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## Parking problems persist on campus

By Cody Boyer  
editor in chief

NMU parking for students, faculty and commuters has started controversy within the university's student body and employed staff as construction projects have changed parking locations to make way for new additions to the campus.



BATH

According to NMU Public Safety, parking spaces across campus will be continuing to experience changes as the construction of the New Jamrich building continues to aim for its completion in August 2014. Over the last year, NMU has constructed Lot 29, near the old Jamrich Hall and removed Lot 28, which is the loca-

tion of the New Jamrich project.

Michael Bath, director of Public Safety and Police Services, said the number of parking spaces has not changed, but the configuration of the lots has experienced quite a bit of location changes.

"We don't have a parking space shortage," Bath said. "What we have is a perception issue. Everybody wants the parking spots right by the buildings, so that's part of the issue that we have."

NMU has over 6,000 parking spaces on campus, according to Bath, which includes all of the parking located in the immediate campus area and the sports complex. Six lots on campus experienced revisions for the 2013-14 semesters, including Lot 1 near West Hall, Lot 2 near Spooner, Lot 26 near Whitman Hall and on Elizabeth Harden Drive, Lot 33 near Lee Hall and the northwest section of Lot 36 near New Sci-

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## Stepping up for Homecoming



Kristen Koehler/NW

Students from Halverson Hall compete in front of an audience in Jamrich during the Stepping Competition, as part of Homecoming festivities. To see more Homecoming coverage and photos, check out page 4.

## New Jamrich construction reaches ceremonious milestone

By Amanda Monthei  
managing editor

At around 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, a steel beam — painted white and autographed by NMU administrators and those managing and working the construction site — was bolted to the frame of the new Jamrich building. It was placed ceremoniously as the final beam of the building's 136,000 square foot exterior steel frame construction.

The single beam had both an

American flag and a small evergreen tree poised on it, a tradition that is common at the conclusion of frame construction on large buildings.

"It's always an evergreen — always a little pine tree — and the flag," said Cindy Paavola, director of communication and marketing. "They do the pine tree and the flag and that's been an ironworker tradition across the country for hundreds of years."

According to the Tommy Paiva, who is general foreman for

the ironworkers of the Jamrich project, the tradition is of Scandinavian origin, and was adopted in the U.S. during construction of skyscrapers in New York City in the mid-1800s.

"The evergreen tree stands for longevity of the building — we want it to be strong and last a long time," he said. "The flag means it's American made."

The ceremony was attended by members from the Engineering and Planning department, namely associate director and associate

vice president of the department, Jim Thams and Kathy Richards respectively, as well as many of the workers responsible for the construction of the building.

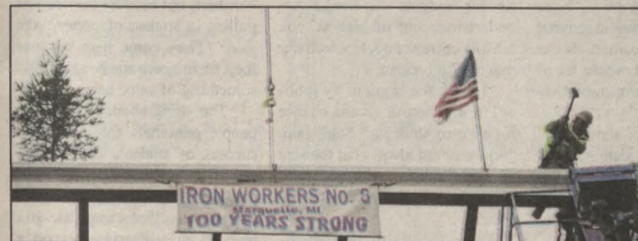
"(This was) what we call a topping-out party," said Luke Oberdorfer, an intern for Miron Construction of Negaunee, and an MBA student at NMU. "Next it's going to be the brick face. We're trying to get this enclosed before the snow flies."

"We're on a good track, we're going to be putting some win-

dows in next, then sealing up the roof so we'll be able to get inside."

Oberdorfer is both a graduate student and a worker on the new Jamrich site, but also did his undergrad in construction management at NMU.

"I can stay parked right here," he said, pointing to the section of Lot 28 that has been created for employees of the Jamrich site. "And then I can just jump the fence and go to class in the old Jamrich building."



Amanda Monthei/NW

A worker on the new Jamrich site pounds a bolt into the final beam placed in the steel frame of the building. The placement of the beam called for a traditional "topping-out" ceremony.



Amanda Monthei/NW

A crew member of the new Jamrich project signs his name on the last beam of the frame. Signing the beam is part of the "topping-off" tradition, which is a long-time ironworking custom.

# Beach games charge through poor weather

By Trent Podskalan  
staff writer

Homecoming week holds many traditions that have been around for a number of years and one of the many traditions is Dead River Games, which kicks-off Homecoming week.

Special Events Coordinator Jordan Paquet, a junior public relations major, said despite the cold, rainy weather this year, over 60 groups participated in the Dead River Games that were held Sunday, Sept. 15.

Brittany Voich, resident adviser of Shady Grove house in Hunt Hall and senior elementary education major, said she was nervous about getting residents to go due to the weather but was pleased with the turnout.

"People don't want to do things when it's crummy weather outside," Voich said. "I was surprised at how many people showed up."

Voich said a lot of people weren't even sure if Dead River Games was still on due to the weather.

"I had residents go around and say it was still on," Voich said. "We all just met and dressed warm. It was a good time."

Paquet said because Dead River games is a Homecoming tradition, it's not an event that can be switched up too much.

"If we were to change it a

lot, yeah, you would still get the amount of numbers but I don't think people would enjoy it as much," Paquet said. "I mean, ice cream drop, you can't really beat that. Some things are instilled in Homecoming that you can't mess with."

But, Paquet said, tweaking the minor details isn't a big issue and that's just what they did this year. The obstacle course was different from year's past and Paquet said it was time for a change.

"As I started planning Homecoming with the committee members, a number of people said they were sick of [the obstacle course] too, always having to set up the exact same thing," Paquet said. "You get all the freshmen that have never done [Dead River Games] but you get all the sophomores and juniors or seniors that come just to watch."

"It's fun to see something different each year and then you can't strategize."

Paquet said besides the use of the alligator, everything in the lineup this year was different. Teams began the obstacle course with balancing an egg on a spoon where they would then tag someone who would army crawl in the dirt and mud.

From there, another team member would use Homecoming cups to fill a designated bucket and, once full, would tag the fourth team member to crab walk back and forth three times to grab



Katie Stumman/NW

For one segment of the obstacle course, competing students had to get down on all fours to crawl under tape in the wet sand on Superior's shore.

ping pong balls. The fifth leg of the race required a team member to find specific items in a mini pool. Race anchors had to dash 20 meters to an inflatable alligator which, according to Paquet, ended up floating in its own moat.

But Paquet said that may be the last time anyone will see the alligator at the Dead River Games.

"I guess what had happened in the first few rounds is that somebody jumped on the alligator a little too hard and the entire mouth of it just blew out," Paquet said. "So the alligator's dead now so

we're not able to use it anymore."

Anthony Wilson, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon and junior secondary education major, said he thought this year's obstacle course was a lot harder and more messy than in year's past.

"Last year with the syrup, you were able to slide across the tarps," Wilson said. "But this one you actually had to crawl and the crab walk was hard for people so I think this one was more challenging and more fun."

Paquet said the water crashing onto the beach actually added a new level of difficulty in the ob-

stacle course.

"It was funny to watch them because all of the water kept coming up onto the beach and flooding everything," Paquet said. "So they had to crawl through different things and stuff while being in the water."

Voich and Paquet both said the ice cream scoop is their favorite event. Paquet also said the rule that a participant's shoulder blades could not leave the ground was enforced more this year so it was more messy.

Paquet said Jilbert Dairy donated the ice cream. This year's flavors were blue moon, Mackinaw Island fudge, classic vanilla and rocky road.

Paquet said the sand sculpture competition was canceled because water kept invading the beach and due to the lack of available beach.

Paquet said he thinks it's the event itself that keeps people coming back year after year.

"Any excuse students have to go with friends to the beach and participate in a fun day of games will always attract a good crowd," Paquet said.

Voich said Dead River Games is an event that continues to have an impact on the student body.

"It's a tradition," Voich said. "It really is a lot of fun getting to see a large university come together to have competitive spirit. It's really fun to see people bond over that."

## NMU ranked by U.S. News, some remain critical

By Amanda Monthei  
managing editor

NMU was recently ranked 76th in the U.S. News' Regional Universities Rankings, sandwiched between Minnesota State University-Mankato at 75th and six universities, including Eastern Michigan, tied for the 77th place.

The allure of being ranked among the top universities in the country is certainly high — such rankings provide a line from which prospective college students can begin their search.

But the 76th spot in the U.S. News' rankings of Midwest Regional Universities isn't 'particularly high,' nor is it vastly different from NMU's position in previous years, according to NMU marketing director Anne Stark.

