



NMU student dies in accident

by Lucy Hough
editor in chief

NMU student Clint Roberts died Sunday, Oct. 10 after hitting a deer on his motorcycle. He was driving on D Road in Gladstone when he hit the deer, lost control, and struck a fence and tree. According to a Michigan State Police press release, he was then taken to St. Francis Hospital where he died of major internal injuries. Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the crash. Roberts was returning from a visit to his home in Bark River.



Roberts was interested in motorcycles, snowboarding and playing guitar and video games, according to Kyle Robinette, Roberts' close friend and hospitality management student at NMU. Roberts was planning on entering the National Guard to become a helicopter pilot.

Robinette went to high school with Roberts in Bark River and hung out with Roberts almost every night this semester. Robinette said that Roberts was always there

for Robinette when he wanted to talk.

"He was a great kid," Robinette said. "He had so many friends, and he was always going out of his way to help them out."

He said that he's trying to stay strong because he feels that's what Roberts would want him to do.

"I'm hanging in there," Robinette said. "I know he'd want all of us to stay

strong."

Roberts lived on the first floor of Spooner Hall, where he was very well-liked by those who knew him.

"The people he did talk to have been deeply affected by the loss, and certainly everyone is saddened," said Katie Puroll, resident director of Spooner. "It catches you off guard, you never expect someone to leave and not return."

Roberts is survived by his parents, sister and his brother. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Bark River Bible Church with the funeral service to follow.

Purple ribbons promote Alzheimers awareness



Paul Goodrich/NW

Senior speech, language and hearing sciences major Steffani Rector helps her son Cam put up purple ribbons in the Academic Mall. The student group the National Student, Speech, Language, Hearing Association to inform students that October is Alzheimer's awareness month.

Ebooks a cheaper option for students

by Cameron Witbeck
staff writer

Within the last few years, electronic textbooks have been showing up on campuses across the country. While advances in interactivity and lower prices have made them attractive options for some students, ebooks may have a long way to go before they replace their printed ancestors.

With NMU's laptop initiative and proposed commitment to environmentally conscientious programs, it might seem like a natural progression for the university's administration to support a switch from print to electronic textbooks for student use. Doug Roberts, chair of NMU's Board of Trustees, said that the issue is more complicated than it first seems. He said that, despite some talk amongst board members about implementing ebooks on campus, such a decision is ultimately out of their hands.

"The Board, as a board, is not opposed to any of these issues," Roberts said. "We're for the technology, but we're not pushing it as university policy."

Book publishers would have to play a substantial role in the transition from print to electronic books, said Roberts. Publishing companies most often hold the copyrights to, and facilitate the sales of, textbooks.

"We couldn't do it if we wanted to, (not) without the publisher's permission. The publisher has to get paid, the same as they do now, in some manner," Roberts said.

NMU has already been involved with electronic textbooks on campus. The NMU Bookstore offers several ebook options, in which students purchase a subscription code that allows them access to the online material.

Paul Wright, the assistant manager of the bookstore, said that

Adjuncts discuss unionizing

by Amanda Cook
contributing writer

NMU's Coalition for Contingent Faculty (CCF) is working on finalizing the unionization process for adjunct instructors. CCF was formed several years ago as a network for adjunct employees to discuss issues they encountered and to look for solutions to benefit both themselves and students.

Grace Chaillier, an adjunct employee who has been part of CCF for most of its existence, said that unionization was one of the possibilities the group took into account from the beginning.

"We had a collection of problems as a group: low wages, lack of health coverage, (and) a number of other things with the idea that in order to get those things, we might consider unionization," Chaillier said.

During the past year, CCF has conducted extensive research and communicated with members of NMU's administration, American Association of University Professors (AAUP) representatives, other national union representatives, and adjunct employees in order to find the best way to secure better working conditions

for part-time faculty.

Rather than forming a new union, CCF decided that the best course of action was to be accreted to NMU's branch of the AAUP. The AAUP represents most full-time faculty, and accretion may provide similar benefits for adjunct employees.

"Right from the beginning, the (AAUP) executive board was very supportive of our effort to accrete to the existing unit," Chaillier said.

The process took a step forward in the spring of 2010, when the AAUP filed a Petition of Representation with the Michigan Employee Relations Commission (MERC). MERC is an organization that resolves labor disputes in both public and private sectors.

Over the summer of 2010, CCF held informal deliberations with administrators to discuss various issues, sometimes meeting as often as twice a week.

Since a resolution has not yet been reached after several attempts, MERC has scheduled a formal hearing between CCF and NMU administrators. To avoid the expenses and inconveniences required to travel to Lansing, a stipulated hearing will take

place. Both parties will stipulate to certain facts, and therefore not have to argue those facts in court. NMU's administration and the CCF must also each send in documentation regarding their positions on their unresolved issues, as well as justification to back up their respective stances. Once the judge receives this information from each party, he or she will have up to six months to make a decision on the case. CCF estimates that their portion of the documentation will be sent out within the next few weeks.

Lindsay Henderson, an adjunct instructor and active member of CCF, looks forward to using the proposed union as a platform to address further issues.

"Our greatest benefit will be a stronger voice, and a means through which it can be heard. Specific benefits such as higher pay, health care and job security will become separate topics of discussion later, for which we can use our new voice," Henderson said.

Henderson has taught as an adjunct instructor for 14 semesters. There is a lot that she would like to see changed, she said.

Briefs

Alcohol safety promoted

The Health Promotion Office (HPO) will hold the "Babes and Booze" Skill Builder! at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20 in The Back Room of the University Center. The presentation will discuss the effects of alcohol on college-aged women.

The activity is organized this year by Jessi Benti, an HPO office assistant. Benti said the goal is to provide non judgmental and balanced information about how alcohol affects women's bodies and the consequences of drinking irresponsibly.

"Alcohol actually has a worse effect on women's systems than men's systems," Benti said. Besides the risk of alcohol poisoning, the SkillBuilder! will discuss topics such as date rape drugs and sexual assault.

Benti hopes to address a public health and community awareness issue. "It's a really good skill builder to just get the facts," Benti said.

— Meredith Gasco

Lecture covers health issues

Research conducted by the cardiology team at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine can now help to explain how going jogging on a fall morning can trigger a heart attack. Information such as this will be brought to light in the first of these presentations titled "How Heart Attacks and Strokes Occur," as a part of the "Your Health" lecture series. The first of three presentations will occur on Friday, Oct. 15.

"We have developed a model that shows how cholesterol goes from a liquid to a crystalline state, thereafter expanding against the walls of your arteries," said Dr. George Abela, chief of the cardiology division at MSU's College of Human Medicine and guest speaker at this upcoming event.

This free presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. in NMU's Reynolds Recital Hall.

— Travis Rogers

Study abroad in Peru

Students who wish to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World can attend the informational meeting about a study abroad trip in Peru.

On this study abroad opportunity, students will gain field experience in alternative healing practices and other forms of remedial methods. Anyone with sophomore standing and with a minimum 2.5 GPA is able to go on this trip, international programs director Susan Morgan said.

"This is a great way to get some experience and your feet wet in the field you may be pursuing. This trip will be life changing," she said. The interest meetings are scheduled in Room 1704 West Science at 1 p.m. on Oct. 14 and 15.

—Quinn Doyle

Corrections

In the Sept. 23 North Wind, the column "Rio Tinto needs to clean up their act" should not have stated that Rio Tinto is a parent company for BP.

In the article "Upper Peninsula Pride" in the Oct. 7 North Wind, the owner of Yooper Shirts should have been Jeremy Symons and the writer and creator of Copper Country Explorer should have been Mike Forgrave.

Visiting poet fills Cadillac room



James Dyer/NW

Students crowded into the Cadillac room on Wednesday Oct. 13 to listen to poet Catie Rosemurgy read selections from her poetry collections. Rosemurgy, one of NMU's visiting writers, lives in Philadelphia and teaches at The College of New Jersey. Rosemurgy is an Escanaba native, and bases some of her poetry on her experiences in the UP.

ASNMU update

ASNMU representatives discuss student run credit union

By James Dyer
news editor

Aaron Loudenslager, an off-campus representative, continued the discussion on the possibility of NMU opening a student-run credit union on campus at the ASNMU meeting on Oct. 11. Benefits of this credit union would include the elimination of overdraft fees through the implementation of temporary loans, Loudenslager said. Students have the freedom to organize, and this freedom is in jeopardy through NMU's exclusive contract with Wells Fargo that prohibits another financial institution from opening on campus, he said.

"It would be better for a student run credit union to fail on its own than for it to be illegal," Loudenslager said.

The general assembly also discussed ways of funding the Childcare Scholarship, which would give money to student parents at NMU to be used toward daycare services. The scholarship was pushed aside because of a lack of endowment funding, said Alysa Diebolt, a representative from the College of Business.

"For students who are parents, this is very necessary. They need proper daycare help. This has been called one of the best things to come out of ASNMU," Diebolt said.

Different ways were discussed to fund the scholarship, including hosting a 24-hour dance marathon where students would pledge to donate a certain amount of money for each hour they danced. Events like this have been very

successful at the University of Michigan, among other schools.

Loudenslager also opened up discussion again on the possibility of having a student defense office to offer students legal advice. The student defense office will help students who are brought before the all student judiciary on violations occurring within the university. Loudenslager announced that Law Professor Steve Nelson and Political Science professor Ruth Watry have agreed to be faculty advisers for the group.

Two new representatives were sworn in at the meeting. Kyle Brock was sworn in as an on-campus apartments representative, and Richard Keiser was sworn in as an up-campus representative.

Campus Crime Log

- 1) A license plate was stolen off a student's car at 8 p.m. on Oct. 8 in Lot 47.
- 2) A non-student broke in to the Jacobetti Center and caused excessive damage at 11:41 p.m. on Oct. 8.
- 3) One student was given an MIP at 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 10 in Lot 10.
- 4) A student was caught in possession of marijuana at 2:07 p.m. on Oct. 10 in Spalding Hall.
- 5) A student's laptop was stolen between 5:30 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. on Oct. 12 from the Payne/Halverson lobby.

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

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 budgets are on this week's agenda:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
Native American Students Association	"Unrepent: Kevin Annett and Canada's Genocide"	\$1,883.00
Hollywood House, NMU College Republicans, NMU College Libertarians	"Jimmy La Salvia of Go Proud"	\$1,325.00
All Nation's Club	"Exotic Import: Ultimate Int'l Dance Party/Concert Experience"	\$3,913.00

SFC meets in the ASNMU office, 1203 University Center, on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$9,419.37**

To contact the Student Finance Committee, or to submit your organization's budget, call 227-2452 or send an e-mail to sfc@nmu.



Justin Key/NW

Military expert Andrew Bacevich lectures on the benefits of having a military composed of civilian draftees or volunteers as opposed to one comprised of professional soldiers. Bacevich was originally supposed to present his lecture on military history since World War II, but he switched topics at the audience's request.

Andrew Bacevich gives speech about military elite

By Alex Eisner
staff writer

America no longer has a citizen military that is made up of a cross section of the country. Instead it has a professional, full-time army, according to Andrew Bacevich, author and professor of international relations and history at Boston University.

