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Governor candidates visit Marquette



James Dyer/NW

Republican candidate for Governor Rick Snyder spoke at the Holiday Inn on Oct. 3. to outline his plans for Michigan's economy. Democratic candidate Virg Bernero also visited Marquette this week while on the campaign trail. The candidates will face off against eachother in the November election.

Campus PD' visits NMU

By Lucy Hough editor in chief

Students around town might have encountered a handful of cameramen with the Marquette City Police filming for a potential episode of "Campus PD." "Campus PD" is the popular television show that airs on G4. The film crew of five people left last Sunday night, Sept. 26, after having been in Marquette for three weeks.

"Campus PD" is a television show where a camera crew follows around a police officer on calls that come in. According to Christine Cavalieri, a coproducer of "Campus PD," one of the reasons Marquette was chosen as a place to film is because of its significant student population in the city.

"We were also very keen to film in Michigan, and when we made contact with Chief (of Marquette Police Mike) Angeli and his call and it was very quiet," Laurila staff, they were so warm and full of character, we knew we had a winning combination," Cavalieri said.

According to Marquette City Police Lieutenant Mike Laurila, there were five freelance videographers who went out at night with a primary officer who was hooked up with a microphone. They would simply tag along on calls and videotape what happened.

"I think what they were wanting is calls that involve collegeaged students and what not," Laurila said, "but they responded with us on all calls, anywhere from loud noise parties to suicidal subjects to domestics."

The city police did not change any of their usual operations on account of the camera crew, Laurila said. Sometimes the police officers didn't even know they were there. He said ultimately it was "business as usual."

"There were nights when they rode with us and there wasn't a said. "And then, there were nights that they rode with us and it was extremely busy."

any one should respond to a show about police officers serving their community with the idea that it places anyone in a "bad light" but we can't dictate people's personal opinions," Cavalieri said. "For us, the show is about police officers who regularly work with a young vibrant population and the issues involved in that work."

Dylan Shiver, resident director in Gant Hall, had to ask that "Campus PD" not record in the dorms when the city police were coming in to search for a suspect in a case who was supposedly in Gant Hall.

"At one in the morning on a Friday night, it would just be a big disturbance to the community to have that many cameras going through the halls," Shiver said.

Shiver said that there were two cameras and three boom mics, and cameramen were overall very understanding of Shiver's request. They filmed the police officer going into the resident hall as a compromise.

Free RAM drives available

By James Dyer

news editor

Micro Repair will offer one gigabyte RAM upgrades free to students who have been experiencing problems with low RAM on their new SL410 ThinkPads.

Micro Repair has put out bids to different companies on a mass order of RAM drive to be distributed to students. The bids should be finalized by sometime next week, said Scott Krah, director of Micro Repair services.

"The RAM should start to arrive within a few days after (the bids are finalized). When the RAM comes in, we will e-mail everyone with an SL410," he said.

There are a limited number of one gigabyte RAM sticks available currently, but students are encouraged to wait until the bids go through on the mass order to get their upgrades, Krah said.

In order to receive the upgrade, students should go to Room 122 of the LRC Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., where tables will be set up to distribute the RAM. Students can also receive the upgrade after hours from the Micro Repair window near the Help Desk.

"We will scan the (computer), throw in the RAM and send them on their way. It should take only about 5-7 minutes," Krah said.

Students who have already purchased RAM upgrades will be reimbursed for their purchase in the form of a credit issued to their NMU account. Students who purchased one gigabyte of RAM will receive a full refund for their purchase, and students who purchased the two gigabyte upgrade will be reimbursed for half the cost of their upgrade.

Marijuana clinic opens in Marquette

By Scott Viau

managing editor

In November 2008, Michigan residents voted yes on Proposition 1, which made medical marijuana legal in the state. As a result, medical marijuana clinics have been popping up all over the state, with one that opened in Marquette this past summer.

Marquette Medical Marijuana Registration Center (MMMRC) practice administrator Dave Guizzetti said there are many conditions

move from chemical poison narcotics to a natural remedy that seems to alleviate their pain and help them with their discomfort," Guizzetti said.

To apply for a card, a potential patient need only stop by the MMMRC to become a registered and then have any medical records detailing an eligible condition sent to the clinic. Once the records are received and approved patients may receive their card within one to two business days. Registering for a card may also be

> done online. "A patient

Overall, Cavalieri said that the "Campus PD's" videographer's experience in Marquette was very good, considering sometimes they don't know what they're going to get - the same way a police officer can never anticipate the night ahead of them.

"We couldn't have had a warmer welcome than that extended to us by Chief Angeli and his staff. The men and women of Marquette Police Department, and the people we met while filming with them, were absolutely wonderful."

The Marquette City Police were not offered any money in exchange for allowing the cameras to follow the officers.

"I think we agreed because they wanted to do it and we have no reason not to allow them to do it with us," Laurila said.

Some at Northern don't feel that having "Campus PD" to Marquette was a good idea, painting the community in a bad light. Cavalieri said, however, communities shouldn't feel that way.

"We think it is unfortunate that

"I was totally thrown off guard, I didn't even know that 'Campus PD' was here, never heard off the show. I didn't know anything about it," Shiver said.

Since the incident, Shiver said that he has watched YouTube videos of the show and worries about the end product that will appear on G4.

"I think it's a horrible idea," Shiver said. "They do not paint students or the universities they go to in a good light. I don't see the

benefit."

that could make someone eligible to receive marijuana for medicinal purposes.

"Some are really straight forward: HIV, hepatitis C, glaucoma; but there are others, nausea, muscle spasms, that could be the result of a treatment or medical condition," Guizzetti said.

Guizzetti added that a patient who had been taking 18 prescription pain pills a day had gone down to zero after a year of marijuana use.

"It helps a lot of people to

can do it right from their computer and never have to come into the office at

all," Guizzetti said. "We draw patients from all over the U.P., many of whom have serious physical disabilities. It's difficult for them to get here."

The card costs \$300 and is good for a year from the date of issue. Each subsequent renewal costs \$200.

Once the card has been received, the patient can either grow

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-Briefs **Conference held for ed students**

A Professional Development Conference will be held for graduate students and undergraduate seniors in education, on Friday Oct. 8.

The conference will be held in the University Center Superior Rooms. It will cover five components that have been proven to be necessary in graduate school and after. The components are communication, leadership, teaching and instruction, professional adaptability, and selfawareness.

The idea for the conference came from two current graduate students, Krista Mann, a graduate student in English, and Vanessa Thibado, a graduate student in biology. They worked with English department head, Ray Ventre, and biology department head, Patrick Brown, to secure funding through the Wildcat Innovation grant.

Mann and Thibado said that one of the goals of the conference is to enhance students' experience during their graduate studies at NMU. For more information and to register for the conference, email gradconf@nmu.edu.

- Chelsea Parrish

University choir performs

Students will be singing a musical arrangement that spans upwards of 400 years, at a University Choir performance on Sunday Oct. 10. The performance will include the likes of a dramatized version of ancient Latin text, a singular rendition of the Jewish folk song "Dance the Hora," and a choral interpretation of a vignette by Johann Sebastian Bach.

The free event will have the University Choir joined by the Madrigal Singers and The Lake Effect Show Choir.

The University choir alone will present Bach's discourse "Lobet den Herrn" and a striking setting of the Latin text "Arma Lucis (Put on the Amour of Light)" by Jackson Berkey.

"All three ensembles are made of NMU students who have worked since the semester's beginning to present a program of varied and interesting music," said Dr. Floyd Slotterback, professor of music.

Dr. Slotterback, along with musical instructor Sharon Green, will guide the choirs throughout the production. The show takes place 3 p.m. at the PEIF.

- Travis Rogers

German author to present

Bestselling German author Susanne Schädlich will present "Betraval in Berlin: A Story of East and West" at Northern Michigan University on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Her talk is scheduled at 7 p.m. in the Mead Auditorium, located near the rotunda entrance to the West Science Building.

Schädlich is the author of the best-selling moir December, Time and Again: The West, the Secret Police, and My Uncle. When she was 12 years old, Schädlich's family was forced to move from East Germany to West Germany for political reasons. Thirty years later, she learned of an ultimate betrayal: her favorite uncle had spent decades spying for the East German secret police, or Stasi, and informed on the whole family. Schädlich's memoir tells of growing up under two systems, being an outsider in both and the generation between East and West finding its place.



Students from OUTLook joined with members of the community to line up on Washington Street in protest of the military's Don't Ask Don't Tell policy. Protestors hoped to raise awareness of the policy, which they say discriminates against homosexuals in the military. A bill to eliminate the policy was recently proposed in congress, but did not receive the required votes to pass.

OUTLook protests military policy

By Amanda Cook

contributing writer

Protestors gathered outside of the District Court Office on Washington Street. on Saturday, Oct. 2 in response to the lack of government action in repealing the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT) policy. The law prevents openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual individuals from participating in the military service.

Meredith Gasco, an NMU student, organized the protest. Gasco is president of OUTLook, one of NMU's two lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered organizations on campus. Some OUTLook members were present, as well as other NMU students, high school students and community members. Gasco estimates that there were between 20 and 25 protesters at the busiest point.

"My main goal was awareness and

visibility, and I think we achieved that," Gasco said.

The protestors faced some negative reactions from passersby. However, despite the occasional negative reaction, most of the responses they received were positive.

"We got a lot of horn honks and thumbs ups," Gasco said.

The repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell was part of the Defense Authorization Act, which received only 56 of the 60 votes in the senate required to pass into law. The subject will not be reintroduced until after the November senate elections

Gasco, who has close relationships with members of the armed forces, calls DADT "outdated" and essentially "job discrimination based on sexual orientation."

Supporters of DADT worry that if it is repealed, military effectiveness and morale will decrease. Gasco disagrees.

"If you're gay in the military, you have to live with the fear of being investigated and discharged. You have to lie about your relationships. If you are being investigated or discharged, you risk losing your military benefits and pay ... I think that harms cohesion and morale way more than having an openly gay person in the unit would," Gasco said.

She also pointed out the stress that DADT can cause to friends and family of homosexual servicemen and women, who must keep relationship information they know under wraps.

"They're forced to live with this 24/7 silence," Gasco said.

Despite setbacks, she remains optimistic that Don't Ask, Don't Tell could be repealed in the near future. "The people against (repealing 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell) are a really vocal minority.... It's just a matter of waiting for attitudes to change," Gasco said.

