific inquiry for decades.

The issue took center stage again in 2011 when Anders Behring Breivik took the lives of over 70 people, mostly 17- and 18-year-olds, in a series of terrorist attacks in Norway.

Breivik openly testified that he trained for the attack with the help of "Call of Duty." "Call of Duty: Black Ops 2" was the highest-selling video game in 2012, is it really that surprising that a handful of

kids might get (extremely) carried away?

While violent behavior can be caused by a number of factors, such as family psychopathology, abuse and exposure to domestic violence or substance abuse, research seems to show that violence in the media can contribute to aggressive behavior.

A study by J.G. Johnson in 2002 was the first longitudinal study to link television exposure (which remains the predominant medium of media consumption in households) during adolescence to "subsequent aggression."

As mentioned before, a number of variables can contribute to violent behavior, but this particular study used a large sample size of over 700 families and a time span of 17 years to test thoroughly and statistically controlled key childhood factors known to affect aggression.

Studies like this, and the report published by the American Psychological Association the year before, have changed the question from "whether" there is a connection to violence in the media and aggressive behavior, to "how" exactly it affects people.

Regardless, it's impossible to do a case-by-case study, especially when violent crimes like a shooting spree at a school often ends with suicide.

We may never know what propelled Adam Lanza into shooting his own mother and the 26 people at Sandy Hook.

But we do know that the rampant violence that is so easily accessible on TV and the Internet contributes to a more aggressive youth.

Take the incredibly popular AMC TV show "The Walking Dead."

While I personally think it's a great show and hugely entertaining, it's sort of troubling that an eight-year-old could turn on the television at 9 p.m. on a Sunday and see "dead" people getting dismembered.

Censoring violent content in the media is tricky, because it still remains censorship.

People who are 18 and older should by all means have the right to consume whatever sort of media or programming they choose.

Violence is a part of expression and in some ways video games or watching an action movie can be cathartic, but there's a line that shouldn't be crossed.

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Second Amendment right has limits

Weekly Take Away



Lee
McClelland

After the mass shooting in Newtown, Conn., America has finally started discussing gun control regulations that will restrict the number of military-style weapons available to citizens in the domestic sphere.

As a gun owner, I understand the desire to use a gun for recreational purposes and self-defense.

Yet, I cannot wrap my head around the want of some to possess assault weapons like the AR-15, M-4 or AK-47, nor can I comprehend the need for high-capacity magazines.

Retired General Stanley McChrystal said it best, "I personally don't think there's any need for that kind of weaponry [assault weapons] on the street and particularly around the schools in America...I understand everybody's desire to have whatever they want, but we've got to protect our children, we've got to protect our police, we've got to protect our population."

These military-style weapons are created to devastate a target and kill in an efficient manner.

Using the 2006 United States Supreme Court case *District of Columbia v. Heller* as a legal precedent, assault weapons can be deemed "dangerous and exotic" so they can be made illegal.

Groups like the National Rifle Association incite fear in the hearts of gun owners by twisting the truth, claiming that the government wants to take away guns from the American people. That is simply not true.

A love of guns is hardwired into our culture and our Consti-

tution, and short of an amendment, there is no legal way to confiscate all guns from citizens.

The Second Amendment guarantees Americans the right to "keep and bear arms," but just because you have a freedom does not mean you should exploit it.

At this point, with an estimated 300 million guns in the United States, banning assault weapons, high-capacity magazines and .50 caliber sniper rifles is only one step towards a safer future.

Enforcing existing laws is paramount as well: those who lie on background checks should be charged.

Gun violence is a problem, and it is a shame that the large-scale shootings overshadow the many deaths that occur all over the country.

After all, every life is of value, not just those of movie-goers and elementary-school children.

Taking the necessary, logical steps to reduce the number and availability of assault weapons is a measure of progress.

Americans need to do something to stop the increased acts of violence in the public sphere.

I also disagree with the executive vice president of the NRA, Wayne LaPierre, that more individuals with concealed-carry permits will solve the gun violence problem.

LaPierre offered the claim that "the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is with a good guy with a gun."

The problem with this line of reasoning: how does one distinguish a good guy from a bad guy?

Promoting civilian vigilantism is not the answer.

Our culture loves the idea of the gun-toting hero like Dirty Harry, but not everyone is as skilled with a firearm as this fictional character.

Some states have lax laws, such as Arizona, where the Sec-

ond Amendment is thought to be a permit to carry a weapon in public or Colorado, where you can have a loaded gun in your vehicle without a permit and gun registration is illegal.

The problem with these kinds of non-restrictive gun laws is that it does not ensure that a person carrying a gun is trained thoroughly.

If you are carrying a weapon for self-defense, you have considerable power over others, and a gun is added responsibility.

Why isn't America talking about gun safety in addition to gun control when there is talk about more individuals obtaining concealed-carry permits?

More people with guns is not the answer.

From my experience, people do not understand the complexity that carry a gun adds to your life, nor do they acknowledge that you are not the same person with a gun as you are without one.

For those of you with a concealed-carry permit that are reading this, I hope that you are conscientious of that gun on your waist or against your chest.

If you fantasize about a scenario when you have the chance to use your weapon, then I suggest you evaluate why you carry one.

Restricting the kinds of weapons you can own does not infringe upon your Second Amendment right.

Reducing the amount of bullets in a magazine doesn't either, and if you need more than six shots to defend yourself, then I would say you are not very proficient with your weapon.

Americans need to face the harsh reality that something needs to be done about the dangerous weapons available in the domestic sphere.

It goes beyond a question of quantity—it is a question of quality.

What kind of an America do you want to live in?

Internships essential in college



Guest Column

Delaney
Lovett

Students go to college to get jobs after graduation, right?

It seems like common sense, which is why it's shocking that, according to a 2011 CBS News article, half of college graduates can't find jobs in their field.

While the economy is the most convenient scapegoat, this is a problem rooted in college curriculums.