"Over the last three or four years, we really haven't had any change," she said. "[We were] 77th last year and the year before that we were in a six-way tie for number 72."

Yet Stark has a partially critical perspective that many college administrators share on the topic of national college rankings — which are done by U.S. News and other organizations to help prospective students and their parents in making an ultimate

college decision — in that she is questionable about what they truly mean for universities like NMU.

"I don't want to hang our hat on thinking rankings like this are outrageously important," Stark said. "If you look at the schools at the top, they are strong in the factors (U.S. News) is ranking on and we're not, and I don't know if that makes a good university experience or not. I don't know."

The top spots in rankings done by U.S. News are given to universities that are strong in various categories that are seen as crucial indicators of a college's overall value to prospective students and their parents. According to usnews.com, these categories include assessments done by administrators at peer universities, retention rates of students (particularly freshmen), faculty resources, financial resources and graduation rate performance, among others.

These rank indicators, however, do not wholly suggest that a particular school is a suitable fit for a student, a fact that U.S. News itself disclaims in the first paragraph of the 'methodology' section of their website.

"The host of intangibles that make up the college experience can't be measured by a series of

data points," it reads. "But for families concerned with finding the best academic value for their money, the U.S. News' Best College rankings provide an excellent starting point for the search."

Which is the undisputed purpose of such rankings — to serve as a broad starting point for families in what Stark described as "probably the biggest choice you will make in your life," based on the fact that there are over 3,900 colleges and universities in the country.

According to Provost Paul Lang, the U.S. News rankings are a valuable asset to students and parents who are beginning the college search process, and was not critical of the ultimate purpose of such lists.

"The issue of ranking is very complicated," Lang said. "I see some inherent value in having a good ranking position. Some institutions spend a whole lot of money in factoring in the different ranking criteria."

Lang said many universities have positions on campus that work to better the data used in the ranking systems of organizations like U.S. News, but that NMU is not one of them.

"I think that because you're ranked high does not necessarily mean you are a better institution,"

he said. "What it really might mean is that you are improving your data at your institution to increase your rankings with those organizations."

"But I don't want to be super negative in regards to rankings — I think they have value, some students and parents pay a lot of attention to them, and if it's important to students and their parents it should be important to us as well."

Stark agreed, however, that rankings are subjective depending on the university, and added that NMU has some disadvantages in trying for a high ranking, most notably the fact that it is a right-to-try school, which, while jeopardizing the potential for high scores in student selectivity, also provides opportunities for students who need a second chance out of high school. NMU's current student selectivity rate is 67.8 percent.

"I think the 'right to try [policy]' is a generous second chance for a lot of students," Stark said. "So we could always cut the size of our freshman class to rank higher in selectivity, but at what price?"

The difficulty of funding, financial resources and faculty resources are also consistent barriers NMU must hurdle in order to

attain higher rankings.

"Faculty resources are really hard because we can't just keep throwing money into them — the university doesn't have it," Stark said. "The state of Michigan has been giving less and less to the university so we've had to raise tuition, and we've been very conscientious about raising tuition because it's hard on our families and our students."

Here again, the familiar criticism of college rankings persists: does the ranking of faculty resources reflect the actual effectiveness of university professors? Or, as Stark said, does a well-paid faculty necessarily mean a passionate, driven and genuinely interested faculty?

"I think that people — faculty, students and staff — come to Northern not because they're just pulling in buckets of money," she said. "They come here because they fit in, because you can find something of value here."

"The thing about Northern is people genuinely care about the success of students and will go out of their way to make it happen. And I don't say that doesn't happen on other campuses. But how do you measure that on a survey? There's no way."

Creighton University took first in the U.S. News rankings.

# NMU offers firefighting minor

By Anna Lang  
staff writer

The wildland firefighting program at NMU began offering a minor and a certificate at the beginning of this semester, but has been offering classes since 2001.

Since the start of the program, the classes have been very popular, according to contingent instructor Jeff Noble.

"The first year we offered the class, it filled in about an hour," Noble said. "We offered a second section the next year and both sections filled in an hour."

After the initial success, the wildland firefighting program began offering a class that travels to Florida to improve habitats using fire.

"After about four or five years, through partnerships with other agencies, we developed a class during spring break called Wildland Fire Crew," Noble said. "That's the crew that goes to Florida during spring break and they work in conjunction with Florida Park service, Florida Division of Forestry, and universities in Florida."

"What the students do is during their spring break they go down there and work with those agencies to help perform prescribed burns."

The Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) department encompasses the wildland fire program.

According to Noble, HPER has been very supportive of the expanding program, which has maintained its popularity.

"At one point in time, we realized that there are enough students interested in it and there's enough demand for it that a minor would make good sense," Noble said. "Students would come out with a minor not just one or two credits or three or four credits but with a big bunch of credits and it would look really attractive to an employment agency."

The wildland fire minor is 23 credits. The certificate consists of the same classes as the minor, plus eight electives in subjects such as meteorology, geology and biology.



Courtesy of Jeff Noble  
Nicole DeYoung, an outdoor recreation major who graduated in 2009, participated in the 2007 spring break trip to perform prescribed burns in Florida.

Once a student completes a course, which includes demonstrating the material learned, they are certified in those skills through the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), which sets the standards across the nation for what a wildland firefighter should know.

According to Noble, Northern is the only university in the United States to offer college credit for NWCG certifications, which makes students valuable to possible employers across the nation.

The hands-on experience in the classes are successful in preparing students for jobs, especially seasonal work, according to senior environmental science major Mary Vander Sluis.

Vander Sluis has been taking wildland fire classes for three years and picked up the minor this year. In summer 2012, she spent more time working on the Duck Lake fire in Newberry, Mich. than any other temporary employee.

"I gained a lot of experience so that was really cool to have that ex-

perience because normally first time firefighters find it hard to gain experience so that was a really cool fire to be on," Vander Sluis said. "Especially working with all the DNR employees that have been in fire for so many years."

Vander Sluis also said the class that goes to Florida is especially helpful for building connections within the fire community and getting hands-on experience.

"That class really paints a picture to a student of 'if I would get a job in wildland firefighting, this is what I would be doing every day,'" Vander Sluis said. "So it's not a glamorous, luxury spring break vacation, but it really helps students decide 'is this something that I can see myself doing?'"

According to Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Programming and Faculty Affairs Dale Kapla, new minors start from the department and take about a year to finalize.

The only other new minor this year is a concentration of actuarial science in the mathematics major.

## Briefs

### State News

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has signed into law an increase in hunting and fishing fees. This is the first significant increase to fees in more than 15 years. The revenue for this increase will be used to help fund fish and wildlife habitat projects as well as hire new conservation officers.

The new law will require Michigan hunters to purchase a \$10 base license and pay a \$1 surcharge for small game. A Michigan hunter can expect to pay \$31 for a deer license and \$25 for a fishing license under the new law.

The new fees will take effect starting Saturday, March 1, 2014 and are expected to generate nearly \$20 million a year for the state.

### National News

An investigation held by 27 investigators from federal, state and county agencies concluded that the fire set to the New Jersey Boardwalk on Thursday, Sept. 12 was accidental. The fire gutted as many as 50 businesses across four blocks of the boardwalk including Seaside Park and Seaside Heights.

The investigators concluded that the fire was caused by belowground electrical wiring and equipment that may have been damaged during Hurricane Sandy last year.

"I can confidently bring some sense of closure to this tragic event, affording the many owners of the destroyed and damaged businesses the ability to now take measures to rebuild and recover," said Ocean County Prosecutor Joseph D. Coronato. "This was not a criminal act."

### International News

The death toll rose to 38 Tuesday, Sept. 17 as Tropical Storm Manuel and Hurricane Ingrid hit Mexico over the weekend. While the offshore hurricane weakened the tropical storm, more than 23,000 residents were forced to evacuate their homes and relocate to emergency shelters.

Over 60,000 tourists were stranded on Acapulco Island due to flooding and landslides by the tropical storm. The main highway to Mexico City was shut down due to landslides and the international airport closed due to flooding. At least 20 highways and 12 bridges were damaged.

The Mexican government said there has not been a similar weather crisis like this since 1958, when the country was hit with two tropical storms on separate coasts.

### Weird News

The Costa Concordia cruise ship was pulled upright Tuesday, Sept. 17 after a 19-hour operation to raise it from its side after it had shipwrecked along the coast of Giglio Island on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012.

At 4 a.m. Italy's Civil Protection agency, Franco Gabrielli announced that the engineering operations to rotate the ship off its side was complete. It took massive pulleys, cables and steel tanks and a 500-person salvage crew from 26 countries to raise the 114,000-ton vessel off the rocks on the Giglio Island reef. The ship is expected to be floated away from Giglio in the spring and turned into scrap.

