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New Jamrich construction continues

By Emily Pagel
staff writer

Construction for the new Jamrich building began Monday, April 1 as the faculty and staff parking lot between the Learning Resource Center and Hedcock was removed in preparation for a facility that is expected to bring connectivity to campus.

The 136,000 square feet, three story building will be fully finished by next August for the fall 2014 semester. The new Jamrich will house not only classrooms and lecture halls but also faculty offices for five departments —

English, psychology and sociology, math and computer science, social work and anthropology — and extensive space dedicated to “informal learning” and lounge seating areas, according to associate director of engineering and planning Jim Thams.

Thams said in spite of the poor Upper Peninsula weather conditions in recent weeks, construction has stayed close to schedule.

“We started slow the first few weeks, but within the second and third week we were able to bring in the excavators,” Thams said. “Having those few weeks at the end of the semester enabled us

to hit the ground running and we only lost three days due to weather.”

Thams said creating a facility that brings connectivity to campus was the driving force of this building, and it will be a “busy, vibrant facility” for both students and faculty. There will also be a passageway connecting the Learning Resource Center to the new Jamrich building, according to Thams.

Thams also said it is important NMU maintains a large lecture hall for extracurricular activities such as Campus Cinema and oth-

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Kristen Koehler/NW

Construction of the new Jamrich building began about two months ago and is expected to be completed in August 2014, in time for fall semester.

Michigan Talent



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Devos Art Museum preparator Chris Moore considers the placement of pieces that will be in the North of the 45th Parallel exhibit this week. The exhibit will be shown from Friday, June 7 until Sunday, August 4.

NMU awarded for student engagement

By Amanda Monthei
managing editor

With its dedication to hands-on learning, NMU has recently shown that it's leading the way among Michigan universities.

On Wednesday, April 24, NMU received the Campus Compact Engaged Campus of the Year award for its four-year track record of helping students find relevant and professional service learning opportunities.

With programs like the Aca-

ademic Service Learning (ASL) courses, Student Leader Fellowship Program, the Center For Student Enrichment and over 300 student organizations on campus, NMU has proven itself to be one of the top game changers in the realm of pre-graduation service learning.

“Service learning is project-oriented learning with community partners,” said Charles Ganzert, a professor in the communications and marketing department. Ganzert also attended

the award ceremony, which was held at the state capital building in Lansing.

“We think that this is something that Northern is sort of getting a reputation for doing well. It's a place where you can not only learn the theoretical side of your field and read about it and think about it, but you can get your hands on it — you're not just learning theoretical stuff, you're actually doing it.”

Ganzert was one in a group

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NMU professors awarded grants

By Trent Podskalan
features editor

Two Northern Michigan University professors have received grants to fund the restoration of museum paintings and the research of the perception and performance of children's motor skills earlier this month.

Director and curator for the Devos Art Museum, Melissa Matuscak was granted \$4,000 from the Finlandia Foundation to clean and restore 20 paintings by Finnish artist and Upper Peninsula native, N. Cecelia Kettunen, a project that Matuscak said has been going on for five years.

Matuscak said Kettunen was raised in Ishpeming and died in 1992. Matuscak also said it's not very often the museum receives this amount of work from a single artist.

“We've had [the paintings] in storage and have shown them in the museum before,” Matuscak said. “[Kettunen] stored the artwork in her cabin, but the cabin wasn't heated in the winter and the bulk of it was created in the 1940s and 50s.”

Matuscak said the paintings may have been damaged by conditions created by a wood stove Kettunen had in her cabin.

A wood stove, Matuscak said, can create surface grime which could be a contributing factor to the condition of the paintings.

The paintings, Matuscak said, need a good cleaning and there are some cracks in the paint in some areas that need to be painted over.

“The goal with the whole project is to have a catalog published about Kettunen and create an exhibition of her work and have it travel around the Upper Peninsula and the Midwest,” Matuscak said.

“Right now we have about a dozen paintings down in Chicago but they're going to take a year to clean.”

Matuscak said the grant is beneficial to the completion of this project as the museum has a budget to do programming, but no fund is established for work on the museums permanent collection.

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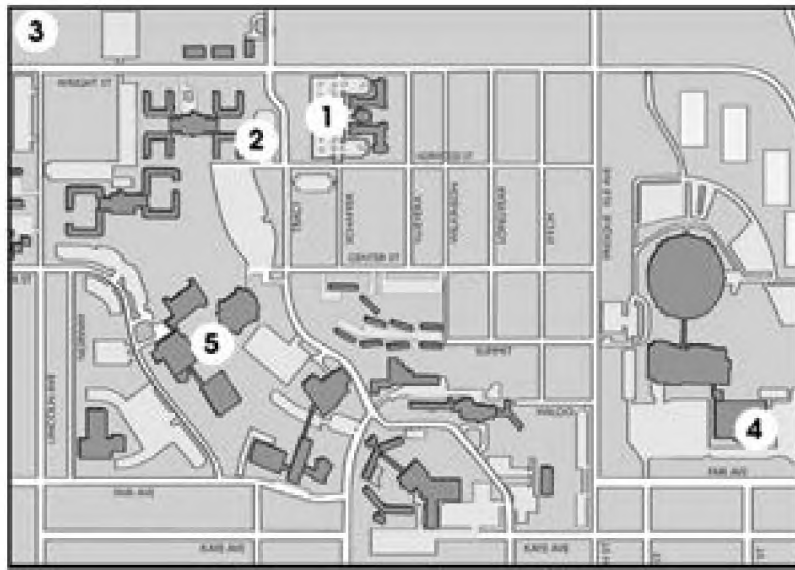


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5. Larceny of a bike from the Academic mall was reported at 12:30 p.m. on May 29.



ASNMU prepares for fall semester

By Trent Podskalan
features editor

ASNMU is creating and revamping some projects this summer for the upcoming fall semester.

ASNMU treasurer and senior computer information studies major Nathan Bradbury said the first project is to raise the campus' landscaping appearance.

"We're working with the grounds crew to find a designated flower bed," Bradbury said. "You pick a spot and from there you do your own landscaping within that area."

Bradbury said ASNMU is trying to spread its name across campus and demonstrate that it's accomplishing things this summer.

Bradbury said other big projects ASNMU is working on are the upcoming student orientations and Fall Fest.

"Our biggest goal for the next year is ultimately our advertising," Bradbury said. "Just getting our name out there and letting [students] know what we can do for them."

Bradbury said ASNMU's goal is to let students know what the organization is in place for.

"The biggest thing is to let them know we're there so if an issue comes up, they can come to us and we can try to fight that issue for them," Bradbury said. "[That] is ultimately the biggest reason we're here."

Another project the organization

has been working on is the bike share program.

"I re-inventoried the bikes and got them all up-to-date," Bradbury said. "We have about 20 of them ready to go in the fall."

Bradbury said advertising is going to be key in informing students of the bike share program. Bradbury also said the project is the organization's largest because it's been ongoing for a year now.

He said students can check-out bikes from the library using their student ID. The student will have the bike free of charge for 72 hours, but if the bike is not returned within three days, there is a charge of \$5 for each day the bike is kept.

Bradbury said students will be held accountable for any damages that happen to the bike.

"Any damages beyond normal wear and tear will be charged to their student account," Bradbury said. "So instead of us having to bill them and then them throwing away the bill, they'd have to pay it before they can register [for classes] or graduate."

The bikes were donated by NMU Public Safety, Bradbury said, so the quality isn't top notch, but they are good to begin the program with.

Additionally, ASNMU president Amber Lopota recently attended a conference at the University of Maryland to improve her leadership skills to be applied to future ASNMU projects.

Lopota said she partially attributes her ASNMU election success to her speech for the March event, Elect Her.

Lopota said Judy Puncuchar, an assistant professor in the School of Education, sent her a message shortly after the event asking Lopota if she would be interested in attending a conference focused on women in leadership roles, specifically on college campuses.

Lopota said she took a lot away from the various workshops.

"It was amazing," Lopota said. "There were literally over 100 [workshops] to choose from."

From learning salary negotiations to how to stop saying "sorry," Lopota said there was a large focus on strengthening leadership and self-confidence.

"At the end of the workshop, they had keynote speakers who really emphasized that you really have to pick up your place in this world and chase your dreams," Lopota said. "Once you're able to do that, the number one priority should be to go out and help someone else do the same thing."

Lopota said she realizes the word "leader" can carry a heavy meaning.

"Some people think it's an overwhelming responsibility, which it is, but in a very positive way," Lopota said.

"I would love to extend a hand, pull [people] in and help them get involved."