In a speech to a political science lecture series class, PS 495/595, Bacevich said America needs to reclaim its citizen army. He said citizen army, is where civilians volunteer or are drafted for war, and the size of the army decreases during peace time.

Bacevich presented the lecture Monday to NMU students, staff and community members. He gave his speech, "Whose Army," instead of the originally planned speech about military history dating back to World War II because this one is the subject of his next book.

In this lecture, Bacevich described a military leadership as elitist, which is controlled by a civilian elite made up of congress and the administration. Both have vested interest in maintaining an all volunteer professional military. Bacevich said the two groups will always be in disagreement.

"Elite civil military relations need constant policing," Bacevich said.

His main concern from this

lecture was the civil military relations of the army and American society. Bacevich said the army and foreign policy today is all controlled by the military and political elites. He discussed previous wars in which the army was comprised of civilians rather than a professional army America has today and how the country needs to regain that civilian army to be more successful in war.

After World War II, the last time America had a true citizen army, Chief of Staff George Marshall commissioned a post-war civil military policy, now known as the "Military Establishment" document. Marshall was an advocate of the citizen soldier army. He said the citizen soldier was a guarantee against the scheming misuse of power by the military elites.

Bacevich said with the way the army is set up now as a professional army, American citizens no longer have control of it. Using a sports analogy, he said most Americans are merely spectators in a game of war, rooting for our home team, the army, with no actual skin in the game.

"We, the American people, need to understand it is no longer our army and has not been for years," Bacevich said.

He said that Americans would regain the civilian army by having a standing peacetime establishment and remain in a state of quasi-readiness. Bacevich

said this is unlikely to happen since the model would require drastic changes, and few people in Washington D.C. are willing to think through foreign policy. There would also be a resistance to a draft for which all young men and women of age would be eligible.

NMU English graduate student Tom Rich called the speech thought-provoking.

"You don't usually hear people advocating for any kind of compulsory service anymore," Rich said. "He makes his case very well, I thought."

A West Point graduate, Bacevich is an influential historian who has written several books on America's political, military, and economics crises including: "American Empire: The Realities and Consequences of U.S. Diplomacy," "Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War," "The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism" and "The New American Militarism: How Americans are Seduced by War."

His son, Andrew Bacevich Jr., died in the Iraq War in May 2007.

NMU President Les Wong, who introduced Bacevich, said his appearance helps fulfill one of the goals of the Road Map to 2015, NMU's Academic Master Plan, to make an effort to bring national and international scholars to campus.

EBOOKS

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sales for ebooks at NMU, while not exceptionally high, have improved this year. For one program called Jumpbooks, the bookstore has sold 34 ebooks so far, an increase from the 2 to 4 sales that they have made in past semesters.

Wright said that NMU has access to 282 available titles from Jumpbooks. He also said that student use of the material is similar to renting a textbook.

"It's like a rental (because) your access to the material expires after a certain time frame," Wright said.

Ebooks are often used not as replacement texts, but as supplemental material in classes, he said. Some ebooks that are paired with print books can offer additional learning tools like sample questions and interactive quizzes. Wright said that these extra elements can be a major motivation for many students.

"(They) are seeing usability when there is additional content available with an (electronic) textbook. Those can be pretty useful learning aids," he said.

Another major motivation for students to use ebooks can be price, said Wright. Jumpbooks typically cost 45-50 percent of printed versions. Despite a lower initial price, students should be aware of refund complications surrounding online material, he said.

"With electronic books, if you buy the book on Monday and drop the class on Thursday, the book is

yours," Wright said. "There's really no way to refund at that point." Wright said that there are many reasons for ebooks not being as popular as their print alternatives, such as varying online formats between publishers, instructor preference for printed materials, and the different learning styles of students.

"There are a lot of studies out now about how students learn from ebooks (vs. print books). There are some pretty interesting differences and I think that's something that needs to be looked at a lot more," Wright said. "Just because (NMU) has the laptops, it doesn't mean that that has to be the delivery system for course material."

Karen Johnson, a senior sales representative for Bedford, Freeman and Worth Publishing, said that students have responded positively to the interactive aspects of an ebook.

Students can use ebooks from Bedford, Freeman and Worth Publishing, a company that provides many textbooks to NMU, in traditional ways like highlighting text and taking notes, while also having access to an instant glossary of terms and being able to view additional visual presentations.

"By having these resources a click away, students are more likely to make use of them. (ebooks) also provide a variety of ways students can access the information they need so, whether they learn better by reading, viewing video or listening to a podcast, it is all there in the ebook," Johnson said.

UNION

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"A significant portion of adjuncts here at NMU teach very close to, or in some cases above, full-time teaching loads. Yet, our pay is embarrassingly low and we are offered no health benefits or many of the other university benefits offered to full-time employees. Most (adjuncts) show considerable dedication to the university and have been teaching here for many years," Henderson said.

Beyond the more obvious issues, such as wages and health insurance, there are many other ways adjuncts are treated differently, she said.

Micro Repair is offering free one GB RAM upgrades to students and full-time faculty, but adjuncts must pay \$50 for the service. While students and full-time employees both receive

PEIF passes at a discounted rate, adjuncts must pay the senior rate, which is more expensive. Those are only a few of the issues she has encountered.

"All put together, they are really pretty demoralizing," she said.

Dr. Susan Koch, vice president and provost of academic affairs, has been involved in discussions with CCF throughout the unionization process.

"It is important that we have taken time to work together on the foundation upon which future discussions will depend," Koch said. "While differences will surely arise, we are committed to utilizing the principles of collective bargaining to resolve them. Contingent faculty make important contributions to the education of our students and we value and appreciate those contributions."

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Staff Editorial



Melissa Pineskey/ N.W.

University is working with student concerns

Two weeks ago, a number of North Wind employees were ticketed in the parking lot outside of the University Center. The lot has a two-hour time limit. When we called Parking Services to find out where we should be parking, they informed us that last semester, changes were made to provide student employees a place to park.

Students who work in the U.C. with a parking pass, can park along Kaye Avenue (the street on the south side of the building,) in a designated area in the Cohodas Parking Lot, and in the north end of Lot 12, across the street from Subway.

These changes were made as a result of ASNMU and greater student concern that student employees who worked in the U.C. had nowhere to park.

We think that this is a clear example of the university working with students to find a compromise. While it's not right out in front of the university center, we can't deny that this is an option for students who are worried about having to fork over \$25 for a ticket. This shows that students' concerns are heard, and we hope that such

dilemmas are addressed in a similar way in the future.

We encourage students to consider the university's point of view before complaining about inconveniences, and we hope that the university will continue to consider students' opinions when they come up.

Another great example of the university working with students is seen with the new laptops. Students are now being given one GB of RAM for the new computers that were issued at the beginning of this year.

Concern among students was heard and addressed. It's not the two GB of RAM that was available initially, but we should be grateful that we're not left hanging.

Both parking and the computers are great examples of the university working with students. This give-and-take is what strengthens our university with each obstacle. So, though some of us have parking tickets, we know now there are options. As student employees, we aren't stranded without anywhere to park.

Court power should increase



Staff Column

James Dyer

In April of 2009, Iowa became the first and only state in the Midwest to legalize same-sex marriage. Since the Iowa State Supreme Court passed down its ruling, same sex marriage in Iowa has been under attack by groups around the country that claim America's voting population would never vote to uphold these marriage rights.

For example, in 1996, Michigan voted on Public Act 324, which both prohibited same-sex marriages from being performed, and defined such marriages performed in other states as unrecognized by the state. Michigan's supreme court has upheld these laws, and further defined them to deny same sex partners employee benefits from the state.

Conservative groups throughout the country claim that decisions on marriage rights should be left up to a state's voting population, and not the courts. But the right of judicial review (the ability of the court to overturn laws) is necessary in our country to protect the sometimes unpopular rights of the minority.

One of the groups attacking this right of the court is led by Iowa pastor Jeff Mullen. Mullen has started a website called iowajudges.com to mobilize Iowa voters to vote out several state supreme court justices in a judicial retention election. The judges need to be removed for taking the law into their own hands without concern for the will of the state's population, Mullen said.

The real issue, he says, is not same-sex marriage itself, but the courts power to change established law. Mullen uses the recent overturn of Proposition 8 by the California Supreme Court as an example of "rogue judges" in the country changing the

laws as they see fit. The proposition represented the will of the people, and the courts had no place in interpreting a law that had been voted on, Mullen said. He is encouraging Iowa citizens to vote to remove three Supreme Court justices from office purely because of this.

One need only look into the history of civil rights in America to realize the importance of the courts' right to overturn discriminatory laws via judicial review. Court cases such as *Brown v. Kansas Board of Education*, which outlawed racial discrimination in public schools, stand out. Despite being massively unpopular in southern states, this case was a major landmark for the civil rights movement, and would never have come to pass through a vote by the public. It proved the courts usefulness in interpreting the constitution and protecting the rights of the minority.

Mullen and others have a right to be outraged that the courts would ignore the will of the public, to some extent. In a democracy, the will of the public should almost always be considered sacred. Supreme Court Justices are not voted on; they are appointed. But it is because they are apart from the political system that they are able to make decisions on law without having to worry about becoming unpopular with voters. When the will of the public discriminates against a group of people, such as gays, it is necessary for the courts to step in and defend our constitutional rights.

Mullen did have one thing right, however. The central issue here is not same sex marriage. The issue here is the belief that the will of the majority is the only will that matters. Mullen claims that the freedom of American citizens is being attacked by activist judges. These Iowa judges are, in fact, courageously defending our American right to be treated equally under law. They made the right decision in a political environment that worked against them in every way possible.