The Concordia's captain, Francesco Schettino, is on trial for alleged manslaughter of 32 people-two of which were never recovered-for causing the shipwreck and abandoning the ship during the delayed evacuation.

—Compiled from news sources

## CAMPUS CRIME MAP

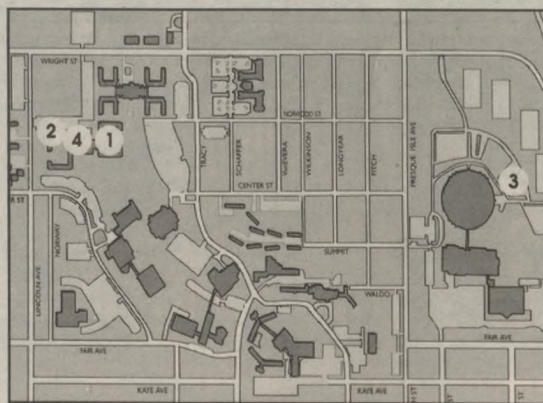
### KEY

1. Domestic assault was reported at 12:54 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Payne Halverson courtyard.

2. Larceny of personal property was reported at noon Sunday, Sept. 15 at Gant Hall.

3. Malicious destruction of a vehicle was reported at 11:58 a.m. Monday, Sept. 16 in Lot 56.

4. Two minors were found in possession of alcohol at 12:40 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 8 at Gant Hall.



# Fresh products hit the grill at Fieras

By Emily Pagel  
news editor

Students returning to NMU this semester may have noticed a few changes at the on-campus Mexican restaurant Fieras.

The restaurant, located in the lower level of the Learning Resource Center, now offers over 30 items and includes a fixed menu, fresh in-house made ingredients and quicker service than previous semesters.

Associate Director of Retail Operations Paul Schoonveld said the changes came from a student demand for more concrete combinations.

"The main thing we were trying to accomplish is that it seems that more and more people want to come to a restaurant and have an option that's already put together, something that you don't have to guess," Schoonveld said.

"In the past you would have to build your own burrito but if you're not a regular burrito eater you might now know what combination of ingredients to put to-

gether," Schoonveld said. "So we thought it would make a lot more sense and there's a lot more value in coming in and saying these are tried and true recipes."

Schoonveld said the menu changes are not a revamp as much as a menu expansion for Fieras.

"There are still others that like to make their own so we didn't want to take that away," Schoonveld said. "All the things that were on the previous menu are still basically there."

For the past year and a half, Dining Services has been changing the way they are serving up its products, according to Schoonveld, who said they are doing so by bringing higher quality ingredients and products to campus.

"We're trying to make as many salsas in house and house marinated meats [as possible]," Schoonveld said. "We're minimizing the amount of processed items on our menu."

The new menu not only gives a variety of choices for students but has also had a positive impact

on the production speed of the restaurant.

"For anybody that went there last year, I think we had exceptional products on the menu but we were much slower," Schoonveld said. "Because students were walking that burrito down the line not really knowing what to put in there, we were giving suggestions constantly."

"Now that it's a fixed menu, we are able to produce those much faster. So although there's a long line, it's going quickly and you get your food much quicker than last year."

Senior accounting major and supervisor at Feiras Jon Hill said the changes throughout Fieras has helped make it a better operation, not only for the students but also for the workers.

"Now that we've gotten used to it we don't have to ask students what they want," Hill said. "We can just go through the recipes and get it out to them."

Hill said there's only been positive responses to the menu expansion.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Students wait for their orders at Fieras in the lower level of LRC, which now offers students the option of over 30 items with its expanded menu.

"(Students) like it, they still have the build-their-own options, and we have our own specialty items that are stepping up," Hill said.

According to Hill, new and returning students have plenty of choices when it comes to getting a new favorite menu item this semester.

"Our most popular items on

the menu by far have been the chipotle quesadilla and burritos, a lot of people have liked them so far," Hill said.

Students can visit Fieras 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 10am-2pm Friday.

A full menu of Fieras with health and nutrition facts is also available online at [www.nmu.edu/dining](http://www.nmu.edu/dining).

# Wildcat spirit strong during first events

By Anna Lang  
staff writer

NMU's Homecoming, themed Ancient Myths and Timeless Tales, brought out the school spirit in students as they participated in the first events.

Teams of six students competed in the Dead River games on cold and rainy Sunday, Sept. 16. Overall, 64 teams participated in the obstacle course and ice cream drop, according to Special Events Committee member Paige Ryan, a junior sports science major.

The winner of the obstacle course was Ice House from Payne, followed by The Summit from Halverson and American Graffiti number two from Van

Antwerp. Downtown from Hunt took the ice cream scoop drop, with Boondocks from Meyland and Mountain House from Van Antwerp getting second and third.

The sand sculpture competition was canceled due to lack of beach.

Sophomore nursing major Sam Jones of Malibu House in Spalding participated in her second Dead River games this year.

"I really did have fun, but it was really cold," Jones said. "I had more fun last year, I have to say. It was so miserable. Last year we played in the water and everything and that was fun, but this year no one went in the water. Usually we dunk the RAs. No RAs got dunked or anything be-

cause it was so cold."

Despite the weather, Jones said the games offered a way for house and hall bonding.

"It brought us closer together, especially with a bunch of girls, it's hard to get everyone to get along," Jones said. "It introduced me to some people that I didn't really know on my floor and got the competitive juices flowing—that always brings people together."

On Monday, Sept. 16, teams gathered in the Great Lakes room to search for items around campus. According to Ryan, some of these items included the Grimm brothers fairytale book, NMU homecoming shirts from previous years and dragon figurines. Teams got extra points for dress-

ing up in togas.

Meyland Hall placed first. Second and third places were claimed by Spalding and Hunt halls.

The Homecoming King and Queen competition took place on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Contestants participated in both a formal wear and costume sections. The top 10 candidates chosen had interviews.

Senior electronic journalism major Hao Khuong, representing the on-campus apartments, was crowned king, with junior hospitality management major Jerry Allen of Payne Hall and senior criminal justice major Brent Larsen from Van Antwerp Hall named first and second runner ups. Junior economics and political science double major Sydney

Landers of Phi Sigma Sigma was named queen. First and second runner ups were junior multimedia journalism major Mikenzie Frost of Van Antwerp Hall and sophomore forensic biochemistry major Alexis McCutcheon of Meyland Hall.

Ryan said so far, homecoming has been successful.

"Even including the bad weather from the Dead River games, the students and faculty seem to be enjoying themselves, and there is a great atmosphere of NMU Wildcat spirit," Ryan said.

Change That Makes Cents will end 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20. A clue will be released Thursday, Sept. 19 and Friday, Sept. 20 for Where's Norman the Gnome?



Kristen Koehler /NW

Left photo: Ali McCutcheon, of Meyland Hall, participates in the homecoming king and queen competition held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday Sept. 17 in the Great Lakes Room of the University Center. Right photo: Sydney Landers (left), of Phi Sigma Sigma gets hugged by runner up Mikenzie Frost (right) of Van Antwerp Hall, after being crowned 2013 homecoming queen.

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ence and Spalding Hall.

Bath said the parking situation is projected to change as construction projects get closer to completion.

"Every time you make a change, you shift the parking," Bath said. "If you move an office to the next building or department to this building, there is a shift in your parking. It's kind of like chess pieces. You move them around. Moving one piece might fix the problem here, but it might create another problem over here."

According to Bath, the Parking and Traffic Committee met earlier in the semester and discussed ways to help students get started with the new semester, at

least temporarily.

"For the first week and a half of school, we opened up a couple of rows [in Lot 29] to allow commuters in there," Bath said. "There are 350 spots right by Whitman Hall. There's another 280 spots right here [at Public Safety] and there are 300 and some spots behind the library."

Bath also said while the spaces are all still available and lots have changed due to construction, there are places to park and ways to avoid spending time looking for spots.

"We knew this year was going to be a challenge," Bath said. "Anybody with a registered vehicle can park anywhere from 5 p.m. until 2 a.m. From 2 a.m. to 7 a.m., many of our lots close and that's for plowing purposes with the exception of Lot 11, which is the one behind the library. That is

[open] until 3 a.m. because of the overnight study hall hours."

According to the NMU Motor Vehicle Ordinances, Lot 1 will be available to all residents of West Hall with issued parking permits. Lot 2 will be general parking for Spooner Hall residents without time or day restrictions.

