

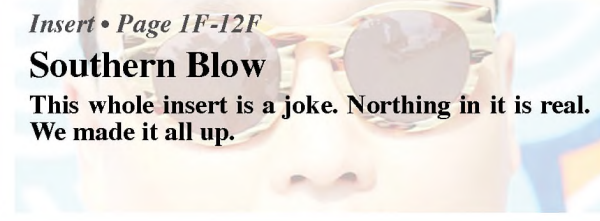
Students grateful for good music

Northern Arts and Entertainment's lineup prompts student response.



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Volleyball girls tag tournament

Wildcats make presence known on the road in second series of the spring.



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Lopota, Roche win ASNMU election

By Amanda Monthei
news editor

With 1,199 total votes tallied — the highest number since 2010 — former ASNMU Vice President Amber Lopota secured nearly half the vote to become the new ASNMU president on Wednesday, April 3. Her unofficial running mate, Abby Roche, secured the vice presidential position, also taking approximately half the vote.

"I don't think relief would be the right word," Roche said. "It's just a weight lifted off my shoulders. It's nice to focus on something else because, as I was telling a lot of people, I'm relieved campaigning is over because that's not really what ASNMU is about. It shouldn't have to be about that and it's definitely a weight off my shoulders."

Both Roche and Lopota are looking forward to putting into action the policies and promises they've established during their campaign, and will begin with scheduling representatives to attend residence hall meetings.

"I want to find out class sched-

ules because I made a commitment to the residence halls to have representatives in place," Lopota said. "I want to see how much of that I have covered already and then availability will come into play when we start looking at adding new members."

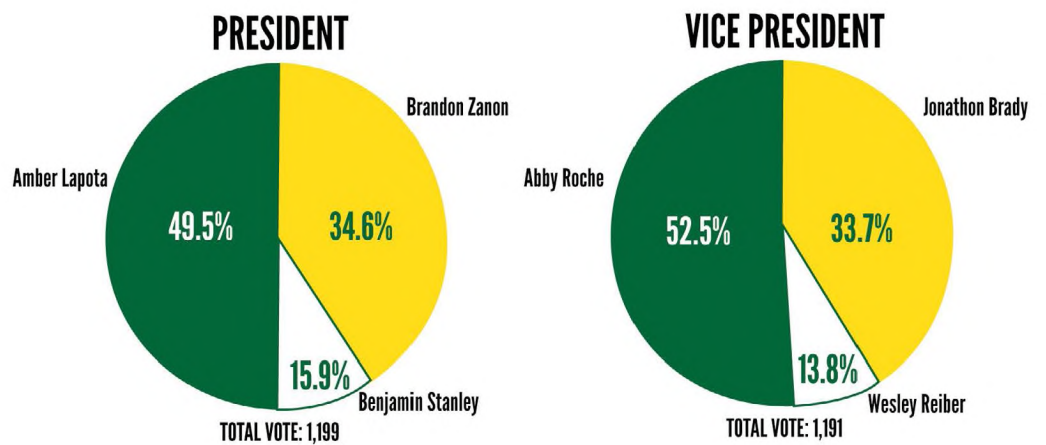
Roche said that seeing where ASNMU has succeeded and foundered in the past is another important first step for her and Lopota.

"I guess sitting down and really looking at what has worked for ASNMU in the past five to 10 years and what hasn't worked," Roche said. "That's where I want to start — just kind of getting a mission statement or a vision of what needs to be on the horizon."

Roche said there are also plans in place for the summer, which, according to both Lopota and Roche, will provide an opportunity to organize and put a system into place prior to the fall semester.

"I look at ASNMU as a source that hasn't been tapped," Roche said. "There are so many resources that we have, and I think that's really where we're going to start

2013 ASNMU Election Results



COLLEGE OF PROFF. STUDIES REP

Julie Goldberg
Christine Hansen
Dylan Reiber
James Sheff

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE REPS

Vito Giannola
Analicia Honkanen
Amer Mansoor

UP-CAMPUS REP

Steven Abbott

DOWN-CAMPUS REP

Chris Cline

GENERAL STUDIES REP

Justin Abbott

OFF-CAMPUS REPS

Justin Bis
Jesse Brisson
Joseph Jacisin
Angelo Kemp
Jonathon Martin
Summer Star
James Van Eck

Coreau signs

By Cody Boyer
sports editor

Following a tentative announcement that stated NMU junior goaltender Jared Coreau might sign an NHL contract at the end of this school year, the Wildcat officially signed with the Detroit Red Wings.

On Wednesday, April 3, Coreau signed a three-year entry level contract with the Red Wings. According to NMU Press Box, Coreau was announced as a free agent prior to Wednesday's signing.

NMU head coach Walt Kyle said he expected Coreau to be able to make it as far along as he has in the amount of time he has performed on the NMU team.

"He deserves a lot of credit for all of the work that he put

it," Kyle said. "He will work very hard to maximize his talent outside of NMU. Anytime you have a kid with that kind of athletic ability, size, character and work ethic, you know those are the attributes that can lend themselves to actually becoming pro. He's been improving throughout the year and will keep improving."

Coreau earned an overall record of 15-19-4 with a 2.70 goals against average and a .919 save percentage.

"He has grown and improved every year," Kyle said. "Going into the year last summer, we knew this was a possibility. We prepared by bringing in freshman Mathias Dahlstrom. The way it has materialized, with the year that he has had."

Coreau was unavailable for comment before press time.

Medical amnesty laws amended

By Sam Banks
staff writer

An amendment to the laws regarding underage alcohol consumption in Michigan is providing limited amnesty to minors that are found to be under the influence of alcohol, so these individuals may receive medical attention if necessary.

James Inigo, a resident adviser in West Hall, recalls a time when a student who seemed intoxicated and couldn't remember where her room was.

Inigo and an R.D. he was doing rounds with ultimately called NMU Public Safety so as to ensure the well being of the student.

"Students are always afraid of getting MIPs (minors in possession tickets) when getting caught," Inigo said. "But when it gets to the point where a certain individual needs medical attention for drinking too much, I think that it makes them aware of

the situation and makes sure they never do something that extreme again."

According to a study done by Cornell University, 19 percent of undergraduate students said there were times when they should have called for help for a highly intoxicated person; however, only four percent of the students made the call.

The biggest reason for not calling was that students were afraid of getting themselves or the intoxicated person into trouble for being under the influence.

Lenny Shible, the health promotion specialist on campus, said if NMU students are anything like the students from the Cornell University study, then Northern has to reverse the ratio from four to one of students not calling to four to one of students calling.

"Anything that a state or an institution can do to take away that barrier so that our students can get the help that they need — without

the individual student who's having problems with alcohol or their friends, who have to take them and have to deal with a bunch of negative consequences — then that's a good thing," Shible said.

According to the Medical Amnesty Initiative website, nine states currently have amnesty clauses in place.

The amendment was signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, according to House Bill 4393. The bill asserts that when individuals meet certain criteria, they are exempt from a misdemeanor for purchasing or consuming alcohol.

The criteria for individuals to receive amnesty are that they must be a minor who has consumed alcohol, and also must voluntarily presents themselves to a health facility for treatment including, but not limited to, medical examination and treatment for any condition arising from a violation of law regarding alcohol.

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is in the planning phase and really getting a vision, working hard this summer, and making sure it's an organized system.

"[We're] making sure this positivity and upbeat energy continues because that's what we ran on our whole campaign was positivity. We're going to get this done and I think we can do that throughout the year, it's just a matter of keeping our eyes on the prize."

According to Lopota, the campaign process was difficult, but the benefits it reaped were well worth it.

"I feel like my mind has really been expanded," Lopota said. "I feel like I understand myself in a lot of ways that I didn't prior to the past couple weeks."

"There were a lot of moments during this campaign where I was tested emotionally, physically and I took the high road every time. Which is something that anyone can attest to being very difficult."

Lopota also said the process itself — including debates, campaigning, communicating with organizations and meeting individuals — was a completely new experience for both her and Roche.

"I've never done a campaign before, I've never run for an elected position opposed," she said. "I've been trying to communicate with different house governments and different student groups throughout the past year and from that I kind of came to understand what students were really looking for — and it's really just someone to listen, and not just to listen, but then to maybe help guide them where they need to go."

According to Roche, time management became the hardest aspect of the whole campaign process. She said she just tried to remain positive through everything, however.

"It was really all about time management and making sure that I had enough time to talk to different groups and talk to different people," Roche said. "I guess that's just what it all came down to. It actually came down to being a lot more of a positive experience than I was expecting."

"Going into it, I was really apprehensive about what it would be like time wise, but it ended up being okay and everyone was pretty helpful."

To take their new positions, Lopota defeated former president Ben Stanley and Brandon Zanon in the presidential election, while Roche defeated John Brady and Wesley Reiber for vice president.

**LOPOTA**

Students warm up with chili cook off samples



Kristen Koehler/NW

Students sample one of over a dozen different chilies while enjoying the Chili Challenge in the Jacobetti Center on Tuesday, March 26. The challenge annually draws competition from local businesses, student organizations and individual students who are so inclined to compete.

Speaker set to lecture in community and at NMU about effects of genocide

By Emily Pagel
contributing writer

Lev Raphael will be visiting NMU's campus and the Marquette community from Sunday, April 7 through Tuesday, April 9 to discuss second-generation Holocaust survivors and the effects of genocide on future generations.

Carol Strauss, a German studies professor at NMU, along with Temple Beth Shalom, the Marquette Interfaith Forum and various NMU departments coordinated the events across the Marquette community.

"We thought to broaden the discussion about the Holocaust beyond this Holocaust, and hopefully there will never be another one like that," Strauss said. "But there have been genocides and there continues to be genocides so we want to broaden it to that subject."

A Holocaust Memorial Ser-

vice will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 7 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 201 Ridge St. in Marquette.

Raphael will be the keynote speaker for the event, "Healing Hatred," along with multiple faith group members leading in prayers and songs.

"I think it's also important to have the emphasis on that it's not being held at a temple," Strauss said. "It's being held by the Interfaith Forum. It's fantastic that this community has that connection."

According to Strauss, the focus of "Healing Hatred" will be on the genocides happening around the world today.

"If we don't have a continual reminder of genocide then we either don't care about the fact that it's taking place even today as we speak somewhere in the world but that we tend to think that the Holocaust was a horrible phenomenon and that it has passed and that this can't happen again," Strauss said.

Raphael will also meet with the NMU Holocaust and Modern Language classes on Monday, April 8 to talk with students on "Pasts Present: Memory, Identity

and Time."

Raphael will also present "Unexpected Journey: A Jewish-American Author Discovers Germany and Himself" at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 8 in the Lake Erie Room of the University Center.

He will be presenting his memoir "My Germany" with a discussion to follow.

"Both events are going to be very different, they will be educational and they will also be entertaining even though some people don't think it's possible that anything involving the Holocaust can be entertaining," Raphael said. "But they will learn a lot and both events should be thought provoking. Students will have ample opportunities to ask questions so that their voices can be heard too."

Along with the Holocaust Memorial Service and visiting NMU students on campus, Raphael will be visiting Gwinn High School on Tuesday, April 9.

Both events will be offered free of charge to students, faculty, and the Marquette community.

Lev's presentations are co-

sponsored by Marquette community organizations and university offices, which include the Marquette Interfaith Forum, Temple Beth Shalom, NMU President's Committee on Diversity, AL-LIES, Office of the Provost, College of Arts and Sciences, Departments of History and Modern Languages and Literatures.

Lev Raphael is the author of 24 books in a wide variety of genres. Many of his books have been translated into dozens of languages. He has also published hundreds of stories, essays, articles and reviews in newspapers, magazines and journals.

Raphael has done hundreds of invited readings and speaking tours across the United States, Canada and Western Europe.

For more information about the event or Lev Raphael email csotirop@nmu.edu or visit Raphael's website at www.levraphael.com.

**STRAUSS****RAPHAEL**

AMNESTY

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Additionally, any minor who has consumed liquor that either accompanies said individual to the hospital or calls 911 will also be granted amnesty.

"Anytime that we can keep

our students safer for any reason, that's a good thing," Shible said.

Inigo said that a medical amnesty policy at NMU might go either way — students may become more responsible or it may give minors the opportunity to take advantage and drink more.

"I think that Northern needs

to implement the importance of alcohol and what it can do to them from the get go right when they go to orientation," Inigo said. "Students need to know that drinking can result in very different outcomes, and some that can result in death."

The Health Promotions Office talks to around 40 Physical Well Being classes a year

about alcohol safety and about drinking too much too fast and ending up in the hospital.

They also have classes for those who violate the law regarding alcohol.

"What I like to tell people in class is that it's the three C's," Shible said. "If your friend feels cold, if they feel clammy then it's the time to call."



Amanda Monthei/NW

The ASNMU Judiciary was filled Monday, April 1 and now has five members, three of which were filled that night.

ASNMU Judiciary full, focused on improvement

By Shaina James
editor in chief

ASNMU filled the remaining three ASNMU Judiciary seats at their Monday, April 1 meeting.

