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Man found dead on porch

By Emily Pagel
 news editor

At 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 1, the Marquette Police Department responded to the 1400 block of Lynn Street in Marquette to find an unconscious male, lying on the front porch of his home.

The male was identified as 22-year-old Kyle Dowling of Marquette, and was soon discovered to be deceased by those responding to the scene, according to a police press release.

Dowling was a former student of Northern Michigan University, after attending from Winter 2011 to Winter 2012, according to Communications and Marketing Director Cindy Paavola.

The cause of Dowling's death is still unknown, and Marquette police have not yet uncovered evidence of foul play in the case, however an investigation is still underway.

An autopsy was processed the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 2, but toxicology results of the victim are pending. Any citizens with information related to the Dowling case should call the Marquette Police at (906) 228-0400.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Chad Stephens, a senior history major, addresses a "soapbox" speaker on Wednesday, Oct. 3 in the Academic Mall. The speaker, one of six who was on campus throughout the day, created a heated debate with students, mostly on the grounds of religious or moral beliefs, but also addressed world issues.

Speakers object to 'sinners' on campus

By Emily Pagel
 news editor

A group of six evangelical pastors and additional congregational members caused an uproar of student complaints on Tuesday, Oct. 1 in NMU's academic mall.

According to NMU police officer Jesse Wernholm, the group was registered to be on campus.

"They got the appropriate permits through the Dean of

Students to do this, so they are approved to be here," he said.

Wernholm said Public Safety was called out to the academic mall to oversee the protest.

"We received a couple of complaints around 1 p.m. and I responded," Wernholm said. "A couple people called to say that it's getting a little heated. I'm just here to maintain the peace and so far it's been good."

ASNMU President Amber Lopota said ASNMU was not informed of the protest beforehand.

"It was brought to my attention by my Facebook feed and several text messages that I received," Lopota said. "Also, Vice President Roche received a number of calls by students."

Lopota said she informed the dean of students shortly after about several student harassment complaints that were brought to light.

"I addressed the fact that there were some allegations from a number of students about hate speech," Lopota said. "Specifically, there were

a couple of gentlemen called 'faggot' and there was a young woman who was referred to as a 'dike who would burn in hell.' (Associate Dean of Students) Mary Brundage verified that because this is not a captive audience situation, that people can advert their route, that they can't be removed for that."

Junior theatre major Ryan White said he joined the group of students outside the LRC after hearing about the protest.

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Freshman class grows while general enrollment drops

By Anna Lang
 staff writer

This year's freshman class increased by 22 students, or two percent, compared to the fall 2012 freshman class.

According to Provost Paul Lang, this is not a typical change.

"That's a very good number," Lang said. "The university is delighted that we had a two-percent increase."

The university worked with an external consulting group, which gave them suggestions on how to improve enrollment numbers. These suggestions were implemented and played a role in the increase, according to Lang.

Along with the increased enrollment numbers, the academic credentials of freshmen improved. The average ACT score rose from a 22.5 to a 22.9 while the high school GPA av-

erage is 3.17, compared to 3.13 previously.

"That's how we measure how well our incoming class will be doing here at Northern so that's a positive thing for us," said Institutional Research Assistant Katie Schoonveld.

A retention program implemented last year has produced a 7.4 percent increase of at-risk freshmen who became soph-



Kristen Koehler/NW

New numbers show that student enrollment at NMU has decreased since 2012.

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Psychedelic Jams



Anthony Viola/NW

Jon Lattimore, a senior woodworking major and Andy Langberg, a graduate of the environmental studies and sustainability program, play on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Blue Lounge with the Funky Purple Tits.

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"I was working on a paper and saw something on Facebook about someone spewing about the word 'faggot' and that kind of urked me," White said. "So I dropped my stuff came down here to see what it's all about."

White said the group was within their right to preach but thought that they were a bit abrasive in their approach.

"I think it's kind of ridiculous that they're taking a soapbox approach and really just yelling at people," White said. "When people are wanting to ask them questions and see more of their views on it, they say that 'we're not taking questions, no, just listen!'"

Ken Lightsey, congregational member of First Baptist Church of Patterson, Calif., and speaker at the protest, said their mission was simple for coming to Northern's campus.

"We're here just to preach the gospel, pass out some tracks and talk to kids," Lightsey said. "We've been in

Michigan the past week. Marquette was one that we prayed about and felt lead in our heart to come here, to share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Lightsey said the group travels every day, visiting campuses five days a week across the U.S. while campuses are in session.

"Some campuses we go to there's quite a few Christians, in others there's not many," Lightsey said. "It all just depends on the size of the campus, but the response we received from students today was respectful."

Chad Stephens, a senior history major, said he was one of many students that spoke out against the group.

"If they're going to come out here and insult everybody and their beliefs instead of preaching and respecting everyone else then the reaction they're getting is a fair reaction," he said.

Stephens said he doesn't think campus visitors that bring controversy should always result in protest.

"I think they should be peaceful gatherings, but its individuals such as these that aggravate everybody and cause these protests," he said. "It's freedom of speech. I mean if he wasn't here to say that I wouldn't be able to stand in front of everyone else and tell them how I thought, why should that be suppressed?"

Lopota stressed the importance of students reaching out to ASNMU when these kind of occurrences happen across campus.

"I think that nobody should try to suppress the fact that anyone has the right to free speech but they don't have the right to abuse us," Lopota said. "We'd love to hear from students about how they would like to see this handled in the future, because we are a public university, they legally registered to be here, what can we do?"

Students who have concerns regarding the protest are encouraged to contact the Dean of Student office at dso@nmu.edu or by calling (906)227-1700.

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omores. A student is considered an at-risk freshman if he or she is placed in the college transition program or is on freshman probation, according to Schoonveld.

Lang said the goal of the retention program, which will be run again this year, is to get at-risk freshmen to stay at Northern and obtain a degree.

With an increase of 39 stu-

dents, or 35 percent, first-time graduate student enrollment is the highest it's been in five years. The number of transfer students has decreased from fall 2012 to fall 2013. According to Lang, this is a statewide trend.

"Transfers were down across the state and here, too," Lang said. "We need to pay attention to that because that's important to us."

The sum of the changes within the student body equals

a total decrease of 219 students, or 2.4 percent. The current student body consists of 8,879 students. This can be attributed to the large graduating class of winter 2013.

The largest academic program at NMU is art and design with 619 majors. It is followed by nursing and criminal justice with 554 majors and 396 majors, respectively. Elementary education is the fourth-largest academic program at NMU with 230 majors.

Government shutdown has limited effects on NMU students

By Amanda Monthei
managing editor

Ronnie Allen, an environmental conservation senior at NMU and an intern at the Seney Wildlife Refuge in Seney, Mich., likely won't be able to go to the final weekends of his internship at the refuge in the central Upper Peninsula due to the shutdown of the federal government, which occurred at midnight on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

"It's a bummer because I only have two weeks to go for my six-month internship, so it would be nice to finish it up," Allen said. "I work there as a visitors services intern. I work at the information desk in the visitors center. I give library programs to local schools and do big events — I just did a 'youth in the outdoors' event which had 60 kids and 30 volunteers."

The shutdown has presented an inconvenience for Allen, other students are experiencing the loss of both paychecks and the risk of losing federally-issued benefits as a result of the partial government shutdown.

However, campus-wide impacts are not significant at this point, but may escalate with the duration of the shutdown, according to Director of Communication and Marketing Cindy Paavola.

"As long as the shutdown is relatively short-term, there should be no major impact to the university operations or to students," Paavola said. "If the shutdown goes on for quite a while we anticipate that the first impact would be some of the federally-funded grants would have delayed payments."

"Unless it goes on for a really enormous amount of time, which hopefully won't be the case, students won't be impacted by the federal shutdown."

The shutdown began earlier this week as a result of an ideological schism between Democrats in the Senate and Republicans in the House of Representatives, who were unable to find a middle-ground on the inclusion of controversial provisions regarding the Affordable Care Act in the spending bill for the new fiscal year.

The shutdown has put more than 800,000 government employees out of work, according to Reuters.com. Employees who are temporarily furloughed include those working for government

agencies like the EPA and NASA, as well as those working at national parks and other federally-run recreation areas, including Allen's internship location at the Seney Wildlife Refuge.

The United States Postal Service, the FBI and other federal agencies deemed essential are not closed — though the employees of these agencies will go unpaid for the duration of the shutdown. "Obamacare," as the Affordable Care Act has been called, is still in effect as of midnight Tuesday, Oct. 1, making it possible for uninsured individuals to apply for health insurance packages through the Affordable Care Act, according to www.Reuters.com.

Because of the various information surrounding the government shutdown, A S N M U released an email to the entire student body on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 2, which outlined the major facts of the shutdown.

"Students had a lot of misconceptions about what services would be interrupted and what wouldn't," Lopota said. "Really we're just trying to provide a basis of information all in one place that people will understand. As a student government we felt that it was our responsibility to raise awareness in an unbiased way."

Lopota also outlined a few other ways in which NMU students were being impacted by the shutdown, including students who are receiving Women, Infant and Children (WIC) or food stamp benefits as well as those receiving educational benefits from the military.

"I know that we do have students that are receiving educational benefits and GI bill, and that is being affected in a major way," Lopota said. "We've heard from students that are being notified that they will no longer be receiving that as long as (the government is) shut down — they don't know how they are going to pay for groceries or rent."

The last time the federal government shut down was in December 1995 and spanned to January 1996 for a total of 21 days and cost taxpayers close to \$1.4 billion, according to Reuters.



LOPOTA

NMU Republicans maintain energy in non-election season

By Ray Bressette
contributing writer

During a non-election year, the NMU College Republicans have been staying active by participating in Republican events across the U.P. and hosting public gatherings with conservative officials on campus.

The group hosted a town hall meeting that featured Michigan State Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, on Saturday, Sept. 7 in the University Center, where he discussed Michigan's conservation and the natural resources within the community.

Brandon Zanon, junior business major and vice president of the NMU College Republicans, said the group has gained a positive light from these events.

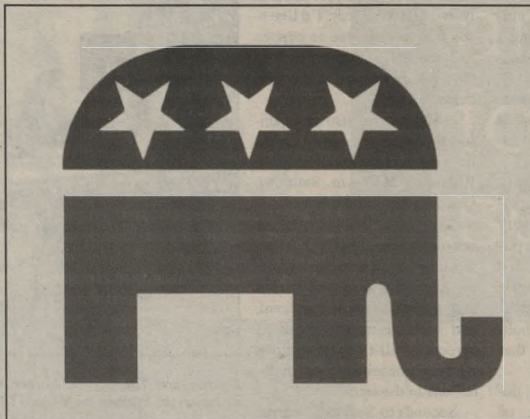
"We're really making a name for ourselves, even all the way down state, with our gatherings and events," Zanon said. "Other groups throughout the state look up to us for a lot of things, and we almost get a special treatment because of our dedication to get things done."

The group also traveled across the U.P. for the Labor Day Bridge Walk, as well as traveling to Mackinac Island for the Mackinac Republican Leadership Conference from Friday, Sept. 20 to Sunday, Sept. 22, where they met government officials like Gov. Rick Snyder and U.S. State Sen. Rand Paul.

Bradley Kitada, junior political science major and president of the NMU College Republicans, said while the travels are intended as business trips representing NMU, it becomes a great bonding experience for the group as well.