Many four-year universities stress teaching their students critical thinking skills. While I completely understand the importance of possessing these skills, they alone do not make for an impressive resume.

What often gives a job candidate the edge over another is not just education, but experience applying learned skills.

As a senior in college, I have more than three years of applicable experience and a full-time job offer pending graduation in May.

From my own experience and in-depth research, I have learned that internships are one of the main keys to success after college graduation.

This is why I propose Michigan universities require students to participate in an internship to earn their degrees. Decades ago, when attending college was not necessarily the norm, a degree was certainly enough to be noticed by employers and result in being hired.

Now that nearly every high school graduate in Michigan goes directly into a college program, a degree is more likely to be an ex-

pectation of employers.

Education systems have certainly advanced over the last few decades, and they need to continue adapting to the requirements of the job market to be effective.

If the purpose and duty of college is to prepare students for full-time hire, they're not necessarily doing its job.

Northern Michigan University is on the right track. Nearly every bachelor's degree curriculum provides students the option of participating in an internship for upper-level credits.

There are a few majors at NMU that already require applied experience.

Many hands-on programs are located in the Jacobetti Center, including construction management, cosmetology and hospital management.

If departments were to gradually incorporate this requirement into their respective programs, I am confident NMU would see an improvement in job placement after graduation. And if it's successful for one school, other schools will be more willing to instate this change.

Of course there are potential drawbacks with this plan, such as the time commitment, travel difficulties or a lack of available internships surrounding smaller college towns.

However, with flexibility and modification, the internship requirement can be beneficial and cost-effective for nearly all students. As a student, how would you feel about spending four years and tens of thousands of dollars just to be turned down from all potential employers?

Until internships are made a requirement, take the initiative to participate in one on your own. The extra hard work is proven to pay off.

Sound Off

compiled by Justin Key

How do you feel about the lack of snow?



Nikki Davis

senior, microbiology

"I'm disappointed. I was expecting more by now."



Anthony Raona

junior, digital cinema

"Kind of sad because I can't go snowboarding."



Kristy Priest

senior, theater

"I like not having snow only when I'm walking to class, otherwise it's awful."



Amanda Wigand

junior, biology

"I don't like it. I feel like we are never going to get any."

LIVING THE DREAM AT NMU

“The time is always right to do the right thing.”

By Nolan Krebs

features editor

Thirty years ago, legislation was passed making the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a federal holiday in the United States.

The third Monday of January is dedicated to the man whose leadership brought the nation through some of the most divisive times in American history.

On Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, NMU announced that classes would be canceled in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, making it an official university holiday. While classes will be cancelled on Monday, Jan. 21, the university will remain open.

Director of Communications and Marketing Cindy Paavola said that the university had been discussing the idea of making MLK Day a university holiday for more than several years.

“Everyone just felt when [MLK Day] was brought up to the Board of Trustees that campus was ready for this change and that students are aware of the celebration for MLK Day,” Paavola said.

Associate director of the Multicultural Education and Resource Center (MERC), Shirley Brozzo discussed the importance of taking part in the events on MLK Day: “Not only to recognize the things MLK fought for, but to acknowledge current social injustices.”

The MERC office has scheduled a number of events to celebrate MLK Day starting Monday, Jan. 21 and ending on Friday, Jan. 25.

These events are aimed at exposing students and faculty to different perspectives regarding issues of social justice in the spirit of MLK Jr.

Attending the events held on campus is one way to honor Dr. King’s memory, but students can do so in other ways. Taylor Johnson, co-president of the Black Student Union emphasized that education was important to MLK, as well as community service.

“Students can use that day to dedicate time for the community,” Johnson said.

MLK DAY EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 21:
a viewing of the Presidential Inauguration at 11 a.m. in the Peter White Lounge.

Wednesday, Jan. 23:
a screening of the film “Precious Knowledge,” and a Q&A afterwards with the filmmaker Eren McGinnis.

Thursday, Jan. 24:
a panel discussion on ethnic studies will be held at 3 p.m in Jamrich 102.

The Life of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1929

Born on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Ga. King was the son of Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. and Alberta Williams King.

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1944-1951

King studies at Morehouse College and is ordained as a minister during his final semester. In 1951, King begins doctoral studies at Boston University’s School of Theology.

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1953

King marries Coretta Scott in Marion, Ala. on Thursday, June 18.

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1954-1955

King begins work as a pastor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

The following year, King is selected to lead the Montgomery Improvement Association and peacefully protests the arrest of Rosa Parks.

1963

King is arrested during a demonstration and pens the Letter from Birmingham Jail with the letter to President Kennedy regarding civil rights legislation.

King speaks to a crowd of 200,000 people in Washington for the Freedom on the March.

“Time” magazine names King 1963’s “Man of the Year” and awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in December 1964. The Civil Rights Act of 1965 is passed in the summer, outlawing discrimination.

King survives an assassination attempt and is stabbed with a knife during a book signing.

Following the passage of the Civil Rights Act, King begins to publish his first book, “Where Do We Go From Here: The Next Steps in Our Civil Rights Struggle.”

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King speaks out against the Vietnam War in April with his address "Beyond Vietnam" in New York. King also heads a multiracial campaign, the "Poor Peoples Campaign," to help impoverished Americans.

1958

On April 4, after 13 years of non-violent leadership, King is assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn.

(Information obtained from www.thekingcenter.org)



Calumet folk band takes stage at NMU

By Nolan Krebs

features editor

In conjunction with the Upper Peninsula Folklife Festival, the Calumet band Gratiot Lake Road and Marquette's own Krebs Cycle will be performing on Saturday, Jan. 19 in the Peter White Lounge of the UC.

Gratiot Lake Road is a four-piece group that plays folk songs attuned to the vibrations of northern Michigan said Ben Jensen, who plays guitar and banjo and contributes vocals in the band.

"Geography plays a large part in inspiring the songs," Jensen said. "The towns, forests, Lake Superior and all these other natural features shape our experiences. We've spent hours upon hours driving, hiking and exploring the Upper Peninsula and those experiences shape the songs."