Lot 26 has been reconfigured into a commuter parking lot and Lot 29 is now a faculty and staff parking lot only, along with Lot 33.

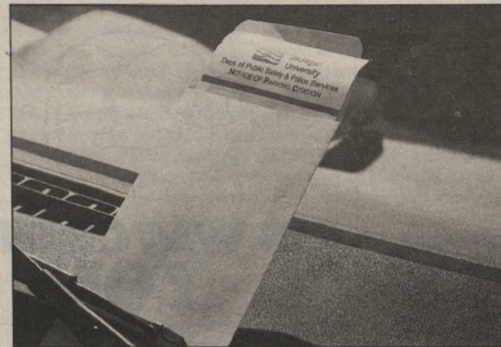
Lot 36 will now have a designated area for freshmen and residents in the northwest section.

Jim Thams, associate director of engineering and planning, said new parking lots are expensive and considerations for handicap parking must be made.

"The parking lot we built last year, Lot 29, the new parking lot over by Jamrich, was \$3,000 a (spot)," Thams said. "There has

to be additional space for a person, let's say, who is in a wheelchair so they can open the door, get that chair in there, maneuver into the car, and get the chair into the back of the car. It also has to be adjacent to an ADA-compliant sidewalk."

For more information about available parking on campus, the NMU Motor Vehicle Ordinance can be found online at [www.nmu.edu/publicsafety](http://www.nmu.edu/publicsafety). The Public Safety Parking Bureau can also be reached for questions at (906-227-1476).



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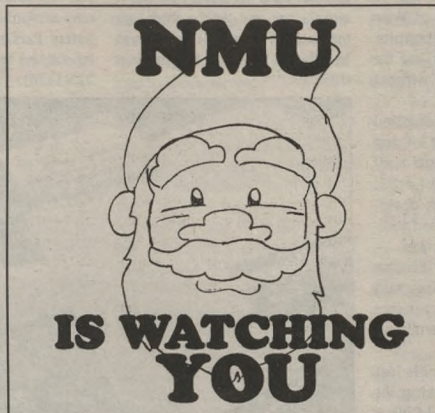
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## EDITORIAL



## Students need to be informed of change

The recent enforcement of the 20-hours-per-week rule, which was discussed in last week's editorial, and the ticketing of cars parked in lots that were once unenforced has left many students feeling out of the loop in regards to university rules and regulations.

Both of the aforementioned enforcements are well justified by administrators; that is not the issue.

The lack of knowledge in the student body regarding these changes, however, has caused anger and frustration for those suddenly finding tickets on their windshields for parking in areas that were once thought to be available for students without registration.

Administrators need to communicate changes that have an effect on students, especially those that involve ticketing students who are parked in a lot where they hadn't gotten ticketed during past semesters and were never notified that parking policies would be suddenly implemented during the third week of classes.

Sudden changes in enforcement of any rules or policies on campus are not only disrespectful to students and staff, but also make students feel more alienated from the university administrators that enforce such regulations on a whim.

It is understandable, of course, that parking rules should begin getting enforced, seeing as the amount of parking spots on campus has shrunk with the construction of Jamrich. Additionally, the amount of students who bike or walk to campus will surely increase with the decline of parking spaces, a benefit to both students living locally and those who commute.

However, when lots such as Lot 8 (near the University Center) have been, for many semesters, a place for students without parking permits to park, it is unfair to begin giving \$25 tickets three weeks into the semester for having an unregistered vehicle.

Policies and regulations change, that is to be expected. But with all the construction and changes happening on campus this semester — most notably the construction of the new Jamrich and subsequent elimination of parking in Lot 28 — students deserve to be informed about where they can and cannot park on campus.

In the future, administrators need to strive to inform all students of changes in university policy. It's as simple as an email, and will make students think more favorably about changes that affect them immensely.

## Athletics needs a boost in attendance



Staff Column

Kelly McCommons

With the NMU football team winning over Findlay last Saturday 41-31, it's hard to imagine that the stands wouldn't be packed with students attending and cheering on the Wildcats. Similarly, when the volleyball team swept its home tournament taking all four games against tough Midwest teams, I expected a good number of students to be in attendance.

So where is everyone?

This past weekend's football game attracted 2,327 people to the Superior Dome which included both community members and students — a far cry from the 8,000 it can seat at capacity. The last time the Superior Dome broke an attendance record was back in 2008, when 8,672 watched Northern Michigan University lose to Michigan Tech in a televised game broadcasted on Fox Sports Detroit. We can fill the Berry Events Center for hockey games (which seats 4,800) and yet can barely achieve that for a football game in the Dome.

Don't get me wrong — many students do attend NMU athletic events. The stands at the football game on Saturday were filled with students. But only three sections that are set aside for students were filled, one of which was the marching band. By the middle of the second half, half the student section had taken off.

For smaller events like women's volleyball or soccer, hardly any students show. Over the weekend, the Wildcat volleyball team went 4-0 in the Superior Oasis tournament at the Vandament, but some students in attendance had other incentives to be there.

I chatted to a couple of them before the games who told me they were only there because a health class was giving extra credit for their attendance. Once they made contact with the instructor, they planned to sneak out after the game started.

So how do we fix this? Perhaps make another reason to attend these events besides just for the sport itself. Make them interactive enough that it entices people to stay. Many of us have attended bigger sports arenas and sporting events where they have "fun races," kiss cams, interactive crowd cams on the big megatron screen, etc. If the university were to invest in a bigscreen, just think of the other purposes it could serve. It would be a great asset to bring bigger and better-attended events to NMU, such as concerts and other events outside NMU athletics. It would also offer new opportunities for local businesses to run advertising during sporting events as well, providing opportunity for financial return.

We could also collectively change the overall culture and attitude. If you were raised downstate, you probably rooted for the University of Michigan or Michigan State University. Never both. These are Division I teams, not small regional schools. There is certainly a change of sports culture between Division I and other division. We can't be bitter and upset with the students who don't currently care for athletics unless a team has a winning record. People do root for winning teams, but small steps like these can make a big difference in team moral.

There is a reason why students are allowed to attend games for free. Students should want to cheer on their peers.

As NMU celebrates homecoming events and activities this weekend, please be sure that stopping by an athletic event is on your to-do list.

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# U.P. communities good model for rest of state



Guest Column

Brice Burge

Michigan is having image problems. Between economic issues in Detroit and political discord in Lansing, all attention is focused on the negative things happening in the Lower Peninsula. The road to recovery is long for the southern half of the L.P., but in the meantime, Marquette may be able to help improve the image and reputation of the state.

Marquette's many accolades combine to create an impressive and well-rounded resume.

The city is an Arbor Day Foundation 31-time "Tree City USA" community, a top-20 town for sportsmen according to Outdoor Life Magazine, one of the most bike-friendly cities by the League of American Bicyclists and Bike Magazine, as well as 34 other national distinctions since 2000, according to the City of Marquette's website. The Peter White Public Library won the 2010 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the highest award given for public libraries.

Other awards and recognitions

involve best places to retire, best small cities to raise a family and best environmental beauty.

If these outside organizations can see how great Marquette is, the state of Michigan should recognize and use the city to their advantage. Each time Marquette wins an award, the honor is published somewhere, whether it be in the individual publications giving the award or reported on by other forms of media.

But a lot more public relations work will be needed to counteract Detroit's \$20 billion bankruptcy, which shattered the former record of bankruptcy by a municipal government.

Let Marquette counter that with its own records. Marquette is home to five world records ranging from the largest city-owned park — Presque Isle Park — to the world's tallest trophy. The start and finish line of the second-largest sled-dog race in the United States, second only to the Iditarod in Alaska, goes through downtown Marquette. The city is also home to Olympic gold-medalist boxing coach Al Mitchell and former U.S. Masters Division Marathon Champion Tracy Loken.

In addition to the regular cultural resources such as art galleries, museums and high school and collegiate competitions, Mar-

quette can best be classified as a special events town. Home to two World Cup and two Olympic qualifying short track speedskating events and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway Conference, Marquette can hold its own compared to other special event cities like Indianapolis and Calgary. The Hiawatha Music Festival is the largest traditional music event in the Midwest and attracts nationally-recognized performers. Blues Fest, U.P. Fall Beer Festival and the Marquette Marathon have reported significant growth every year with people traveling from farther and farther away to make these events.

To function exceptionally as a special events town proves Marquette can handle any extra stress and pressure if the state were to start promoting it more. When efficiency is needed to hold as many events as often as the city does, the citizens of Marquette must rise to the occasion.