Campus Crime log

1) One student was given an MIP and found in possession of marijuana at 4:58 p.m. on Oct. 1 at Lincoln Avenue and Kaye Avenue.

2) 10 students were given MIPs at 12:19 a.m. on Oct. 2

Student Finance Committee Meeting

Each semester, NMU's Student Finance Committee (SFC) receives over half of the student activity fee, which any Northern student taking more than six credits pays into. The SFC meets on a weekly basis and determines how to distribute this money, based on proposals submitted by student organizations.

The following upcoming events that were approved:

This presentation is part of the International Scholars Series. Parking is available across the street from West Science behind Whitman Hall.

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on Tracey Avenue.

3) One student was given an MIP and one student was charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor at 11:02 p.m. on Oct. 2 in the Norwood apartments.

4) Two students were given MIPs at 1:50 a.m. on Oct. 3 on Seventh Street.

5) One student was caught in possession of marijuana at 11:49 p.m. on Oct. 4 in Lot 46.

6) A student's bike tire was stolen between 7:40 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. on Oct. 5 in the Payne/Halverson courtyard.

Visit the TheNorthWindonline.com for a map of this week and past campus crimes

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ıs	Students for Sustainable Living	Lois Gibbs / Oct. 15	\$359.95
2	Sigma Tau Delta & Marquette Alger Reading Council	Mary Doria Russell / Oct. 26	\$2,000.00
t.	Outlook	The14th Annual Drag Show / Nov. 5	\$10,536.00
at n. t-	There are no budgets to consider this week and the SFC will not convene. Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: \$50,789.53 To contact the Student Finance Committee, or to submit your or- ganization's budget, call 227-2452 or send an e-mail to sfc@nmu. edu.		

School of Nursing receives donation



Photo courtesy of Nursing department

NMU's new pediatric simulation room will include equipment necessary to give nursing students hands on experience. The room will include a mannequin of a five-year-old that simulates a set of medical conditions.

5-year-old child. This manne-

By Robyn Goodman

assistant news editor

NMU has opened a new pediatric simulation room in the nursing department thanks to a charitable donation. The room will enhance training for nursing students and ultimately lead to the creation of a Smart Hospital.

John and Cathi Drake gave a majority of the funds that contributed to the creation of the Drake Family Pediatric Care Simulation Room and all of the technology included in that room. The gift was received in July and the construction of the room began in August. An anonymous donation of \$8,000 was also given to help create the new room.

The new room contains a mannequin that represents a

quin is hooked up wirelessly to a computer that can give it a pulse, make it breathe and do a number of set medical situations. The mannequin can be used by any student in a health-related major, not just nursing students, said Julie Dobson, the simulation coordinator.

"The simulators create experiences that the students may not have the opportunity to do in a hospital," said Dobson.

Using mannequins to help train nursing students has become popular in other schools around the country and even around the world, Dobson said.

Along with the new room, there are two other simulation rooms. The new mannequin joins a family of other mannequins including a baby, adult male and pregnant female. The room will

be a part of a new Smart Hospital that will be constructed in the future. There are no set plans for where the Smart Hospital will be built yet.

The NMU School of Nursing is partnering with the Marquette General Health System and the Upper Peninsula Health Education Corporation to help build the Smart Hospital. This will be the first Smart Hospital of its kind in the Midwest, and one of only three in the nation.

The hospital will be arranged like a small hospital including the mannequins and even actors, said Kerri Schuiling, associate dean and director of the school of nursing.

"This type of education takes place for any type of health professional," Schuiling said. "They get hands-on experience."

The Smart Hospital will in-

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the marijuana or hire a caregiver to grow it for them. Caregivers are not required to have a medical marijuana card.

"The requirements for a caregiver is that a person must be 21 years of age, they cannot have been convicted of a felony involving illegal drugs, they cannot be a caregiver for more than five patients and they have to be a Michigan resident," Guizzetti said. "It's really that simple."

Health Promotion Office (HPO) Specialist Lenny Shible said that as long as the people receiving the medical marijuana feel that it is helping them, he won't question it.

"People went through the hoops, did a lot of work to get it approved so that some (people) can have access to marijuana that they believe will help them with their ailments, and that's the most important thing," Shible said.

Shible added that he has concerns with the way the law has been put together and likened the caregiver's growing of marijuana to that of prescription drug abuse.

clude classrooms to give instruction along with the simulation rooms. The hospital will help students and professionals learn to deal with situations that are not normally seen in an area like the U.P., said Schuiling.

"We live in a rural community and usually see the same types of incidents," Schuiling said. "The Smart Hospital will help health professionals and students prepare for the situations that are uncommon."

The room was dedicated on Sept. 27, 2010 in the nursing department. The Drake family decided to dedicate the room to their daughters because the new mannequin is a child.

This is the second time the Drake family has given NMU a donation to help fund the nursing program. Their first donation was in 2005 and helped create

"Medications that are left around the house are subject to being misappropriated and used in a way that was never intended," Shible said. "I really think we have to be careful about the access by those that have not been cleared to use this drug and especially young children."

Shible said that his concerns are more with the system than with the rights of someone to have access to another mode of relief from a medical condition.

Dean of Students Christine Greer said students who have obtained a medical marijuana card are still not permitted to use marijuana on campus, as NMU follows federal guidelines, which still outlaws marijuana regardless of whether it's for medicinal purposes.

"We have to follow federal laws or we will lose all our federal funding, so we have no leeway," Greer said. "Federal law says no drugs on campuses, so we have to follow that."

Greer added that a student who is in possession of a medical marijuana card but is required by the university to live in the dorms may want to apply for an exception to live off campus.

the Benda-Drake Critical Care Simulation Room.

The donation was in honor of an NMU student who performed CPR and first aid on Cathi when she collapsed in a Houghton restaurant. All of the technological equipment and beds in the simulation room were purchased with the first donation given by the Drakes.

The room is now being used by the nursing students in their training. Julia Antonissen, senior in the nursing program, is one student who is grateful for the new room.

"The room offers a similar surrounding to the hospital along with the similar equipment, making it easier to relate to disease processes of children and helping us by being able to respond quicker by knowing the equipment," Antonissen said.

Fire prevention week highlights safety

By James Dyer

news editor

Oct. 3-9 marks the annual Fire

properties should keep in mind to minimize fire hazards in their homes.

tips that students living in rental

smoke while the occupants are Marquette," he said. sleeping.

Avoid using extension cords henever possible.

Know where the exits are. Being able to exit a burning house is key, Naze said. Renters ceptacle (for butts)," he said.

a spent cigarette.

"If you choose to smoke, smoke outside using a proper re-

Prevention Week. The event is observed each year in memory of the 1871 Chicago fire which burned down a large portion of the city.

Fire safety is important all year round, but this week students and community members can brush up on their knowledge of fire hazards and how to prevent fires in the home.

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) has sponsored the event for almost 90 years. This year's theme focuses on the importance of smoke detectors for homeowners.

Brian Naze from the Marquette Fire Department gave some basic

Always be sure to keep smoke detectors in good condition.

"Smoke detectors are the number one safety issue. You cannot have too many smoke detectors," Naze said.

Renters should make sure they have a working smoke detector in their bedroom and in the living room, he said. The Marquette Fire Department offers free nine volt batteries as replacements in smoke detectors, which is an issue, he said.

Keep bedroom doors closed during the night.

According to Naze, this will keep bedrooms from filling with

Extension cords can heat up and become a fire hazard when used extensively.

"It's always better to use power strips, because they have a fuse that shuts off when they get over heated," Naze said.

Use candles with caution.

Candles can add a nice touch to a room, but they must be monitored carefully, Naze said. If they are allowed to burn down too far, they could present a serious fire hazard, Naze said.

"(Candles) are really nice to have for when you have someone sweet over, but they are one of the leading causes of house fires in

should make sure that all of the windows in their rooms are in proper working order, and know where all of the exits are to their home.

"Renters should ask, 'Is there another way out of my house other than the front door?' Make sure you know how to get out," he said.

Smokers should exercise caution.

Smoking in the house is a bad idea, Naze said. Naze encourages smokers to dispose of butts outside, in a metal container filled partway with sand. This will reduce the risk of a fire starting from

Make sure bedrooms are approved.

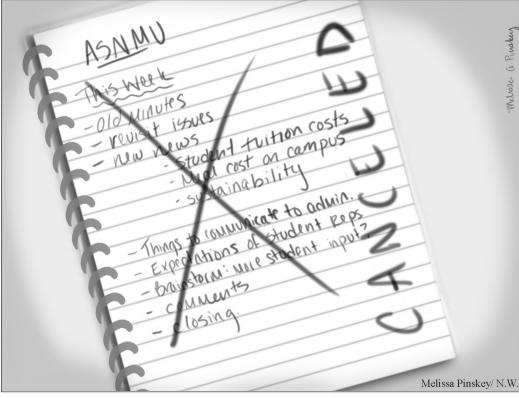
Renters shouldn't be eager to put a roommate in the attic or basement unless they have been inspected and approved by the fire department, Naze said.

The City of Marquette ordinance 521 requires that all landlords must have their rental property registered and inspected by the fire department.

"If anyone feels they are living in unsafe conditions, or have a fire hazard problem, they should feel free to call the fire department and talk to a rental inspector," Naze said.







ASNMU should hold meetings regularly

For the second time this semester, ASN-MU did not hold its weekly meeting because of a lack of agenda items. While certainly no one wants to sit around in the University Center on a Monday night without anything to talk about, ASNMU's willingness to cancel a meeting is disappointing for the student body.

ASNMU's job is to represent all students, to provide a voice for students in the greater university. ASNMU has only held four meetings this semester -- cancelling twice because of a lack of agenda and once because of Labor Day. While Labor Day might be understandable, ASNMU has only held four meetings in seven weeks. When the governing body fails to hold a meeting even just once, it suggests that there simply aren't enough student concerns to fill their time. That raises the question, is your student government doing enough?

There certainly have been some innovative ideas to roll through discussion in the meetings, such as making bikes available for all freshman and creating a committee to help students who have to face the All-Student Judiciary. The only thing that ASNMU has really done for current students, besides that already exist, is work to keep the study lounge on the lower level of the LRC open 24 hours, every day but Friday and Saturday. While this certainly benefits all students who don't have somewhere to go between 3 and 6 a.m., this was a project ASNMU President Lucia Lopez presented in her very first AS-NMU meeting last semester, not something thought up in the seven weeks that school has been in session.

We believe that ASNMU needs to be doing more to help students now. Students need to see ASNMU more effectively involved in their day-to-day for ASNMU to be an effective organization.