"In a year without a major election, we've got to get out and have fun in our little activities," said Kitada. "It doesn't always have to be about politics when we get together, we're still college students."

The College Republicans will be



welcoming the Leadership Institute from Washington D.C. to NMU. The event will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in the Marquette Room of the University Center.

The Leadership Institute targets encouraging youth involvement in politics, and will help tutor students on how to get involved and contribute to a successful campaign. The event is free and students are encouraged to register early.

Zanon said the most important accomplishment of the College Republicans for the students on campus is job placement, whether it's local or across the country. The College Republicans are dedicated to helping each individual find the best fit for them in journalism, politics, campaigns or even business.

"It's all about meeting the right people," Zanon said. "We like trying to set up the best possible networks."

The success the College Republicans has experienced has helped their group grow as a whole with the number of members in the group rising each year.

Kitada said the group has become a good mix of social conservatives, fiscal conservatives and tea partiers,

and all others that recognize themselves under the conservative banner.

"We've grown from what was just an e-Board to a group that's now 20 and more members," Kitada said. "One of the more popular and prestigious college groups in the state."

As the group grows, Zanon said the College Republicans are getting out into the community more and getting their voices heard each year.

"We definitely make statements," Zanon added. "Whether it's through our T-shirts or public statements, we make waves to find answers, fix problems and retain our liberties."

"We're very proud of where we're at right now, and hope to inspire the next generation to work hard and make a name of themselves as well."

The College Republicans hold weekly public meetings at 9 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 235 A of the Learning Resource Center.

All students are encouraged to attend with questions or comments about the conservative party. NMU College Republicans can be contacted at www.nmurepublicans.com for more information about upcoming events.

Briefs

State News

The first wolf hunt in Michigan begins Friday, Nov. 15 and will run until the end of the year.

More than 1,000 wolf hunting licenses were sold in Michigan over the weekend. Michigan Department of Natural Resources spokesman Ed Golder said Tuesday, Oct. 1 that 38 licenses remain for purchase.

A wolf license cost \$100 for Michigan residents and \$500 for non-residents.

The Natural Resources Commission is allowing 43 wolves to be killed in seven Upper Peninsula counties.

Michigan is the sixth state to authorize hunting of wolves since federal protections were lifted over the past two years in the western Great Lakes and the Northern Rockies.

National News

The United States government shutdown that started at midnight Tuesday, Oct. 1 has caused a nationwide shutdown of museums, government services, federal parks and also left 800,000 workers furloughed.

The latest proposal involved reopening national parks, veteran services and the District of Columbia, an approach modeled on recommendations of Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas but was denied by the Democrats Tuesday night.

The last government shutdown occurred in 1995 and 1996, costing taxpayers \$1.4 billion, according to congressional researchers.

Economic consulting firm IHS Global Insight currently estimates the shutdown to cost about \$1.6 billion a week, \$300 million a day or \$12.5 million an hour.

International News

Twenty chemical weapon experts from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) arrived in Damascus on Tuesday, Oct. 1 during a mission to identify and destroy Syria's stockpiles of weapons and chemical agents.

Syria's arsenal is believed to include more than 1,000 tons of sarin, mustard gas and other banned chemicals being stored at an estimated 45 sites across the country.

Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem said seven of the 19 weapons sites listed by the government as sites holding chemical weapons are being seized by combat zones and will take the effort of local truces before any efforts by the OPCW can continue.

Weird News

Newly found fossils hint that flowering plants arose 100 million years earlier than scientists previously thought, according to a new study in "Frontiers in Plant Science" journal. These fossils suggest that flowers may have existed when the first known dinosaurs roamed the earth.

Scientists have unearthed ancient pollen grains with microscopic features typically seen in flowering plants.

The preserved fossils were discovered in two core samples drilled from northern Switzerland, are about 245 million years old and date back to the earliest known dinosaur in the Middle Triassic period.

—Compiled from news sources

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1. At 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, a larceny of a bike occurred at the 800 block of Campus Apartments.
2. Larceny of personal property occurred at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 in Halverson Hall.
3. A bike larceny occurred in the Payne Halverson courtyard at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24.
4. Three students were issued MIP's in Lot 37 at 12:38 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29.
5. An unlawful Driving Away of a Vehicle occurred at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30 in Lot 46.

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



ASNMU moves forward with new chairman

By Emily Pagel
news editor

ASNMU's meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1 was the first of the semester where the assembly was held in full attendance.

During the meeting, ASNMU was able to move forward in the voting process for a chairman of assembly after holding meetings. Previously Vice President Abby Roche was holding the position until a replacement was found.

An unanimous vote by the assembly of ASNMU elected Brandon Zanon as chairman and he began his position immediately after the voting approval.

"I'm just really happy to be part of it," Zanon said. "Hopefully I can make a positive influence to help make sure that we keep up with the direction that has been started by Amber."

Zanon said while holding his position he hopes to keep moving forward.

"I'll be focusing primarily on efficiency within the assembly," Zanon said. "Making sure that members are actually present during their office hours, that people are being accountable and that our meetings go fast."

President Amber Lopota said no longer having to revisit closing in on a candidate was a step

for progress that relieved many of the members.

"Our vice president will have a little less on her plate and that's always a good thing," Lopota said. "She's always doing a million and one things, and doing a million will probably feel like a breeze for her now."

Along with relieving the position from Roche, Zanon's passion for the position was a good fit for ASNMU.

"Brandon has relentlessly come every week with pursuing the position and I have every hope that he's going to do the position justice," Lopota said. "Just like every other representative I would ask that everyone watches for the transparency and hold us accountable, make sure that we're doing our job."

ASNMU also attended the SAM (Student Association of Michigan) Conference Friday, Sept. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 29 at Saginaw Valley State University. ASNMU was represented by Katerina Klawes and Amer Mansoor of the academic affairs board.

Lopota said the SAM conference is always a great experience for ASNMU members to help better the student body.

"It was nice for the assembly to have a full report; it's not something we've seen consis-

tently in the past," Lopota said. "It really helps familiarize the assembly in what we can bring back when we do it, especially when it's done in a productively and effective way. I'd like to see that to continue to happen and us really gain something that we can give to the students."

ASNMU is also co-sponsoring the Women for Women Breast Cancer Awareness 5k Walk/Run at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 across campus.

"The walk will benefit the oncology unit at MGH," Lopota said. "Our promotion director designed a special sticker that she will sell at the event, and she's going to donate 75 percent of all the profits along with the women for women donations to the unit."

Seconds to Success, a career closet to help students during job fairs and interviews, will be up and running during mid-October, according to Lopota.

ASNMU has been working along with others across the campus to make the career closet possible.

"We received a tremendous amount of support from the alumni foundation as well as the parenting fund Martha Haynes was pivotal in helping us in guiding us throughout the summer as well



Katie Stumman/NW

During their Tuesday, Oct. 1 meeting, the ASNMU Academic Affairs board discusses the Women for Women 5k walk event they are co-sponsoring.

as the past few months," Lopota said.

The process of building the Seconds to Success is in full swing said Lopota.

"We have it all cleared out, we've received the keys and the order for the hardware is taking place this week," Lopota said. "So we can expect to see it in next week. We'll start building the space, laying it out and then get it stocked."

There was a large emphasis on

getting the career closet up and running before the end of December graduation, when students are looking for employment said Lopota.

"I think it's going to be a fantastic opportunity to really give students an edge when they go out for that next step; we're all going to get there, why not be prepared?"

Students can attend ASNMU meetings 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the upper level of the UC.

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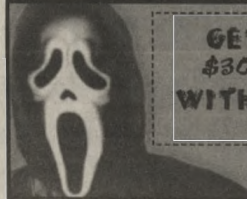
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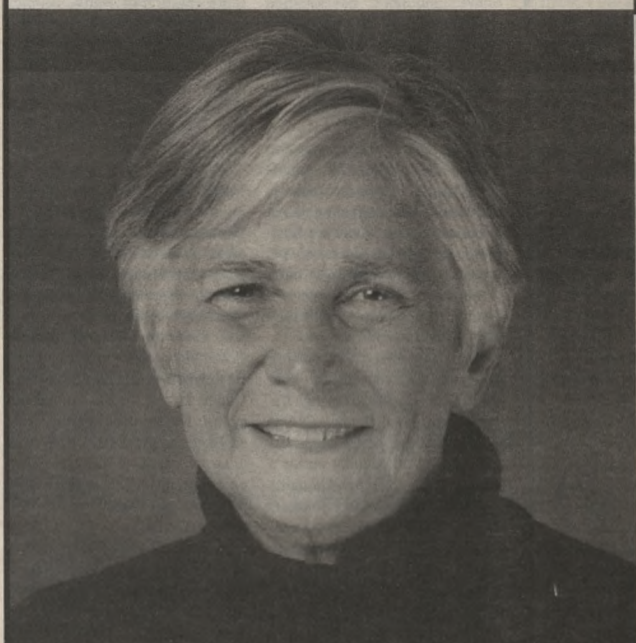
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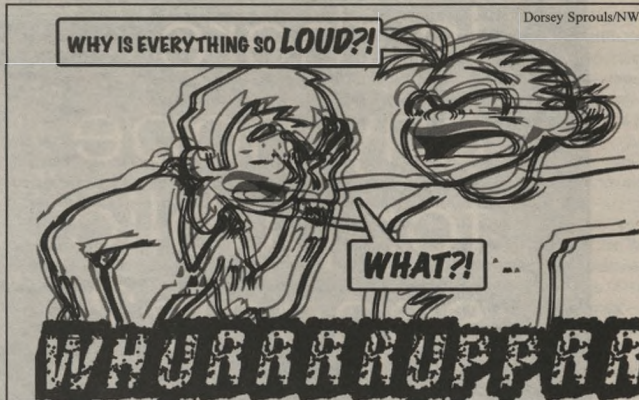
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Cooperation exceeds expectations

NMU's campus is in the grip of several adjustments this fall.

The most current of these changes, however, is preparation of the trucking route that will cut through campus at Sugarloaf Avenue and Wright Street, which is expected to be in full force in coming months as 2014 approaches.

The trucking route — which will allow for the hauling of materials from the Eagle Mine in northern Marquette County to the processing plant west of Ishpeming in Humboldt Township — will use existing roads like Wright Street, which are currently being upgraded for the increased traffic flow.

In the shadow of a federal government shutdown, a result of clashing ideas and stubborn leaders, it's refreshing that those who lead, work and study at NMU value the importance of cooperation.

Many NMU administrators and student leaders — namely ASNMU Vice President Abby Roche and academic affairs chairman Vito Giannola — are concerned that the increase in traffic from the mine will present noise issues for students in the dorms, especially those along Wright Street. Additionally, the intersection of Sugarloaf and Wright Street experiences a heavy flow of walking, biking and driving students, and an increase in truck traffic could present issues for those who travel through that area of campus frequently.

Authorities at the Eagle Mine do, however, assert that the heaviest traffic to

and from the mine has already passed, as 2012 was projected to be the peak year for construction and traffic.

And, according to traffic studies provided by Dan Blondeau, senior adviser of media relations for the Eagle Mine, the operation will only increase traffic flow by four to six percent on CR 550 and two to three percent along Wright Street. Blondeau also said that a multitude of commercial vehicles already use Sugarloaf Avenue and Wright Street for hauling and other commercial uses.

