

## Granholm finalizes budget

By James Dyer  
news editor

Last week, Jennifer Granholm signed the proposed higher education budget for Michigan, finalizing the state budget for the 2011 fiscal year. Appropriations to universities, including financial aid, will be set at \$1.6 billion for the upcoming year, and with cuts in appropriation for operating costs at 2.8 percent, from the previous year.

The last round of appropriation bills, including the higher education budget, was signed into law by Jennifer Granholm on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

"I am disappointed that our legislative leaders chose to cut funding for our universities for next year. I am hopeful that our next legislature will be more committed to protecting this critical funding, including restoration of the Michigan Promise," Granholm said.

The 2011 budget was still moving through the legislative branch when the NMU board of trustees set the tuition rates for this year back in July. While the cuts to higher education funding are unfortunate, NMU has been making preparations to deal with possible budget cuts for over a year, said Gavin Leach, vice president of

finance at NMU. NMU projected cuts between 2.6 percent and 3.1 percent when establishing a budget for this fall, Leach said.

"Unfortunately, it has become the norm that the budget will not be passed until the end of September. It does affect our budget preparation, as we are three months into our new fiscal year before we find out for sure what our funding level will be from the state," Leach said.

The university predicted cuts in state funding and cut its own budget to adapt, he said.

"The funding cuts have an impact on many areas of the University. We try to prioritize to ensure students continue to receive a high-quality education," Leach said.

With the cuts this year NMU is set to receive approximately 45 million from the state, less than the university was given in 1997, when the university enrolled almost 2,000 fewer students.

In order to facilitate these cuts, NMU has cut its budget by \$1.1 million by reorganizing and cutting staff in the information and technology areas, the human resource department and the academic division, and by implementing utility cost-saving measures.

These cuts have been foreseen by the university for some time,



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Gov. Jennifer Granholm finalized Michigan's FY 2011 budget and signed it into law on Tuesday, Oct. 12. Was presented to Granholm on Sept. 29 after being debated throughout the summer by Michigan legislature.

said NMU president Les Wong. NMU began making preparations for a budget reduction last January.

"Our model for this year's NMU budget was based on a 3.1 percent budget cut. It could have been a lot worse," Wong said.

While the budget was supposed to be finalized by this summer when the university set tuition, because of the planning done by administration, NMU shouldn't see

any changes in its programs and the curriculum, Wong said.

Wong said that he hopes the trend in cuts will not continue, but NMU will adapt with the budget cuts if necessary.

"We need to continue to ask, what are things that could position the university for the future? I'm very proud of what Northern is doing to keep school affordable," Wong said.

At the July 9 board of trustees

meeting, the board raised tuition to deal with a possible state appropriations cut. President Wong hopes that it will not be necessary to raise tuition again next year, but there is a possibility that students will be paying more next year.

"A lot depends on what the state does. This current model (of cuts) isn't going to help Michigan in the future. One of the primary catalysts of positive change is education," Wong said.

## Absentee ballots an option for students

By Scott Viau  
managing editor

With classes, exams and the other stresses of school, students have a lot on their mind. With the upcoming election, making sure their vote is counted is another added strain. Absentee ballots allow students who are not living in their voting district to vote for a candidate from their own district.

While absentee ballot rules will vary from state to state, according to city clerk Dave Bleau, in Michigan there are a couple of different ways to go about doing it.

"You can get an application at the city clerk's office or you can go online to the Secretary of State website," Bleau said.

Bleau said that the amount of absentee ballots used will depend on the type of election being held.

"For the presidential election, we issued about 2,200. For the August primary election, it was less than 200. Going into the gen-

eral election this year, we have over 800 we've issued."

The deadline for an absentee ballot application is Oct. 30, and the ballot must be received in the clerk's office by Nov. 2.

"In an emergency situation, if there's time in the day, we'll occasionally run a ballot out to somebody who is a shut-in or (has had) some unfortunate thing happen to them," Bleau said. "I've done that about a half dozen times in my career."

President of the student College Democrats Travis Crowe said he has been getting the word out about the importance of absentee ballots for students.

"When we did our voter registration efforts we tried to talk about (absentee ballots) a lot because we did a lot of one-on-one contact with students," Crowe said.

Crowe said that the College Democrats were able to register around 500 students but found

that people are reluctant to vote outside their home district.

"We try to mention (absentee ballots) as much as possible, to let students know that it's a responsibility to vote, regardless of where (they) live," Crowe said.

Crowe added that resources for absentee ballots are given out to students and that most of the information necessary is available online.

"It's really easy for students to get on there, print it out and send it in," Crowe said.

According to Crowe, it's easier to vote absentee in Michigan than it is to actually register to vote since registering requires a 30-day period.

"Absentee ballots are something we talk about almost more than voter registration," Crowe said.

Crowe said they've been talking to students in the dorm lobbies and the academic mall about the election and added that, because

it's a mid-term election, they need to get the word out more than they did in '08.

President of the NMU College Republicans Sarah Morris said they haven't been directly working with students but are making sure friends and members of their organization are aware of absentee ballots.

"We're sending them to the

Michigan State Department website and checking out the Secretary of State (website) and making sure they make all the deadlines," Morris said.

Morris added she hopes everyone who is absentee voting gets it on time.

"Just get out there and vote," Morris said. "You need to voice your political opinion somehow."

### Michigan Absentee voting procedure

Michigan registered voters may request an absentee ballot if:

- age 60 years old or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence

Info courtesy of www.michigan.gov



## Briefs

### ORC mystery trip planned

The Outdoor Recreation Center (ORC) will hold a "Mystery Trip" to the Paulding Light, one of the Upper Peninsula's paranormal phenomena, on Oct. 23 as part of the ORC's Adventure Series. The Paulding Light is a mysterious light that appears and moves through a valley off of U.S. Highway 45 in Paulding, Mich.

"We're kind of making it into a mystery program," said Luke Wassink, a rentals and equipment manager at the ORC.

During the two-hour drive to the site, the team leaders will tell the ghost story behind the unexplained light.

"I think it's a really cool thing to do, because people hear about all these cool things in Marquette County and further out, but they might not have the resources to get to them alone," Wassink said. Students will meet at 6 p.m. and take a van. Carpooling is also encouraged. The cost is \$10 per person, and those interested in going should bring their own water, snacks, and a flashlight.

— Meredith Gasco

### Fundraising presentation held

The Center for Student Enrichment will be putting on a SkillBuilder! for careers in fundraising and the non-profit world in the Back Room of the University Center on Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 5 to 6 p.m.

John Barch, assistant director of the Center for Student Enrichment, said this workshop will focus on finding out more about careers in fundraising and the non-profit world and how to prepare and plan for this career track.

"This is a great concept for students to start thinking now about their future," Barch said.

Last year, U.S. News and World Report listed (Fundraiser) as one of the top jobs in upcoming years. This presentation will be beneficial to student organization leaders and any other students who are interested in learning about fundraising, Barch said.

"A lot of the best organizations going on in the world today are non-funded organizations," he said.

— Quinn Doyle

### Chinese art on display in DeVos

The entire exhibition on display in the back gallery of the DeVos Art Museum has been donated to Northern Michigan University by Aba Teachers College in Sichuan, China. The 70 pieces featured in the show were created by students and professors at the college. They are valued at nearly \$32,000.

Five works will be added to NMU's permanent art collection. The remainder are available for sale to the public. All funds generated will be used for student scholarships. Price lists are available in the museum and range from \$50 for some pieces made by students to \$3,000 for paintings made by the art professors.

"Recontextualizing Tibetan and Qiang Folk Craft: Artwork from Aba Teachers College, Sichuan, China" is on display at the DeVos Art Museum through Dec. 10.

Students at the college not only learn traditional methods and materials of art making; their courses also integrate theories of economic and marketing practices, recognizing that their audience for art is based largely on cultural tourism.

By including new art pieces the college hopes to support and preserve Tibetan and Qiang culture while preparing students to navigate the global art world.

— NMU News Bureau

### Women for Women light up the night



Justin Key/NW

On Monday Oct. 18, students lit candles and walked throughout campus to raise awareness for domestic violence. The event, "Light up the Night: Walking to End Domestic Violence," was organized by Women for Women

## ASNMU update

### ASNMU approves funding for trip to SAM conference

By Margaret Ylitalo  
staff writer

A \$450 budget was approved for ASNMU members to attend a Student Association of Michigan conference at the University of Michigan campus in Dearborn, Mich. at the Monday, Oct. 18 ASNMU meeting.

Graduate studies representative Vanessa Thibado opened a discussion about student transcripts. If a student has the registrar's office send an official transcript to other universities or potential employers, there is a five dollar cost, which must be paid in check or money order form in the registrar's office. Thibado said an option to pay electronically would be more convenient for students. ASNMU members discussed the possi-

bility of covering the cost of a student's first official transcript.

Off-campus representative Benjamin Stanley opened a discussion about NMU possibly adopting a four-year laptop plan that would allow students to obtain and keep a laptop for four years of schooling rather than return laptops after two years. He also brought up the possibility of allowing students who are not in the school of art and design to choose Macs.

College of business representative Alysa Diebolt opened a discussion about other colleges following the college of business's example in forming student advisory councils, which would help students communicate directly with the deans in their respective colleges. She said student advisory councils

help deans evaluate the effectiveness of classes and teachers.

College of arts and sciences representative Zach Fix, general studies representative Jordan Brooks and off-campus representative Kimberly Martino resigned from ASNMU.

Jeremy Cilc was unanimously approved and sworn in as a college of arts and sciences representative. Cilc and off-campus representative Benjamin Stanley were unanimously approved to the bike share committee. Down-campus representative Jolene Pahl was unanimously approved to Kimberly Martino's vacant position in the appointments committee, and College of business representative Alisa Diebolt was unanimously approved the vacant academic affairs chair position.

## Campus Crime log

- 1) One student was arrested for drunk driving and four students were given MIPs at 2:15 a.m. on Oct. 16 on Presque Isle Avenue.
- 2) Three students were given MIPs at 1:48 a.m. on Oct. 17 in Lot 11.
- 3) A male student was arrested for domestic violence at 10:39 p.m. on Oct. 17 in the Lincoln apartments.
- 4) One student was charged with simple assault and two students were given MIPs at 1:45 a.m. on Oct. 19 in Gant Hall.
- 5) A student's bike was stolen from the LRC bike rack between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Oct. 19.

### 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 |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| RadioX       | "RadioX 40th Birthday" | \$2,142.50    |

Sigma Tau Delta will also be appealing the SFC's recent decision to withhold \$2,000 in previously allocated funds.

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

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$4,142.37**

To contact the Student Finance Committee, or to submit your organization's budget, call 227-2452 or send an e-mail to [sfc@nmu.edu](mailto:sfc@nmu.edu).



# ASNMU discusses new defense office

By Robyn Goodman  
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ASNMU is reviewing legislation that would create a student defense office to help students who are brought in front of the All-Student Judiciary (ASJ).

Aaron Loudenslager, an off-campus representative for ASNMU, is the student responsible for proposing the student defense office.

"The defense office will have student counsel trained by our program's advisers on how to interview student clients, argue their cases before ASJ if they would like us to and write their appeals," Loudenslager said.

This group is based on similar groups already in place at Michigan State University and the University of Maryland.

This group would be made

up of volunteer students who would help students if they were charged with violating the student code.

"The students that wanted to be in the student defense office would have to have a basic understanding of the law and student code," Loudenslager said.

In order to be appointed into the group, ASNMU has to officially vote them into the group, Loudenslager said.

Right now, if a student has to appear before the ASJ, there is no set group of students to help them. If the group is created there will be an office where the students can go to find a representative.

"We would be doing the same thing as lawyers, but we are not practicing law," said Loudenslager. "We are just students for students."

Ruth Watry, the adviser to the group, spent two years as the chair of the College of Arts and Science Advisory Council (CASAC). During her years on the CASAC, the group heard four grade appeals. A grade appeal is when a student repeals the decision made by the ASJ. She said this proposed office could be very useful to students in a grade appeal situation.

"I also see the office being useful to students who are being charged with a violation of the student code since there is a similar requirement, that requirement being, the counsel must be a member of the university community and cannot be a licensed attorney," said Watry.