To accomplish this, perhaps ASNMU should do more, by sending out surveys or better reaching their constituents. We hope that all the time off was spent thinking of ways to help students.

We would never not publish a newspaper simply because there wasn't much news. There is always something that is affecting students, and it's ASNMU's job to find out what it is and help to make it better. ASNMU needs to start holding themselves accountable for what students have elected them to do — actively work on the behalf

Vegetarianism is a healthy bet



When I tell people I am a vegetarian, the most popular response I get is rolled eyes and a sigh. I'm automatically put into the category of a crazy, preachy person whose goal in life is to rid the world of all the evil meat-eaters, but that is not my style. I only wish to educate people on the benefits of adapting a meatfree diet.

Friday, Oct. 1 was World Vegetarian Day, which was the beginning of Vegetarian Awareness Month. This day was founded by the North American Society in 1977 in order to commemorate the health benefits of vegetarianism. Instead of ranting about how pigs and cows have feelings, I'm going to take another approach and show you the nutritional and environmental benefits of vegetarianism.

From the beginning of time, man has eaten meat as a basic way of life, but with all of the new diets that have come out in the past few years, vegetarianism is one that has actually taken off and become more than just a fad.

By definition, a vegetarian is someone living on a diet of grains, pulses, nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruits with or without the use of diary products and eggs. There are many types of vegetarians, from pescetarian, which include people who do not eat animal flesh of any kind, but are willing to consume fish, to vegans who exclude all animal products from food to clothing.

There are many benefits of not eating meat, one of which is living a longer life. According to the China Health Project, which is the largest population study on diet and health, people whose diets do not contain meat live about seven years longer than those whose diets do

amounts clogs arteries and leads to health problems.

The EPA estimates that nearly 95 percent of pesticides that Americans consume come from meat, fish and dairy products. The animals that are used for food are usually pumped full of steroids and antibiotics to produce more meat. Exposure to antibiotics over time can lead antibiotic resistance, so when a person gets sick, harsher antibiotics must be used to cure the infection.

Aside from the nutritional benefits, being a vegetarian has an environmental impact. Animals create waste, which causes methane gas which, in turn, contributes to the greenhouse effect. The manure created by the animals is on the EPAs list of the country's top 10 pollutants. All that for the porterhouse steak you like to eat. Do you want to be responsible for the hole in the ozone layer becoming larger?

Of course there are some disadvantages of vegetarianism, one of which can be the lack of the proper vitamins and minerals. Meat is a great source of protein, and without that a person can experience fatigue and mood swings due to fluctuating blood sugar levels. Another disadvantage of vegetarianism is the tendency to consume unhealthy foods. Becoming a vegetarian does not mean eating all the pasta your heart desires, unfortunately. Fruits and vegetables must make up a majority of a vegetarian diet, hence the name. While these disadvantages may seem like they outweigh the benefits, if you eat a balanced vegetarian diet, you can get even more vitamins from fruits and vegetables than meat. It's all about moderation.

While becoming a vegetarian may seem like a difficult task, it is becoming easier than ever. Every day there are more meatless options for vegetarians. Restaurants are changing with the times and offering more than just salads for vegetarians.

So when you're craving a hamburger, reach for a veggie burger instead. It may not be the exact same

create committees for aspects of ASNMU of students.

contain meat. Meat contains cholesthing, but trust me, they're really not terol, which when consumed in large that bad.

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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



Stewart, Colbert cross a line by holding rallies

On the heels of Glenn Beck's rally in Washington, D.C., comedians Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert have planned their own rallies in the Washington Mall for Saturday, Oct, 30. The two are apparently parodying the Beck rally.

When Glenn Beck first announced his "Restoring Honor" rally, he ushered in a hail of controversy. The rally, intended as a patriotic battle cry for conservatives across the country, happened to be on the 47th anniversary of the "I Have A Dream" speech by Martin Luther King Jr. and in the same location. Al Sharpton and Martin Luther King III had already planned a rally in the Washington Mall, called "Reclaim the Dream," intended to celebrate the progress of the Civil Rights Movement. Both parties went ahead as scheduled, causing a large number of people to gather in Washington, D.C. for two very different purposes.

for jobs) — not so much the Silent Majority as the Busy Majority. If we had to sum up the political view of our participants in a single sentence ... we couldn't. That's sort of the point."

Which makes me wonder: what's the point again? This is a rally to get together the people who don't particularly care about anything, in order to parody Glenn Beck and also, incidentally, Al Sharpton and Martin Luther King III.

When did Stewart and Colbert become politicians? By parodying rallies like these, the two comedians are, in essence, parodying democratic demonstration itself. The day that political rallies become a joke is the day democracy — true, democratic statements goes out the window.

What about all the famous speeches and rallies in that very Washington Mall? Martin Luther King Jr. is but one example. What of Cox's Army in 1932, when 25,000 unemployed workers from Pennsylvania marched for a Public Works Program? What about the April 24, 1971 Vietnam War Out Now march, when 500,000 people gathered to end the war? Or the National Equity March of last year, when 200,000 people came together in support of gay rights? Colbert referenced an article by Zak Kinnaird on his show, published in The Daily Athenaeum, in which Kinnaird argues that these speeches may be "defining events of our generation." Colbert seemed pleased with the claim, but for our generation's

sake, I hope this is not true.

The generation of seventy years ago had World War II and the Beats. The generation after that had Vietnam and Woodstock. Then it was hair metal and John Houghes movies.

For our generation, apparently, it's a movie about the creators of Facebook and a speech by two comedians who seem to not aspire to any great agenda other than to have a gathering of left-leaning people who aren't represented by demonstrators seen in the mainstream press. That and parodying people who actually have things to celebrate and protest.

There is a time and a place for comedians telling news jokes. Twenty years ago, it was at the beginning of the Tonight Show. Ten years ago, it was under the white and blue logo of the Daily Show. Now, it seems, the line between jokes and news has blurred. In this case, the jokes and the news have blended to form a hybrid that seems to be spitting in the face of political demonstration itself. Stewart may be intending to restore sanity to the hodgepodge of madness in the news, but, really, he's becoming a part of the madness he so arrogantly makes fun of on his show. Colbert has kept the fear alive by allowing his fake conservative persona to come from behind the desk and out into the grasses of D.C., where he will present a speech as if he were an actual politician, rather than just a comedian. The comedy must've gotten lost in the shuffle, because while many others may be entertained, I'm not laughing.

-Letters to the editor -

Sallie Mae helps student loan customers

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> Patricia Nash Christel Managing Director, Corporate Communications Sallie Mae Reston, Virginia

Mine isn't safe, despite promises

Anybody remember the old Highlights for Children magazine, where each issue featured an activity, "What is Wrong with this Picture?"

Take a look at the photograph in the article, "North Wind Tours Kennecott Mine," on page 3 of last week's North Wind. Can anyone see anything wrong with this picture from the Yellow Dog Plains?

Personally, I see a lot wrong with it, particularly when compared with photos of the way this place used to look. Although, if the "WIWWTP" game, using this photo, had been provided for children, a disclaimer may have been required. Some kids might think this is a super-duper sandbox filled with Tonka trucks and want their dads to build them one in the backyard.

Actually, there have been a number of photos taken recently in Kennecott's con (de)struction zone that are even more aesthetically pleasing than this one that would not be selected for a travel magazine, believe me.

Matt Johnson, Kennecott's manager of government and community relations (or fill in your own title kids - this is reallife Mad Libs) professes his personal love for the U.P. Yeah, he loves living in God's creation, but he doesn't have a problem with destroying it a few miles down the road for somebody else. Matt should try googling his own company to find out what kind of unethical operators they really are. Kennecott couldn't care less about how they leave the U.P.

Unfortunately, donning a hard hat and steel-toed boots is not going to keep our water safe.

> Barb Bradley NMU, 2010 Alumnus

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By parodying Beck's rally, the two comedians are also incidentally parodying the "Reclaim the Dream" rally. And while it's true Glenn Beck's rally may have been misguided — I'm not sure political commentators should be holding political demonstrations any more than comedians should be — Sharpton and King's purpose are nothing less than admirable.

According to the website for Stewart's "Rally to Restore Sanity," his rally is for "the people who've been too busy to go to rallies, who actually have lives and families and jobs (or are looking less.

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There's no magic cure to our problems



Meghan Marquardt

Have you ever seen those infomercials where everyday tasks are turned into momentous chores? I remember one from a while back — it was for this pot that had a locking lid that doubled as a strainer. It's a good idea; my grandma bought one and it worked like a charm. The part that really got me, though, is when the actors were straining pasta the old-fashioned way: they dumped water all over the place. The noodles slid down the sink and the camera then turned to a family at the dinner table, reeling with disappointment because

they would now starve. Suddenly, the scene went from black and white to color-the woman who was cooking could then magically create delicious meals, all because her pot has holes in the lid. It's a miracle.

I've always thought these commercials were funny. Do I really need a pot with holes in the lid? Is it really that hard to just get out the dang colander? Of course it isn't. But that just seems to be the way things work. We look for miracle diets, miracle stain removers, miracle acne-banishers—it seems like we feel that all our problems are worthy of quick, easy, miracle solutions.

We do this in college tooor at least I do. Fade to black and white-now we see the college student struggling under a mountain of homework, drinking gallons of coffee to stay awake,

Brad Grear

junior,

zoology

"They love my house."

cramming every last second of fun that they can into their day before they do their homework, and studying frantically the night before a test. Then we pan over to the student, who monologues about the difficulties of last-minute homework.

It's interesting to me that we spend so much time doing this when the solutions are relatively simple. Start writing things ahead of time. Go to bed at a decent hour. Do your work before you play. Why do we turn our problems into disasters? What is the deal with procrastination?

Dr. Joseph Ferrari, a professor at DePaul University in Chicago, once said: "Non-procrastinators focus on the task that needs to be done. They have a stronger personal identity and are less concerned about what psychologists call 'social esteem' - how

others like us - as opposed to self-esteem, which is how we feel about ourselves." Maybe procrastination is a way of fitting in socially-certainly, when you complain about only having one day left to do an assignment, people generally respond. Maybe we procrastinate because that's what we're expected to do as students. I will admit that I have actually bragged about how long I've been able to put off assignments. And then I complained about how much work I had to do.