Whatever the case, both NMU administrators and ASNMU members, who are opposed to the new trucking route for the sake of student safety, have had active cooperation in tackling the issue from a united front.

Art Gischia, senior associate vice president for administration at NMU, said last week he has happy with the consistent message being sent by his colleagues and ASNMU leadership, and acknowledged that even though it will be hard to change the future of the truck route, he and his colleagues remain dedicated to putting student safety at the forefront of the argument.

With so many examples of indecision and ineffective communication both on campus and at a national level, it's nice to see that the ability to work cooperatively is still valued. And, even more, that it is being encouraged on campus between students and members of the administration.

Students need to value critical thinking

Staff Column



Anna Lang

Far too often, I have seen students try to find the easiest classes to enroll in or spend more time figuring out the minimum effort required to pass a class than they do on the actual class work.

However, as students, we shouldn't go through the motions of our classes.

We shouldn't be satisfied with classes that only earn us a requirement. We should want to take classes that make us think. We should immerse ourselves in them, and get the most out of them as we can.

A common joke is that the "N" in NMU stands for knowledge. While it's kind of catchy, think about how degrading this is to ourselves and where we have chosen to get an education. We shouldn't want Northern to have a reputation like this, and we shouldn't encourage it with lazy attitudes and actions.

This semester, I'm taking American Indians: Identity and Media, a class offered through the Native American Studies (NAS) program on campus. I was a little nervous with signing up for a 300-level class. My only thoughts were that it sounded like an interesting subject but that it was an upper-level course and therefore a harder class to earn a good grade in, and that it would be my first NAS class, so I may not understand everything discussed.

But I've discovered it's not all about grades and understanding in some classes. There's so much more you can get out of a class when you stop worrying about your GPA. NAS 320 has been my favorite class so far.

Why? Because it makes me think. It confuses and frustrates me, but I love it. I have yet to feel despair, although that may be coming.

"Learning most things is a messy process. Confusion, frustration, even despair regularly occur. If students never experience those feelings, they also never experience the thrill of finally figuring something out, of re-

ally understanding and of being changed by what they learned."

These words, spoken by Maryellen Weimer, a professor emeritus of speech communication at Penn State, were included in the syllabus for NAS 320.

Along with discussing our syllabus, during the first week of class, we discussed and dissected our learning objectives. One of them included the term "politics of representation." In fact, one of the main focuses of this class is Native representation in movies and TV.

Although we talk about the representation of Native peoples in the media and how stereotypical it is, this wouldn't be possible without some background information, especially since I wasn't the only person in the class with a lack of knowledge regarding Native history.

When I was younger, I watched "Peter Pan" without giving it a second thought. I watched Western movies and wanted to dress up as a Native American. Now that I know those images were so false and disrespectful, I feel a little bit silly.

I knew the real Christopher Columbus story—not the one we learned in kindergarten—and I knew of the crimes committed against Native tribes by the United States government, but I was unaware of the extent. Learning only a small portion of the Native perspective in regards to U.S. history confused me.

The first week of class, it was hard for me to hear about Native history because of the way our government treated — and continues to treat — Native Americans. It was hard for me to accept that our government was even worse than it is now. After a month of class, it's easier for me to stomach. I've been changed by what I've learned.

Students should not shy away from enrolling in classes that may make them think critically or have a chance of being too difficult or lowering their GPA.

These classes should be embraced as a chance to learn. We can make the "NMU: where the 'N' stands for knowledge" joke, but for students who want to be challenged, the opportunity to do so is very possible on NMU's campus.

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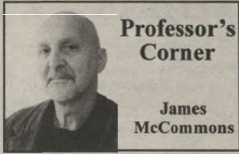
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Chicken or guns: Who has the right to carry?



Professor's Corner

James McCommons

A couple of weeks ago, two men strolled through the outdoor farmers market in downtown Appleton, Wis. with AR-15 assault weapons slung across their backs, demonstrating their right to bear arms and openly carry guns in public spaces. Alarmed citizens up and down College Avenue called 911. The cops rushed to the scene, confronted and handcuffed the pair, but then let them go because Wisconsin has a "right to carry" law.

It was a provocative and an increasingly common display. In the past few months, people have entered Starbucks locations wearing holstered guns during events they euphemistically call "Starbucks Appreciation Day."

The company issued a polite letter last week asking these folks to please leave their guns at home — it makes other customers nervous — but did not outright ban firearms from its premises, although Starbucks has every right to do so because its stores are pri-

vate property.

In Appleton, opponents of the open carry law responded in a way that expressed the absurdity of the situation. The following week at the farmers market, a man showed up with a chicken named Winchester. He led the hen about on a leash. The cops told him to leave or be fined \$263.50 because no chickens are allowed in downtown Appleton. The guys with the guns — who were back again — were allowed to stay.

When I first learned, a few years ago, that some legislators in Michigan advocated concealed carry of firearms on college campuses — enabling students or professors to bring guns into classrooms — I was certain it would never happen.

Now I'm not so sure.

This gun debate has simmered for decades. I'm old enough to remember when the federal government banned buying guns through the U.S. mail after Lee Oswald picked up his \$21.50 rifle at the post office. It took five more years and two more assassinations — Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. — before Congress passed the Gun Control Act of 1968.

The gun lobby was strong back then, too, and just as paranoid that any regulation — any

restriction at all — was a first step to the government coming for their guns.

There were fights over Saturday night specials (cheap pistols), Teflon-coated — sometimes referred to as cop killer — bullets, polymer guns undetectable by airline screeners and then in the 1980s, the arrival of assault weapons on the streets.

I don't get it. I don't understand this right to bear arms without restrictions.

In my office, I keep paper clips and pencils in an old tool box my grandfather built from a wooden crate that once held dynamite he used to blow up rocks in the potato fields. I can still read the warning "Explosives Danger!" Back then, granddad could go down to the feed store and say, "Give me a 50-pound bag of chicken mash and that crate of dynamite, too."

You can't do that anymore. It's illegal, and it's a sensible regulation. For a little historical perspective, look up the 1927 school massacre in Bath, Mich. It's one reason why we can't buy dynamite down at the feed store. In my mind, an assault weapon armed with 100 round clips is analogous to dynamite.

I own guns and bought my first at "Davidson's Guns and Groceries" where weapons were

displayed in a meat case next to the pork chops (I'm not kidding).

I grew up in rural Pennsylvania. The first day of deer season was a school holiday. I was raised by people who knew all about firearms. My father and uncles were hunters and in the 1940s went off to war, to places like Normandy and the Hurtgen Forest. My mother worked in a factory and made machine guns for Flying Fortresses. Her little brother died in a hunting accident when he was 13, shot by another boy — a terrible accident on the farm.

Raising their families in the 1950s and 1960s, my folks were never paranoid of the government taking away their guns nor did they feel any need to parade around with weapons. Anyone who carried a gun in public and was not in law enforcement was in their eyes either a criminal or a nut case.

All these years later, I mostly feel the same.

That's why I donate money to the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence and the Mayors Against Illegal Guns. I support registration even for private sales, background checks, safe storage laws, a ban on assault weapons, and an end to this whole notion of open carry. Big companies like Star-

bucks ought to keep gun-toting people out of their stores. Cities, if they want, should be able to make their public spaces gun-free zones.

If we passed all these common sense laws and took these steps, the "rights" of Americans to buy hunting weapons or handguns to protect their homes would not be violated. And we'd still have millions and millions of guns — more than any other country — and, yes, we would still have gun violence, too. But I would feel a little safer or just saner to live in a country where provocateurs can't parade around in a farmer's market with loaded AR-15s—just because they can.

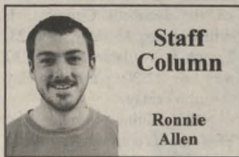
On the first day of classes this fall, I arrived on campus and saw students wearing T-shirts with the slogan "Suck My Glock."

So these are good guys with guns? I was not feeling reassured.

I had planned to quit teaching or, perhaps, strap on my own handgun beneath my sports jacket if the right to carry weapons into classrooms ever came to NMU. But now I've got a third alternative. I'll bring a chicken to class.

I actually own nine egg-laying hens — more chickens than guns. These are backyard chickens in the city, all unregulated, and probably illegal, too.

Campus native plant areas provide suitable alternative to turf grass



Staff Column

Ronnie Allen

Why does the NMU campus have a whole area dedicated to native plants? Why is NMU planting things that seem to just take up space and leave no extra room for Frisbee or football? Who even cares about the NMU Native Plant Area? I do.

The NMU Native Plant Area is something that brings a natural beauty to the NMU campus. The area is the creation of Ronald Sundell, a professor in the earth, environmental, and geographical sciences, and is meant to create more space for native plant species and, as an additional incentive, rid campus of turf grass and unsightly lawn mowers.

A few years ago, Sundell decided that it would be an engaging activity for student and faculty to build a native plants area on campus. The first area was started in the "V" mound of grass at the top of the hill southwest of the residence halls towards the academic mall. This area was granted by NMU administration to be

used as a native plants study area. Within two years that designated area was revoked by NMU administration. It was declared that that area was needed for future building options.

Sundell and geography department students moved the native plants from their previous location at the top of the hill near the Learning Resource Center, and relocated to the new spot. The new native plant area is located in a parcel of land bordered by New Science Facility, the residence halls, a parking lot and the sidewalk up to the academic mall.

With this area being inhabited by native plants, the NMU maintenance staff will have to spend less time engaging in an endless war against the growth, and spread, of turf grass. Turf grass is wonderful when being used for field sports but is otherwise high-maintenance and of mere aesthetic value.

The acreage of turf grass found on NMU's campus, and many others, is unsightly. I often wonder to myself, what is the point of mowing a lawn that receives nothing more than the occasional student walking through? I still have not thought of a pressing need for more 'green space' on campus, especially when that really means a few tree saplings and

extreme amounts of turf grass.

An upcoming change on campus will be the removal of the old Jamrich building. As the removal of the old building is complete the new area is intended to be transformed into what is referred to as 'green space.' In terms of what 'green space' means to NMU, I expect we may be seeing more turf grass in the place of the current Jamrich building.

However, I suggest that NMU designates half the area to native plants and walkways, and the other half for turf grass that can be used for play and lounging by students.

If NMU would begin a thorough reintroduction of native plants throughout campus, it could create a beautiful summer campus.

The Upper Peninsula has a limited vegetative growth period, but when it does happen, the wildflower, grass, shrub and tree growth is abundant. To have NMU's campus covered in Wild Columbine, Black-eyed Susans, Common Milkweed, Wintergreen and other native vegetation would be a welcome change for an area that has in the past been home only to mowed grass, and would surely be welcomed by the maintenance crews that must care for and mow that grass.

Sound Off

What should NMU do with the space where the old Jamrich is?



James Chabot
sophomore, graphic design

"I think an elevated parking garage would be cool because there is never anywhere to park."



Tiffany Younk
junior, graphic design

"Some more trees should be planted there since we tore down the others. And maybe another parking lot too."



Matthew Armitage
sophomore, env. science

"I don't see a need to tear this building down. It would be a shame. I think the rooms downstairs where they have movies are cool."



Jesse Reitz
freshman, political science

"I think they should put in a band shell. I'm sure there are some community bands who could play there."