Taylor Tillotson, John Minser and Preston Mozingo are the three newly appointed ASNMUJ members. The ASNMUJ resolves any debates regarding policy and the ASNMU constitution.

"I am excited about being an ASNMUJ member," said Mozingo, a junior political science major. "I am looking forward to evaluating situations on a more thorough basis. I will keep an open mind and listen to both sides of the story and bounce ideas and suggestion off of other ASNMUJ members."

Now that ASNMUJ has all five positions filled, the members plan to be the voice for students and hope to settle any debates.

"One of the big advantages we [ASNMUJ members] have is we

all are pretty unrelated to the controversies that happened this year and we are independently minded," said John Minser, an English graduate student.

Amber Lopota, ASNMU's newly elected president, said having a full judiciary board will be very helpful to have a productive ASNMU.

"We're not going to run into any situation where there's not a higher authority to render a decision," Lopota said. "Everything will have a place to go. So absolutely, we're just not going to get hung on anything anymore."

The ASNMUJ members said they have a different kind of opportunity since they are the first ASNMUJ members.

"We will take our positions seriously," Minser said. "We will be setting the bar for next year and the following years to come."

According to Lopota, ASNMUJ will be able solve issues that were

not solved this past year.

"We've had so many issues, some major and some small that either haven't been addressed because of lack of ASNMUJ or they have been addressed in a completely ineffective way," Lopota said. "So we can hand all that off to ASNMUJ and they can make a decision and we can move on."

Lopota is very confident in the new ASNMUJ board.

"I feel like we have diversity and I think that is important when you have any decision rendering body," Lopota said. "I like that. Some of the candidates I didn't have an opportunity to even review on paper, but the assembly found them to be acceptable, and I have faith in them."

ASNMUJ now consists of junior philosophy major Leah Blanchard, senior education major Michael Dilay, Minser, Mozingo and Tillotson, a senior social studies secondary education major.

Briefs

State News

At least 300 gallons of hydraulic fluid spilled into the Grand River in Lansing on Sunday, March 31. The spill occurred at the Board of Water & Light's Eckert Power Plant, which is located next to a General Motors facility near downtown Lansing.

According to a spokesman from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, cleanup efforts were well underway immediately following the onset of the spill. Absorbent booms, which are inflated buoys with pads that absorb the fluid, have been placed to soak up the oil and prevent further spread of the substance.

The spill was said to have been caused by a gasket failure at the plant, and the EPA believes it is too soon to predict the effects the spill will have on local wildlife.

National News

A former superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools in Atlanta, Ga., reported to Fulton County jail on Tuesday, April 2 after an indictment by a grand jury on charges of racketeering, theft and making false statements.

Beverly Hall was one of several Atlanta educators who were ultimately charged in a plot to falsify standardized tests. The plot was discovered by an investigation into the sudden increase in test scores in the district.

The investigation into the case discovered that between 2005 and 2009, test answers were altered, falsified and improperly certified by educators who condoned cheating among students to boost the scores.

"We've had cheating all up and down the line," former Georgia attorney general Michael Bowers said.

International News

A bomb from World War II was discovered and defused in Berlin, Germany, near the city's central station on Wednesday, April 3.

The 220-pound device was discovered at a construction site located in the region that was once between East and West Berlin. More than 800 people had to be evacuated from nearby homes until the bomb was defused and removed from the site.

"Here in Berlin it is a fact of daily life to defuse bombs, but without question they are risking a lot," said Berlin police spokesman Jens Berger.

Weird News

"The Sun," the UK's highest selling newspaper, is engaging in a coverup. The long-standing tradition of having a topless model on Page 3 of the newspaper will come to an end.

Although readers have campaigned and voted to keep the Page 3 models, the editors of the newspaper have decided to cave to mounting criticism from feminist groups. The critics explain the topless photos are an example of blatant sexism.

"It's time for it to go," Linda Lusardi said. Lusardi was voted as the Best Page Three Girl Ever by Sun readers in 2005.

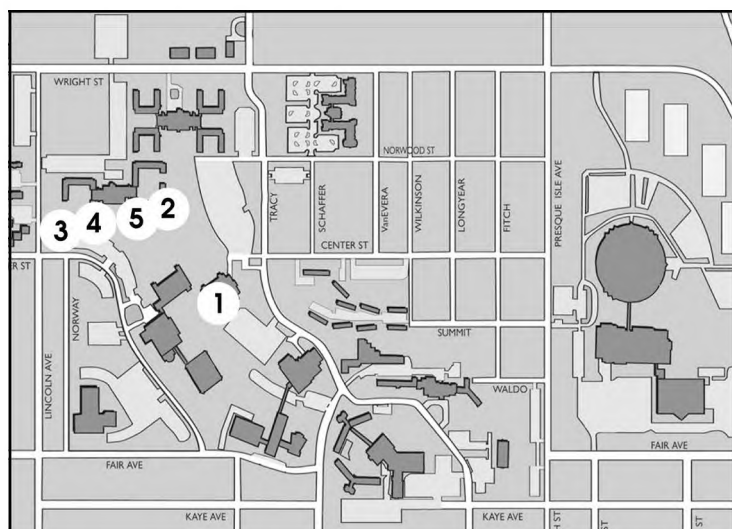
"I really think things have moved on so far with the Internet and with everything else that I don't feel that we really need that in our national newspapers anymore," she said.

— Compiled from news sources

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1. At 4:23 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, malicious destruction of university property was reported at the LRC.
2. At 11:50 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, a laptop was stolen at Payne Hall.
3. Breaking and entering without force was reported at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 31 in Gant Hall.
4. A student was found in possession of and using marijuana at 10:14 p.m. on Sunday, March 31 in Gant Hall.
5. Two minors were found in possession of alcohol at 12:29 a.m. on Monday, April 1 in Payne Hall.

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



EDITORIAL



Music line up wows students

Northern Arts and Entertainment (NAE) has brought and is slated to bring some stellar music acts to NMU this semester.

NAE President Marcela Godoy has made it clear the 25-member organization has actively surveyed NMU students on campus about what music genres they would like to hear.

Chart-topping entertainers such as Gloriana performed at NMU to a crowd of almost 1,000 attendees, and American Idol winner Phillip Phillips will be coming Sunday, April 14 at 7 p.m. to perform in the Vandament Arena — a venue which can hold roughly 1,500 people — to a sold-out crowd.

In the past, The North Wind staff has been critical of NAE's performance.

This tenfold improvement is an example any university-funded organization can follow in order to better represent students.

By surveying students, getting the word out and effectively promoting events, NAE has made thousands of NMU students' lives a little more enjoyable and brought entertainment

that has gained the approval of a large number of ticket-holding students.

In addition to serving students, members of NAE are gaining valuable experience that will last a lifetime.

One does not often get to meet and interact with such celebrated acts as Gloriana and Phillip Phillips.

While the semester winds to an end and students plan their class schedules for the Fall 2013 semester, Wildcats should consider joining one of these groups which works so hard to further enrich the student experience.

Your college years go by quickly, and organizations such as NAE offer once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

Don't miss out on a chance to bring superior entertainment to NMU's campus.

Don't wait until the latter years of your time at Northern attend a concert or, for those up for the challenge, to plan and promote one.

And don't forget to show your gratitude to NAE for putting together a lineup that has received the student stamp of approval.

They deserve a standing ovation.

Advocate for transparency



Staff Column

Amanda Monthei

Last Tuesday, March 22, many of us were busy changing our Facebook profile picture to an equal sign and/or sharing photos of other people supporting same-sex marriage outside of the United States Supreme Court.

On this same day, President Barack Obama signed into law what is being called the "Monsanto Protection Act," or Section 735 of HR 933, which would protect the corporate biotech company Monsanto from the federal court system should their product — genetically modified seeds — ever be found to harm humans.

Genetically modified organisms — seeds that are modified to fend off pests and add nutritional content — are still very much in the experimental phase of their young existence.

We don't fully know what genetically modified foods have the potential to do to the human body, much like our lack of knowledge regarding DDT when it was first used as a pesticide during World War II (but was later found to cause severe reactions and, in many cases, cancer).

The legislation passed early last week would effectively eliminate any hope of holding Monsanto and similar companies accountable for products that could very likely be harming entire populations of people, as it takes the ability to halt sales and planting of the organisms away from the federal court system.

To make it even more sneaky, the section regarding the protection of Monsanto was part of a 120,000-word spending bill that was quickly, quietly and deceptively pushed through Congress, largely unknown to many members of Congress and, ultimately, the entire country.

Additionally, this was all in lieu of recent movements aiming to make the labeling of any foods known to have genetically modified organisms in it a requirement by the USDA. Despite overwhelming support nationwide, no efforts have been made on the part of Congress to assure that consumers know what exactly is in the food they are eating.

On a state level, similarly ambiguous legislation is being quietly nudged through our state legislatures by senators with obvious ulterior motives. Earlier this month, a bill introduced by Senator Tom Casperson, a Republican from Escanaba, Mich., was approved by the Senate.

The legislation, Senate Bill 79, would effectively prohibit the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from "designating land specifically for the purpose of achieving or maintaining biological diversity and would remove biodiversity conservation from the department's

list of forest management duties," according to www.mlive.com.

Let me give that to you in layman's terms: Casperson is completely disregarding advice and research from scientists across the state and country (including researchers from NMU, University of Michigan and Michigan State) to supposedly benefit the state by redefining (apparently this is part of a senator's job description now) "conservation biology" and "biodiversity."

The DNR (which senate Republicans irrefutably trust in all other sectors of natural resource and wildlife conservation, namely in the fight to instate a wolf hunt in the Upper Peninsula) would no longer be able to classify public lands for the purpose of achieving or maintaining biodiversity.

To put it simply, Casperson — who has owned and/or worked for his family's log-hauling company in Escanaba for the past 25 years — is introducing legislation based almost entirely on the interests of logging companies that want to log state forests with little to no resistance from state law and policy. And he's getting away with it, because we, citizens of Michigan, aren't doing anything substantial to oppose it.

Time and time again we are sorely reminded that legislators and policy makers at the regional, state and federal level have no interest in a democratic, transparent society.

They hide important legislation within the confusing and misleading language of a 120,000 word legislative appropriation bill. They introduce legislation affecting the biodiversity of woodlands, wetlands and other natural areas that we call home in Michigan without the guidance of scientists.

In order to regain any semblance of democracy in this country and state, we must question the actions of the senators that we elect to represent us. In a democratic society such as ours (this is becoming quite questionable, however) it is assumed that secrets would not be kept from constituents.

It is assumed that decisions of such magnitude as Senate Bill 79 and the "Monsanto Protection Act" would call on the research of scientists, professors and other experts, and not on the spontaneous and monetarily-influenced actions of senators with political science degrees and friends in industries that serve only to jeopardize our natural resources.

Our country seems to have adopted a form of totalitarianism, where corporate lobbying trumps anything done by those that elect representatives to voice their concerns.

The lack of regard we are given by the government only serves to quiet us, to make us think we have no say in how the institutions around us operate. We cannot be quieted, however.

At this point, we have no choice but to speak out, to get angry, to do what we can to regain a transparent, functional and beneficial government and, ultimately, society.

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President Haynes: increasing enrollment, keeping tuition low



Weekly Take Away

Lee McClelland

On Monday, May 14, 2012, David Haynes was appointed as president of NMU for an interim period after former president Les Wong departed from NMU. Since Haynes' appointment, many students have expressed concern that the current president is not present enough on campus, unlike his predecessor, Wong.

Before criticizing or praising Haynes' performance thus far, it is important to know a few things about the president: (1) to whom he answers; (2) what he has been working toward; and (3) what he has done to further enrich the NMU experience.

The NMU president reports to the Board of Trustees. The board outlines goals and priorities that the president must work toward. This year, the focus has been on increasing NMU's enrollment and international presence.

Director of communications and marketing, Cindy Paavola, said the demands placed upon a president change over time.

"Some of the goals and job demands for President Haynes are completely different from what they were when President Wong was here," Paavola said.

And it should be noted Haynes has been in office for less than one year — there's a lot to do in an NMU president's first year. Haynes has met with many Michigan Legislators, which is crucial

during the first year.

"It is absolutely critical that you are right there in front of the legislators, that they know who you are, that they understand the change happened and that the ship is still afloat and what the issues of the university are," Paavola said.

While Michigan Legislators work on higher education appropriations, NMU students need a voice in Lansing so that our university can get the largest sum possible in order to keep tuition costs down.

Student debt is a national concern, and students can agree keeping the cost of tuition low is a top priority. Haynes has been working with legislators for the benefit of the students.

"One of the things I am doing to enhance the student experience is working really hard to reduce student debt as much as [the university] can and keep tuition low," Haynes said. "That, I think, is the best thing I can do as president for student experience."

But keeping tuition low is done by different means. One of the ways to keep the cost of an education down is to increase enrollment.

A larger student base means more revenue for the university; the burden of cost to each student is eased because there are more students who pay tuition.

One of the Board of Trustees' priorities charged to the president is increasing NMU's presence internationally — another means to both increase enrollment and opportunities abroad for existing students.

