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Jared Coreau, 22, played three years with the Northern Michigan University Wildcats, starting his collegiate career in 2010. In 2011, he was moved up to lead goaltender for the remainder of his NMU career. Coreau was named CCHA Warrior of the Week twice in his final season with Northern.

Former NMU goalie drafted to Wings

By Cody Boyer
editor in chief

Nearly seven months after he left Northern Michigan University in April, former Wildcat goalie Jared Coreau has been called up to the Detroit Red Wings bench as an official team member.

According to MLive, the Detroit Red Wings recalled Coreau from his previous position within their affiliate team, the AHL's Grand Rapids Griffins, after they

assigned goaltender Petr Mrazek back to the Griffins on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The switch came only a month after Mrazek was brought from the Griffins to serve as current Red Wing goaltender Jimmy Howard's reserve goalie and Coreau was sent to the Griffins.

After playing with Coreau for last year's season, sophomore

forward Darren Nowick said he could see Coreau's work ethic helping him open doors to larger opportunities in the future.

"I think it is unreal," Nowick said. "It is great to see him up with the Red Wings. He was the hardest working guy on the team easily and it was easy to see him moving forward into something pro-

fessional early on just by seeing how hard he worked at it."

Preceding the switch, Coreau played three years with the NMU Wildcats, starting his collegiate career alongside former teammate Reid Ellingson in 2010. In 2013, Coreau signed a three-year free agent contract with the Red Wings during his junior year in Marquette, foregoing graduation to join the Wings in Detroit.

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Tobacco-free policy considered

By Amanda Monthei
managing editor

NMU administrators have begun taking steps towards implementing a 100 percent tobacco-free policy for NMU's campus, having released a campus-wide survey to collect feedback from NMU students, faculty and staff earlier this week.

The survey, which began on Monday, Nov. 4 and will run until Sunday, Nov. 10, asks only one question — whether or not the individual taking the survey agrees with NMU being a 100 percent tobacco-free campus by August 2014. The survey also provides a box for additional comments.

"We've spent a lot of time talking to people, talking to other universities and talking to students," Cindy Paavola, director of communications and marketing

said. "We also have a campus life survey out right now, which gives us a chance to hear a collective voice from everyone on the



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Open forums bring presidential search to campus

By Cody Boyer
editor in chief

The search for a new Northern Michigan University president continues this week with a series of open forum meetings with community members, including campus faculty and students.

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the Board of Trustees will be working alongside Katherine Haley, senior consultant with Witt/Keiffer, to bring a series of open forum discussions to campus be-

tween 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The forums follow an unofficial announcement made in May 2013 that current NMU president, David Haynes, would be leaving the position on June 30, 2014.

Garnet Lewis, chair of the NMU Board of Trustees, said Haley is working to gather input from faculty, staff, community members and students to help search for a president to replace Haynes in 2014.

"It's important thing to emphasize for students so they, too, will have a chance to weigh in

on this," Lewis said. "Students have an opportunity to participate as an entire campus. That's the message we really want to get across to students."

Lewis said Haley will meet with the presidential search advisory committee, as well as the smaller focus groups made up of administrators, staff, faculty, students, community members and NMU alumni. According to Lewis, topics Haley will discuss at the forum include special opportunities and challenges offered by NMU for its next presi-

dent, the top five agenda items for the next president to address upon appointment and what the next president should possess in terms of qualifications, qualities and experiences.

Sook Wilkinson, NMU trustee and chair of the board's presidential search advisory committee, said the presence of the search adviser at the open forums will help people from around the university know what is going on within the process.

"One of [Haley's] jobs, really, is to find out from all dif-

ferent constituent groups from NMU what kinds of qualities we should look for in our future president," Wilkinson said. "We value the students' voices as much as we value the faculty voice and the alumni and so on."

Aside from Haley's work with smaller focus groups, an open forum for faculty and staff will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Marquette and Nicolet Rooms of the University Center. Lewis said the meeting will not

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According to Nowick, the team could see Coreau potentially leaving the Wildcats early to pursue a career in the NHL.

"We definitely saw him going to this down the road," Nowick said. "It was definitely easy to see him being capable of going to such a professional level."

Following the signing of the Red Wings contract, Coreau played two games for the Toledo Walleyes, as reserve for Minnesota goalie Mac Carruth.

Coreau then went on to appear in one game for the Griffins, tallying a save percentage of .846.

Coreau's former head coach at NMU, Walt Kyle, said the opportunity Coreau has on the bench for the Wings opens the door for Mrazek to get ice time for the Griffins, which might be a reason behind the switch.

"What usually happens is teams have their backups and their third goalie, who never really get to play," Kyle said. "What probably happened and I don't know, but they probably brought him up because they want [Petr Mrazek] to actually

play instead of sit on the bench for the Wings. I can't speak for the Wings, though."

According to MLive, Coreau will be playing backup to Howard until current Red Wings reserve goaltender Jonas Gustavsson recovers from a stiff neck injury. Gustavsson is predicted to return to the Wings within the next two games.

During his career at NMU, Coreau tallied an overall record of 15-19-4 with a 2.70 goals against average and a .919 save percentage. Coreau's switch with Mrazek also coincided with Coreau's birthday.

Michigan-based writer to visit Marquette, speak at NMU

By Michael Williams
staff writer

Author and poet Jack Driscoll will be speaking at Peter White Public Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13 to highlight his recent short story collection "The World of a Few Minutes Ago," a series of 10 stories all set in Northern Michigan.

"The World of a Few Minutes Ago" is Driscoll's 10th published work and has been featured on NPR's "The Sound of Writing." He has published two novels, three other story collections and four poetry collections.

His works have earned him the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award, the Pushcart Editors' Book Award and the Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Award.

Driscoll has visited Marquette before, but this time is at the invitation of one of his mentees, assistant professor of English Lynn Fay.

"He's not only a great writer and fabulous person, he's an incredible teacher," Fay said. "He drives himself very hard to do his best work, but there's no elitism there."

"He has compassion for both his characters and his readers. And you'll never meet a nicer guy."

Driscoll and Fay met 15 years ago at a Critical Connections

Fiction Workshop in Ann Arbor, Mich. Fay attended to meeting to work with Driscoll.

"I wanted to study under him," Fay said. "He singled out my work."

From there, Driscoll's and Fay's relationship became one of mentor to mentee, exchanging emails for a year and a half to work on Fay's writing.

Driscoll's writing is tied directly to Michigan. He arrived at Interlochen in 1975 and has moved in and out of the state since. Many of his stories, including those found in "The World of a Few Minutes Ago," are placed in Michigan, particularly the state's northern areas.

Retiring a few years ago, Driscoll worked at Interlochen Center for the Arts in the northwest area of the Lower Peninsula for 33 years. He established the Interlochen Review, a literary magazine, which now publishes exclusively online.

Though Driscoll lives in Michigan, he teaches in the fiction department at Pacific University in Oregon. Driscoll isn't the only one from Michigan at PU. Kalamazoo-based author Bonnie Jo Campbell, who also visited Marquette in 2013, teaches in Pacific's fiction department. Nor are they the only Pacific University writers to visit Marquette. Poet Kwame Dawes also visited NMU earlier this

year.

Margaret Boyle, Peter White's Programming Coordinator, arranged Driscoll's forthcoming visit.

"The author events are kind of my gig," Boyle said.

Each event is different, bringing varied attendants.

"It all depends what they write about," Boyle said. "People who write about Northern Michigan get a better turnout. People enjoy meeting authors who have Michigan connections in their writing."

Boyle enjoys seeing Peter White and NMU's English department merge for events.

"If they're bringing someone in it makes sense to have something here," Boyle said.

Driscoll's work has generated esteem in literary circles, as evidenced by his numerous awards and acclaim by other authors, including Fay.

"He should be winning the National Book Award," Fay said.

Adding to his schedule in Marquette, Driscoll will also be speaking to one of Fay's fiction classes.

"He always knows what he's doing," Fay said. "He will talk about the writing process, he will talk about his life, he will talk about his stories, and he will have students riveted."

"He can move you and rip your heart out."

Athlete talent show raises money for Make-a-Wish

By Ray Bressette
contributing writer

The Northern Michigan University varsity athletic teams participated in a talent show on Sunday, Nov. 3 to help raise money for charity.

Proceeds to the event went toward the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to benefit 6-year-old Madison from Hancock, Mich. who was diagnosed with nemaline myopathy. NMU is teaming up with Michigan Technological University to sponsor Madison's Wish. The schools are hoping to raise \$3,000 each for the foundation to fund Madison's dream trip to Disney World.

Junior Rose Frankowski of the women's Nordic skiing team said the talent show was a great way to help raise awareness of the foundation.

"This is our main fundraiser of the fall," Frankowski said. "We thought a talent show would be a good team mixer for the department that would attract people throughout the community as well as people from our campus."

The competitive talent show featured nine acts from the teams, with 11 of the 12 varsity teams in attendance for the event. The soccer team was unable to attend due to competitive conflict.

Charles Belt, assistant coach of the men's basketball team and host of the talent show, said the show was a proud exhibit of the athletic department.

"It means a lot to show our athletic department as a unified front that's doing something positive," Belt said. "Athletes aren't always considered the best look for the community, but I think it's really good that all of our teams were able to come and participate in this event."

The Nordic skiing teams won the competition with their synchronized swimming and diving skit, which featured both of the men's and women's teams.

Junior Jordyn Ross of the women's ski team said she was happy with the team's contribution to the show.

"We wanted to find something that incorporated the girls and the guys to come together," Ross said. "It was more to be funny and put

on a good act, and we're glad we could put on a good performance tonight and win the show while raising money for Madison."

The women's volleyball team finished second in the competition with a humorous singing and dancing skit, followed by the women's basketball team, which finished third with a glow-in-the-dark dance performance.