Last year, when I was a senior in high school, I wasn't expecting to start slacking, but soon I found myself afflicted with a full-blown case of senioritis. Every assignment was pushed into a corner until the day (and sometimes the class period) before it was due. It was sad, but I just couldn't bring myself to care. And try as I might,

I couldn't snap out of it. I tried and tried again to figure out how to break that cycle-but I was hoping to put in as little work as possible. Unfortunately, this doesn't work. The truth I found was simple, and yet, I think it is worth reiterating here: put in the effort. I learned this the hard way.

The cycle of procrastination may be difficult to break, but we are not in an infomercial. There will be no magical moment when our world fades to color and the homework is done. But wait! Do not despair! There's good news -for the low, low price of a little elbow grease, we can come to terms with the fact that procrastination is actually not a good social move, and solve all of our problems. Hey, it sure beats paying four installments of \$19.95 plus shipping and handling.

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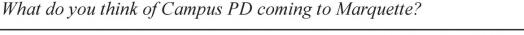
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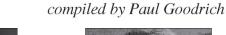
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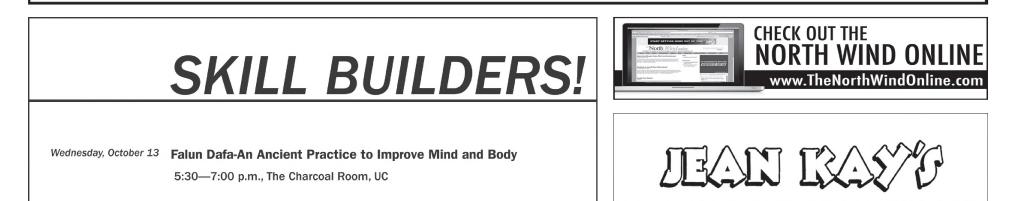
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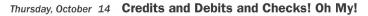
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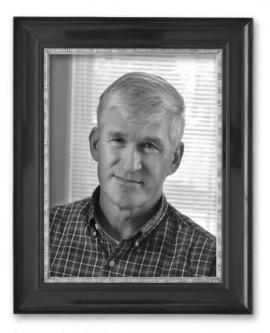
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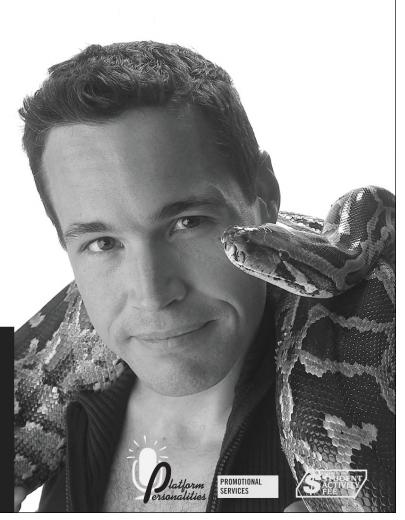


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Arts & Entertainment Ragbirds' tour kicks off in Marquette



Photo courtesy of theragbirds.com The Ragbirds strive to be an environmentally aware band, especially because they travel to and perform an average of 130 shows every year. Their use of waste vegetable oil and other modifications reduce their environmental footprint by over 90 percent.

By Alisa Fox

staff writer

Upfront and Company, popular for their College Nights and live music performances, has a Michigan favorite appearing on their line up for this month. Known for their upbeat and eclectic songs, mixing gypsy music with Celtic sounds, The Ragbirds will be rocking with their "infectious global grooves" on the stage Oct. 8 and 9.

"It will actually be the start of our tour across the Midwest," said lead singer and songwriter, Erin Zindle. "It's such a great way to kick off."

The Ragbirds' fall tour j stretches all the way to California and back again. The other members include T.J. Zindle who plays the guitar and sings, Dan Hindlebrant on the bass guitar, and Randall Moore and Tim Dziekan with percussion.

Even with such a full van, Zindle intends on being productive during their travels. life experiences and spirituality and positivity in general. Not the fluffy kind, but the sort of life experiences that come back to this positive note and strive to see this bigger picture," she said.

That's not the only thing that Zindle enjoys about traveling. Although she admitted that the drive sometimes seems quite redundant and seeing the road gets kind of old, she notices a lot of positive things that result from their travels across the country

We've had a lot of really good experiences in the Upper Peninsula. It's so rich and natural. The beauty is just inspiring.

— Erin Zindle

and overseas.

"I truly enjoy traveling. You get to wake up in a different place every day," said Zindle. "I love meeting all of these truly bon footprint by more than 90 percent.

"Being environmentally aware has really been a personal goal, and it's been a group goal of ours too since the beginning," Zindle said. "We really started thinking about it more and more as we started traveling farther for our tours. It was just one little thing we could do to help the environment. We try to do many

little things like not using plastic water bottles and recycling what we can."

The Ragbirds have accomplished much as a band, but they still have one more goal in mind.

"We'd like to go back overseas and do more tours there. We take so much from their musical styles and incorporate it into our songs. It would be really cool if we could give some of that back by performing for the different countries," Zindle said. For now, they are content to come to Marquette to perform. In fact, since their band originated in Michigan, they have visited the Upper Peninsula on several occasions during their many tours. "It's so beautiful up there," Zindle said. "We've had a lot of really good experiences in the Upper Peninsula. It's so rich and natural. The beauty is just inspiring." Fans here in Marquette are excited for the show as well.



Lead singer and songwriter Erin Zindle (picture) finds her inspiration through life experiences and spirituality. Traveling is when she does a large part of her writing, and the rest of the band adds their parts.

"They use so many different instruments and make interesting use of the sounds that they have. I really think that they will put on a very good show for us," said Ken Schafer, a senior at Northern. Everyone over the age of 21 can attend The Ragbirds' performance at Upfront and Company starting at 10:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8 with an encore show on Saturday, Oct. 9 also at 10:30 p.m.



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"One thing that I can do in the van is just sit there writing (lyrics)," Zindle said. "When the lyrics feel complete, I pick up an instrument like the piano, or sometimes the mandolin or the banjo. Then I'll bring it to the group and they'll put in their parts like percussion and the bass line."

The Ragbirds perform an average of 130 shows a year. They've been all over the United States, and they've also toured Japan. Though they are busy, Zindle doesn't seem to be short on inspiration. beautiful people and doing all sorts of interesting things."

Among those interesting experiences, never needing to stop at a gas pump might be one of them. That's because their formally diesel-fueled van was converted into a van that runs on waste vegetable oil, the kind that just about every restaurant throws away.

They usually stop at any of the local family restaurants to fuel up, but if they can find a Taco Bell or other fast food chains, they'll stop for the bonus of a roadside treat. It has helped to cut down on their band's car-

The Ragbirds also includes T.J. Zindle (vocals, guitar), Dan Hindlebrant (bass guitar), Randall Moore (percussion) and Tim Dziekan (percussion). The band's goal is to do more touring overseas.

"I'm inspired by all of my

Photo courtesy of theragbirds.com

By Lucy Hough editor in chief

Living in the Upper Peninsula certainly is a unique experience, equipped with a culture much different from the Lower Peninsula. Though Yoopers are sometimes stereotyped as "hicks" and "rednecks," there is more personality that some bloggers and website owners are looking to emphasize in their creative endeavors. Their efforts include a blog about the things people don't typically know about the U.P., T-shirt sales, and a blog discovering mining sites that have become overgrown and forgotten throughout the Keweenaw Peninsula.



Yooper Steez

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Justin "Bugsy" Sailor believes in the "Steez" of the Upper Peninsula. That is, style with ease. His blog and T-shirt company, called Yooper Steez, look to provide a unique look at the U.P., interesting information that is often overlooked and bringing together the people who love this peninsula from around the world.

"So many people grew up in the U.P., they go to Tech, or they go to Northern, and then they move away," said Sailor. "I've been blown away by how many Yoopers I've been in touch with who live all across the United States or across the world. That's really what I find to be the most exciting part of (Yooper Steez)."

Sailor lives in Lansing now working for a design company, but he grew up in Baraga, which is where his love for the U.P. comes from. He remembers snowshoeing around Canyon Falls as he grew up and snowboarding at Marquette and Ripley mountains. He attended Michigan State UniBecause of the blog and T-sh he has been provided a number Upper Peninsula that only add t

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versity and then went on a road trip for a year in which he visited all 50 states. On his trip, he talked to many people about the Upper Peninsula.

"People were asking where I was from, and saying, 'Oh, I haven't heard of the U.P.' (and) 'What's that like?'" Sailor said. "So that's really a big portion of (Yooper Steez), just the educational factor ... Teaching people what a pasty is or how big Lake Superior really is."

The Yooper Steez blog has been around since February 2008. The blog includes regular blog posts on a variety of topics, but also a number of interesting facts, a history and news stories all about the Upper Peninsula. He said that he's lucky that his blog has grown in popularity because people now send him unique information about the U.P. that might not be found elsewhere on the Internet.

The Yooper Steez blog and online at www.yoopersteez.com and sweatshirts \$36.

Yooper Shirts

Justin Symons, owner and lead designer of Yooper Shirts, has always wanted to design apparel.

"It's like a walking canvas, you know? That's what I think is the beauty of it," Symons said. "Some designs you get, like a poster or something like that, it's only seen for a short time or in certain locations, but (with this) a person's wearing it. They show a lot of pride in wearing a shirt coming from where they're born or where they live. It makes them proud to show this design and wear it proudly."

Yooper Shirts features 13 different unique designs in a variety of colors, all designed by Symons. He said that he tries to take a new approach the U.P. shirt.

"The U.P. always has these funny shirts that are cracking jokes at Yoopers because, you know, we're supposedly a bunch of hicks or a bunch of rednecks and we're all about hunting and all that stuff," Symons said. "I kind of wanted to come with a modern approach, you know. We're more than that."

Yooper Shirts started in December and has been more successful than Symons anticipated. Essentially, Shirts is an extension of Symons' business Graphics by Designers that designs many things including websites, logos, business cards and posters. He said that Yooper Shirts was originally just a fun project but it has begun taking up more of his time, which he loves. He prints the shirts in the Upper Peninsula and takes orders and designs everything himself.

The most popular design is called Yooper Icon and features a silhouette of the Upper Peninsula with images of

Copper Country Explorers

What to many people are forgotten ruins, Mike Forgave, writer and creator of the blog Copper Country Explorer, considers treasure. He starts his explorations in the U.P. woods, discovering former mine sites throughout the region, and when he's there, takes anywhere between 200 and 300 pictures. Explorations such as this are divided into a number of blog posts, each based on a specific part of the ruin he found. Forgave spends about an hour doing research on what he explored and two hours writing the post. He tries to post five days a week.