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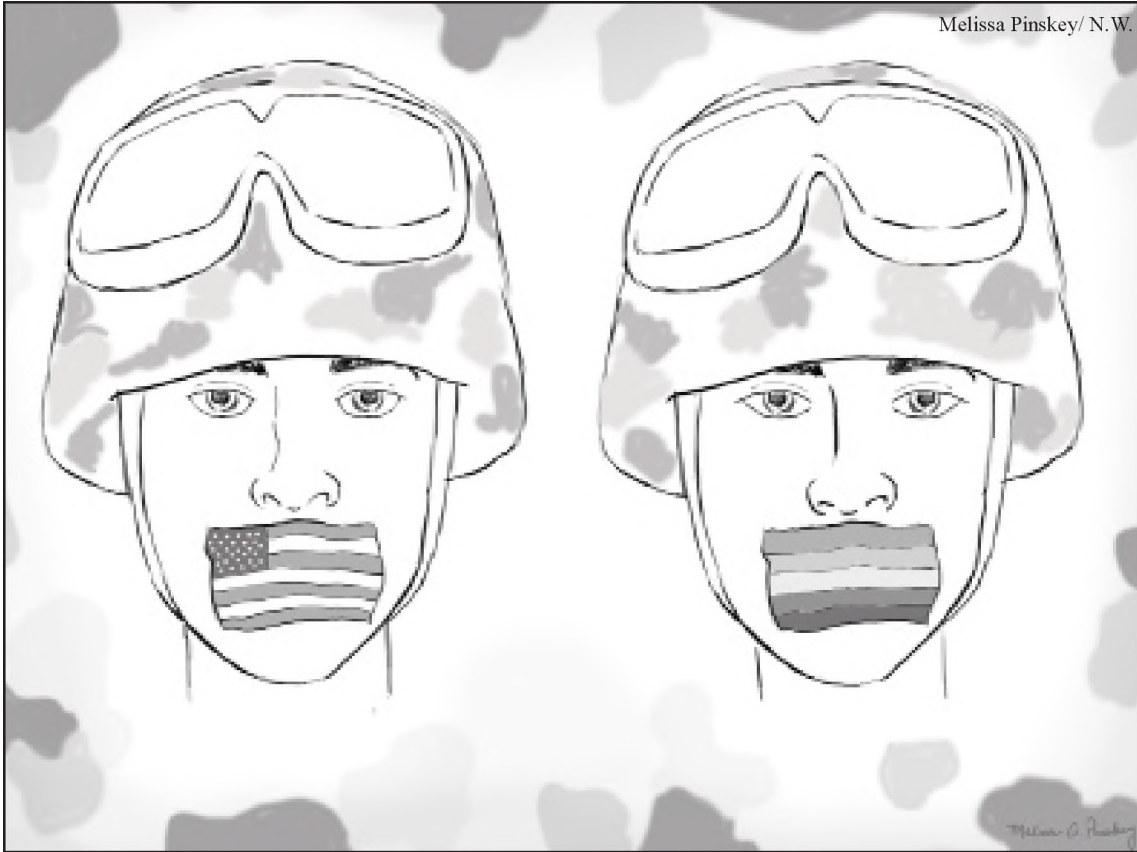
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For What It's Worth

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'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' needs to be rescinded

A recent ruling by a California federal judge may finally succeed in repealing the "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) policy in the military. The judge ruled the policy unconstitutional and ordered the end of the policy worldwide. By the end of the year, the discriminatory policy may finally be over.

In September, when the Senate considered the Fiscal Year 2011 Defense Authorization Act, the major point of discussion was the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in the military, which would have been repealed if the bill had been voted into law. In fact, the majority of discussion – for or against – this bill was surrounding "don't ask, don't tell." According to the American Military Society of Comptrollers, Republicans opposed the bill on three points. One, they believed that until they knew the repercussions of the repeal would have on "defense readiness," they did not want to consider it. Two, Sen. Harry Reid proposed an amendment to include the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, which would provide a way for illegal immigrants who were brought here as minors to obtain citizenship. Republicans felt this was not related to the bill. Finally, they felt they were not given the opportunity to offer additional amendments to the bill.

Considering the first complaint against the Fiscal Year 2011 Act, what possible repercussions to "defense readiness" would there have been? We're talking about allowing soldiers the right to discuss their sexuality openly. Do

Republicans seriously think that this discussion would affect our battle readiness? Homosexual men and women are, of course, already mixed in with units overseas, abroad and at home. The only thing this repeal would do is allow individuals to be open about who they are. We don't have a similar restriction on the discussion of religion, race or ethnicity. Why must homosexuality be an exception?

The complaint about not being given the opportunity to offer additional amendments to the bill is perhaps a valid point. If it is true they were not afforded that opportunity, then they should have been. The issues at stake here are too important to be lost on the altar of procedure.

As for the DREAM Act complaint, bills are notorious for having amendments that have nothing to do with the main body of the bill.

All of this because Republicans (and a few Democrats) disagreed with repealing "don't ask, don't tell." All of this because this nation would rather not think about homosexual men and women serving in the military, regardless of their bravery or credentials.

All of this because we live in a nation afraid or unwilling to take the next step in the evolution of our country's history: complete acceptance, or, at the very least, tolerance, of homosexual men and women.

Former presidential candidate and current senator John McCain succeeded in his filibuster in congress. Because of this, we must

now wait for Congress to decide to discuss important issues like these again. To be sure, the issue of repealing "don't ask, don't tell" is not an issue that is going to go away.

Yet, many people today still refuse to give homosexual men and women the same rights and freedoms afforded to all other groups. Homosexual men and women are not allowed to call themselves such in the military. They are not allowed to marry. Only 22 states allow lesbians and gay men to adopt children through state-run or private adoption agencies. The situation has gotten so bad that a series of what the media is referring to as "the gay suicides" has taken place.

When this country was founded, one of the main principles guiding its foundation was that all people were created equal. At the time, that pretty much only applied to white male landowners. But slowly and surely, it began to apply to virtually all groups, races, genders and religions. All except one: homosexual men and women.

If one were to look over the history of this nation from a prejudicial standpoint, the acceptance of so many different cultures and races begins to look inevitable. Each victory for one group was a precursor to the victory of another.

We must look back to our forefathers and realize that all people — regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or anything else — are created equal.

Letters to the editor

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U.S. should stop its wars in Middle East



Guest Column

Zach Fix

For nearly nine years, the United States has been overseas fighting wars that most people who are not directly affected by seem to have forgotten about. But I cannot forget about these wars, because one of my friends has to walk with a cane since his service Iraq. I was pleased to see that the Obama administration is withdrawing our troops from this quagmire of a war, however, even after the seven years the United States has spent in Iraq, our government still thinks it's a good idea to continue invading and influencing sovereign countries. According to a CNN poll, six out of ten Americans oppose the war in Afghanistan. With

this being said, is a troop surge into Afghanistan the right decision?

I have been asking myself from the beginning of these wars, why is our government still policing the world? Since our involvement in the Middle East after 9/11, the government has been getting itself involved in needless conflicts. The United States' involvement in the Middle East has been nothing but problematic. Now, with more troops than ever in Afghanistan, our country is continuing to create more problems for itself.

The United States should look to history to see that this decision is a mistake. In the 1800s, the British tried to colonize Afghanistan with little success and were run out after many fruitless years of war. At the time of the British involvement in Afghanistan, the British had one of the most powerful military forces in the world and were run out. The same thing happened to the former Soviet Union when it invaded Afghanistan in 1979. The

United States should learn a lesson from history and realize that foreign influence is the last thing that Afghani people want. Also, I recall another country that was fighting off British imperialism ... oh, wait, that's us. I find it ironic that a country that was birthed from rebellion against a foreign power is now invading a sovereign country.

I would argue that the United States' involvement in the Middle East is going to cause more violence and more terrorism. Imagine some other country invading our own. I don't think I can grasp what it would be like, considering that I am a born and raised Yooper, and the closest I have come to a war zone is the start of hunting season. Still, I can imagine that having bombs land in my backyard would not be a pleasant experience. With more than 11,000 civilians killed within the past six months, it's no surprise that the Afghani people are wishing for our troops to leave or, as it has been the case throughout

history, forcing them to. In John Mercer's article "Presence in Iraq beneficial," he stated, "Soldiers on the ground are our most vital diplomats." No diplomat solves a conflict with bullets or bombs, but with words and compromise. If the United States wishes to improve relations with Afghanistan, we must withdraw our troops and let the Afghani government make its own decisions.

The best course of action for our government is to go back to its policy of non-interventionism. The United States in World War II had a policy of non-interventionism. Our country was attacked and we had to use military force. After World War II our country has changed its foreign policy to needless intervention and needless loss of life. Korea and Vietnam are perfect examples of this, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are simply echoes of this flawed policy.

Iraq and Afghanistan did not bomb the world trade center, ter-

rorists did. This was an attack on our citizens but there are plenty of countries that are harboring terrorists that the U.S. is not at war with. I am not saying that we should isolate ourselves, but using military force should be our last option. Instead of wasting billions of taxpayer dollars on a war that is just creating more problems, think of better ways to spend it. Our military's budget is \$623 billion dollars. Given the current state of the economy, it is ridiculous for the U.S. to be spending like this. At the time that I am writing this article, the U.S. debt clock is at \$13,584,802,000,000. I checked this on Wednesday, Oct. 13, and by the time this paper is in your hands, it has already exponentially risen. Instead of spending this money fighting overseas, how about we use it for our citizens. Think about how much that money could do. We need a military to serve and protect Americans instead of police the world.

Palestine should be an independent state



Guest Column

Aaron Loudenslager

Palestinian leaders have called for the State of Israel to stop constructing settlements in the West Bank, saying that, without a stop to settlements, they will walk away from negotiations with Israeli leaders. Some may think Palestinians are being unreasonable in their demands. The truth is that Palestinians have been conceding to Israeli wishes for decades. In fact, Israel controls over 40 percent of the West Bank, which is illegal under international law. It is time for Israel to accept a peace plan, something that they used to support as early as 1948.

The State of Israel was created in 1948 and was then recognized as a member of the United Nations in 1949. The creation of Israel resulted from a U.N. plan to divide the British Mandate of Palestine into two distinct states.

One state would be Arab and one would be Jewish, with Jerusalem being an international city administered by the U.N.

The Arab states rejected the plan to divide Palestine into two different states. They thought Palestine should be one democratic state, not two different distinct states. Israel accepted the two-state solution proposed by the U.N. The Arab states refused to recognize Israel as a state and the result was the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. The result of this war was that Palestine was not recognized as its own state, but Israel was. The state of Jordan annexed the West Bank and East Jerusalem, while Egypt annexed the Gaza Strip.

In 1967, Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israeli ships. Israel disliked this and thought this was a clear violation of international law. This, along with Egypt stationing troops in the Sinai Peninsula, caused an Israeli preemptive attack. This attack was the official start of the Six-Day War. The result of this war was Israel controlling much more geo-

graphical land mass than before the war. Israel annexed the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip from Egypt, east Jerusalem and the West Bank from Jordan, and the Golan Heights from Syria.

On Nov. 22, 1967 the U.N. Security Council unanimously passed U.N. Security Council Resolution 242. This resolution called for the "withdrawal of Israeli forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict." The resolution simply reinforced the idea that no country can legally take or conquer territory from other countries under Chapter VI of the U.N. Charter.

Israel's response to Resolution 242 in 1967 contrasts contemporary Israeli political responses concerning current Israeli-occupied territories. Their response stated that "The Government of Israel ... assures you of its full co-operation in your efforts with the States concerned to promote agreement and to achieve an accepted settlement for the establishment of a just and lasting peace, in accordance with your mandate under the resolution."

One thing is simple. Israel was agreeing to leave to areas they annexed during the Six Day War. As soon as Israel would have withdrawn, Syria, Egypt and Jordan would have decided which territories they would keep and which they would give to a future Palestinian state.

We now fast-forward to the present. Israel is still continuing to construct settlements in the West Bank, all of which are considered to be occupied by the U.N. and International Court of Justice. Israel stated they were committed to Resolution 242 in 1967, but building more and more settlements in the West Bank violates the main intent of Resolution 242. Why do they build settlements then?