Also performing on the night were the men's hockey team which performed a skit from the hit film "Step Brothers," the cheer team which put on a stunt and routine act, the women's cross



Anthony Viola/NW
The NMU cheerleading team performs a stunt during the athlete talent show on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Student vendors, craft jewelry



Greg Laskowski (left), junior environmental studies major, crafts stone pendants with Caitlin Williamson, a Marquette resident, at the Wildcat Market. The Wildcat Market takes place every Friday in the U.C.

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NMU campus."

Paavola emphasized that the tobacco/smoke-free conversation has going on for nearly two decades at Northern, and that the university held a survey similar to the one released this week in 2009, regarding the possible implementation of a smoke-free (not tobacco-free) campus. The results of that survey were nearly 50/50, which Paavola attributed to an oversight in the proposal.

"The big concern with the proposal that was made at that time was that the ban would include smoking in your car on university property, windows up or down," Paavola said. "There were a lot of people that made comments that while they supported being a smoke-free campus, they couldn't support a proposal telling someone what they could or couldn't do inside their personal vehicle."

According to the United States Department of Education, 1,159 universities and colleges nationwide have implemented a smoke-free policy for their campuses. 774 out of those schools are tobacco free.

The distinction between a tobacco- and smoke-free campus is the banning of chewing tobacco. Otherwise, both ban the use of cigarettes and cigars. NMU's policy proposal has included a ban on all tobacco products, including chewing tobacco. However, many students have questioned the inclusion of another item on the list of banned tobacco products — vapors or electronic cigarettes.

"I think it's irresponsible to ban electronic cigarettes," said Jaime Ganzel, a faculty member in the Academic Information Services department. "(E-cigarettes) are used to quit smoking, and if the whole point is to not have cigarette smoke on campus, we should be rewarding people who are using alternative methods to quit."

Paavola said electronic cigarettes were included in the ban simply because other universities have claimed that allowing electronic cigarettes but not tobacco cigarettes has caused confusion in enforce-



Anthony Viola/NW

Senior earth science major, Patrick Miller smokes outside the Learning Resource Center. Currently, there is a 30-foot smoking ban outside all buildings.

ment. She also said support from the medical community hasn't been totally positive in favor of electronic cigarettes.

"They haven't received unwavering support across the board as a healthy option, so there is still some concern about the health issues related to their use," she said.

Others questioned necessity of the rule, arguing that the current smoking policy has proven sufficient.

"The 30-feet-away rule has been effective and I don't think that, other than like the Gant courtyard, it's really been that dirty or messy," Audrey Koster, a senior multimedia journalism major, said. "I also don't think that it's going to positively enforce healthiness for students because no matter what, people are going to smoke."

This brings up another concern of the proposed ban — enforcement.

"There was a lot of concern about what the right level of enforcement for this issue would be," Paavola said. "Our goal is to be educational and informative first and then take disciplinary actions only when really pushed to that measure."

NMU's particular policy would prohibit the use of any tobacco products anywhere on campus — besides in private vehicles with the windows closed, at the NMU Golf Course and on public roads and sidewalks near campus.

For students, faculty and staff who smoke and are interested in

quitting, Paavola also said some cessation programs and products will be offered free-of-charge for smokers on campus in the months following implementation of the tobacco-free policy. Still more opportunities to quit will be low-cost or covered by insurance, Paavola said.

"Marquette County Public Health offers a lot of resources for organizations that want to have a smoke- or tobacco-free environment," she said. "They do offer cessation workshops and we've talked to them and they've been willing to bring those on campus for faculty and staff or students so they wouldn't have to go to off-campus sites."

Yet one criticism of a campus-wide smoking ban remains at the forefront of the conversation — one regarding the infringement of individual rights associated with banning smoking at a public university. Paavola isn't critical of this view, and said it brings up an important debate regarding secondhand smoking and who has the right to the space on a university campus.

"Obviously a lot of people — throughout the decades that this conversation has been going on — are concerned with personal rights," she said. "There is a lot of debate about whose space is it? When I walk through the door of a university facility and someone is outside smoking, and basically putting me in a position where I have to deal with secondhand smoke, whose right should be protected there?"

Briefs

State News

Mike Duggan, elected for Detroit mayor Tuesday, Nov. 5, will be the city's first white mayor in four decades.

Duggan defeated Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon 55 percent to 45 percent, with 98 percent of precincts reporting.

Duggan was blocked from the primary ballot by another candidate because he had recently moved from Livonia, Mich. but won the primary through a write-in campaign. The number of votes he received was challenged multiple times.

Napoleon attempted to paint Duggan as a "suburban carpetbagger," and the U.S. Department of Justice was in Detroit on Tuesday to ensure the Voting Rights Act was upheld.

National News

A young man walked into a New Jersey mall the night of Monday, Nov. 4 and fired shots, killing only himself.

Richard Shoop used a weapon owned by his brother that was modified to look like an AK-47 assault rifle. Shoop's actions caused many people to hide or flee.

His objective was to kill only himself, said his family and authorities.

"It was an act of self-indulgence," said Shoop's brother Kevin Shoop.

Shoop's body was found early Tuesday morning in an area of the mall that was under construction.

International News

German officials gave details at a news conference Tuesday, Nov. 5 about 1,400 stolen works of art found in a Munich apartment in February 2012.

The artworks, including ones by Matisse and Picasso, were found during a routine tax investigation and were seized by Nazis who thought they were degenerate.

The apartment is believed to belong to Cornelius Gurlitt, whose father was fired from two museum posts under the Nazi regime but became an art dealer authorized to sell works banned by Nazis to foreign buyers.

Officials will not be releasing a list of their inventory because of privacy concerns and the cost to trace the origin of the works. Claims to some works have already been made.

Weird News

A football coach at a Portland, Ore. middle school was fired Monday, Nov. 4 because he refused to move his team's party from Hooter's to a different location.

Coach Randy Burbach refused to move the party because he told his athletes to "stand up for what they believe in," according to the Miami Herald.

The school's athletic director, Jean-Paul Soulagnet said he did not believe the location was appropriate for middle school-aged boys and upset several parents.

"Hooters is known worldwide for a number of things," Soulagnet said, "and I don't think food is one of them."

— Compiled from news sources

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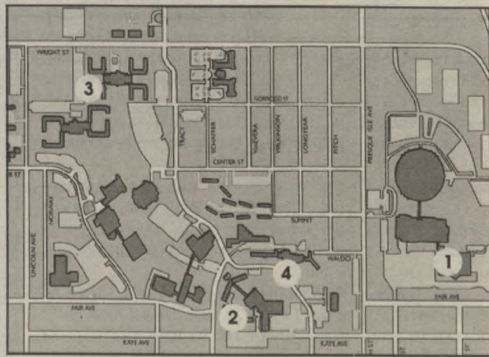
CAMPUS CRIME MAP

1. Malicious destruction of property to a motor vehicle occurred at 12:34 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 in Lot 20.

2. Possession of marijuana occurred at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3 in West Hall.

3. Possession of marijuana occurred at 10:46 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 in Van Antwerp Hall.

4. Malicious destruction of university property occurred at 9:35 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 in Lee Hall.



Lab researches neuromuscular disease

By Mary Wardell
features editor

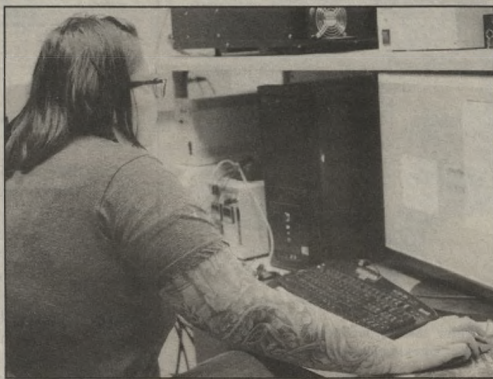
Associate professor of biology Erich Ottem is heading up a research group that he says is being called the "ALS lab" (Amniotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease), made up of three graduate students and about 10 undergraduate students.

But he said the name is misleading due to the complexity of the diseases origins, which makes research toward the eventual goal of potential treatment a lengthy and uncertain process.

"The problem with ALS is sort of the problem with Parkinson's disease as well," Ottem said. "[It] is that Michael J. Fox's Parkinson's disease is likely very different than Muhammad Ali's is likely very different than Janet Reno's. They all have a collection of symptoms that gets dubbed—ding—Parkinson's, but the origin and specific pathologies are likely very different."

While the causes are specific to each individual case, the effects are similar in all neuromuscular diseases like ALS, Ottem said.

"Motor neurons are dying, muscles are atrophying," he explained. "So what we're trying to determine in neuromuscular disease [are] points of pathology and how single points can be medicated."



Kristen Koehler/NW
Biology graduate assistant Mandy Taisto works in the lab at New Science Facility working on research towards Amniotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Their research has garnered some attention, Ottem said, and will be presented at an annual conference Monday, Nov. 9 through Thursday, Nov. 13 in San Diego, Calif. The conference is sponsored by the Society for Neuroscience, the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians devoted to understanding the brain and nervous system, according to their website.

The research is based around the importance of a protein called Brain-Derived Neurotropic Factor (BDFN) in the development of pathology. BDFN is produced in both neurons and muscles, carrying signals between those two parts of the motor unit—commu-

nication that is critical to proper functioning of the muscle, Ottem said.

Ottem and his team are studying the exact impact of BDFN (or the lack of it) in mice, which might then lend itself to treatment possibilities like muscle injection with exogenous BDFN, though Ottem said the research is very preliminary.

Ottem described a demonstration used at a conference he attended to illustrate the difficulty in pinpointing points of pathology in this kind of disease. The keynote speaker set up 1,000 mousetraps on stage, each containing a ping pong ball, he said.

"Then he took a single ping

pong ball and threw it into this field of mousetraps," he said. "And of course they just started going off all over the place, seemingly random. So that was a nice demonstration of how you have multiple points of pathology triggering all sorts of downstream detrimental processes."