Marquette's diverse dining and lodging options provide an exceptional experience for anyone in town. The award-winning media provides information on how well events are and life in general is in Marquette. The low crime rates means that people can feel safe. Marquette's success is a group effort by its citizens and it can handle the extra pressure by

becoming a flagship city for the state of Michigan.

Not only does good press never hurt, but it also shifts the focus from the Lower Peninsula to the land up north. As the biggest city in the Upper Peninsula, Marquette's role as an economic hub is heavily reliant on small businesses. That economic model provides bigger urban areas with a substantial example of small-town success. The state could even expand to other urban areas around the U.P. to address other problems, such as urban sprawl studies in the Kingsford and Iron Mountain area.

The controversial emergency manager program has had legal issues since its inception first in 1990, and again after it was extended by Gov. Snyder in 2011. The controversy stems from either the extreme power held by the governor in the appointment of the managers or the fact that 2011's Public Act 4 was put into law by the Michigan Legislature and subsequently repealed by voters in the 2012 election.

That procedural process caused problems again when the Right-to-Work law earlier this year rushed through Michigan's legislature while thousands of citizens both for and against the bill were locked out of public comment for the vote.

State Representative John Kivela (D-109) is the former mayor of Marquette. He can relate to the State Legislature that there is an opportunity for Marquette to lead by example on how to straighten Michigan out. It was under his leadership as mayor that Marquette won 15 of the 34 previously-mentioned awards. He also represents the work ethic of the people of Marquette and how it can benefit the entire state.

Creating a "keep your chin U.P." plan of focusing on Marquette's strengths to aid in downstate problems would make the state better as a whole.

An in-state example of municipal success provides a living model to compare and contrast what would work in other areas of Michigan. Positive discussion of something that works on the public record can relieve some of the negative reputation of the state as a whole. At the very least, the idea of small-town politics to help at the state level is a grass roots approach that creates good public relations.

Let's get past the negative image that all of Michigan has been unfairly provided by downstate cities, and counter with a new vision of Michigan success. Michigan needs to focus on Marquette, because Marquette won't let us down.

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# CAMPING IN MARQUETTE COUNTY: WHAT'S LEGAL, WHAT'S NOT

Amanda Monthei  
managing editor

For students who enjoy being outside, the allure of setting up a tent on the shore of Lake Superior is easy to give in to. In fact, it seems some of the most popular places to hike, hangout and set up the occasional campsite are on the beaches of Lake Superior.

However, most of the campsites found on these beaches are in fact illegal to overnight camp on, according to Tim Melko, the administrative manager for the regional chapter of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"Technically there is no camping on public land on Lake Superior in Marquette County," he said. "The reason we don't want camping on that side of the highway is to maintain the integrity of that beach area."

Melko said, in general, the east (Lake Superior) side of Country Road 550, or Big Bay Road, is under a land-use order that does not allow for any camping or ground fires on the beaches north of Marquette. This includes, according to Melko, recreational

areas like Wetmore Beach, Little Presque Isle and Hidden Beach. However, any state land on the west, or inland, side of 550 is legal to camp on, and Melko encouraged students and community members alike to take advantage of this land.

"We encourage people who want to go camping to go," he said. "There is a lot of public land in Marquette County."

"Everyone wants to kind of camp on Lake Superior because it's the big lake, but we have tons of inland lakes and rivers and streams that have great campsites as well."

Melko suggested a few specific locations of state land for camping, including the Little Garlic River area.

"Actually, in the Little Garlic area we have hundreds of acres back there with a nice little river going through it, which is great for fishing," he said. "There is good deer and grouse hunting up there as well and it's only a 20-minute drive (from Marquette) so not very far at all."

Other popular hiking areas in that area, including Harlow Lake, Hogback and Sugarloaf, have varied camping restrictions. Harlow Lake is owned by the state, and Melko asks only that

campers set up at least one mile from the six Harlow Lake cabins. Hogback is owned by the state and is legal to camp on and near, while Sugarloaf is actually a day-use only area, and is owned by Marquette County and not by the state.

"The only (Marquette County) property that's (in that area) is our Sugarloaf property," said Marquette County Forest Senior Planner Alan Feldhauser. "All we own is Sugarloaf Mountain and there is no camping there — no camping, no fires."

However, according to Feldhauser, Marquette County does own many tracts of land near Sawyer and Gwinn that do allow camping, and that Feldhauser encourages the use of.

"We've got 9,300 acres in the more central portion of Marquette County, around where the airport is near Sawyer," he said. "It's open to the public just as much as state land is."

Both Feldhauser and Melko emphasized that campers need to retrieve a permit from the county or state in order to camp in designated forests. These permits are free and need only to be attached to a campsite when it's being used, and taken away with campers when they leave.

Melko said the permits, which can be found anytime outside the MDNR office on US-41 south of Marquette, have a list of rules on the back summarizing what campers need to do to maintain natural areas and respect those coming after them.

"Fires are legal to have, however it's not legal to cut living trees," he said. "So you're allowed to collect dead and down trees for fires, we just ask that you use common sense. Keep fires small and make sure they are completely extinguished before you leave."

"We actually ask you to do a hand touch, if you put your hand on top of it and it's still too warm for your hand, then you need to put more dirt or water on top."

Melko listed a few other common sense rules as well, such as the "Leave No Trace" camping procedures and not using or breaking glass containers. Campers should also not make fires when the MDNR has listed fire danger as 'high' or 'extremely high.'

"We just ask people to be respectful and respect others who are out there using the recreation opportunities," Melko said.

In the past, many students have been caught camping at areas within the Wetmore Beach and Little Presque Isle land area. Hunter White, a senior human centered design major, said he was caught last fall at a beach south of Wetmore Beach, but was only issued a warning by a MDNR officer.

"We were camping out there with a group of roughly eight people with a small fire and slackline set up," White said. "A DNR guy walked down from the path and was polite about letting us know that by law we weren't allowed to have fires or camp where we were. He told us that if

we went across (550) we'd have no problem."

While White did not receive a ticket in this situation, Melko said in some cases, citations could be issued.

"Obviously if you're at Little Presque Isle and you get caught camping there or have a ground fire there or alcohol and glass containers, you could be issued a citation or a ticket," Melko said. "The process of us issuing tickets is that if we write a ticket for an infraction, we then turn them over to the Marquette County prosecutor and the Marquette County prosecutor is actually the one that proceeds with the charges."

Melko recommends students stop by the MDNR office if they have any questions about camping, or to pick up a free camping permit. He also encourages the use of state land, especially with the coming of fall.

"The fall is a great time to get out and camp, the weather is still nice, there are no bugs and the cool air is good to sleep in at night," he said.

According to the Marquette County Forest website, the definition of overnight camping is the use of a tent or tent-type camper; the use of a mobile camper; or simply sleeping in any type of motor vehicle, sleeping bag or in any other manner between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. on lands not designated for camping.

For more information regarding camping in Marquette County, visit the MDNR office located at 1990 US-41 in South Marquette, or call (906) -228-6561.

## KNOW THE RULES:

WHERE TO LEGALLY CAMP IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

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Fires and overnight camping illegal. Recreational day-use only.

The Department of Natural Resources encourages "Leave No Trace" rules at all recreation areas and discourages glass and large fires where they are illegal.

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The Little Garlic River is located on state-owned land, making it legal to camp, fish and hunt.



Kristen Koehler/NW

While largely legal to camp near Harlow Lake, six cabins located on its shores which must be avoided by first campers. Campers must be at least a mile from these routine cabins. Camp fires are also legal at Harlow Lake.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Ground fires are illegal on any of the beaches north of Marquette, but extinguished beach fires still dot the shoreline.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Hikers will find signs such as those above at many of the popular recreational areas along Lake Superior.



## Artist duo to speak at DeVos Creative pair talk for Free Association tour

By Kate Clark  
staff writer

Artists Amy Long and Jennifer Davis, creators of the Free Association showcase displayed at the DeVos Art Museum are heading to Northern Friday, Sept. 20 for an exhibition tour and meet and greet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Personally following their work for several years shined a light on the parallel concepts of the two artists' mediums and is what drew museum director Melissa Matuscak to collaborate 2-D and 3-D work together into one exhibit.

Amy Long has visited Marquette previously during her breaks from teaching at Interlochen Center of the Arts, but it will be Davis' first time to the area.