Compiled by Katie Stumman

Café presents affordable meals by aspiring cooks

By Mary Wardell
features editor

It's Northern's "best kept secret," according to professors Deb Pearce and Chris Kibit. Nestled in the Jacobetti Complex commons area, it's the student-run "Culinary Café" and restaurant "Chez Nous." (French for "Our Place"). Here, students and community members will soon be gathering for affordably-priced meals prepared entirely by student cooks.

It's one of three student-run programs in the Technology and Occupational Sciences Department that provides real-life experience to students seeking to improve their employability and master an important skill.

Loganne Boersema is a hospitality management major and para professional for the first class, Cook I.

"Students are exposed to an array of individuals, experiences and opportunities that allow them to grow both as individuals and industry professionals," Boersema said. "[The] café allows our students to show off their skills and build their resumes in an environment that allows them to ask questions and try new things."

NMU offers a two-year associate's degree in food service management and a four-year hospitality management bachelor's degree. First-year students take Professional Cooking I and II in their first year, mastering basic skills like knife-training,

seasoning, cooking, sautéing, baking and grilling. The café opens after the first six weeks of basic training, and then students become responsible for everything from planning and pricing meals to greeting customers and all aspects of running a restaurant.

Deb Pearce, assistant professor of hospitality management, teaches Pro Cook I for the first semester and technology and applied sciences Professor Christopher Kibit takes over teaching for the winter semester in Pro Cook II.

As the students become seasoned, they take on more responsibilities, like serving breakfast in addition to lunch and offering an "action station" where food is prepared to order on the spot, said Kibit.

Last winter, the Culinary Café featured sandwiches, burgers, soups, salads, pizza, snacks and beverages for practically at-cost prices, ranging from 50 cents for coffee to \$4.50 for a gourmet personal pizza.

In the fall from Wednesday, Oct. 23 through Thanksgiving, the Culinary Café is open for lunch (10:30 to 12:30 p.m.) Kibit said. And it is open for both breakfast (7:45 to 10 a.m.) and lunch in the winter semester, February through April.

"[Students are] building great references with some of the best chefs in the area," said teaching assistant and hospitality management sophomore Edward Potter. "So I do believe this

program will help [students] get hired."

"I think one of our huge benefits is smaller classes and hands-on activities," Pearce said.

"It's almost a university-setting with the community college feel to it," added Kibit, referring to the size of the program and the personal relationships that develop as a result.

There are about 150 majors currently in the program, he said, which has remained pretty steady in his 10 years there.

"This program is no joke," Potter said. "We are much more than just cooks."

"Sustainability is also taught in this program," Potter said. "Supporting your local farmers, giving back to Mother Nature by composting and also growing our own vegetables."

The program uses herbs and vegetables from NMU's hoop houses on campus as a primary source of produce.

"Last year, we didn't have to buy any greens until the end of fall," Pearce said.

Junior hospitality management bachelor's major Alexa Christensen is a teaching assistant for the Professional Cooking I class taught by Pearce. She helps students execute their labs and performs cooking demonstrations.

"The first eight weeks of cooking labs cover knife skills, seasoning, baking, poultry and meat cooking, soups and vegetable cooking, among other skills," Christensen said. Students must

also create their own special that includes a protein, vegetable and starch which is served in the Culinary Café.

"The students have to cost out their recipes and construct the Special Meal instruction packet, so that another student can execute it on the day that the special is served," Christensen said.

"We encourage everyone to come down and try our student specials," Boersema said. "The more our community supports, the more we learn."

Every facet of the café is run by students, who learn the grill, the cash register, fryer station, the line inside the kitchen and, of course, the dishwasher, Christensen said. Students learn time management skills, multitasking, customer service and critical thinking.

For many students, it's their first time working in a commercial style kitchen and café setting, Christensen said.

Pearce said the café allows them to learn without the pressure of most commercial kitchens.

"The community is very forgiving when students make mistakes because they know they are learning," Pearce said. This is not often the case in a commercial restaurant, she said.

"I am proud to say that after having [a] pie explode [in the oven] and swearing off baking pies, I enrolled in the summer baking class and I am no longer intimidated," Christensen said. The students learn to prepare

a diverse range of foods, Pearce said, and by their second year, they are whipping up challenging five-course themed dinners in "Chez Nous." The dinners (for a modest \$15) spread out between October and December, cover territory like "Land and Sea," Cajun, Grecian, Italian, Scottish and the woods-themed "Hunter's Ball" to kick off deer hunting season in November.

Christensen said she entered the program with zero experience, except making pancakes and grilled cheese.

"Before taking the pro-cooking class I was a very picky eater," Christensen said. "I have now tried foods I would have never thought of trying."

Christensen is currently a cook at a restaurant in Marquette as a result of her experience in the program.

The Culinary Café has a Facebook page with photos and updated menu items that can be found at www.facebook.com/pages/NMU-Culinary-Cafe. Christensen said it has also become a place where students can ask food-related questions.

The NMU Culinary Café is located in the commons area of the Jacobetti Complex. It will open on Monday, Oct. 23, Lunch is available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NMU Dining Services meal plans are accepted with a limit of \$8 per visit, but debit and credit cards are not accepted. Take-out meals are also available.



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Sophomore hospitality management major Gavin Crawford rolls pasta dough while working in the kitchen in the NMU Jacobetti Center.



Kristen Koehler/NW
Adam Derry, freshman food service management major, prepares a dish in the kitchen.



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Gina Strum, left, a sophomore culinary arts major and Loganne Boersema, right, a paraprofessional, make pasta in the kitchen of the Jacobetti Center on Tuesday, Oct. 1

Job Fair improves student prospects

By Robert Thomas
staff writer

For students looking to land that grown-up job or internship, make some professional contacts, practice interview skills or just get some exposure to their field, NMU's Fall Job Fair could be a critical first step.

The fair takes place 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 in the Great Lakes Rooms at the University Center. With over 50 employers and at no cost to students and alumni, the event provides an excellent opportunity for students who give a "hoot" about their future.

Steven LaFond, assistant director at the Career Services Of-

fice on campus, encourages all students to check out the job fair, adding that events such as this are not just for upcoming graduates.

"If you look at the employers and what they are recruiting for, they actually have part-time, local jobs, summer jobs, internships, as well as permanent jobs," LaFond said.

This year's line-up of employers covers a range of career opportunities, including engineering firms, healthcare and financial services, law enforcement and government agencies, technology and communications, military recruiting and even non-profits, according to the employer list on the Career Services website.

LaFond said about 60 employers will sign up to attend by the time Wednesday, Oct. 9 rolls around.

"Students can go to the Cat Career Tracks system and see who is going to be there, what majors they are interested in and what positions they are looking to fill," LaFond said.

According to LaFond, many companies return year after year encouraged by the high quality of potential employees found at Northern.

For students who intend to expand their education beyond the typical four-year plan, the job fair also offers opportunities for various education programs here at NMU and at other institutions. Representatives from Indiana Tech Law School, Michigan Tech Graduate School and the University of Toledo College of Law will give students the chance look outside of the NMU community for postgraduate experience.

Here at home, NMU's International Program and the W.L. Cisler College of Business afford students the chance to experience diverse cultures or devote themselves to the world of business, respectively.

Senior marketing major Daniel Croney is set to graduate by the end of the winter 2014 semester. He intends on using the Fall Job Fair as a way to tran-

sition directly from school into the business world.

"As a marketing major, I feel its very important for me to meet new and potential employers within my field," Croney said.

"And by going to the job fair, I can hopefully make those contacts and connections that will allow me to immediately begin my career without any hesitation," Croney said.

The array of career opportunities that the Fall Job Fair provides requires that students not simply wander the aisles of booths within Great Lakes Rooms hoping that someone bestow upon them the opportunity of a lifetime. Research and preparation, LaFond said, are essential to making the most out of events such as this.

"A job fair can be extremely useful for a job-seeker because you utilize face-to-face contact with individuals who actually have the power to get you an interview," LaFond said. "It's an incredibly time-efficient event."

Beforehand, students should research the companies that will be attending by visiting their websites and figuring out what they are looking for. With this information, students can prioritize employers according to their qualifications and desires.

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— Steven LaFond
assistant director career services

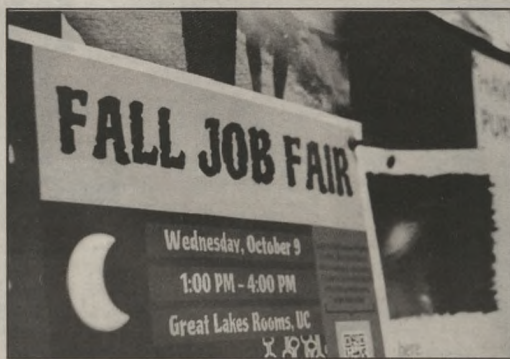
Job fairs are events in which prospective employees can market themselves to companies and organizations looking for fresh faces.

Dressing appropriately tells employers a student can function in a professional setting and is serious about improving his or her future.

"This is a professional event," LaFond said. "It's best to dress up because you might get an interview right at that time."

The Career Services office is available to review student's resumes and will even print them out on professional-quality paper free of charge. It adds a degree of professionalism that employers might not expect from a college student.

"It's useful for any student to attend a job fair to see what kinds of job possibilities are out there, where they are located, and how much they pay," LaFond said. "Since there are a number of employers there, you can make multiple contacts in one day."



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The posters are up, the employers are ready and students from all majors will gain valuable contacts and skill-building experience at the Fall Job Fair.

Apple's iOS 7 for iPhone best yet despite drawbacks



By Trent Podskalan
staff writer

Apple has done it again.

No, not make another smartphone, but the multinational corporation has made drastic changes to its newest operating system.

iOS 7 was released on Wednesday, Sept. 18, replacing iOS 6, which was released a year earlier.

Facebook was inundated with status updates and "#iOS7" was trending on Twitter. Apple has done some things right in their latest effort to keep software up-to-date, but they have also made changes that are inconvenient and less-than user-friendly.

iOS 7 is not just a new operating system, it totally revamps the iPhone's display. Users I know have said they absolutely love the new display and appearance while others call it childish, saying the apps look like cartoons.

It can also be hard to read the time on the lock screen because of the removal of the black bar behind it.

But despite the childish appearance of iOS 7, the double-click feature to close running

apps is much more effective. It allows a user to see a screen preview of the open app rather than just seeing the icon. It allows users to preview what was last seen, and the apps seem to open faster.

Another thing Apple seemed to get right in regards to its apps is the option for automatic app updates. Instead of seeing the annoying number badge on the "App Store" icon, users now have the option to have their apps update automatically. Users even get the option of having their apps update either when on their cellular network or only when connected to Wi-Fi.

The new appearance does offer a brighter display with a new all-white keyboard for messaging as well as an Android-look to the message bubbles. While the change to the message bubbles may seem small, it is still one users will have to get used to.

One major difference that was left out of iOS 7 is the Facebook/Twitter integration that used to be in the iOS 6.1.3 update. The Facebook/Twitter integration allowed users to swipe down from the top of the screen to quickly update their status or tweet. And it hasn't just been moved, like some of the iPhone's other features; it's been completely removed.

While it was mostly just a convenience, it was one that many utilized. Now users have to spend extra time opening the app just to update their status or tweet. Hopefully the social media integration is something that Apple will incorporate into a future iOS 7 update.