State News

The Michigan Senate passed a budget on Tuesday, June 4 that prevented funding for implementation of the Common Core State Standards for education in the state.

Although the measure has yet to be signed by Governor Snyder, it is expected to pass and make Michigan the second state to pull back from taking action to improve the quality of education for public school students.

The U. S. Department of Education has stated that failure to implement education standards that would prepare students for college standards could affect federal funding at some point in the future.

National News

Officials predict that there may be relief for the citizens of West Alton, Mo., as both the Mississippi and Missouri rivers are believed to have peaked on Tuesday, June 4.

Severe flooding has dispersed hundreds in the community to the safety of nearby St. Louis, Mo., when a levee protecting the area broke during the extensive rainfall the region has been inundated with over the past week.

Although more rain is expected for Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, it will not impact the height of the river which is now at least 10 feet above flood stage.

The water levels in the rivers have risen as much as 45 feet following low levels due to drought conditions just five months ago.

International News

The United States has sent a strong message to the Iranian government this week in favor of sanctioning the country's nuclear program, which many U.S. officials assume is being used for the creation of atomic weapons.

The U.S. has blacklisted 37 major private companies worldwide who are linked with the Iranian government, which prohibits U.S. citizens and companies from dealing with the companies.

The blacklisting is the fourth sanction in less than a week the U.S. has administered in an attempt to decrease revenue to the Iranian government. Last year, the U.S. and Europe nearly halved their reliance on Iranian oil exports, taking billions from the country's revenue. The United States is expected to continue sanctions on Iran's government and industries but will not sanction any natural gas exports from the coun-

Weird News

Justin Beckerman, a high school student from Mendham, N.J., has constructed his own one-person submarine from discarded materials.

It took him \$2,000 and six months to complete the construction.

The vessel has completed three dives and can dive successfully to a depth of 30 feet.

The sub has its own power systems and includes emergency batteries, a PA system, lighting, oxygen and ballast.

It is capable of staying submerged for up to two hours.



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ASNMU president Amber Lopota, second from left, speaks to the assembly in the last meeting of the spring semester. Lopota recently completed a workshop in Washington D.C. that emphasized the importance of females in government positions.

— Compiled from news sources

Students find new ways to get around

NMU students look for travel alternatives as gas prices creep higher

By Mark Merritt
contributing writer

It's a blustery Marquette afternoon, and NMU student Michael Williams, a junior environmental science major, waits for a bus on the corner of Presque Isle Avenue and Union Street.

Williams' intended destination is Econo Foods, where he will shop for his standard two week supply of groceries, but he first must catch a bus interchange Marq-Tran's newly built transfer station in downtown Marquette.

Although he has a working car, Williams chooses to take advantage of Marq-Tran's zero-fare student services for a variety of reasons. According to Williams, perhaps the most important reason is how expensive gas has become in recent weeks.

According to the American Automobile Association of Michigan, gas prices in Marquette jumped 15 cents during the past month, raising the area average to \$4.02 per gallon.

"I think the rational response to rising gas prices is to take public transportation," Williams said. "I have a car, but gas prices totally affect whether or not I use it. I usually either opt for walking or for taking the bus."

Williams said taking advantage of free public transportation is a great way to avoid "using the car as a personal wheelchair." Williams said he thinks students, including himself, rely too much on their own vehicles when they could be carpooling or riding the bus, adding that he would like to see more cash-strapped students taking advantage of Marq-Tran's zero-fare student transport, which allows any NMU student to ride for free.

"A lot of students don't even know they have free access," Williams said. "I would like to see Northern plug it more and tell students 'Hey, you have free transportation.' I didn't hear it directly from Northern; I heard it through the grapevine. Maybe it's just that

I don't pay attention, but a lot of students don't either."

According to stats provided by Niki Norman, principal secretary at Public Safety, ridership for both on- and off-campus bus routes over the past few years has fluctuated greatly.

According to Norman, the off-campus fixed-route ridership from August 2011 to April 2012 was 34,785, while numbers for September 2012 to April 2013 were 39,404, indicating an increase in the use of off-campus transportation. The on-campus transportation indicated a different pattern, however.

"For August 2011 through April 2012, the total passengers for Marq-Tran's on-campus routes was 50,023," Norman said. "The on-campus statistics are not complete, but ridership from August 2012 to March 2013 has been 33,671."

However, because the on-campus Wildcat Shuttles only transport students during the academic year (fall through spring semester), Public Safety's statistics concerning on-campus ridership in 2013 are not yet complete.

Still, Norman said the 16,352 passenger difference could be easily explained.

"The tentative shuttle numbers for April 2013 are 7,800. They are still compiling the numbers from this week," she wrote. "That would bring the ridership for 2012-13 to approximately 41,471."

Norman said both inclement weather and absence of classes in observance of Martin Luther King Day could have also affected this number.

And while the off-campus ridership statistics indicate an increase in people utilizing public transportation, a 2013 study by Smart Growth America revealed that less than one percent of Marquette workers 16 and older said they commuted by public transportation between 2009 and 2011.

The overwhelming majority of workers chose to drive their own cars instead, even when Marquette saw its highest ever recorded gas

price — \$4.30 per gallon — in May 2011. In fact, according to the study, more workers chose to walk instead of riding the bus. Some students seem to share a similar outlook on public transportation.

"My job requires me to have a car and drive it around anyway," said Joe Jacisin, a junior NMU student studying heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. "I'm a pizza guy, so I just use my car because it's required for work. Plus, I feel more comfortable driving in my own car."

As a pizza deliveryman, Jacisin said his gas is typically paid for by tip money. Although he almost never rides the bus, Jacisin did admit he would take full advantage of Marq-Tran's services if he found himself out of work or without a car.

"This town is small enough to where public transportation works efficiently," Jacisin said. "The buses are always running all over Marquette and it seems like it never takes very long to get from one place to another. I don't take the bus personally, but I'm glad the option is there."

Marq-Tran is Marquette County's only public transportation authority. It was established in 1970 and operates daily in Marquette, Ishpeming and Negaunee, as well as in an array of other local townships.

According to Smart Growth America, Marq-Tran receives funds through the Michigan Department of Transportation from the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5311 program, which provides funding to non-urban areas with populations fewer than 50,000. The transit authority also receives funding through a county-wide property tax, according to the same organization.

Studies conducted by AAA Michigan suggest gas prices statewide have been consistently higher than the national average for the past 12 months.

Currently, the statewide average is \$4.09 per gallon of regular unleaded gasoline. The current nationwide average is \$3.62.



BY BIKE OR BUS

Current average price of unleaded gasoline:

\$3.62 National

\$4.09 Michigan

\$4.02 Marquette

(statistics from AAA Michigan)

BY BUS:

Number of fixed routes Marq-Tran, runs: **9**

Number of people who rode Marq-Tran in 2012: **360,388**

Percentage of Marquette County workers age 16 and older who commuted to work via public transportation between 2009 and 2011: **1%**

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Calories burned from one mile of light biking (for a 150 lb person): **38** (*Livestrong.com*)

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Cooper Dendel, a senior elementary education major, bikes up Third Street earlier this year. Many students take advantage of biking as both exercise and a way to save money on gas.



Kristen Koehler/NW

The Marq-Tran bus system runs 365 days a year, has nine fixed routes in the Marquette area and has a door-to-door pick up service with a reservation. And, it's free for NMU students.

Online classes provide new medium for learning

By Ray Bressette
contributing writer

Across the nation, 6.7 million higher education students have enrolled in an online course during their college career, making up a third of the nation's college students.

70 percent of universities report that online learning plays a critical role in their long-term strategy, according to the Babson Survey Research Group in San Francisco.

Northern Michigan University is one of the many schools across the country with rapid growth in online learning.

During the past decade, NMU has increased their number of offered courses online from 26 in the fall of 2004 to 114 in the winter of 2013, while 146 online courses are being offered this summer to meet the high demand of online learning at NMU.

Elizabeth Monske, an assistant professor of English at NMU, also trains teaching assistants in the English department in the art of online teaching.

According to Monske, when online courses were first offered at NMU in the late 1990s, they were meant as a replacement for correspondence courses, where distance learners would receive an assignment in the mail to be completed and sent back to receive a grade or for a student working full-time who wished to receive an associates or bachelor's degree.

Monske said while NMU still has students enrolled in online classes from cities all across the nation, online courses have grown to accommodate on-campus and Marquette-area students, as well as distance learners.

"I don't think these courses were ever meant for the kid in pajamas," Monske said. "However, these courses are now reaching a whole new world of learning for students and are reaching a group of students in the Marquette area, helping them further their educa-

tion as well."