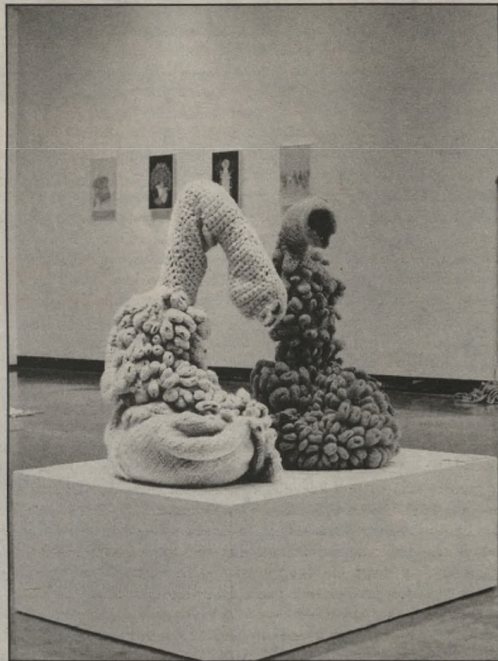
They will be traveling from Traverse City and Minneapolis respectively so Matuscak said she is excited to have them finally meet one another in person.

"That's something we always try to do at the museum—bring as many artists here as we can as it's always a completely different experience looking at their work after you've met them in person," Matuscak said.

Describing their work as "uneasy yet beautifully sublime," Matuscak said there is a "push and pull" of reactions when viewing the individual pieces.

The vibrant and playful colors draw in a viewer's eye, subtly displaying the dark, mythical images of Davis' paintings.

Matuscak depicts her own interpretation of their work as the repeated construction and deconstruction of colors and layers filled in with mechanical pencils



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Artist Amy Long works with hand-dyed and handmade felt, along with crocheted yarn, which is a feature in her display of "Conversation Piece."

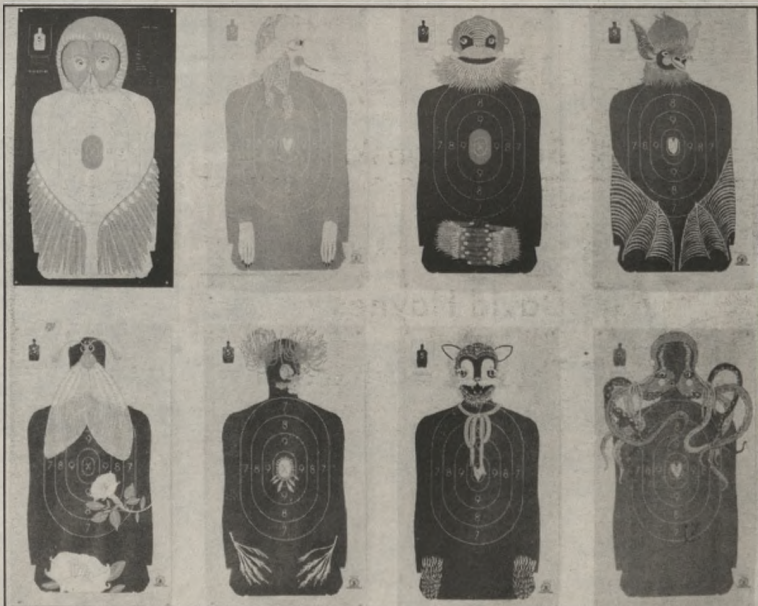
and fine paint brushes.

The method of Long's work also displays a form of losing control for just a moment to create woven sculptures. According to Matuscak, Long uses either a washing machine method to agitate old fleece material or takes unspun wool from a sheep and constructs by hand.

Freshman art student Mary Mrozinski said she has already is excited for the exhibition tour.

"I've seen flyers for it all over campus and they've spread the word on all the social media sites too," Mrosinski said. "It's always great to experience art first hand. Plus, it's all free."

The Free Association artist tour and Q-and-A is open to the public and will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the DeVos Art Museum located on campus at the corner of Tracy and Seventh streets.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Artist Jennifer Davis' work, "Shooting Targets," is made with layered surfaces and drawings of both humans and animals combined to form a visual narrative. Davis' paintings are often described as "dark and childlike."

## Speaker to address cultural rights

By Mary Wardell  
staff writer

In 1982, a 27-year-old Chinese-American named Vincent Chin was brutally murdered by two Detroit autoworkers, who were under the mistaken impression that he was Japanese and therefore to blame for job losses in the U.S. auto industry.

The men were sentenced to three months' probation and \$3,000 fines.

The documentary "Vincent Who?" is based on this appalling case and was awarded the 2009 Multicultural Media Award by the National Association for Multicultural Education. On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the film and its creator are coming to NMU for the eighth annual UNITED conference.

The movie's creator, Curtis Chin (not related to Vincent), said in a Q-and-A on [vincentwhomovie.com](http://vincentwhomovie.com) that he grew up with the case in the close-knit Chinese-American community of Detroit. He witnessed firsthand the impact Vincent's death had on the people he cared about.

"It really instilled in me the need to always stand up for your own civil rights," Chin said on the website.

Senior biology and philosophy double major Mark Surrall is student president of the NMU organization Platform Personalities, who selected Chin as a speaker for the conference.

Surrall said a student who found Chin's message particularly interesting contacted him with the suggestion and the group all agreed he would be a compelling speaker.

"Learning about other cultures and appreciating them is an important thing," Surrall said. "America is a diverse tapestry of different cultures. We all suffer so we can all appreciate these issues."

Rachel Harris, the director of both the Center for Student Enrichment and Superior Edge has been advising Platform Personalities for 17 years.

"It is important at a higher education institution to bring in different thoughts, opin-

ions, and experts," Harris said. "It creates excitement and thought-provoking discussions that should be taking place during college. I would encourage every NMU student to attend at least one or two lectures this year." "There's a lot of notoriety for African Americans' struggle and women's suffrage," Surrall said. "But Asian-Americans get less exposure, so we thought Chin would be perfect for the UNITED conference."

Events put on by Platform Personalities are paid for by the student activity fee, Surrall said, making the event free to students and only \$2 for community members, according to the NMU events calendar.

According to his bio on [vincentwhomovie.com](http://vincentwhomovie.com), Curtis Chin has received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts and the San Diego Asian American Film Festival. He co-founded the Asian American Writers Workshop and Asian Pacific Americans for Progress.

In 2008, Chin served on Barack Obama's Asian American Leadership Council and has appeared on MSNBC, CNN, NPR, Newsweek and other media outlets. He has personally traveled to over 200 colleges.

Platform Personalities encourages students to make suggestions regarding speakers they would like to see, Surrall said. They are also looking to recruit students to join the group.

Platform Personalities is excited to bring Diane Ravitch, "a rock star in her field" of educational policy and research, Surrall said, and Robert Gupta, an accomplished violinist and renowned advocate for the redemptive and regenerative power of music, on Thursday, Oct. 10 and Monday, Oct. 21.

"Platform Personalities meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and welcomes new members," Harris said. "It is very rewarding work with, discussing, selecting, promoting and meeting the speakers."

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# Wildcat Willy: A Furry History in Green and Gold

By Mary Wardell  
staff writer

If NMU mascot Wildcat Willy could speak, he'd have quite the story to share.

Long before his time, at NMU's first football game in 1904 against Hancock High School, Northern's team was known as the "Teachers." In 1923, we were known as the "Normalites," then the "Northerners" and finally the "Upstaters."

The first mention of the name "Wildcats" dates back to basketball coach C.B. Hedgcock in 1935, when he dubbed his man-to-man defense the "Cubs" and his zone defense the "Cats."

He explained his decision in a letter in 1937.

"In man-to-man, you have to be quicker and because the cubs are the natural offspring of wildcats, bobcats, any kind of cat when they're younger, the man-to-man unit will be known as a Cub, while members of the older, more methodical zone defense groups will be known as the Cats... the Wildcats."

Wildcat Willy himself first appeared in the '60s at basketball and football games, an innovation of the Chi Sigma Nu Fraternity. His presence evidently continued into the '70s, though there was no unifying concept or costume throughout that time.

In October 1970, a live female bobcat, named Bobby, was purchased as a mascot for \$500 with funds donated by Student Activities and the Area Training Center in Marquette. She lived in a cage attached to the power plant behind Spooner Hall, and was provided by food services with 1 pound of raw meat per day.

An article by Elizabeth Kramer in NMU's tri-annual magazine, "Horizons," describes one account of what became of Bobby, whose actual story is hazy, having become the stuff of legend.

Kramer described how Bobby escaped from her cage and was discovered by ore boat workers, who reported to a radio station hotline that a bobcat was on the dock.