In October 2012, Haynes traveled to Seoul, South Korea to visit

universities and work toward developing dual degrees — a two-plus-two program, where students would spend two years studying at NMU and two years studying at a university abroad where a dual degree is offered.

In February, Haynes traveled to the United Arab Emirates to try and further increase NMU's global reach.

Developing two-plus-two programs benefits NMU students substantially: it both increases enrollment, thus keeping costs down, and increases diversity on campus, which adds different perspectives to the learning community on campus.

Haynes has been working diligently to bring the voice of the university and the voice of the

students to the world.

"Northern loves the world, and we'd love the world to come to Northern," Haynes said.

Taking all of these facts into consideration, it seems to me that an on-campus presence is not an accurate measure of the president's accomplishments. Comparing Wong's style to Haynes' style is not fair. Most students were not here during Wong's first year, and his schedule looked very similar to Haynes', according to Paavola.

If students are concerned that the NMU president is not visible on campus, then they should at least know what he is doing in the interest of students.

I had the pleasure of sitting down with Haynes and discussing his progress thus far, and I see in

him a passion for NMU that I feel myself.

For what it's worth, I think Haynes is doing a fantastic job. After talking to him for just a short while, I can tell he truly loves this university and wants to do well for students' sake. Though students may not see him on campus as much as Wong in his seventh or eighth year, know that the president is working to enrich the student experience here on campus.

But don't just take my word for it — listen to Haynes' own words: "No one bleeds more green and gold than I do. I'm an alum, and I love this place, but you know, you've got to be realistic about who you are and what you can offer."



Definition of marriage in society re-evaluated after Supreme Court hearings



Professor's Corner

Dr. Zac Cogley

Marriage is much in the news this week with the Supreme Court hearing oral arguments in two cases that will help shape whether lesbians and gay men will have the legal right to marry.

All this focus on marriage has me thinking about how messy — and interesting — our thinking about marriage really is.

For example, we have legally attached an enormous number of rights, privileges and responsibilities to marriage.

Married people are considered next of kin for hospital visitation and emergency medical decisions.

They automatically inherit property from each other and have legal protection against many of the hassles of inheritance.

People who are married have the automatic right to joint parenting, adoption and foster care.

Marriage also brings certain tax benefits.

And married people cannot be compelled to testify against each other in judicial proceedings.

Socially speaking, there can be tremendous pressure to marry for people who have been dating for a long time and many people feel like marriage is one of their most important goals for adulthood.

Once married, a couple gains a significant amount of social approval — and this social approval is at the heart of the legal fight over "allowing" gays and lesbians to marry.

Some states are denying legal rights to gays and lesbians as a way of expressing disapproval of their relationships; gays and lesbians are fighting back in the courts and in public opinion, arguing that their loving relationships are just as valuable as the loving relationship of a heterosexual couple, and they are therefore legally entitled to the same

protections.

This is where, to a philosopher, things get really interesting.

Many people will say marriage is most fundamentally about love — the marriage most people want is one characterized by intense affection and care.

While it's difficult to say exactly what love is, I think a plausible characterization is that love is a way of emotionally valuing a relationship.

This emotional valuation isn't something most of us believe we have direct control over.

We end up loving someone, rather than deciding to love them. This is part of what makes love so significant and so powerful.

You can't make love happen in anything like the same way you can try to get a job or buy a car. You can try to get someone to love you by being more lovable — but there's certainly no guarantee!

Contrast that with the ease of marriage. Any two people can easily get married (so long as they are legally entitled).

You sign some papers, say a

few words and you immediately gain all the above legal rights, privileges and responsibilities. Ending marriage is similarly easy (so long as there aren't disputes about dividing up property, etc.).

The ease with which the legal institution can be entered and exited is in some tension with the non-voluntary character of the relationship.

The legal aspect can provide incentives for people to get married who aren't in love, to continue relationships they would be better off ending and even to give up on the loving relationship because it's so easy to exit the legal one.

There's not even any necessary connection between the two — we don't require "love tests" to see if people care for each other before marriage, nor do we provide any institutionalized legal or social support for loving relationships.

In my view, it's also strange to ask the state's approval for your romantic relationship.

This conflicts with our often-professed American ideals of in-

dependence and keeping the state out of our business as much as possible.

Essentially, I worry that mixing legality with loving makes us miss the full significance and character of both.

And treating marriage as both a fundamental social and legal institution keeps us from seeing the ways in which those domains are mixed when it comes to loving relationships.

When we're thinking so much about marriage, we should think not only about who should be permitted to marry, but whether the current character of marriage best meets our needs.

Editor's note: Dr. Zac Cogley is an assistant professor of philosophy at NMU.

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Second tournament ends in victories

'Cats spike their way to 3-2 win against Northwood and Michigan

By Katie Bultman
staff writer

The women's volleyball team finished 3-2 in a tournament over Easter weekend that hosted several Division I teams and a conference champion.

On Saturday, March 30, the 'Cats traveled to Oakland University where they faced final four contender University of Michigan, along with the 2012 GLIAC conference champion team, Northwood.

Head coach Dominic Yoder

said the tournament offered difficult competition for the Wildcats.

"All the teams we played were very strong teams," Yoder said. "University of Michigan is a final four national championship Division I team, Cleveland State is another Division I team that competed in the top of their conference and was a contender for the NCAA tournament.

Northwood won the GLIAC conference last season, Grand Valley State University went to the NCAA tournament and Madonna was top five in the nation

in the NIAA conference."

The 'Cats finished with 2-1 victories over Northwood and Grand Valley State, both of which were conference teams that the women had played in the 2012 season.

The game against Northwood proved to be a competitive one between the conference teams, as the game went into extra points, resulting in a 22-20 win for NMU. The tournament was set up so that the games went to 15 points each, and the winner was best out of three games after being required to win two.

The most recent time NMU faced Northwood was Saturday, Nov. 3, resulting in a 0-3 loss for the Wildcats. The recent improvement during the tournament left the 'Cats with the edge.

Junior left side Lina Lopes said the game against Northwood was a very good one for both teams.

"We just went for it," Lopes said. "They're in our conference, which gave us extra motivation to beat them and prepare for next fall. There was pretty good competition at the tournament, and both games [against the conference teams] went to the third set."

Prior to that game, NMU also played fellow conference team Grand Valley State on Friday, Oct. 26, resulting in a 3-2 win for the 'Cats.

In addition, NMU went with a 2-0 victory over Madonna and finished with 0-2 losses against both Michigan and Cleveland.

Yoder said the team played close with the Division I teams, but inconsistencies kept the 'Cats from taking home match victories.

"For both of the losses, the scores were in the 20s," Yoder said.

"The team played consistent in our wins, but had critical inconsistencies during our losses. The inconsistencies were more of individual and technical breakdowns and errors than team ones."

Yoder said the team worked well together this week, a continuation of one of their strengths. Yoder also said the team put in an effort on the defensive end that aided in the three victories in the tournament games.

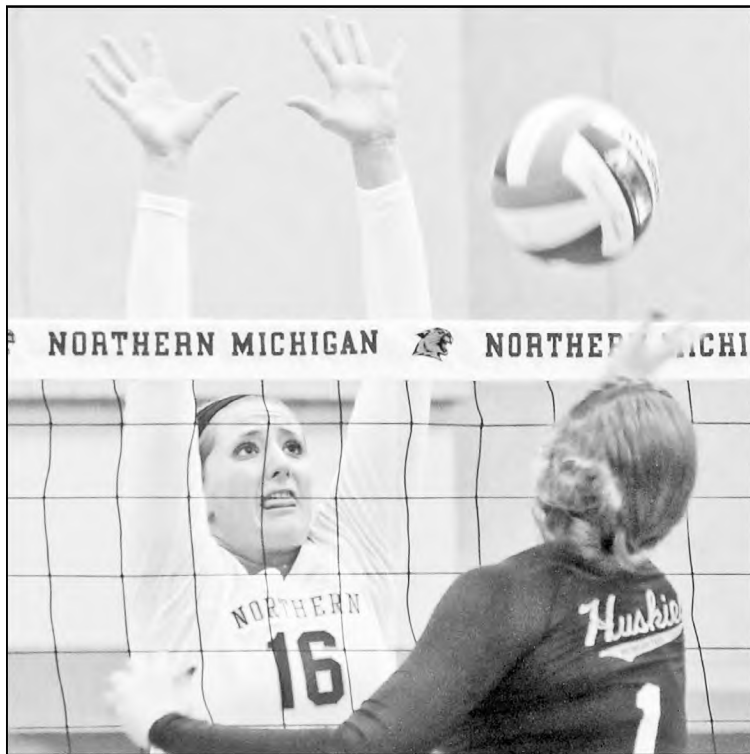
"The team blocked and played floor defense more successfully," Yoder said. "The team also attacked more efficiently, but still needs to improve upon minor inconsistencies."

This weekend, the 'Cats face University of Minnesota-Duluth and St. Cloud State in a tournament hosted by UMD. Originally, the University of Minnesota-Duluth alumni were scheduled to play in the tournament. Instead, the University of Wisconsin-Superior will replace the alumni team.

Freshman libero and defensive specialist Alex Berger said the team improved in last weekend's tournament from the first tourna-

We just went for it. There was pretty good competition at the tournament, and both games went to the third set.

— Lina Lopes
junior left side



Justin Key/NW

Freshman left-side Lisa Studnicka played in 32 matches in the fall 2012 season. Studnicka earned 263 kills overall with an average of 2.23 per set.

Madness Four gear up for final series



**Sports
Column**

**William
Burns**

In a matter of two weeks, the NCAA men's basketball tournament's field has gone from 68 to just four remaining schools, who all of which, believe they will be crowned as champions of collegiate basketball.

Since the field of 68 was announced, the only thing that could really have been expected was the unexpected. So much history can be found looking back on this year's tournament, where can I even begin?

Florida Gulf Coast University became the first No. 15 seed to make it to the Sweet Sixteen to the tournament while holding its 3,000th overall game.

There were plenty of upsets and even more busted brackets. Even the basketball enthusiast and commander and chief, President Barack Obama, only man-

aged to get one correct Final Four prediction correct.

The Final Four is the Mecca of college basketball. This year's national semi-finals and final matches will be hosted in Atlanta, Ga. and the remaining teams are preparing to travel south to play for the title.

Louisville, Syracuse, Michigan and Wichita State have gone through the gauntlet and were crowned champions of their respective regions.

On paper, you might be able to find a favorite to win, but if you have paid even a little attention to the games, there is not one team that doesn't have a reasonable argument that favors them to win it all. Each team has gone through a tough road to the Final Four.

Michigan overcame a late deficit to Kansas with a late rally, lead by Trey Burke, to beat the Jayhawks in overtime. Syracuse took down a dominant Indiana Hoosier squad with their classic zone-defense.

Louisville went through an emotional game against Duke when the Cardinals' guard Kevin Ware suffered a gruesome com-

pound fracture of his right leg, and Wichita State quietly upset No. 1 seed Gonzaga and No. 2 seed Ohio State to advance to their first Final Four since 1965.

This year's NCAA tournament lived up to what March Madness is all about: upsets, Cinderellas, some teams under-performing and some teams over-performing. Only the losing teams can be upset over this year's tournament. So with all the excitement surrounding the Final Four, how do you pick your champion?

The best way to choose is to look at each of the four teams and decide for yourself. Your guess is just about as good as any expert out there.

Michigan has been averaging 75 points a game and might be able to find a way past the Oranges' stout zone defense. This match should be the more promising semi-final game because the last time Syracuse made it to the Final Four was in 2003 where they went on to win the national championship.

The last time Michigan was in the Final Four was in 1993. After 20 years of sitting on the memory

of an embarrassing loss to North Carolina in the title game, trust me when I tell you every Wolverine will be aware of how many timeouts they have left.

The Louisville Cardinals will match up against Wichita State in a game that could very likely turn into a rout, giving Louisville a birth into the national title game. Just don't tell that to the Shockers of Wichita State.

They have been, very slowly and patiently, busting the brackets of thousands, if not millions of fans. While it has been 23 years since the last non-Bowl Champi-

onship Series conference school has won a national title, don't think for a minute the Shockers can't make a serious run for Louisville's money.

The Shockers man-handled Gonzaga and Ohio State, who were both favorites to win the tournament.

So take your pick, sit back and watch three more amazing college basketball games.