Despite the poor decision on Apple's part to nix the Facebook/Twitter integration feature, iOS 7 now has a control bar that can be accessed by swiping up from the bottom of the screen. Everyone was able to finally delete that pesky Flashlight app as Apple finally had the sense to integrate one into its newest iOS update.

The camera also saw its own facelift as users can now simply swipe over on the screen to go from the camera to video, and pictures can now be taken in a square shape.

The most valuable update users are buzzing about is iTunes Radio. iTunes Radio is

much like Pandora or iHeartRadio in that the user can create their own station based on a song, artist or genre. Like iHeartRadio, users can select whether they want music "hits," "discovery" where songs that aren't as popular will pop up or "variety," which mixes "hits" and "discovery."

While critics said iOS 7 was going to slow down the iPhone, it's difficult to say that it does. In fact, the iPhone's response time to opening apps and running them

seems quicker than any other iOS ever offered.

And in respect to appearance, it could be said Apple is attempting to have more of an Android look to the iPhone but in their own way.

Despite the major changes, after using iOS 7 for a few days and messing around with the different features and new upgrades, I realized it's the best thing Apple has done for its users yet in the realm of available operating systems.



Katie Stumman/NW

Completely revamped with all-new features, iOS 7 is Apple's most recent mobile operating system. Control Center, AirDrop and automatic app updating are a few of the changes.

Films feature U.P. snowboarding destinations

By Amanda Monthei
managing editor

Two winters ago, snowboarding videographer Johnny Huege and a group of friends went to a casino on their way out of Houghton to try to win some money for a hotel room in Marquette, all while filming for a movie that, at that point, hadn't yet been totally developed.

That night, Huege and friends slept in the parking lot, in the back of their cars, after losing all their money to the slots. The next morning they woke up and drove back to their home states — namely Illinois and Minnesota — frustrated with losing all their travel funds, getting almost no usable shots and acquiring some bruised egos along the way.

"We've had bad luck for two years and it doesn't look like it's planning on stopping anytime soon," Huege said.

But with their incessant bad luck came an eventual idea for a film name, which would reflect the chaos of traveling around the Great Lakes region in search of the best snowboarding in the Midwest.

What resulted was Huege's film "Rock Bottom Digging Deeper" — which will premier on NMU's campus at 8 p.m. Fri-

day, Oct. 4, in Jamrich 102 for the NMU Skate and Snow organization's annual movie premier event alongside "Deja Vu," another snowboarding film.

"We have probably the worst luck of anyone," Huege said. "We normally sleep in our cars on trips or everything seems to break down on us. That's where our name came from.

We've had multiple broken cameras, 10 snowboards break at the worst times possible and lights and equipment fail at awful times too. There's also the lack of snow in our home state of Illinois."

NMU students Brett Guild and Jack Tobin, both junior human centered design majors, are featured in the video, along with a handful of other riders from northern Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota.

Both "Rock Bottom Digging Deeper" and "Deja Vu" — which features a group of professional

riders from Montreal, Can. and a few shots from a trip to the Upper Peninsula — will be shown at the event on Friday, Oct. 4.

"We picked 'Deja Vu' because they came here and they were filming in Marquette," Sean Kennedy, president of the NMU Skate and Snow Club, said. "They were probably one of the only groups to film here this year which will make it more interesting for students to watch it."

Kennedy said he grew up snowboarding with some of the riders in "Digging Deeper," while

living in Illinois before coming to NMU, which is why he chose to feature the film as part of the premier this year.

"It was cool seeing all those kids finally get together and come up with a big movie — I wanted to show this to students to get them more (recognition)," Kennedy said.

According to Huege, "Digging Deeper" is just coming together into a final product, after he and fellow videographer and editor Brandon Sakiewicz took the summer off from editing snowboard-

ing in order to film skateboarding. The film that will be shown at the premier is also special-cut specifically for the event.

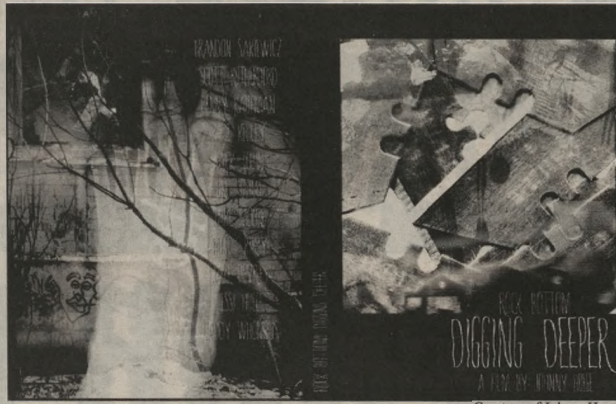
"The movie's not actually even done yet," Huege said. "We've put like 60 hours into it this week. It will hopefully be soon, and there will be copies available for people at the premier."

Huege added that the filming process lasted from around the beginning of December 2012 until the last week of April of this year — with filming taking place in Marquette, Houghton, Copper Harbor and countless other cities in the Midwest — and that he's put in around five hours per day since August to have it done for the premier.

"It's going to be fun, it's going to be rowdy," Huege said. "We put a lot of work into this, so come enjoy and see what it's all about."

Kennedy said students can look forward to diverse riding environments and styles from the two movies, which have different crews, sponsors and available funding, and therefore will provide entirely different perspectives for viewers.

"I think it's mainly about the diversity in riding, whether it's backcountry, street or park," Kennedy said.



The film "Rock Bottom Digging Deeper" will premiere at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 in Jamrich.

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Spikers endure first GLIAC loss of season

By Rebecca Morstad
contributing writer

The NMU volleyball team had back-to-back home games this past weekend, resulting in one loss and one win for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats played a GLIAC matchup at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at the Vandament Arena against Lake Erie College. They defeated the Storm with a 3-0 sweep.

Coach Dominic Yoder said the Wildcats played well against Lake Erie.

"We executed our game plan flawlessly," Yoder said. "Kellisha Harley, our setter, distributed the ball really well for us, and both Lina Lopes and Sarah Hamilton did a great job attacking throughout the game."

The first set began with an NMU lead of 3-0. Freshman right side hitter Alex Larsen led NMU with six kills. Senior left side hitter Kalli Herron, co-captain of the Wildcats, assisted with five kills. NMU won the set 25-14.

In set number two, freshman

left side/middle hitter Bridget Bussell and Herron each had consecutive kills to make the score 24-18. Senior outside hitter Lina Lopes, team co-captain, took the game with a kill.

The third and final set began with a 4-0 Wildcat scoring streak off the opening serve of sophomore libero/defensive specialist Alex Berger. Senior setter Kellisha Harley served seven consecutive points, giving the 'Cats an 18-6 lead. The game ended in a 25-12 NMU victory.

Herron said she was happy with the Wildcat performance against the Storm.

"We came out focused and all played our positions very well," Herron said. "We held a high level of energy and discipline, which in the end led us to a great win."

The Wildcats played at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 in the Vandament Arena against Ashland University, for the team's first GLIAC loss in the 2013 season.

The Eagles tied the score 12 times and were up 23-22 before NMU took the first set win. Herron scored the last point of the set for a 25-23 victory.

Five points from freshman Meghan Supple's serve gave the

Wildcats an early 7-2 lead in the second set. The Wildcats scored four points on Herron's serve to lead the Eagles by 10 (18-8), and NMU took the 25-11 victory.

Herron said the 'Cats started this game well.

"We came out very strong against Ashland," Herron said. "We all played with a high level of intensity when we took the first two sets from them."

The Eagles flew back at the 'Cats, claiming the third set 25-21. The Eagles went on to win the fourth set 25-18, maintaining at least a seven point lead throughout the match.

The Eagles won the fifth and final set, closed on a kill by Alli Cudworth, who led with 18 kills.

Yoder said the Eagles' changing strategy was the beginning of the difficulty in the final sets.

"The Eagles changed, and we had trouble adjusting to them in the third set," Yoder said. "We didn't play as well in the final two, and Ashland did very well passing and serving."

NMU was led by Lopes, who had 14 kills and 13 digs. Hamilton added 12 kills. Harley finished with 41 assists.

Herron said the last three sets were a struggle for the Wildcats.

"Ashland came back the third set and changed their game plan, and we struggled to make chang-

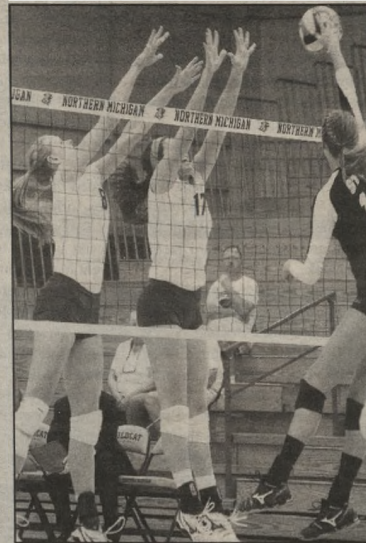
es to ours to fight back with them," Herron said. "Overall it was great match and learning experience for us as a team; we need to improve on."

The Wildcats played Michigan Tech at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1 in the SDC Wood Gym. The 'Cats defeated the Huskies in four sets.

MTU maintained an advantage for the majority of the game to take the first set 25-20.

A kill by Hamilton in set two secured a Wildcat lead 17-9, and they won 25-15 off Larson's kill.

In the third set, the score never differentiated by more than two. A kill by Hamilton grasped a 24-23 lead for the Wildcats. An attack error by the Huskies led to an opportunity for Hamilton to block the ball, and it resulted in



Senior middle hitter Sarah Hamilton (8) and senior left side/middle hitter Kalli Herron (17) go for the block.

Anthony Viola/NW

It was a great match and learning experience for us as a team; we know what we need to improve on.

— Kalli Herron
senior left side/middle hitter

Gold squad riles up Green in preseason match

By Kelly McCommons
contributing writer

The Northern Michigan University swim and dive team took to the pool for their preseason intrasquad competition match last Saturday, Sept. 28 at the PEIF pool. The Gold squad won over the Green squad 111-103.

Head swim coach Heidi Voigt was extremely happy with the results all around.

"In general, we're faster than last year," Voigt said. "We also had a pool record today, which I don't think we've ever had this

early in the season."

The pool record was set during the first race of the day by junior Debbi Lawrence, who took down the 50-yard backstroke record during the opening leg of the 200-yard medley relay.

"Today I hit everything just right," Lawrence said. "I think I can go faster, but it's still early."

Lawrence also said a key to her success is attempting to swim most of her race underwater.

"That's my whole race, I'll swear to everyone that it's key," Lawrence said. "It's my whole strategy, once I surface then I just

try and keep up my speed."

Double winners for the 'Cats included Lawrence in the 200-yard individual medley (2:11.73) and 100-yard freestyle (53.64), as well as junior Emily Bourguignon who won the 100-yard backstroke (1:01.42) and 50-yard freestyle (25.36).

Bourguignon said she was excited about the results.

"It's the beginning of the season, so we're still working on some kinks and stuff," Bourguignon said. "But overall as a team we're improving from last year. It's nice to be back in the water and getting to race again."

Junior Molly Kearney won both the 1- and 3-meter springboard diving competitions for the Wildcats.

Even with the win, Kearney said she has been feeling physically weaker than last year.