The group began writing songs together when Jensen met his wife, Emaleigh, while studying at Michigan Tech in the fall of 2006.

Emaleigh, who had been writing songs since high school and had experience as a solo performer in the area, played a song for Jensen on the last day of the semester, and Gratiot Lake Road grew from there.

"She showed me one of her songs, 'Horace Greeley,' and I



Gratiot Lake Road, a Calumet-based band, will perform Saturday at NMU as part of the U.P. Folklife Festival.

played a little riff on the guitar to it," Jensen said. "We liked the sound and Emaleigh started showing me the new songs she was writing for me to write guitar parts."

The two recorded some demos for their Myspace page and played their first gig at the Bridge House in Houghton nine months later.

Since then, the group has expanded and often performs as a four-piece, with Emaleigh singing and playing banjo and auto-

harp. The group features Matthew Radue on guitar, percussion, piano and chord organ, as well as Tony Laux on bass.

While the subject matter of their particular brand of art remains tied to their surroundings, the stories that they share through song has also seen some changes, Jensen said.

"A long, cloudy winter, making mistakes, being embarrassed, leaving and never coming back, ghost stories and exhaustion are also some of the themes of our

music," Jensen said. "Lately the songs have been about death and how inevitably we'll all be nothing but quirky stories told to our children or grandchildren."

The group has performed in Marquette before, Jensen said, and remains a very special place to the band.

"The story of Gratiot Lake Road wouldn't be complete without mentioned our good friend Troy Graham, who kept booking us shows in Marquette with bands like The Chanteymen, Mary

Mugford, Kerry Yost and Windmill Music," Jensen said.

The group will be stopping in Marquette again this year, as well as touring to Virginia and back, Jensen said.

"We've got a pile of new songs that we can't wait to share with everyone - maybe a new record by the end of the year."

The concert is also a part of the Beaumier Coffee House Series, which features mostly local musicians and regional acts. For Jeff Krebs, who plays guitar and handles lead vocals for The Krebs Cycle, the music of the U.P. is in his blood.

"Some of the traditional fiddle tunes we play sound like they could have been played at a camp out in the woods 75 years ago, and likely were," Krebs said. "We're less a band than a trio of neighbors playing music we love for the best reason: it's fun."

The Krebs Cycle, which plays mostly traditional folk, country and bluegrass tunes, features Doug Kitchel on the banjo and Brent Graves on mandolin and vocals. The trio will be opening for Gratiot Lake Road.

The show begins at 7 p.m. and admission is free, although donations are encouraged. For more information, email Dan Truckey at dtruckey@nmu.edu or call (906) 227-3212.

Tune In: The North Wind guide to upcoming releases From Bowie to M.I.A., 2013 brings albums from artists new and old

By Jordan Beck

staff writer

From exciting debuts to comeback albums decades in the making, 2013 seems to have something for everyone. Here's a closer look at four of the most hotly-anticipated albums of the year.

"Amok" by Atoms For Peace

Radiohead probably won't be releasing a new LP in 2013, but here's the next-best thing - the debut album from Thom Yorke's new band, Atoms for Peace. (They're also a supergroup of sorts: the band's bassist is none

other than Flea from Red Hot Chili Peppers.) Pre-release singles "Default" and "Judge Jury and Executioner" sound quite a bit like Radiohead, but with a heavier emphasis on the rhythm section.

Given how consistently brilliant the output of Yorke's main band has been, that's hardly something to complain about. "Amok" will be released by XL Recordings on Monday, Feb. 25.

"The Next Day" by David Bowie

David Bowie turned 66 on January 8, but he didn't take the day off. In fact, he chose that date to announce "The Next Day," his

first album in a decade. But that's not all - he also uploaded the LP's gorgeously contemplative lead single, "Where Are We Now?". (According to an NME interview with producer Tony Visconti, though, that track's a bit of an anomaly - the rest of "The Next Day" is "quite a rock album.") And a video to go along with the single.

The album's bizarre, yet surprisingly effective cover art (it's literally the cover of "Heroes," but with that album's title crossed out and a white square in the center covering Bowie's face). "The Next Day" will be released by Columbia and Iso Records on Tuesday, March 12.

"Matangi" by M.I.A.

For music fans, album delays are an unfortunate part of life. However, M.I.A.'s "Matangi" (initially penciled in for a December 2012 release) may have been pushed back for one of the strangest reasons in recent memory. In an interview with the "Gold Coast Bulletin," M.I.A. revealed that a completed version of the record was deemed "too positive" by her label, who told her that she needed to "darken it up a bit."

If "Matangi" lives up to last



Photo courtesy of XL Records

M.I.A. will be releasing her fourth full-length album on Monday, April 15.

year's insidiously catchy single "Bad Girls," however, it'll be worth the wait. "Matangi" will be released by Interscope on Monday, April 15.

[TBA] by My Bloody Valentine

Think waiting a few years for your favorite band's next album is tough? My Bloody Valentine's fans have been waiting for over two decades for the follow-up to the band's legendary sophomore album, "Loveless." That album single-handedly defined the shoegaze genre and turned its makers into indie superstars, but they haven't released anything since. However, that's likely to change this year.



Photo courtesy of XL Records

Atoms for Peace will release their first full-length on Monday, Feb. 25.

On Christmas Eve, MBV took to their Facebook page to announce that their third album had been completed earlier that week. No one has said much about what the new LP will sound like, but if you're a fan of My Bloody Valentine, shoegaze or 90s music in general, this is one to watch.

My Bloody Valentine's third album will be released independently through the band's website.

Other releases to watch out for include: [TBA] by Arcade Fire, "LongLive A\$AP" by A\$AP Rocky, "The Terror" by Flaming Lips, "MGMT" by MGMT, [TBA] by Vampire Weekend and "Fade" by Yo La Tengo.