Katherine Place, a sophomore criminal justice major, is one of these students living in Marquette who benefit from online courses. Place works 28 hours a week to help pay for college. With a heavy workload, Place said online learning provides her with the best opportunity to succeed in class.

"I learn a lot better when I am focusing on myself," said Place. "When you're reading chapters and going over notes, the sense of independence makes you learn the material on your own, which helps if you strive better through individual work."

Students seeking online courses should have great self-discipline and the ability to produce work under strict deadlines. With nobody reminding students about assignments and quizzes, one has to be very organized and prepared to put in a good amount of work, according to Place. "You can't slack off and push things aside, you have to take the class seriously to succeed."

Tom Gillespie, an instructional technologist at NMU who provides support and assistance to professors with online courses, said that changes over time such as the switch in course management from WebCT to the Moodle system known as "EduCat" has strengthened the online courses at NMU.

"Based on surveys with professors and students, we've been able to serve them with what we feel is the best software that accommodates their educational needs for an online class with EduCat," Gillespie said.

EduCat's software features allow for online courses to have open thread discussions through chatrooms, wall posts and message boards as forms of classroom discussion in ways that have been limited with previous software used at NMU, according to Gillespie.

Not everyone on campus is on board with online learning at

NMU. While Robert Goodrich, an associate professor of history at NMU, has been teaching online courses for a decade, he is largely critical of online learning.

"Most higher thinking that we're trying to get at in college is not just about memorizing facts," Goodrich said. "Creative thinking requires heavy engagement with professors, one that tends to see smaller results in that aspect of courses online."

Goodrich also said while some students come into an online course with expectations that a course will be easier online than in person, an online class will actually be harder if the proper amount of work is done to receive a good grade.

Goodrich said he holds his online students to the same level of expectations as his students in his classes held in person, with the same quizzes and homework assignments.

While the number of students taking online classes seems to increase each year, he adds that he cannot find a statistically meaningful difference in grades between online and on campus classes.

"It's all with what kind of effort your students are going to put forth in the class," Goodrich said.

While the number of online courses offered at NMU along with the number of students enrolled in these courses continue to increase, according to Monske, NMU is not an online school.

In order to have online certificates, such as an associates or bachelor's program, the school would have to change its accreditation, which is not something NMU plans on doing any time in the near future.

"Students and parents still want face to face contact," Monske said. "I don't think students are going to want to go completely online at NMU. But while we have such an important tool such as the internet, it is important that we use it."

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of eight NMU administrators and graduate students to have recently travelled to Lansing to receive the "Engaged Campus of the Year" award from Michigan Campus Compact, which was based on Northern's exceptional dedication to the gain-



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ing of professional experience through service learning projects. Among those attending were Paul Lang, associate provost at NMU, Rachel Harris, director of the Center for Student Enrichment, and the recently retired Dave Bonsall and two graduate students, Lizzie Corsier and Hannah Kratz.

"It's all these different aspects — it's the international service trips, it's academic service learning, it's Superior Edge and the student leader fellowship program," said graduate assistant at the Center for Student Enrichment Hannah Kratz.

"There are so many professors, individuals, faculty and staff that really care about this stuff so they're doing whatever they can to get their students involved and engaged in the community."

Ganzert agreed that Northern's dedication to service learning is not a singular effort but instead a sweeping movement across campus, involving many different departments and programs.

"You can look at the Center for Student Enrichment, but you can also look to the departments on campus, and if you look at the Center (for Student Enrichment), they're all doing a lot of really neat stuff," Ganzert said.

According to Ganzert, service learning relies on participation from not only a student and professor, but also a partner in the community who is willing to help students gain experience. When all goes as planned, all parties involved benefit from a service learning association.

"Service learning is not just about being a volunteer — you're connecting a course or discipline with an activity," Ganzert said. "One of the keys to academic service learning is that it's tied to the curriculum but everyone has a win."

"The students get something out of it, the professors get something out of it and the partners get something out of it."

According to Ganzert, the fact that a majority of campus departments provide some sort

of service learning medium for students is the main reason Northern has become a noteworthy university for service learning.

"A lot of people in departments across campus know that this is a way to sort of illustrate what you're going to do after you graduate and that's a good thing to try out," he said. "If you're going to be a major, you should give it a shot and if it feels good you keep doing it and if it doesn't, well then change your major. Then you'll get a chance to try it there too and maybe confirm where you are and what you're doing."

Ganzert suggested that first-year students get involved with an ASL or department service learning project during their first year as a way to test the waters of a recently declared major.

"Incoming students, they may not have a firm grip on their major yet," he said. "(With service learning) you get a sample but you might also do something in the community to engage with other people in the community. Instead of just being away from it, being in a dorm and not really knowing what goes on around here, we're trying to push you in the community to try something together."

Additionally, there are a large number of student organizations on campus that can help students get a taste of different majors, interests and hobbies without being altogether committed to them.

"One of the great things about Northern is that for a relatively small school, there are a lot of opportunities," Ganzert said. "Also, you don't have to be a senior to qualify to take advantage of an opportunity, you can be engaged earlier on and be a part of the community, make a difference."

"Another thing that's nice about service learning is that you affect change, you can make a change and make a difference somewhere and it makes you feel like 'not only do I have a major but maybe I can actually be a part of a community and enjoy being a person situated with other people.'

"You can build a resume instead of just saying 'I got a degree and here's my GPA.'"

According to an ASL fact sheet, 1,865 students participated in one of the 81 ASL courses during the 2011-12 school year, with 85 percent of them attributing community interaction as an enhancement or their learning and understanding of the subject matter of the course.

Ferris State University received honorable mention for the Engaged Campus of the Year award.

JAMRICH

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er large campus events.

Among the departments that will be relocated to the new Jamrich is the English department. The English department offices are currently located in Gries Hall near the University Center.

Jo Doran, a professor in the English department, said the relocation of the department to the new Jamrich building would bring many benefits for students and faculty that is very important.

"Last fall I had a class downstairs here in Gries, and it was wonderful," Doran said. "I had easier access for things students wanted during class, like if they asked, 'do you have a book on this,' or 'could you make a copy of such and such,' I could run up and do it. It was just excellent."

She said the convenience of having classrooms and faculty offices in relative proximity will greatly benefit students.

Doran also said the relocation will give professors more availability with students since they will be in the academic mall.

"We will be located where all the buildings are active," she said. "Right now we are really separate. It takes me a long time to get over (to the academic mall)."

"If I'm working with a student here (in Gries Hall) during office hours and then to run over to class, I have to break things off, whereas if I had a classroom in the same building I could spend time with them."

The structure now has 90 percent of the foundation completed. The steel and walls will be up before November, if everything goes as planned.

Volunteers get dirty



Kristen Koehler/NW

Senior biology major Alex Graeff (left) and finance department graduate Yi Chen help with the campus native plant garden behind the New Science Building on Wednesday, June 5.

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“Anytime we do projects like this, it comes out of the programming fund,” Matuscak said. “That’s why we applied for the grant.”

Matuscak also said the grant is not only an honor to the museum, but to the community as a whole.

“It was a huge honor to be recognized for the importance of this artwork not only to the community but to the Upper Peninsula as well,” she said.

Spokesman Richard Ahola of the Finlandia Foundation said Matuscak was one of 31 people who were awarded grants this year. A second grant was awarded to Jason Bishop in the amount of \$5,000 from the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Bishop, who is an assistant professor at the Physical Education and Institutional Facility (PEIF) and coordinator of the Physical Education Teacher Education Program, is working on a project involving aerobic and muscle-strengthening among children and teens to understand how children comprehend their ability to finish tasks related to necessary motor skills.

“It started with my dissertation where I was assessing motor skills of students with ADHD and comparing their perceptions to their actual performance,” Bishop said. “I needed to identify a scale or questionnaire that had been previously validated.

“I found one, but I didn’t find one that matched what I needed.”

Bishop said the grant will help not only to create but also validate a scale to assess motor skill ability.

He said that every 15 years, the scales need to be re-validated and he is working on a questionnaire that will consist of 15 items.

Bishop’s questionnaire is unique in that it will be accessible through its own iPad app as opposed to being on paper.

Bishop said a normal paper questionnaire would show two pictures with children performing the same motor skill: one performing an action correctly and one performing it incorrectly.

Bishop said an example would be a picture showing a child kicking a ball into a net while the second picture would show a child kicking a ball and missing the net.

Bishop also said that with the iPad app, video of the action will be shown for a visual representation as opposed to just looking at two pictures.

Bishop said he is very happy to have been awarded the grant.