The student code says that the student charged shall be entitled to be accompanied by the counsel of his/her choice; coun-

sel shall be a member of the faculty, staff or student body of the University. The counsel shall not be a licensed or a practicing attorney.

Students who would have to go in front of the ASJ have been accused of violating the student code. The hearing is usually a closed hearing. The only people allowed to be at a closed hearing are the members of the judiciary and the advisers, the student charged and his/her counsel, witnesses, and individuals interested in the case who have been authorized to attend.

A student can petition to have an open hearing, but the request must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. In an open hearing, any member of the university community can attend, but all other people are subject to prior approval.

The penalties that the ASJ can impose on students are a warning, which is an official written reprimand; warning probation, where if the student violates the student code again, they could be subject to disciplinary probation; and if a student violates the disciplinary probation, they could be suspended or expelled.

According to the student code, a student shall be entitled to present his/her case through statements, questions, witnesses and other forms of evidence. The student also has the right to appeal any decision made by ASNMU or to request leniency of a penalty.

ASNMU is still just talking about the student defense office. If it is voted in, the office will be created and ready to advise students by the winter 2011 semester.

# Nobel nominee gives speech

By James Dyer  
news editor

Grassroots community efforts can sometimes be the turning point in battling big corporations over environmental and safety issues, said Lois Gibbs, the executive director of the Center for Health, Environment and Justice (CHEJ).

Gibbs spoke at NMU in Jamrich 102 on Friday, Oct. 15. Her presentation, "From the Love Canal to Michigan," was sponsored by Students for Sustainable Living, among other groups, and focused on environmental action on a local level, with special regard to the controversial Kennebec Eagle Rock Mining Project.

Gibbs, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, has appeared on television shows such as 20/20, Good Morning America, and The Oprah Winfrey Show to present her strategies on local environmental action and to share her personal story on how she became involved in environmental activism through her experiences with the historic environmental catastrophe of Love Canal.

Gibbs did not originally intend to be an environmental activist. Her life's aspiration was to start a family in her hometown of Niagara Falls, NY.

"What I wanted to be was a mom. I wanted to have lots of babies," she said.

After getting married and having her first child in the '70s, Gibbs became concerned when her son Michael was diagnosed with asthma and had dangerous bouts with pneumonia on a weekly basis. Gibbs and others began noticing an increasing

trend of birth defects in newborns in the town, and when her second child was diagnosed with leukemia, Gibbs knew something was wrong. Gibbs found out that 56 percent of children in Niagara Falls were born with severe birth defects.

"I knew that if I didn't stand up and if I didn't do something that my children were going to die," she said.

Little known to members of the community, the town of Niagara Falls had been built on a filled-in canal called the Love Canal that contained 20,000 tons of toxic waste. The dump contained traces of dioxin, the most toxic chemical known to man. The EPA had originally approved containment facilities for the toxic waste and deemed the area safe to live, but, despite precautionary measures, the waste leaked into the groundwater supply. Gibbs and the community fought with the New York State and national governments through local political efforts and managed to secure evacuation for the town's 833 families who were affected by the environmental hazards of the area.

"To win these battles, you need to fight with politics," Gibbs said.

Gibbs found success in her personal struggle by rallying support door to door and pressuring elected officials with bad publicity.

When Gibbs realized that no local, state or national organization existed to advise environmental community action groups, she went on to found the CHEJ to organize communities that are in situations similar to her own



Photo courtesy of Greg Peterson

Lois Gibbs, pictured on the left with Nicole Fisher, visited the Eagle Rock Mine Project during her trip to Marquette. Gibbs gathered in front of the mine with students in a silent protest. she presented her personal story of New York's Love Canal on Friday Oct. 15. Gibbs promotes environmental activism projects nationwide.

and help promote a change in environmental policies.

"Whatever you're fighting for, there are probably a lot of people out there who are with you. A lot of people who would take a stand, but they just don't know what to do," Gibbs said.

The struggle of Love Canal is similar to the struggle that environmental organizations in the UP are facing with the Kennebec Eagle Rock Mining project, Gibbs said. She made it clear that she is not against the mine specifically, but she is worried that information presented to the community about the mine's safety could possibly be misled-

ing.

"Why is it that the state of Michigan hasn't done a study to check and make sure that in fact the data that the mining company is (correct)? I'm not anti-mine, I'm anti-poison. Maybe it is a safe mine, but frankly, we don't know," she said.

Gibbs was also invited to speak at Marquette Senior High School about her victory at the Love Canal, but when she was asked not to speak about the Kennebec mine, she declined the opportunity to speak, said Gibbs.

Kathryn O'Donnell, a member of Students for Sustainable Living, said the speech was in-

formative, and may lend guidance for organizations who are against the Kennebec Mine in the UP.

"She really gave a lot of direction and examples on good plans that may work," O'Donnell said.

The message Gibbs said was the most important was that anyone can be effective in creating change if they only stand up for themselves and fight for it.

"I am just a housewife. We were able to bring the president of the U.S. to stand in our high school auditorium to give us what we wanted. It was because we had a plan and a strategy," Gibbs said.



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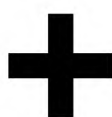
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## Public Policy Symposium



### It's Your Constitution: Is it Time to Revise?

Is constitutional change vital to Michigan?

Presented by Craig Ruff

On November 2, there will be a general election ballot question on whether Michigan wants to call for a constitutional convention in 2011 to rewrite the state's constitution—a proposal that comes once every 16 years.

If approved, voters will then elect delegates to the convention. No limits are placed on the delegates—they can rewrite the entire constitution or parts of it. After the delegates ratify a new constitution, it is put to a vote of the people.

Craig Ruff will present on the pros and cons of a constitutional convention, and likely areas that may be widely reformed if passed, including higher education, the death penalty, gun control, abortion and other major state laws and policies. It is a proposal that greatly affects all Michigan residents.

Ruff is a very interesting and informative speaker. He is one of the state's leading public policy experts and commentators as well as a senior policy fellow at Public Sector Consultants. He spent eleven years in Michigan's executive office, as special assistant for human services to Gov. William G. Milliken and as chief of staff to Lt. Gov. James H. Brickley.

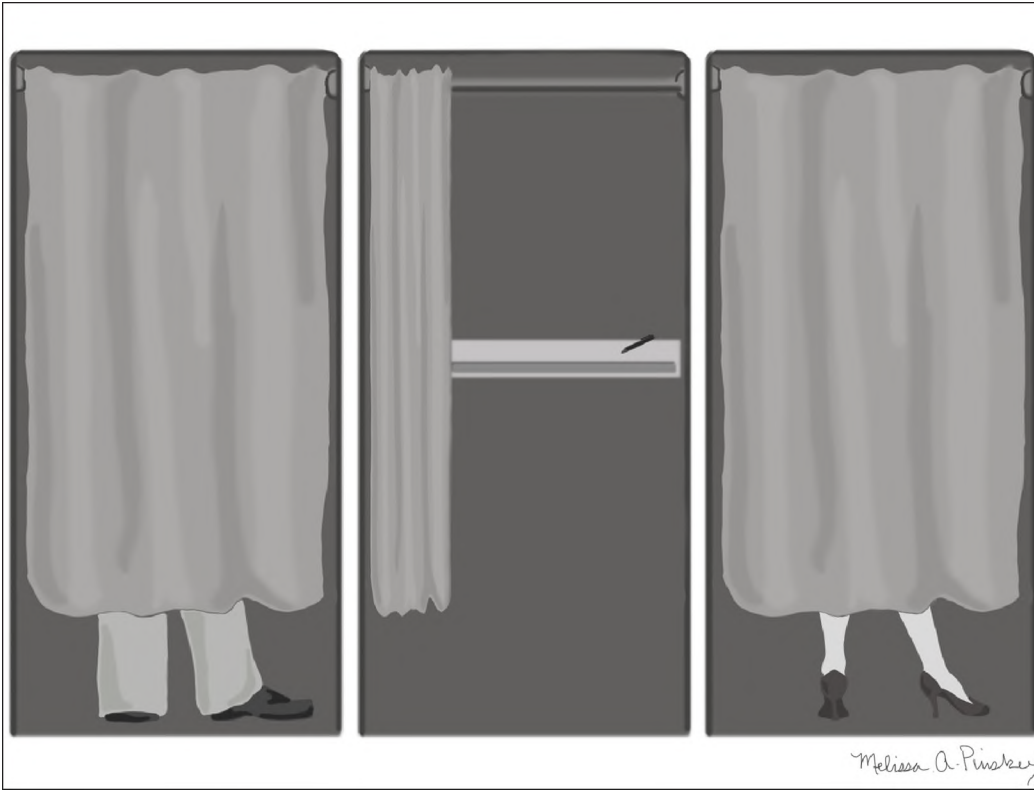
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## Staff Editorial



# Students: Remember to vote Election Day

The Michigan election on Nov. 2 approaching fast and we would like to take this opportunity to remind students to exercise their civic duty to vote. The voice of the next generation that will mandate laws, policy and presidents, whether it be Republican or Democrat, must be heard.

Although the election will focus mainly on state-level government, the change it can create will be vast. With Gov. Jennifer Granholm reaching her term limit, a replacement will be chosen. In addition, all seats in the Michigan House of Representatives are up for election, and of course Stupak's replacement in the U.P. There are also two ballot measures to vote on. Proposal 1 gives Michigan voters the choice to hold a constitutional convention held and Proposal 2 bars any person convicted of a felony involving deceit or fraud from holding public office for a period of 20 years. The above are all issues that need attention and while one vote may not seem like a lot of power, together those votes help create history.

We realize that not everyone is able to

get out on Election Day. Students wanting to vote who are registered in areas other than Marquette may find themselves in a bit of a jam. While attending school, it is not easy to get back home in order to vote.

With the help of an absentee ballot, though, students are able to go to class and still make sure their voice is heard. Not only are absentee ballots easy to obtain, the amount of people who participate using them just may be enough to swing an election.

To receive an absentee ballot, a student should contact the county clerk of the county registered they are registered in and request a ballot in writing. It's really that simple, and as long as a student is registered to vote, he or she will have no problem obtaining a ballot.

While we're not electing a new president, we are electing people that will run this state and make decisions that will affect and influence the lives of every person on campus. It's up to the voters to decide the future of Michigan.

# ASNMU pres. should be paid



Staff Column

Lucy Hough

ASNMU has a lot of potential. Recognized as the voice of Northern students, the Associated Students of NMU has the ability to change the way the university operates in favor of students' desires.

There's no doubt that ASNMU has that ability. The people on ASNMU are driven individuals, most of whom I know personally, and they are spending their time on the board not because they have nothing better to do but because they actually feel like they can make a difference. The only problem is there's a clear lack of initiative and leadership in this year's student government. To have a strong general assembly, there really has to be a motivated president and vice president.

Unfortunately, students made that harder last semester when they voted against paying an extra \$1.98 a semester with the student activity fee to pay the executive board. With an overwhelming vote 1,756 no to 444 yes, students said they wouldn't foot the bill. While this is understandable, especially with money as tight as it is, we can't expect our student government to be as attentive and aggressive when the people we expect the most out of aren't getting paid and literally can't afford to spend their time in the office.

For a long time, up until last semester, every member of the executive board was paid. Last semester, they were told that the university would no longer provide that money and were encouraged to put it up to referendum, or students' vote. ASNMU gambled when they asked students to fund the pay for every member of the executive board. When students voted no, ASNMU was left with nothing.

The consequences of this are already clear. Lucia Lopez, president of ASNMU, has to have another job in order to pay her rent, which takes away from time she could be spending in the office. I spoke to Lopez about the change in the beginning of the se-

mester, and she acknowledged that she wouldn't be able to be as thorough as other presidents have been.

"Mostly I'm scared for the student body," she said. "When we're not paid, it kind of limits what we can do. And I think that affects the student body more than it affects me personally just because it's less time that we can put in."

Lopez said then, and I'm sure she would say now, that doesn't change how important she knows her job is and she wants to spend as much time as she can in that office. But without being paid, she logically can't. Carissa Waters, now a nurse in Lombard, Ill., was ASNMU president from 2002-2003 and was paid in that position.

"It would have been difficult to be an effective ASNMU president without financial compensation," Waters said. "It is a very time-consuming position, and it would have been impossible to do the position justice if I also had to have a job on the side."