Graduate research assistant Mandy Taisto became interested in the research as a biology undergraduate at NMU after her grandfather was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. She saw Ottem present as part of a seminar series and approached him about helping, she said, which would eventually change her academic path and career goals.

"This is going to sound super corny, but [the lab is] by far one of the best things that's ever happened to me," she said. "I finally feel like I have direction. I've found something I'm good at, and that I really love. And prior to that, I didn't know what I wanted to do."

Ottem said the research is largely student-led, with graduate students acting as captains, organizing the undergrads and working with them on animal care, genotyping, essays, analysis and making sure equipment is purchased and cared for.

"It's a lot of work, but it's incredibly satisfying work. It's not all glamorous, by any means," she said. "But I think it's amazing to have an opportunity, especially

at Northern, to be able to partake in something that's so important that people don't realize happens here."

The research is currently funded by a medical federal research fund, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, part of the National Institutes of Health, but the grant application for the initial research began in 2011, Ottem said.

"I want to say I'm very thankful for the [NMU] faculty grant," he said. "It gave us enough money to generate enough preliminary data [and] get the mouse colony started, things like that, such that we would be competitive for the NIH grant. So [the grant] is a wonderful mechanism that we have here."

Ottem said the conference usually draws between 28,000 and 32,000 people each year, consisting of researchers, graduate students, "post-docs," biotech people and more.

Taisto, who will be attending it for the full week, said there is a lot of work to do before the conference.

"I will pull crazy hours here to make sure that I get everything done," she said. "But then it will be worth it; it'll be fun. We'll get to present what we're doing, show what we've learned off and get to see what other research is happening."

"It's going to be a big nerd fest. I'm really excited."

ASNMU spreads word of tobacco-free survey

By Emily Pagel
news editor

ASNMU continues to move forward after two student representative resignations during the meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Chris Cline, down-campus representative and Summer Star, on-campus apartment representative, both resigned due to time conflicts.

ASNMU President Amber Lopota said despite the resignations she's looking positively into the future.

"I know the individuals that resigned don't have the time to commit," Lopota said. "They don't have the time to represent their constituents and we've got people waiting for those specific seats."

"I know we're going to have them filled pretty quickly. The appointments committee is going to get on it this week and we're going to have people out there available for the students."

ASNMU is also working alongside the NMU Administration to conduct the survey for a tobacco-free campus.

According to ASNMU Vice President Abby Roche, the tobacco ban is a revisited issue by the NMU administration.

"The president has put together a com-

mittee and we have been looking at other universities' policies along with how it would affect Northern's campus," Roche said. "This survey will be asking students simply by looking at the proposal if they support the proposal or not. This is not an end-all to the whole idea if we will go tobacco-free or not; that decision will be done by the president."

Roche said the most important thing students can do is participate in the survey and get their opinions heard.

"Definitely take the survey and fill out the comment box because those comments are going directly to the president," Roche said. "Of course, talk to any of the ASNMU representatives, rather it be emailing ASNMU or finding any one of us. I am the direct contact with the tobacco-free committee and we will definitely bring those concerns forward."

Since the survey has been released, ASNMU has received a high student response through email and social media. The student body has been very divided on the ban and ASNMU is trying to represent everyone, Lopota said.

"There are people on one side that feel it very strongly that it's necessary because the 30-foot rule hasn't been enforced," Lopota said. "What we're hearing is that's the only reason they support the ban is because the first step was the rule, the rule's not enforced, so it might as well be banned."

The other side of that is students actually saying they're going to leave Northern because they don't want to be in a place

where they feel their rights are being taken away."

A proposal for a designated ASNMU table in the Starbucks Lounge of the LRC is in the works, said Lopota.

"Our representative [Jon] Martin met with Kathleen Godec at AIS and they're hesitant to give us a committed table during peak traffic hours, because if it goes unstaffed that study table is lost to the students, which I totally understand," Lopota said. "So what we're going to do is work to find a time that we know for sure we can have it staffed during those high traffic times so we can be present as people walk by so they don't have to come all the way over to us [at the UC]."

ASNMU is working on a project to cater to off campus students. The event will be held at the Ore Dock and feature live bands from the NMU community. Lopota said the event will be open to students 18 and older.

They are also organizing a student organizational roundtable. According to Lopota, the roundtable would meet biweekly to help promote bigger and better events for students.

"We're moving right along," Lopota said. "The progress that's going on behind the scenes is going to become apparent pretty quickly with all these other projects coming to light."

ASNMU holds open meetings at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in the Charcoal room of the University Center. Students with questions or concerns can email ASNMU at asnmu@nmu.edu or call (906) 227-2452.

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be open to the public as it is for NMU faculty and staff only. According to Lewis, there will also be a similar open forum meeting for students at 7:30 p.m. in the same location.

Lewis said the multiple dates and times for the forum opens the door for many chances for interested people to learn about the process behind the search and selection.

"We want to give the community the opportunity to meet Dr. Haley and provide the community the chance to learn about the board's and search committee's idea behind selecting a new president," Lewis said. "We want people to know that there are many different opportunities for groups to meet with her this week."

Wilkinson said if anyone is unable to participate in either discussion, written responses to Haley's questions can be submitted to Theresa Nease, secretary of the NMU Board of Trustees, at tnease@nmu.edu.

"This will be the most important opportunity for the students to voice their opinion," Wilkinson said. "Students may have really strong opinions for the direction of Northern. This will be the opportunity students should take advantage of."



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Superior Edge Spotlight

Peter Hagermoser is a junior from Lancaster, Massachusetts, majoring in secondary education.

He is the starting left guard on the NMU football team and is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and Athletic Council. Peter is actively working to complete edges in Superior Edge, and when asked what his favorite thing about Superior Edge was, Peter state, "I love meeting new people at various volunteering events throughout the year. I feel everyone should get out and volunteer. We are all fortunate in some way and we should give back."

Congratulations, Peter!



Peter Hagermoser

Superior Edge



"Without this internship, I feel that I would have second guessed myself until I had gotten a job, and been worried that I chose the wrong path. I know now that I chose right and I know that this is what I want to do. I think every student at Northern should take advantage of the Real World Edge. This edge was a struggle for me because I was at first unsure of what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I feel like it is a huge decision to make when you're barely 20. This internship has had a huge impact on my life because now I'm sure about myself and my decision I have made throughout college. This edge is going to help me be one step ahead of my competition when applying to jobs."

-Sally Ostentoski, Real World Edge

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Students able to influence change

This week, a survey is being offered to NMU students to voice their opinions regarding the possible implementation of a smoking ban on campus. The survey is a noble effort by NMU administrators to establish a collective voice on the proposed policy change, and should be taken advantage of by students, faculty and staff whether they feel strongly about the proposal or not.

Having the ability to provide the committee in charge of this policy change with encouragement in favor of the proposal or an argument against it is an opportunity that needs to be taken advantage of — doing so may provide similar opportunities for students, faculty and staff to voice their opinions in regards to future issues.

Take, for example, the ongoing effort to rebrand NMU's image. In a notable effort to steer the discussion toward the opinions of students, NMU student Devin Manges created an online petition to oppose the suggested slogan "Fearless Minds" in early October. And Manges' efforts did not go unnoticed.

She was quoted in a Sunday, Nov. 3 article in the Detroit Free Press that addressed the uproar on NMU's campus over the proposed slogan, and the petition itself has been signed 786 times to date.

While the value of paying a marketing firm to deal with logistics in the creation of NMU's new image is certainly beneficial, what should be of concern to administrators is what the NMU community thinks of any proposed change to the university's brand.

Likewise, the possibilities for engaging and including students in the rebranding process are truly endless, and administrators should take note of the resources available on campus for something as significant as a rebranding initiative.

Consider the potential for marketing or communication students to use their future degrees for the benefit of their university. Consider the professors who could develop projects around the rebranding of NMU, and the students who could come up with original and, above all, personal suggestions for the new image of the university they chose to attend. Those who study here, those who engage students and have constant contact with students, after all, are the ones with the best perception of what it means to be a Wildcat — of what it means to be a member of the NMU community.

The North Wind staff urges administrators to realize that resources right here on campus — the students and faculty who make Northern what it is — could, and have, provided creative and boundless suggestions for this huge step in the re-imaging of NMU. Our hope is that they move forward with the rebranding initiative in much the same way that they have with the smoking ban — by allowing students to have a voice.

And, similarly, students need to take advantage of any opportunity possible to voice their opinions. In not doing so, you undermine the possibility for truly beneficial and student-influenced change.

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Awareness necessary in health care debate



Staff Column

Katie Bultman

We are in college. We are growing up. We are still learning, though, which means we shouldn't have to worry about government affairs, right? Not so fast.

It is hard to take in everything life starts to throw at us when we stop to realize all of the responsibilities we are carrying. There's a lot to be done to prepare for our futures and to be ready for the difficulties we will surely face, particularly financial difficulties.

I recently watched the 2007 documentary "Sicko". "Sicko" is a documentary by Michael Moore which discusses the health care system in America and some of the negative impacts it has on United States citizens. Sound boring? I thought it would be.

Having never even considered the topic of health care — I wasn't concerned about it during the presidential debates — it was something that never really crossed my mind. I thought it was something I didn't have to worry about, because like many of us, I am on my parents' health care plan for the time being.

However, this documentary brought to my attention the importance of health care and what it means to live without it. "Sicko" discussed in detail the difficulties of U.S. citizens who do not have access to health care.

Insurance companies are notorious for finding the biggest and best excuses to shy away from paying for their customers' medical bills. The documentary may have been a bit exaggerated, but it touched on the fact that there are citizens in the U.S. who do not receive the medical treatment and attention they need because they cannot afford it.

They can't pay for it with insurance when companies decline their medical bills for crazy reasons, with one example including an individual who was documented as having a non-life threatening disease prior to signing with her insurance company. Many of these same people are unable to become healthier because there is no way to pay for a cure.

One family in particular continues to burn in my mind.