“A lot of my colleagues applied for this grant and I made it to phase two,” Bishop said. “None of my colleagues have ever made it to phase two. I was just happy to make it past phase one.”

Bishop said he’s even more surprised he received the grant because he just started his position in January and some of his colleagues have been working for two or three years and have not received a grant.

Bishop also said he would like to tackle the issue of obesity and that the goal of his research is to attempt to increase physical activity for children.

Bishop will be helped by graduate research assistants, who will aid not only in data collection and talking with teachers but also in performing data analysis and similar tasks.

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Students face inevitability of debt

By Mary Wardall
contributing writer

Debt or more debt — this is the question most students are forced to ask when facing the prospect of higher education.

Meghan Whitenton, who graduated with honors from NMU this May with a bachelor's in English, was confronted with a harsh reality when she sat down for exit counseling in the spring.

"It was a moment of grave realization, of exactly what the future looks like with that amount of debt," Whitenton said.

She is certainly not alone.

Student debt has exceeded \$1 trillion dollars nationwide, according to a report by americanprogress.org, eclipsing credit card and auto loans. It is the only form of consumer debt that has continued to grow since the financial collapse of 2008, putting the average debt for the class of 2010 at about \$25,000, which is 5 percent more than in 2009 according to the nonprofit research group Institute for College Access and Success.

"Student debt is this sacred cow," said NMU economics professor Tawni Ferrarini. "[People think] it's okay to accumulate it, but don't think about how they're going to pay it back in the future."

Whitenton, who has worked

part- or full-time her entire academic career, is a Ronald McNair Scholar and graduated with her associate's debt-free and with honors from Oakland University. She is part of Phi Theta Kappa and Honor's Society, as well as the first person in her family to graduate with a degree.

"Despite working, I'm still unable to afford tuition, books or to be able to support myself without loans," she said. "I know that I need to take personal responsibility for borrowing that money, but looking back, I feel resentful because the American education system tries to create this notion or illusion that when you're done with school...you'll have all these opportunities."

In 2010, the unemployment rate for young college graduates was 9.1 percent, the highest annual rate on record, according to The Institute for College Access and Success.

"When [students] take on debt today, that means they're going to be able to consume, save, invest and give to others less in the future," Ferrarini said. "So it's a tradeoff."

Based on data from the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study conducted by the Department of Education, the average debt levels for graduating seniors with loans rose almost 82 percent

from 1996 to 2008, a bubble expected to have adverse effects on the broader economy.

Bridget Podner, a fifth-year transfer student, said she has also worked throughout school to keep her debt low.

"It's definitely worrisome," she said, adding that students need to be counseled about the long-term burden of debt before accepting the overage checks often available at NMU through financial aid.

But not all loans are created equal, and it is important for students to know exactly what their options are in order to accumulate the least amount of debt.

According to Consumer Reports, taking out more than your first year's projected salary means planning on longer than 10 years for repayment. If students find they can't afford to pay, there are applications for deferment or forbearance, and they

should contact their lender immediately to avoid late fees and defaulting, which will hurt their credit score.

Families should be wary of private loans, which have variable interest rates and are nearly impossible to discharge in bankruptcy, according to the nonprofit Project on Student Debt. They point out that private loans are not eligible for deferment, income-based repayment or loan forgiveness, like federal loans are, and the percentage of graduates with private loans increased from 5 percent in 2003-04 to 14 percent in 2007-08.

There is reason for optimism

though. According to the 2010-11 Michigan State University Recruiting Trends study, hiring is expected to increase by 3 percent, with hiring of college graduates expected to increase by nearly 10 percent by next year.

"What we have to do in this era is identify a niche, a specialization, or some type of comparative advantage that helps us stand out from the people around us with the same college degree," Ferrarini said.

"It boils down to individual choices," she said. "Be informed. Make strategic decisions. Don't just follow the herd because everyone else is doing it."



Kristen Koehler/NW

Students limited by professor evaluation resources *Rate My Professor website remains one of few options for students*

By Jake Bonetti
contributing writer

Teacher evaluations at NMU allow students to give their opinions about their teachers' performance, yet students are not able to see these evaluations and therefore must rely on outside — and sometimes unreliable — sources for information about professors.

Before picking the classes students are going to take each semester, many would like to know which teachers are going to be the best match for the way in which they learn.

Although students are surveyed in class, only NMU faculty and staff can view the results of these surveys.

Students have resorted to another option — the website ratemyprofessor.com, which offers students the ability not only to rate their professors but see the overall ratings of each professor at their university.

Students can choose to utilize the information on ratemyprofessor.com to pick classes based on a professor's overall ratings and reputation among past students.

"I use ratemyprofessor.com every semester," senior biology major Katie Meyers said. "I like to see how different teachers are

rated so I can pick which one I want to take."

Meyers and many other students utilize the website ratemyprofessor.com to choose between different professors when they have an option. The NMU faculty, however, have a negative take on the website.

"[Rate my professor.com](http://ratemyprofessor.com) shouldn't be used reliably to pick a teacher because there are two types of students who respond: those who hate the professors and those who love them," said Ray Ventre, NMU's English department head. "They give them a good or bad review, without actually analyzing their teaching ability."

While some think the results taken from ratemyprofessor.com shouldn't be considered valid, others disagree.

The Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP) published its findings for the top colleges in the United States in Forbes magazine, using ratemyprofessor.com to account for 25 percent of their decision.

According to the CCAP, the "participation of students in this website has been overwhelming, and it has been estimated that 7,000,000 evaluations were considered in the formulation of the rankings included in this ranking."

As observed in a peer reviewed electronic journal titled "Practical Assessment, Research and Evaluation," Forbes Magazine argued that their evaluation system should be taken more seriously compared to others because their system focused less on reputation and money spent and more on concerns directly facing students, such as whether courses would be interesting and rewarding."

Although ratemyprofessor.com is used by millions of students all over the country, members of NMU's faculty feel the website isn't reliable.

"The thing about ratemyprofessor.com is that it is a self-selecting group of students that use the site, so people who do rate professors, do so on their own, and who knows their motivation for doing it," said NMU English graduate teaching assistant Erkki Mackey.

Meyers admits harsh feelings were her motivation for one such rating. "One time I gave a teacher who gave me a bad grade a really bad rating on ratemyprofessor.com," Meyers said. "I think he deserved it."

Although it appears that people may put undeserved trust in ratemyprofessor.com, Ventre said the teacher evaluations at NMU are taken very seriously, even by the

students who fill them out.

As the English department head, Ventre said he goes over all of the teacher evaluations and the results of the survey are mainly used to aid the teachers in fixing any problems they have in the classroom, but they can also have an effect on a teacher's job.

"One of the things that distinguishes the teacher evaluations from ratemyprofessor.com is that the evaluations ask more in depth questions," Mackey said. "They allow for analysis to be made to provide a consensus view."

The results of the evaluations, however, could not be given to the students in a form like ratemyprofessor.com, according to Ventre.

"The student evaluations are confidential. It could create problems if the students were able to view them," Ventre said. "They are used to generate an analysis of teachers over numerous years. The results of the evaluations couldn't be given to the students because it is too short-term."

Instead of using the teacher evaluations or ratemyprofessor.com, Ventre said he has seen a different option in his past education experience.

"When I was an undergraduate, I was part of an organization that created a survey that evaluated the

teachers and then provided the results to the students," Ventre said. "If a group like ASNMU created a survey and provided the results to the students it would be more valuable than ratemyprofessor.com if they asked the right questions."

"They should ask questions that provide the students with a feel of the nature of the courses that the professor teaches."

Which courses to survey should also be considered, Ventre said, because it would be useless to give or receive student ratings on a professor who they have to take a course.