For the benefit of Northern students, at least the president of ASNMU should be paid. It would make it so that students would see him or her in the office more, around campus more, and it would increase the likelihood that ASNMU would be more effective.

Where that money would come from is the problem. Lopez and ASNMU treasurer Andrew Foster worked this summer with administration to find some compensation for the president, but supposedly nothing was there. Lopez was told that it was either ASNMU executive board pay or a full-time university position, and of course students were cut.

With a special referendum already called for this semester, I hope to see ASNMU ask students to increase the student activity fee in order to pay the president.

If we want a capable student government, and not just a president as effective as one voted by a bunch of first graders, ASNMU needs to take advantage of the referendum opportunity they have this semester and try again, maybe with a more reasonable request, and ask for students to pay a bit more each semester.

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# For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



## Michigan Constitution needs to be rewritten

This November, Michigan voters will be asked a very interesting question on the ballot: should we throw out the old state constitution and write a new one? To many people I've talked to in everyday conversation, the answer seems to be a simple "I don't care." But this proposition affects everyone in the state on a very personal level, whether they care or not. It is not a question of some people in Lansing 500 miles away deciding the fate of the state; the proposition on the ballot puts the choice squarely into your hands.

The question of a constitutional convention — that is, whether we should form a committee of delegates to write a new state constitution — is important whether a person is political or not. The constitution is a body of laws our government must follow in order to operate. As such, it affects all of us daily.

If voters decide on Nov. 4 that we should throw out the current constitution, it means starting over from scratch. It means every law within that document — everything from the rules of taxation to term limits all the way down to gay marriage and legalization of marijuana — are up for review. If Michigan voters decide they want to start over and write a new constitution, the entire body of laws under which we operate could change. Should that happen, voters would be able to elect a panel of 144 delegates, the number of delegates the last time this was done, who would then sit and review the old constitution and write a new one. Last time, in 1963, this process took about seven months.

After that, the decision of whether to adopt the new constitution is again in your hands. Michigan voters will be able to decide whether we should adopt the new constitution or stick with the old one.

The current constitution requires that every 16 years the question of a constitutional convention be placed on the ballot for voters to review. The current constitution was written in 1963, and it is Michigan's fourth constitution since it became a state in 1836.

Several of the delegates elected the last time a new constitution was written worked for automotive companies in Detroit. Supporters of changing the constitution argue that the economic landscape has changed since 1963. We can no longer rely on Big Auto to save us.

Supporters also argue that the current constitution allows for a much larger government and much more spending than we need in the state. They point to all of the problems of the last twenty years in this state and blame the current constitution. While I don't think that the constitution is completely to blame — in the last ten years, I'd be more willing to point to Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop's stubborn rivalry — I do believe that this constitutional convention is exactly what the state needs to revitalize itself.

Clearly, business as usual isn't working in this state. Since the middle of the 1900s, we've allowed Big Auto companies to basically run the state. We've relied on them for everything. So when they fell through and the recession hit (a

recession we've been feeling much longer than the rest of the country.) we didn't have much to fall back on. Granholm has been trying for years to turn the economy around by diversifying it. A new constitution could perhaps help those kinds of efforts.

Some detractors of the convention argue that the United States has had the same Constitution for 220 years and it's been working just fine — why throw out our constitution? Besides the obvious fallacy of comparing state and federal governments as exact comparisons, I have to say that the stability of the United States Constitution has been its vitality throughout the years. It was well written, and in the places where it went wrong, it was amended until it truly reflected the sort of laws the people of this nation and its representatives wanted to have.

Comparing the writers of the 1963 constitution to Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton and Ben Franklin is a little hard for me to accept. The Constitution of 1963 did its job and that was fine for a while. But times have changed. Our constitution was not perfect in the first of 1936, it wasn't in the third of 1908 and it isn't in the fourth of 1963.

Hopefully voters will make the right choice in November. Let's at least let our elected delegates give this a shot. Let's not forget that if the new product is less than desirable, all Michigan voters get the opportunity to make the decision to adopt it or throw it out. We owe it to the future of our state to at least see what comes out of a constitutional convention.

## Letters to the editor

**Don't ask, don't tell needs to be repealed**

tell is the right response to this unjust law.

Anthony J. Commarata  
Akron, OH

[In reference to Alex Belz's column in the Oct. 14 issue of the North Wind,] as a person of faith, I believe no category of citizens of the United States should be regarded as second class and singled out for discrimination. That is why I support the repeal of don't ask, don't tell (DADT).

DADT is legalized discrimination. No category of citizens of the United States should be regarded as second class and singled out for discrimination. More than 13,000 gays and lesbians have been discharged under DADT, and an uncounted number of others have left prior to completing full careers due to the pressures imposed by DADT.

Gay and lesbian service members pay a terrible personal cost for their service. The continual denial of who they are as persons, maintaining lives of secrecy and separation from their service comrades, not being able to acknowledge their orientation or their loved ones, and knowing that if they are killed or wounded their loved ones will not be notified or entitled to government care or benefits—these are costs borne by no other group.

The repeal of DADT is not about behavior; it is about truth and integrity. The same fraternization and conduct regulations, as well as the Uniform Code of Military Justice, will continue to apply to all service members regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Many military chaplains support the repeal of don't ask, don't tell. In a letter the President and Secretary of Defense (February 24, 2010), military chaplains said that "don't ask, don't tell is contrary to the core values of all the services. In fact, DADT is the first time in history that our military has been compelled to enforce a military policy that is completely at odds with the morality expressed in historic core values."

The Joint Chiefs chairman Admiral Mike Mullen announced that he favored ending the military policy banning openly gay service men and women; we're asking members to "basically lie."

The repeal of don't ask, don't

### Vote Yes on Proposal 1

We should take advantage of a rare opportunity to overhaul Lansing and reinvent Michigan by voting yes on Proposal 1, the call for a state constitutional convention.

Rewriting our state constitution to make government more efficient and to accommodate new technology is the best way to position Michigan for long-term growth.

Unlike the federal Constitution, state constitutions are regularly rewritten (Michigan is on its fourth; Georgia is on its tenth). They define the structure of state and local governments and vary greatly from state to state.

Michigan's current constitution has left us with a government that we can no longer afford: full-time legislature, thousands of local governments, too many public employees per capita and inadequate budgeting rules. A constitutional convention will downsize government making it more affordable and more efficient.

The opponents of Proposal 1, led by Lansing special interest groups who prefer the status quo, resort to fear-mongering by greatly exaggerating both the cost and risk of a constitutional convention.

The cost is minimized by legislation I authored that pays delegates nominally and utilizes the latest technology to reduce overhead expenses. The cost is easily recouped through the structural reforms a new constitution would implement. These reforms will save taxpayers billions each year.

The changes needed to fix Michigan today are outside the reach of the next governor and legislature. Revising Michigan's constitution offers the best way to reopen Michigan for business. We should seize it by voting yes on Proposal 1.

Tom George  
Republican senator,  
Kalamazoo, Mich.  
Co-Chairman of Yes on  
Proposal 1

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# Students should read books, not media



## Guest Column

Brandon Lee

A study by the Kaiser Family Foundation stated that Americans between the age of eight and 18 are consuming seven and a half hours of media a day. This equates to nearly 53 hours a week, more than a full time job. And I conclude that college students continue the trend quite accurately, if not more. When did staring at screens become a full-time job for us? And is this amount of media we rot behind something that we want in our lives?

It's more than a full-time job, it is an assimilated compulsion into our lives that we are constantly attending to. There is the first encounter of the day with

a screen: the cell phone alarm clock. Check it for missed late-night texts, then get ready for the digital day. Before class, flip open the ThinkPad and check Facebook. Go to class and continue social networking, or surfing the net, or taking notes on Microsoft Word, but continue multi-tasking because it can be done. Then get out of class, turn the cell phone from vibrate to ring and simultaneously check for new texts. Return to the dorm: play video games, watch some television, watch a movie with friends, get online and watch TV shows, spin through the iPod and find some background music while doing research on the computer and keep the cell phone close at hand.

Where does the human end and the technology begin in our lives? The young generations of America are becoming Darth Vader characters — sustained, connected and stimulated by

machines. Cell phones are no longer here for emergencies, but have become integrated into our lives so much that they are an appendage to the hand and mind. And the information we are exposed to is abundant.

A study by the University of California put the amount of information an American is exposed to in a day around 34 gigabytes of contents and around 100,000 words.

This is not 100,000 words read, but 100,000 words heard or seen though the range of media devices we are surrounded by. This comes in the form of the advertisements on the side of the screen, the several hours of iTunes tracks that played while I wrote this essay, the array of texts when I Google, the PowerPoint my professor uses, the screens on the wall at Wells Fargo, and the several hours of television gawking.

And we wonder why we are

constantly tired, anxious and unable to pay attention to things for long periods. We are over-stimulated humans living in an environment that we did not evolve for.

The introduction of the television, computer, and cell phone is less than 90 years in the making, but we've taken all of these inventions and committed over seven hours a day to being busied by them. In that light, I offer the library and nature as an alternative to the poverty of the projected experience, because there is no light at the end of the carpal tunnel.

Books tell a different story, and a book read outside under a tree, near a river, or on top of Hogsback is the liberation of the mind and body from the digital age we find ourselves drowning in. The library is full of books, so no matter how much a person despises reading, there must be a topic that interests them enough

to read a book from cover to cover. Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" or Orwell's "1984" would be appropriate places to begin if a person is worried to leave the screen behind. Personally, I find old travel literature my cup of tea. A book that takes me on the road or to a different place where the sun also rises or over a cuckoo's nest offers me imaginative thinking instead of YouTube projections.

Aside from real adventures and unmediated conversations, books are the most engaging experience. The characters are more developed, the ideas more revolutionary and coherent, and there are no advertisements nullifying my thought processes. So I urge everyone to turn off the television, shut the computer and read a book outside of the curriculum, for they have been tested for thousands of years and never failed human beings seeking knowledge.

# 'Glee' starts an important religious debate



## Considering Culture

Meghan Marquardt

So, it's Saturday night, and I am about to indulge in one of my guiltiest online pleasures: the latest episode of "Glee." Now, before you throw down the paper in disgust, let me say this: I am not a "gleek." I like music. I like silly TV shows. That is all.

Anyway, I went to watch "Glee," and the episode I was on (titled "Grilled Cheesus") really threw me for a loop. The theme of the episode was religion. I wasn't really sure what to think. I certainly wasn't offended, but it was definitely different. When I scrolled down, I realized I wasn't alone in my disbelief: there were

hundreds of comments by people who were horrified and people who loved it alike.

As I read through these comments, I completely forgot about the group of singing teenagers trying to make their way through high school drama. Instead, I was fascinated by the discussions at the bottom of the page: people were really speaking their minds — sometimes in an offensive way.

But other people started thoughtful, insightful discussions about what it means to be a Christian, about what it means to be an atheist, about what it means to live in a world with multiple religions — the amount of insight I found was incredible. This silly network TV show had sparked very real conversation. Whether or not the show was out of line is irrelevant. The exchange of ideas and the conversation is what is

important.

I think that sometimes we avoid this kind of conversation in our day-to-day lives because it seems dangerous; politics and religion are, after all, the ultimate conversation killers. But does it really have to be this way?

Randy Cohen, a blogger for the New York Times, suggests that we should not only discuss religion and its policies, but discuss it "courteously and vigorously. This is a mark of respect, an indication that we take such ideas seriously." I think that sometimes it's easy to forget the value of such conversation because of the passions it evokes, but it is important to discuss the touchy stuff — things like politics, religion, sexuality and freedom — because these things truly matter.

Now, I'm not saying it's a good idea to go shouting our

opinions at anyone who stands still long enough to hear us. I don't ever think it's acceptable to try to force opinions on anyone. I do, however, think it's beneficial to open up when the time is right: to join in that in-class debate, talk with friends about the things you believe, write an opinion article, a letter to the editor, or blog. We should express ourselves assertively, but respectfully. Most importantly, though, listen. Leave room for disagreement. There are so many great ideas out there, and by closing ourselves off to them just because they're not what we're used to, we miss out on the opportunity to learn. I don't think that politics and religion should be out of bounds by any means. I just think that they should be approached in a way where all parties feel respected and represented.

