



## Guilty as Charged!

Story by: Allison Piper, Contributing Writer



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Like the vast majority of drivers on the road, I believe we can all attest to having texted while driving. As the winter holidays approach and the driving conditions worsen, we should all take a look at the seriousness of texting while driving.

Michigan is one state that has yet to impose a ban on texting while driving. Currently, 19 states have already banned texting while driving; though, more are looking to impose the ban in the near future. A study by CNN found that people on average are 10 percent more likely to leave their lane while driving and 23 percent more likely to be in an accident. If five people were all texting while driving, one is bound to get into an accident. With the winter months approaching, this number has potential to be even higher.

For an effective video on the real effects of texting while driving and what really happens every day, type in this URL: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGE8LzRaySk> or search texting while driving PSA into youtube.com. Though graphic, it gets across the severity of this matter.

The next time you see a friend or think of texting while at the wheel, rethink.

Enjoy the holidays and drive safe!

Note: Next TAG meeting: Grant Krasemann-Toyota district parts and service manager will be speaking on December 15, 2009 at 8:00 pm in Sloan room 110.

If you have questions, email [tag@northwood.edu](mailto:tag@northwood.edu).



## NU Mockers Have Done It Again!

Story by: Ajane Jackson, Contributing Writer

Northwood University Mock Trial Students returned home with a second place trophy from the Fourth Annual Steele City Invitational held by the University of Pittsburgh. The teams attending this tournament were: University of Cincinnati, Eastern Kentucky University, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, Cornell University, George Washington University, (continued on page 2)

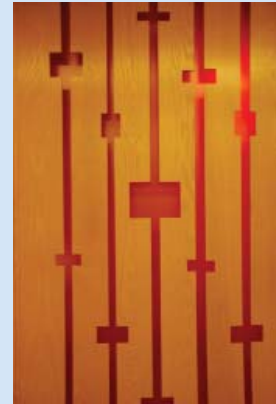
## NU Players Auditions

December 10th  
GSAB 112  
4:00 pm

No experience necessary  
No preparation necessary  
3 free credits  
Lots of fun

Contact Barb Sumi at [sumi@northwood.edu](mailto:sumi@northwood.edu) with any questions.

## Where at the Wood?



Each edition The Entrepreneur will post a picture of an object located on campus. The first student to correctly identify the location of the object will win a prize provided by The Entrepreneur. Please be as descriptive as

possible with your responses. Submit answers to [entrepreneur@northwood.edu](mailto:entrepreneur@northwood.edu). Winners will be posted in the following edition.

Correctly identify the name and location of this object.

## EXCEL Opportunities

If you are looking for more opportunities to get involved try these:

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### MUSICIANS

Musicians are needed to entertain senior citizens at senior centers located throughout Midland County. Any musical instrument is welcome. Entertainment is usually needed between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. or from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Flexible schedules.

#### HORSE COMPANION

Need experienced horse people to groom and help care for horses in our cancer camp for children. Some feeding and cleaning if interested. Some horses may need to be exercised. Need to be experienced with horses as well as be an experienced rider. Volunteers must be able to take horses out of stalls or pasture to be groomed.

#### DOG WALKER

Activity is for exercise and affection toward the dog. Includes clean up if necessary. Volunteers must be comfortable walking in all weather conditions.

For these opportunities - Call 631-7660, or visit [www.unitedwaymidland.org](http://www.unitedwaymidland.org) to sign up.

# OUR STUDENT LIFE

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## Mock Trial continued from page 1

Furman University, Miami University, Yale University, University of California, Los Angeles, and Columbia University.

Out of a possible eight scoring judge's ballots Northwood Mock Trial Team posted six wins, one loss, and one tie. On the first day Northwood Mockers went up against University of Maryland winning one judges ballot and tied on the other. Second round, Northwood met with a second University of Maryland team winning one judges ballot and losing the other. On day two of the competition, Northwood won both ballots from George Washington University as well as both ballots from Furman University. When the tournament concluded and results of the four rounds for each of the twenty teams were tabulated the following teams came out on top:

1. UCLA
2. Northwood University
3. University of Virginia
4. University of Michigan

The students who achieved these exceptional results were Ajane Jackson, Brian Lawton, Ariel Lett, Sashane Perera, Kristen Potenberg, Lori Shepley, Marc Scott, Dale Torbert, and Myron Williams.

In addition to the entire team's success, two Northwood University students won individual awards. Junior Ariel Lett of Ypsilanti, MI won an outstanding attorney award and Senior Sashane Perera of Sri Lanka, won an outstanding witness award.

Professor DeLois T. Leapheart, who coaches the team, notes that, "I am pleased that the students did so well at this highly competitive invitational. Their teamwork, as well as their unique creativity, critical thinking, and communications skills allowed them to outshine some of the top schools in the nation".