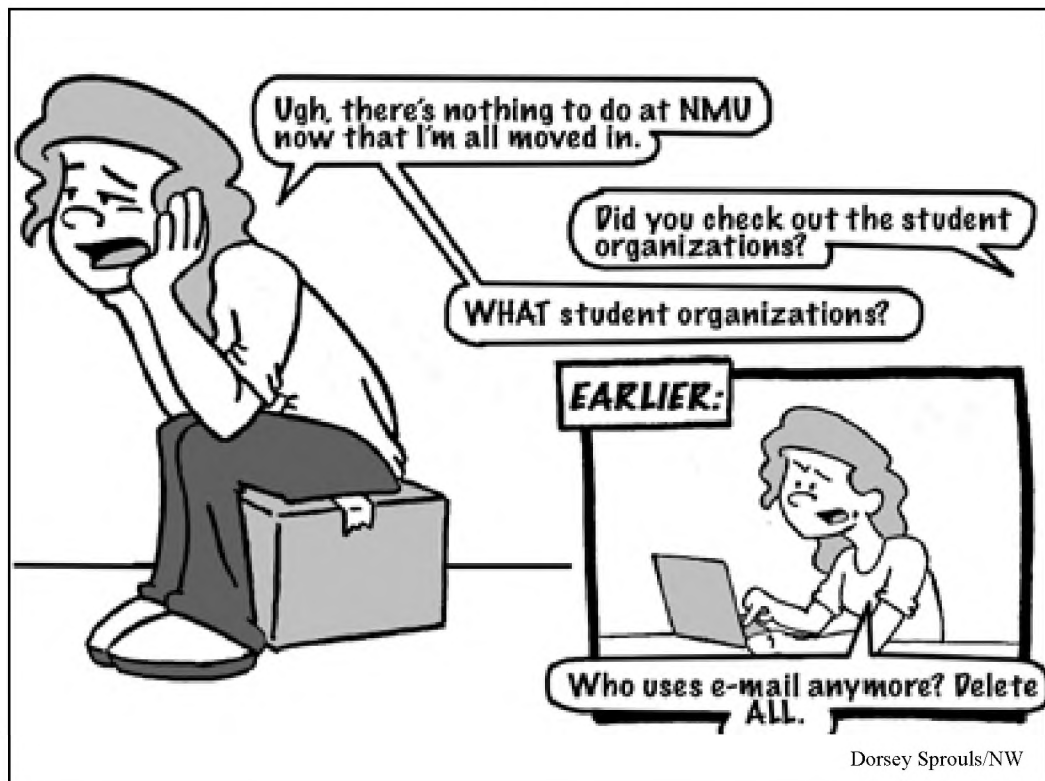
Besides ratemyprofessor.com or other forms of surveys, students currently have another resource they can utilize while picking teachers.

Students are able to request the grade distribution for any teacher's class at NMU, Ventre said.

In doing so, students can see how many good grades the teachers give out in each class compared to bad grades.

If students want to find out which teacher to take next semester, ratemyprofessor.com is a possibility, but requesting a professor's grade distribution for said class might be a more suitable alternative, according to Ventre.

EDITORIAL



Sign up, show up, get involved at NMU

College offers an overwhelming amount of options for students and especially in terms of organizations.

As incoming students attend orientation over the next few weeks will soon learn, the situation at every organization fair becomes equally overwhelming — when faced with hundreds of booths for organizations, volunteer opportunities or a menagerie of other seemingly wonderful commitments, many incoming freshmen will naturally sign up for every email list they can get their over-anxious hands on.

Whether by obligation under the gaze of an overenthusiastic booth-tender or by actual interest in what the organization has to offer, incoming students end up with a bag full of business cards, brochures, pamphlets and random sheets of paper with interest meeting dates, phone numbers or names on them.

Like clockwork, this is fine and good until fall semester comes around, when inboxes begin to overflow with emails from clubs students don't remember signing up for or are slowly realizing they don't actually have time for.

Yet, instead of unsubscribing from these emails, the staff at the North Wind challenges incoming students to respond to them, get

curious and follow through with the organizations that seem exciting. Attend the interest meetings.

Go to the weekly gatherings. Participate in an event put on by one of these organizations this fall.

Not only will it provide an opportunity to meet members of the NMU community, but it will help to shape the college experience into one based on active participation, not on simply sitting in a classroom and listening to a professor speak hypothetically about the world.

Become established as a participant early on, and it will more likely persist throughout college.

So, intrepid freshmen and transfer students, sign away. Get excited about the opportunities that Northern has to offer — they are certainly worth getting excited about. Go ahead and sign up for the Sailing Club even if you've never sailed or the College Libertarian club despite the fact that you may not know exactly what Libertarianism entails.

But when the time comes to begin attending meetings, do it. The active engagement of incoming and current students will continue to benefit the NMU and Marquette community with ideas and participation.

MLB should uphold standards in steroid-use controversies



Staff
Column

Cody
Boyer

During the last 20 years or so, there has been a higher prevalence of drug abuse among athletes in terms of performance-enhancing supplements and methods in the world of professional sports.

In a lot of different ways, organizations and leagues of different types of professional sports have conducted drug screening tests at many points within an athlete's career, screening new athletes as they are recruited while testing veterans, on and off the field, to see if they have used any performance-enhancing drugs (PED) throughout their veritable careers.

Recently, however, one such sport has uncovered a flaw that has been dubbed the greatest drug-testing controversy in the history of the sport. Earlier this year, Major League Baseball (MLB) announced it is set to suspend around 20 different players due to the possible usage of PEDs.

After years of hearing about similar news coming from MLB, how can so many athletes suddenly be discovered to be using drugs from such an allegedly-prestigious and PED-aware organization?

One would think that after incidents pertaining to celebrity-athletes such as Barry Bonds in 2003 and Jose Cansaco in 2005, professional baseball organizers would have figured out a way to pick out steroids and other PEDs among athletes who are either doing extraordinarily well in sports or, putting it frankly, physically becoming better at sports while doing less than those who are practicing.

According to CNN, baseball's highest paid player, Alex Rodriguez, and fellow well-known player Ryan Braun are among those listed as possible suspensions.

Don't get me wrong, I am a major fan of these players and am not necessarily throwing them completely under the bus. While it is always disappointing for me to hear about someone in a professional field moving against the law to supposedly get better

at what they do, most of these players did ascend to where they are now prior to the allegations against them, whether they are true or not. I believe a lot of the fault this time around goes to a particular pharmaceutical company that managed to fly under the radar for quite a while.

Also according to CNN, a "now-closed Miami anti-aging clinic" called "Biogenesis" that was under the direction by Anthony Bosch originated the scandal when they provided the drugs to Rodriguez and Braun.

Bosch was interviewed then by ESPN, to whom he said he would cooperate with the original investigation and he would speak with the investigators looking into the case.

Meanwhile, the managers of both the Brewers and the Yankees said as little as possible to the media. The only words expressed by both managers were basically "the MLB is handling it" and "we worry about our players." Both managers claimed to know nothing of the scandal.

What frightens fans like me is the fact that, as often as occurrences like these happen over the historical timeline of professional baseball, managers do not seem to have a clue that it is happening even when large clinical or pharmaceutical companies have direct hands in the doping scandals.

I feel like, with the past incidents having occurred, this potentially-MLB-damaging incident involving so many players should have been clearly imminent.

One of the Yankees' outfielders, Vernon Wells, was quoted by CNN about methods the league has been implementing to avoid such a problem.

"We've done so much as a group to try to rid ourselves of incidents like this," Wells said. "In spite of advances in drug testing, new doping techniques designed to avoid detection keep coming."

With that knowledge, I feel that the league should be working twice as fast as the new doping techniques in order to stay their advance.

I want to be able to watch baseball, or any sport for that matter, without thinking that my favorite athletes aren't pumping drugs into their systems to maintain their reputations on the playing field.

Is that so much to ask of the MLB?

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Partying shouldn't define college career



Staff Column

Cody Boyer

It's your first night in your residence hall as a Northern Michigan University freshman and you finally set up your room just the way you want it.

You have everything ready for tomorrow; you picked up your books at the NMU Bookstore, said goodbye to your folks, set your brand new alarm clock for your very first class tomorrow morning and even put aside a set of clothes just for the occasion.

You are prepared for anything.

Then, at 11 p.m., you are surprised to hear a knock on your door. You are greeted by a group of students who all want to meet the new people now residing in their house. Not only that, but the group seems to be very interested in getting you to go party with them on the last night before classes get into full swing. With their numbers, they are convincing.

Situations such as the aforementioned hypothetical happen all the

time, whether you are a new or a returning student. College is a completely different world compared to most other facilities of education, such as high school. For starters, college offers forth a brand new idea to students that is both entirely simple and very complex: Freedom. For young students, that word is power. For parents, that word is an abomination.

Peter Parker, otherwise known as Spider Man, had an uncle who put it beautifully: "With great power comes great responsibility." Many students who have made it this far into my column might look at that quote I just typed there and say, "Oh, boy, this has just become too preachy for me." I've been there before.

Freedom is something that will take most new students completely by surprise. For the few who will find a way to balance freedom with their academic responsibilities, college life will become a lot easier. However, those who cannot might find their first year in college to be their last.

Say that you do end up going out with the group of students from the beginning of this page. You are a freshman in college, so you most likely are under the legal drinking age. However, it seems like the

primary objective of this group is to get seven kinds of drunk before they become indentured to the very classes that they have come to NMU in order to take. While possibly a tempting argument, there are just way too many bad things that can happen to you for this to be a "good idea."