This silly little episode of

"Glee" made me realize how important communication really is. By exchanging ideas we learn, we grow, we progress, and we are more able to build a community that is open and enjoyable for everyone. That's why I think it is so important for everyone to have their say. We need to know what matters to the people around us in order to live peacefully with them.

So, I went into Saturday night expecting 43 minutes and 39 seconds jam-packed with high school drama set to upbeat show-choir renditions of popular songs, and I left reminded of the importance of expression, even when that expression is somewhat taboo. The comments I read prove this; I gained some real insight because of "Glee," and I willingly admit that.

That being said — I am still not a gleek. Really, I'm not.

## Sound Off

*With make a difference day coming up, what can you do to make a difference in the community?*

*compiled by Justin Key*



**George Coiner**  
sophomore,  
mechanical engineering

*"Rake yards for elders in the community."*



**Aubrey Bitson**  
junior,  
management of health and fitness

*"I plan to participate in MADD and help clean up yards."*



**Leah Eschrich**  
freshman,  
undeclared

*"Recycle."*



**Hillary Ziverts**  
freshman,  
special education

*"Get involved. Volunteer at different places that need help."*



**Drew Dean**  
sophomore,  
environmental conservation

*"I plan on helping elderly people cross the street."*



# Paladino's words were not hate speech



**Guest Column**

**John Mercer**

Carl Paladino, the Republican candidate for governor of New York, has been all over the news recently for an Oct. 10 speech that included references to gay marriage and gay pride parades. Paladino stated that he doesn't believe "homosexuality is an equally valid and successful option" to heterosexuality. He also stated that the activities at gay pride parades were "no place for children." Several news outlets and gay rights groups have lambasted Paladino for his remarks, calling him homophobic, a gay basher, and in-

sisting that he is fostering hatred of gay people. His political opponent, Andrew Cuomo, has called Paladino "homophobic" and "out of touch." The New York Times called Paladino "anti-gay."

Now, I don't necessarily agree or disagree with Mr. Paladino's remarks, but one thing was very evident to me when watching his speech and the ensuing interviews where he defended his comments: he doesn't hate gay people. He's not "homophobic." In fact, according to various news sources, Paladino is the landlord to various New York gay clubs, one of which his son oversees. This fact seems to fall in line with his repeated assurance that he does not discriminate against or hate homosexual people. Yet we have a plethora of news outlets and gay rights groups crucifying him like he is leading a gay hate move-

ment. Their comments regarding Paladino are more hateful than anything he said during his speech.

What is important to me is not necessarily Carl Paladino and his comments by themselves. The point here is that he stated his opinion in public. Is he right? Is he wrong? Who are we to judge? Gay advocacy groups will tell you all day about how you shouldn't judge or stereotype gay people, stressing tolerance of their ideals and open lifestyle. Yet here we have a man who speaks candidly about his beliefs, and these so-called tolerance groups chastise him endlessly for it. I find this ironic.

It's funny to me that these so-called "equality groups," that preach tolerance, are so intolerant of any opinion that doesn't support their cause. Rebecca Voelkel

of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force told USA Today that Paladino was "preaching hate from the pulpits." She obviously didn't hear the same speech I did. I thought Paladino simply stated his closely held religious beliefs to a group of people that shared his values. Not quite hate speech if you ask me. The sharing of a difference of opinion does not constitute hate speech.

Too often today, a high-profile person will say something controversial, and a dozen different tolerance or activist groups condemn their comments as if this person is hate speech incarnate. Perhaps these tolerance groups should learn to tolerate the fact that some people disagree with their lifestyle, and furthermore, that disagreeing with a lifestyle does not equate to hatred of the people who choose that lifestyle.

Instead though, the subject of the controversy will be endlessly berated until he finally gives up and apologizes publicly so that he can have the possibility of returning to his normal life.

It's OK to think that being gay is wrong. It's OK to think that being gay is a choice. It's OK to think being gay is a good thing. It is an opinion, which everyone is entitled to. Most importantly, it's possible to think that being gay is wrong, and still love and accept gay people on a personal level. Disagreement with a person's sexuality does not constitute hatred. Speaking your mind in a public forum is not hate speech. However, berating a person's religious beliefs, and telling them their beliefs are wrong, I do find hateful. Perhaps the plethora of tolerance groups out there should practice what they preach.

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## Get involved: Students and Marquette community volunteer for Make a Difference Day

By Alisa Fox  
staff writer

The biggest national volunteer project is quickly approaching. Many know it as Make a Difference Day, the day that comes every fourth Saturday in October and that celebrates helping the neighbors of our community. This year, that day comes Oct. 23, and students are awaiting their chance to make a difference. Senior citizens of Marquette are also very excited to have their yards raked and their gardens cleaned out.

"I love making the calls telling them that a volunteer group is on their way," said Barb Dupras of the Senior Center in Marquette. "(The seniors) are so happy because they need the help. Sometimes they have to pay for their yard work to get done, and that's hard to do on a fixed income. They're just delighted when someone comes and does it for free."

Raking leaves isn't the only service that the students offer when they come to a senior citizen's door. They're also willing to move outdoor furniture, clear out gardens, and most other yard work that needs to be done before the abundant snowfall hits Marquette County.

"Be particular and ask what

they need," Dupras advises new students volunteering for the first time this year. "Also, talk to them and get to know the seniors. They really need that friendliness."

Blanche Brown, a 92-year-old woman who has been receiving services for four years now, has experienced firsthand the results of a growing friendship with one of the volunteer groups, Alpha Lambda Delta. This group is a scholarship-based student organization with a focus of volunteering and providing ser-

**(The volunteers) are very kind and very caring... They come and they do everything so neatly. I love what they do, and I'm fussy.**

— Blanche Brown  
Volunteer effort recipient

vices throughout the community. They've requested Brown for two years in a row.

"I find them very courteous," said Brown. "They're very kind and very caring. I can't even imagine, they come and they do everything so neatly. I love what they do, and I'm fussy."

Alpha Lambda Delta's members even come throughout the year, making sure that Brown has everything that she needs and

helping her with house and yard work, especially in the spring.

"They come back in the spring because most of my leaves don't even fall by the time they come for this Make a Difference Day," said Brown.

Kurt Brandly, Alpha Lambda Delta's vice president and a senior here at Northern, said he talks to Brown all year round.

"My favorite part is just sitting and talking to Blanche. She always tells us stories about her life and her family. I really feel like I've gotten to know not only Blanche, but her family too from all of her stories," Brandly said.

Alpha Lambda Delta volunteers in the community throughout the year. Their many projects include fundraising for the annual Relay for Life and shopping for less fortunate families in the community during the Christmas

season. "It's a great thing to volunteer," Brandly said. "You meet new people and you get new experiences. It's just a great thing. You just feel better helping people."

Helping people is what NMU's Volunteer Center is all about. Last year, they completed 167 service projects throughout the community through Make a Difference Day. There were 111

student organizations helping to prepare homes in the community for winter, and overall, there were 1,177 students volunteering and helping their neighbors.

This year, the Volunteer Center is well on its way to meeting those numbers with 82 student organizations already signed up and 103 homes to rake leaves at. When Make a Difference Day started 15 years ago, it was much smaller with only about 10 volunteers. Since then, it has grown dramatically.

"The enthusiasm you see in the students is just great," said Victoria Leonhardt, one of three student coordinators of this event and a junior at Northern. "These guys are so excited, and you can see their passion. It's crazy and so cool to see."

This is also a special

year because, for the first time since Northern started to participate in Make a Difference Day, an athletic team has joined forces with the volunteer groups.

"I think it is so cool that the men's basketball team has decided to help out this year," said Leonhardt. "We need all the help we can get, and I love that an athletic team is finally helping out."

Everyone is invited and welcome to join in this special event which starts on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 8 a.m.

For more information on how to sign up, contact one of the three student coordinators: Victoria Leonhardt at vleonhar@nmu.edu, Hannah Kratz at hkratz@nmu.edu, or Nik Krawczyk at nkrawczyk@nmu.edu.

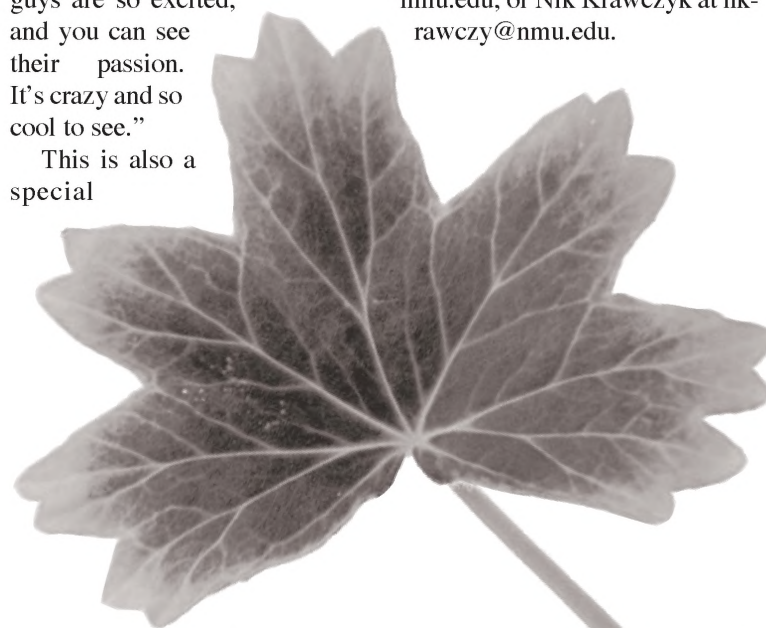


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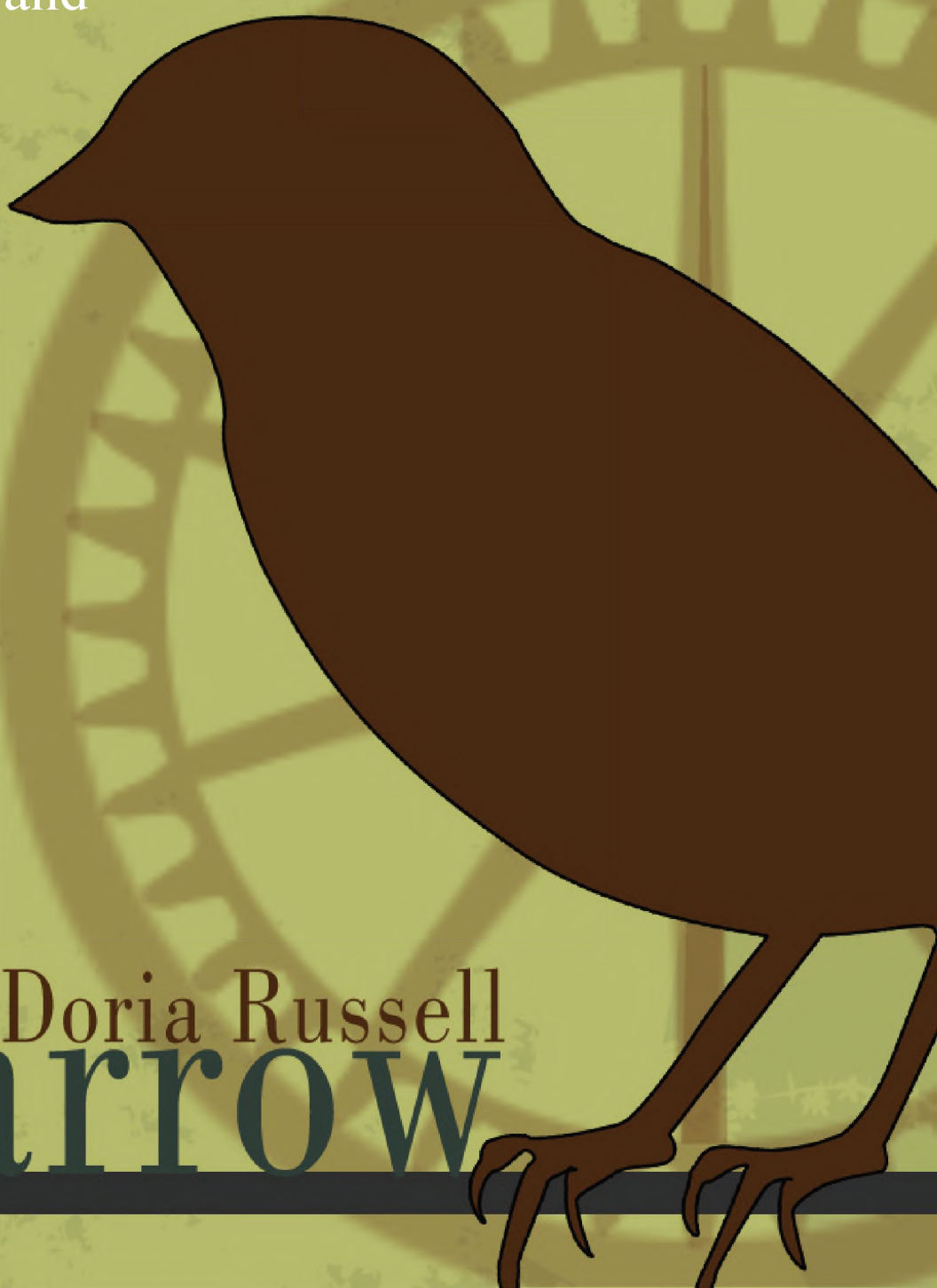
Student organizations and community members help senior citizens and neighbors who need assistance with preparing their yards for the snowfall Marquette winters bring. Make a Difference Day in 2009 had a turnout of 111 student organizations and over 1,000 volunteering students. There's still time to sign up this year and over 100 total houses requesting help.