The father was in need of a procedure to live, but his insurance company refused to pay for the medical fees because it was seen as an experimental procedure that had no guarantee of working. The family had no means to pay for the procedure, and in the end the man passed away.

Again, the documentary may have been exaggerating to some extent in that there were no other options for the man. However, the gist of the clip is that this man could have had the opportunity to survive if his health care had covered the costs. Today, this same procedure, as the documentary later pointed out, is a common practice that is no longer considered experimental by doctors.

The documentary also addressed the health care challenges faced by U.S. citizens compared to other nations.

Two primary examples that Moore used in establishing this point were Great Britain and Canada. In both nations, the documentary filmed several examples of individuals going to the hospitals, receiving the care and service they need and not having to pay a dime. The nation provides health care to everyone, with the same free service as that of a public library here in the U.S.

Of course, there are still some negative impacts to free health care.

Fees and taxes are much higher across the nation, and some could take advantage of this free access without having to pay. However, everyone is covered. Everyone receives the same services without a charge. I could not believe, after just that one documentary, how eye opening the topic of health care really is.

It made me realize that despite the intimidation factor of topics like health care, this issue and similar issues are important and should be considered by students, even those that may not be directly affected by it.

The movie also brought to my attention the endless possibilities of topics I had never considered, or, admittedly, never cared to consider. And it made me wonder: what else will I need to start thinking about as I grow up, as I move on and begin to live on my own?

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In defense of smokers and not smoking



Staff Column

Michael Williams

Quitting is hard to do. Tobacco's addictiveness is well known, but misunderstood. This stems from the 'buzz's' mildness. I've never shot heroin, but I'm assuming the effect is a bit stronger. Tobacco, on the other hand, provides a brief lightheadedness similar to dehydration (because, shocker, it dehydrates).

I'm a smoker. Soon I will be a former smoker. The intermediate period is the challenge. The social stigma widely applied to tobacco addiction is probably well-war-

ranted. It's dirty. It attacks every part of your system. It's a suicide in slow motion.

But we need to get the stigma right. Smoking is a bane. Smokers are not.

I've never met a happy smoker. I've never met a smoker proud of their addiction. And yet, I have watched individuals pass judgment on smokers time and again. Sit outside Jamrich or West Science between classes, watch individuals puff cancer for brief relief, and then watch the non-smokers pass by, look and then turn up their noses (both literally and proverbially).

Forget that most smokers regularly contemplate quitting. Forget that most smokers understand the risks they are self-imposing. Forget that this substance is highly addictive and that nicotine con-

trols the individual more than the individual controls the impulse.

For individuals who have never smoked, the process of becoming addicted and then (hopefully) quitting cannot be understood.

For smokers, each cigarette may represent regret. Each cigarette reflects a physical and psychological drive toward temporary satisfaction, despite that satisfaction being as fleeting as a few brief minutes.

Smoking is an internal battle to not go outside for a fix. It involves watching the clock, waiting impatiently for an appropriate time for another reward. It's a constant conversation with the self. "What about now? Can I sneak one before class? I'll just go in late."

Smoking is slavery to a natural chemical distributed by faceless

companies with only a bottom-line profit in mind. The sticks are often laced with filler for taste to pull in and brand consumers. This means that by the time an individual is addicted, they likely understand their mistake.

This, at least, is reflective of my personal experience with nicotine addiction.

I had my first cigarette when I was nine. My second, a few days later. And 12 years of increasingly consistent smoking later, I honestly do not remember my last day without a cigarette. It's been at least five years.

And yet, while talking to fellow smokers in that time outside buildings or (when it was legal) over an ashtray in a Coney Island, I cannot think of a single individual who told me they loved the fact that they smoked. I can think

of a myriad of instances where individuals share their intent to quit at a time right for them. I can think of more who give up at some point, understanding the years they're removing from their lives and reaching some morbid form of contentment through that.

I can think of countless individuals who told me to quit while I'm young. I'm taking their advice, while understanding that I need to give them a certain amount of compassion for what will surely be a continuing struggle for them.

Of course, smoking is a choice. But stigmatizing that individual choice without understanding the mental warfare that stems from smoking (not to mention the exhaustion) is missing the point. A dose of empathy and encouragement would go a lot further.

Sound Off

Should NMU ban smoking on campus?

Compiled by Katie Stumman



Erica Darner

junior, English writing
"I don't think so. Smokers should adhere to the rules that are in place, but smoke-free is too far."



Sam Anderson

sophomore, elem. education
"I could go both ways. I don't like it when people come into class and smell of smoke."



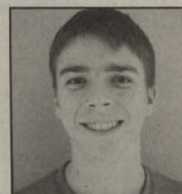
Kendra Leffel

freshman, practical nursing
"Yes because, personally, I find smoking disgusting. People smoke right outside the door and don't even follow the rules we have for them now."



Alanna Hamel

senior, sec. education
"Being a non-smoker, I would like it because I can't stand passing clouds of smoke to get to class, but I do realize that it's an individual freedom."



Matt Trefleik

freshman, computer science
"They should be able to do what they want to do, but they should be respectful and keep their distance from buildings."

City, mine, NMU need to find way to compromise



Guest Column

Katherine Yops

The new Eagle Mine is scheduled to begin production in 2014 and expected to produce roughly 360 million pounds of nickel, 295 million pounds of copper and other metals over its eight years of productive life, according to the Eagle Mine website.

For years, the Eagle Mine has made the news in Marquette County and the Upper Peninsula, and is a hot topic for debate at many levels. With efforts now aimed at finding an appropriate trucking route from the mine to the processing plant in Humboldt Township, a new plan by the city has come up.

The City of Marquette has proposed a new city ordinance that would require large trucks more than 10,000 pounds to detour around certain roads that are

not designated as trucking routes. These roads include Sugarloaf Avenue and Wright Street — roads that hug the north side of NMU's campus.

Companies in the Big Bay region that utilize large commercial trucks to carry essential goods from Marquette via County Road 550 would also suffer. These trucks include logging trucks and trucks delivering food and beverages to local stores.

According to the Mining Journal, if City Ordinance 608 is passed, any vehicle that is in violation of the rules faces a civil infraction and a \$500 fine.

However, a provision would allow the city manager to grant permits in certain cases; some that would last five days and one round trip and others for longer periods of time. Not just Lundin Mining Corporation would be affected but any commercial business would be subject to the new ordinance and its fines.

In a recent article by the Mining Journal, locations that would be pinpointed, locations that would

be a substitute route for Sugarloaf Avenue and Wright Street. The one that is receiving the most attention at the moment is a Board of Light and Power access road on Wright Street west of Ontario Street.

Having recently examined the road, I was not impressed that it is being considered as an option.

It is very narrow; with enough room for one vehicle, not able to support a large amount of truck traffic and nothing more than a layer of asphalt over dirt. A better option, though already denied, would have been County Road 510, which is similar to County Road 550 but connects directly to U.S. 41 and bypasses the city of Marquette.

A more pressing matter for NMU students is that if the ordinance is not passed, we would see an increase in large truck traffic along Sugarloaf Avenue near the Jacobetti building and along the backside of the dorms on Wright Street, making it much more dangerous for students who walk or ride bikes in the area.

Many students at NMU adhere

to the code that pedestrians have the right of way. There is nothing wrong with this; however, with an increase in truck traffic at this intersection on campus, pedestrians will have to realize haulers cannot stop on a dime like many vehicles on the road. There have been times I've been driving along Wright Street and had people dash out in front of me, posing serious issues with potential accidents caused by student recklessness.

According to a recent editorial by the North Wind, it is the position of ASNMU and NMU administrators that an alternative route that avoids campus should be found. This would be to ensure student safety once the mine's production begins, even though authorities at Eagle Mine insist that the worst of the traffic has already passed through. NMU administrators are willing to find a safe way for the trucks to traverse Northern's campus out to U.S. 41 and seem more willing to act on a compromise than city officials.

Considering both the danger

to students and other issues, I am against the ordinance purely because I dislike regulations implemented on short notice that seem to hinder everyday operations. Regulating truck traffic could become a waste of time, money and other resources for the city, all of which are valuable.

If the city would buckle down and work out a compromise that would benefit everyone, then the matter would be settled.

According to the Mining Journal, in the beginning Lundin Mining Corporation offered the city \$3.7 million to rework the intersection of Wright Street and Sugarloaf to make it safer for the community as a whole, but the city rejected it. Work on this option could have taken place during the summer when the majority of students are not around.

I would hope that in the future, all parties involved in the truck route conversation will be able to work out an agreement that will put this discussion in the past so that mine operations and road construction can continue unhindered.

DO YOU HEAR

By Chelsea Ewaldt
staff writer

The story of young love, sacrifice, redemption and second chances comes to the Forest Roberts Theatre with the production of "Les Misérables," Wednesday, Nov. 13 through Saturday, Nov. 16. Due to high demand, two additional performances have been added, Friday Nov. 22 and Saturday, Nov. 23.

"I think the key theme is redemption," said Ansley Valentine, professor and director of Forest Roberts Theatre. "It's the story of Jean Valjean's journey, which I think is really the heart of it."

"Les Misérables" is set in 19th century France, where Jean Valjean has been released from a 19-year prison sentence for stealing a loaf of bread. He violates his parole in an attempt to start a new life, free from mistreatment and mistrust. Valjean is pursued by Javert, a police inspector, who dismisses the idea that Valjean can change his ways.

Stage manager Kristy Priest, a senior theater design and technology major, is managing the show as part of her senior project.

"Valjean was given a second chance," Priest said. "The audience has the opportunity to see what he is going to do with that second chance. That's where the story actually starts."

The 38 different cast members vary in age and experience. There are college and high school students, young children and community members.

"It's so fun to watch all these people grow with their characters," said Priest. "They are fantastic. The talent we have in this cast is amazing."

NMU's very own Broadway star, Paul Truckey, associate professor and NMU alumnus, will star as

Jean Valjean. Truckey has previously appeared in "Les Mis" as various roles, including Javert, both on Broadway and in national touring companies since 1995.