Here's where my advice comes in: don't risk it. It sounds extremely cliché, but there are hundreds of other things to do in Marquette that are more entertaining than breaking the law or throwing your body under a metaphorical bus (or a real one, depending on how intoxicated you actually are able to get yourself). There are other things to do besides drinking and partying.

I'm not saying partying is an entirely bad endeavor. By all means, be social. Making new friends and getting to know college life outside of campus is an important aspect to grasp as you march forward into your career at NMU. A party does not have to have booze or drugs to be a party.

When it comes to actually balancing recreation with education, there are tons of variable approaches for students to maintain their studies while having enough fun on the side that they don't go stir-crazy from all of the book work.

On average, new college students are not physically accustomed to reading from textbooks as much as they will be in just their first year of being in a university. You may think you have the whole "studying" thing down from being in high school, but trust me: college is profoundly different.

Therefore, balancing work and fun is essential. Don't do anything out of your academic routine during the weekdays. You'll hear some students refer to Thursdays as "Thirsty Thursdays." Ignore that. Especially during this first year at college, simply avoid doing anything that can be easily labeled as a poor decision. If you go out with friends, make it happen on the weekends when you don't have anything to study or you don't have any homework.

When you do go out, find something legal to do. You are in a gemstone of a city in the Upper Peninsula. There is so much to do that is cheap or even free that students can do in Marquette that, if you invest a little bit of time and just try these things out, you will never want to drink a drop of anything to see if it is "fun or not."

You'll often hear phrases like "starving college student." In fact, you'll probably begin using that

phrase to describe yourself after a short while if you are new to the area. College students typically do not have a lot of money and a college town would not aim to destroy the pockets of those students who are supposedly "starving" in the first place. Most places in the city are extremely welcoming waypoints for you, your crew and your wallets.

You have relatively cheap venues all across town to eat or shop at, and just take a look at that lake that we are next to. Lake Superior is incredible recreational boon; you have Black Rocks to experience, if you haven't jumped off of them yet (as long as you are safe, of course), and general swimming is always something to try if you are new to the area.

So before you agree to go out with a group of people that you don't know very well yet on the night before your first set of classes, stop yourself and think about the implications first. I, for one, would not want to start my college career with a hangover. I would want to take each day nice and slow with a decent amount of focus so that, after I've established my balance on those rocks, I could find adventurous routes to take further down the road.

Tourist park reopens to fanfare



Guest Column

Luke Londo

Just over 10 years after an earthen fuse plug spillway at the Silver Lake Dam failed, flooding nine billion gallons of water downstream thirty miles into Lake Superior, the City of Marquette will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the reopening of the beach at Tourist Park on Tuesday, June 11.

The painstaking efforts of the last 10 years culminating in the reopening show what is possible with superb teamwork between a multitude of governmental agencies and bodies, companies, and individual stakeholders.

The Department of Environmental Quality, Marquette Board of Light and Power (MBLP), Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO), Department of Natural Resources, City of Marquette, and stakeholders should be lauded for their coordination, collaboration and cooperation.

Most students — and many faculty — only know Tourist Park as "That Place Where They Hold Hiawatha Music Festival."

Having lived in Marquette most of my life, I remember countless barbecues, baseball games, community events and yes, music festivals, that ended with the requisite

dip at the beach at Tourist Park. RVs and tents were a mainstay, sometimes requiring a reservation in advance around holidays, food-fests and art festivals.

However, in 2003, I recall a flood that damaged or destroyed nine bridges, three public access sites, two parks, cut utility service to Big Bay, temporarily closed the Presque Isle Power Plant and Empire and Tilden mines. Over two thousand people were evacuated from their homes, parts of County Road 550 were shut down, and Lakeshore Boulevard was closed for a lengthy period of time.

Tourist Park was a wetland, and as the water dissipated, it changed one of Marquette's finest beaches into a big, empty crater.

The RVs and tents, for the most part, went the way of the water. Traffic at Tourist Park dissolved as visitors favored campgrounds with swimming access. More events were booked at the Presque Isle Pavilion and Lower Harbor, which provided a more aesthetic view than a barren pit.

Other than Hiawatha and the occasional picnic, I haven't recently travelled to the area that was a rather indelible part of my childhood. I'm sure many fellow Marquette residents are in the same boat.

The reopening of the beach at Tourist Park has made countless Marquettans swell with pride and for good reason. I've seen wood ducks circling around the Tourist Park Basin for the first time in

almost a decade, and there have been reports of beavers, deer, coyotes and plenty of other animals in the area.

The City of Marquette has hired lifeguards for the Tourist Park beach for the first time in years. Traffic seems to have increased, and I'm hearing more plans of events at Tourist Park than any other year since the flood.

The reopening of Tourist Park's beach is a reflection of Marquette's resilience. UPPCO has contributed over \$18 million to fixing the Silver Lake Dam, restocking fish, preventing erosion and even donating to the City of Marquette for development of boating access.

The Tourist Park Project was a nearly \$5 million undertaking largely funded by the MBLP. However, the money is secondary to the vision of the individuals who saw this project through.

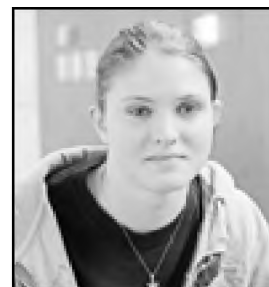
More individuals than the confines of a newspaper allow deserve an immense amount of credit for rebuilding one of Marquette's jewels. Out of a desolate basin a 100-acre lake with fishing and a beach has emerged, and the rejuvenation of a community with it.

Students, faculty, visitors and Marquette residents: June 11 marks the beginning of a new era in Marquette, with a whole new generation of people to experience it.

For those looking to patronize an area with a history as rich as its view: I'll be seeing you at the beach.

Sound Off compiled by Kristen Koehler

What's your favorite Marquette summer activity?



Caroline Parsons
senior, mathematics education

"Going to the farmers market and spending the day in the sun."



Steven Ludlum
senior, computer science

"Enjoying time with friends and not having classes."



Sarah Hujar
senior, sports promotion

"Volunteering because it makes a difference in the community."



Joe Bishop
senior, English

"Going to beach fires with friends because it is relaxing."

#summerin

Students take to Instagram to showcase

Spending a summer in Marquette is on the bucket list of most NMU students, and for good reason: between Lake Superior swims, camping trips, days spent hiking up Hogback or along the beach, and the resources available to learn mountain biking, rock climbing, fishing, paddleboarding or any number of other recreational activities, Marquette is one of the unrivaled — and largely hidden — recreational gems of the Midwest.

Not only that — natural phenomenon like the northern lights, ancient rock formations and endless inland waterways define Marquette as a place that is not only a recreational hotspot, but a natural beauty. To highlight the many summer adventures of NMU students, we asked students to either send or Instagram photos of them spending time doing what they love in Marquette with the hashtag #summerinmarquette.



Nicky Kumerow, a senior early ch
jor, enjoys spending time exploring



Senior zoology and Spanish major Brooke Linn and friends ride home from biking on the South Marquette Bike Trails. "We bike out to the trails on the connectors, ride the trails and then ride connectors home," Linn said.

Photo courtesy of Brooke Linn



Many students flock to the shoreline of Lake Superior when storms blow in to witness the impressive natural light shows and to watch the waves crash.

Photo courtesy of Andrew Flees

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se their favorite summertime activities



Photo courtesy of Nicky Kumerow

childhood development and Spanish ma-
g the depths of clear blue Lake Superior.



Photo courtesy of Dustin Miller

Junior outdoor recreation leadership and management student Dustin Miller and friends Lucas Murray (left) and Kelly McMahon (center) can be seen practicing their slack lining between the trees of Presque Isle Park.



Photo courtesy of Jenelle Pelletier

Senior environmental conservation and outdoor recreation major Jenelle Pelletier contributes to the community garden at the Woodland Park Apartments. "It's awesome to be able to grow my own produce and be involved in a community effort at the same time," Pelletier says.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Nixon

Sarah Nixon, a human-centered design major, and Cody Aldrich, a computer science major, enjoy the scenery after a hike up Hogback Mountain.

A tome about Norman the Gnome

By Trent Podskalan

features editor

Gnomes have stereotypically been known to sit on lawns and have no purpose other than decoration.

That stereotype though is long gone at Northern Michigan University where, during the last three years, Norman the Gnome has been floating around the NMU campus.

NMU Communications and Marketing student office assistant Mike Treacy is one of the creators of Norman the Gnome. Treacy said Norman started off with humble beginnings.