"It's amazing to me when I can find the massive ruins of an old mine hiding out deep within the woods, far from where most other people have gone. There's a special mystery about the Copper Country that draws you in," Forgave said. "It's ... almost like you're looking out across a landscape forgotten by both man and time. Seeing the remains of a building that was built over a century ago and thinking of those men who built it and then toiled inside it sort of puts you and your life into perspective."

Forgave has been blogging since the summer of 2006 and has posted approximately 655 times with over 10,000 photos total. He said that he started the blog because of his immense love for the area and his background in communications, a degree he got from Tech. Though originally from the Lansing area, Forgave said that he decided to do what he could to stay in the U.P. after he graduated. He has an alternative full-time job to help him survive financially and tries to get ahead in his explorations when he has time off. He also runs the tourism blog Keweenaw Free Guide.

Though the blog certainly takes up a significant amount of time, Forgave said it's not hard to remember why he loves the experiences.

"Discovering new ruins out in the deep recesses of the forests also bring out the kid in me, that sense of awe and excitement you really only felt about things when you were younger," Forgave said. "I also love connecting with other people who share the same interests as me. I've met a lot of people through the blog that I now consider good friends."

Forgave said that he has two types of readers. The first is older people who might have moved away from the area but lived in the U.P. when some of these mines were still operating.

"For them, my blog is a way to reconnect to this special place, as well as their youth," Forgave said. "It's a way of continuing to enjoy all this area has to offer while stuck hundreds of miles away."

The other group is younger people, oftentimes Tech students, who are interested in the history of these ruins, the way Forgave was when he was a student. Forgave finds that these people are exploring many of the places that he is, and they forward some of their pictures and experiences to the blog. "I think they enjoy sharing their experience with other people who love the area as they do," Forgave said.

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houette. "This is made up of all these little icons that reflect what the U.P. is all about," Symons said. "I think what's so cool about that shirt is that from a distance it looks like the silhouette and when you get closer there's so much more to it."

Symons grew up in Ishpeming and said that though in the past he has moved and lived elsewhere, he has always come back to live.

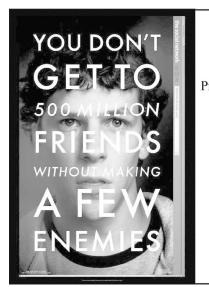
"The U.P. is unique. There really isn't many places like it," Symons said. "I always ended up coming back here because I feel safe and it's beautiful."

Symons T-shirts are for sale at yoopershirts.com and range in price from \$12 to \$20.

Forgave believes the Upper Peninsula has a voice of its own and hopes that all people who live here will try to experience it for themselves, in their own way.

"I think the UP is a place you have to discover for yourself, you have to find what part of it you like on your own," Forgave said. "But I would say that it's important to take the time to explore off the beaten path. There's a lot of history to this region and if you go out looking for it, you may be surprised at all you can find."

Send friend request to 'Social Network'





By Scott Viau managing editor

When deciding to pick out a movie this weekend to enjoy, simply labeling "The Social Network" as that Facebook movie would be an insult to all who worked on the film. It is not a film about how popular, to put it lightly, Facebook has become, but one about jealousy, betrayal and the stepping stones one will use to gain exclusivity.

Cutting back and forth between the creation of Facebook and the eventual lawsuits that resulted from it, "Social" paints a portrait of Mark Zuckerberg (Eisenberg) that is not entirely flattering. He's awkward, socially inept and suffers from jealousy of the more elite people around him. He feels creating a social network that is exclusive to only those with a Harvard.edu e-mail address will gain him access to the influential organizations on campus.

Using the financial resources of his friend Eduardo Saverin (Garfield) and the programming skills of his roommates, Zuckerberg creates a site that takes the Harvard campus by storm. However, as the site grows, he soon faces accusations that he stole the idea from fellow students who had commissioned him to help build a dating site for Harvard students. The trouble does not end there, as Saverin soon finds his shares in the company have been drastically cut and decides to seek proper compensation.

The performances in this film are all electric. I had pegged Eisenberg as almost a one-trick pony, sort of on par with Michael Cera, but his performance as Zuckerberg is pitch-perfect. Anyone who has ever seen a YouTube clip of him will see just how much Eisenberg was able to capture Zuckerberg's Asperger syndromelike personality.

Garfield's performance is, in a word, adorable. He portrays Saverin as the kind of person anyone would like to be friends with. He's loyal, accommodating and always willing to help out. Garfield's charismatic acting is what brings this character to life and is able to give it a bit of sweetness that helps balance Zuckerberg's sour characteristics. The casting of Justin Timberlake as Napster founder Sean Parker was a stroke of genius. In the film, Zuckerberg views Parker as a sort of programming pop star, someone whom he looks up to and can learn from. What better way to accentuate this than cast Timberlake, one of the biggest pop stars in the world, to share this view with the audience.

While watching "Social," it's hard to not think that it's somewhat ridiculous that a movie about Facebook has actually been made. The truth of the matter, though, is that it's done masterfully. Not only is "Social" extremely entertaining, but it brings to light the true nature of what friends may do to one another to get ahead. The focus of the film is not about Facebook, but the human drama surrounding it. Fincher once again proves what a master he is at directing. Although he's best known for his suspense thrillers such as "Zodiac" and "Seven," he is no less adept at crafting a film based on the founding of Facebook.

Sorkin's script, which was adapted from the book "The Accidental Billionaires," is airtight. Every scene is absolutely necessary. My only complaint would be the editing of the film, which goes between Zuckerberg's time at Harvard and when he is being sued. The fast-paced nature of these cut-betweens is sometimes disorienting, but audience members will be able to catch up quickly. The greatest irony of "Social" is how Zuckerberg, who throughout the film shows just how distant he is with other people, was able to create a social network with over 500 million users.

Although the premise includes the most popular media device ever created, it does not diminish the powerful, moving and enraging story of a boy with an idea and the feet he stepped on to accomplish it.



Zuckerberg (Eisenberg) defends the creation of Facebook to a legal board representing two Harvard students claiming it was their idea.

Chesney's latest a hit



Album: Hemingway's Whiskey

Artist: Kenny Chesney

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Tracks: 11

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to songs that are geared toward a live audience and those leaning away from country altogether. This wider stylistic range is new to Chesney, who, after over 30 million CD sales, can afford to take the risk. It pays off, in addition to showing fans a (not too drastically) different side of Chesney. Instead of just singing about his escape to the beach, we take a peek at what it is he's escaping. Chesney looks back into the days of high school football in the chart-topping track "The Boys of Fall," with a music video featuring NFL greats Brett Favre and Peyton Manning. The track, over six minutes long, probably couldn't have been pulled off without his sincerity and smoother-than-usual vocals. Chesney reminisces growing up in a small town where the football games were community events and the town lived vicariously through the players.

In the track "You and Tequila," written by Matraca Berg and Deana Carter, Chesney teams up with Grace Potter for a somber and longing feel: "It's so easy to forget / The bitter taste the morning left / Swore I wouldn't go back there again."

"Live a Little (Love a Lot)" is a perfect example of the kind of song that is meant for the concert-going audience rather than the recorded version, one where Chesney lets loose. This is, however, more of a generic song of his with the "smell the roses" message that we've heard from him before in such songs as "Don't Blink" from his 2007 album. Similar is "Small Y'all," where Chesney teams up with old-timer George Jones, and the resulting song is one that reflects how much fun the pair seems to have had creating it. Although not especially deep, the track is a fun listen. Now in his 40s and after producing countless songs, it's impressive to hear a change minor enough to keep the praise of fans but present enough to generate some new listeners.



Kenny Chesney's newest album, "Hemingway's Whiskey," is the result of his yearlong hiatus from touring and the surrender of his four-time run as the CMA Entertainer of the Year, an award in which touring is a deciding factor.

By Delaney Lovett

features editor

This break seems to have given him a better perspective with regard to song selections, deciding to reflect on his past and unknown future with more grace and maturity than his previous albums.

One thing "Whiskey" undoubtedly offers is variety, from more traditional country twang











OPERATION AOY



By Ashley Wiggins

photo editor

Aoy Lachappelle, owner of The Rice Paddy, uses every tip she makes to purchase food, school supplies, uniforms and shoes for the underprivileged children from her hometown in Thailand. This past March, photographers Kyle Miron and Alex Rintala of Marquette's CK Unlimited Photography joined forces with Lachappelle and her husband on their annual trip to Thailand. Together, they launched Operation AOY, with a mission to "capture the smiles, the tears, and the ripple of love that such a generous act of kindness brings to this world." So far, their efforts have raised \$8,321, which has funded the publication of a 40page book documenting the experience and has provided another 120 schoolchildren with supplies and food for a year. The book, containing photos by both Miron and Rintala, will soon be for sale at operationaoy.com and at The Rice Paddy in Marquette. All proceeds from the book sales will be donated to the children photographed and their peers.

The book release will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Temple's Red Room in Marquette; the community is invited and encouraged to attend. It will include a presentation by Lachappelle, Miron and Rintala as well as a behind-the-scenes documentary/slideshow.

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Photos courtesy of Kyle Miron and Alex Rintala. For more information on Operation AOY visit: www.operationaoy.com

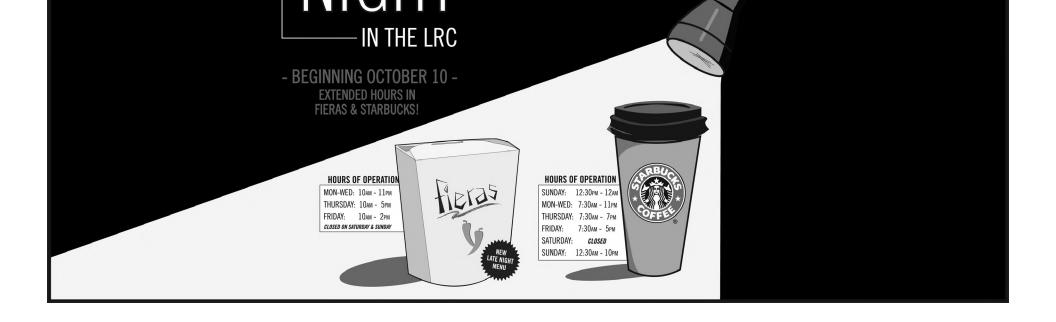


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The North WindFor more sports, visit the website:
www.thenorthwindonline.comVolleyball ranked 14th in the nation

By David Pleyel

staff writer

The NMU Women's Volleyball team moves their hardfought record up to 13-0 (9-0 GLIAC). They remain at the top of the GLIAC North and move up to 14th in the nation. The team is finally able to have a little bit of down time after a very competitive matchup this past weekend against long time rivals, the Michigan Tech Huskies.