"I've been suffering with sore muscles and exhaustion, but my dives turned out better than I

thought they would," said Kearney, who missed qualifying for NCAA's 1-meter springboard by four points. "Getting healthy and getting my full (dive) list back will be good. Being able to do my harder dives will help because they weren't quite there today."

Other individual winners for the Wildcats were junior Emily Brennan in the 500-yard freestyle (5:18.79), sophomore Crystal Bennet who pulled away with the 100-yard butterfly (59.72), freshman Rachel Borchardt in the 200-yard freestyle (2:00.34) and junior Madisen Sechena who grabbed the win in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:07.32).

One noticeable difference on the deck this year is a full squad of divers, something the Wildcats have not had in previous years.

Kearney said it's been a big shift in practice.

"Last year we had four people on the team with two people normally competing, and this year we have six with five people currently diving," Kearney said. "It's been awesome because last year I practiced by myself 90 percent of the time."

Voigt also said the team seems to be much stronger on the diving end, which will help the team improve greatly.

Voigt said it'll be good to race

with other teams and see where they are at.

The Wildcats have a week off before traveling downstate. They'll be taking on Hillsdale at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 and traveling to Grand Valley State for a noon match-up the following day.

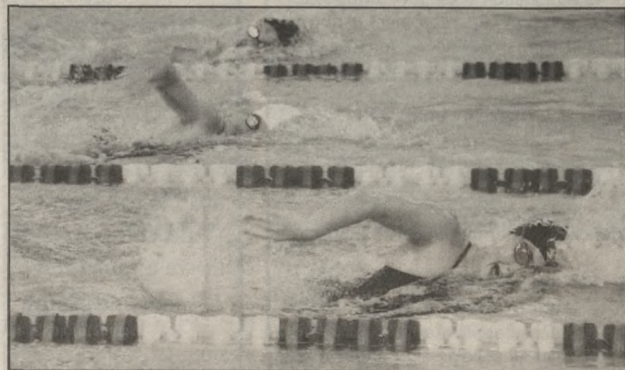
Their next and only home competition will be a tri meet against St. Cloud State and Minnesota State Moorhead at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 in the PEIF pool.

Voigt said the team is going to face a challenge with these upcoming meet dates.

"It's going to be a tough back-to-back," Voigt said. "We have Hillsdale at 6 p.m., then we turn around and drive to Grand Valley and face off with them at noon the next day. The weekend right after we host St. Cloud and Minnesota State Moorhead here at home. It'll be a tough few weeks."

It'll be the first time that the Wildcats will take on other GLIAC teams. Bourguignon also said that it will be tough.

"We just need to keep improving, every race we want to get better and stronger," Bourguignon said. "Especially looking forward to our conference meet (in March) and the Calvin Invite (in December). Overall, things are looking good right now."



Kelly McCommons/NW

NMU freshman Rachel Borchardt leads, with junior Tara Dowling in the center lane and junior Jordan Iverson in the far lane for the pre-season Green and Gold intrasquad match.

NMU splits with Tech

By Dustin Anand
staff writer

The NMU men's club hockey team split the series against Michigan Tech this weekend, marking their first loss of the season.

The 'Cats lost 3-4 on Friday, Sept. 27 at home. NMU totaled 34 shots on net with help from senior forward Mike Baudino, freshman defenseman John Werenka and senior forward Kellen Michalak.

The three men scored back-to-back to lead MTU 3-1 at the beginning of the second period. The Huskies scored three unanswered goals, however, in order to receive the victory.

Sophomore center Brock Francis said even with the loss, his team is very well structured.

"After receiving our first loss of the year it motivated us to bare down on how we played," said Francis. "I think our team is looking great this year. It is early in the year so we are still working out a few kinks in our defensive and offensive systems."

The 'Cats junior goalie Jeff Ryan saved 27 of 31 shots for an average of .871 percent. The game left the 'Cats record at 4-1.

The 'Cats didn't hesitate to capitalize in the game on Saturday, Sept. 28 against the Huskies, shutting them out in a 5-0 victory.

Michalak found success with

the puck as he scored in the opening period, along with Francis and sophomore center Stever Eklund.

The team held a 3-0 lead heading into the third period. NMU finished with two goals by senior center Neeco Belanger and junior forward Dillon Montalvo.

The Wildcats won 5-1 and ended the weekend on a split series with Michigan Tech.

Sophomore forward Dean Potila said the team chemistry is great in contributing to the wins.

"This weekend we played a lot better the second game," Potila said. "The first game we lacked in work ethic, and heart. But the second game we knew we had to play to our caliber of hockey."

The 'Cats made an adjustment in their lineup in the second game against the Huskies by starting

junior goalie Alex Latvala, who saved 38 shots on goal.

The 'Cats junior forward Ben Hughes said the series didn't start to their liking but the result was successful.

"We all get along real well," Hughes said. "We must keep our head up during every game and maintain consistency in our game play. Our chemistry on and off the ice is great and our coaching staff only guides us to makes us play stronger and better. I'm looking forward to this season with this group of guys and hopefully making it to the Nationals."

The 'Cats travel to face Illinois State University at 10:10 p.m. EST Friday, Oct. 4 at the Pepsi Ice Center and 8 p.m. EST Saturday, Oct. 5 at the U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington, Ill.



Senior center Kevin McNab (27) and junior forward David Failing (40) helped NMU shut out the Michigan Tech Huskies 5-0 Saturday, Sept. 28.

'Cats lose focus on road

By Georgette Breen-Naylor
staff writer

The Wildcats lost 52-24 to GLIAC opponent Ashland University in the first road game of the season.

Junior wide receiver Kelvin Smarwt said the team faced problems because they lost focus. Smarwt had one catch for four yards.

"I just feel like the team as a whole lost focus," Smarwt said. "We lost focus on everything we had been working and preparing for."

The teams played Saturday, Sept. 28. The Eagles fell behind early when red-shirt freshman running back Keon Collier scored a rushing touchdown the first quarter.

The NMU offense added to the seven-point lead with a field goal from freshman kicker John Oberheide.

Ashland scored 31 unanswered points to go into half-time with a 21-point lead.

Senior wide receiver Christian Jessie had five catches for 49 yards and also had 179 kick return yards.

Jessie said a blocked punt late in the second half is what really hurt the team.

"I felt like we were always in the game," Jessie

said. "But the blocked punt really took a lot out of us."

In the second half, the Wildcats scored on a 74-yard return by Jessie.

Junior transfer quarterback Dustin Thomas connected with junior wide receiver Marcus Tucker for the 'Cats first touchdown of the second half.

The Wildcats scored on Thomas' second touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Keyondre Craig.

"It wasn't the best feeling after the game," Thomas said. "I think we have a lot of talent and we will work and figure out a way to win next week."

After the loss, NMU falls to 1-2, 0-1 in the GLIAC.

Smarwt said the 'Cats will be trying some new things on both sides of the ball.

"There have been a lot of changes made, aiming to put a better product on the field," Smarwt said. "As long as players embrace the change, I think we'll play football at the high level we know we can play at."

The 'Cats defense allowed 507 offensive yards.

NMU plays Hillsdale College at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in the Superior Dome.



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Greek Life — I miss you all and hope you all know the great and positive impact you had in my life. I just wish I could have gotten to know more of you on a deeper level. GØ GREEK! — **Greek Alumni**

Sororities — We should have a movie night! And let's make it fun by breaking boundaries! — **Elle Woods**

H — Hey best big sis ever!! I hope you're feeling better and getting super excited to move in with me! — **S**

My awesome boyfriend Cody — Congrats on getting an internship with Intel! So proud of you. — **Sarah**

Dorcilus — Here's a cookie. — **Cactus**

The MERC — Dear MERC - you are still the best. I miss you all terribly. I will be home soon to see all of you. — **Portlandia Living**

NMU Students — Part-Time Job - Earn \$600/day in your spare-time!!.....Yeah Right... — **Squirrelmail**

The Wednesday Night Crew — You've got this! I'm excited to see what the rest of the year has in store for you all. I'll miss you weirdos. You best believe I'll be back for dinner soon. Xo — **Andrea**

Tj and Dreezy (The Last of the BOX) — Miss you fools. Hold down the MQT for me..... and maybe think about graduating? — **Splashnasty**

Random Person — Hi! My Name is Joe. I have a wife and 3 kids. I work in a button factory.... — **Joe**

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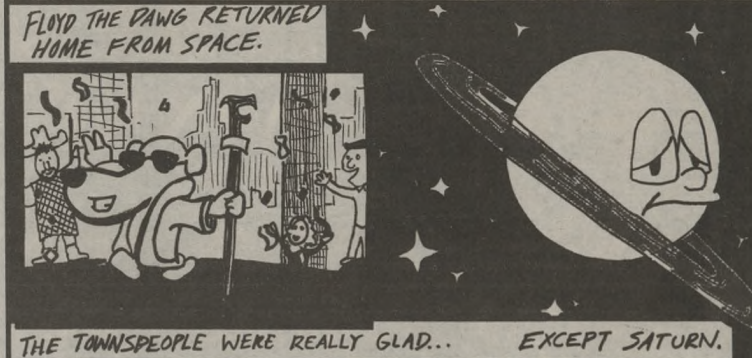
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Population — Hey that's funny, enjoy the grind out there guys. By the way, you shouldn't have capitalized 'grammer,' 'majors' or 'exist'. You're welcome. — **English majors and copy editors everywhere**

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Mike — Chicken-Powered image stabilizer....Think about it. — **Kelly**

Shaina — We miss you greatly and think that maybe you should take a little break from the PNW for a visit. Also, I'm sure super jealous and will see you in January. Chaos will ensue. — **The North Wind Staff but Mostly Amanda**

Tracy Chapman — You da bomb. — **AM**

Leaves — No, don't go dying on us now! Can't it be an Indian summer forever? — **NMU students**

Friends — Thanks for the heads up on the Northern Lights, guys. I'm really happy I watched reruns of Parks and Recreation instead of seeing the coolest celestial show of the year! — **ME**

President Lopota and ASNMU — I found your email about the shutdown informative and balanced. Lesser people might have laid a bias. Your people handled this professionally and I applaud your efforts to keep us in the know! THANK YOU! — **Informed student**

Backstreet Boys — N*Sync is better. Though I wouldn't tell my nine-year-old self that. — **ME**

Northern Lights — Why you come on busiest night of semester!? — **(Most of the) North Wind Staff**

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Superior Edge Spotlight



Katie Selinger

Katie Selinger is a senior from Grayslake, Illinois, majoring in English writing with a minor in art history. She is a Writing Center tutor and a member of Campus Cinema. Katie has completed the Citizenship, Diversity, and Leadership Edges and is currently working on activities for the Real World Edge. "I've enjoyed everything, but probably my favorite was Make A Difference Day. My favorite season is fall, and it made me feel more active in both the Marquette and NMU communities. It inspired me to do more volunteering in my life." Congratulations, Katie!

Matt is a senior from Lake Odessa, Michigan, majoring in secondary education. He has actively logged over 1,500 hours in Superior Edge and is now working on completing his reflection papers so he can officially complete all of his edges. Matt has done lots of volunteering including being a youth care worker at Sunny Crest Youth Ranch, holding a position in hall government, and participating in Make A Difference Day. When asked what he considered the most influential activity he participated in, Matt stated, "By far my favorite activity I have done is my time at Sunny Crest. Working with the boys there and seeing the change that comes about in their lives has been a major source of inspiration to succeed for me throughout college." Congratulations, Matt!