The sad truth is that the current parliamentary coalition is one of multiple center-right and Orthodox religious parties. Many of these Orthodox parties believe that the border for the state of Israel should be the Jordan River, as implied in their interpretation of the Old Testament. This interpretation is the one that is forced

upon the Palestinians, instead of what Israel should be basing their interpretations off of, which is international law.

Israel tries to make it seem that they are a weak country in the Middle East that needs the constant assistance of the U.S. to fend off enemies pursuing nuclear weapons like Iran. Why should Israel be afraid? Israel has nuclear weapons, although they have never admitted this publicly. In 1975, the Israeli defense minister Shimon Peres was asked by South Africa defense minister PW Botha if Israel would sell the apartheid country nuclear weapons. Peres responded by offering the weapons in three different sizes.

Israel is not a weak country. They have the full backing of the strongest military power in world history with the U.S. behind them. Israel also has high-tech military weapons, including nuclear weapons. The Palestinians deserve a country to call their own. Israel supported a two-state solution over sixty years ago. It is time for Israel to support a two-state solution once again.

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How accepting is NMU to the gay community?

compiled by Paul Goodrich



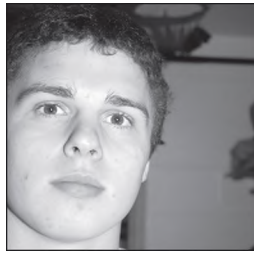
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"I don't really care."



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junior, undeclared

"Most are afraid to confront the subject in public."



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MAZECRAZE

Celebrate the season with a fun fall tradition

By Scott Viau
managing editor

Driving on M-35 to the Hayes Corn Maze is a long stretch of road. The leaves paint either side with red, orange and yellow. After nearly an hour, cars lined up on the side of the road come into view, even though the parking lot for the corn maze is not packed to capacity. Even without a full lot, the amount of cars is surprising. Still, the line to purchase a ticket is nonexistent and entrance to the maze is immediate.

Families are inside the premises. Some are standing in the long line for the concession stand, others are guiding their kids through the hay maze, the toddler version of the main attraction. Although it's a third of the way through October, the weather is still warm enough to go without a jacket.

The Hayes Corn Maze is now in its ninth year and Lenore and David Hayes run the family operation with their children. They wanted to open the first corn maze in the area that would bring together architecture and the landscape of their farm.

"We thought that incorporating design and agriculture would be a really fun yearly project to

do and open up for families to enjoy the fall," Lenore Hayes said.

Each year a new theme is chosen in order to design the maze. This year's theme is "Treasure Hunt." The maze is shaped in the image of a pirate ship docked at a tropical island.

"The first year, we just had 'Hayes Corn Maze' because we just wanted to introduce the world to what we're doing, what our name is and that kind of thing," Hayes said.

Stepping into the actual maze, the stalks of corn are not so high that patrons can't see over them. Indeed, the only people who might become genuinely lost are the kids, but even that's hard to do. Exits are provided throughout the maze.

"We always provide easy outs for people to use the restroom or to get something to eat," Hayes said.

For those looking to complete the maze, there are 10 checkpoints along the way. Tickets are handed out upon entrance, and at each checkpoint a hole puncher is provided to mark which checkpoints have been visited.

The completed ticket can then be entered into a drawing for a \$100 prize. Hayes said that



Photo courtesy of Lina Blair

This year's theme at the Hayes Corn Maze is "Treasure Hunt," defined by a maze shaped as a pirate ship on a tropical island. Husband and wife David and Lenore Hayes work together to develop a theme and design.

some people can spend a couple of hours looking for the checkpoints.

"It just depends on the person, how sharp they are, where they've been (and) where they're going," Hayes said.

It also depends on how many patrons are currently in the maze at the time. At each checkpoint there is usually a line of people waiting to use the hole puncher. Going through the maze is almost a collaborative process, as eager kids will ask random strangers if they have found a certain checkpoint.

According to Hayes, the maze is seven acres, but each year changes it up a little bit. While

her husband is the architect and comes up with dead-ends and various small changes to the design, Hayes is the one who provides the concept and idea.

"It's really difficult to do. To come up with a theme, the design and to be legible from the sky, there are a lot of different things you've got to think about to make it happen," Hayes said. "But it's a lot of fun to think about what you're going to do and how you're going to do it."

Although only half of the checkpoints were found, the official end of the maze is reached in less than an hour. When completed, there are various other activities. Noah's Barnyard Buddies is

an attraction that allows people to feed pigs and chickens, among other animals.

The service that the Hayes family hopes to provide most, though, is a good time with family and friends.

"The biggest thing about the corn maze is that we want to create memories," Hayes said. "That's our business. That's pretty much all of it in a nutshell."

The Hayes Corn Maze is located in Rock, Mich. Directions can be found at hayescornmaze.com. It runs each Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Oct. 31. Tickets are \$8 each and admission is free for children under two.



Photo courtesy of Natasha Nemecek

The corn maze in Rock, Michigan can take a couple hours to navigate through. Within the maze are 10 checkpoints, each with a hole puncher to mark one's progress.



Photo courtesy of Lina Blair

The Hayes Corn Maze has more activities than the maze itself. Hayes features Noah's Barnyard Buddies, where people have the opportunity to feed barn animals such as goats, pigs and chicken.

COMING OUT STORIES

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COMING OUT DAY

Lucy Hough Junior Editor in Chief

In high school, I dated a guy for about four years, and I liked him a lot. Even when I was with him, though, I knew that I was interested in women, but I thought it was just a weird kink and that it would go away. It wasn't until I came to college that being gay and dating women became a possibility and not something to be ashamed of. As soon as it was, I felt much more comfortable and sure of my sexuality.

When I was figuring all of this out my freshman year of college, my mom knew that something was up but I wasn't letting her in. When I finally told her, she started crying. She said she was crying because she was so glad to know what was going on. Since then, she's been incredibly understanding – I'm very lucky.

My extended family has not had such a good reaction. When I told my grandma, who is very religious, she said that she was very sorry, that she would always pray for me, but that I will never find lasting peace and joy. It saddens me that she won't be able to share the happiness I have found and know that I will continue to find.

Meredith Gasco Junior

I first had an inkling that I might like girls in my freshman year of high school, when I was about thirteen and noticed that I got a tingling feeling whenever I looked at pictures of half-naked women with my male friends. When I recovered from being shocked and realized that this might explain my lifelong tomboyishness, I felt pretty comfortable with letting my friends know.

The first family member I came out to was my mom. I had absolutely no intention of coming out to my family when I was in high school, but, at the age of fifteen, I started dating a girl who insisted that I tell my mom (but only after someone had outed her to her mom). I had relatively little access to queer media during the first half of high school; I had never even seen an episode of "Will and Grace." So I wasn't afraid of anything terrible or earth-shattering like being kicked out of the house or sent to reparative therapy. Still, I knew I had to time it just right. So I figured I'd tell her in the car on the way back from a guitar lesson. As my mom white-knuckled the steering wheel, the best she could do was advise me not to engage in too much PDA at school, so none of the local jocks would decide to play a rousing game of "Smear the Queer" with an actual queer. She waited until the next day, one desperate, advice-seeking phone call to an old friend later, to tell me that she accepted me.

Fast-forward to my junior year, one short, boyish haircut later. In the spirit of male bonding of the evening, my father decided to heckle me about my short haircut. "You don't want some lesbian checking you out, do you?" he said. I froze. And that was how my father and my two grandmothers found out that I was a lesbian. My father was angry and unaccepting. One grandmother offered a shaky, preliminary acceptance. My other grandmother went into a state of immediate denial. Out came the phrase, "It's just a phase!" When I tried to explain about my two previous girlfriends, she said, "Well, we all had girlfriends in high school, didn't we?" To date, that's been the best reaction I've gotten from coming out.

Scott Viau Senior Managing Editor

I came out to my sister and our close group of friends when I was 16. I was scared to tell them. Each one received a personalized note saying how I felt. I couldn't even say it out loud. Their support for me was overwhelming. My friends did not treat me any differently for being gay, nor did my sister.

When I was 18, I finally came out to my parents. I had gone to see Judy Sheppard, mother of slain Matthew Sheppard, speak on campus about the importance of tolerance and acceptance. I told my mom I was working, but when I came home she questioned me about where I had been. I couldn't keep it a secret any longer. I told her I was gay and her response was a single word: "OK." The first few days after, I felt as if I had done something wrong, but her treatment of me did not change at all. She accepted me completely. We talk about it and she has said on numerous occasions that she hopes I find someone. Majority of the response has been thoroughly positive; I could not have asked for a better family to come out to. When I hear stories of men and women who have been shunned or disowned from their families because of their sexual orientation, I feel even more grateful to have had the coming out experience that I did.

Martha Lundin Freshman

I knew (I was gay) shortly before my 16th birthday and came out a month later to my friends at school. I hated feeling like I was living a lie. I came out because it was necessary. I couldn't have kept living in the closet. I didn't want to, so I didn't. I told my friends almost as soon as I knew. I told my parents about four months later for the same reasons that I told my friends. My parents, of all people, deserved to know. They didn't take it badly. In fact, they didn't have much of a reaction at all, which for a long time made me angry. It felt like they didn't care. But I know that they just needed time to adjust, the same as I did. Since coming out to my friends and family, I have been surrounded by significantly more support than dissent. That has been so encouraging for me, to know that the people I tell will still care.

Joshua Garnett Biochemistry Major

In seventh grade I came out to my best friend at the time and my mom. I told my friend one morning while waiting for school to start. She did not take it well. She ran to the bathroom crying, and refused to talk to me for a while. This was rather unfortunate. We were not very close friends after that. I thought it would be important to tell her because it was something that I thought was important at the time, and thought that as my friend, she should know. She went home and told her mom, who called my mom. Her mom insisted that I needed counseling. Later, when I went to tell my mom, she already knew. Her reaction was good, saying that she will always love me. She has always been supportive. For most of the people I tell, their reactions are generally positive and supportive. I am out, and try not to hide the fact that I am gay. It's just part of who I am.

Coming Out Day happens every Oct. 11, and on Monday, people around the world celebrated the day by vocally supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) people. A project by the Human Rights Campaign, the day is to encourage open and honest lives of LGBT people and to promote resources that are available for LGBT people and their families and friends.

The North Wind recently asked its own staff, members of NMU's LGBT group OUTlook, and other LGBT people in the community to share their personal coming out stories.

Kelsey **Fourth-year Student**

I knew ever since I was about 11 that I was a lesbian, but did not say anything to anyone. I actually didn't say anything to my parents until about two years ago when I was 20, when I was home on Christmas break. Around that time, I really started to feel like I needed to be honest with myself and my family and accept who I am. So I decided that now was the time to tell my parents (since I had already told my sister and brother the year prior).

The day I decided to tell them, I actually met up with an aunt of mine and told her first, hoping she could help me tell my parents. She acted just as I thought she would and was not surprised at all by it. So we went and told my mom. I was scared to death to tell her, but I knew I had to. So finally I just threw it out there that I liked girls and not guys and at the time I was dating a girl. My mom just kind of looked at me and after a few seconds said, "We already knew, we're not dumb and still love you anyway."