The Wildcats struggled in the first set, with three return errors and six miss-serves. The Huskies, taking quick advantage of these mistakes, were able to win the first set 21-25. The Wildcats would not be shaken up so easily though as the fans in the Cat Attack Zone raised to their feet and cheered with excitement trying to get the team back in the game.

The Wildcats would indeed regain their diligence and focus as they would claim victory in the second set with a score of 25-14. The 'Cats, feeling the energy all around them fought another hard third set to win it by 25-20 and finally finished the game off in the fourth set with a 25-11, as they defeated the Huskies for the second time this season.

Sophomore setter Abby Lovell said that it was a great match and

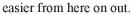
a good feeling to remain undefeated, but the stress level is rising.

"We didn't seem mentally there in the first set," Lovell said. "After that, we just got our game together and just stayed focused. With everyone executing their game and skills, we went on to win the next three sets, which was an awesome feeling." Junior hitter Emma Wolfe agreed that the first set started off pretty rough, but in the end the team pulled through and got the victory.

"We just started slow in the first set and didn't play to our potential," Wolfe said. "We made a lot of service errors that could have been prevented, but we came back and stayed focused and learned from our mistakes."

Sami Vierk led the Wildcats with 14 kills, along with Emma Wolfe and Kalli Herron who had 10 kills each. Abby Lovell also had four kills on top of her 48 assists for that game as well.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said that he is glad his team was able to pull the upset against Tech, but nothing is going to get



"It was great to beat Tech twice this year," Yoder said. "The last time we beat them twice in one year was 2008, so it's a great accomplishment. Now we just have to stay focused and put this win behind us and move forward to bigger and better things and accomplish our goals set ahead of us."

The Wildcats will be on the road taking on two fierce competitors this weekend. The first team the 'Cats will meet is Tif-fin University on Friday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in Tiffin, Ohio. The final team which the 'Cats will meet is Ohio Dominican University on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. in Columbus, Ohio.

Yoder said being this deep undefeated is a first for him and he hopes to remain undefeated after this weekend, but the road will be a tough one to travel, he said.

"These two teams are scary good," Yoder said. "Tiffin is a very competitive team that has some of the best hitters in the conference. Ohio Dominican University is new to our conference, so the unknown is always a bit intimidating, but as long as we control the tempo of the game and we show up to compete, I don't see how we could lose either game."

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Senior right side hitter Katie Twardzik makes a kill attempt against rival Michigan Tech. The Wildcats fell to the Huskies in the first set (21-25) but came back with three wins in a row (25-14, 25-20, 25-11) to seal the victory.

Wildcats lose first GLIAC game 26-18

By Brice Burge

staff writer

The Northern Michigan University football team lost their perfect GLIAC record, as the team lost 26-18 to the Wayne State Warriors last Saturday, Oct. 2. In the game, NMU had four turnovers.

"Whenever you turn the ball over four times, it's tough to win a football game," said head coach Bernie Anderson.

The rainy game in Detroit was a smash-mouthed game of two hardhitting teams. WSU and NMU were the top two defenses in the GLIAC going into the matchup. Both teams left some bruises for the other side.

the play of the offensive line, as the group has let up 17 sacks for 139 yards lost this season.

"It's a part of the growing process," said offensive coordinator Chris Ostrowsky. "I think the offensive line is a young group trying to gel together and they're working hard. Kopach is as tough of a guy as can be. We're trying to do some different things and trying to keep things in perspective."

Despite what happened with Kopach and the line, the wide receivers and running backs are starting to shine. Transfer players John Privitelli and Phillipe Smith recorded 22 carries for 70 yards. It was the most carries in a game as a Wildcat for both players. rushing yards on three attempts, Privitelli came out of the backfield for sixteen receiving yards. Also, Marble-King, Thompson and junior wide receiver Tony Awrey recorded one tackle a piece after turnovers.

"We got good chemistry and were blending well with each other," Brancheau said. "(We're) stepping up and its coming out good for us."

Northern kept this game close as the offense seemed to settle down in the second half to produce longer drives. However, the Wildcats could only score three points in the third and fourth quarters. The best opportunity for Northern in that time was a fourth-and-one at the Wayne State 19 yard line, which was in the range of kicker Rockne Belmonte. Belmonte hit field goals from 38 and 44 yards earlier in the game and had the wind at his back, but missed his first PAT this year in the second quarter. "You got to get a yard. If you get a yard, you get a first down and have a better scoring opportunity," Anderson said. "It was a 39 yard field goal and it's not a gimme and we didn't get one yard."

special teams that improved this week. Punt and kickoff yards were longer than the season average for the second straight week.

"It's from a lot of overtime after practice," Belmonte said. "(We're) making sure we're early for each group and making sure we are all on the same page."

The rushing defense of the 'Cats held the running back tandem of Toney Davis and Josh Renel to only 136 yards, the lowest total they have been held to all year. Both running backs are ranked in the top ten for rushing yards in the conference this year and Renel leads the GLIAC in all-purpose vards with over 200 yards per game. The defense also stepped up in the passing game holding Warrior quarterback Mickey Mohner to only 180 yards through the air. Senior linebacker Eddie Knoblock was also able to intercept Mohner near the end of the first half and return the pick-six for 70 yards. "(WSU) seemed to be settling down before half and I was able to jump the slant," Knoblock said.

heroics from the offense set up the Wildcats with a two-point conversion opportunity for a chance to win the game. After a loss where the winning or losing play isn't as clear cut, the team is looking for the positives going into the next week.

"Our team stuck together and fought until the end," Privitelli said. "There were a lot of parts in the game where teams could have crumbled, but the defense kept pushing the offense and the offense kept pushing the defense and we stuck to it."

The next game for the Wildcats is the Grand Valley Lakers, the

"They were a physical team, probably the most physical team we've played this year," said junior tight end Craig Thompson.

The most banged-up player on the field was junior quarterback Carter Kopach. After being named GLIAC offensive player of the week two weeks in a row, Kopach had problems in the air, completing 22 of 47, with 5 interceptions and zero passing touchdowns over the past two weeks. Poor play has lead to grumblings and doubt in the Wildcat fan base, not only about Kopach's ability, but also "I'm glad the coaches gave me the opportunity for that role. I liked being involved in the offense like that, and I had fun doing it," said Privitelli. "We had to keep battling and I felt strong through the whole game."

Senior Dustin Brancheau led the Wildcat receivers with five receptions for 111 yards. Brancheau was one of five 'Cats with a reception as the unit combined for 15 catches and 218 yards. The players also showed a great deal of versatility, as freshman wide receiver Christian Marble-King added 15

Belmonte's field goals, including his longest as a Wildcat, weren't the only aspect of the This was the first GLIAC loss of the season and second loss overall, bringing their overall record to 3-2. However, this Wayne State game was different from the first loss of the season, as last minute top-ranked team in the American Football Coaches Association poll. Grand Valley is 5-0 this season, but has played far from perfect. Grand Valley was formerly ranked first in the D2football.com poll, but fell to second after their controversial victory against Hillsdale, where poor clock management by the Charger coaching staff gave GVSU the win. But wherever the Lakers are ranked, the Wildcats are looking forward to travelling to Allendale.

"We're a lot hungrier and that's one thing we need," Brancheau said. "We're going up against the number one team in the country and we're ready for them."

Wildcat hockey earns exhibition win

By John Becker

sports editor

The NMU hockey team opened up the regular season with an exhibition match at home last weekend, where the team earned a landslide shutout victory. The team prepares for the Superior Cup this weekend.

The exhibition took place on Oct. 3 against the Nipissing University Lakers, a team from North Bay, Ontario, Canada. The Wildcats (1-0 overall) spared no time warming up their offense, with junior forward Andrew Cherniwchan (CJ Ludwig, Greger Hanson) scoring nine seconds into the game. The team would end the first period leading 4-0. The 'Cats sealed their victory early but kept the offensive drive going, winning 11-0.

Head coach Walt Kyle said he saw the Wildcats improve overall from one period to the next.

"I don't necessarily mean from an offensive perspective, I mean from checking schemes to defensive zone cover, to some of the execution on faceoffs, I thought we did a better job as the night went on," he said.

Freshman forward Erik Higby earned a hat trick in the game and had one assist. Junior forward Justin Florek earned two goals and had two assists. The offensive unit was on fire with 43 shots on goal.

The defense only allowed 18 shots on goal the entire game and Kyle said the actual scoring opportunities were much lower.

"(The Lakers) had very few shots that were scoring chances, I think that they had four or five chances of the night that were legit," Kyle said.

Each of the goaltenders had an opportunity to show their skill for one period. Reid Ellingson earned five saves, Jared Coreau had six, and Devan Hartigan finished the game with seven saves.

Kyle said that while Ellingson is now the starting goaltender, it was important to give all the goalies a chance on the ice.

"It may have benefited Reid more to play the entire night, but the truth is the other two guys have played well enough to deserve that ice time," Kyle said. "With Jared Coreau, he's a young freshman who's never played a college game and needed to get a taste of it."

Sophomore defenseman Scott Macaulay had two assists and the highest plus/minus (+6), meaning he was on the ice for six of the Wildcat's goals. If the opponent had scored any goals when he was on the ice, the plus/minus would drop respectively.

Macaulay said he wants to take on a bigger role this season to keep the team solid defensively, and help them be aggressive offensively.

"I take pride in making the first pass out of the zone," Macaulay said. "I like to think of myself as and offensive defenseman who can contribute to getting goals on

the board."

The Wildcats will be hosting the Michigan Tech Huskies on Friday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Berry Events Center.

Senior right winger Phil Fox said the Wildcats need to get past the tough play of the Huskies to win.

"We're expecting them to play how they always play: hard, physical, always taking the body, doing little things, blocking shots," said Fox, the team's captain.

Fox also said he's honored to have been named captain and it means a lot to him.

"I just want to do the best I can and help lead the boys," Fox said. "I want us to be the best team we can and compete for not only a league championship but also a national championship."

Kyle agreed that games against Tech are always a battle, and this time the Huskies have the experience advantage.

"They're a veteran team, they're more experienced than we are," Kyle said. "I think it's going to be a very difficult game for us.'

The following game won't be any easier. On Saturday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m., the 'Cats will face off against the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs in the Berry.