The bobcat was captured by NMU faculty and put in a gunny sack, but it was covered in porcupine quills.

Upon taking the cat to a veterinarian, explaining that the bobcat was their declawed mascot, the vet informed them that this cat had all its claws. They had captured a real wildcat. They set it free in the woods, but the real Bobby was never found.

"And that was the end of NMU's live mascot era," Kramer said.

Present day Wildcat Willy was conceived between 1984 and 1989, when student Jay McQuillan was selected by hockey coach



Anthony Viola/NW

Wildcat Willy has been cheering on his fellow 'Cats and marching in NMU parades for over 30 years. Five secret students bring Willy to life at events.

Rick Comley to use Willy as a way to enliven hockey games and bring spirit to NMU fans.

McQuillan proved very dedicated to the mascot, detailing his

experience in a 2007 "Horizons" article. He was responsible for giving Willy pants, his own jersey, the number double zero and for uniting Willy into one figure

for all hockey, basketball and football games. He developed a prop bag, throwing nerf balls into the stands, spraying pictures on the glass with bathroom cleaner at hockey games, and sitting on the lap of the English secretary, among other beloved traditions of the time. Joking that he majored in "Halloween," McQuillan went on to become mascots for the NHL Tampa Bay Lightning and the IHL Orlando Solar Bears.

Wildcat Willy lives on today through five NMU students whose identity must remain a secret, as they bring team spirit and humor to every NMU game.

"Everyone knows that familiar sight of Wildcat Willie," NMU football Head Coach Chris Ostrowsky said. "In fact, Willy and NMU sports are almost synonymous. What many people do not know is how much of an integral part of Wildcat athletics Willy really is. He is an awesome part of the college game day experience and is much appreciated."

Wildcat Willy even has his own children's books, as he is after all an excellent role model. Courageous, spirited and full of surprises, Wildcat Willy continues to be a point of pride in NMU culture and history.

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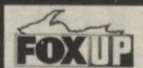
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# Victory avenges last season's opener

By Katie Bultman  
sports editor

The Wildcats (1-0) claimed a 41-31 victory over the University of Findlay to avenge a 45-10 loss in last season's opening game against the Oilers.

Head coach Chris Ostrowsky said it was a great win for the team after their hard work to improve on a 4-7 record from 2012.

"The success we find this year is going to be against the best this league has to offer, and (Findlay) was a good football team," Ostrowsky said. "It is certainly far from where we want to be in terms of a complete four quarters, but it's a great feeling for these guys to get a win after all their hard work."

The NMU defense forced four turnovers, resulting in three touchdowns for the 'Cats. Senior linebacker Morgan Stenz led the Wildcats with 13 tackles.

On the offensive end, NMU racked up 507 yards. Senior quarterback Cody Scepaniak completed 320 passing yards for two touchdowns and one interception, connecting with senior wide receiver Christian Jessie for 10 catches. Jessie finished with one touchdown and 10 catches for 189 yards.

On the first possession of the season, Jessie ran for 18 yards off a pass from Scepaniak to set up a touchdown.

Scepaniak ran in from the one, and NMU scored with 10:55 left to take an early lead in the game.

Scepaniak said one of the most

important factors in the success of the team is the trust the players built for one another.

"We really bonded well and I have great faith and trust in them, and you need that in games on both sides of the ball," Scepaniak said. "I can't just throw the ball up there and say go get it if I don't trust you, and I'm really excited that we have that kind of trust."

Findlay (1-0) responded with a 42-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Devontae Payne to junior wide receiver Lloyd Henry. The field goal tied the score at seven with 7:26 left in the quarter.

The 'Cats defense began making plays.

With 9:00 left in the second quarter, junior linebacker Nick Krause forced a fumble that was recovered by Stenz.

The Wildcats turned the possession into a 16-yard gain from Jessie and sophomore running back Wyatt Jurasin finished the play with a 10-yard run for a touchdown.

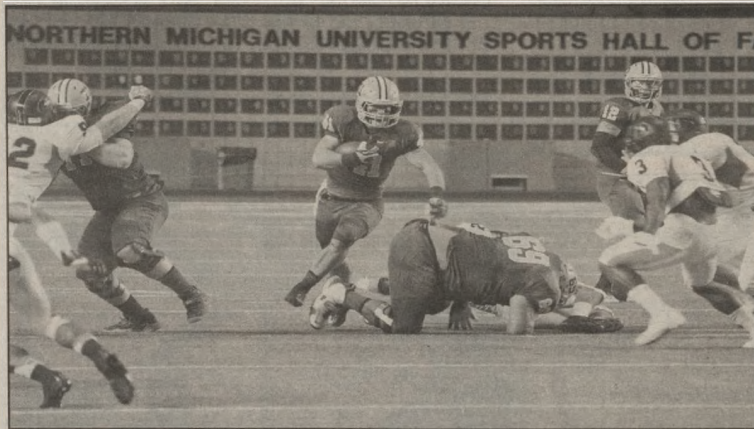
With less than two minutes in the half, the 'Cats defense continued their run.

Senior defensive back Brandon Parson intercepted the ball and returned it 23 yards.

NMU turned the interception into a touchdown when junior receiver Marcus Tucker scored on a 23-yard pass from Scepaniak.

Scepaniak said the big defensive plays gave the offense motivation.

"The defense is always giving us momentum on turnovers



Anthony Viola/NW

The Wildcats tallied 507 offensive yards in the season opener at home on Saturday, while the defense forced four turnovers that resulted in three touchdowns for NMU to pick up the 41-31 victory over the Findlay Oilers.

and vice versa, if we get big plays it helps them," Scepaniak said. "With the momentum you get a little excited and we just want to attack them and execute."

At the half, the 'Cats had a 31-7 lead.

The Oilers came back at the NMU to score a field goal with 8:54 in the third quarter.

In return, Jessie scored on an 85-yard pass from Scepaniak, but Findlay followed with a touchdown in their final possession of the quarter.

The Wildcats were up 38-17 going into the fourth, but the Oilers scored on their next two possessions.

Stenz said the team talked at halftime about how they needed

to keep up the momentum, but it didn't immediately resonate.

"At half we talked about how if we can do it in one quarter they can, the old cliché," Stenz said. "They were finding holes in our defense, and it was an extremely bad feeling. We started bringing the pressure and started seeing turnovers at the end of the game."

The Oilers rallied in the fourth to come within 31-38 of the 'Cats with 9:22 left in the game.

Stenz said the Wildcats should have been better prepared for Findlay's comeback.

"We obviously need to be better conditioned, we need to be mentally tougher," Stenz said. "We really need to work on our effort when we're tired."

The Wildcats edged ahead of the Oilers with a 29-yard field goal at 4:25 from junior kicker Jon Linkenheimer.

The field goal ended the game and the Wildcats earned a 41-31 victory.

NMU takes the field against Ohio Dominican (2-0) at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 for the homecoming game in the Superior Dome.

"We knew we had to win the turnover margin, that was critical for us," Ostrowsky said. "[Findlay] created a ton of turnovers and I believe we won that margin today. I'm excited about the future, I'm excited about next week, and we're going to enjoy the night, that's for sure."

## Granstrand confident team will succeed

By Rebecca Morstad  
contributing writer

The NMU soccer team had a two-game weekend, losing both home games.

The first game at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 was against Michigan Tech. Freshmen Caroline Glantz and Alexandra Simmons each had three saves as goalkeepers for NMU. Simmons only allowed one goal during her 31

minutes of playtime.

Head coach Matt Granstrand said he really enjoys the team that he coaches and is proud of the hard work they've put in.

"I wouldn't trade any of these young ladies," Granstrand said. "It has actually been an honor to be associated with them. This is the best group I have been associated with in many years."

Junior Tevun Sellers led NMU offensively with two shots on

goal, while freshman Paula Hafner and sophomore Ashley Katers each added one shot.

The Huskies offense put in five goals to defeat the Wildcats 5-0.

It took just over two minutes for Tech to get on the board when Alyssa Hynnek scored the first goal of the game for the Huskies. Hynnek picked up a loose ball to score the goal unassisted.

Just before halftime, Lindsey Van Rooy added the second goal of the game for the Huskies with an assist by Haley Crites. During the second half, Mackenzie Jordan and Kathryn Fife each added one unassisted goal for the Huskies. Katie Pappas added the fifth goal, assisted by Katie Boardman.

NMU finished with only seven shots on goal, while Michigan Tech had 17.

Hafner said the team found some difficulties on the field with the weather.