"At the university level, having a professional really brings the actors' ability to a higher level," Priest said.

"Originally Les Misérables was not on the theater schedule for this year," she said. "The reason why it was added is because it is a huge hit across the country and the show is bound to sell out."

"Also, having the professionalism of a Broadway star really puts the show up to an entirely different level," Priest said.

Valentine said this production will inspire many different reactions from the audience.

"It's one of the shows that hits people in different ways," said Valentine. "Some people will respond to the religious aspects and others will respond to the music and chick flick part of it. There is something for everyone."

There are stories interlaced with the main story of Valjean's, which will appeal to all kinds of audience members, Valentine said.

"The musical itself attracts attention right from the start and it keeps you on the edge of your seat," said Priest. "I honestly believe this is the show of the decade at the Forest Roberts Theatre."

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and there is a 1 p.m. showing on Saturday, Nov. 16. Tickets for students are \$5 with a student ID and are \$15 for the general public. Tickets can be purchased online or at the NMU bookstore.

For more information email tickets@nmu.edu or call (906) 227-1032.



NMU professor Paul Truckey sings as "Les Misérables" star Jean Valjean during rehearsal. Truckey is also a Broadway professional and has had years of "Les Misérables" experience in the past.

Kristen Koehler/NW

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-Kristy Priest



Kristen Koehler/NW

Above, student Ethan Bott sings as young lovestruck character Marius in rehearsal. A group of "Les Misérables" characters (below) sing "At the End of the Day," just one of the many well-known songs of the musical.



Kristen Koehler/NW

THE PEOPLE SING?

Students aim to alleviate local hunger

By Trent Podskalan
staff writer

Between 2007 and 2011, more than 5,000 Marquette residents lived below the poverty level, according to the United States Census Bureau.

Senior speech, language and hearing sciences major Lauren Larsen wanted to improve that number, so she created a new student organization, Marquette Ending Hunger.

Marquette Ending Hunger was founded this spring but the organization had its first meeting back in September, Larsen said. The goal of the group is to raise awareness regarding poverty, hunger and homelessness in Marquette.

"A lot of times, rural hunger and poverty gets overlooked," Larsen said. "But our goal is to be

raising awareness right now and to begin raising funds to make a positive change in the community, and to do something about the situation of hunger in Marquette."

But Larsen said the end result they're hoping to achieve is much bigger than that. She said the ultimate goal is to establish a local food bank.

Despite already having food pantries in the area, Larsen said a food bank differs in that it distributes to smaller food pantries such as the Salvation Army.

"I would like to have a centrally located, fully-operational and self-sustainable food bank that would distribute to those places as well as individual families," Larsen said. "It's definitely going to take a lot of determination but our group has a lot of passion and it's been really inspirational so far this year to see how much has

been done."

The year started off with a first meeting attendance of just over 50 people, Larsen said. The following meeting had a large attendance as well and, according to Larsen, the meetings consistently attract around 20 people each week.

Larsen is thankful to have members that are so dedicated to the group, she said.

At the last meeting, there was a large group discussion on why hunger is an issue and what it means to be hungry, Larsen said. The group also discussed how people take food for granted.

"At the university, we swipe into the MP or Den countless times a day and you thoughtlessly grab a slice of pizza, a plate of pasta," Larsen said. "Half the food that you take at the MP you waste. I've seen it so many times. I've done it and I feel guilty about it, but we take food for granted."

She said that helped spark the idea of a 30-hour famine, a day of fasting to raise awareness about how we take food for granted.

Senior criminal justice major Brent Larsen, member of Marquette Ending Hunger, has been fully supportive of his sister's idea since she first told him.

Brent said he and Lauren had a class together where they had to come up with a problem, find a way to resolve it and propose a plan for how they were going to fix the problem. Brent said while many, including himself, were just trying to meet the basic requirements of the assignment, Lauren took it and ran with it.

"You could tell by her presentation she was passionate about it and it was something she was going to continue," Brent said. "She



Kristen Koehler/NW

Freshman political science major Lindsey Lieck and MEH founder Lauren Larsen sell baked goods in the Payne/Halverson lobby on Wednesday.

said in her presentation, "This doesn't end today. I'm going to continue to see this through."

Brent said he and Lauren met with United Way last week, and while they're not able to provide the group any support, they were helpful in saying who could.

United Way is unable to help the group at this time because Marquette Ending Hunger is not a non-profit organization, Brent said, but he and Lauren hope that changes soon.

"Lauren and I are kind of looking at working through all the by-lines to see if we can get us to be a nonprofit," Brent said. "So next semester we're going to work through all the logistics and then during the summer, Lauren is going to focus on trying to get that through with the government."

Adviser of the group, Cassie Kobler, said she knew this group would be successful because of Lauren's passion and how much work she had already put into research. Lauren said the amount of support has been overwhelming.

"I spoke in front of class and

as I was walking out, this guy stopped me," Larsen said. "He reached into his wallet, gave me \$5 and said, 'I wish I had more money.' It's little things like that that bring me back and realize why we're doing this, and we're doing this to feed hungry people and to help Marquette."

The group hosted a bake sale on Wednesday, Nov. 6 and will be hosting it again from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7 in the Payne/Halverson lobby.

Anyone interested in joining may email Lauren at llarsen@nmu.edu or join the Facebook page.

In the end, as long as some impact is made in the community, Larsen said she would be pleased with the results.

"Even if from the time I started to the time I finish it, 10 more people know that hunger is a serious issue and it's on their radar, I'll feel successful," she said. "I've already seen beautiful things happen with it and I'm very happy with where things are going."



Kristen Koehler/NW

Sophomore communication and environmental studies double-major Melissa Orzechowski serves environmental studies major Eric Martin.

Themed dinner will bring unique fare to Den

By Jordan Beck
staff writer

At first glance, the menu for NMU Dining's next major themed event might look typical enough. Among the dishes offered are burgers, chili and a carved roast. But take a closer look, and things might start to look a bit stranger.

The burgers? They're not made with ground beef, but with elk. The chili's secret ingredient is venison. And the roasted meat on offer isn't ham or turkey: it's antelope.

This might not be the Wildcat Den's everyday fare, but it's a perfect fit for the Hunters' Feast. An NMU tradition for more than six years, this year's Hunters' Feast will take place at lunch on Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Den. And this year, it's been given both a new twist and a stronger commitment to theming than ever before.

Like all NMU Dining events, a unique and carefully-designed menu is central to the Hunters'

Feast. Certified Executive Chef Nathan Mileski said game meats have always been an important part of the event. But this year's menu features a much wider variety of foods than previous years, many of which were inspired by another theme event entirely.

"We did the Bizarre Foods dinner in the Den in the beginning of the semester with foods like ostrich burgers and kangaroo sausage, and people really embraced it," Mileski said. "So, we kept that in mind for the Hunters' Feast. You're going to see things like boar, and antelope and pheasant."

The afternoon's theme won't just stop with the menu, either. In fact, Marketing Manager Stephanie Raboin said the entire Wildcat Den will be redecorated for the event.

"The serving area will be themed to feel like students are in the woods and the seating area will be themed like a hunting camp," Raboin said. "Addition-

ally, we're going to have lots of camouflage, lots of hunters' orange and lots of fall leaves, anything we can to really transform the space."

Raboin said NMU Dining has decided to submit the Hunters' Feast to the Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards, a competition run by the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS). Entries in the residential dining "special event" category are judged in four areas: the menu, marketing, theming and other considerations. As a result, the NMU Dining team has worked on all of these areas to make the Hunters' Feast the biggest dining event of the fall semester. It's also one of the biggest events ever held in the Wildcat Den.

"We've entered events to NACUFS in the past, and we've placed very well. But these have always been in the Marketplace, so we wanted to do something in the Wildcat Den for once," Miles-



Anthony Viola/NW

NMU Dining hosted their annual Harvest Dinner at the Marketplace Wednesday, Nov. 6, with turkey, mashed potatoes and other fall favorites.

ki said.

According to Raboin, this year's Hunters' Feast represents a chance for students to enjoy dishes that aren't usually served at the Wildcat Den.

"Whether you'd like an opportunity to try some unusual foods, or just a fun lunch event that's something different from

the norm, come celebrate the start of hunting season with us at the Den before you head to camp," Raboin said.

The Hunters' Feast will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Wildcat Den. Admission is \$8.50 for adults and \$4.75 for children. Student meal plans will also be accepted.

New Cat conference to build career skills

By Kate Clark
staff writer

One hundred NMU students will take part in the first Cat Career Conference, which helps students gain employment skills through various workshops, on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Career Services senior secretary Melissa Sprouse, who is securing presenters and other "behind the scenes" planning for the conference, said it functions to give students the tools they need to be successful after graduation.

"Our office came up with the idea to create a career readiness event for students," Sprouse said. "We wanted to make sure they were ready for the world."

The event, which is being held in the Explorer Rooms of the University Center, has already reached maximum capacity with preregistered students.

"If we find that there is an interest in students that really wanted to attend but were unable to register, there is a possibility we will hold it, or a similar event, next semester," Sprouse said.

The Cat Career Conference separates students into the "tracks" beginner, beginner plus, jobseeker and jobseeker plus which roughly correlates to their class standing. Overall, there will be 20 sessions, each with a differ-



Rebecca Tadych/Communications Dept.
Students talk to potential employers at a 2012 job fair, one of the many Career Services-sponsored events for students seeking internship or employment opportunities.

ent focus, Sprouse said.

Director of Career Services, Jim Gadzinski, said the tracks allow the conference to be more beneficial to students.

"We want to meet the needs across the whole range," Gadzinski said. "Because, let's face it, seniors aren't the only ones involved in career things."

He said younger students should develop career skills to help build their resumes, make contact with employers or acquire internships.

Students can pick which ses-

sions they want to attend based on what they believe would benefit them. However, the base session schedules are designed for what a student might need help with at the time.