'Django' brings stellar acting, visuals to screen



Film: Django Unchained
Director: Quentin Tarantino
Starring: Jamie Foxx
 Christoph Waltz
 Leonardo DiCaprio
Runtime: 143 minutes
Rating: R



By Lee McClelland
 opinion editor

Quentin Tarantino's newest film, "Django Unchained," has been received amidst an air of controversy.

Spike Lee famously declared he was boycotting the movie because it was offensive to his ancestors. Others are critical of the fact that the N-word is uttered 110 times. As a Tarantino fan, it was a film I had to see.

The plot structure is similar to

that of "Inglourious Basterds," where a historically oppressed, brutalized group is given the power to seek revenge against their oppressors.

In the case of "Django Unchained," Django (Jamie Foxx) starts the movie as a slave who, with the help of Dr. King Shultz (Christoph Waltz), is freed and taken into the bounty hunting business in 1858.

The first half of the movie follows the two through a series of bounty-hunting adventures where Django cultivates his freedom, as well as his bounty-hunting skills.

Tarantino creates Django's character like that of any spaghetti-western hero: a stoic man bent on justice, completely unfazed by grotesque violence.

Tarantino does a terrific job of tantalizing his audience with a mixture of serious and comedic scenes, ranging from Django's desire to rescue his wife, Broomhilda (Kerry Washington), from slavery, to a realization by white supremacists that their hoods compromise their ability to see.

The blood-soaked cinematics lead Django and Shultz to the whereabouts of Broomhilda in Mississippi, and this is where the film starts to falter.

The plot becomes less about rescuing Django's wife, and more so a grandiose artistic statement on slavery: the repulsiveness of that institution.

The movie moves so far towards this aim that Broomhilda's character becomes somewhat of a footnote. She is there physically, but the audience gets no real sense of her throughout the second half of the movie.

Since Broomhilda is such an integral part of the storyline, it is perplexing that Tarantino would not round her out; instead, she is a flat character who exists only so Django can save her.

And this is where Tarantino leaves the realm of reality behind

and takes his audience on a journey to Candie-Land, where Calvin Candie (Leonardo DeCaprio) and Stephen (Samuel Jackson) make their appearance.

Calvin Candie and Stephen are the antipode to Dr. Shultz and Django. Candie is depicted as a twisted, totalitarian master who, with the help of his Uncle Tom house slave Stephen, creates an aura of fear about his estate.

Candie-Land proves a dangerous game for Dr. Shultz and Django, who must pretend to be something they are not.

Though the movie is visually striking, the scenes both brutal and beautiful, one cannot help but notice the absence of realism that was present in the first half of the movie — history truly becomes fiction at this point in the film.

Above all else, it appears that Tarantino has made a grave error in his depiction of Django: he is depicted as an angry black man bent on vengeance against any whites who come in his path.

This angry-black-man syndrome seems to be symptomatic of Tarantino's films. Looking back over his career, one notices the role Samuel Jackson plays in his films.

In "Pulp Fiction," Jackson plays Jules Winnfield, an inconsolably-angry assassin; in

"Jackie Brown," he plays Ordell Robbie, a ruthless gun-runner; and in "Django Unchained," Stephen, a merciless house slave who reserves his anger for fellow slaves, all of whom are depicted as bellow Stephen.

The only black character who plays a prominent role in Tarantino's films and isn't depicted as a criminal in a scheme or an angry black man is Jacky Ido's character, Marcel, from "Inglourious Basterds," who is completely subservient to Shosanna.

Though "Django" is aesthetically pleasing, right down to the Southern gentlemen's rotted teeth, and the acting is superb, it's the underlying aspects of the movie that take away from the exquisite modern-adaptation of the spaghetti western.

The real drawback is Tarantino's Django, a simplified view of a freed man seen through the lens of a director whose ardent love of Blaxploitation films and B-movies has hindered the main character's development, seemingly just so that Django can fit into the spaghetti-western framework.

In the end, Django is a freedman with the philosophy of a Black Panther, which has proven a creation of anathema among some critics of the film, this one included.

'This Is 40' takes a look at contemporary family life



Film: This Is 40
Director: Judd Apatow
Starring: Paul Rudd
 Leslie Mann
Runtime: 133 minutes
Rating: R



By Lee McClelland
 opinion editor

Director Judd Apatow has debuted a new film, "This is 40," which is set in the universe of another popular 2007 film "Knocked Up."

The story follows up on Pete (Paul Rudd) and Debbie (Leslie Mann), the couple who play opposite Seth Rogen and Katherine Heigl in "Knocked Up."

The film picks up a few years after the events of "Knocked

Up," and Apatow focuses in on Pete, Debbie, their two kids and a marriage tested by the onset of both main characters' fortieth birthday.

What is impressive about Apatow's writing, style and technique is his knack for taking the most mundane events of life — private time in the bathroom playing "Angry Birds" or indulging in a cigarette — and squeezing hilarity out of them.

This is one of his strengths: Apatow has established himself as a screenwriter and director who is able to capture real life moments through a wide-angle

comedic lens.

The same is true of "This is 40." It is revealed that Pete now runs his own record label, while Debbie owns a fashion boutique. One of their daughters has gone through puberty, so the issue of maturity divides the two siblings. Pete and Debbie's marriage is strained. There is turmoil in becoming middle-aged.

And for students, the humor may be lost. Those who have children, entered into their 40s and undergo the stresses of marriage and work will find this film to be a refreshing, realistic film brimming with scenes that induce side-splitting laughter.

A particular scene where Pete and Debbie spy on their daughter's Facebook page appeals to both younger and older crowds, yet Apatow's decision to appeal to an older audience does not alienate a younger one.

There is a lot to be said in the film about constant connectivity. Whether it is an iPad playing "Lost" on the ride to school or an iPod blaring Nicki Minaj, Pete and Debbie are competing with the digital age for their children's attention and affection.

Apatow, as a father, brings up an important question in a delightfully comedic way.