I never actually told my dad, but he overheard the conversation I had with my mom, and he knows. He called me upstairs to tell me that as long as I respect myself and do the right thing, he still loves me. To this day, their opinion of me has not changed, they still love me and accept me exactly for who I am. I felt so much better after I told them. I have never once regretted telling my parents or anyone that I am gay. It is who I am and I'm so happy that I can finally be happy with myself and love someone freely and not feel as though I'm keeping a secret from everyone. I don't have to hide someone from people or be ashamed or feel as though I'm doing something wrong by being with them. To this day, all of my friends and family know, and none of them have changed their mind about being my friend because of it.

Shane **Freshman**

I am a 19 year old freshman, and I am a bisexual. I officially came out to the world on Oct. 11, 2010 (Coming Out Day). I told the people close to me about a year ago and everyone was super cool about it. Monday, I thought it would be a good idea to make it "Facebook official" so I updated my status and let the whole world know. I was tired of hiding part of who I am. So far, I haven't had a single negative comment. Everybody is really accepting and supportive, and I feel great. It is a huge sense of relief that comes over you when you realize that the only person who made a big deal out of it was you. I can't believe I was ever ashamed or scared to be the person I was meant to be. Etta Turner once said, "In a world where you can be anything, be yourself."

Anonymous

I am currently in the military. I'm an active duty soldier and find it hard to be away from my significant other, just as it is for any soldier. The only difference is that I am not allowed to talk to others about my partner. As everyone else talks about their husband/wife, fiance, or girlfriend/boyfriend, I cannot say a word because if I do I could lose my job.

When I first came out just after high school to my mother, she was apprehensive at first, but then we talked about it and she accepted me. One thing I find being gay is that you are constantly coming out to people. Most of my family knows, and all are OK with it. But you are never done coming out to people. Especially in a huge family, constantly running into people and they ask because they heard through the grapevine. But one place I cannot come out is the work place. When I have come out to my family I was pretty scared at first being raised Catholic, but everyone was very accepting and it felt really great to have this off my chest. I just wish that DADT would finally be repealed so that at least I can talk about my partner like everyone else.

Anonymous

I guess I would call myself queer. I have taken on the label of bisexual, lesbian, dyke, and pansexual in the past. Even as a child when playing "house," I was always the husband or something to a similar effect. I first had a crush on a girl in eighth grade, not long after my first big crush on a boy. I look back and laugh, and feel even awful. I was proud of this, I even bragged about my sexuality at the time and in high school. I dropped hints to good ol' ma and pa throughout those years, but it wasn't until my first serious girlfriend that we had "the talk." Nothing really happened because of it. My parents didn't like it, but nothing happened. From my extended family, on the other hand, I got a lot of bashing, harsh reactions and ridicule. I am no longer dating a woman, so the issue was dropped, it seems. I don't mind saying I once dated girls, but I no longer consider myself a lesbian. I love my man, but that also doesn't make me straight. The line is too blurry for even me to understand fully.

Michael Carroll **Junior** **Resident Advisor**

The beginning of my coming-out experience is kind of a blur to me now. I remember, though, the first time I told anyone I was gay was in my sophomore year of high school. My best friend and I were hanging out and studying when it just kind of happened. I said it without hardly thinking about it. He stopped reading and looked up from his book. I remember him not saying anything for a while, then slowly, as if carefully choosing his words, he said that we were best friends and that he was there for me. It was one of the most uplifting feelings, knowing that it didn't make a difference. After that, it became easier and easier to tell my other friends, my family and acquaintances.

Coming out is a life-long process. Whenever I meet someone new, that's one more potential person I may have to tell one day. I don't necessarily come out to every person I meet. Being gay is just one aspect of my life. It's not even one that I find very important. But the truth is, every gay person who comes out faces the pressure of how the people in their life will react.

Chiodos creates pleasurable mayhem



Album: Illuminaudio

Artist: Chiodos

Label: Equal Vision Records

Tracks: 12

Release: Oct. 5, 2010

By Alex Belz
staff writer



When Craig Owens, former frontman for Chiodos, left the band under controversial circumstances, a lot of fans were skeptical of the band's future. Owens was the face of Chiodos and his signature voice made Chiodos the band that it was.

With both Craig Owens and

drummer Derrick Frost gone, only four original members of Chiodos were left. Would Chiodos be the same with a third of its membership changed?

In "Illuminaudio," the band proves it can still be just as loud and exciting, even with new frontman Brandon Bolmer and new drummer Tanner Wayne.

From the very first track, Illuminaudio takes the listener on a sonic journey through piano, crashing drums, sound vocals and lightning fast guitar. The tracks progress forward as if this

album were written to be listened to from start to finish, in sequential order — a rarity in our modern era.

The first track works beautifully to put the listener in a place of contemplation. "On different roads I've traveled / But I remain the same," Bolmer sings over the slow and quiet feedback of the guitars. It seems certain he's reflecting on the changed status of the band that he himself has just joined.

From there, we're taken into Wayne's impressive drum debut which opens "Caves," the second track on the album. The music here is spot on, although the lyrics leave much to be desired.

"Love is a Cat From Hell" is also a strong track, with stronger lyrics and a nice interplay between the vocals, guitar and drums.

Fans used to Owens' nasal whine may be disappointed

with this album. Bolmer offers a deeper, albeit yet still nasally, voice to these tracks. The vocals on Illuminaudio sound like early Burt McCracken on The Used's self-titled.

The airy, dreamy music of "Notes in Constellation" really stays with the listener. Here, Bolmer really comes into his own with one of the catchiest choruses on the whole album.

New drummer Wayne and guitarists Jason Hale and Pat McManaman work beautifully together, most notably on the tracks "His Story Repeats Itself," and "Stratovolcano Mouth," when drums and riffs take turns filling the air almost competitively.

The result is an attack on the ears that forces the listener to bob his or her head at least a little. This song is also one of the stronger tracks for Bolmer, whose vocals really shine here.

From the crashing noise of "Stratovolcano Mouth," we are taken into the smooth, slow beginning of "Those Who Slay Together, Stay Together," where the piano makes us contemplative again before attacking us with more fine drum work by newcomer Wayne.

Songs like "His Story Repeats Itself" and "Stratovolcano Mouth" are seamless, as though the new line-up has been working together for years rather than just since February.

Musically, "Illuminaudio" is a pleasurable mayhem, a blend of harsh riffs and crooning vocals. Any doubts of Chiodos' survival after Owens' departure should be erased after a thorough listen of this album.

For fans that were worried after Owens' departure that Chiodos might not be able to survive, rest assured — by all signs, they're definitely not going anywhere.

Experience the wild life of Jeff Corwin

By Ariana Grams
contributing writer

Exotic and endangered animals are all in a day's work for wildlife biologist Jeff Corwin. From an early age, Corwin has been trying to help endangered species of animals. It is through his passion that he has found great success, and he will share his success stories with NMU students and the community this weekend during family weekend.

NMU's Platform Personalities is bringing Corwin to lecture on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vandeventer Arena.

"Jeff is someone who appeals to a lot of people. He's a fun guy, and he'll have animals. It will be entertaining and educational," said Rachel Harris, adviser to Platform Personalities.

Corwin has an important message that can benefit all of his fans and viewers.

"I have a feeling most people can learn something from his talk about ... what we can do for endangered animals," Harris

said.

The organization conducted a survey for students during orientation this past summer as well as a survey on Facebook to see whom they wanted to hear speak, and Corwin was the overwhelming choice, said Tom Rosencrants, the student contact of Platform Personalities.

Corwin will be coming to lecture about his career and his life experiences as a wildlife biologist. He will tell stories of the things he has done and why they were important.

"He will be bringing an assortment of exotic animals, too," Rosencrants said.

It is also a possibility that Corwin will be picking people out of the crowd to come up on stage and help him out, Rosencrants said.

Corwin will be at NMU during Family Weekend, giving families the opportunity to experience his adventures together.

"This was a good weekend to bring him, for Family Weekend," Harris said.

After the lecture, which

should last around an hour, there will be a book signing and some merchandise sold by the bookstore, Rosencrants said.

Corwin's newest book, "100 Heartbeats," is about different species who are becoming more endangered and how he is working to help and protect them.

He began working on the conservation of species at an early age. He hosted television shows on many networks, but he is most well-known for being on Animal Planet.

Corwin has a bachelor's degree in both biology and anthropology, and a master's degree in

wildlife and fisheries conservation.

Tickets are selling quickly, Rosencrants said, and are on sale at the NMU bookstore. The charge is \$1 for NMU students, \$3 for people 18 years old and under, and \$5 for the general public.



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Wildlife biologist Jeff Corwin will share his life experiences at his presentation at NMU on Saturday, Oct. 16 in the Vandeventer Arena. He will bring with him a variety of animals to share with the audience.

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Hockey loses two games, ties Tech

By John Becker
sports editor

The NMU hockey team opened up the regular season last weekend with the Superior Cup, where the Wildcats were defeated in both games of the showcase by the Michigan Tech Huskies, 4-3 and the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs, 3-2.

On Tuesday, Oct. 12, the 'Cats battled their way to a 4-4 tie against the Huskies in Houghton. The WCHA does not have a sho-

out, and games end as a tie if no winner can be decided in overtime. The NCAA rules state that a game ends after overtime, but some leagues, such as the CCHA, use the shootout to decide which teams compete in the conference championship.

The Wildcats were up two goals early in the first period, but a 5-minute major by Scott Macaulay for checking from behind allowed two power play goals at 16:54 and 17:26 respectively, taking away the early advantage.

The Huskies scored early in the second, and the game would go scoreless for the rest of the period until late in regulation when a goal by Andrew Cherniwchan evened the score once more. A goal with 15 seconds left in overtime gave the Huskies the win.

Head coach Walt Kyle said he was pleased with most of the game itself, even though the outcome ended against them.

"I was happy with the number of shots that we generated and with the number of shots that we

held Tech to," Kyle said. "But veteran guys have to understand that they can't have breakdowns at critical moments."

The Wildcats came out to a slow start against the Bulldogs, allowing two goals in the first, both off of power plays.

"As sharp as we were taking care of the puck Friday, we were that flat on Saturday, we ended up taking some bad penalties because of it," he said.

Both teams went offensively stagnant until the third period when the Bulldogs scored another goal at 2:11. Andrew Fernandez was able to score two goals in two minutes against the Bulldogs late in the third, but the offensive charge wasn't enough to stage a comeback.

Senior forward Gregor Hansen said the offense just did what it was instructed to do to get the goals.

"We got the puck low and started cycling. The D came down and got involved and it really helped us because we had another option for passing and Fernandez made two great plays," Hansen said.

Kyle said the 'Cats did a good job of turning up the intensity as the game went on, but that the team needs to come to play a whole game.

"The biggest thing is if you take a look at the shots, we were

coming at them hard for the whole third period. To some degree it could be them backing up because it was 3-0," he said.

Hansen agreed that the team grew as the games played on.

"We played better and better, especially on Saturday. We started really slow and finished the game better, and we can build on that," Hansen said.