"In August 2010, myself and two other office assistants were working in the Communications and Marketing department," Treacy said. "We started talking about World of Warcraft and gnomes and decided we needed a gnome in the office as a joke and we got the materials to make this gnome."

Treacy also said they had only intended to use the gnome as a joke in the office, but nothing more.

"We started taking pictures of it at other places like the Travelocity gnome," Treacy said. "We

set-up a Facebook account and got 50 likes on it right away." The page now has over 1,500 likes.

Treacy said feedback has been "overwhelmingly positive."

"People have expressed they love seeing his posts on Facebook," Treacy said. "People like having him at their events because it represents NMU."

Treacy said Norman has his own NMU account and ID card as well, but in no way does Norman replace NMU's mascot, Wildcat Willy.

"Willy is, and always will be, NMU's mascot," Treacy said. "Think of [Willy and Norman] as best friends."

NMU Communications and Marketing News Director Kristi Evans said having something unique such as Norman the Gnome is a good way to raise awareness of the university.

"Norman is suited to Facebook to get the word out there about Northern," Evans said. "Norman has become a celebrity in the gnome life."

Treacy said Norman has traveled all over the world.

"We have sent the actual Norman...to Germany, France and Russia," Treacy said. "My wife took him with her to Paris and

when [Norman] went through the X-ray at K.I. Sawyer, she was stopped by a TSA member and asked her if there was a gnome in her bag."

Treacy also said flat Norman's are mailed to anyone anywhere in the world. The idea, Treacy said, was based off the idea of the children's book, "Flat Stanley."

Treacy said there is a possibility that there could be more than one Norman in the future.

People have suggested making a girlfriend for Norman, Treacy said, but there are no plans to create one any time soon.

Because Willy's schedule is usually filled with athletic events, Treacy said Norman allows NMU pride to be displayed at a multitude of other events.

Students, alumni and student organizations request Norman at their events, Treacy said, not only to show their NMU pride but also to have what they're doing noticed.

Treacy said Norman allows them to do that. Facebook, Treacy said, allows people to see what Norman has been doing.

Treacy said he's pleased with the positive response Norman has received.

"It makes me feel good,"



Courtesy of Mike Treacy

Treacy said. "It's a neat idea and I'm glad we're getting something fun and entertaining."

Treacy said anyone want-

ing to request Norman may do so through Norman's Facebook page or by sending an email to norman@nmu.edu.

Program encourages community involvement

By Trent Podskalan

features editor

"The Age of Miracles" by Karen Thompson Walker was recently selected as the 2013 One Book, One Community (OBOC) award winner.

The OBOC program encourages the Northern Michigan University and Marquette County community to read the same book and discuss their thoughts and ideas.

Co-chair of the OBOC program, Dana Schulz, said the

overall purpose of the program, which has been going on since 2006, is to encourage everyone to read.

"Our goal is to get people reading and get people reading good books they wouldn't have picked up on their own," Schulz said. "These books are unique enough to talk about with other people."

Co-chair Alexander Gubbins said they are targeting both students and the community alike. Not only is this for university students, Gubbins said, but high school students read the OBOC selection and the program is now beginning to reach out to local middle schools as well.

Schulz said the OBOC committee and selection sub-committee work together on choosing the book.

"The selection committee comes up with a list of books and they read various books and decide which ones they want to include on the list," Schulz said. "Two books get brought to the whole committee for us all to read."

Schulz said the OBOC committee then discuss the books and make a list of topics during the selection that would come up during a discussion of the novel.

"The book...also has to be weighty enough for something to talk about," Schulz said. "It has to have the ability to spark conversation."

Because of the variation in ages reading the selected novel, Schulz said there are some criteria the committee uses in selecting the book.

"The book has to be paperback and under 300 pages," Schulz said. "The book needs to be really well-written and needs to have that 'This is a good book' feeling."

Gubbins said one criteria is that the book will appeal to both males and females and appeal to college students, adults and young adults. Gubbins also said the OBOC committee looks to expose readers to an unfamiliar experience or culture.

Gubbins said "The Age of Miracles" was selected this year because many on the committee enjoyed the book.

"The first thought we had was 'That was a very good read,'" Gubbins said. "The writer had a voice that pulled me through the book, at least for me personally."

Gubbins said the book is based on what would happen if the earth's rotation slowed down.

"With climate change, it was something we considered," Gubbins said. "[The book] will appeal to what has been happening lately in the world and in how people respond to catastrophe."

"The Age of Miracles" is a novel of catastrophe and survival, growth and change. The story follows a girl named Julia and her family as they struggle

to live in a phenomenal time. On a regular Saturday, Julia wakes up and discovers something has happened to the earth's rotation.

In a world of desperation, Julia faces shocking developments in herself and her personal world. Walker delivers a story of people finding ways to go on in an ever-changing world.

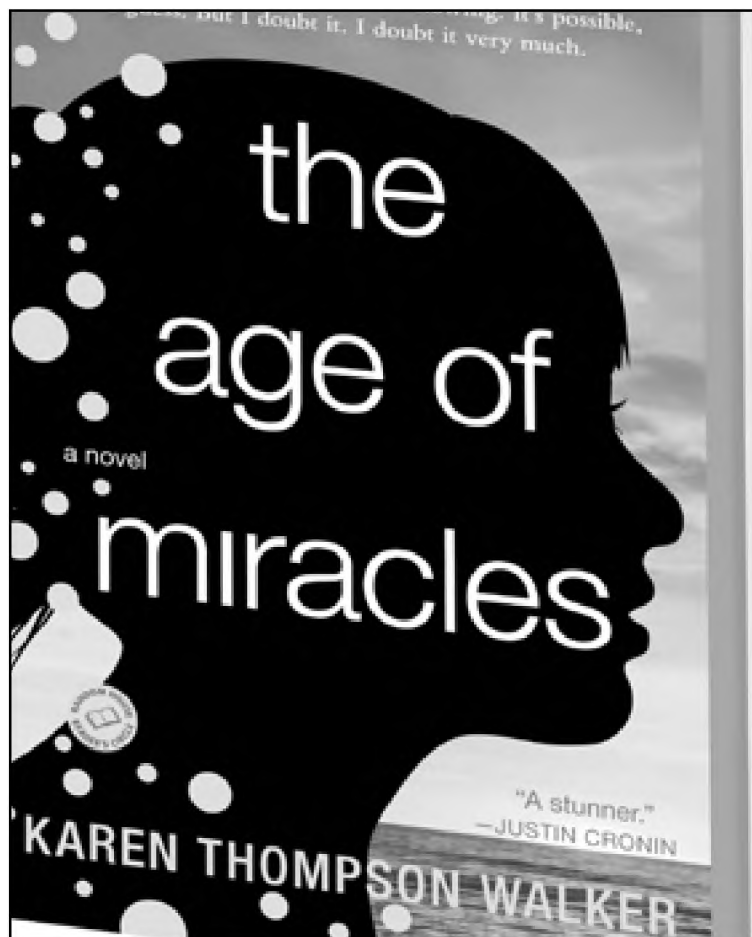
Other books in contention this year, Schulz said, included Palestinian memoir "Hour of Sunlight" by Sami al Jundi and Jen Marlowe and "The Reapers Are The Angels" by Alden Bell.

"Solar Storms" by Linda Hogan was the OBOC program's second choice, Schulz said. Schulz also said "The Age of Miracles" was selected because of its accessibility and it is good for any age group.

A concert related to the book will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23 in the Reynolds Recital Hall.

Walker will be at NMU for a reading at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28 in the Great Lakes Rooms. Walker will also have a question and answer session, but no time has yet been determined.

Previous OBOC books include "Tortilla Curtain" (2006), "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close" (2007), "The Shadow of the Wind" (2008), "The Things They Carried" (2009), "The Sparrow" (2010), "The Lazarus Project" (2011) and "A Mountain of Crumbs" (2012).



Courtesy of Rebecca Tavernini

"The Age of Miracles" was recently named the One Book One Community selection. The selection was based on its appeal to both men and women.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Early-to-mid 20th century clothing has become much more accessible to members of the Marquette community because of local businesses and events like the Vintage Pop Up Shop.



Kristen Koehler/NW

The Dharma Threads Vintage Pop Up Shop, which was held at the Ore Dock Brewing Company on Wednesday, June 5, featured classic styles, vintage garments and live local music.

Vintage clothing finds appeal in Marquette

By Audrey Koster
contributing writer

Amid a current of fashion faux pas in which consumerism urges buy-buy-buying new, quality-stunted clothes at competitively low prices, a light doth shine at the end of the redundancy-stricken tunnel.