In fact, his wife Leslie Mann plays Debbie, and the girls in the film are his daughters. This 21st

century problem is brought to light using Apatow's own flesh and blood on screen. This, at times, is powerful.

As Pete and Debbie grow frustrated with each other throughout the duration of the film, their marriage is juxtaposed on their own individual problems.

Pete's record label is floundering financially; he has an affinity for sweets that is affecting his health; his father is an imposing figure, always asking for money; and, above all else, he cannot even sit on the toilet without being accused of avoiding his family.

One of Debbie's employees is embezzling money; she lies about her age, cannot quite smoke, is overly emotional at all the wrong times and trying to start a defunct relationship with an estranged biological father.

Apatow drops all of these aspects of Pete and Debbie's marriage upon the audience, and the result is both humorous and dramatic.

While college students might not understand the writing, it is truly brilliant. Though I thoroughly enjoyed Apatow's "This is 40," I feel the same way about real life as I do his fictional creations.

"Knocked Up," "Pineapple Express," "Funny People" and "This is 40" all have the same

thing in common: they are anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes too long.

Some scenes I found myself wondering, when is this going to end? After periods devoid of laughter and Paul Rudd's flat comedic performance, I was waiting for the movie to come to a close.

And when the film did draw to a close, it did so abruptly. Leslie Mann's performance was consistent, though tired.

Apatow casts his wife in most of his movies, and she plays (it seems) the same character every time.

The best comedic acting in the whole movie was done by Melissa McCarthy, who was featured in only two scenes.

With medium grade actors filling the gaps (Lena Dunham, Michael Ian Black and Chris O'Dowd) and phenomenal actors who are filling minor, lackluster roles (John Lithgow, Albert Brooks and Jason Segel), one has to wonder where Apatow was on casting day.

Judd Apatow has created a comedy that employs the gamut of human emotion. Through it, he mimics real life experiences while remaining genuinely funny.

Apatow could learn, though, that unlike life, a director can edit out the dull scenes.

'Cats swipe win, tie over No. 6 Miami

Men's hockey survives overtime, shootout following Husky sweep

By Cody Boyer
sports editor

The NMU men's hockey team hit the ice last weekend as they took on the Miami University Redhawks, welcoming returning students with an undefeated weekend at the Berry.

The Wildcats earned four Central Collegiate Hockey Association points after they defeated the No. 6-ranked Redhawks on Friday, Jan. 11 with a score of 2-1 and remained undefeated on Saturday, Jan. 12 with a 3-3 tie at the Berry Events Center.

Miami earned an extra conference point after they won a shootout following overtime on Saturday night.

NMU head coach Walt Kyle said the weekend's series showed improvements that the 'Cats have been looking for.

"I was really proud of our guys," Kyle said. "I really liked our patience and our poise both nights. We were resilient when it came to killing penalties, and our defensive play on the second night was much better."

On Saturday night, the Wildcats lead the game early with a 2-0 lead as they entered the second period.

Senior forward Kory Kaunisto opened the game's scoring when he shot in his third goal of the season with 4:47 left in the first period. Assisting on Kaunisto's goal was senior forward Matt Thurber.

Junior forward Erik Higby kept the momentum constant, scoring his third goal of the season.

The Redhawks came back during the last half of the second and the third periods, scoring three goals to bring the score to 3-2. Sophomore forward Ryan Daugherty shot the puck past Miami goaltender Ryan McKay to earn a shorthanded breakaway goal, tying the game 3-3 with 2:25 left in the game.

The Wildcats fell to the Redhawks after overtime during the shootout after five attempts at scoring a.

Daugherty said the team picked up the pace leading up to his breakaway shot.

"I was playing a little more aggressive leading up to it," Daugherty said. "There were three minutes left in the game and we were down by a goal on the kill. We couldn't really sit back."

The Wildcats experienced eight minor penalties and were 0-for-6 on the man advantage, while the Redhawks were 1-for-5 after eight nine minor penalties and one major.

Junior goaltender Jared Coreau saved 29 shots, while McKay saved 22.

On Friday, the 'Cats won their first night at home 2-1 after sweeping St. Cloud State on Friday, Jan. 4 and Saturday, Jan. 5. Miami opened the game's scoring, bringing the match to 1-0 in the second.

The 'Cats came back 7:55 into



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore Ryan Daugherty (29) dashes past the Michigan Tech Huskies earlier this season. The Wildcats defeated MTU 2-1 on Tuesday, Dec. 4.



Justin Key/NW

Senior forward Kory Kaunisto rides up the boards with the puck towards enemy ice. Kaunisto first put the 'Cats on the board on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Wildcats' spend break sweeping foes

By Cody Boyer
sports editor

While students were heading home for the holiday break, the NMU men's hockey team kept themselves busy as they carried themselves further in their final season as part of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

The Wildcats travelled to Lake Superior State and St. Cloud State for two series on the road over break. During the last month, the team accumulated a swept series while losing another.

The 'Cats swept the No. 15-ranked St. Cloud State Huskies with victories on Friday, Jan. 4 and Saturday, Jan. 5. NMU started the weekend away 6-2 on Friday night, and finished up the series 2-1 on Saturday. The victories marked the first Wildcat wins at St. Cloud since Oct. 16, 2004, and also tallied four straight victories against the Huskies this season.

NMU head coach Walt Kyle said the success of the past few games partially has better power-play performances to thank.

"We have been working at it,"

Kyle said. "We had a power-play goal against St. Cloud and we were able to win both of those games. We had a power-play goal against Miami, as well. If we keep doing well with the power-plays, we will keep coming up with wins."

Friday night's game opened up with the Huskies scoring the first and only goal of the first period. The Wildcats responded in the final two periods, scoring three goals in both the second and third. Sophomore forward Reed Seckel's sixth and seventh of the season were assisted by junior forward Erik Higby and senior forward Matt Thurber.