Even though the Wildcats are still winless, Kyle said he's expecting good things to happen in practice before the season opener,

We started really slow and finished the game better, and we can build on that.

— Gregor Hansen
senior forward

and he knows the team has what it takes to contend in the CCHA.

"One of the things I saw both nights with our team was a real resilience and a willingness to continue to battle, and that's something you can't teach," Kyle said. "It's something that you really appreciate at the end, and it's huge."

The Wildcats will open up their CCHA conference schedule in Oxford, Ohio, on Friday, Oct. 22 against the Miami University Redhawks.

The Redhawks are ranked fourth in the nation currently.



Ashley Wiggins/NW

Junior forward Tyler Gron makes his way toward the offensive zone. Gron scored one goal against Michigan Tech on Oct. 8. He also earned one goal and two assists vs Tech on Oct. 12.

Volleyball prepares for tournament

By David Pleyel
staff writer

The NMU volleyball team proves once again they are here to contend as their undefeated record remains strong at 15-0 (11-0 GLIAC). They move up another spot in the GLIAC north holding strong at 13th in the nation. The 'Cats fought hard this weekend as they traveled to Ohio to take on two very competitive teams, Tiffin and Ohio Dominican.

The Wildcats struggled in their first set against Tiffin, losing 14-25. Tiffin came out swinging and never looked back as they took advantage of the Wildcats' slow start. But even without their fans to support them, the Wildcats didn't surrender anymore sets as their energy spiked and their focus kicked into over-drive.

The Wildcats would come back strong in the second set as they fight Tiffin for every point, eventually winning the set 25-23. To seal the deal the Wildcats proved too much for Tiffin as they won the third and fourth sets, both 25-13.

Freshman libero Kristin Wetzel agrees that Tiffin came out with high energy and took advantage of

the 'Cats issues with serve reception and hitting errors. But the team pulled through and won a hard-fought match.

"We were not expecting them to breathe as much fire as they did," Wetzel said. "Their fast offense quickly took advantage of our serve reception and hitting errors, giving them the win for the first set. Collectively we had to minimize errors and just find open spots on the court and once we did, the game was ours."

The Wildcats would then take on the newcomers of their league, Ohio Dominican. The Wildcats started strong as they won their first set 25-12. Ohio Dominican attempted a comeback by getting more aggressive on their serves, but the Wildcats always defended well. The Wildcats would go on to win both the second and third set, both 25-20, claiming another victory.

Head coach Dominic Yoder is excited his team is doing so well, but points out that the past is the past and that the team needs to focus on their game if they want to keep winning.

"Winning is a great feeling, but it's in the past," Yoder said. "We

need to focus on the road ahead, learn and fix our mistakes that we make and stay energetic and focused. The middle of October is when teams either fizzle out or make a stand, and we have to prove that we want to make our stand by winning these games."

The Wildcats have their greatest challenge ahead as they prepare for the GLIAC/GLVC Crossover Tournament this weekend. The tournament will take place at Aurora, Ill. where the Wildcats will take on their first opponents Rockhurst, on Friday, Oct. 15, Missouri-St. Louis on Friday night, and finish off with Indianapolis on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Freshman left side hitter Kalli Herron said that this will be a big weekend for the Wildcats and that the team needs to stay strong if they intend on winning this tournament.

"We will be seeing some very tough competition this weekend," Herron said. "The most important factor is that we are going to have to stay strong and on top of our game. It isn't the teams that concern us, it's more of how we execute our plays against them, and that's what will lead us to victory."

Head coach Dominic Yoder

agrees that the team needs to perform to win but they also have to have the want to win.

"We need to remain energetic,

not have as many errors and execute our game plan," Yoder said. "Make the other teams play at our tempo not the other way around.

The Rockhurst University Hawks volleyball scouting report

2010 Record: 16-5, 5-3 GLVC
2009 Record: 21-14, 9-5 GLVC
National Ranking (AVCA): received votes
GLIAC GLVC Tournament ranking: GLVC 5
Last three games: L at Central Missouri 0-3, W vs Missouri S&T 3-2, L vs Missouri-St. Louis 1-3
Players to watch: senior Emily Levy MH, senior Alyssa Emerson S, senior Andrea Schroeder L, junior Maggie McGovern OH
Key stat: The starting front line for the Hawks of McGovern, Levy and OH Nicci Hartley lead the Hawks in blocks, as Rockhurst is the top blocking team in the GLVC.
Prediction: This will be the first set of the tournament for the Wildcats and NMU has been showing a lot of uneasiness in their first games, but rebounding in the second and third games. It's been the exact opposite for the Hawks however, starting strong and tapering off, making the second and third game imperative. The discipline of the Wildcats though should help them out as they will grind out their hardest match yet. NMU 3 RU 2 (RU, NMU, RU, NMU, NMU)

—Brice Burge

Editors note: Scouting reports for the Wildcats' other tournament opponents can be found on at www.TheNorthWindOnline.com.

Soccer battles through first two losses

By Jon Young
staff writer

The NMU women's soccer team had their first setback of the season and fell out of first place in the GLIAC after a pair of tough losses on the pitch. On Friday, Oct. 8, the Wildcats (6-2-2 GLIAC, 6-4-2 overall) hosted the University of Findlay Oilers (5-4 GLIAC, 5-4-2 overall) and lost a tough match 1-0. Head coach Matt Granstrand knew what to expect coming into the game.

"Findlay's a good team, I knew it would be a battle," Granstrand said. "I expected the game to be just like it was; whoever got the goal would win the game and we had our chances."

After a scoreless first half, Oilers' midfielder Sara Jones was able to break the tie with a nine yard strike at 52:37. The lone goal of the game was enough for Findlay to hold onto the win. The 'Cats had a scoring chance in the remaining seconds of the game off a header in front of the crowded goal by senior forward Dana Stephens. The Oiler defense was able to make the save and escape with the win.

The game was physical from the opening whistle and left some fans in disbelief over the lack of control demonstrated by the officials. The game continued with a

lack of whistles in the second half and got more physical as the minutes rolled on, Granstrand said.

"I thought it was a little beyond physical, but it didn't cost us the game," he said. "You got to rise above what you're given and compete."

The Oilers held the advantage in shots attempted at 23, to the 'Cats 13. Sophomore goalie Jessica Baker had eight saves for the game.

The second game of the weekend was on Sunday, Oct. 10, when the Wildcats hosted the Tiffin University Dragons (5-3-1 GLIAC, 6-4-1 overall). Northern came out flat in the first half against the Dragons and fell behind 2-0, which ended up being the final score. The 'Cats played a much better second half but were unable to score.

"The first half, we kind of fell apart," said junior defenseman Aurora Jackson. "Our second half we really pulled it together and kept up well."

Tiffin broke open the scoreless game at 17:43 with a goal from Lauren Bowyer. To the dismay of the 'Cats, Lauren Turkington found the back of the goal right before half on a penalty kick at 43:12.

"I loved our second half; I was thoroughly disappointed with our first half," Granstrand said. "In



Gil Cohen/NW

Senior forward Dana Stephens dekes a Tiffin player. The 'Cats had their first two losses last weekend as the team falls to 6-4-2 overall. NMU also fell to seventh in the Midwest regional rankings, from their third spot last week.

the second half we came to play, but we got to do it the whole game to compete.

The Wildcats made some defensive changes at the half and were able to keep the Dragons off the board during the second period. Tiffin kept up their defensive pressure and was able to hold off a Wildcat comeback.

"Tiffin's a real good team, they're well coached and disci-

plined," said assistant coach Joe Gillespie. "We knew this was going to be a battle, it was a tough loss."

Next weekend the Wildcats travel downstate to take on Grand Valley State University (8-1-1 GLIAC, 11-1-1 overall) on Friday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. Coach Granstrand understand the level of competition and knows the team his team has to come ready to

play.

"Findlay, Tiffin, and Grand Valley is a three game streak of very good teams," Granstrand said. "We need to play for 90 minutes against these teams or we're not going to win."

The Wildcats (6-2-2 GLIAC, 6-4-2 overall) travel to Big Rapids on Sunday, Oct. 17, to take on Ferris State (6-3-1 GLIAC, 6-5-1 overall) at 12 p.m.

Wildcats lose to Grand Valley 28-7

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

It was another loss for the Wildcats as the Northern Michigan University football team lost their second straight GLIAC road game, this time falling to AFCA's top-ranked team Grand Valley State University 28-7. NMU's record has now fallen to 3-3 overall, while going 3-2 in GLIAC play. However, the 'Cats lost more than just the game, as starting quarterback Carter Kopach went down before the second half with a freak injury.

Kopach injured his Achilles tendon during warm-ups just before the start of the second half and will have surgery on Thursday. The six foot, 200-pound junior has been the starting quarterback for the last two and a half seasons after taking over for Buddy Rivera as he graduated after the 2007 season. Kopach has thrown for 1079 yards this season with eight passing touchdowns. He was also the leading rusher for the team, scoring six of NMU's eight rushing touchdowns this season.

"He's a great player with lots of ability and talent," Jacob Hicks said. "He's irreplaceable."

But Hicks, the Wildcats' second-string quarterback, had to do

just that. The six-foot-five-inch true freshman from Twin Falls, Idaho went five for 11 passing attempts for 49 yards in relief of Kopach. Hicks also put up six rushing yards and threw zero interceptions in his first ever collegiate game against the NCAA Division II national runner-up.

"(It was) pretty nice to play the toughest team in the country my first game," Hicks said. "I was going to be nervous no matter who I played."

The five inches in height difference between Kopach and Hicks isn't the only big difference between the two signal callers, as Hicks has yet to show if he can be the running threat of Kopach. The biggest difference however can be found in the throwing motions of each passer.

"(Kopach's) got a cannon. He's got a lot more pop to his passes," said tight end Craig Thompson, who led the Wildcat receivers against Grand Valley. "Hicks is easy to catch and has a bit of a touch to it, but the main difference is velocity."

Kopach's Achilles tendon was the second of two big injuries for the Wildcats, as junior nose tackle Matt Forward was on crutches for the second half of the game with an ankle injury. Forward is

now off the crutches and listed as day-to-day.

The 'Cats found themselves down early in the first quarter as 14 of Grand Valley's 28 points were scored in the first quarter. Another seven were tacked on by the Lakers on a drive that started with 1:46 left in the first. One of the big problems for Northern's defense was Grand Valley's speed and agility on running plays and after receptions, as they were then able to get out of the arm tackles of the Wildcats.

"We had to slow down the game down in our minds," said senior defensive back Ricky Neaves. "We had to remember the fundamentals and after the first quarter everything slowed down and we got our assignments and made some plays."

The speed of the game also affected the offense as the Wildcats came out sluggish for the second game in a row.

Eventually the speed issues work themselves out, but first quarter deficits are nothing new for the Wildcats. NMU has now been outscored 30-24 in the first quarter with over half of those points scored against Findlay in the second week of the season. The only games where NMU scored first were the two biggest wins, as NMU defeated the Oil-

ers 49-10 and Northwood University 31-17.