Kyle said the team is expecting their opponents to be a challenge. The Bulldogs are ninth in the nation according to the USA Today/ USA Hockey Magazine men's college hockey preseason poll.

"We're going to get a real introduction into what it takes to play against a nationally ranked team and a real quality opponent," Kyle said.



Mark Flemming/NW

Freshman defenseman CJ Ludwig goes toe-to-toe with an opponent as they chase down a runaway puck. Ludwig earned two assists against the Nipissing Lakers.

Soccer Cats earn win, tie on road still unbeaten at top of the GLIAC

By Jon Young

contributing writer

The NMU women's varsity soccer team kept their undefeated record in place this weekend, coming away with a win and a tie. On Friday Oct. 1, the Wildcats (6-0-2 GLIAC, 6-0-4 overall) traveled to Painesville, Ohio to battle against the Lake Erie Storm (0-8 GLIAC, 2-8 overall). Northern left Lake Erie in search of their conference win, after taking a 4-2 victory against the hosts.

The 'Cats came out aggresthe Storm. Head coach Matt Granstrand said it was good to get the early lead, but the team didn't keep their intensity level up after the goals.

goal from Ally Miller. The 'Cats Johnson responded back late in the first half after weaving through defense and scoring her second goal of the day at 42:55.

"We have a lot of people they need to shut down, and if they choose to shut down one the other one usually gets the goal," Granstrand said. "Amelia had a great weekend; it's good to see her back in the scoring column again."

The Wildcats added to their lead in the second half when Stephens connected on her second goal of the day (eighth of the seasive and got the early lead against son) at 64:12. The 'Cats dominated the ball control and had 27 shots, compared to Lake Erie's eight. The Storm were able to sneak in a goal with under a minute left to play, but it was too late as Northern came away victorious 4-2. On Sunday, Oct. 3 the Wildcats traveled to Ashland, Ohio to take on the Ashland University Eagles (1-5-2 GLIAC, 2-6-2 overall). The game ended in a 1-1 double overtime tie. The 'Cats had to fight back in the second half after falling behind 1-0 at 37:27 off the Eagles' goal. Granstrand thought his team could have performed better.

flat," Granstrand said. "I think Jessica had a real great first half, otherwise we could've been down by more than one goal."

The 'Cats came out more aggressive in the second half and were able to tie the game up at 53:12 when Amelia Johnson found the back of the net off the Missy Mohr assist. The game went into two overtimes ending in a 1-1 tie. Players understand opposing teams are looking to knock off the 'Cats.

"I definitely feel like we have a target on our back," said sophomore goalie Jessica Baker. "Every game is going to be a battle, no matter what."

The No. 1 Grand Valley State University Lakers scouting report

2010 Record: 5-0 Overall, 4-0 GLIAC 2009 Record: 13-2 Overall, National Runner-up to NWMSU

Last game: W 71-10 vs Tiffin

Players to watch: Grand Valley: senior Kyle McMahon QB, freshman Luther Ware LB, junior Greg Gay WR, freshman Erik Thompson SS NMU: senior Dustin Brancheau WR, junior Tony Awrey WR, junior Anthony Marietti DB, sophomore Jace Daniels OL

Key matchup: NMU Defensive Coordinator Randy Awrey vs GVSU Offensive Coordinator Eric Koehler. So far the Lakers have looked liked an Arena Football League team, with the highpowered offense racking up the points, but that might be coming to an end as Awrey is regarded as the best defensive coordinator in the conference with his play-calling skills. The two coaches have both been at their respective positions for three years and have been able to establish their philosophies with the players. But this matchup falls into the Wildcats favor, as the defensive bag of tricks have yet to open this season.

"We started off brilliantly with a quick 2-0 lead, and then we shut down and we shouldn't have shut down," Granstrand said. "But I'll take a win on the road."

Sophomore forward Amelia Johnson got the 'Cats on the board first at 3:24 with a 25-yard strike off the KC McCary assist. Senior forward Dana Stephens wasted no time adding another goal at 9:53 from the Missy Mohr assist. Lake Erie responded at 19:45 with a

"I thought we came out real

The 'Cats are at home this weekend as they host Findlay (4-3 in the GLIAC, 4-3-2 overall) on Friday, Oct. 8 at 4 p.m. and Tiffin (4-2-1 in the GLIAC, 5-3-1 overall) on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 12 p.m. Granstand understands his team has to show up to play.

"Findlay and Tiffin are this weekend, both quality teams, probably the two best in the (GLI-AC) South Division," Granstrand said. "We need to play better than we played this past weekend, and hopefully we can regain that, being at home."

Key stat: NMU is playing their third straight homecoming game, as GVSU will be returning from their first road trip of the year against Findlay and Tiffin. The last time the Lakers lost at home was their 2004 homecoming against Northwood.

Prediction: Numerous members of the team said this team was hungry for a victory after last week's loss and Grand Valley is looking a little too full after blowing out two below.500 teams. If NMU can stay out of the penalties, and have the offensive line play their career-best games as a unit, Northern should win this game in the fourth. NMU 38 GVSU 34

-Brice Burge

Men's rugby fights for playoff chance

By John Becker

sports editor

The NMU men's rugby team earned a solid victory last week and will take the home pitch again this weekend with their playoff future and an unofficial trophy on the line.

The Moosemen are 3-1 on the

season, having earned a 21-14 victory against Marquette University Warriors on Sept. 18 and losing to University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks (4-0) on Sept. 25, 10-54.

Club president Matt Kehrer said Whitewater is a nationallyranked team that executed perfectly and was very fast. "They literally did the same thing every time, and it worked," Kehrer said. "They would just run to the outside, make our backs commit, kick it over our heads and then score a try."

Senior winger Kyle Ruff said another issue against Whitewater was the loss of depth.

"Our biggest thing is get-

Photo courtesy of Brian Roebke, NMU alum of '84

Junior prop Dane Kilpatrick powers his way into the MSOE Raider defenders on a rush. The prop is positioned in the front line next to the hooker; he is one of the pack, or forwards. The Moosemen beat the Raiders, 54-5.

ting people to go. In our loss to Whitewater, we didn't have a lot of the guys who normally played, so I think that was a big factor."

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the Moosemen were able to overpower the Michigan School of Engineering (MSOE) Raiders, 54-5. Kehrer said the Raiders were fighting an uphill battle with fewer men than usual.

"They came up a man short, so due to regulations they had to play a man down. It was 15 against 14. Our pack dominated. We didn't do anything fancy, but we didn't mess up," Kehrer said.

Kehrer said due to the onesided score, the B-side got to get some game time in during the second half.

"Our A-side only had to play one half, so a lot of our newer guys got in to play," he said. "I think with rugby, the more you play the better you get. Any time they get a chance to play they're going to improve."

Ruff agreed with getting the B-side some more playing time, because there will be a problem in the future with having experienced players.

"There's a generation gap, which I feel is a bit of a problem because we only had a couple recruits last year, so there's a gap between the older guys who are focused on school and the younger guys who are more committed to the team," Ruff said.

This weekend the Moosemen will host the UW-Parkside Rangers (2-2) on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. on the intramural fields at Wright and Lincoln.

Kehrer said the Moosemen are usually well matched up with the Rangers, as both teams use quick backs and a big pack to push the offense forward.

"We lost to them last year, but we're hoping to get a victory. We haven't lost a home match in many years, so we intend to win," Kehrer said.

Ruff also mentioned that this game is an unofficial trophy game; the teams will be competing for the Golden Rancor Trophy.

"The Rancor is the big thing in the pit at Jabba's palace, from Star Wars. It's just a rancor, painted gold, and it's on a piece of plywood," Ruff said.

Ruff said the trophy is roughly 10 years old and has been going back and forth between the Moosemen and the Rangers.

"There's a list of who's won and what year," Ruff said. "Last year was the first time Parkside won it in four or five years so it was very heartbreaking when we lost it."

Men's club hockey sweeps weekend

By Laura Conway

contributing writer

The NMU men's club hockey team had a winning series against the Northern Illinois University Huskies from Dekalb, Ill., this past weekend.

The last two seasons against NIU, the Wildcats split the series. This time, the team wasn't going to settle for anything less than a sweep.

A lot of the team is from Illinois, so NIU is a pretty big rival for them. Many of the Wildcats have played on teams with some of the opposing team members, so they know each others' strengths and weaknesses.

Forward Kellen Michalak wanted to make a statement with

"I've been pretty hot the last couple of games. They come out a little harder for me. The team has a little more trust in how I play," Minsky said.

Michalak had an impressive game himself, scoring two out of the seven goals of that first game.

"One shorthanded goal that was clutch made the game 3-1," Michalak said.

This first game ended with the Wildcats winning 7-1.

The second game was a nailbiter as first period ended with a tie, and early in the second period the Huskies got ahead by two. The Wildcats refocused and fought their way back to a tie with five minutes to go in the third period. Then, veteran player Robbie Bissett scored the winning goal with a minute to go and the Wildcats won 4-3. Minsky commented that it was Bissett's first goal of the season and a huge motivator for the team to keep playing strong. and he had worked hard during the week to make sure he didn't make the same mistakes.

"I felt good going into the game ... Bowling Green was tough and we had a lot of guys come back for this game that were gone so we had our full line up back. We came back and tied it, got over the penalties, stayed focus and didn't lose anything. We worked too hard throughout the week to not win this game," Kapuchinski

said.

The next match for the Wildcats is against the University of Iowa, a team that they haven't played in a few years. Iowa sought out to schedule the Wildcats for the game; it was a compliment.

Kapuchinski isn't going to treat Iowa differently than any other team they have played. He knows they are a talented team, but he is still going to give it his all and is confident the rest of the team will too.

"I've heard Iowa is tough. As long as we play our best, I'm sure there's no reason why we can't stick with them. This is going to be a good measuring stick to see where we are as a team," Kapuchinski said.

The Wildcats are playing the University of Iowa at the Berry Events Center Friday, Oct. 8 at 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.



the first game and make sure they knew the 'Cats were going for the sweep and not just a split like in previous years.

"We wanted to come out big and set the tone ... mainly we wanted to sweep. We didn't want to split with them," Michalak said.

In the first game NMU came out almost unstoppable. Out of the 40 attempted shots on goalie Joey Minsky, he only let one through.

Minsky is glad that he is playing so well and that his team knows they can rely on him when they need him. "Bissett drilled the puck in and we (took the lead) 4-3. The bench really got hyped up," Minsky said.