# One Book *One* Community

By Cameron Witbeck  
staff writer

The many members of the NMU and Marquette community have immersed themselves in the cerebral and imaginative realm of Mary Doria Russell's book, "The Sparrow," will be offered the opportunity to explore the work's complex and often challenging themes with the author as she visits Northern next week.



The Sparrow  
Mary Doria Russell



During her time in Marquette, Russell will be giving a reading from “The Sparrow,” which was chosen in April as the Marquette area’s book for the One Book, One Community program. The reading will take place Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. The event will also feature a discussion period for attendees to communicate directly with the author about her work.

Tom Rich, an NMU English graduate student and member of the One Book, One Community selection committee, said that the purpose of the program is to foster a closer relationship between the university and the city of Marquette by reading and discussing a common book. He added that events like the author’s visit help strengthen that connection.

“It gets them in the same room (for Russell’s reading) at least, and it builds that relationship between the university and the community,” Rich said. “(Students) might meet some interesting people and have some good conversations. Community members get to see students, humanize the university and get that connection that might not otherwise be present.”

Other activities prior to Russell’s visit have included a dinner and a movie event, a public discussion of the book at the Peter White Public Library and book group meetings. Rich said that several groups, such as Sigma Tau Delta, the Marquette-Alger Reading Commission and NMU’s Visiting Writers program worked together with the One Book, One Community organization to put the events together and bring Russell to Marquette.

Rich said that by attending the events and sharing the book with community members, NMU students are offered a unique reading experience.

“By virtue of having such a large pool of readers, it allows students to get a different perspective than they might have gotten in just one class. It’s enriching that way, and it can lead to a deeper experience,” he said.

“The Sparrow” is a piece of speculative science fiction written in 1996 that imagines an encounter between Jesuit missionaries and an alien race.

The book’s main character is a priest named Emilio Sandoz who travels with a group to the alien planet, Rakhat.

Rich said that, while he is a fan of science fiction, it was important to pick a book that would be accessible to a larger audience.

“Because it’s One Book, One Community, you have to make sure that as many people as possible can read the book. You can’t pick “Finnegan’s Wake.” That’s just not going to work,” Rich said. “The sci-fi elements in the book are handled with a soft enough touch that it doesn’t put off those who don’t like sci-fi.”

“The Sparrow” is split into sections that feature Sandoz before, during and after the mission. Early on, the reader learns that something terrible occurred on the mission. The reader is then exposed to many complicated themes, sensitive topics and imaginative scenes while the narrative unveils what

happened to Sandoz on Rakhat.

Dana Schultz, a manager at Snowbound Books and the co-chair for the One Book, One Community selection committee, said that one of the most attractive elements of the book for her was the relationship between the different cultures.

“What appealed to me is the idea of how cultures interact and the assumptions we make when we meet a group of people. (“The Sparrow”) just sort of turns all that on its head,” she said. “I think it really touches on how communities interact with each other. It is about stepping into a separate community, and even with the best of intentions, there is arrogance there. That is what messes everything up.”

Schultz said that there is a challenge in getting people to look past “The Sparrow’s” premise and into the deeper messages of the book.

“As soon as you mention Jesuits and outer space, people throw this wall up and say, ‘No. I don’t want to go there.’”

Schultz said that while the book does delve into complicated issues like the existence of free will, “it’s not overly Christian, it’s about having faith in general.”

Ray Ventre, head of NMU’s English department, said the complicated way that “The Sparrow” addresses issues like religion and race are exemplary of what makes a book a good selection for the One Book, One Community program.

“One of the benefits has been an involvement with students, staff and community members, and a discussion of not only a piece of literature that they have in common, but also a piece of literature that raises a number of questions and themes that need to be addressed,” he said.

Ventre said that one of the most significant changes that he has seen in the program came when the committee was able to bring authors to campus, like when Tim O’Brien, the author of last year’s selection, “The Things They Carried,” came to Marquette.

“That generates a huge amount of interest and involvement when you know that the author is going to be here to discuss their vision and what matters to them,” Ventre said. “It really created a much clearer connection for the separate entities, because you have a central event that they can attend.”

Ventre said that “The Sparrow” offered a unique opportunity for the university, because it focuses on topics in fields like biology, sociology, psychology, linguistics, history and political science. This allows for students and teachers in other fields to incorporate “The Sparrow” into their own curriculums and to be an active part of the program.

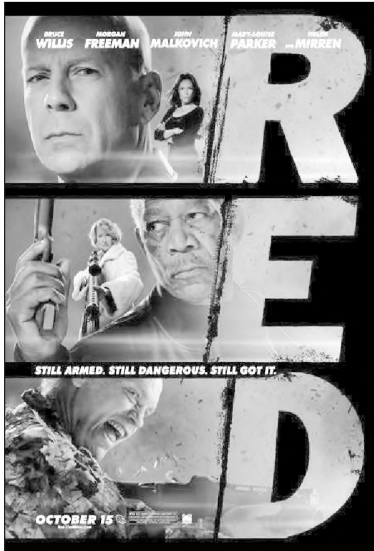
“It’s not an English project, it’s a university project,” he said.

Perhaps the most important aspect of the book, Ventre said, is that it challenges readers and the community, to look at themselves more deeply.

“There is a perception of self: what makes us human?” Ventre said. “There is a question of social justice: what is an honorable way to treat other beings? Those questions arise, and those are questions that need to be addressed by a variety of different disciplines.”



# 'Red' fails to hit its intended target



Film: Red

Director: Robert Schwentke

Producers: Mark Vahradian,  
Lorenzo Di Bonaventura

Writers: Erich Hoeber, Jon  
Hoerber

Starring: Bruce Willis,  
Mary-Louise Parker

Runtime: 111 minutes

Rating: PG-13

status. After a little convincing Moss and Moses soon gather up the old gang of CIA agents in order to take down a corrupt, upper echelon politician that is plotting their demise.

For such a stellar cast, the actors did not bring their A-game, which is understandable given the plot of "Red." Willis has two acting personas: the regular guy and the action hero. He uses both here but they're both so tired and over-used that it's painfully obvious Willis is phoning it in. Not even Morgan Freeman can narrate his way to a better performance. I'm sure the actors had a lot of fun off-camera, but that just didn't translate well to the screen.

I have such mixed feelings about Mary-Louise Parker. I just see the same acting technique in every performance she gives, with the exception of "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford." However, I'm pleased to say that in "Red," she's charming. The real reason I wanted to see "Red," though, was because of Helen Mirren. She's the best example of a first-class actress and her participation in such an off-beat film for her made it a must-see. Mirren, for all the

sophistication she's able to bring, cannot save the film from going downhill.

I've never read the graphic novel upon which "Red" is based, but I can't imagine the film took too much from it visually. The cinematography is bland and doesn't capture the frenetic energy the film should have given. Although there should be an air of mystery to the film, the screenplay makes it so confusing that audiences won't know what's going on until the film actually spells it

out for them. It's an insult to the filmgoer that unnecessary exposition is used in place of clues that could be pieced together. However, the editing of the action scenes is done well and credit must be given where it's due.

It's not the best movie someone could choose to see this weekend, but one could do far worse. Just don't go in expecting an overly clever action film. While there are a few smiles throughout the film, it doesn't live up to the potential that it could have.



By Scott Viau  
managing editor

I'm not a fan of action movies. For one reason or another, the endless scenes of punching, running, shooting and kicking don't really do it for me. Yet for all the actions scenes "Red" showed in the trailer, I thought it was going to be something more than that, something that would raise it above the average spy vs. spy

comedy that it is. But what starts off promising soon goes back undercover into the terrain of the typical.

Frank Moses (Willis) is R.E.D., Retired, Extremely Dangerous. He lives alone in a large house and his only companion is Sarah Moss (Parker), the woman he speaks to over the phone in order to discuss his pension checks. When CIA agents come to his house to kill him, he takes down all of them and goes to Moss' house in order to protect her. She is not initially pleased to see him as she was unaware of his ex-CIA



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Retired CIA agent Victoria (Mirren) is forced out of retirement in order to defend her friends and fight off secret service agents.

# Sufjan Stevens mixes up style in 'Adz'



Album: The Age of Adz

Artist: Sufjan Stevens

Label: Asthmatic Kitty

Tracks: 11

Release: Oct. 12, 2010



By Nolan Krebs  
staff writer

Sufjan Stevens, a Detroit-born Hope College grad, has been a pride and joy of Michigan's music scene for the better part of a decade. The quirky songwriter is known for beautifully and meticulously arranged folk songs, full of catchy banjo riffs and uplifting orchestral sections. Stevens is recognized as an artist who puts a lot of time and effort into his work. Following the critically and commercially successful "Illinois" LP in 2005, Stevens remained under the radar, releasing only an album of Christmas songs and an eclectic

EP entitled "All Delighted People." After a long wait from an eager fan base, Stevens returns with his first song-based full length in five years, "The Age of Adz."

Fans of "Illinois" and "Greetings from Michigan - The Great Lake State" are in for some surprises this time around. Those expecting a similar sound will almost immediately notice some very bold differences. The first track on the album, "Futile Devices," is a quiet and delightfully tranquil song about the comfort and security of time spent with a close friend. The song is trademark material from Stevens; charming piano and guitar riffs with his ever-so-gentle voice, something that would be great to fall asleep to. Immediately after

the two-minute ballad, the album takes an almost humorous turn. "Too Much" launches the listener into a seven-minute song full of glitchy beats, deep bass and digitally-tinged vocals. The rest of the album follows suit, with Stevens delving deep into electronic-based material. The album presents significantly less traditional instrumentation, something very different for long time fans.

Title track "Age of Adz" is a great representation of Stevens' attitude with this album. The song sounds just as huge and powerful as his chart-topping anthem "Chicago" from "Illinois," but the orchestra has been replaced with off-kilter synthesizers and layered beats. The full sound and compositional intricacy is still there, but by means of very different sounds. Fans of Animal Collective and other Brooklyn-based art rock bands, rejoice. Music in this vein usually requires an extended absorption period. Stevens, however, is a tested and tried songwriter and these songs are generally agreeable from the first listen.

By putting so much material into each song, most of which are over five minutes long, the record

still requires more time to digest than most. Listening to the album from start to finish is a journey full of tough subjects.

The lyrics are significantly less uplifting than previous albums, but nonetheless honest and self-questioning. On "Vesuvius," Stevens sings, "Sufjan / the panic inside / the murdering panic you cannot ignore." These songs are the outlet of a very talented and creative artist; they contain personal struggles and are seemingly geared towards self-exploration

above trying to connect with an audience.

"The Age of Adz," as an album, shows a very interesting and successful progression for Sufjan Stevens. By maintaining his scrupulous attitude to songwriting and at the same time tapping into an entirely different genre of music, Stevens succeeds in sounding both recognizable and refreshing. If longtime fans can retain an open mind, they should find the creativity and ingenuity behind "Adz" very rewarding.