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WILDCATS JOIN WCHA CONFERENCE

Hockey team renews rivalries after final 15-19-4 record

By Katie Bultman
sports editor

After leaving the ice on a first round playoff loss last season with a 15-19-4 record, the Division I men's ice hockey team opens the 2013 season with an exhibition game Saturday, Oct. 5.

Head coach Walt Kyle, who has spent 12 years with the Wildcats and earned his 200th victory last season in a weekend sweep over St. Cloud State on Friday, Jan. 4 in Minn., said the team was not proud of their finish in the 2012-13 season, but they are ready to get the new season rolling.

"I think every time you don't advance to where you want to in the playoffs, you are not happy," Kyle said. "We had a long summer and we are anxious to get going again."

The Wildcats, ranked No. 10 going into the playoff season, ended their season in a loss to the seventh-seeded University of Michigan. They were defeated in two games during the first round of the CCHA Tournament on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9.

This season, NMU rejoins the Western Collegiate Hockey Association after 16 years. The 'Cats were last a part of the WCHA conference from 1984-97. NMU also earned the NCAA title in the WCHA conference in 1991.

With the switch in conference play, the 'Cats will no longer see some of the bigger name teams during the season, such as CCHA members like Michigan and Michigan State University.

Team co-captain, senior forward Stephan Vigier, appeared in all 38 games last year and finished the season with 59 overall career points.

Vigier said the change in conference is not going to make it any different for the team, and will hopefully open opportunities for new rivalries.



The Wildcats finished last season with a 15-19-4 record, of which 15 of the losses were taken on the road. Senior forward Erik Higby (26) had five game-winning goals over the course of his career and he has scored 41 points on a total of 16 goals and 25 assists in 98 career games.

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"It won't be [a game changer] for us, and I'm hoping it won't be for fans either," Vigier said. "There should be some new rivalries; Bemidji and Minnesota State are teams to beat, and then there's the old schools, the big Yooper rivalries."

The Wildcats will hold WCHA membership with rival teams such as Michigan Tech and Lake State Superior University.

Several teams that Northern Michigan University has not yet seen are also in the mix, including Bemidji State University and Minnesota State.

Minnesota State made it to the NCAA finals last season and finished with an over-

all 24-14-3 record. The Mankato Free Press WCHA Preseason Head Coaches' Poll and The Bemidji Pioneer WCHA Preseason Media Poll both listed Minnesota State as the WCHA favorite. NMU was chosen for the sixth spot in the polls.

Kyle said with Mankato expected to be one of the top schools this season, the Wildcats are eager to see good competition in the newest opponents this year.

"People have the tendency to associate good hockey programs and name-recognition with schools that have Division I big football powers or basketball powers," Kyle said. "People need to understand

that it is going to be every bit as competitive although, within the league, you are not going to have those David and Goliath-type games anymore."

The 'Cats have been to the CCHA Tournament seven times with Kyle as head coach, and now the team has the opportunity to do so in the WCHA.

N M U will host 18 games this year, and returns 19 let-

terwinners to the ice. This includes 12 forwards, six defensemen and one goaltender.

Junior forward Reed Seckel is the returning point-getter, leading the team with 13 goals and 12 assists in 25 total games. Senior forward Erik Higby also returns with 21 points on 72 shots.

Sophomore Michael Doan returns as goaltender with a 2.91 goals against average and 92.6 save percentage in five career games over the course of last season.

The Wildcats also bring in several new transfer and freshmen players to the team this season. Freshmen forwards Shane Sooth, Dominik Shine and Sami Salminen are all athletes that Kyle said will earn some playing time, contingent on how the practices lay out.

Senior defenseman and co-captain, CJ Ludwig, returns as the 2012-13 Dallas Drake Defensive Player of the Year. He also received the Tom Laidlaw Best Defenseman Award and was second on the team with 52 blocked shots.

Ludwig said the depth this year is looking to be good with the addition of the newest players.

"There are a lot of young guys that are going to be given prime opportunities to play," Ludwig said. "They should make a big difference, and hopefully come out with some big plays."

Last season, the 'Cats opened with a 2-0 exhibition victory over Brock University at home.

The Wildcats go into Saturday's exhibition game without any formal practices due to NCAA guidelines that restrict the team from official practices prior to Saturday.

Kyle said the exhibition games aim at three main purposes for the athletes.

"Number one, we use them for a conditioning tool to get guys in some kind of



Senior forward Stephan Vigier (40) has 59 career points on 23 goals and 36 assists in 113 games. Vigier scored 10 power play goals in the course of his time spent with the 'Cats. Last season Vigier earned his third letter after appearing in all 38 games.

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HOCKEY SEASON OPENS WITH EXHIBITION GAMES

By Katie Bultman
sports editor

The 'Cats open the 2013-14 season with exhibition games against two top competitors Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 6.

The first is against the U.S. National U-18 team at 7:07 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in the Berry Events Center.

Head coach Walt Kyle, who has led NMU to six 20-win seasons and seven CCHA Tournaments, said the U.S. National team builds future NHL players, and this year will be no different.

After the Wildcats finished last season with a 15-19-4 record, Kyle said the men are ready for the new hockey season to begin, starting with the competition of the U-18 team.

"It's a national team; it's the best Under-18 team in the country, and we're excited to get going," Kyle said. "When you don't have the kind of year you want, it makes it a long summer, so we're anxious to get going."

The 'Cats ended their 2012-13 season in the first round of playoffs to the University of Michigan.

In 2012 NMU only played one exhibition game Sunday, Oct. 7 versus Brock University. They shut out the Badgers, 2-0.

The U.S. National U-18 exhibition game opens the 2013 season for the Wildcats. This will be the 17th season for the national development team based in Ann Arbor, Mich. The team has a 50-plus game schedule, which is set to include opponents such as United States Hockey League teams, NCAA Division I and III schools, and three international opponents.

Wildcat assistant captain, senior forward Stephan Vigier, said the Under-18 team is going to bring tough competition.

"The U.S. development team is going to be good," Vigier said. "They bring some of the best 18-year olds in the entire country, and they've been playing together."

The National U-18 team consists of a 22-player roster. Two of the men, forward Jack Eichel and goaltender Blake Weyrick were both part of the U.S. Men's National U-18 team that earned a silver medal in the 2013 International Ice Hockey Federation

Men's Under-18 World Championship. The tournament was held in Sochi, Russia.

The U-18 team returns 19 athletes that have competed as members of the USA Hockey National Team Development Program (NTDP), which compiles teams like the U-18 team NMU will host Saturday.

The U-18 team has an undefeated 5-0 record after opening their season Friday, Sept. 13 with an 8-0 victory over Chicago Steel, which is a Junior A hockey team in the United States Hockey League.

Kyle said the Wildcats are going to use the exhibition games this weekend as their first true practices, which the 'Cats have not yet seen due to NCAA restrictions.

"We haven't had any real practices," Kyle said. "There'll be guys that are competing to get in the lineup, and other guys in the lineup that will be competing to go from 16 minutes a game to 22 minutes a game for special teams time."

The Wildcats host again at 2:07 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 against Laurentian University, a team out of Sudbury, Ontario.

The game will be the first of the 2013 season for Laurentian.

Wildcat team captain, senior defenseman CJ Ludwig, said he is confident the 'Cats are going to have a good season, beginning with the competition they will face this weekend.

"I think we're going to be a good team," Ludwig said. "We have a lot of new guys that are going to play a big role for us with strong discipline."

The Wildcats will be allowed to have practice time following the exhibition games this weekend. Kyle said he projects the athletes to use this time early in the season to prepare for bigger opponents.

"These are two really good opportunities for guys to show us who they are and to earn ice time going into the first weekend of NCAA play," Kyle said. "We had a number of guys that last year, for various reasons, did not have the years that they were capable of, and going into this year each of those guys looks like they're ready to have a bounce back year. We tried to give them solutions, and I think those guys took everything to heart and that is a big deal."



NW File Photo
Sophomore forward Ryan Aynsley (11), who will compete wearing the number 19 jersey this year, had six career points on three goals and three assists in his first season with the 'Cats.

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game shape," Kyle said. "Number two, you use them as an introduction to systems and tactics, and number three, probably most important, there are a lot of jobs for sale on this hockey team. A lot of guys have opportunities to earn not only spots in the lineup, but to earn ice time within the lineup."

Last season the Wildcats finished with .097 shot percentage, ahead of their opponents, which cumulatively averaged a .085 shot percentage.

However, the Wildcats scored fewer

points off power plays than the cumulative average of their opponents, with only 20 goals for 147 power plays in comparison to their opponents' 36 goals for 162 power plays.

Kyle said the team needs to use this season to improve on special teams.

"First of all, we were really bad last year in all our special teams," Kyle said. "Our power play was not only ineffective with scoring, but we gave up a lot of short-handed goals."

Last season, the Wildcats made only 20 goals on power plays of the 147 opportunities they were given, which boils down to a

.136 conversion percent.

The opponents of the Wildcats, in comparison, had a .222 conversion percent with 36 goals of 162 power play opportunities.

Kyle also said the Wildcats need to focus on general items this season, including penalty plays, as well as five-on-five.

"I don't think our penalty play was very effective," Kyle said. "I thought five-on-five we gave up far too many shots and took far too many penalties. Those to me are just right up front things that we have to work on."

This season, the Wildcats open the year with two exhibition games, the first of which is an exhibition game against the U.S. National U-18 team.

Kyle said the U-18 team is a national development team that consists of some of the best players in the country.

"Historically, the team will have a number of future NHL stars," Kyle said. "Patrick Kane has come in on that team, Phil Kessel played with that team, Jack Johnson, Erik Johnson, all guys that are stars in the NHL today and have played in that game in this building."

The exhibition game is set to start at 7:07 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in the Berry Events Center.

"It's a great opportunity for our fans to come in and see," Kyle said. "It's a very good team this year and it is a great opportunity to see some future NHL players."

The Wildcats play again at the Berry Events Center at 2:07 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 against Laurentian University in a home exhibition game.

Laurentian University is a Canadian team out of Sudbury, Ontario. The Voyageurs will be playing their first game of the season this weekend against the Wildcats.

Ludwig said the 'Cats are looking forward to the upcoming season after all of the preparation the men have put in over the summer months to improve on last season's record.

"That's not how we wanted to end last year," Ludwig said. "It kind of gives us a bitter taste, and now we need to focus on the little details. As captain, it's about making sure the guys are having fun and making sure guys realize why we're here, and achieving the common goal of winning."

People have the tendency to associate good hockey programs and name-recognition with schools that have Division I big football powers or basketball powers. People need to understand that it is going to be every bit as competitive, although you are not going to have those David and Goliath-type games anymore.

— Walt Kyle
head coach

Coach Walt Kyle: looking ahead to new opponents with new faces

Following a season with a majority of games away from home, the Wildcats accrued an overall record of 15-19-4.

With a career record of 208-186-49, NMU head coach Walt Kyle has spent all of his 22 years of collegiate coaching experience at Northern Michigan University, leading the 'Cats.

During the team's Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) career, Kyle has led the team to a record of 136-135-37.