Senior defenseman Scott Macaulay scored the second NMU goal, assisted by freshman forward Darren Nowick and freshman forward Ryan Aynsley.

Sophomore forward Ryan Daugherty, junior defenseman CJ Ludwig, and senior defenseman Kyle Follmer scored the game's final points.

On Saturday, Jan. 5, the 'Cats clinched another victory to secure the sweep on the road, 2-1. After St. Cloud opened the first

period's scoring with a goal 9:37 in, the Wildcats answered with a goal by Follmer. Seckel and Thurber assisted the shot. Seckel scored the game-winning goal in the third period, assisted by junior defenseman Austin Handley and Higby.

"Thurber, Seckel, and Follmer have really become a line to rely on," Kyle said. "They have become really dangerous, and that helps. There is a line now that other teams have to be conscious of all the time. It's a good combination that has good chemistry."

The sweep at St. Cloud marked the first two victories after the 'Cats were swept at Lake Superior State University on Friday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 15.

The two games versus LSSU brought the 'Cats to 2-8-3-1 in the CCHA and 6-9-3 overall.

Friday night's game also marked the first time this season that the Wildcats were shutout, 3-0.

Gameplay was halted when a hit by Seckel broke a pane of glass on the ice. Play resumed after 20 minutes of clean-up.

Junior goaltender Jared Coreau

saved 18 shots on net before being relieved by freshman goaltender Michael Doan, who recorded 15 saves.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, the Wildcats lost again to the Lakers, keeping themselves from being shutout with a score of 3-1.

The game was tied up when sophomore defenseman Jake Baker scored his first goal of the season during a powerplay against LSSU. Follmer assisted Baker's goal.

Other actions to note from over vacation include a Wildcat mention on ESPN Sportcenter's Top 10 Plays after defeating St. Cloud on Friday, Jan. 4. Follmer was mentioned in the Top 10 after he blocked a shot on Coreau as the puck went behind the goalie.

Northern is currently 3-9-4-1 in the CCHA and 9-10-3 overall.

The 'Cats aim to continue their undefeated status as they remain in Marquette to take on the Ohio State Buckeyes this weekend.



Justin Key/NW

Senior defenseman Kyle Follmer (33) firing a slapshot against MTU on Tuesday, Dec. 4. Follmer scored twice at St. Cloud on Friday, Jan. 4 and 5.

Lady Wildcats shot to win over break

By Katie Bultman
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The NMU women's basketball team remained active over winter vacation, facing several conference games to continue the season.

The girls move on to a 5-5 record after the most recent game on Saturday, Jan. 12. The Wildcats lost in a close 47-46 game against the current northern division No. 1 seed Ferris State, leaving the 'Cats tied for fifth place out of eight other teams in the GLIAC north conference.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the 'Cats pulled out a win for their conference home opener when they defeated Hillsdale College 58-48. NMU held the lead the entire game, earning an early 2-1 conference record.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 8, the Wildcats earned themselves another win against the University of Findlay. The first half proved to be a close match, but NMU put on the pressure and finished with a 59-49 win.

The 10 point margin came from the boards, where the Wildcats proved to have a solid night. The girls tallied up 22 rebounds in the second half, in comparison to the 12 that Findlay marked.

Head coach Troy Mattson said pleased with the outcome of the game that night.

"Findlay is one of the best teams in our league, so for us it was a really, really big win," Mattson said. "Rebounding is something that we concentrate on for the majority of the season and Findlay is a big, athletic team. For us to dominate the boards was a big plus."

On Sunday, Dec. 16, the girls hit the road for a game against Ohio Dominican University. The game went back and forth between the two teams, but the 'Cats sealed the victory with a 54-45 win. Sophomore guard Lauren Gruber attributed the success to better defense in the second half.

"We kept the pressure up and forced turnovers on them," Gruber said. "We also handled the ball very well and had fewer turnovers ourselves, which really made the difference."

In the final game of the year for NMU on Tuesday, Dec. 18, Tiffin University handed the 'Cats a conference loss.

Northern Michigan's freshman forward Nea Makela led all scorers with 20 points, but the 'Cats struggled with taking care of the ball, giving the Dragons 30 points off of turnovers. The end result

was a 63-75 loss for the 'Cats.

"Anytime you lose it's disappointing, it does not leave you with a positive feeling," Mattson said. "But we came back and had some good practices getting prepared for Ashland."

The Wildcats rang in the New Year on Thursday, Jan. 3 with the home game against No. 1-ranked Ashland University. Ashland went on to beat the 'Cats 46-63.

The team was home again on Saturday, Jan. 5 to play conference team Lake Erie College. With 24 seconds left on the clock, the Storm came within three points of taking the lead. Gruber sunk four from the foul line to clench another conference victory for the 'Cats.

Gruber said those free-throws were important to the team.

"We shoot 100 free-throws every day in practice, 50 before we start and 50 after," Gruber said. "We really have to focus to step-up and make those contributions to the game when we are at the line."

On Saturday, Jan. 12, NMU fought a close fight against Ferris State University. Sophomore center Courtney Lemon scored the first points of the game with a layup to put NMU on the board.

In the end, however, the 'Cats



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore guard Lauren Gruber searches for a safe route as she dashes down the court. Gruber leads the scoring for the Wildcats with 173 points.

fell short, 46-47.

The lady 'Cats take the court again in the late game at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17 at the

Berry Events Center, where they will face Saginaw Valley State following the men's game at 5:30 p.m.

Men's team takes losses, looks ahead

By Katie Bultman
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The NMU men's basketball team faced a tough stretch early in December after coming off of a six game losing streak, but found a way to regain some momentum in several home games over winter vacation.



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore forward Kendall Jackson reaches high for a lay-up. Jackson made 4-4 free throws against Tiffin University and played for 36 minutes.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Wildcats faced undefeated Hillsdale in a GLIAC home opener.

The 'Cats faced a rough stretch in the second half when they scored a total of nine points in comparison to the 28 put up by the Chargers. The game ended in a loss for the Wildcats, 44-70.