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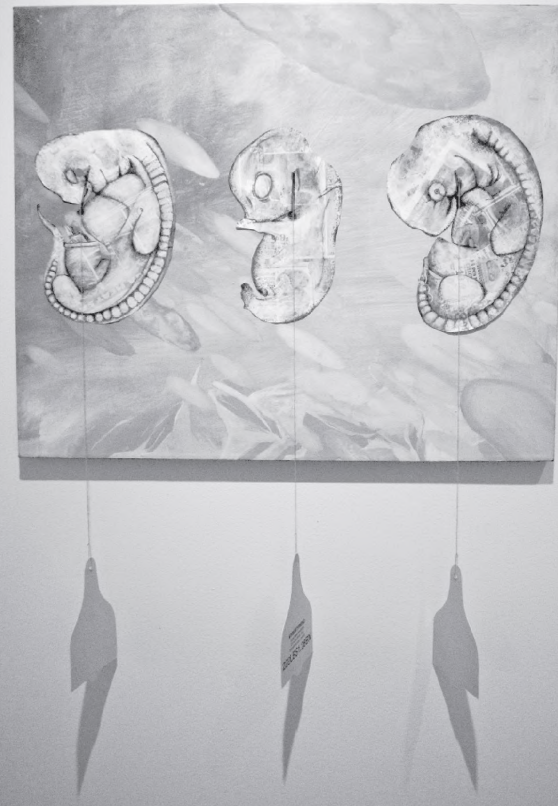
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# Field goal ends losing streak for 'Cats

By **Brice Burge**  
assistant sports editor

The Wildcats were looking for a midseason remedy against the Ferris State Bulldogs last Saturday. NMU was on an emotional rollercoaster after a come from behind homecoming win only to go on a two-game losing streak, where it was outscored by its opponents 54-25. To make things worse, starting quarterback and leading rusher Carter Kopach was lost for the season with an Achilles tendon injury. It seems like Ferris State was the cure Northern was looking for, as the Wildcats defeated the Bulldogs 22-20.

"It was a nice team effort for a complete win," said new starting quarterback Jacob Hicks.

The complete win doesn't just apply to the team effort however.

NMU dealt with a lot of different game situations that the team isn't used to. NMU had their first 100-yard rusher this season that wasn't Kopach, as junior John Privitelli rushed for 135 yards. The Wildcats scored on their opening drive for the first time this season on a touchdown by Privitelli, only to come from behind in the fourth quarter to take the lead on junior kicker Rockne Belmonte's first-ever game winning field goal.

"We got the ball and knew we had to score, so I was prepared to take the field goal," Belmonte said. "We drove down to the 14 yard line, and when fourth down came up, I went out onto the field and treated it just like another field goal."

Belmonte split the uprights on all three of his attempts and made one of two PAT's for 10

points in the Wildcats' win. It was a big week for Belmonte, as he was named GLIAC special teams player of the week and made a 51-yard field goal for his new career long.

"I finally feel like I'm playing to my potential," Belmonte said.

Another group of players reaching their potential is the offensive line. The offensive line had its best outing of the season, as NMU had only six negative rushing yards in the game. FSU was able to record three sacks, but that is under the season average of sacks allowed. The offensive linemen were heavily scrutinized for their performance in earlier games, but have rebounded in the last two games.

"As a group, we're getting better the closer we get," said right tackle Nathan Linsmeier. "We got to stay together and trust

each other, because trust is the biggest part of improving."

The line backed up Hicks as he took the reigns of the offense before the second half of last week's 28-7 loss in Allendale. The six-foot-five-inch true freshman completed 11 of 16 passing attempts for 96 yards against the Bulldogs in his first collegiate start.

"I was glad to get the win," Hicks said. "I did a better job with the nerves than I thought I would after thinking about this game all week."

Hicks had the support of the rest of the team, as the Wildcats recorded 368 all-purpose yards against Ferris State. Privitelli had 250 of those yards, as he had 18 receiving yards and 97 return yards to go along with his rushing total. The junior transfer also had a 13-yard passing touchdown on a halfback pass to senior wide receiver Dustin Brancheau in the first half.

"It was great," Privitelli said. "I'm glad the coach called that play."

The defensive side kept up their GLIAC-best defense, as the Wildcats let up 306 yards on 64 plays. The Wildcats were led on defense by junior linebacker Zach Pierson, who recorded 14 tackles, four of them for a loss, and two sacks.

"I felt pretty good. I finally made some good plays, messed up a few things, but had a pretty decent game," Pierson said. "I have to keep improving."

Pierson is not a starting linebacker, but had a big game after a lot of usual starters took the game off for rest and injury recovery. In place of the familiar names of Matt Forward, Marcus Tribble and Junior Michel, other players stepped up. Players like

Robert Edmonds, who had six assisted tackles; Jacob Lehmann, who had five tackles and broke up a pass; and Morgan Stenz, who had five tackles and recovered a fumble.

"I'm just excited to get in the game," Stenz said. "(You) get used to the game speed and try to make no more mistakes."

The win moves NMU to a 4-3 record overall and 4-2 in the GLIAC. It was a big win for the Wildcats playoff hopes, as no four-loss teams have made the Super Regional 3 tournament ever. Super Regional 3 is the sub-bracket of the NCAA Division II playoffs that NMU would qualify for due to geographic positioning. Currently NMU is in a race with 20 other teams with winning records from the GLIAC, the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference for only six spots in the Super Regional.

There have been some big events in recent weeks that could effect the playoff race, the biggest being Harlon Hill hopeful Issac Odum's season-ending injury for undefeated Minnesota-Duluth. Ferris State, Nebraska-Kearney and Colorado School of Mines all have strength of schedule issues and budget cuts are threatening St. Cloud State's program. To make the playoff path harder for NMU, Super Regional 3 has seven teams ranked in D2football.com's Top 25 poll and four of those teams are ranked in the top 10 spots.

But the first step to the playoffs is another team effort in their next game, a battle with the University of Indianapolis at home.

"We're dreaming about Indianapolis because we need to win," Stenz said.



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Kicker Rockne Belmonte kicks the game-winning field goal against the Ferris State Bulldogs. Belmonte scored 10 points in the game, as he went three for three in field goals and one PAT on two attempts.

# USOEC wrestlers ready for first bout

By **Laura Conway**  
staff writer

The USOEC men's Greco-Roman wrestling team will be traveling to Arizona for its first big event of the national and international season, the Sunkist Kids International Open. Weigh-ins are on Friday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. The athletes will then wrestle from 9 a.m. preliminaries through finals matches on Saturday Oct. 23.

This tournament has been a long-time favorite for wrestling and is being brought back to the Wells Fargo Arena at Arizona State University.

Last year, the USOEC took fifth in team standings at the end of the 2009 Sunkist Open with one of the athletes, Nate Engel

(55kg/121 lbs), receiving the Outstanding Wrestler award for the Greco-Roman competition. The team also had members medal in at least five of the seven weight classes, sometimes two in one weight class.

New head coach Rob Hermann, former Navy coach and past Olympic head coach, hopes to keep that record going, if not improve on it.

"This is the biggest preseason tournament for our boys to go to; they will have practice matches. Basically, my goal (for this tournament) is to leave everything on the mat," Hermann said.

However, he views this tournament as a warm-up for the season. He wants the wrestlers to try the skills they've been working on in practice but in a tournament

scenario where a negative turn out won't affect them so much.

"I want them to try some things, treat it as a practice match by taking risks and trying the moves we've been teaching in practice," Hermann said.

Senior Paul Tellgren (55kg/121 lbs.) has been working on his new moves, conditioning and mental toughness since last year.

"Last year I got a bronze medal. I wrestled well, but I was lagging in experience. It was the first tourney of the year, and I was adjusting to a new coach. My confidence is much better this year. I know I'm going to win it. I believe and know I can come out on top," Tellgren said.

On the same note, he does have some unfinished business he wants to take care of on the

competition mat. There was a wrestler two seasons ago, Jesse Phielke, who got the better of him; Tellgren is determined to not allow that to happen again.

"This year is kind of a personal (event). Two years ago, at Fila Junior finals he beat me and now I just want to dominate him this year. With the coaching adjustments, I've been able to get more knowledge and wrestling smart, wrestling all the way through six minutes, even a few seconds after the whistle. No mistakes this time," Tellgren said.

For other athletes, this will be their first time back at this tournament in a while. For freshman Ethan Dondlinger (85kg/185 lbs), formally a Marine wrestler, it has been three years.

"I haven't wrestled at Sunkist

since I was 19, and I had no experience in Greco at that time. I definitely expect to improve now that I've had more Greco mat time," Dondlinger said.

Sunkist tends to have a lot of national competitors and fewer foreign competitors in the last couple years. Dondlinger isn't worried about that; he says there will still be some stiff competition there.

"It's definitely a warm-up for university and senior nationals. There's still going to be good matches there; the Marines, the Army, and a lot of the USOEC guys will be there. That's why I'm not worried about the international experience. I'm just looking for matches because I only have one year of experience in Greco," Dondlinger said.



# Northstars scrimmage due to forfeit

By Mackenzie Myers  
contributing writer

The finale for the NMU women's rugby team last Sunday, October 17 was a bittersweet one.

Team captain Meredith Evancho said before the game, "This match is going to be a tough one because we're playing ourselves. The other team sent in a forfeit last week, so we have to scrimmage today. And it's always tough playing your own teammates."

No one really knows why Bowling Green State University, the scheduled opponent, sent in a forfeit for the Northstars' last official game. However, senior outside center Stephanie Ray said the Northstars felt that the Falcons simply did not want to make the drive to Marquette.

"It's kind of unfair, seeing as how our closest away game was five-and-a-half, six hours away and we still went to all of them," Ray said. "They just didn't want it bad enough, I guess."

Still, the show went on for the Northstars. Evancho split the team into two smaller teams, which were designated "blue" and "purple," and the girls played a regular, albeit smaller, game. They used an 8-man layout on the field, which is approximately half the size of the standard 15-man setup. It also shortened the length of the game, since the players would get worn out more

easily without substitutions. However, the rest of the competition was just like any other game for the Northstars.

"We scrimmage in practice all the time, so we're used to it," said flanker Erin Angeli. "It really helps the new girls with the game setting. We work on techniques, tackles, memory reflexes. And it makes learning the game so much easier. Plus, anyone's first rugby game is terrifying, so it helps to ease that fear if you can scrimmage your teammates first."

The match commenced with two goals from the blue team. Purple came up with a goal, but then were brought down again with another double-whammy from blue. They rose once more with a second goal, but didn't have time to catch back up by the end of the game when blue scored their fifth and sixth goals, ending the game with a score of 37-15. Unfortunately, the game will not be counted toward the team's season record.

"Next weekend, a few of the girls are going up to Tech to play," Ray said, "but this was our last game as a team. It was a bummer to kind of have it taken away from us like that. We were all sorts of upset, because we wanted our last game to be at home."

Hooker Stephanie Grajek agreed with Ray. "This was an okay ending to our season. We



John Becker/NW

Kayla Holmes (left, blue team) tackles Acacia Bunce (right, purple team) during the scrimmage on Oct. 17. Bowling Green forfeited the scheduled game, which would have been the Northstars' final home match on the pitch.

had a lot of fun, but it's still kind of disappointing. It would've been way better had Bowling Green showed up."

Looking back, though, the girls' opinions on the season are nothing short of positive. Angeli said the highlight of the Northstars' season was their game against Central Michigan, played Sunday, Oct. 10.

"We played really well, despite having fewer players than usual and that they were such a tough team. They had some huge,

monster girls, but we handled them well. I was so proud of us that game," Angeli said.

She also shared a favorite memory of the season. "We called it my 'scrummy move.' I made a flying pass, booked it all the way down the field and scored. I was so proud of myself," Angeli said. "Normally I'm just kind of crash-and-go, I don't really think on my feet, so to work that out so quickly made for a pretty awesome day."

Looking only at the North-

stars' record this year, one might think the team had a less-than-satisfactory season. But as Angeli, Ray, Grajek, and a dozen other players have demonstrated, their reflections are anything but negative.