"Having a new scheme, we show a lot of formations early, not necessarily to just attack, but to see how (the defense) lines up," said offensive coordinator Chris Ostrowsky. "We see how they line up and that's one of the reasons why we're successful later in the game."

One of the ways to try to improve those first quarter scoring is to improve the running attack. Transfer juniors Phillippe Smith and John Privitelli have increased their number of carries and yards in the last two games. Last week's only score came from the tailback position as Privitelli was able to break open for a 17-yard touchdown run.

"It's an overall team vibe to run the ball more," Ostrowsky said. "Running the ball is indicative to winning games."

The Wildcats can offensively use a little trickery as well, as they used two trick plays against the Lakers, both in the same fourth quarter drive. The second trick play, a wide receiver pass from Tony Awrey to Christian Marble-King, was unsuccessful after a missed pass interference call, but the first worked for the 'Cats. The fake punt was able to extend the drive for NMU as ju-

nior running back Brennan Van Effen on a 34-run.

"We have been practicing that play for a few weeks now," Van Effen said. "It ran perfectly. The downfield (defensive assignment) went to the other side of the field, so we had an extra blocker."

This was the first carry of the year for the six-foot-two-inch, 225-pounder from Escanaba. Van Effen was the leading rusher two years ago against Grand Valley, as he put up 84 yards on eight carries in the final home game of the 2008 season, but a sophomore season filled with injury has left him mostly on special teams duties.

"It feels good (to run)," Van Effen said. "I've been trying to get onto the field and get some carries."

Van Effen, Hicks and the rest of the Wildcats will be ready for their next home game, as Northern will faceoff with the Ferris State Bulldogs on Saturday, Oct. 16. The Bulldogs are undefeated in GLIAC play, but haven't beaten a team with a winning record all season. The Wildcats will just focus on their inspired and devoted play.

"(We're going to play with) passion," Hicks said. "You can't describe it better than that."

Lone senior leads Wildcat volleyball

By David Pleyel
staff writer

Great athletes aren't born, they're made. No matter what the sport, it takes a special kind of dedication and special kind of drive in order to succeed in a sport. Athletes have to have the heart, determination, focus, and love for the game they play.

Here at NMU, senior captain Katie Twardzik has just that love for the game of volleyball. Twardzik expressed that she grew up around volleyball but what made her passionate about the sport was something else.

"I've always been a gym rat since I was a little kid," Twardzik said. "My mom coached volleyball since I was in grade school, so I was around the sport a lot. Eventually both my sister and I played for my mom in high school and we spent a lot of time together which I loved."

Twardzik realized that her passion for volleyball was only going to grow, so she began looking around for schools with a good volleyball program. She was originally going to end up in Oklahoma, but a different path emerged.

"I was originally signed on to play for Dominic Yoder when he was coaching at Cameron University in Oklahoma," Twardzik

said. "Ironically enough, he got a position as head coach at NMU, which was only two hours away from my home. So I was released from Cameron University and re-signed with NMU."

In it for the long haul, Twardzik began her 4-year stretch on the team as she constantly worked hard not only on the court but off. Twardzik said there were low points in her career, but getting through the difficult times made it all worth while in the end.

"There have been many challenges throughout my career, and some were very difficult," Twardzik said. "I did have to deal with injuries and other obstacles in my life, but being able to work through them really made me have a deeper appreciation for my career in the long run, and that alone was worth the experiences, good or bad."

This year is Twardzik's last year on the volleyball team, she expresses no desire to seek pro status, but to fully enjoy her last year on the team. She is anxious to get her career goals in motion as many new paths await her after graduation.

"I will be student teaching next semester, hoping to get a teaching job somewhere in the fall," Twardzik said. "Ideally, I would love to teach high school

English and have an opportunity to coach volleyball. I will do as much as I can to stay involved with the sport I love."

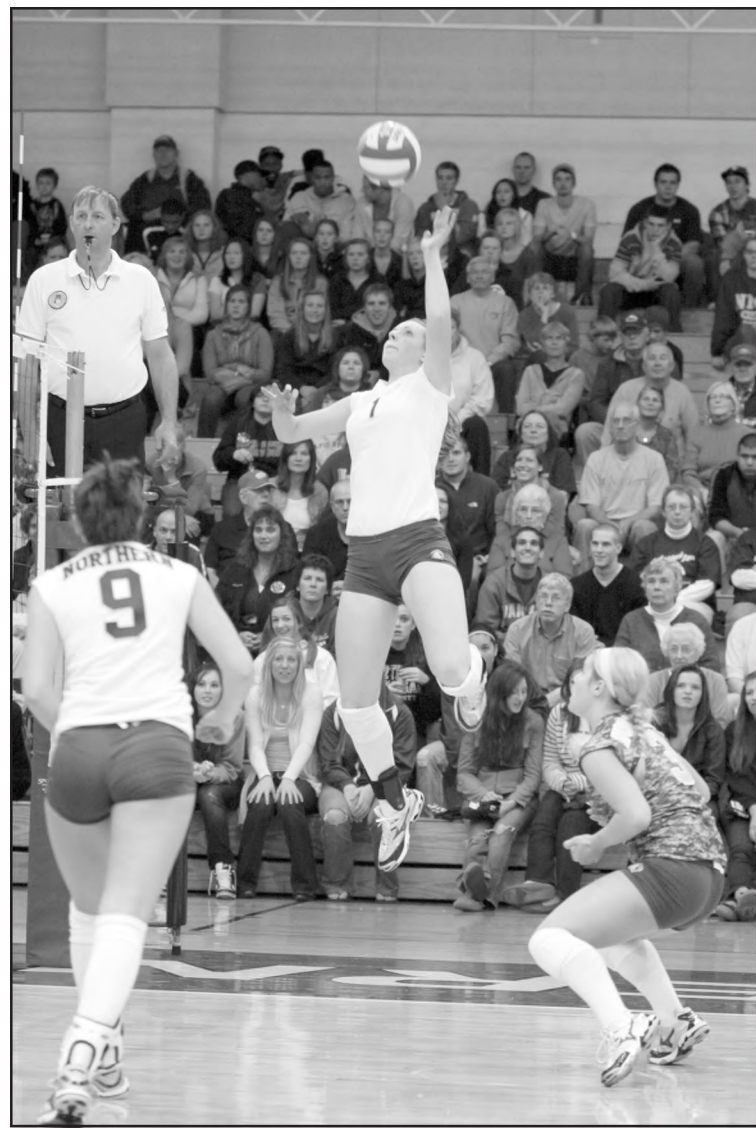
Head coach Dominic Yoder of the NMU volleyball team says that Twardzik will be missed and her shoes will not be easy to fill.

"It will be a very big challenge for us to replace Katie," Yoder said. "She's the glue that really binds this team together and keeps the team going. Even though her jersey will be worn by another player and her shoes filled by another player, there's still only one Katie Twardzik."

Twardzik expresses how she is excited to pursue her career, but she will miss not only the game of volleyball, but the teammates and friends she made with it.

"I will miss coming to the gym and working hard, and of course playing competitively," Twardzik said. "Most of all, though, I will miss seeing my teammates every day and just being able to perform in front of family, friends and this awesome Marquette fan base."

Where one chapter ends another will begin. New players arrive and old players leave. The heart and spirit that Katie Twardzik brought to the NMU volleyball team will never leave, but will echo through the passage of time.



File Photo/NW

Senior hitter Katie Twardzik has earned 74 kills this season at 1.37 kills per set. She has also earned 100 assists and leads with nine block solos.

Rivalry trophy reclaimed by NMU

By John Becker
sports editor

The Moosemen solidified their right to the Golden Rancor trophy last weekend after a victory against UW-Parkside as the team looks forward. Their regular season is in its twilight, but the team will begin anew in the playoff battles ahead.

On Saturday, Oct. 9, the Moosemen faced off against the UW-Parkside Ranger Bears in the team's annual Golden Rancor game. It was the first time since 2006 that the Moosemen were fighting to earn the trophy instead of defending their right to hold it and the Ranger Bears weren't going to let up easy. The teams kept on par with each other in the first half, with the Moosemen slipping by 15-12.

Team president Matt Kehrer said the Moosemen weren't playing their best during the first half.

"We were rucking sloppily. We weren't holding onto the ball enough, and if you work on that, the game takes care of itself," he said.

The Moosemen did take care of their issues and outscored the opposition in the second half by 21 points, taking the victory 48-24.

Senior flyhalf Gardner Thompson scored two tries in the second half and earned eight points for the team from his points-after-try (PATs are worth two points each in rugby). Thompson said he was just in the right place at the right time.

"This was the first time I'd ever played flyhalf, and I found myself in a spot where I could utilize all the players on the field," Thompson said.

Thompson was humble about his scores, as he said he let the forwards do most of the work.

"On my two tries, Kyle Aho ran the ball for about 50 yards, and on the other, Dane (Kilpatrick) ran for about 40, and I just happened to pick the ball up at the end and score it," Thompson said. "I let those guys do all the work, I just took all the glory."

Senior prop Jimmy Kibby said he felt this was the best game that exemplified how the team was able to come together as one unit.

"Normally we're considered a forwards team where we just pound the ball through. This time, we filtered the ball out through the back line, and we utilized that to move forward. When it came to pounding it into the try zone, we used the forward line.



John Becker/NW

Left: The NMU Moosemen pose for a picture with the UW-Parkside Ranger Bears, the team they compete with annually for the Golden Rancor. Right: The Golden Rancor trophy is adorned yearly with new accessories.

Kibby said he wants to get off of the injured list, as his regular season was ended by a PCL tear, a somewhat rare injury.

"It controls the forward and backwards movement of the lower leg. I can extend forward, but I can't extend backwards as well," he said.

Kibby also said he would really like to get some playing

time in for the playoffs, as he is a senior and this could potentially be his final year at college.

The Moosemen will travel to Madison, Wisc. for the first round of the Wisconsin state playoffs on Saturday, Oct. 16. Their opponents will be the UW-Milwaukee Panthers, who are at the top of the Wisconsin Rugby Football Union West Division.

If the Moosemen win, they will be playing the following weekend (Sunday, Oct. 24) for the state championship before entering the national playoffs, but if they lose, then they will play for third place instead. To continue on to the national tournament, the Moosemen need only win one of the next two games.

Men's club hockey splits home games

By Laura Conway
staff writer

The NMU men's club hockey team played a close series against the Iowa State University Hawkeyes, last year ranked third in the American Collegiate Hockey Associations (ACHA) D1 leagues. This was supposed to be a challenging match up against the D2 Wildcats, but the team wasn't fazed.

They ended up winning the first game 6 - 3. Right wing junior Kellen Michalak admitted to not really knowing what they were going to see from the Hawkeyes, but he knew the team was going to give them their best game.

"We didn't know what to expect. We knew that they had a good team. We ended up dominating when they took penalties. We played really physical," Michalak said.

After the first period of the first game the Hawkeyes were ahead 2-1 due to the Wildcat's being short handed for a few plays, junior rookie Nick Cavato said.

"They were big and outsized us, that didn't worry us though, we were just taking dumb penalties," Cavato said.