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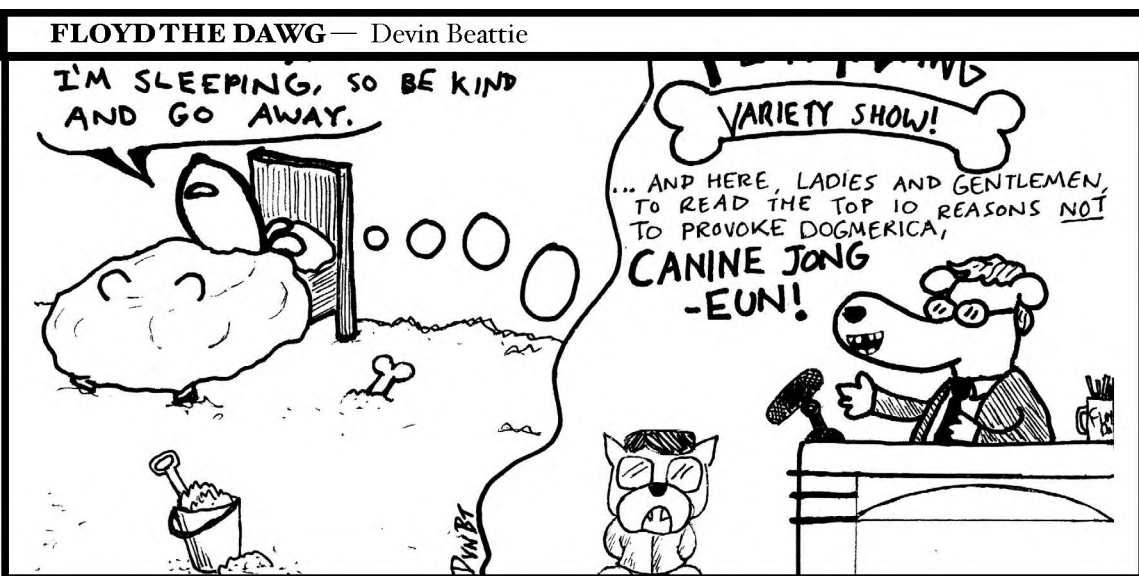
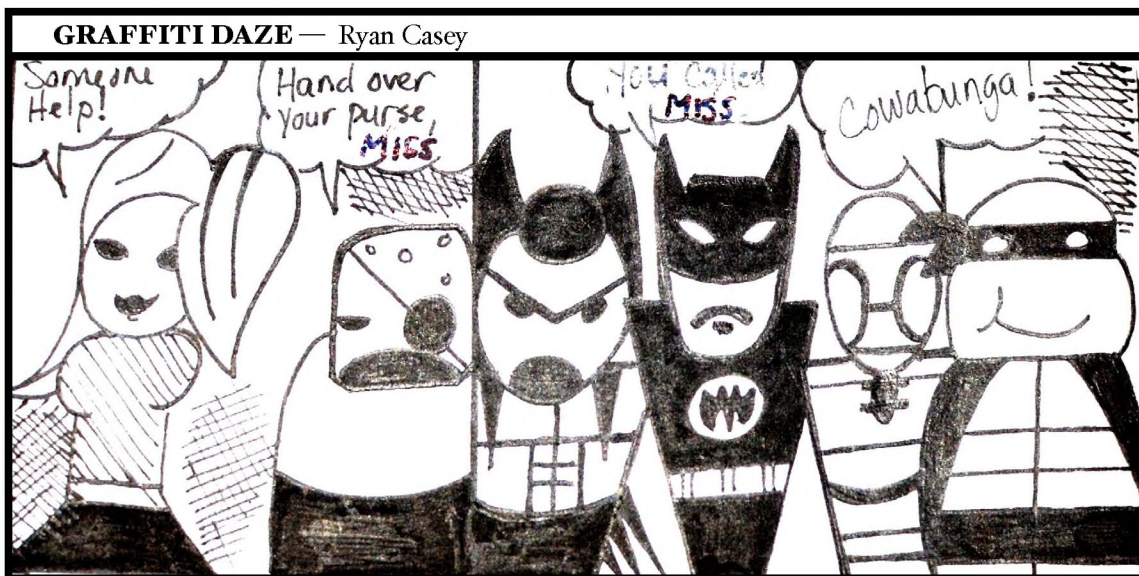
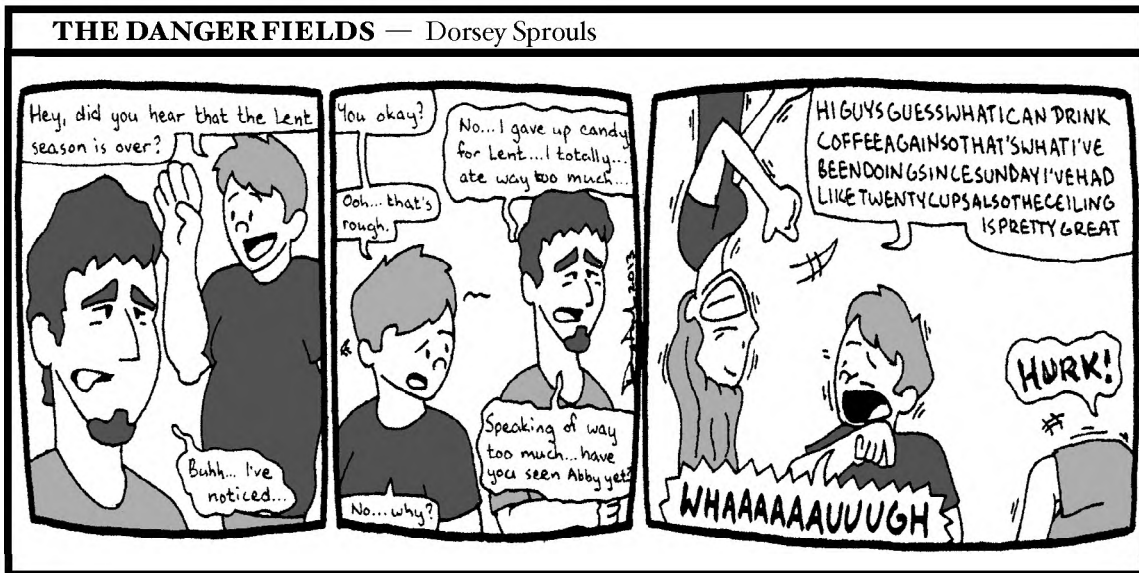
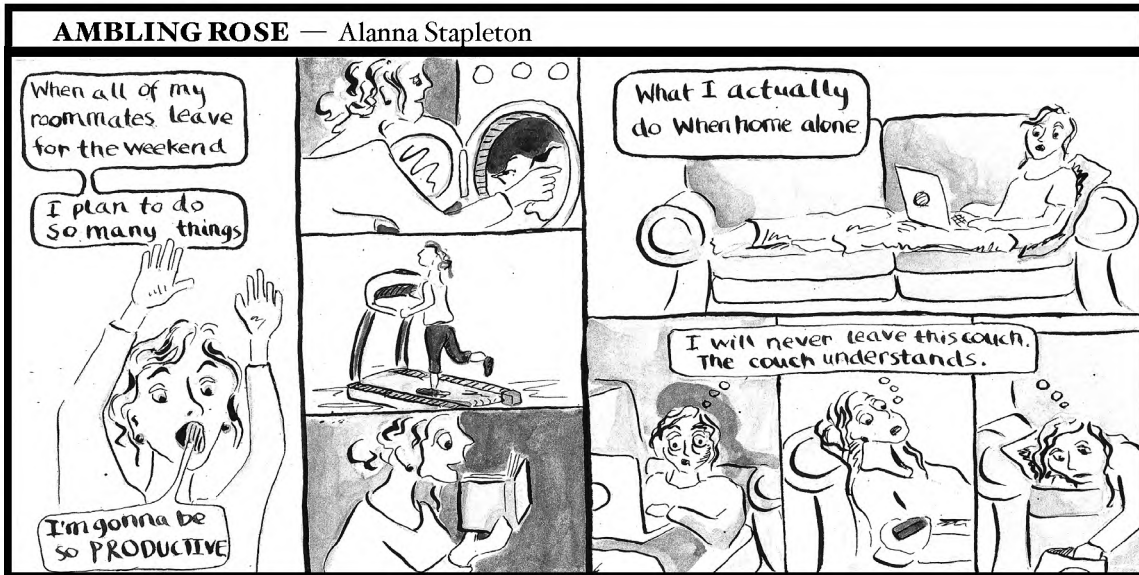
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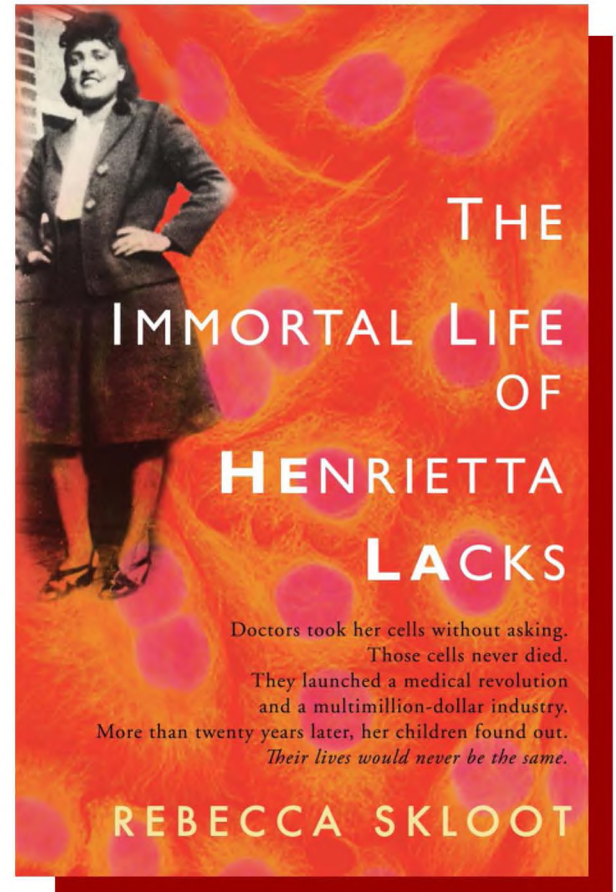
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M&M's daughter will attend SPU in fall '13

By **Fibblerti Gibblet**
managing alcoholic

After all those rumors, it's official. M&M's daughter Cailie Mathers will be attending SPU starting next fall.

Recently rumors have been spreading throughout SPU and the community that M&M visited South Pacific to see if this area and SPU was fit for his daughter. Well those rumors are true.

After Cailie toured the University with her dad and famous rap star M&M, she decided this is the place for her. Cailie, a senior at Detroit Rapper Kids School will be attending SPU for its pristine College of Opera.

"I love it here," Cailie said. "I just want to be like my dad. I think my opera singing will only improve here. Maybe I can write a song about my dad then."

M&M said his daughter can go anywhere as long as she is happy.

"Cailie I know you miss your mom and I know you miss your dad when I'm gone, but I'm tryin to give you the life that I never had," M&M said about his

daughter going away to college. "I can see you're sad, even when you smile, even when you laugh. I can see it in your eyes, deep inside you wanna cry cause you're scared. I ain't there, daddy's with

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Tits McGee/SB
M&M's daughter, Cailie Mathers interacts with students at the McFlurry Drink off while visiting SPU. She will be studying opera at SPU in the fall.

ASSPU member caught abusing school mascot

By **Beef Sherwin**
crocodile wrangler

A member of Associated Students of South Pacific University (ASSPU) was caught verbally abusing a university mascot

while on the road with a traveling sports team, possibly facing misdemeanor charges.

Twenty-two-year-old South Pacific University student Fred Dingus was apprehended on Monday, April 1 in Derry, Maine

after the Cougar croquet team traveled to the Eastern state to compete against the Derry University Dungaees. According to a Maine police report, Dingus was caught "hollering and throwing plates of fine china at the Dungaees school mascot, Big Stuff the Pistol Shrimp."

Derry sheriff Joe Biggums said the senior English major made a direct attempt to get to the mascot as soon as the bus pulled into Derry University.

"The suspect was apprehended only a few minutes after we arrived at the scene," Biggums said. "[Dingus] was dressed in only lederhosen without a shirt, which caused the initial outburst from the surrounding spectators. The verbal assault that followed directly attacked the mascot's outer appearance and its name, causing a disturbance of a peace-



Tits McGee/SB
ASSPU member and South Pacific University senior Fred Dingus assaulted Wilbur the Cougar in 2010 prior to the incident at Derry University.

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Tits McGee/SB
Casual meth labs have been very prominent in the South Pacific area.

Just another meth lab here

By **Ernie Sputnik**
beach correspondent

A student at South Pacific University has been presented with the National Entrepreneurship Award for the most successful business venture that the university has ever had.

"It's always exciting to have such a talented student with us," said Joe-Bob Randy, President of SPU. "This is the first time in more than a decade that we've had a student achieve this level of economic success."

According to Randy, freshman Rudy Rufus, a biological arts major, is the recipient of the most coveted prize of an all-expense paid tour of the headquarters of the national rubber chicken manufacturing conglomerate, Schmoozcorp.

"This is the only time a first-year student has managed such an honor," Randy said.

According to Randy, Rufus has achieved this feat through her ingenious design for mobile meth labs.

Her idea was to make them easy to access by keeping them near hot spots for trade activity. She achieved this by putting pontoons on them and floating them just off shore outside the most viable marketplaces.

Rufus bolted a trailer to a platform and mounted floats to make it stable on water, which produces a solid enough environment to operate a meth lab in relative safety.

"They're easier to move,

easier to defend and it is so much easier to get rid of the waste products from production," Randy said. "It can be just dumped into the sea."