The Wildcats hosted a second

home game on Saturday, Dec. 8 against the University of Findlay. Sophomore guard Quinten Calloway put up 21 points for the 'Cats, but it was not enough to seal a win. NMU struggled to take care of the ball, and as a result gave up 25 points from turnovers.

Sophomore forward Kendall Jackson said that ball control became a main focus in practice.

"We need more control over the ball during practice so that it carries over to games," Jackson said. "We've been working on everything defense, and Coach stresses taking care of the ball."

After six consecutive losses, the 'Cats brought some fire to Ohio Dominican on Sunday Dec. 16. With 13 lead changes throughout the game, the Wildcats battled to a 77-73 win for their first GLIAC victory of the season, with only 10 turnovers.

Junior forward Michael Smith said the team put forward some work in practice to minimize turnovers.

"We try and work the ball around any given night," Smith said. "Ball control gives us more opportunities to score."

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, the 'Cats were on the road to face Tiffin University in another GLIAC conference game.

Jackson tied the game after sinking two free-throws at 3:23

on the clock, but the momentum was not enough to carry the team to victory.

The end result was a Tiffin win of 62-55 over the 'Cats. Junior forward Scooter Johnson ended the game with a double-double, racking up 15 points and 10 rebounds.

The men continued their season on the road on Sunday, Dec. 30 when they faced Lewis University. In another game of turnovers, NMU gave up 22 points for a 45-64 loss.

Head coach Doug Lewis described how the guys needed to learn what they were expected to add to the team when on the court.

"The biggest hurdle this year has been chemistry," Lewis said. "The group needs to work on learning their roles."

With a couple of home games, the 'Cats broke the losing streak to start off the 2013 season. On Thursday, Jan. 3, the Wildcats earned their second GLIAC win against Ashland University.

Four of the Wildcats scored more than 10 points in the game, showing improvement in the team chemistry.

Jackson and Calloway put in 15 points for the team, while freshman guard Stephen Pelkofer dropped 14 and junior forward Matt Craggs added 13. NMU fin-

ished with a 73-66 victory.

The 'Cats continued with a 66-62 win at home on Saturday Jan. 5 over Lake Erie College. For the second game in a row, four players scored in the double-digit range.

Calloway chipped in 16 points off of eight free-throws, while Craggs added 14, Cameron put in 12, and Johnson had 10. The game brought the team to 3-5 in the conference.

Coach Lewis said the home wins were important for both the team and the NMU students.

"Any time you can win home games is important for the fans and the team confidence," Lewis said. "It's that chemistry again and learning to win at this level. We have a pretty young team and it's different, in high school you don't always have to show up, but here you have to play hard for the win."

NMU took on Grand Valley State University on Thursday, Jan. 10 and Ferris State on Saturday, Jan. 12. Each resulted in a loss for the team, bringing their current record to 4-10 overall and 3-7 in the GLIAC.

The Wildcats take the court next at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17 at the Berry Events Center, where they will face Saginaw Valley State. The women's game will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Club 'Cats look to remain undefeated

By William Burns
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The Northern Michigan University men's club ice hockey team returned to action this weekend looking to continue a winning streak that dates back to Friday, Oct. 26.

The 'Cats are currently on a 11-game streak dating back to last year, starting with their victory against UW Oshkosh.

The Wildcats were in Campaign, Ill. playing a two game series against the University of Illinois Fighting Illini. The Wild-

cats dispatched the Illini with ease, winning Friday's match by a score of 5-2 and a score of 7-3 on Saturday.

Sophomore forward Wolff Belanger and his brother, senior center Neeco Belanger were among the handful of players to score a goal for the Wildcats this weekend.

Wolff Belanger scored two goals and helped out the team with four assists while Neeco Belanger had three goals and three assists.

The starting goaltender for the Wildcats on Friday was sopho-

more Jeff Ryan, who had a solid day between the pipes, seeing 22 shots and making 20 saves. During Saturday's match, sophomore goaltender Alex Latvala was pulled ten minutes into the game after allowing two goals in just five shots.

Ryan was brought into the game to replace Latvala and managed to make 18 saves with 19 shots. Ryan allowed one goal and assisted the Wildcats to hang on for the win.

Penalties were an issue for both Illinois and NMU as the Fighting Illini committed 14 minor penalties and the Wildcats committed 13 minor penalties over the weekend. The 'Cats only managed to score one power play goal in the two games while the Illini scored two.

The sweeping of the Fighting Illini last weekend marks the 25th win this season and brings their record to 25-2-1 and also pushes the winning streak to a season high of nine games in a row. The 'Cats now also possess the best record in the American Collegiate Hockey Association for division II play.

While a winning streak is a good thing to have in any sport, NMU head coach Carl Trosien said he is not really focused on it.

"I think we all know it's there," Trosien said. "We are so



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore goaltender Jeff Ryan (33) stands his ground between the posts. Ryan stopped 20 shots on Friday, Oct. 26 against the Fighting Illini.



Justin Key/NW

Sophomore forward Wolff Belanger squeezes the puck between two opponents earlier this season. Belanger contributed four assists against Illinois.

focused on the regional tournament. The team is really focused on the goals we still have yet to accomplish. We honestly don't really talk about it much."

Senior right wing Kellen Michalak said the streak is not what the team thinks about but they do think well of their overall record and that this squad still has more to prove.

"We want to keep winning," Michalak said. "We feel that if we keep winning they can't deny us the opportunity to play in the playoffs. So that is our biggest goal right now. To play our best and excel game by game, shift by

shift, period by period."

Northern is currently No. 13 in the rankings as of Friday, December 21 and needs to be in the top ten to qualify for the regional tournament. The 'Cats hope to reach new rankings are released later in the week.

"We have a very good group of leaders on our team this year," Trosien said. "The guys are more focused on the bigger picture."