The second period was a little more motivating ending with a tie between the two teams. The Wildcats were on a role and ready to play smart for the third period. The star of the second period was Michalak who scored two goals in the second before he was removed from the game for what he said was a controversial penalty.

"They called me for elbowing with head contact, it was a questionable call. I was kicked out of the rest of the first game but allowed to play the next game anyway," Michalak said.

Even though the leading scorer of the game was gone that was enough to motivate the rest of the team to play hard and take the game. The win really had the team pumped for the second game the following day.

"Going into the second game, we had our hopes pretty high. Even though we knew they'd be tough because they would get rest, we knew we had the edge because we won the first game" Cavato said.

The second game of the series on October 9 against started off much the same way as the first with Iowa scoring the first goal in the first period.

"They came out pretty physical too; they outsized us and really used that to get under our skin. We didn't handle it well, took unnecessary penalties that left us short handed at important times in the game . . . we took ourselves out of the game," Michalak said.

One of these plays was when Michalak scored a short handed goal for the Wildcats, but right after got a penalty and the Hawkeyes scored on a power play.

Sophomore Shane Feehery admits that it was those kinds of plays that went wrong in the second game.

"Second game, we let penalties get to us. Maybe we were a little overconfident from the win



Gil Cohen/NW

NMU player Jim Morris forward drives to the net to score on University of Iowa's goalie. Morris scored two goals in the weekend as the Wildcats put up nine goals against the Hawkeyes. NMU and Iowa split the series.

on Friday," Feehery said.

Even though the second game was a loss for the Wildcats, 3 - 5, they were still proud of their lines for stepping up to the plate like they did.

"We set up in formations on the ice so we know where we should be. It's nice to know that your linemates know what they're doing and know where to be. The coaching staff has instilled in us the knowledge to know how to do that. We've made huge improvements as a young team in that aspect of our game," Michalak said.

The Wildcats are going to put

those improvements to test at the greatly anticipated American Collegiate Hockey Association D2 Showcase this coming weekend. Michalak said it is a privilege to be invited to this showcase because the association invited only the best in the division.

"This is the biggest thing in our season besides playoffs, it'll be a tempo-setter for the rest of the season it could make us or break us," Michalak said.

The team is taking every precaution to make sure that they are at their best for the first game of the showcase. Playing on a travel day is hard on teams and aren't

always 100 percent on the ice, so the Wildcats be leaving a day earlier than usual so they can be fully rested.

"We are leaving Thursday at noon, spending the night in Bowling Green, then its only a two hour bus ride from there so we won't be that tired. There is going to be some stiff competition, all the best teams in division two, a good test for the team," Feehery said.

Going into the showcase the Wildcats are 5 and 5 for the regular season. The Wildcat's first game at the ACHA DII Showcase is on Friday October 15 at 1p.m.

Madness ends basketball preseason

By Brice Burge
assistant sports editor

The Northern Michigan men's basketball team has started their preseason activities this week, as they held the first ever tip-off luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 12 and will participate in Midnight Madness starting at 11:30 p.m. tonight, as the new-look basketball team is pushing the program to new heights.

"Were looking to gain a lot of interaction with the fan base and build a large fan base," said captain center Mylan Murphy. "We have a lot of hype and excitement behind us, and its exciting us too."

Tuesday's luncheon was held in the Peter White lounge and was attended by approximately 250 alumni, basketball boosters and media. Speakers like NMU Athletic Director Ken Godfrey, President Les Wong and new head coach Doug Lewis Jr. talked about the dedication to the upcoming season, by the players, coaching staff and the university.

"Athletics are an important part of what makes a good university great," Wong said in his speech.

"You will see board members at both home and road games."

The headline speaker of the luncheon was Milwaukee Bucks General Manager John Hammond. Hammond was the 2010 NBA Executive of the Year for his acquisitions of Brandon Jennings and John Salmons, but was also a former coach of Lewis at Southwest Missouri State.

"We brought in (Lewis) to replace our starting guard," Hammond said. "He had great presence and command of the game and is a man of character."

That command of the game and character is what the Wildcats will try to bring to the court this year as they displayed their team motto "fast break on the lake."

"We're going to push the ball every possession," Lewis said in his speech.

However the word that better embodies the team is change. NMU has 10 new players on their 16-member roster, a new coaching staff and new philosophies, both on and off the court.

"We did the parade and stuff like the other teams have done, but the coaches have gone out all over campus and Marquette,

shaking hands and trying to start a new student section," Murphy said. "The things that go above and beyond have been from the coaches, but it comes onto us as well."

The first opportunity to see the Wildcats will be tonight at Midnight Madness. The half-party, half-practice event is a common practice among basketball schools, but has never been done at Northern. The NMU dance team and cheerleaders will each perform, as well as a DJ. Different crowd activities, like a shooting contest, will also be held, while the team will have an inter-squad scrimmage. The Madness will end with a slam dunk contest, with transfer DeAndre Taylor, freshman David Maturah and Murphy competing, with others to be named before the competition.

"It's new and NMU basketball will get to a level it's never reached before. People are going to see that (tonight). Everyone is going to start feeling great about NMU basketball.

Midnight Madness will start at 11:30 p.m. in PEIF 150, which are the practice gyms for the men's and women's basketball teams.

The Ferris State University Bulldogs football scouting report

2010 Record: 5-1 Overall, 5-0 GLIAC

2009 Record: 1-10, 0-10 GLIAC

Last game: W 23-10 vs Findlay

Players to watch: Grand Valley: senior Matt Ryan LB, junior Tom Schneider QB, junior Shawn Snor K/P, sophomore Antwian Windmon DB NMU: freshman Jacob Hicks QB, junior Phillippe Smith RB, senior Andy Vasquez C, freshman Zach Anderson DT

Key matchup: NMU wide receivers vs FSU's linebackers. Matt Ryan, Tayo Moss and Mike Elias are all in the top 50 for tackles in the conference, but slants, screens and out routes by the wide receivers can counteract most of the defense's strategy. If the 'Cats can get the 'Dogs to bite on the routes, it will open up the running lanes better for NMU.

Key stat: The GLIAC opponent's of FSU (Saginaw Valley, Ohio Dominican, Tiffin, Lake Erie and Findlay) have a combined win loss record of 4-25. To makes things worse, one of those wins came against an NAIA opponent (Tiffin def. Malone 31-21) and two of the wins came as the opponents played each other (SVSU def. LEC 49-17 and UF def. Tiffin 10-7). This is the lowest strength of schedule in the GLIAC and is 132nd of 136 nationally.

Prediction: The Bulldogs have looked like the "diet" version of the Wildcats offense, as the two have similar spread offenses, but the lack of yards and points against the lowest of the low in the GLIAC has left a bad aftertaste in the mouth of Ferris State. Unfortunately for them, their defense gives up the big play to stack the box. Expect NMU's defense to really step up in this game. NMU 17-9.

—Brice Burge

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Lil Cammy — Thank you for a wonderful anniversary! You're my favorite. — **Panda Monkey Bear**

Alex, Ivan and Liz — Thank you for helping make my anniversary with Cameron special. You guys are the best! — **Lil' Thao Dow**

T-Bissit — I'm your little dogma. Howls and kisses. — **Lightness**

Lina — There aren't even words for how excited I am for this weekend. The best part: I get to spend it with you. — **Lucy**

ME — Thanks for letting me share your story, really. Also, I think we're gay marriage pros, amirite? — **EIC**

Tini — I'm sorry I can't be there tonight. I'll be thinking about you though. — **Lucy**

NW Staff — Ya'll are lucky I'm going home this weekend, I can't nag you as much as usual. — **EIC**

Lina — As Scott says, you're the best thing to happen to the NW. As I say, you're the best thing to have happened to me. — **Lucy**

So Loco Crew — We gotta get the gang back together! — **Belzy Boy**

Nemo — Seriously, let's hang out soon, k? — **Chief**

Author — You have no say in what I think your writing means. How does that make you feel? Actually, it doesn't matter how you feel about it! — **Grad Student**

Ashley — Let's create a thousand Icelands and then converse across European borders from our many castles. Also, hope you have a good time with your family this weekend! — **Simon**

Winter, 2009 — Why were you so weird? — **Autumn, 2010**

Lloyd Dobbler — Have some self respect, man. Diane Court's just a woman. — **Say Anything Fan**

Lil' Thao Dow — Sushi? Sushi. Also, of course I helped. Sorry 80 drunks were waiting with me. — **Alex**

The Master — You have an adorable squirrel face. Will you share your nuts with me? — **Jethro**

The Peach — I haven't been hanging out around you much. I miss you muchoz — **Lost roommate**

Katiemcjackenstein — Your hugs always brighten my day — **Dim**

SE and ASE — As I'm writing this, you're talking about beef. — **NE**

OE — Nickel next week? I'll be legal! — **NE**

Bars — And you will know my name is the lord when I lay my vengeance upon you. — **Dim**

THE Ohio State University — Enjoy the top spot while you can. It won't last. — **Common sense**

Parents — If I'm going to school for economics, don't tell me something isn't financially possible when really you just don't want to lose the tax credit. — **ASE**

Pretentious male — Ten-dollar words and "superior intellect" cannot buy you honor, chivalry or friends. — **Brice**

FE — You done so good tonight. I am so proud of you. — **ME**

OUTlook — Thank you for submitting your stories. They made all the difference. — **The North Wind**

EIC — We're definitely gay marriage pros. I'll miss you at the budget meeting. — **ME**

Cameron — Thanks for changing your lead even though you were pressed for your time. Also, thanks for interviewing Russell. — **Scott**

NW staff — I love you. — **NE**

NW staff — In a totally non-platonic way of course. I think? — **NE**

Empty white space — Prepare to meet your doom. — **NE**

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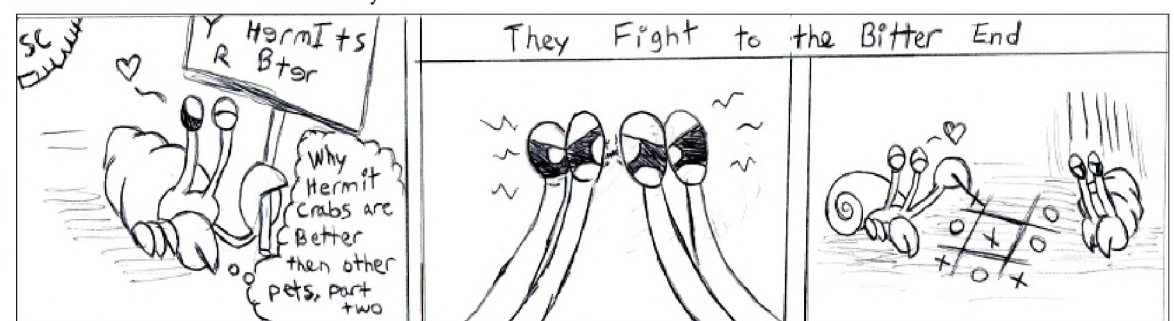
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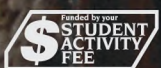
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