According to Rufus, the project required the cooperation of other students and friends from the community to provide the needed funding, materials and knowledge of meth production.

"We even went so far as polishing boats and holding tanning parties to pay for parts," Rufus said. "My business partner, Fluffy, was really important to making it all happen."

Coming up with such a unique idea required little effort, according to Rufus.

"My dad always told me to work with what you know," Rufus said. "Brothels had already been done a few years back, so it was pretty easy to choose meth as a source for inspiration. We live on an island, so the water is going to be the fastest way to get the job done."

According to sophomore Preyda Upnose, a street pharmacy major, even though there are only four of the labs completed so far, the impact on SPU and the local community is already being felt.

"Students now have the opportunity to boost their efficiency. They can stay up longer, and work far more aggressively toward their goals," Upnose said. "Already there's more concern among students over nation-

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you in your prayers. No more cryin, wipe them tears. Daddy's here no more nightmares."

M&M hopes his daughter will be able to have a semi-normal life at SPU and hopes his fame as a rapper and Cailie's appearance in several of his songs won't affect her social life.

"I love South Pacific," Cailie said. "I love the people here."

While visiting SPU, Cailie partied with many SPU students who are really excited about her attending next fall.

"I partied with Cailie the other weekend when she was here," said Becca More, a junior opera major. "Her dad M&M was up here, too, touring the school, but I didn't get to meet him."

M&M said he loves the South Pacific and that his daughter really enjoys the nature, too. M&M, who recently filmed one of his music videos at a national park in the area, is glad he will be able to visit this area more since his daughter will be going to school at SPU.

"My baby girl keeps getting older," M&M said. "I watch her grow up with pride. People make jokes cause they don't understand me. They just don't see my real side."

SPU finds new branding strategy

By Fillup Buster
loud mouth

South Pacific University (SPU) employed a firm to conduct a study on branding for SPU's campus. In the last decade, the university has tried various attempts at advertising with little to show.

The message-in-a-bottle campaign, where administrators hucked empty glass bottles with admissions applications inside toward land, was an utter disaster. Only a few students came to visit SPU's campus afterward, and it was to complain about littering.

The yell-to-shore initiative was equally disappointing and resulted in the whole varsity a capella team going hoarse, which contributed to SPU's loss in the Antarctic Idol competition.

In an attempt to redefine SPU, president Joe-Bob Randy has decided to brand students in an effort to get the universities name out there. SPU has announced this as the Scar-Tissue-that-I-Wish-You-Saw campaign.

"Yeah, I remember back home we used to sear our name into livestock and whatnot," Randy said, "so I figured, heck,

why not burn our name into the flesh of our students?"

Appointed brandman, Roger Gretts will be putting iron to abdomen for the majority of the summer semester.

"I find it akin to roundin' up hogs," Gretts said, "Students are some slippery sons-a-guns. You gotta tell 'em to lay down for a body shot and quickly stick 'em with the iron."

Gretts said, on average, he brands up to 30 students a day. Students have not been so enthusiastic about the campaign.

Junior public broadcasting relations (PBR) major, Heather Burnem voiced concern.

"What if I don't want a strange man oiling me up with butter and burning me with a dirty piece of metal?" Burnem said. "The administration, did not listen to students on this one."

Not all students are against this campaign, though. In their downtime, many students can be seen soaking up the sun with a giant red SPU welt on their stomach.

Sophomore Rachel Weath thinks the brand on her side promotes Cougar pride. The raised scar tissue that stands taut on Weath's skin reminds some that years spent at college cannot

be forgotten, much like a hastily gotten tattoo or a one-night stand with an animal.

Though some have embraced the university's new attempt to garner name recognition, health officials have brought up another important point.

South Pacific shaman, Eightball Jones fears that students may contract staph infections after suffering from second to third degree burns.

"Mr. Gretts is opening up the students to severe medical risks. Some students have heard about other students getting staph infections," Jones said. "And when I first heard about it, and looked it up on Wikipedia, I was shocked. That's serious, I think."

After years of working on increasing enrollment, mass infections could have adverse effects on student retention.

Randy downplayed Jones' comments. Students have nothing to worry about, according to Randy.

"If you haven't severely burned yourself on SPU's campus, then you are not a real SPU student. What does it matter," Randy questioned, "if you get burned by the sun or by the Son of Sam?"

The administration expects

to see the effects of the branding campaign in six to 12 months. Enrollment will be the assessment tool for the effectiveness of student-sponsored advertising.

Pollsters have surveyed students with surprising results: 32 percent of students approved of the branding campaign, 47 percent thought it was inhumane and 19 percent screamed in pain when they were asked about the campaign (it is to be noted they were being branded).

Even SPU alumni are joining in the fun. Ms. Takes, a recent 2009 graduate and alumna, was branded just yesterday.

"I just love SPU so much, and this tells people 'that woman is going places' when they see the big SPU logo on my stomach," Takes said.

Ultimately, time will be the test for the Scar-Tissue-that-I-Wish-You-Saw campaign. Gretts and Randy are optimistic about the future.

"You can't go back on SPU," Randy said.

"I can't believe I'm gettin' paid to do this," Gretts said.

Students interested in joining the ranks of branded-bellied undergraduates and alumnus should contact Roger Gretts by yelling out "Soovie!"



AMANDA STERZICK

Superior Edge Spotlight

Congratulations to **Amanda Sterzick** for completeing all four edges for the Superior Edge! Originally from Saranac, Michigan, Amanda is a senior majoring in psychology/ behavior analysis with a minor in human services. Of all her activities, Amanda states that her favorite activity was working with the Humbling Down youth retreat team that was started as an Student Leader Fellowship Program community service internship. She says "This was my favorite activity because I was able to share and grow in my faith, build stronger relationships with my peers, and improve my leadership and interpersonal skills." Through Superior Edge, Amanda was able to step out of her comfort zone and "see where I started at NMU and how much I have grown as a person, leader, and citizen." Congratulations, Amanda!

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Campus Gossip

A student at South Pacific University is currently angry at her roommate for fighting with her boyfriend until 4:30 a.m. in their dorm room on Sunday March 31, according to female sources close to the angry student.

These same sources concede that plans for forgiveness are unlikely, or at the very least unforeseeable in the near future. The guilty roommate and her boyfriend have since come to terms.

National News

A little known section of a 400,000 page legislative appropriation bill recently signed into law by President Barack Obama has outlawed the production, consumption and sale of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, but sources verify that no one has yet noticed.

On Monday, April 1, Obama made a strong case for his support of the appropriation bill, which also quietly outlawed that whipped marshmallow stuff and other sandwich fixings that may hinder sales of meat products.

Obama went on to emphasize the role meat plays in the federal economy.

"Meat is really the root of the issue at hand," Obama said in a press conference after signing the bill into law last Thursday. "America wouldn't be America if there were no chili dogs. Think about that next time you speak out against this well-researched legislation."

Seeing as the sections outlawing sandwiches not containing meat were buried beneath approximately 289,000 pages of political jargon and sentences like "In the event that a determination of non-regulated status made pursuant to section 411 of the Meat Protection Act has been invalidated or vacated, the secretary of agriculture shall authorize the movement, introduction, sale and commercialization of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches."

No plan has been made to inform the citizenry of this new legislation, and police plan to begin enforcements this week.

International News

South Korean President Park Geun-hye has uninvited North Korea to her country's upcoming "Independence Day" celebrations, following repeated threats of nuclear warfare from her increasingly hostile neighbor to the north.

Experts agree that South and North Korea are on the brink of war, following statements and threats made earlier this month by North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, who stated that his country is ready to use its full capacity of nuclear weaponry on both the United States and South Korea. Hearing this news, Geun-hye became infuriated, and sources concede that her and her country are currently engaged in giving North Korea what could be called a collective "cold shoulder." Sources have also confirmed that Geun-hye has officially uninvited Jong-un and his people to her country's birthday celebrations.

"He's been very aggressive," Geun-hye said at a press conference earlier this week. "But if (Jong-un) is going to talk the talk, he better be ready to experience a pretty devastating cold shoulder."

— Compiled from news sources

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alism and personal security. A petition is circulating to allow guns for personal protection and to protect the island in case of invasion. To think that so much progress could come from Rudy's idea."

The social success pales in comparison to the commercial success, according to Rufus. Students have had to experience long lines in order to make their purchases so far.

"I never expected to get this far with the project," Rufus said. "With the profits we've managed in the last few weeks alone, it'll be possible to expand production tenfold."

According to junior Tepid Spigott, a modern dance major, the enthusiasm held by the labs creators is shared among the SPU student population.

"Finally, someone has brought the party to SPU," Spigott said. "Now there can be more midnight dance parties and plenty more opportunities to work on my studies. Rave on!"

More information about the floating meth labs can be found on the web at www.tinyurl.com/2g9mqh.

For information on where students at SPU can take advantage of street pharmacy deals, please check the SPU student resources web pages.

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previously possessed "signs of a personal vendetta against mascots that resemble animals in nature."

In 2010, Dingus was arrested for tackling Wilburt the Cougar, the mascot of South Pacific University, during an ASSPU meeting.

According to ASSPU witnesses, Dingus "unexpectedly leapt over his table and proceeded to attack Wilburt with a fiery vengeance similar to a dog mauling a chew toy."

Wilburt suffered bite injuries and bruises to the groin. Dingus declined to comment at the time of the incident.

Wilburt the Cougar said the past incident was just as unexpected as the incident against Big Stuff the Pistol Shrimp.

"I was just visiting the meeting to deliver some cookies when, out of nowhere, I was pushed to the ground," Wilburt said. "I don't recall what happened after that exactly. I couldn't see too much out of my mask, and I had a vague sensation that his teeth were locked into my shoulder."

Dingus' mother, Doris Dingus, said the student showed

little to no signs of a potential outburst while he has had incidents in the past concerning mascots.

"He's such a weird kid," Dingus said. "He once had a pet crawfish that pinched him on the nose after he attempted to kiss it. He has been scared of them ever since, so to attack someone dressed like a giant shrimp is a shock to myself along with his entire family."

Dingus' fellow ASSPU members stated in the Monday, April 1 meeting minutes they would discuss "terms of individual dismissal from student governmental duties and responsibilities that could possibly relate to crustaceans or anything similar."

After an interview with the Derry County Times and Clarion, Fred Dingus said he did not commit any such act of crustacean-aimed violence.

"I have no idea what is going on," Dingus said. "All I know is that the big shrimp guy stole my shirt and gave me a bunch of dirty dishes from a restaurant next to the croquet field. He ripped my shirt right off of me. Of course I was going to be mad."

Big Stuff the Pistol Shrimp declined to comment at this time.

Graduates fight inclination to get drunk during week

By Tammy TuTone
weather girl

Recent graduates of South Pacific University are having an incredibly difficult time fighting the inclination to get drunk on weeknights, sources confirm.

Getting drunk on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and even the occasional Monday is an opportunity that many students at SPU take thorough advantage of in their years at the university.

However, many recent SPU alumni have said the inclination to stay at the bar far past the "happy-hour" crowd of their newly attained jobs in the so-called "real-world" has been cause for much ridicule amongst their new, and more boring, social circles.

"At SPU, we didn't have classes on Fridays, so Thursday was just assumed to be part of the weekend," Duke LaPierre, a December 2012 I-can-use-Microsoft-Word graduate of SPU, said, attempting to justify his borderline alcoholism now that he is a "real" person.

LaPierre said the hardest weekend-night-turned-weeknight to get over was Thursday, citing that through his four years at SPU, he never once had a Friday class.

However, he very much misses other opportunities for getting drunk during the week as well.

"Well, you know, the Defiled Clover has super cheap beer every Wednesday night, and there were various other specials around town on Tuesdays," he said. "When I was constantly stressed out in college, the assumed activity to manage that stress was to go to the bar with friends after class."

However, according to sources, general life activity is also known to be the source of much anxiety, especially in individuals between the ages of 24 and death.

According to older and more responsible adults, such factors that may result in anxiety, depression and a so-called "mid-life crisis" include, but are not limited to: children, marriage, paying off a mortgage, 40-hour work weeks, making dinner and trying to maintain a young appearance for as long as humanly possible.

"Yeah, those all seem pretty stressful," LaPierre admitted. "But whatever, dude, I have to pay rent."

Sources confirm that LaPierre still gets his cell phone, car insurance and car payments paid for by his parents.

"I make minimum wage and spend \$100 on booze every week,



Tits Megee/SB
SPU alumna Sara Finklestein just likes to get drunk during the week.

what do you want from me!?" he said.

However, according to LaPierre, the fact that no one drinks on Tuesday in the "real world" is something he had never really considered, and is now forced to drink alone due to a lack of viable friends at his new place of employment, McDonalds.

"I just don't understand how I could be so unprepared for this," he said. "Back at SPU, everyone was just so down with getting drunk during the week. Now, I'm forced to drink solo. It's really killing my mood, man."

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Bros problematic for SPU

South Pacific University students have voiced concern about a shift in student demographics.

In 2010, only 120 freshmen who enrolled identified themselves as "bros" on their admissions applications.