With a switch to a new conference, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), Kyle said he expects the same things from his team that he has always expected from the guys in the past: leadership and consistency.

Kyle sat down with Cody Boyer, editor in chief of The North Wind, to discuss the team's goals for the season and lessons the guys have learned from a season on the road.

NW: How do you feel about the upcoming 2013-14 hockey season?

WK: Well, we weren't happy with our year a year ago. I think that that's probably common with a lot of teams. I think every time you don't advance to where you want to in the playoffs, you are not happy. We had a long summer and we are anxious to get going again. I think it is a team that is probably very much in transition. We have a lot of young guys. However, we do think our talent level, the depth of our talent and the depth of our play-makers are deeper than they were a year ago.

NW: In terms of going into the new season in a new conference, what are your goals for the overall season as you move forward?

WK: I don't think your goals change but we would like to win a championship. I think that everyone always says that and it's not always realistic. You have to see how the season progresses but I think, going in, you always have to set the bar there and work from there or you are really not giving yourself a chance. That's our goal but the reality is I don't ever really take a real long look at it. We have the Wisconsin series and the Nebraska-Omaha series before we get into league play so we have a couple of weeks before we really get into that. Once we get into the new league play, there are so many teams that we are just unfamiliar with; we don't know their personnel. So I don't really know right now where we fit. One thing I do know is that it is going to be a really competi-



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tive league and it's going to be very, very good hockey. Where we fit in there, I think I'll think it through the league once to kind of see. I don't have any idea about Bemidji or Mankato or Alaska-Anchorage. I don't really know those teams.

NW: After losing the seniors from last year, how do you feel about the leadership this time around?

WK: I think our leadership is pretty much intact. We lost Scott Macaulay last year who was a leader. After that, I think the leadership in the room is pretty much intact. [CJ Ludwig] has become a very good captain. He's been one of our ultimates during the last year or two here. He's emerged simply as the go-to leader of the team and he has good support in his fellow classmates, [Reed] Seckel and [Stephan] Vigier. Luke Eibler is a transfer student who, as an older kid and an upperclassman, is experienced in another program and he does a lot for his wealth. I think those guys will all go out there and do a good job. The key to any leadership situation is not only those guys but the leadership that comes from within the group, too. It's gotta be much better as a

group than it was a year ago.

NW: Is there any difference between Macaulay's leadership style and Ludwig's?

WK: Any new people in those positions are always different. I think Scotty did a great job. He was more of a quiet leader. I think Luddy's much more comfortable. If he needs to get in somebody's face, he'll get in somebody's face.

NW: After losing Jared Coreau last year to the Detroit Red Wings, how do you feel about the current situation in the crease?

WK: I think a year ago, going into the season, if Coreau had the kind of year he was capable of we could lose him. One of the things that we did going into last year to prepare for that was we brought Mathias Dahlstrom in. Mathias wasn't eligible to play last year but we brought him in and gave him a chance to get used to college-level shooters. Joe [Shawhan] had a chance to work with him for the entire year. We think Mathias is a guy that is a new face in our lineup this year that we think is very capable. Michael Doan, I thought, as the year went, he made it into about five

or six games and played pretty well in all of the games except for the Michigan Tech game. He'll be pressing for that job, for sure. We introduced a new freshman named Derek Dun, who also looked good during the little bit of practice time that we have had. I think it is going to be a really competitive position. Those are big shoes to fill after Jared but certainly that will be one of the keys to any of the success we have. I don't think we could be any good at all without a quality goaltender. If one of those guys emerges as the go-to guy, we will go with the go-to guy.

NW: In terms of the rest of the team, what lines should be watched for this year?

WK: Seckel and [Erik] Higby played last year with Matt Thurber, so we have to try to find someone to try and go in between those guys. That was a very good line last year. We'd like to keep Seckel and Higby together. Vigier and [Ryan] Daugherty also played together a year ago. We'll need to find someone who can play there. We are going bounce guys around a lot until we find good chemistry. We have a number of guys up front that we think are capable. I think Darren Nowick is a guy that really came out in the second half of last year. I think he had six goals after Christmas and he played most of the year. We have really high expectations for him. Justin Rose is really looking good through training camp. I think he's making ready to step up. There are other guys that we wait to see what they are going to do, along with a bunch of new faces that we are waiting to see what they do.

NW: In terms of the new faces, is there anyone there we should be watching out for?

WK: The guys that I can tell you right now are Shane Sooth and Dominik Shine out front and both of them are looking very good. They are soon to be in our top nine guys somewhere. Where that is, I don't know right now. I think we have another kid, Sami Salminen, a Finn, who has to sit out for the first five regular NCAA games. After that sanction by the NCAA, he'll get

in and he'll be able to take a regular spot in our lineup, as well. He transferred from Finland where he played with professionals. For every game you play with professionals, you have to sit out a game here.

NW: Last year's schedule had the team on the road frequently. How is this season looking in terms of games on the road?

WK: Our travel is not going to be very great this year. We are actually in a much better spot within our league for league, but, this year and next year, we got dealt a tough traveling hand. We have to go to Alaska twice this year and we have to go to Alabama-Huntsville, as well, so we have all three of the big trips. That will happen again next year as it is a kind of a five year scheduling rotation and you get the big trips twice and we have it for the first two years. It is what it is and I have no problem with it. I haven't done it before. Everybody talks about how difficult it is to travel to Alaska twice during the year and I'm sure there is something to that but it doesn't matter because we have to do it.

NW: Although you said there won't be any big name schools that the team has played in the past, will there still be matches in this conference for people to watch for?

WK: Oh, absolutely. A couple things that it does is, number one, it is going to enhance our rivalries with our Upper Peninsula schools. Having Michigan Tech four times a year and having it all be league contests is going to make that rivalry grow and continue to be strong. Lake Superior [State University] is going to still be in the conference and those rivalries will keep growing between us, Lake State and Tech, so I think that's there. The other thing is, over time, there is a tremendous degree of parody in this league. With the exception of Bowling Green, they are all Division II schools with Division I hockey. I think, over time, you are going to see that not any given year, any team is going to be able to compete for championships here. I think, when that happens, it gives each fanbase and each city an opportunity to be excited about their team. I think you are going to see that parody and that excitement. Sometimes, in the past, that has been tough to find. Every year like that, it seems like there are powers at the top and Notre Dame wins it or Michigan wins it or Miami wins it. This year is going to give us a chance to compete for a title.



KYLE

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE



Alabama Huntsville
 Coach: Mike Corbett
 Last year's record: 3-21-1
 Mascot: Chargers
 Cool fact: Nick Laurila (Michigan Tech '11) is the team manager.



Alaska Anchorage
 Coach: Matt Thomas
 Last year's record: 4-25-7
 Mascot: Seawolves
 Cool fact: Thomas is the fifth coach for the Seawolves and coached four years in the ECHL for the Stockton Thunder.



Alaska Fairbanks
 Coach: Dallas Ferguson
 Last year's record: 17-16-4
 Mascot: Nanooks
 Cool fact: 2012-13 leading scorers Colton Beck and Cody Kunyk, both forwards, are returning to the team this year.



Bemidji State
 Coach: Tom Serratore
 Last year's record: 6-22-8
 Mascot: Beavers
 Cool fact: Returning goalie Andrew Walsh recorded a .916 save percentage last year, which is notable, considering his 5-14-6 record.



Bowling Green
 Coach: Chris Bergeron
 Last year's record: 15-21-5
 Mascot: Falcons
 Cool fact: Bowling Green returns all four of their top four scorers from last season, including Ryan Carpenter, who scored 18 goals last year.



Ferris State
 Coach: Bob Daniels
 Last year's record: 16-16-5
 Mascot: Bulldogs
 Cool fact: Bob Daniels is the all-time "winningest" coach in Ferris State University's history.



Lake Superior State
 Coach: Jim Roque
 Last year's record: 17-21-1
 Mascot: Lakers
 Cool fact: The Lakers have a top-notch goaltending with Kevin Kapalka and Kevin Murdock both returning after an impressive 2012-13 season.



Michigan Tech
 Coach: Mel Pearson
 Last year's record: 13-20-4
 Mascot: Huskies
 Cool fact: In the 2012-13 season, the Huskies played in their first Great Lakes Invitational Championship in 32 years.



Minnesota State
 Coach: Mike Hastings
 Last year's record: 24-14-3
 Mascot: Stompers
 Cool fact: In the 2012-13 season, the team had an all-time best 16 wins against WCHA opponents.

NMU HOCKEY SCHEDULE 2013-14

Oct. 5	USNDT (Ex)	7:07 p.m.
Oct. 6	Laurentian (Ex)	2:07 p.m.
Oct. 11	At Wisconsin	8:07 p.m.
Oct. 12	At Wisconsin	8:07 p.m.
Oct. 18	Neb.- Omaha	7:07 p.m.
Oct. 19	Neb. - Omaha	7:07 p.m.
Oct. 25	Michigan Tech	7:07 p.m.
Oct. 26	At Michigan Tech	7:07 p.m.
Nov. 1	At Alas. Fairbanks	11:07 p.m.
Nov. 2	At Alas. Fairbanks	11:07 p.m.
Nov. 9	At Western Mich.	7:07 p.m.
Nov. 10	At Western Mich.	5:05 p.m.
Nov. 22	Ala. - Huntsville	7:07 p.m.
Nov. 23	Ala. - Huntsville	7:07 p.m.
Nov. 29	Ferris St.	7:07 p.m.
Nov. 30	Ferris St.	7:07 p.m.
Dec. 6	At Minnesota	8:37 p.m.
Dec. 7	At Minnesota	8:07 p.m.
Dec. 13	At North Dakota	8:37 p.m.
Dec. 14	At North Dakota	8:07 p.m.
Jan. 3	At Bemidji St.	8:37 p.m.
Jan. 4	At Bemidji St.	8:07 p.m.
Jan. 17	Alas. Fairbanks	7:07 p.m.
Jan. 18	Alas. Fairbanks	7:07 p.m.
Jan. 24	At Alas. Anchorage	11:07 p.m.
Jan. 25	At Alas. Anchorage	11:07 p.m.
Jan. 31	Minnesota	7:07 p.m.
Feb. 1	Minnesota	7:07 p.m.
Feb. 7	At Ferris St.	7:07 p.m.
Feb. 8	At Ferris St.	7:07 p.m.
Feb. 14	Lake State	7:07 p.m.
Feb. 15	Lake State	7:07 p.m.
Feb. 21	At Michigan Tech	7:07 p.m.
Feb. 22	Michigan Tech	7:07 p.m.
Feb. 28	Bowling Green	7:07 p.m.
Mar. 1	Bowling Green	7:07 p.m.
Mar. 7	At Ala. Huntsville	8:07 p.m.
Mar. 8	At Ala. Huntsville	8:07 p.m.

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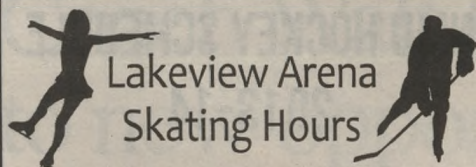
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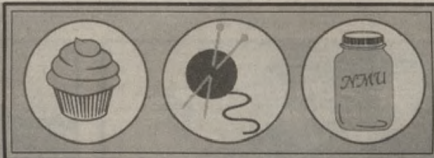


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