The beginners track, mostly for freshmen, features presentations on choosing a major, developing a career strategy, beginning a resume and the importance of being involved on campus. Beginners plus offers things on time management and discovering what types of careers are available after graduation.

Other sessions will teach students how to behave in the work environment with meetings on business attire, etiquette in the workplace and interaction skills. There will also be one available for students continuing on to graduate school.

Sprouse said even though NMU offers individual career workshops and skill builders on elements of career readiness, this may be the first time a day-long event on the topic has been offered.

"It was the result of some brainstorming on how we can help students to enter the world

after graduation feeling a little more ready, how they can graduate with a job rather than not know what comes next," Sprouse said.

Gadzinski said there are possible plans to renew the event but it depends on the reception of the first conference.

"We're looking at two things. Demand, and obviously we had more people than spots this fall, and evaluation, since this is our first time doing it," said Gadzinski. "If students who attend this Saturday love it and say it's very useful, obviously it's something we're going to need to continue."

The event started back in July, from a career services employee's idea, he said. From there they began to seek out presenters and decide on workshop topics.

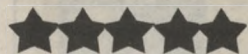
Gadzinski also explained that if the conference is continued, they would move to a different date.

"The date was based on room availability," he said. "We wanted to do it before the job fairs but because we started planning late not every weekend was available. In the future, we'd like to hold it before the job fairs."

If you'd like more information on the Cat Career Conference or the other workshops available by Career Services visit nmu.edu/ca-reerservices.

Experimental, bold: new album delivers

Arcade Fire's new double album is looser, messier, better



By Jordan Beck
staff writer

Before you ask, "Reflektor" doesn't sound anything like either Arcade Fire's classic debut album "Funeral" or Grammy-winning breakthrough "The Suburbs."

Sure, the core elements are still there: the soaring choruses, the "us against them" lyrics, the album-uniting concepts. Beyond these basics, however, "Reflektor" is the work of a different band entirely. This is a good thing.

While Arcade Fire's previous work tended to stay within the limits of theatrical indie rock, "Reflektor" is built around a dazzling array of stylistic shifts. The album's 13 tracks contain everything from glittering synth ballads to dub interludes to miniature rock operas based on Greek mythology. If it sounds like a mess, that's because it sort of is. But it's also the album Arcade Fire needed to make at this point in their career: looser, groovier, and more experimental than anything they've done before.

"Reflektor" is the work of a different band entirely. This is a good thing.

While "Reflektor" is Arcade Fire's first double album, it's largely devoid of filler. Some songs are more substantial than others. For example, it's unlikely New Wave trifle "You Already Know" is going to replace "Wake Up" as one of the band's defining anthems. But even the breezier tracks show off high-quality songwriting, and play an important role in the album's pacing. Out of "Reflektor"'s 75 minutes, only the six minutes of ambient noise that close out "Supersymmetry" feel truly unnecessary.

Thanks to its length and variety, "Reflektor" is one of those



Album: "Reflektor"
Band: Arcade Fire
Record label: Merge Records
Release Date: Oct. 28, 2013
Genre: Pop/Rock
Duration: 1:15:12

albums for which everyone who hears it is going to have a different favorite track. There are a few songs that stand out from the crowd, though. Two of the strongest are "Awful Sound (Oh Eurydice)" and "It's Never Over (Oh Orpheus)." The first of these is a "Hey Jude"-indebted ballad that ends up sounding closer to old-school Arcade Fire than anything else on the album, while the second is a straight-ahead disco stomper.

Another highlight is "Here Comes The Night Time." Inspired by Haitian rara music, "Here Comes The Night Time" is a track in two parts. The first is a laid-back, reggae-tinged number,

accompanied by a catchy xylophone hook. It's pleasant enough, but it's the outro's double-time explosion of ascending guitar lines and conga beats that really sticks.

Back in the nineties, U2 famously described "Achtung Baby" as "the sound of four men chopping down the Joshua Tree." Similarly, "Reflektor" could be thought of as a funeral for "Funeral." It's a bold leap into new stylistic territory for Arcade Fire, exploring textures, rhythms and musical styles that no one would have expected from them back in 2004. To paraphrase "The Wizard of Oz," they're not in the Neighborhood anymore.



Courtesy of Arcade Fire
Arcade Fire is an indie rock band based in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, consisting of husband and wife Win Butler and Régine Chagnagne, Richard Reed Parry, William Butler, Tim Kingsbury and Jeremy Gara.

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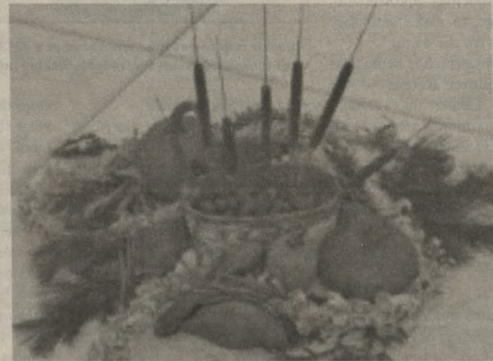
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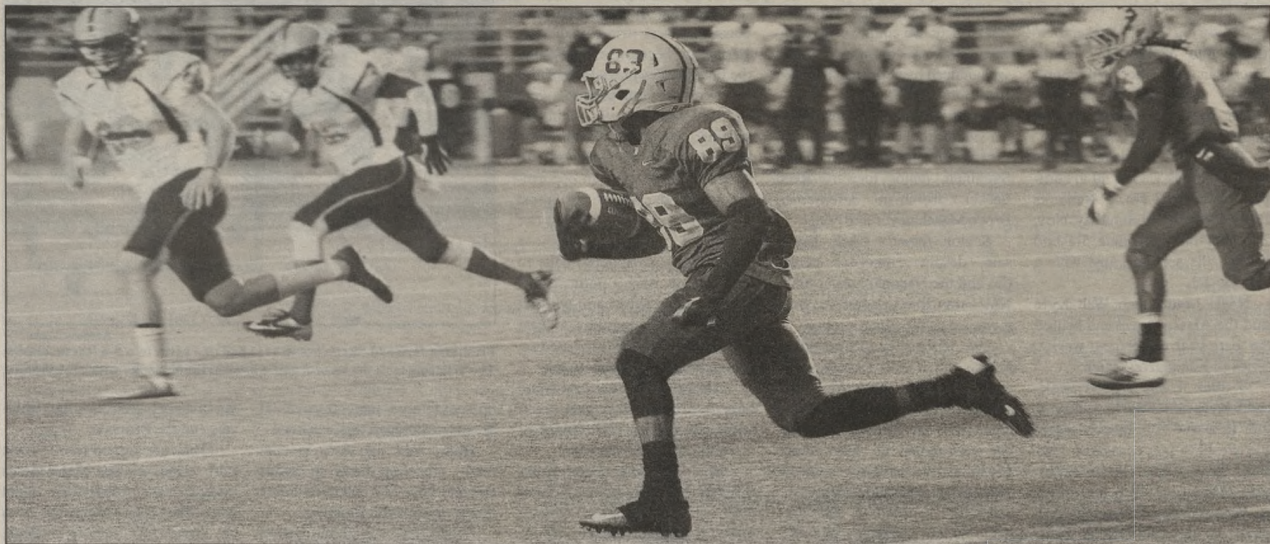
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'Cats conclude home season with victory



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Freshman wide receiver DeMarco Haynes (89) had eight receiving yards and 38 yards on kickoff returns against Northwood University Saturday, Nov. 2. Senior wide receiver Christian Jessie (3) finished the game with 69 receiving yards and one touchdown for the Wildcat victory, 34-15 over the Timberwolves. The 'Cats go into the final two games of the season with a 3-5 record.

By Georgette Breen-Naylor
staff writer

The Wildcats were able to pull off a third win of the season to end the seniors' home careers with victory in the final Superior Dome game.

The game remained close until the start of the fourth quarter when the 'Cats pulled away, 27-9. The Timberwolves added another six points, but were unable to come back against the Wildcats, leaving the final score 34-15.

Sophomore running back Wyatt Jurasin was able to pick up where he left off last week with another 100-yard rushing game. Jurasin had 25 carries for 118 yards and two rushing touchdowns. The 'Cats defense al-

lowed less than 150 yards rushing and adding an interception.

Redshirt freshman running back Keon Collier averaged 5.7 yards per carry. Collier said a strength that helped the 'Cats against Northwood was that everyone was doing their job.

"I think everyone was focused," Collier said. "We were all on the same page."

Collier appeared in two games last season as running back and rushed for 75 yards on nine carries against Findlay last season.

The 'Cats freshman quarterback Shaye Brown went 17-27 with three passing touchdowns. The only setback for the 'Cats was their 17 penalties for 142 yards. The Wildcats were able to overcome some mistakes with

an all-around effort from the defense, offense and special teams play. The 'Cats had 168 return yards, with the majority coming from seniors defensive back Brandon Parson and wide receiver Christian Jessie.

The Wildcats' next opponent is nationally ranked Saginaw Valley State. Last year, the 'Cats were able to ruin the Cardinals' playoff hopes by upsetting Saginaw in the Dome, defeating them 33-28.

Jessie said it will take a team effort to win against Saginaw.

"They're one of the best teams in the country," Jessie said. "We need to be completely focused and on our game to beat them."

The Cardinals are the top team in the GLIAC, with their only loss coming to nonconference op-

ponent and current No. 2 team in the nation, Northwest Missouri. Head coach Chris Ostrowsky said some of the keys in order to defeat Saginaw include mistake-free football.

"They are 8-0 in the league for a reason," Ostrowsky said. "[It is a] great opportunity for us to play a good team on the road."

The Cardinals boast one of the top quarterbacks in the country. He is second in the conference in passing yards and passing percentage and first in touchdown passes, with 26.

The Cardinals also average a league high 40 points per game.