The latest information from the 2012 admissions office states "of the 9,527 students enrolled, 1,468 identified as a 'bro' or 'bro-confused.'"

This is an alarming 1,123-percent increase in bros on campus.

On any given day, students can hear the dull twack of flip-flops, the thunderclap of high fives and the sentence-ending "bro" added to every turn of phrase.

How do South Pacific University administrators plan to handle this, bro? Director of admissions Braus Dudetsky believes a new marketing firm needs to be hired.

"Currently, the firm to which SPU contracts advertising and marketing campaigns has focused on the beach culture on the western coast of South America. They've stopped catering to academics and have attracted beefed-

up bros and beach bums galore," Dudetsky said. "But that's fine, man. SPU should be a chilled-out campus. Naw what I mean, bro?"

But students will not stand for this. The Southern Blow staff urges fellow students to rise from your beach chairs, to take off your cheap shades and make your voice heard.

Wear shirts with sleeves. Follow more than sports and the latest in longboarding technology.

While SPU does not need anymore hipsters, another alarming infestation, this university does not need another bro.

As one student put it: "What we need is a serious student body. I mean, who enrolls in a university whose campus is a series of pontoon boats linked together unless they really want to learn?"

How can you argue with that logic. Make your voices heard and drown out the bros.

Remember the battle cry of our generation — YOLO — as you expel the bros from our campus into the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Uncertainty about Heisenberg



Crime Report

McRough the Grime Dog

Many students at South Pacific University have been giving methamphetamines a bad reputation, and that rubs McRough the Grime Dog the wrong way.

When I was a young pup, the only way my parents dealt with stress was by furiously humping the human legs of strangers or barking relentlessly at imaginary objects after eating a hefty amount of cat food.

Lucky for us, some genius dug underneath his (or her) sink and mixed together something everybody can agree upon: meth, the glassy chemical compound of the people.

And yes, a few (thousand) bathtubs and apartments have blown up along the way, but even Dorothy hit a few bumps on the yellow brick road.

Despite objection from the SPU administration, meth has become the collective science project here on the floating oasis that is Southern Pacific. And because we're in international waters, harsh anti-drug laws don't apply.

Plus, in other countries such as

the United States, methamphetamine hydrochloride is approved by the government agency that oversees drug development to treat Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, depression and obesity.

Feeling sad because you've tacked on the freshman 15 and you can't seem to pay attention? Well, just ask one of your fellow peers for the cure: good ol' reliable meth.

Many Cougars on campus are buzzing on the blue-glue which holds campus pride together. Crime has gone way down, as a direct result of the increased use of meth on campus, according to a reliable source.

Cougars are more alert and productive. You can see the happy toothless smiles of many SPU Cougars walking around campus. That slight pep in their step and shake in their gait is a clear sign that tomorrow will burn a little brighter than today.

As a labratarian — my mother was a labrador and my father a libertarian — I believe students should choose their drug of choice. Be it cigarettes, alcohol or crystal meth, freedom to choose is important.

Don't just take my word for it. Trust the glassy look in my eye. Look past the legions and read my face.

Meth is here to stay.

Southern Blow offends student

Accusations of giving the 'chili' shoulder

I was appalled The Southern Blow chose to endorse a team for the South Pacific University Chili Cook Off (SPUCC).

"Eat Reginald Peter's Chili" was a downright biased editorial that had no business running in a newspaper with such influence as The Southern Blow.

As a hardworking contestant who put the heart and soul of many fallen steer into a boiling, roiling pot of bean, tomato, onion and love, I was put off by the paper's opinion — none of the staff even stopped by to try my chili, which was awarded "Best Use of Heat" in the SPUCC.

A wise cook once told me that people have rights, but they also have responsibili-

ties. I cannot recall his name, though; he gave me a terrible case of food poisoning.

But your staff needs to be more responsible, Southern Blowers.

I say, "Shame, shame," as I wag my finger in your general direction, sirs and madams.

Next year, The Southern Blow staff should put my chili where their mouth is before printing an editorial that endorses a man who went so far as to make vegan chili — egad!

Until then, eat your words and Reginald Peter's tasteless chili you jaundiced, yellow journalists!

Harold Spunk junior, rodeo clown major

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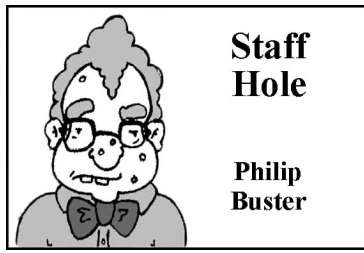
Letter Policy

Letters to the Editor are highly discouraged. Limit letters to 10 words or less. Letters should be written on the back of a napkin.

All letters may be used as a napkin and read aloud to children, who primarily make up our focus groups here at The Southern Blow.

Letters should be placed in a glass bottle and hucked in the general direction of South Pacific University. If you feel the need to actually submit a letter to the editor, then huck away.

Listen to Ishmael, bring concealed carry to SPU



Staff Hole

Philip Buster

After a heated dispute on Saturday, March 30, two SPU students exchanged gun fire on campus, which resulted in Grievous Hall sinking into the balmy ocean.

The altercation resulted after one student accused the other of being a bleeding-heart liberal.

Administrators and students have addressed the question of campus safety, particularly in regard to concealed carry on campus. Some students feel unsafe knowing their peers are packing heat, but this fear is unfounded.

Statistics (that I altered to agree with this column's premise) reveal that only two students were injured by stray bullets last semester. Imagine if that many stray puppies were adopted; do you hate puppies?

It is only right that students be allowed to carry weapons on SPU's campus.

There is no law to prohibit such an action since SPU is located in international waters. There is no law but the law of the smoking gun.

Students for Concealed Carry on Campus president, Ishmael expressed his support for concealed carry.

"I come from a family of whalers," Ishmael said, "Having a harpoon tucked into my coat always makes me feel more comfortable."

Those against this policy are

— to put it simply — a bunch of cotton-headed ninnymuggins.

Carrying a gun doesn't just protect the student with the weapon; it protects everyone. The two students involved in the sinking of Grievous Hall won't be accusing someone of being a bleeding-heart liberal anytime soon, and that is the important issue at hand.

Politics should not cloud the judgement of freedom-loving SPU students.

Carrying a concealed weapon on campus is a non-partisan issue. Whether you are a bleeding-heart liberal or a stuffy conservative, you should be riding the .357 express every day of your life.

And consider the environment in which SPU students live.

If you would recall the Great

White Shark War of 2011, when the campus was locked down after mutated sharks climbed from the ocean and started devouring students in Spanks Hall?

It was the duty bound students who were carrying that saved the day by repelling the sharks from our streets, back into the water and under the sea.

SPU's campus safety cannot protect every student, and everyone has a right to an expectation of safety. It's an issue of self defense.

Just last month, The Budget — the famous SPU rapper — was cut outside of his house, where he was representing.

Had The Budget been carrying, he would have had an opportunity to protect himself.

Students go to college in order to challenge themselves and to challenge others, both intel-

lectually and via duel.

These are international waters, and the law is what everyone agrees upon.

I want SPU to set an example for the rest of the world because if a bunch of pontoon-school-learning, hippie-dippy students, faculty and staff can agree on the issue of concealed carry, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Besides, there are lionfish, tiger people and werewolf-mermaid freaks with fins as sharp as ground glass, and I don't want to face them unarmed.

It is about individual rights. Students, do what is right and support the cause.

It's fair to say that a lot of holes can be shot in the anti-gun argument.

Just like Grievous Hall, the anti-gun lobby on campus will be sunk.

Relationship advice: stimulating senses key in game of love



Sexual Healing

Creepy Dave

When it comes to sex, ole Dave is the man with the answers. A lot of guys come to me with questions and so I thought I'd take this week's column to talk a little bit about the art of seduction.

The first thing a guy has to understand is how crucial each sense is when trying to make the ladies swoon. Let's start with smell.

To start off the night, I cook up a whole mess of Hamburger Helper before I go out on the town because nothing smells better than a buttery slew of the Double H. I take some napkins, dip them in the grease and stow them away inside of a coat pocket or the back left pocket of my jeans (that is the way to uti-

lize space, gentlemen). Step one, complete.

Now, you want to focus on appearance. The tunic is usually my first choice; it is sexually ambiguous, which makes the ladies think: who is that guy (or woman?).

You never know what kind of a catch you're going to reel in when you are sporting a quality burlap tunic.

Top it off with open-toed sandals, dark sunglasses, one henna tattoo and bolo tie: bam — you have joined Justin Timberlake in the quest to bring sexy back.

You've got the look and the smell, so you're ready to hit the town. South Pacific University (SPU) students frequent hot clubs, but the real scene is a relatively exclusive establishment: the Seedy Saloon, conveniently located on a waterlogged yacht floating just off from the quads.

But if that's not your scene, don't be afraid to try your luck elsewhere.

Wherever you go, make sure to bring a fresh batch of swagger.

Walk into the club with a slight limp and head straight to the bar; keep an eye out for that special someone when you elbow up to the counter.

While we're on the topic of drinks, this is the perfect time to discuss taste. No one likes to drink alcohol, so ordering a delicious concoction such as a mop water, whisky sour or a Don Rickles (a mean drink that'll make you laugh) will show prospective mates you've got class and taste.

By this time, no doubt, you've attracted the attention of some lucky lady. Despite what other people say, never make eye contact — it's a sign of aggression, and you'd hate to come on too strong when first meeting someone. Instead, make sure to breathe heavily and rotate your shoulders in a clockwise motion.

You see, we humans still have some animal in us. That's why women wear makeup as either a tactic to attract a mate or to prepare for war. Be careful, though. Dark blue eye shadow means a

lady is preparing for a siege: and no, ole Dave is not making a sexual innuendo here. She's going to break some clavicles after a few martinis, my friend.

And on the topic of animal instincts, let's talk about the mating call. I find it best to arch your back (think of an angry Predator alien) and let loose a cryptic utterance: my favorite is "indigo forecast." Wrap your voice in silk and sandpaper so that you confuse the ears. Yeah, you are an audiophile's dreamboat.

If no one is looking at you now, then you've messed up one of Dave's foolproof steps.

But chances are, there is a foxy lady hitting on you with one of those classic lines, such as "Hey, are you OK?," to which you simply say, "Yeah, I'm fine, just like you." Another one the ladies like to use: "What the h**l is wrong with you?" to which you say, "Nothing you can't make right."

Unless you're a complete failure, you'll have a lady on your arm while you walk back to your place. She'll press into your tu-

nic-covered body, inhale your Hamburger Helper scent and become entranced in your unparalleled sexual dynamic.

You'll probably find yourself in the bedroom, and you'll be wondering what to do. Calm down. Breathe deeply and loudly. You want to sound as if you are hyperventilating with passion.

Remember that sex is like a fourway stop, and whoever gets there first has the right of way. Sex is also a race to see who can finish first.

Because I am the unrivaled SPU sex champion, I have never lost in the game of sex. The women who have had sex with me have always been sore losers — they look so upset when I gloat.

But you cannot let that stop you. So, gentlemen, remember that seduction and sex are like mathematics: it is difficult and best left up to men like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates.

Until next time, I'll keep on creepin' if you keep on peepin' at my column. Deuces.

Scream & Shout

How do you feel about littering?

compiled by Mann E. Scaping



Kit E. Cat
Aristocat, philanthropist

"I remain abstinent for the betterment of catkind. You'll see no kittens with me."



Alistar Bernard III
Tuna fiend, cat burglar

"I can has litterz of kitzenz? No. Freaking. Way."



Easter Bunny
Lent mascot, egg dyer

"You cat to be kitten me. Have you seen me play fast and loose? I pump em out."



Mr. Whiskers
Meow mix critic, dot chaser

"Lowering the cost of parking passes for students."



Syd Krebs
Catnip connoisseur, badass

"Dude, pass the nip...uh, what was the question again?"

SPU 'K-Pops



By Rusty Knut
magical fog master

South Korean K-Pop sensation PSY will be teaming up with an unlikely partner for SPU's annual spring concert. Some know him as the Great White North, the Motor City Madman or simply "the Nuge."

Feel free to read that over again. PSY and Ted Nugent are scheduled to perform together at 10 p.m. on Friday, April 5 at the Vandana Arena. According to Southern Arts Entertainment (SAE) president James Philbert, the event remains a giant question mark.

"I honestly have no idea how this happened," Philbert said. "We've signed the paperwork, they'll for sure be here, but how this actually came to fruition is beyond me."

Philbert said the group began brainstorming ideas for who to bring to campus early in the fall semester, but by one, their top choices fell through.

"Everyone in the meeting was kind of suggesting their favorite bands, pushing aside student input," Philbert said. "Of course that's standard protocol — but regardless it wasn't really coming together when we came at it from that approach."

Among the bands contacted after the initial meeting were Boys Like Girls, Cobra Starship and One Direction, Philbert said. When they weren't hearing anything back, Philbert said the group went for the Hail Mary.

"We were just kind of over it at that point, and someone jokingly suggested PSY," Philbert said. "One second we were reaching out to PSY's manager through Facebook, next thing we're Skype-ing with him — then he just agreed."