# New Members of SHA

Story by: McKenzie Rowley



McKenzie Rowley, Contributing Writer

On the behalf of the Student Honors Association, the Executive Board would like to welcome on their two newest members; Tyler Kalmink and Hanna Langston. Both students serve as Executive Co-Chair of Events on this year's E-board.

Hanna Langston is an Advertising, Marketing and Management major. She graduated from Waterford Kettering High School and is currently in her second year at Northwood. Outside of SHA, Hanna is also involved in the Student Ambassador Club, American Advertising Federation and DEX.

Tyler Kalmink is an Accounting and Finance major with a minor in Econ. He graduated from high school in Hastings, MI and is currently a freshman. Outside of SHA, Tyler is also an active member of Circle K International and the Finance Association.

The two newest members have already been hard at work planning the first student forum for the year which will be held December 9th at 4:00PM in Dubois Lounge. This forum will be open to all honor students who would like to share their opinions or ask their questions about the program as well as any non honor students who would like to learn more about SHA.

The Student Honors Association plans on holding a student forum at least once a term to keep the students updated on what is going on within the honors program. Currently the SHA E-board is working hard on a proposal for an honors college. They are developing entrance requirements, course requirements, an organization budget, and much more. This group of students is basically working towards making history at Northwood and making it a successful honors college. They started the year with only four members and are happy to bring on two more. This is a big project for the SHA E-board and they could use extra minds to put a great program together. If you have any questions or would like to find a way to get involved then please keep your eye out for upcoming events on Blackboard.



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## HEALTH HINTS

---New Hours for Dr. Skory---

Dr. Skory Will Be In The Health Center  
On Wednesday Afternoons

Walk-In Clinic Hours Are Between  
3:00pm --- 4:30pm  
Wednesdays

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Questions?

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## The Sideline



Alex Maki, Sports Editor  
Photo courtesy of Creative Services

Story by: Alex Maki, Sports Editor

NUBO Fall Season Review

The fall season of the NUBO ended on November 12, right before the term's end, with a championship series pitting four of the NUBO's best against each other in a best-of-three format. Alex Maki & Steve Hufstader walked away with the NUBO title after sweeping the team of Andrew Barnum & Nick Bortz in two games.

The deciding game, played to 50, ended up being the best game of the season as it came down to the last point. After being down three points in the final moments of the game, Maki & Hufstader rallied back and tied the game at 49-49. And by capitalizing on a crucial (now game-ending) mistake, they took the 2-on-1 advantage against Bortz and scored the decisive point making them the first ever NUBO Champions.

With both teams completely exhausted after the game, all four members of the game looked at each other knowing that they had just been part of something special...with the only



thought next being "when can we play next?"

The NUBO is taking a hiatus this winter, as it is an outside game, and

will be coming back strong this spring. Take some time to reflect on the last couple months of the new organization on campus by going to their website at [www.nubonorthwood.com](http://www.nubonorthwood.com).

At press time, the regular season most valuable player award is being voted on by the players of the NUBO; however, all of the other season awards have been decided for the fall season:

Most Improved Player: Ryan King  
Female MVP: Jessica Woodworth  
Finals MVP: Alex Maki

If you know of any locations in Midland or the surrounding area that has an indoor court with lowerable rims, please e-mail [makia@northwood.edu](mailto:makia@northwood.edu).

# OUR Mall Talk

## New at the library!

There's a new feature available on blackboard at the "my Library" tab that helps you pick which library resource would work best for your project. Click on the link "What resources should I choose?" next to the gold star. You'll find links to the library's resources by subject, links to how to research topics, and information on how to use selected resources.

While you are gone for the break the library resources will still be available through the "My Library" tab on my. Northwood. You won't even need a library card to access all these great resources from wherever break takes you.

## Happy Holidays from the Student Alumni Network

Hope to see you on Jan. 7th, 2010,  
6:00 pm for our next meeting in  
Miner Lounge.

## SGA Highlight

Story by: Kofi Opoku, SGA President



Kofi Opoku, SGA President

Erin Fluke serves as the treasurer for Student Government. She is a junior from Hastings, Michigan, majoring in Accounting. Her involvements on campus besides serving as treasurer includes the golf team, Student Athletic Advisory Committee, HASNU, Business Professionals of America and a Life Skills Center for Leadership graduate. Erin also teaches swimming at the Midland Community Center and also volunteers for The Midland Rock; a program designed to help educate kids to become a great asset to our society.

Erin has been a dedicated member on the SGA E-board, ensuring that all records and transactions are on point. She has been working hard in finding fundraising opportunities to help increase Student Government's budget. She hopes to have a great year with SGA and wants to ensure that she has the financial records well kept and passed on to the future executive board members.



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## Health Hints

Be Wise – Immunize !!

The Health Center will have supplies of H1N1 flu vaccine arriving throughout December.

This vaccine is offered on-campus free of charge for Northwood students, faculty and staff.

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