"Overall, we had a great season," Grajek said. "Even though we didn't have any wins, we had so much fun together. And we improved a lot as a team, the new girls especially. They picked it up pretty quickly. It was fun to watch everyone improve so much."

# Women's soccer loses, ties on road

By Jon Young  
staff writer

The NMU women's varsity soccer team traveled downstate last weekend to battle two GLIAC conference opponents. On Friday, Oct. 15, the Wildcats (6-3-3 in the GLIAC, 6-3-5 overall) visited the No. 3 nationally ranked Grand Valley State Lakers (10-1-1 GLIAC, 13-1-1 overall) and lost 2-0 in a hard fought game.

"I thought we played really well. They are the class of the league," said head coach Matt Granstrand. "I think we've come a long way; we battled them for 90 minutes."

The Lakers were able to break open the tie at 28:57 off the Ja-leen Dingleline goal. The 'Cats battled hard on defense and kept the game within one goal until a late Grand Valley score off the foot of Ashley Botts at 78:08 sealed the game at 2-0. The Wildcats are still the only team who has beaten Grand Valley this season and Granstrand was proud of the team's effort.

"I think they were out for us because they haven't lost in four or five years and we beat them," Granstrand said. "I was proud of what we did. I thought we played a good game, and if we keep do-

ing that, we will steal a few more from them."

On Sunday, Oct. 17, the 'Cats traveled to Big Rapids to play the Ferris State Bulldogs (7-3-2 GLIAC, 7-5-3 overall) in a battle for position in the GLIAC. Like the first game against the Bulldogs earlier this season regulation wasn't enough time to decide a winner, and the teams had to settle for a 1-1 double overtime tie. Assistant coach Joe Gillespie liked the team's effort in the second half.

"We came out kind of slow in the first half," Gillespie said. "I think the second half we came out a lot stronger, we just had trouble finding the back of the net."

The 'Cats fell behind early when Ferris State's Bri Borgman scored at 23:40 to give her team the early lead. The Wildcats responded to the goal at 53:17 when sophomore forward Amelia Johnson fought off the defender for a break away goal (seventh of the season) to tie the game.

"I thought we played well as a team and played hard throughout the whole game," Johnson said. "We just got to keep fighting and trying to finish our chances."

The Wildcats had 19 shot attempts compared to 15 for the Bulldogs, but were unable to find



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Senior forward Kari Buckel has three goals and leads the team with six assists. She is also third in points with 12. Dana Stephens leads with 18 points, followed by Amelia Johnson with 14.

the net in overtime against the physical Ferris State team. Granstrand credited his team's fight in the comeback effort.

"These girls aren't going to quit they play hard," Granstrand said. "We're going to play hard the whole time, if there's an opportunity for a win we're going to get it."

On Friday, Oct. 22 the Wildcats travel downstate to take on the second place in the GLIAC Saginaw Valley State Cardinals (7-4-1 GLIAC, 8-5-1 overall). On Sunday, Oct. 24 the 'Cats take on another conference opponent as they travel to Midland to take on the Northwood University Timberwolves (3-9 GLIAC, 5-9

Overall). Granstrand said he expects a tough battle against both teams.

"Saginaw and Northwood are both good teams, don't be fooled by Northwood's record," Granstrand said. "It's the GLIAC and in women's soccer you got to show up and play well if you don't your going to struggle."



# Men's club soccer finishes with win

By Brice Burge  
assistant sports editor

The season ended with a weekend split for the men's club soccer team, as it lost to Michigan Tech 3-2 on Friday, Oct. 15, but defeated the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers 3-2 on Saturday, Oct. 16.

"It was bittersweet," said forward Nic Davison. "I love playing, but I know we're still done."

Forward Ian Beddows scored both goals for the Wildcats in the loss to Michigan Tech. The loss in Houghton was the first ever loss against the Huskies. The 'Cats had been a perfect five for five against Tech, including a 4-1 win at home in the season opener. Unfortunately for NMU, off-the-field distractions hurt them.

"We were unprepared," said senior midfielder Dale Dexter, team president and captain. "We've had some injuries and then we all have work and school and other commitments. We just weren't as prepared as much as in the past."

The Wildcats turned things around on Saturday afternoon, as they hosted the Panthers. In a

physical game, filled with fouls and illegal use of hands, the Wildcats showed poise against their hated rival. NMU took control of the game with a goal from senior forward Nic Davison after a three-on-two breakaway about 20 minutes into the contest. Davison scored another goal later in the half, after the Panthers left him open after a short corner kick.

"They didn't come up to challenge me and I knew the wind would push it in (the goal), so I took the shot," Davison said.

However Wisconsin-Milwaukee came back after two unanswered goals, one in the first half from the top of the box, and a garbage goal inside the goalie box halfway through the second. With 12 minutes to go in the game, Beddows took the pass from Dexter for the game winner in the right side of the net.

"I knew we needed a hero to step up," Beddows said. "I got a lucky touch after a pretty good pass and took the shot."

After the goal, the Panthers went into panic mode and took nine shots in the final 10 minutes, all stopped by goalie Aric Bekaert. For his efforts, Bekaert was



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Senior forward Nic Davison handles the ball as he makes his way into the offensive zone during the Oct. 16 game. Davison earned two of the team's three goals in the final game of the season.

named player of the game.

"The second half as a whole was a lot more nerve-wracking," Bekaert said. "There were some chances that shouldn't have been there, but we can't be disappointed. We sent this season out the right way."

The victory was the first win in the program's history against Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"It was awesome for the people on the team for five years who had never beat them," Dexter said.

The team ended their season

with a 7-5 record, putting them in fourth place in the Great Lakes Division of the Midwest Alliance Soccer Conference. Wisconsin-Eau Claire won the division, finishing 8-2, while Wisconsin-Milwaukee edged out NMU by half a game for third place (6-3-1).

# Volleyball loses first game of season

By David Pleyel  
staff writer

The NMU women's volleyball team had a strong showing last weekend at the GLIAC/GLVC cross-over tournament. Going up against three very competitive teams, one team proved too much for the Wildcats as they suffered their first loss of the season. Although the 'Cats official record drops to 17-1, they still remain undefeated in the GLIAC at 11-0.

The Wildcats first took the Rockhurst University Hawks, but remained vigilant, taking away the first set, 25-17. But Rockhurst would not take the loss lightly as the team fought its way back to win set two, 22-25.

The 'Cats sealed the deal against the Hawks, winning the third set by 25-9 and the fourth set 26-24. With one win under their belts, the Wildcats would head out once

more to their final destination, Aurora, Ill., where two tough teams awaited their arrival.

The Wildcats next took on the University of Missouri-St. Louis Tritons, who won the first set, 22-25. The 'Cats, being in this situation before, proved their dominance by winning the next three sets 25-23, 25-21, and 25-22, leaving only one target standing in their way from ulti-

mate victory.

However, the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds proved too much for the Wildcats as the Greyhounds swept them in three straight sets 25-15, 25-22, and 25-15, giving the 'Cats their first loss of the season.

Emma Wolfe led the 'Cats in total kills scoring 41, followed up by Sami Vierk scoring 37 and Ana (Lina) Lopes scoring 31. Abby Lovell recorded over 130 assists during the entire weekend as well. Both Wolfe and Lovell were named to the All-Tournament Team in recognition of their outstanding performance on the court.

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— Dominic Yoder  
head coach

Head coach Dominic Yoder said the team did well overall in the tournament but the team needs to work through the loss.

"We went up against three very good teams, and it was tough to get our first loss this season," Yoder said. "Indianapolis had lots of energy when they competed, and they never stopped competing. This will definitely be a learning experience, and we

have to just get our heads back in the game and focus on the future. Leave the past in the past."

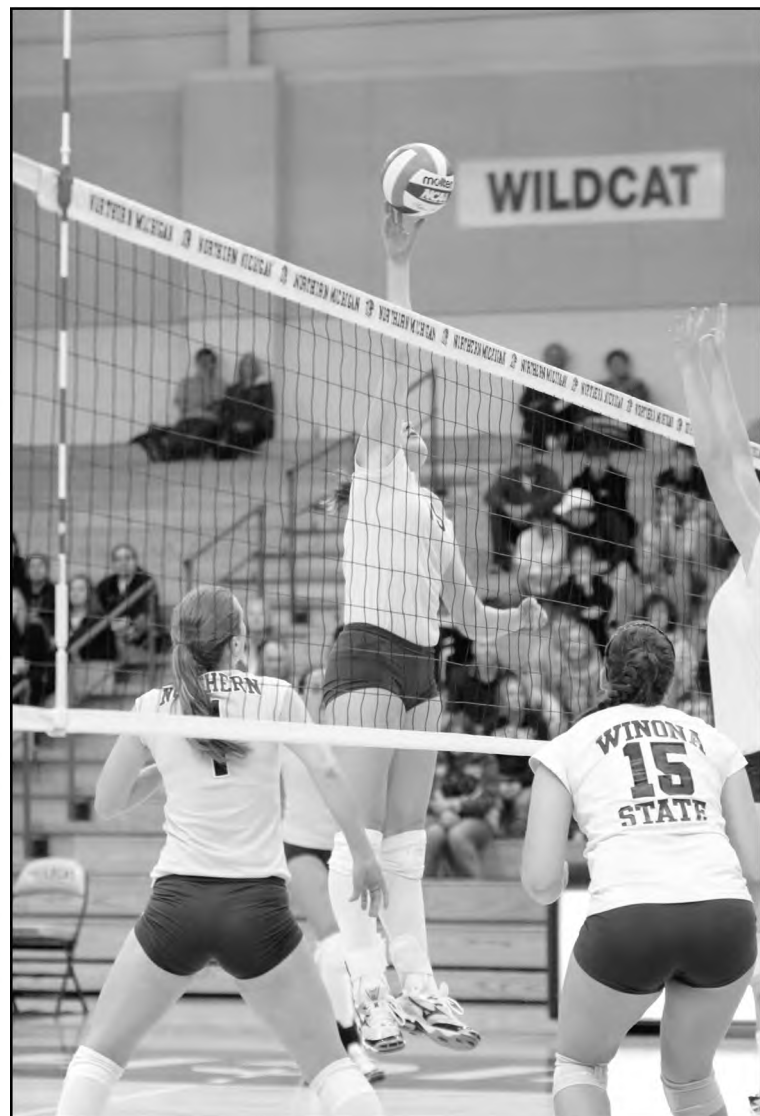
Freshman left-side hitter Ana Lopes agreed that the Indianapolis team gave the 'Cats a struggle, but their focus needs to be on other things.

"I think that a loss is like any other loss in all of its aspects, we just have to try and learn something from it," Lopes said. "We have to take advantage of the fact that these last three games are at home and that our fans will be supporting us. So we need to make the best out of this situation and continue our season to the best of our abilities and never look back."

The Wildcats will be squaring off this weekend in three home games against teams they have already beaten this season. The team will first meet Ferris State on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m., followed by Saginaw Valley State on Saturday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m., and finally Grand Valley State on Sunday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. All three teams would love nothing more than to return the favor of defeat as the Wildcats did to them on their home courts.

Freshman middle-hitter Sarah Hamilton said that though the 'Cats have beaten all three teams, they will still need to work hard for these victories.

"We have three big games this weekend and we've beaten each team already; however, each



File Photo/NW

Junior hitter Emma Wolfe, above, was named to the All-GLIAC Team for the GLIAC/GLVC Crossover Tournament along with setter Abby Lovell.

team has grown and developed since we last met," Hamilton said. We are still undefeated in the GLIAC and intend to keep

it that way. "We have our goals in mind and nothing is going to stop us from achieving what we are capable of."



# Soccer co-captain enjoys final season

By Jon Young  
staff writer

Most high school athletes only dream of taking their talents to the college level, but for Dana Stephens, that dream became a reality after years of playing soccer opened the door to college athletics.

"I've played since I was five years old. I just played club (soccer) when I was younger, then travel, and high school (soccer),

then here," Stephens said.

Stephens is one of the co-captains of the NMU women's varsity soccer team and is one of four seniors on the roster. When Stephens first joined the team, she played outside midfielder but since taking a full-time starting job her junior season, she moved to forward. Stephens is the leading goal scorer for the Wildcats with eight on the season, and is the third in the GLIAC for goals scored this season.