Junior defensive lineman Jordan Adediran said the 'Cats have to play a dominant game against one of the top conference teams.

"They have the best quarterback and wide receiver duo in the GLIAC," Adediran said. "If we stop them we have a great shot at beating them."

Out of the 11 offensive starters for Saginaw, eight are seniors. Adediran said the Cardinals have a really experienced offense.

"Our coaching staff have put together a game plan," Adediran said. "That will put us in a position to stop their playmakers and control the game."

Ostrowsky said the football team is committed to success, and if the 'Cats continue to embrace the process the scoreboard will take care of itself.

The Wildcats will take on Saginaw Valley on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Saginaw Valley.

Spikers prepare in hopes of conference championship

By Rebecca Morstad
contributing writer

The NMU volleyball team went 1-1 this past weekend against two GLIAC opponents.

The 'Cats opened with a loss to Grand Valley at 7 p.m., Friday Nov. 1 in Vandament Arena.

GVSU swept NMU 3-0. The first set ended 25-23. The second and third sets went 25-22.

Senior middle hitter Sarah Hamilton led the Wildcats with 12 kills. Senior leftside hitter Kalli Herron added another nine.

The defense was led by sopho-

more defensive specialist Alex Berger, who finished the evening with 15 digs. Senior leftside hitter Lina Lopes added 10 digs. Senior setter Kellisha Harley set the Wildcats up with 30 assists.

Grand Valley State is now first in the GLIAC with a conference record of 12-1 (21-3 overall).

The weekend continued for the Wildcats at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 when they hosted Ferris State University.

NMU was able to capture a 3-0 win in their Senior Day match.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said the 'Cats played very well.

"I think this win will certainly be a turning point in the season," Yoder said. "It's an emotional uplift, especially after the loss Friday night."

NMU captured set one 25-22, set two 27-25 and set three 26-24.

Both No. 2-ranked GLIAC teams, NMU and Ferris State, now sit 11-2 in the conference.

Lopes led the Wildcats with 19 kills. The Wildcats tallied 50 kills for a .190 attack percentage. Berger led defensively with 18 digs and Harley set the Wildcats up again with 42 assists.

Herron said the Wildcats were very motivated for this game.

"With it being senior night and parent night, and coming from a loss from GVSU, we were determined to get the win," Herron said. "Each game was very close, and the third set was a crazy game. We were down by eight points at one time and I could not have asked for a better senior night. We showed how much fight and passion we each have for the game, and no matter what is happening we will fight to the end."

NMU followed up with a home match at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 versus Michigan Tech. The 'Cats

blew out the Huskies 3-0 to win the first set 25-15, the second 25-17, and the third 25-14.

Herron led with 10 kills. Berger led defensively with 14 digs and Harley set up the 'Cats with 29 assists and seven digs.

The 'Cats travel next weekend for two matches. The first is at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 at Hillsdale College.

Hillsdale is 9-4 in the GLIAC and 14-10 overall. The team is led by sophomore Emily Wolfert who tallied 231 kills this season and averaged 2.96 kills per set. Senior Caitlin Kopmeyer leads the Chargers defensively with 293 season digs, an average of 3.57 per set.

NMU continues their weekend at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at Northwood. The Timberwolves are 10-3 in the conference while 17-7 overall.

The Timberwolves are led this season by senior Julia Pakhomenko, who totaled 440 season kills

with a set average of 4.89 kills. Senior Elizabeth Barker leads defensively with 390 digs.

Senior Jordan Dunn has set up the Timberwolves with 955 assists and an average of more than 10 assists per set.

The Wildcats are led this season by Lopes with 305 season kills, Herron with 281 kills and Hamilton with 245 kills. Harley tallies 934 assists, averaging 10.15 assists per set.

Berger leads the Wildcats defensively, with 312 digs and an average 3.59 digs per set. Lopes adds 264 season digs. Harley has contributed another 187 digs.

Yoder said next weekend will be another couple of battles.

"Hillsdale and Northwood are both in the chase for the north division," Yoder said. "Playing them both at their homes will be the next big challenge for our team's quest for a division and conference championship."

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— Dominic Yoder
head coach

NMU looks ahead to series downstate

By Cody Boyer
in chief

Following a split weekend entrance into WCHA play against Michigan Tech, the NMU men's hockey team traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska to take on the Nanooks, skating away with a split.

The No. 4 Wildcats hit the road Wednesday, Oct. 30 to compete against the No. 5 Nanooks Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2, losing the first game 5-4 and leaving the second game with a victory, 2-1.

NMU head coach Walt Kyle said the Alaskan weekend helped the team gear up for next week's series in Kalamazoo, Mich.

"I think it was a good weekend," Kyle said. "We have played four in a row now in our league and we have played against two really good teams in our league with [Michigan] Tech and Alaska. We have played three of those games on the road and we have got one of our toughest trips of the year out of the way. The guys played very well."

On Friday, the Wildcats made it to the scoreboard in the first period after two Nanook goals when senior forward Stephan Vigier earned his sixth of the year. Other Wildcats who contributed goals during the first game were sophomore forward Cohen Adair with two goals and senior defenseman CJ Ludwig with one.

"We put ourselves in the hole during the second period," Kyle said. "We took some penalties, but we scored a couple of five-on-three goals. To our guys' credit, we bounced back from 2-0 to 2-2, then from 5-2 to 5-4."

Assisting goals on the Wildcat side of the ice were freshman forwards Shane Sooth and Sami Salminen, junior forward Reed Seckel, freshman defenseman Brock Maschmeyer and Vigier.

Senior forward Erik Higby said, despite numerous penalties and the Nanooks' quick start, NMU was able to enter the final moments of the game strongly.

"We wished we got points on Friday, but it was a close game and a good comeback from us," Higby said. "Everyone felt fine going into the third period. No one was rattled or upset about anything. We actually made a pretty good comeback at it and we had some chances late. That carried over into Saturday's game."

On Saturday, NMU avenged the previous night's loss with a 2-1 win. Ludwig earned his fourth goal of the year and Vigier earned his seventh. Assisting Ludwig's goals were junior forwards Ryan Kesti and Ryan Daugherty. Ludwig assisted Vigier's goal.

Sophomore goaltender Michael Doan opened the series for the 'Cats, allowing five goals of 22 shots on net. Redshirt freshman Mathias Dahlstrom entered

the game at the end of the second period, saving eight shots.

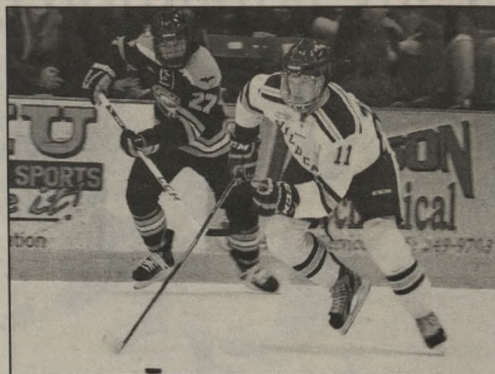
Kyle said the selection of a consistent first string goalie has started to become evident over the eight games played thus far.

"Doan was our backup a year ago and Mathias was sitting in waiting," Kyle said. "When the season started, the intent was to give both those guys an opportunity to earn the job. We are almost a quarter of the way through our season and we have given those guys a pretty equal opportunity to earn the job. At this point, Mathias has edged ahead and will get a little more playing time, at least for the immediate future based on how they both continue to play."

Kyle said the team had some help from home this year when it came to dealing with fatigue in traveling further distances.

"One thing that made a big difference for us was how Forrest Karr, who is the [NMU] athletic director, is from Alaska and understands that travel," Kyle said. "He planned the travel this year so we could leave on Wednesday instead of Thursday. I can tell from our perspective we were not nearly as fatigued on Saturday as we usually are. I thought we played really, really well on Saturday and to a large degree we controlled the play."

With two split weekends within the WCHA conference, the Wildcats will be playing a



Anthony Viola/NW

Freshman forward Shane Sooth (11) had one assist in a 5-4 loss to Alaska. The Wildcats took the second game against the Nanooks with a 2-1 victory.

non-conference matchup against Western Michigan this weekend.

Higby said the team is currently preparing itself to again embark from Marquette in order to play against the Broncos.

"Right now, it is about getting rest and staying focused in order to prepare ourselves," Higby said. "It's definitely tough with the travel from Alaska to going the next week downstate to play. So far, we are okay with the travel play. Every team has to do it. We can't really use it as an excuse."

While Western Michigan is ranked third in the National Collegiate Hockey Conference, Kyle said people watching the Wildcats can expect to see an interest-

ing matchup between the Wildcats and the Broncos.

"They are a good team," Kyle said. "They are one of the teams leading their conference right now. They just came off of a big sweep of Colorado College, which is a good team. We've gone down there the last couple of years in the CCHA and we lost four straight in their building. We know it is going to be a difficult task. It's about moving ahead, getting better every night and getting wins while we can."