Freshman Kirk Butkiss said he had to excuse himself from the meeting when they heard the news.

"First thing I did was walk out the door, take a deep breath and use the restroom," Butkiss said. "I've never been so happy in my entire life."

According to Philbert, Nugent's subsequent involvement became a result of another bizarre set of circumstances.



Tits McGee/SB
PSY is well known for his viral hit "Gangnam Style."

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rences.

"The next week, after we signed PSY, I'm at Dean Jay's eating a large, barbeque pork sandwich with hot peppers and drinking a birch beer with my bros, and I started telling them about the concert," Philbert said. "Then I felt a rough, calloused hand grab the back of my neck. Before I turned around I knew what was happening — I could smell machine gun oil and sizzled beef, a sure sign that the Nuge had me right where he wanted me."

Philbert said Nugent seemed distressed and agitated over PSY's involvement.

"You might not know it, but the Nuge and PSY have a very Hugh-Jackman-and-Christian-Bale-in-'The Prestige' type of relationship," Philbert said. "Apparently they're old friends and constantly pushing each other."

According to SAE vice president Kelsey Firbranovitz, Nugent's agent called the next day and insisted on being added to the bill.

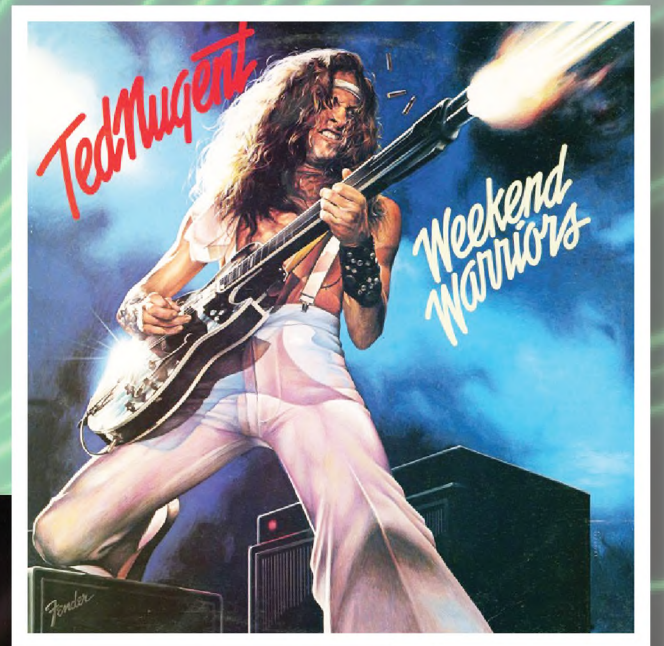
"He was very adamant about performing at the spring concert," Firbranovitz said. "[Nugent] said he would do the show for free and supply the Marketplace with pork for the rest of the semester, so we really just couldn't turn it down."

One of the more interesting aspects of the agreement is PSY's contract rider, which is essentially a list of items and conditions the artist requires for a performance. While one might be quick to think YouTube's most popular star would have a lengthy list of demands, Philbert said it's quite the opposite.

"All the rider had listed was a room-temperature six-pack of Big Flats and some dill pickle potato chips," Philbert said. "It took a little while, but with some help from ASSPU we were able to wrangle up both of those items."

Firbranovitz said the response from campus has been overwhelming so far. "A girl came up to me and told me she was probably going to check out the show after I told her about it," Firbranovitz said. "She wasn't a student, but who really cares."

For more information about the concert or to pre-order tickets, call Philbert at (555) 333-2223.



Tits McGee/SB

Ted Nugent will be performing a number of his signature hits, including "Wildcat Scratch Fever."

Art building sprayed for hipsters

By Rusty Knut
magical fogmaster

The school of art and design will remain closed until Monday, April 8 due to an extensive fumigation initiative aimed at the buildings concentration of “hipsters.”

According to SPU Public Safety officer Larry Gilchman, officials have been looking high and low for a solution to the infestation, which only recently became unmanageable.

“It’s been an issue since the building opened up in ’05,” Gilchman said. “But with the [AD303] art reviews and the senior exhibition coming up, it’s really gotten out of hand.”

Gilchman said Public Safety has long employed a number of foolproof methods to keep the hipster community in check.

“All Public Safety officers are trained to deal with this sort of thing,” Gilchman said. “Standard operating procedure when we see someone, you know, tuck their hair behind their wayfarers or check Instagram is to put them down verbally or smell their fingers to make sure they haven’t been smoking marijuana cigarettes.”

The call for stricter and more sweeping methods of control began when public outcry reached a pinnacle early in the fall semester, Gilchman said. A massive influx of hipsters into Pacifica County

had citizens up in arms.

“It’s always the worst right after summer,” Gilchman said. “These kids are all fired up after their musical festivals and hoo-rahs on the beach and people really get scared.”

Gilchman said the biggest problem that a high concentration of hipsters poses is the self-doubt that they instill in normal, everyday people.

“You can’t walk down the street anymore without someone telling you, ‘Listen to this band,’ or, ‘You shouldn’t eat that,’” Gilchman said. “It’s a threat to our way of life and people feel like they can’t be themselves anymore.”

According to associate professor of psychology Theodore Wilkins, the evolution of the hipster is akin to that of a virus.

“Some of the first mentions of what we now know as hipsters began around the Beatnik period, and that really set the roots of the freaks that we see today,” Wilkins said. “But the whole population has mutated into something much worse.”

Wilkins said the public perception of hipsters is that they’re gadget-obsessed, effeminate and empathetic. However, Wilkins said this refers largely to a more urban variant of the hipster, while Pacifica’s most common breed is that of a “new-ager,” a group whose name suggests a reimagining of the infamous 1960s coun-

terculture movement.

“The new-ager is all the rage in Pacifica,” Wilkins said. “Common behaviors include a strong affiliation with the food co-operative, excessive patronage to Whiterox Brewery, an iPod with an extensive collection of String Cheese Incident live sets and of course a strong sense of self-righteousness. These people will most likely greet you with ‘Namaste,’ rather than, you know, normal words.”

Fumigation of the art and design building is set to begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 5, Gilchman said. First, the building will be entirely sealed, followed by the release of a fumigant onto the premises.

“Our proposal for a lethal fumigant was denied,” Gilchman said. “So we’ll be utilizing a sporty deodorant spray this time around.”

Gilchman said this particular fumigant was chosen with the help of Wilkins, who suggested the spray would be highly volatile in contact with hipsters.

“Studies show that hipsters prefer to smell like the salmon and rice pilaf they made for dinner, or simply body odor,” Wilkins said. “We have strong reason to believe that this will deter their activity throughout the spring.”

For more information about the fumigation, call Wilkins at (555) 555-5555 or email when-willtheybegone@spu.edu.



Rusty Knut/SB

The SPU art and design building will be sprayed for people like these guys.

Roadkill exhibit brings surrealism, vomit to museum

By Darrell Shemzie
that one guy

A new exhibit at the LeRoss Art Museum has been making quite an impression around campus — similar to the impressions it’s specimens have been making on Pacifica’s roads.

“Splat: Life in the Gutter” will be running at the LeRoss through Wednesday, April 10, as a part of the Pushing Boundaries project

started by the schools administration last fall. The exhibit utilizes roadkill found from around the area and incorporates it into different structures.

According to museum director Cletus Maranza, the roadkill exhibit started to come together when the tire of Maranza’s vehicle had an unexpected visitor in the parking lot one morning.

“Yep, I smashed a squirrel outside one day and had a vi-

sion,” Maranza said. “The little dude’s life just seemed like such a horrifically beautiful tragedy, it reminded me of Thomas Cole’s ‘The Course of the Empire.’”

Maranza said he brought the squirrel inside and taped it to the wall of the museum, which drew a significant amount of attention from visitors.

“People seemed really into it,” Maranza said. “A woman puked on the floor next to it, but that re-

ally took it to another level and that’s how it all got started.”

The idea for the exhibit was perfectly aligned with the ongoing Pushing Boundaries project, Maranza said.

“It’s the first big exhibit that’s a part of [Pushing Boundaries],” Maranza said. “The goal of which is to push students into a whole new realm of experimental and surrealist art. Later in the semester, after ‘Splat,’ we have plans for an exhibit using moldy dishrags and one using just spoons.”

Senior art and design major Buck Goodthorne said the exhibit and the series have been monumental in reshaping the way art students think.

“I have a lot of respect for [Maranza] and what he’s started with ‘Splat,’” Goodthorne said. “Art is all about the reaction of the audience, and it doesn’t always have to be a good one.”

“Splat” has drawn both praise and criticism from different audiences. While some hail the work as being an innovative take on the brevity of life and the constant struggle between man and environment, others see it as repugnant, vile and a blatant violation of health codes.

“I just don’t know what people see in it,” said junior environmen-

tal conservation major Thaddeus Crunchwrap. “It’s disrespectful and it’s evil.”

According to Maranza, the naysayers just don’t have an eye for the exhibits thematic elements.

“Can’t you see what we’re doing? We’re creating something beautiful out of our own missteps,” Maranza said.

There are currently 14 pieces of roadkill on display in the exhibit, including both mammalian and avian species. Some pieces have been collected by the SPU grounds crew and some have been donated by private collectors, Maranza said.

“We’ve got a guy downtown who donates a lot of pieces,” Maranza said. “There are quite a few roadkill connoisseurs in the area and they’ve been really helpful so far.”

The LeRoss museum will be holding a reception at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10. Refreshments will be served and admission is free to students and general public. Nose plugs and latex gloves will be provided free of charge.

For more information about the “Splat” exhibit, call Maranza at (555) 906-1222 or email rkillmaster@spu.edu.



Rusty Knut/SB

The ‘Splat’ exhibit on display at the LeRoss museum features pieces of roadkill, including a number of cats.

OTCA: No. 1 in world Olympic group named top in Olympics

By Beef Sherwin
crocodile wrangler

With yet another Olympic season gearing up in the near future, the Olympic Training Center America (OTCA) is concreting its existence as the top organization in the Olympics by offering two new programs to its members.

On Monday, April 1, the OTCA announced they would be adding equine jousting and Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots to the available sports within the course of the Olympic competitions. The announcement came exactly one year after the OTCA was voted as the number-one Olympic organization in existence.

OTCA head coach Bumper Teton said the new events added to the program contribute a new sense of physical athleticism to its members while preparing them to be stronger competitors in the Olympic Games.

"You can't go wrong with Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots," Teton said. "Where other events might lack in hand-eye coordination, the robots really bring out the best of it. Plus, with the inclusion of jousting in our ranks, people are learning the true meaning of life while seeing it flash before their eyes. In my opinion, everyone needs a sort of an experience like that."

According to the OTCA handbook, every team in collegiate Olympic-preparation organiza-

tions is required to house four to nine horses with high-quality stables located in their training premises. In addition to the new stables, the OTCA training center must also provide 16 rooms dedicated to Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots practice rooms, each equipped with two robot sets.

Senior robot boxer and jouster Claudio Banshee said the process of getting ready to compete with the robots takes a great deal of practice and determination.

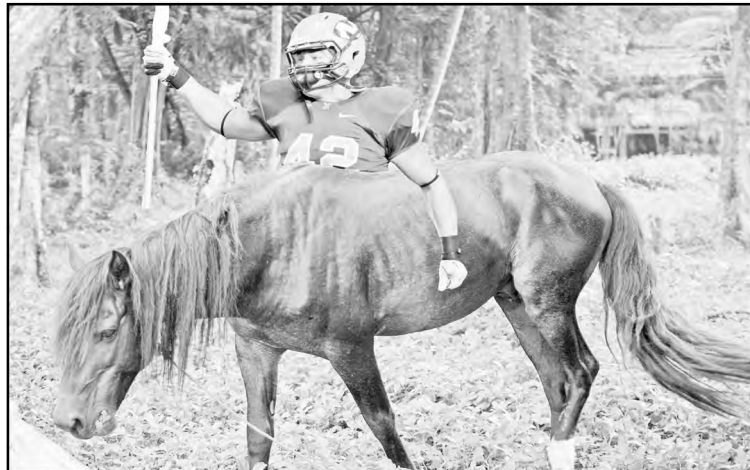
"It's an extremely dangerous sport," Banshee said. "One minute, the red and blue robots aren't making any ground and it seems like a stalemate. Then, you see one of the heads pop up, and it could make you or break you. It's not just in the thumbs, but it is also in the mind."

While competing in Rock 'Em

Sock 'Em Robots, Banshee also is a jouster with the team. Banshee said jousting is possibly the most body-tasking sport that anyone could ever compete in.

"Although the program is brand new with us, I already have harrowing stories from the lanes," Banshee said. "One time, I jousted an opponent clear off of his horse, knocking him into a lane-side latrine. If I were him, I would never forget that smell."

The OTCA training center also provides three new pairs of jousting lanes for the athletes. Grade-A fiberglass was provided to create the jousting lances to ensure the experience would be as physically challenging as it was in the Middle Ages. The OTCA plans on performing in both events in the upcoming 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



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The jousting addition to the OTCA is sponsored by Chaucer Safety & Health Inc. Donations for the team's medical bills are accepted regularly.