"She's had a great career, she's

a goal scorer," said head coach Matt Granstrand. "Hopefully she can catch fire here and get a bunch more."

Stephens first heard of Northern at a college showcase her nationals team attended in Traverse City. Granstrand got in contact with her, and after a visit to the campus, Stephens decided to continue her career at NMU. Four years later, the Wildcats are having their most successful season since Stephens' arrival, and did something no

GLIAC team has been able to do since 2006 by beating Grand Valley this season.

"Beating Grand Valley was the biggest game, they're always top in the nation so beating them was a big success for sure," Stephens said.

Stephens' success on the soccer field hasn't gone unnoticed as she was named to the 2009 All-GLIAC second team, her 11 goals in 2009 was the second highest total in the conference. But for Stephens, the best part of playing soccer for the Wildcats is the team.

"I love soccer. Soccer has been my entire life. Being able to be on a good team and being able to share all the memories and moments with everybody, we're really close," Stephens said.

Although she has been playing soccer since she was five, Stephens was surprised by the difference in competition from the high school and college levels. She said she stays in shape by condition during the off-season and going hard in practice.

"It's a major change. At high school, there are so many different levels of talent. When you come up here everybody's good, so there's a lot of competition," Stephens said.

Granstrand said he understands how important Stephens' play is to the success of the team. She was

the team's leading point scorer last season, and is currently leading the team in points this season. The offense runs through her and fellow co-captain senior forward Kari Buckel.

"We're only as good as our seniors, as far as work ethic and how we handle ourselves on and off the field. As far as we go is determined by Dana, by the captains," Granstrand said.

Stephens is majoring in elementary education and has a double minor in physical education and integrated science. She

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is happy that soccer has given her the opportunity to go to school in the Upper Peninsula.

"I think it's gorgeous up here; I love it. If it wasn't for soccer I wouldn't be up here, but I'm glad that it brought me up here because I do enjoy it," Stephens said.

Stephens and the rest of the seniors can be seen in action on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 12 p.m. as they host the rival Michigan Tech Huskies for the seniors' last regular season home game at the outdoor fields.



File photo/NW

Senior forward Dana Stephens leads the Wildcats with eight goals this season, good enough to earn third in the GLIAC in that category. She was a member of the 2009 All-GLIAC second team.

## Club hockey winless last week

By Laura Conway  
staff writer

The NMU men's club hockey team went 0-2-1 at the ACHA D2 Showcase in Boardman, Ohio last week, but the team is looking to recover for the home game this weekend against Robert Morris College.

The Wildcats (5-7) first game was on Oct. 15 against the seventh highest-scoring team in the Southeast Division, Temple University out of Philadelphia. Though the Wildcats lost 6-0, the team still feels they improved on some very important aspects of their game.

Freshman Andrew Herriman said that in the past games, the Wildcats were losing because of penalties against them. In this first game, he noticed a huge improvement in the amount of Northern penalties.

"There weren't that many penalties this time. We outshot them, I believe. We had a lot of chances, just couldn't get it in the back of the net," Herriman said.

Goaltender Joey Minsky said he thought the team played a solid game, but it was the long drive to Pennsylvania the day before that got to them in this game.

"We had a lot of people with slow legs; our legs were tired from being on the bus for 13 hours," Minsky said.

Minsky played a good game from the net. There were 46 shots on goal and he only let six of them in. He said that Temple had a lot of guys hanging out behind the net which is how they beat him.

"I had a lot of shots on me and back door

opportunities, guys camped (behind the net) ready to shoot in," Minsky said.

A few of the regular first and second line players didn't make the showcase, and it was an adjustment for the players to get used to. Sophomore captain Evan Weber complimented his team on how quickly they adjusted and how well the rookies handled it.

"It's tough when we have top line players not there. The new guys filled in really well this weekend, they realized this was a great chance to prove themselves; and they were really dedicated and stepped up to the plate," Weber said.

Weber said though they lost, the team held its own against this highly ranked team and the transition to all the new players was smooth after this game.

"We held our ground really well, the adjustment was easy after the first game. This was a really good experience for our team," Weber said.

The second game, on Saturday, Oct. 16 was against Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). This game had a better outcome, with the Wildcats tying IUP 3-3.

"It was the best game we played all year. Everyone was in really good spirits, passes were good, and we were outworking the other team. We took a couple penalties like we usually do, that's why it ended up in the tie, but we controlled a majority of the game," Weber said.

Sunday, Oct. 17 was the Wildcats' last game against the seventh highest-scoring team in the Northeast Division, Marist Col-

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sophomore, captain

lege.

Herriman thought the second line stood out as the MVPs of the game that ended in a 2-5 loss.

"The second line stood out, they had a lot of shots on goal and handled the puck really well," Herriman said.

According to Minsky, penalties had a bigger impact against Marist than other games in the showcase, but the team came together to come back strong.

"We started out a little rough, I let three goals in, they were all on penalty kills, and they were all back door. There wasn't that many penalties, at the end of the day and every penalty they took they scored," Minsky said.

He also said the team is happy with their overall performance in the showcase.

NMU now has 11 points, good for sixth in the Central Division of the ACHA, three points behind first place Central Michigan. The Wildcats' next game is at home against Robert Morris College on Oct. 22 and 23 at 9 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively.

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*Midnight madness signifies beginning of practice*



Gil Cohen/NW

The NMU men's basketball team opened up their pre-season with a showcase on Oct. 14 in the practice gyms of the PEIF. Junior guard DeAndre Taylor pays homage to His Airness, Michael Jordan, with the signature extended tongue as he dunks the basketball. Taylor, who transferred from Malcolm X College in Chicago, was named champion of the slam dunk competition.

The University of Indianapolis  
Greyhounds football scouting report

**2010 Record:** 3-4 Overall, 2-4 GLIAC

**2009 Record:** 4-7 Overall, 3-7 GLIAC

**Last game:** L 24-20 at Saginaw Valley

**Players to watch:** **UIndy:** freshman Chris Mills QB, junior Paul Corsaro QB/FS, sophomore Joumeel McLaurine RB, sophomore Max Davis LB **NMU:** junior John Privitelli RB, sophomore Jace Daniels LT, senior DJ Oke CB, senior Eric Wells DE

**Key matchup:** NMU running backs vs UIndy run defense. NMU found the running attack last week as Privitelli and Brennan Van Effen got some good running lanes from a strong game by the offensive line. However, UIndy has been wildly inconsistent in rushing defense, as they give up 116.1 ypg in wins, but over 215 ypg in losses.

**Key stat:** The Greyhounds have to travel 586 miles between two days to travel to the Superior Dome. Three of UIndy's four losses have been by four points or less.

**Prediction:** NMU is still rebounding from a tough road trip and the Greyhounds are a stronger dog than Ferris State. NMU's kicking game and defensive depth should give the Wildcats the advantage as UIndy loses another heartbreaker.

NMU 23 UIndy 20

—Brice Burge

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**Bench outside of the U.C.** — Thanks for always being there for support. — **Sitter**

**Gang** — Let's get back togedder! — **Belz**

**Coolnasty** — Have a good time with Brit this weekend man! The dishes will finally be done when you return — **Belz**

**NE** — Happy birthday brother! — **OE**

**EIC** — Thanks for introducing us all to Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros. You know we love it — **Belz**

**Dear Cameron** — I hate your stinking guts. You make me vomit. You are scum between my toes — **Love, Thao**

**Mom and dad** — Thanks for your everlasting support. I'd be in a world of difficulty without you both. — **John**

**Lil' Cammy** — JK about the other shoutout. But not really. Good luck with your featured reading on Friday! YaY Grad School! — **Panda Monkey Bear**

**Brad** — Behave (on the ice, of course) — **Delaney**

**Alex** — IOWA! IOWA! IOWA! I am seriously considering it. — **Lil' Thao Dow**

**Alec** — Thank you for the apple from our homeland of Illinois. It was delicious. — **Thao**

**Lina** — Even though it's scary sometimes (ok, all the time), I'm so lucky that I get to plan my future with you. — **Lucy**

**Library** — I wanted you so bad. — **Lucy**

**Jess** — You're the best- around!

Seriously though you're my favorite and probably the only person I can deal with for extended period of time (cept G) — **John**

**Mama & Jazzy** — I'm so excited to see you this weekend. Love you both! — **Delaney**

**NE** — It's not midnight yet, but happy birthday! — **FE**

**ME** — Pretty low key week. I'd love it if we could keep it that way next week. — **EIC**

**NE** — Happy birthday Dimmy. — **EIC**

**ASNMU** — Less than 50% occupied again? Why don't we call it ASNMU lite? — **ASE**

**Bulldogs** — "Don't taze me bro," only works for Gators — **ASE**

**EIC** — I thoroughly agree. Hopefully next week will run just as relatively smooth. — **ME**

**NE** — Happy birthday James. I hope it's a magical, magical night for you. — **ME**

**NW staff** — You all totally rock. Thanks for making this birthday a good un'! — **NE**

**ANE** — If it were up to me, you would have an unlimited number of colons — **NE**

**Becknasty** — You're standing next to me talking about brownies. Awesome — **NE**

**The master** — Our song is playing now! Paradise by the dashboard light indeed! — **NE**

**NW** — Because Uno is just so much more fun when scissors are involved — **Scissor fan**

**Leon** — It was good seeing you at the BP tonight. I hope I get to be seeing more of you very soon! — **Lucy**

**Corey** — I miss you very much. Can we hang out soon, plz? — **Lucy**

**Susie** — Will you please go see a movie with me at the local drive-in? I'll buy the Milk Duds. — **Sally**

**ME** — I think we get way too into Susie and Sally. — **EIC**

**Sally** — As long as you make room in the backseat, I'll bring the blankets. — **Susie**

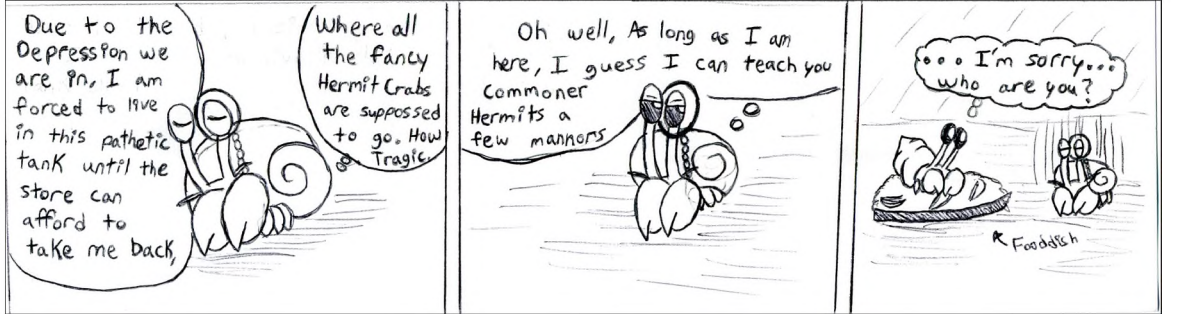
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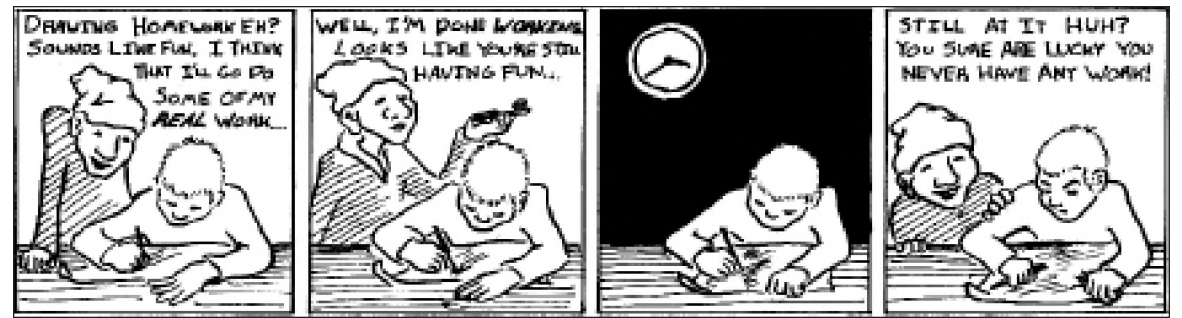
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