This weekend, the 'Cats take on the Broncos on the road. The puck drops at 7:07 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 and 5:05 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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

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Ultimate frisbee team — Lets have an awesome tournament this weekend! — **Fellow teammate**

NMU Booty Twitter account — Thank you for this new-age miracle twitter account. Butt I wouldn't mind seeing some male submissions — **Female booty connoisseurs around campus**

Bitstrips — You suck. — **An Actual Cartoonist**

HvZ — 4:45. Top of the hill to the academic mall. — **Secret Bonus Mission**

Jersey-Mac and Crocs & Socks — I snapped the suspenders. — **Honey Crisp**

Holly — Congratulations on being selected to go to Zambia with Dr. Lindsey in May. You are going to have so much fun and learn so much! — **Sandy**

Teacher — I don't understand why you laugh during every sentence — **Nothing you're talking about it funny**

Molly — Whoa there friend you might need to slow down. — **Janice**

Steven Collison — Stay strong, think positive & most important....don't procrastinate! Holidays = Time w/ Family. :) — **Mom and Kim**

Bike Thief — Gee, thanks pal. — **Da Bikeless Yooper**

Lauren — Thanks for looking out for us every winter! Nice try, but we'll never reveal ourselves. Stay awesome. — **All the Unicorners**

Math teacher — 0.12 is not between 0.05 and 0.1. — **I thought this was college**

Kristy — We miss you...you better be enjoying Italy! — **NW Staff**

Sam — Stop listening to the Jonas Brothers. — **AG**

Brent — I will not turn down my Jonas Brothers music. — **You don't own me**

Nick Jonas — I'M BURNING UP FOR YOU BABY — **Me**

Sam — Your fascination with the Jonas Brothers might be a tad unhealthy. It's possible Brent might have a point. Guard your heart. Everything...will be okay. Close your eyes. Breathe in. Breathe out. — **NW Staff**

Class Scheduling — YOU'RE STRESSING ME OUT AND TEARING THIS FAMILY APART. — **A distressed student**

Corrections

In last week's article "NMU sorority volunteers at farm in need during Make A Difference Day" Sigma Tau Delta was attributed as a sorority. Sigma Tau Delta is the English Honor Society.

In the same article in column four Bill Hager's name was misspelled.

ME — I'll fight you. — **CE**

S&J — Thank you for being awesome suitemates! — **A**

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Resse has started a new program through Big Brothers Big Sisters called Campus Kids. The theory behind Campus Kids is to make BBBS participants more aware of opportunities for college by partnering them with a college "Big." Resse states, "I am amazed at the number of students interested in becoming involved with this program and I am excited to see the outcome." To reward Resse for her commitment to service, we are happy to present her with a \$25 gift certificate to Casa Calabria. Keep up the great work, Resse!



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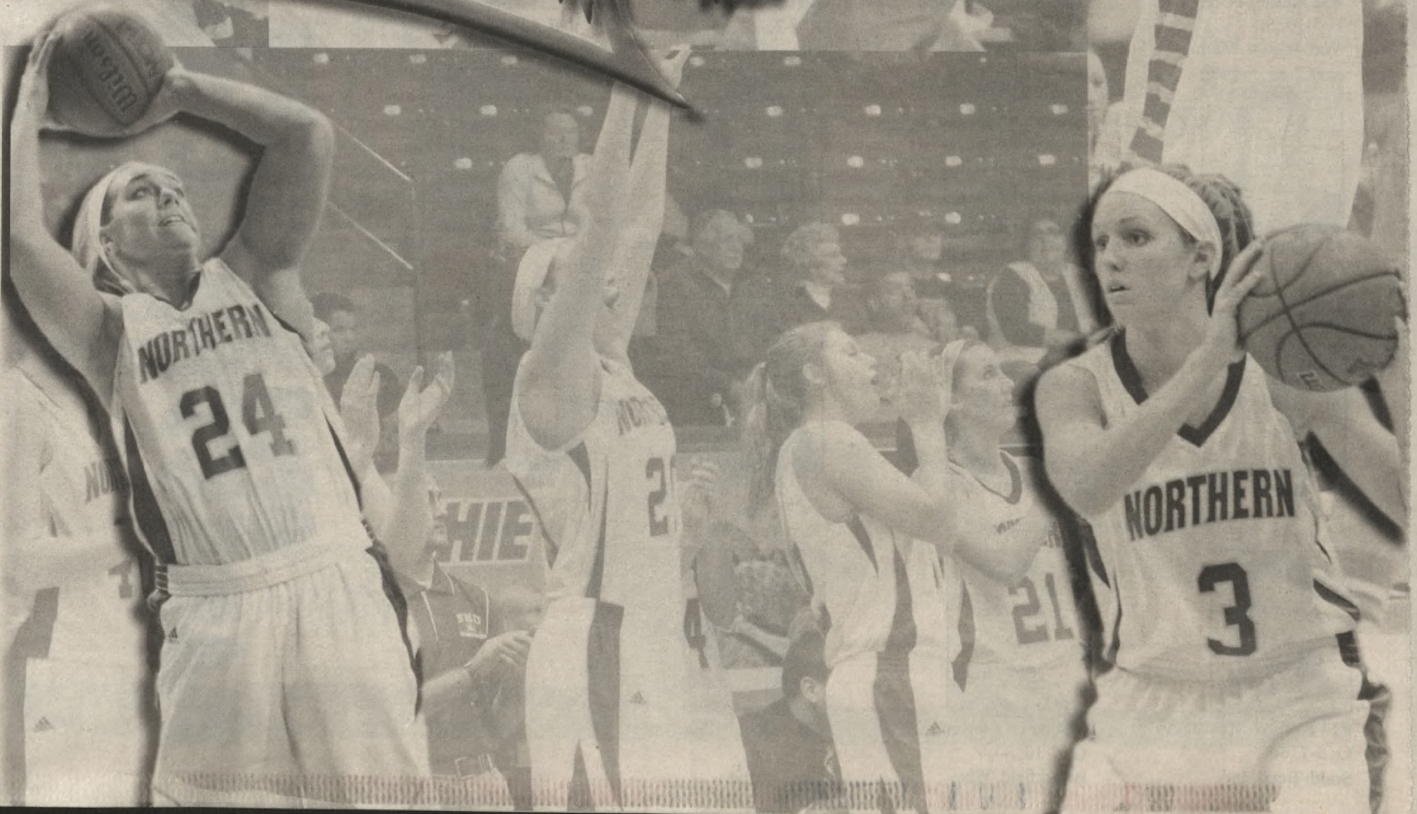


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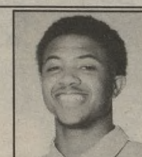
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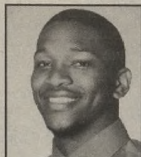
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2013 WOMEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM

Basketball season opens for Wildcats

By Katie Bultman
sports editor

The men's and women's basketball teams open their 2013-14 seasons within a week of one another to face the Division I UW-Green Bay teams.

The women's team played the lady Phoenix last Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Kress Center in Green Bay, Wis. to open with the first exhibition game of the year, resulting in a 65-53 loss.

The men's team will have the opportunity to play the Phoenix men's team this weekend at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 at UW-Green Bay in their opening game.

Women's head coach Troy Mattson said the women played well against the Phoenix, but he was disappointed in the loss.

"Green Bay has one of the notoriously best teams in the country in Division I, and they're coached extremely well by coach Bors-eth," Mattson said. "You want things to go extremely well and I thought we played fairly well. We, after watching film, realized that we did a lot of things that I expected us to do at this point in our careers, and [the loss] is disappointing from that standpoint."

The women's team brings back a very similar team from last year, including junior guard Alyssa Colla, junior forward Ab-

bey DeBruin, junior guard Lauren Gruber, junior center Courtney Lemon, sophomore guard Anna Liewen and sophomore forward Nea Makela.

Colla started all 27 games last season and earned a GLIAC second team all-conference selection. She was named team MVP for the 2012-13 season. Colla also led NMU in points with 349, minutes with 983 and assists with 79.

Colla said the team chemistry is evident, as the girls have been together for a season now.

"We're not young anymore," Colla said. "We kind of had that excuse whenever we would lose, 'Oh well, we're young,' but we're not young anymore. We're juniors, sophomores, we've been here. We have all the experience, so we just have to come more focused and ready to play."

The women are in the GLIAC North Division, hosting teams such as Michigan Tech, Wayne State University and Ferris State University.

Mattson said Wayne State and Ferris State could pose the greatest threats in a tough conference.

"We have two teams in our league that are, potentially, top 10 or 15 teams in the country and have a chance to win national championships," Mattson said. "It's our job to see if we can get ourselves into that area along with

the other teams in our league."

The 'Cats also return Gruber, who started all 27 games last season. Gruber was named to the GLIAC all-defensive team in 2012-13 after finishing second for NMU in points with 312 and in minutes played with 975. Gruber led the team in highest free-throw percentage with an average of 85.7 percent from the line.

Gruber said she has high expectations for a team of returning veterans.

"This is going to be a great year, you can tell from the beginning of the season," Gruber said. "We have a lot of experience and a lot of people on the team had been major factors in our wins last year. I expect good things."

The men's team, on the other hand, returns only three players from last season and boasts an entirely new coaching staff. With the addition of 12 new players, the men's team is starting from the ground up this season.

Head coach Bill Sall said the team has seen huge improvements in the 17 practice days they've had since the beginning of the season.

"We're doing a lot of teaching and that's really what coaching is anyway, because again we have a number of new guys," Sall said. "For all 15 guys it's a new system and how we want things to

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be done obviously is going to be different than probably the previous coaches that they've had, so that's kind of the feeling out process that hasn't happened."

The men's basketball team returns junior guard Spencer Huss out of Marquette, sophomore guard Terry Nash and senior forward Michael Smith.

Last season, Huss played in 25 games and tallied 34 points on the season and 31 total rebounds.

Huss said the team has a lot of great guys coming in and the team has been getting along well.

"With 12 new guys it takes a little bit, there's always the growing pains, but it all depends how hard we work and how much we want it," Huss said. "We know it's a good conference, it's one of the best in DII so it's going to be tough, but if we put in the work we can do well."

The men also return Nash, who started in four games last year and tallied 38 points over the course of the season.

Nash said the team is getting better every day by coming out

and working hard with the help of the new coaching staff.

"Coach Sall stepped in and has been an incredible coach," Nash said. "I believe everything he's preaching. He's a great coach and he's getting to our players very well. As for the players, I've only known them for three months and right now I feel like they're a family, so it's been great."

The men's team opens the season at home at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 against Southwest Minnesota State in Berry Events Center.

The women open at home at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 against Finlandia.

Sall said the teams are ready to go after all the hard work that has been put in at practices.

"The simple fact is, you can only practice for so long," Sall said. "You've got to start playing games and right now that's the primary focus that we have. When the lights get turned on and we go out there, we'll get a lot better idea of where this team is and what we need to do."

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