The Wildcat's will be hitting the road again this weekend as they will be headed back down south to face off against DePaul at 10:15 am on Friday, Jan. 18 in Northbrook, Ill.



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NRA —Chill out, your blood pressure and loose grip on reality are suffering. — **Doctors Everywhere**

Radio X — Your tunes are slowly getting better! Less metal, more good stuff.— **Marquette**

H — Happy 23rd Birthday Big Sis!! I hope you had a good Birthday you good looking hunk of person you! Love you lots!— **S**

Holly Dolly— Happy Birthday!! Have a great first half of the semester. See you in March for the cruise! Love ya! — **Boyfriend**

You— I am so glad you are coming up this weekend! The U.P.

misses you dearly and so do I. Welcome back to your second home. Love you!—**Me**

The older one — I love you so much and so glad we have gotten closer, you are the best sister! Remember don't ever do anything I wouldn't do!—**The smarter younger one**

AERR — You suck. —**Me**

Younger one — I love you too! And you're the best. Girls night this weekend and I need to do laundry. Okay thanks!— **Older prettier one**

Old NE — We miss your headlining skills. Can we skype you next Wednesday so you can help us out? Thanks!— **NW Staff**

FE— Give that girl her jacket back!— **EIC**

NW Staff—Good first week to the semester. I am excited for this semester! Lets make it a good one!— **EIC**

Jimmy Falon — Stop ruining television.— **Insomniac**

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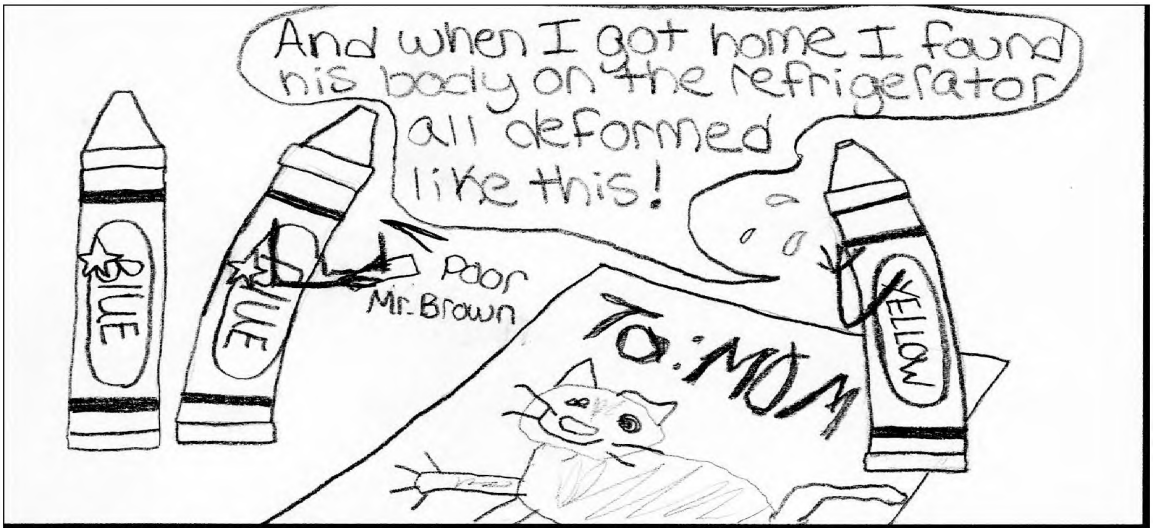
Hostess —Who will fuel my late name, abstinence prolonging raids against the Hoard? I'm so lonely. —**Gamers**

God— Forty-three-years later and I'm still waiting for an answer. You should switch to Verizon. Are you there God, it's me : can you hear me now? —**Margaret**

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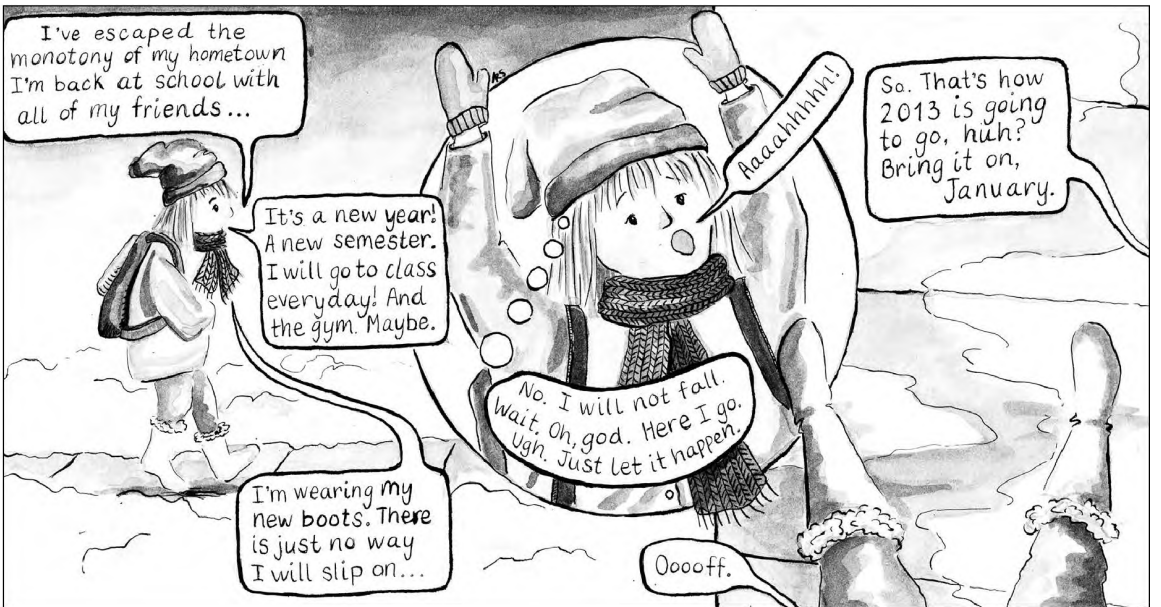


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