Another big win from this game was for rookie goalie Matt Kapuchinski. It was his first club win of his career. The previous weekend against Bowling Green State University was tough for him and the team, losing both games 10-0 and 5-1. Kapuchinski was feeling great going into this game though,

Justin Key/NW

Forward Kellen Michalak uses his quick reflexes to react to the faceoff. Michalak leads the team in points, with 12, and goals, with nine. Three of his goals were during a power play, and two were shorthanded goals.

Women's rugby suffers close home loss

By Mackenzie Myers

contributing writer

Last Sunday was a chilly day, but what the weather lacked in heat, the women's rugby team made up for in their game against the Wayne State Warriors. The Oct. 3 game was the fourth of the season for the Northstars and the team found themselves on the wrong side of each contest. The

"They're a tough team," team captain Meredith Evancho said before the game. "They're undefeated and good offensively. It'll definitely be a challenge, but we've improved a lot and are hoping to put up some good defense."

The game did prove to be a challenge, with the Warriors scoring within the first 10 minutes and getting a couple of points off the kick. However, the Northstars didn't let that get in their way. Most of the match was a game of cat-and-mouse with alternate goals between NMU and Wayne. It remained that way until the last 20 minutes of the game, when Wayne took off with four consecutive goals, ending with a score of 47-20 in the Warriors' favor.

Despite the loss, back Millie MacDonald said the team improved from the last game.

"We played well as a team,

and we tackled a lot better than usual," she said.

Unfortunately for the Northstars, improving the tackling isn't enough to fix on the defensive side of the ball.

"We need to focus on keeping the other team from scoring, but that's something that we're working on together. A lot of us are pretty new to ," MacDonald said.

Another minor setback of the game was the injury of Brittany Mosler. Luckily, the team had a plethora of players to sub, in comparison to Wayne State, who had a small team.

Buence said the team has had a lot of problems with injuries this season. "They've been pretty bad. Usually we don't have that many. But we haven't really had a whole lot of serious injuries. It's mostly just bumps and bruises, getting tired. That kind of stuff.'

But even with the injuries and occasional setbacks, the Northstars still love what they do. Though rugby is a surprisingly intense sport with a high level of contact and roughness, it clearly is a source of enjoyment for the NMU girls.

"I did rugby because I re-

ally missed team sports. I was in sports all through high school, and it's just fun to run around," Buence said. "I love rugby because, as a rugby player, no matter where you go you have support from every rugby player around. It's just an instant bond, and it's really cool."

MacDonald said she thought about playing soccer, but decided against it because she wanted something new. "I'm glad I did rugby."

The Northstars also had another game directly afterward the Wayne State match, this time facing the Michigan Tech Huskies. Despite having eight less players than the first game, the Northern-Tech match was successful on our side, as the team swept the competition away with a score of 48-5.

"We took advantage of our faster players and got the ball to them to score," said Cassie Mc-Dermott, the club president.

"We were aggressive and made many tackles to regain possession of the ball," she said.

The Northstars plan on working on conditioning and endurance in practice this week to prepare for their next match. They head to Mount Pleasant this Sunday, Oct. 10 to play the Central Michigan University Chippewas.



Junior outside center Stephanie Ray charges into a slew of Wayne State defenders. The Northstars went try-fortry with the Warriors until the end of the second half, when the Warriors scored four, beating NMU 47-20.

Skater stands tall among competition

By Laura Conway

contributing writer

In the sport of women's short track speed skating, the average athlete height is between five foot three inches and five foot five inches. Junior Erin Bartlett, a USOEC athlete out of Lakewood, Ohio, is a giant in her sport towering over her competition at 5-foot-10-inches. In her skates it adds another four inches; putting her at six feet, two inches.

Bartlett wasn't so tall when she first started skating at the age of six. She didn't even like skating when her father got

her into the sport.

skating.

"I started competing at seven at local meets that everyone can go. I competed in my first nationals when I was 11, in the pony age groups," Bartlett said.

It wasn't until she started lifting weights at age 12 that she started seeing the fruits of her labor and truly started to love and appreciate the sport.

"I started growing as an athlete, my times started getting better and I started beating girls I couldn't beat before. My hard work was paying off and I got motivated to keep working hard-

"I didn't like it at first, **I didn't like it at first, because I**

USOEC and how hard they worked, but I was beating them and not working half as much. It was huge motivation to see that I was beating the girls at that level," Bartlett said.

Bartlett almost didn't make it to the USOEC, the spot she was going to take filled up last minute with a skater coming out of retirement. She was originally going to train in Salt Lake City, Utah, with the national team, though not as a member.

"I had living arrangements and everything set up, then they e-mailed me a day before my high school graduation that I had been accepted into the program. Four days later I moved to Marquette to start training," Bartlett said. That was a very quick move for her and not a lot of people can handle that much at once. Teammate Sarah Burg commented on how impressed she was with Bartlett staying focused and being able to balance school and skating and moving with such a small adjustment period. "She has grown a lot since she got here; it takes everyone a few years to adjust. She always works hard and puts 100 percent into everything. She matured and was able to balance school, college life away from home and

skating successfully," Burg said.

Bartlett knew coming up here what she had to work on. Her height could be harnessed as a great source of power and decrease her times. She admitted to not quite yet having enough strength to get that extra reach with her legs, but she and her coaches are working towards that goal with every drill at every practice.

"I don't have the pelvic strength yet to dig and use that. When we do dry land I try to focus on fully extending my legs so that I could use more of my legs. It would get me a lot further than I am right now.

"There's no one I can really

ever get her down and she is always there for her teammates when they need her.

Teammate Brett Perry is grateful that he can rely on Bartlett and could not imagine how practices would be without her.

"She's always there for us, supporting us when we are having a bad day at school or practice. It wouldn't be as fun without her, there would be a lot missing. She adds so much to our team," Perry said.

Bartlett was on the 2008 Junior World Team and is looking to make this year's national team. The next step to this goal will be her competing at the American Cup II Nov. 6 and 7 in Cleveland. Ohio.

because I wasn't very though I didn't like it, and now I am where I am because he pushed me," Bartlett said.

Bartlett was participating in a beginners skating class when her father got the idea. Over in the adjoining rink to her skating class, he saw a speed skating practice and saw how much potential there was for growth in the sport.

Bartlett started competing less than a year later in speed

wasn't very good at it. My dad good at it. My dad pushed pushed me to do my best even me to do my best even though I didn't like it, and now I am where I am because he pushed me.

> — junior Erin Bartlett USOEC speed skater

er, that's when I started really liking speed skating," Bartlett said.

Bartlett was even beating women from the USOEC while she was in high school.

"I saw the older girls at the

look up to in the women's division, so it's all me right now," Bartlett said.

Bartlett was a competitor at the Olympic Trials last year in Marquette. Due to a fall in the middle of the event, she didn't do as well as she could have.

"I fell and hurt my back and scratched from one of the races, then skated terrible after that. This year, I placed tenth at American Cup I, my goal was to place top 12. I have a feel now of what I need to work on in order to meet my goal this year of making national team," Bartlett said. Bartlett doesn't let anything



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Life — Please stop your madness. Okay? Okay - Person trying to live

BM — I hope your knee gets better soon, man! — **OE**

NW Staff — Thanks for the cig and being nice when I needed it -ASE

OE — On guard! My razor hands will defeat your yardstick blade! — SE

Cameron — Thank you so much for taking care of me this week while I was sick. Happy three years this Sunday! I love you so other. — Lucy much. You are my sunshine. -Thao aka Panda Monkey Bear Everybody! — You can write

Alex and Liz — Thank you so much for all your help with the northwind@gmail.com Top Secret Mission. You guys are road! — Thao

NE — We didn't really share any jokes today. Oh wait, yeah we did. Make the jump "dank" — SE

Brooke — Hope you have an awesome time at that show. This time you've got plenty of license people, whatever. - Alex

week — OE

Thao — No problem! I'm a fan of secret missions - OE

Mickdiq — You're going down back. — ME next week, man. I'ma win this duel — Belz

ME — Thanks for being here and for sticking with me even though I get a bit crazy. And by a bit crazy I mean really stinkin' mean. Wuv you. — EIC

endings. — OE

— LEGENDARYYY!! Jess That's how I feel about you.-John

field goal vs my Colts was great, and Imma let you finish, but Jason Elam kicked the longest field goal of all time-Kanye impersonator

NWI farmers — Keep on keepin' on. Idiots in white trucks can't stop a region rat — ASE

ME — Thanks for the much needed m&ms :) — FE

Sleep — Please stop making me miss music class every Thursday - Delaney

Tini — I'm sorry that I can't be at your lab show. I'll be thinking about you. I'm here. — Lucy

Lina — I think the Keweenaw is the ever sought after for us. Let's grow old in Calumet or Copper Harbor and not have jobs and just spend our days looking at each

some of these so we don't have to do them all! Just e-mail opinions. about what you would like yours to say. the best! There's a crow in the You can send secret love notes or silly shout outs to professors. We've had 'em all! — NW Staff

> Manhood test — Kind of dreading you tomorrow, just saying. ----Red head

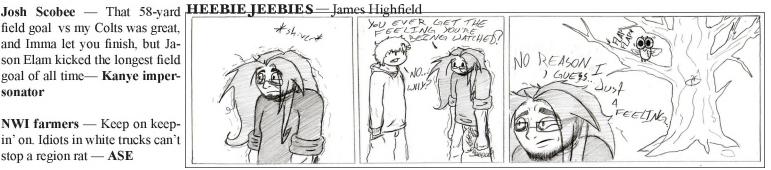
Gocella — Thanks for pumping me up about learning and writto punch out street lamps ... or ing today during our conference. - Lucy

Wednesday night — Thanks for Lucy — I really hope we actubeing my favorite night of the ally do our interview tomorrow. Please don't make me clean for nuttin'. — Scott

> EIC — You get frustrated. I understand. I've always got your

> **FE** — I could just tell it was gonna be an M&M night for you.







SANDY CLAWS - Dana Perry



ACADIA ACADEMIA - Andy Harmon



THE ADVENTURES OF BABY- Lucy Hough







October — Why isn't there a — MEsong for you? — Dimmy and Belz World — There's so little room

Lina — My love for you is ev-So many people to thank this erything, no matter what's hapweek! All I really want to say is pening. Thank you. - Lucy — NE

Darkness — Three years twisted together, our fires entwined. I never want to unravel. - Lightness

PE — I'm a fan of the crazy stories you tell us every week. I hope you keep them coming, even if

Inspirations Time for a change Lucy's recorder Dim's bald head Mexican food Newspaper hat Total Eclipse of the Heart