"The game against Tech was difficult because of the weather," said Hafner. "We conceded a few goals be-

cause we couldn't judge the ball. Generally, the last few games we've just had troubles scoring. We create the chances but for some reason, we simply can't score."

Tech was 2-1-0 after their victory over NMU, then lost to Bemidji State Saturday, Sept. 14, leaving them with a record of 2-2-0.

The second game of the week for the Wildcats was against Bemidji State on Sunday, Sept. 15. The 'Cats lost 3-1.

Freshman Carmen Villarruel led the Wildcats offensively. She scored one goal off a corner kick by freshman Paula Hafner.

Caroline Glantz said Hafner was involved in every attack and every chance the 'Cats got.

Hafner had three attempted shots and one assist.

"[In the Bemidji game] we created a lot more chances and were, in the end, finally rewarded with a goal," Hafner said. "I think we deserved more though as we dominated the entire game, but it felt good to finally score, and I hope that this is the start to a positive trend."

Simmons played the full 90 minutes as goalkeeper against Bemidji. She saved three of the six shots on goal.

Bemidji State scored all three of its goals in the first half, beginning with Mary O'Brien 13 minutes into the game, off an assist by Jessie Voeller.

Defensively, Bemidji was led by goalkeeper Sonja Barr. She has helped lead Bemidji to their current 4-0 record.

Granstrand said he believes that his team is headed in the right direction.

"On and off of the field, we are doing things the right way," Granstrand said. "Soon enough breaks will start to come."

Northern Michigan University is now 0-5-0 overall. They have yet to play their first conference game.

They will have the chance to turn their season around versus Lake Erie at noon Sunday, Sept. 22 at home.

"I have complete faith in my team," Granstrand said, "I believe we will keep working hard until things start breaking our way!"



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Northern Michigan University sophomore mid fielder Gabriella Garza (27) goes in for the kick versus Bemidji State University freshman forward Bayley Ertl (9).

# Wildcats score home tournament victory

By Georgette Breen-Naylor  
staff writer

The women's volleyball team had a busy weekend with four games in two days, and won the Superior Oasis Wildcat Volleyball open, which the Wildcats hosted with Michigan Tech.

The 'Cats began at 9 a.m. Fri-

day, Sept. 13 at the Vandament Arena against Bemidji State. The 'Cats took the match win 3-0.

In the opening set, the Beavers started ahead when they took the floor, 4-0. The 'Cats made a comeback and finished 25-14 over Bemidji in the first set. NMU did not let Bemidji score more than 14 points in a single

game the rest of the match.

The Wildcats took another win, 25-11, in the second game. They finished with a 25-12 victory over the Beavers to take the match in three games.

Senior middle hitter Sarah Hamilton said the team didn't get to practice for the second game of the day with such short time segments between matches.

"We just did a lot of scouting," Hamilton said. "We did a lot of strategic planning of where we're going to place the ball."

Hamilton lettered for the first time last season after appearing in all 32 games and 124 sets. Hamilton also led the team last season in blocks with 91.

The 'Cats were back on the court at 7 p.m. to match up against the Minnesota-Crookston Golden Eagles. There was only a score difference of eight in the first two sets and a score difference of two in the third set.

Neither team was able to take a commanding lead in the first set, as the teams continued scoring back and forth until the 'Cats took four points on sophomore libero Alex Berger's serve concluding the first set.

Berger said going into the tournament, the 'Cats did not know much about their opponents since there was not enough film to view.

"We took all aspects into play and just went off that," Berger

said. "We worked our tails off."

The team took the win against the Golden Eagles with a score of 3-0. It was less than 24 hours until the 'Cats were back in action. The Wildcats were up against Quincy and the Hawks took the victory in the first set, 25-22.

Berger said the Hawks were one of their more difficult opponents.

"They put up a really big block and their offense was tough," Berger said. "They really pushed us."

Berger lettered last season after she appeared in 18 matches and 66 sets. Berger also tallied 231 digs and led the team in digs and set average at 3.5.

The Wildcats took the next three games over the Hawks to win the match, 3-1.

At 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14 the 'Cats played their final game against Lake Superior State to close up the tournament, winning the match 3-0.

NMU took the first set with a score of 25-14. In set two, the 'Cats continued to hold the lead for the first half of the game. LSSU came within two points of NMU before the Wildcats sealed the game, 25-23.

In the third set, the Lakers came out with a 5-1 lead but couldn't seem to keep the momentum going. Northern Michigan University took the win with an end score of 25-18.

Senior libero Suzanne Solin said the 'Cats have a season ahead of them with plenty of room for improvement, and there is a lot the team can take away from the tournament.

"A lot of good things happened, but there are still things we know we need to work on," Solin said. "We'll have to break down video. There is always room for improvement."

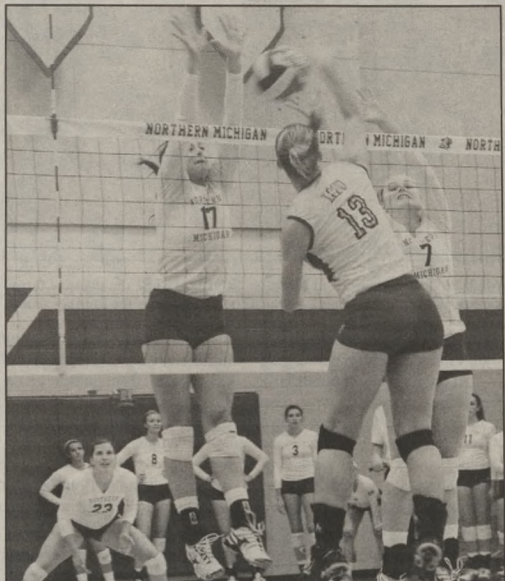
Solin lettered for the second time last season after appearing in 28 matches and 85 sets. Solin also tallied a total of 114 digs on the season. The 'Cats also played the Rangers at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 at University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

NMU had 186 attacks on Tuesday night, and senior left side hitter Lina Lopes tallied the most overall with 51. Of NMU's 67 kills, Lopes contributed 20. Berger had 22 of NMU's 88 digs.

The Wildcats took the lead over the Rangers early on, winning the first set 25-20. The Rangers came back for two victories over NMU.

In the fourth set, the Wildcats won 25-19 and had 17 kills in comparison to UW-Parkside's four. The fifth set settled the match winner when the Rangers topped the 'Cats 19-17.

The Wildcats are 6-3 on the season, and host Saginaw Valley at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 in the Vandament Arena.



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Senior left side hitter Kalli Herron (17) and freshman middle hitter Bridget Bussell (7) form the Wildcat defensive front at the Superior Oasis open.



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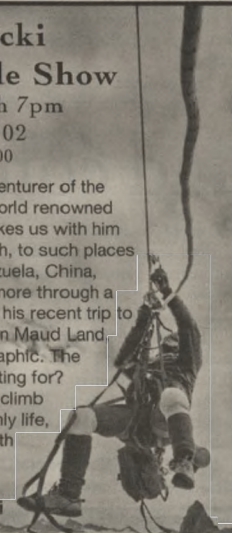
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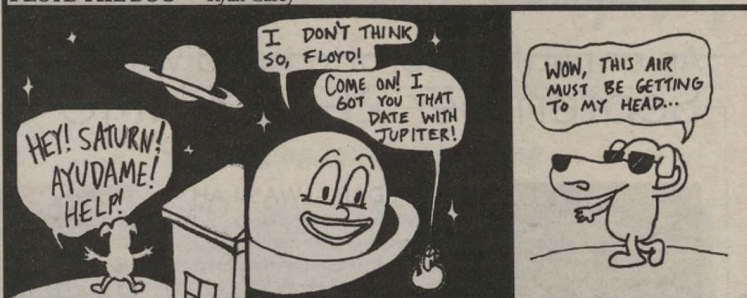
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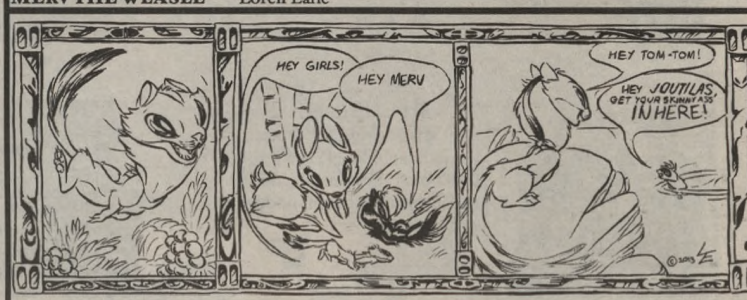
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