Who wears short-shorts?

By Skip "Swish" McGibbles
professor of athletic fashion

The South Pacific University basketball team, in order to maintain the slogan "Southern. Simply," has returned to its former basketball roots by bringing back the short-shorts.

Short-shorts, which mysteriously disappeared at the beginning of 1980s, have made their return to basketball apparel and have gained some serious attention across the nation.

The change was decided during the previous basketball season and will make their debut when the Cougars take on Old School University in an exhibition match next season. Approving the change was SBU's Supreme Chancellor of Apparel, Jordyn Michael. Michael said he never understood why the style went away in the first place.

"It was never clear to me as to why they went away," Michael said. "I think short-shorts not only make a huge fashion statement, I think they are also very advantageous on the court."

The traditional three-inch long shorts have been scientifically proven to be more distracting on

the court than the modern-day 11-inch long bottoms. Dr. Susan Looney, a psychiatrist who studies things that easily distract people, said she discovered that as you expose more of the upper leg, the more distracted opposing players become.

"It is an incredible discovery, if I do say so myself," Looney said. "The amount of leg exposed, along with the added amount of sweat produced, actually has proven that opposing players are more likely to be repelled and will not want to get very close to other players."

With these scientific results proving an advantage to offensive players on the court, young high school athletes, who are now in the process of college recruitment, are beginning to consider SBU as their first choice. High school senior and All-American point guard LeKobe Abdul-O'Neil said he was thrilled when he was informed of the Wildcat's plans to change.

"I am definitely re-considering my options when it comes to where I am going to play ball," Abdul-O'Neil said. "If something as simple as wearing short-shorts can boost my game and can help

me reach my goal of average 60 points per game, how can I turn that down?"

Abdul-O'Neil has yet to visit the campus of SPU and Michael has made it very clear that he wants to have Abdul-O'Neil and several other recruits to visit the school as soon as possible.

"Short-shorts are the future of Cougar basketball," Michael said. "It should be an easy decision for potential recruits when it comes to deciding whether or not to spend their four years in this region when the primary promotion is the use of short-shorts."

So with the future changes to come to SPU's basketball team, let the short-shorts madness begin. While the Cougars are not eligible to compete in the NCAA tournament, Michael said there is no doubt in his mind that if they were eligible, there would be no doubt they would get the No. 1 overall seed in the fashion bracket.

"There is no reason to think we wouldn't be recognized as a the most fashionable team in the entire field," Michael said. "Move over Notre Dame, the Wildcats are the best looking team in college basketball."

"Hiptser" idea hits SPU basketball team

By Cora the Explorer
sports news hunter

South Pacific University has adopted a new school fashion sense that has been spreading across campus like a wild fire.

We all know SPU has a school mascot, and is known for its school colors, but now the university is introducing a school style trend thanks to an NBA influence and one particular athlete on campus.

The National Basketball Association is known for their infamous "hipster" style that is currently trending.

From the large rimmed glasses and bow-ties to the overdone shirts and rolled pant legs, the hipster trend re-emerged from an old 1950s version.

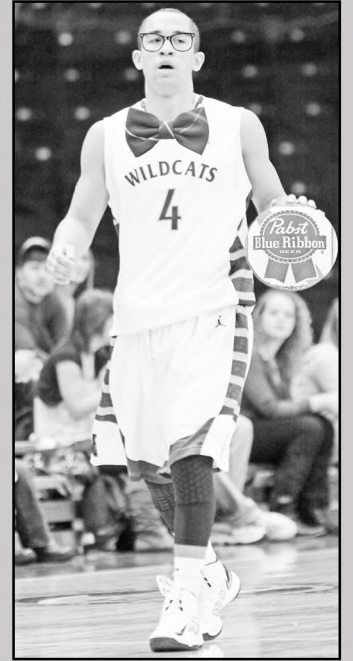
The "hipster" had started off as a representation of someone who alienates themselves from social activities, and grew into a widespread trend followed by megastars and athletes alike. Don't think South Pacific failed to join the bandwagon on this trend. It just took the help of the campus basketball teams to pull the student body on board.

Everyone's been talking and whispering about the most recent known event to bring this hipster rage about. Last week, James LeBron, a 7'3" senior on the SPU men's basketball team set the trend for the campus after his actions popularized the hipster style.

LeBron was one of the first on campus to begin wearing the hipster trend. With his rimmed glasses void of lenses, his notorious polka dotted shirts, kid-like bowties and rolled pants legs, LeBron offered a unique fashion sense in the world of athletics.

Some students, in a survey poll, argued that the hipster dress of LeBron downplayed his intimidation factor as an athlete. They had obviously not seen the recent NBA switch to the fashion sense.

Following the incident that happened on Saturday, March 2, the students changed their mind. On that Saturday, the South Pacific University men's team played in a spring tournament championship game that offered bragging rights to the winner. SPU was set to play in the finals against North Pacific University.



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The average "hipster" garb has players donning empty-rim glasses and large, plaid bow-ties.

Prior to the game, sources say LeBron walked into the opposing team locker room, that of host NPU. He walked straight in, wearing his hipster dress, smoking a cigar and then went on to eye every single player on the rival team. Finally, he walked up to the coach and handed over a packet of papers.

According to inside sources, LeBron offered the opposing coach a listing of all of the South Pacific University plays.

"I think you're going to need these," LeBron said. "As you'll need all the help you can get when you meet us on the court in an hour."

The entire North Pacific rival team was set in intimidation mode, and SPU took the championship victory in a blowout win, 103-67. Since then, the campus has been crawling with students who have taken to the hipster fashion trend.

When asked about what all of the commotion was, an anonymous student said LeBron had set the fashion trend.

"LeBron?" John Doe said. "The 7'3" kid from New York? Yeah if you haven't heard of him you'd better. He set the intimidation factor, and it's all because of his hipster trend."

With the secret behind intimidation revealed, you can understand why the campus fashion trends suddenly changed overnight. It's all thanks to James LeBron, his fearless encounter with the opposing rival team, and a little help from the NBA.

Instagram finds new home in sports

By Beef Sherwin
crocodile wrangler

With the snow melting on the fields and spring rolling in, athletes from across the country are turning not to the diamonds or to the courts, but to the latest organization to hit the grid: the National Instagram League (NIL).

On Monday, April 1, the American Federation League of Refined Play (AFLORP) introduced itself to the world of American professional sports, endorsing every national league sporting event in its official unveiling. During the unveiling, Team USA entered the National Instagramming scene with a team of their very own: the USA Hashtaggers.

USA Hashtagger President Toaster Earlybird said the emergence of such a sporting phenomenon is likely to change what the world thinks of American sports.

"Instagram is not only a viral sensation, but a genuine work-out," Earlybird said. "With the introduction of NIL to the country, the Hashtaggers will be able to introduce new features and new rules to just about every sport that a person could think of. Physical athleticism has entered a new realm and we are ready to enter it, full-force."

According to the AFLORP official book of regulation, professional Instagram is an expansion

of several current sports, such as professional ice hockey and NASCAR stock car racing.

Participants bring their smart phones with them into the various fields of competition, whether it is on the ice or on the track.

"It caused some minor implications when we first introduced the sport to NASCAR," Earlybird said. "We made it through the first handful of 30-car pile-ups without so much as a large scratch. The drivers seem to be picking up on the whole idea much faster than they did years ago with the original, monotonous version of racing."

In NASCAR, the drivers are required to keep in touch with their spotters and their pit crew only through the means of Instagram.

No words can be spoken unless they use Snapchat to do so while they are on the track.

Retired NASCAR driver Richard Petty said this new change helps the racers pay attention to the task at hand while also staying socially active.

"I don't know what we were thinking before," Petty said. "Drivers hardly even have to look ahead of themselves now, which is a huge eye-saver. The spotters send pictures to them every second. It's no longer a race about who has the better car. It's a race about who has the fastest cellular



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The National Instagram League is finding its way into many pre-existing sports, including collegiate ice hockey. The new rules have athletes carrying their smart phones and other devices onto the ice in order to communicate.

service and the better eyes in the stands. It makes it exciting."

In ice hockey, players must also communicate using only the online photo-sharing and social networking service, taking pictures of the puck while in the rink.

Players then send their variously-filtered pictures to the goaltenders, who then must decide if the quality of the picture is high enough to qualify for a shot.

Former Detroit Red Wing goaltender Chris Osgood said the choice of a goal is ultimately

up to the referees, but the goalie must send them the best photo first.

"Players race back and forth on the ice, sharing pictures and trying to generate the best-looking shots," Osgood said. "From what I can tell, the goalies must share all puck pictures with the on-ice refs and the box. They determine who has the best picture and call the score from there."

While the changes are official, other sports are still expected to join the NIL later this summer.

According to Earlybird, NCAA basketball, the NFL and Australian footy.


"I would have loved to have been able to send a SnapChat or a photo message down to the other goalie," Osgood said. "We have long periods of time where we sit there and think about how we can get the best-quality photographs, so we could use the service to share ideas while maintaining a professional hockey career. Plus, I just sometimes used to like the other goalie's helmet design."

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Cougar Wilburt achieves pro mascot

By Beef Sherwin
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While spring teams are hitting the fields to warm up for their upcoming seasons, South Pacific University's very own Wilburt the Cougar has been up to his whiskers in his own competition: the All-National Professional Mascot Tournament.

The olive-and-dandelion-colored Cougar headed to Melbourne, Australia to compete in the tournament on Monday, April 1. During the competition, Wilburt placed in the top five for each of the 15 events, earning nine first place finishes and six finishes in second. With his victory at the tournament, Wilburt was named the World Professional Mascot of 2013.

Through the use of a Cougar-to-English interpreter, Wilburt said he was honored to travel to Australia in order to compete and place as highly as he did, even against the heat.

"I heard we were going to Australia and I have to admit I definitely felt a bit nervous," Wilburt said. "The competition sounded fierce enough as it was, with every mascot in the [United States] attending the tourney. Then we had the heat and let me tell you this: it was hot in that suit."

The All-National Professional Mascot Tournament occurs once

every 20 years, with its location being chosen in the closing ceremony of each tournament out of a hat drawing. University mascots from all around the globe are invited to attend the event. Once there, each mascot must compete in at least 10 out of 15 events in order to be titled a professional mascot at the end of the day.

"Talk about pressure," Wilburt said. "Normally I just have to contend with Snowstorm the St. Bernard from Michigan Scientific University. Now it was every suit that you could possibly imagine. I even saw a few high schools there. Did you know there was a high school from the Lower Peninsula whose mascot is a Flying G? Once I heard news like that, I wasn't scared at all."

After the opening ceremony, Wilburt competed in the tournament's first event: the Skate-Off Challenge. The event calls for each mascot to don a blindfold and skate onto one of Australia's largest ice rinks, the Medibank Icehouse.

The mascots carry a T-shirt gun and have to shoot shirts through 20 targets that are mounted alongside the upper sections of the glass around the ice.

Wilburt finished first place in the competition, making 20 out of 20 shots. The Brisbane Lions football team mascot Bernie "Gabba" Vegas followed behind

the Cougar, making 19 shots in less than five minutes. A 16-way tie for third place followed Vegas, capitalized by Albert E. Gator of the Florida Gators when the reptilian mascot tallied 18 shots in less than three minutes.

Wilburt said the ice was a natural home for him, seeing as the hockey season at SPU brings out the best in a true Cougar.

"I heard someone say the first event was ice skating and I couldn't have been more excited," Wilburt said. "Hockey season is one of the greatest times of the year for a Wildcat. I didn't see Snowstorm out there at all, though. Too bad."

Wilburt continued to earn first place finishes across the board, taking first in the mascot wrestle-off, underwater basket-weaving, the mascot shoe-tie and the Spirit-Off, while his collegiate rival's highest completion was third place in the Suit Endurance.

"The shoe-tie was something we were all scared of, as mascots," Wilburt said. "As you undoubtedly must know, we all have big hands. Motor control was a big challenge, but, when it comes down to it, cat paws beat dog paws and bird talons."

Wilburt said the hardest event to compete in was the Suit Endurance, marking second place just ahead of Snowstorm.

"It was actually nice to see a



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Wilburt the Cougar first rose to fame after South Pacific University misspelled his name on their school flag. Wilburt knew it the whole time.

familiar face in such dire circumstances," Wilburt said. "The Suit Endurance had each of us trying to outlast each other out in the desert in our suits. We were already cooking from the Outback escarpment, but with a name like Snowstorm I knew he would be OK. We were two comrades in a blazing landscape. It turns out Snowstorm got third because he passed out standing up inside of his suit. I lost because I laughed."

With the victories, Wilburt said he was aiming at appearing in the next All-National Tournament down the road, provided he outlived a cat's average lifespan.

"I've already been around since the 1960s, if my memory serves me correctly," Wilburt said. "If it means I can have another shot at finishing where I did this time around, I will gladly live another 50 years. Cougars rule for a reason and always will."

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