If you talk to a person age 50 and above, they wouldn't tell you that at our age they went to Forever 21 in hopes of slinging dozens of copyright infringed, mass produced garments over their shoulders. That may or may not be due to the store's inexistence, but it's safe to say shopping is a different affair in the 21st century because of mass-produced, unoriginal clothing that lines so many shelves of stores such as Forever 21.

When looking at the average Northern student, it wouldn't be hard to sense a new trend on the horizon. Sartorial experimentation dwells deep in the adventurous 20 something's blood. So, it's

natural to want garments that look unique and meet an individual's self-expressive needs.

That's why you can find fashioners receding back in the decades to the world of vintage originals instead of taking a current objective to a past trend. With the right timing, people are finding the collaboration of new and old a fresh and affordable alternative.

Keen to the scene is Hilary Bloch, clothes horse and owner of Vere de Vere Vintage. Bloch's long-standing collection began with estate sales in the Detroit area, and while she has moved to the more remote location of Marquette, she prefers a face-to-face approach with her clientele rather than her past endeavors with Etsy.

"[I like] getting them to feel the fabric, see the construction of the garments and understand the value," Bloch said.

And the intricacy of her 1920s-through 1970s-era stacked racks are not lacking. One can see the sight for themselves by appoint-

ment only — the textile historical menagerie of all shapes and sizes from a white-eyelet floor-length dress to a pleated-crimson-velour-Christmas-dream dress.

"There was no Made in China mass production (in the past)," Bloch said. "There was no Kohl's."

Bloch also said the green movement and our "very conscious community" inspires people to reuse garments.

But one must be weary when buying and styling a vintage-clad getup. Many 21st century renditions of past trends have updated fabrics and current lines, which tend to make originals look too literal and sometimes costumey.

In order to avoid a Halloween scene, Bloch recommends a well-integrated wardrobe. With a vintage dress, top it off with a modern cardigan and trendy shoes. She said she normally greets buyers and clients in her home studio and at trunk shows in head-to-toe vintage garb as a means of networking and just to feel glamor-

ous.

Similarly, NMU student Jaimi Cawley, junior earth science major, said she finds older shapes and sizes are actually more flattering on her.

"I started looking for second-hand clothes at St. Vinnie's to save money," Cawley said. "I really like the satisfaction of finding that one thing in a whole sea of clothes."

The neutral palate of faded-looking garments serves her taste well. She said her favorite item was scored at a second hand store and is a long denim collared vest from the '80s, which her friends tease her for wearing, but the vest stays true to her style.

"I think that's what dressing yourself is all about. I don't dress for you or for some other guy, I wear what's most comfortable for me," Cawley said.

A more immediate place to pick up vintage garb in downtown Marquette is on Third Street, a small antique and vintage clothing store called Curious Cargo.

Owner Lana Lemire specializes in antique clothes, dating back to the 1850s, but much more can be found.

The walls of the building are lined with rustic looking shelves and glass cases, stocked with interesting knickknacks, military uniforms and the eye-catching street display always has one or two unique items hanging up.

One Samuel Adams letterman style jacket was purchased for \$38 from a past display by Ian Hahn, a sophomore environmental studies major, on his first trip to the store last fall. The varsity jacket was specifically made for factory workers and distributors, and Hahn said he has a unique calling to vintage style outerwear.

"It's a way to keep the best times alive as well as to get a unique and special piece of history that only a select group of people were able to wear," Hahn said.

So fear not fashionistas: Marquette has a lot of style from which to choose.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Many dresses were on display during the Dharma Threads Vintage Pop Up Shop fashion night, which took place on Wednesday, June 5 at the Ore Dock Brewing Company in Marquette.

Student invited to show work at global design fair

By Trent Podskalan
features editor

A Northern Michigan University art and design student recently had the honor of having a table and chair design that he created displayed in a New York exhibit.

Senior furniture design major Brendan Solinsky was one of 12 students selected from across the country to have his furniture piece shown at the 25th annual International Contemporary Furniture Fair in New York's Javits Center.

According to its website, ICFF.com, the fair has representatives from 31 countries including Australia, Denmark, France, Italy, Sweden and the United States.

The four-day fair attracted over 29,000 people this year.

The website also said the fair features more than 500 exhibitors showing off items in one of 11 categories.

Some of those categories were seating, lighting, wall coverings and contemporary furniture.

Solinsky said he had to apply for the show and was in disbelief when he was told that he was one of the lucky few selected to have his furniture design displayed at an international fair.

"I was really excited and shocked," Solinsky said. "I didn't think [my furniture piece] was that good."

Solinsky, who has been designing furniture for two years now, said this was one of his first major pieces.

Despite being his first piece, it earned him third place in the Powermatic student woodworking competition, finishing with 930 votes.

"It was pretty cool to see I finished third," Solinsky said. "I was pretty happy."

The voting, which was open from April 23-May 20, was to

determine the winner of "The People's Choice Award" and recipient of a Powermatic bandsaw.

Solinsky said his interest in furniture design is something that began in high school and has continued to grow. Solinsky also said his living conditions played into his inspiration for his current design.

"When I was designing it, I wanted to make it a piece that worked in small spaces," Solinsky said. "I like making pieces that have more than one function."

The lattice portion of the design can come off, Solinsky said. Solinsky also said just by simply rotating one piece forms the table into a chair.

"If you live in a small apartment and you have company over and you need a chair, well then you can just grab this," Solinsky said. "It's a good space-saver."

According to ICFF.com, Solinsky created the table chair using hard maple, baltic birch and milk paint.

After he graduates in December 2013, Solinsky said he plans on attending graduate school, where he will continue to work on furniture pieces.

"I like creating the multiple function pieces," Solinsky said. "It adds an extra challenge."

Solinsky said he is interning at Anderson Ranch in Colorado for the summer where he is assisting an instructor in teaching a number of two-week long classes in which participants learn how to design furniture and work with different materials.

Solinsky said he hopes to one day be teaching furniture design classes and said students should be original and creative in their work just as he's learned to be creative through his own work.

"Don't keep doing what has already been done," Solinsky said. "Keep pushing the bounds."



Kristen Koehler/NW

Picnicking is a frequently overlooked pastime in the Marquette area during the summer. However, there are many great picnic areas near the downtown area, including Lower Harbor (pictured) and Presque Isle Park.

Marquette offers many summer options

By Trent Podskalan
features writer

Nestled on the shore of Lake Superior, Marquette offers a wide variety of things to keep students busy on their summer break.

One of the most popular hobbies Marquette's terrain allows for is hiking. Presque Isle serves a number of purposes, with hiking accounting for just one of them. Whether you're hiking a few hundred feet or all the way around the isle, the hike hugs the shoreline, which offers great glimpses of Lake Superior.

Little Presque, located a few miles out of town, is another popular location for hiking. Little Presque, being an actual island, requires a short hike through thigh-deep water but provides steep bluffs overlooking Superior, a mile loop around the island and large, glacially-formed rocks.

There are also Sugarloaf and Hogsback Mountains, which, while a slightly more treacherous hike, provide an expansive view of the city of Marquette and Lake Superior.

In addition to hiking, biking in the area is also incredibly popular. With an immense number of accessible trails in the area, including one hugging the Superior shoreline and many more that wind through shaded forest, it won't take long to find one that suits the desired adventure.

Senior environmental studies and sustainability major Dylan Weissenborn said he bikes on the trails often.

"My favorite trail is the Carp River Loop," Weissenborn said, referring to one of the many mountain biking loops that can be found at the trails in South Marquette.

"It runs right next to the river and it's awesome because it zig-zags and you follow the river all the way. It's pretty cool."

Michigan's beaches are a big attraction and the Lake Superior shoreline is no different. McCarty's Cove is the most visited beach in the area, though there are many others that can be found on County Road 550.

Little Presque and Hidden

Beach both provide a more secluded beach experience, though Hidden Beach is just that — something that must first be found in order to be enjoyed.

While many choose to simply swim in Lake Superior, others take things to new heights by cliff jumping into the lake.

Presque Isle's Black Rocks, a cliff that drops off 15 to 20 feet into Lake Superior, is a popular spot for cliff jumpers. Little Presque is another area cliff jumpers like to gather, a venture that first requires a walk across the water to the island.

Weissenborn said he much prefers Little Presque over Black Rocks when it comes to cliff jumping.

"The jump spots on Little Presque are a little more of a hike but a lot more fun and a little bigger," Weissenborn said. "If my friends ask me where I want to go, I almost always say Little Presque."

Dead River, usually a bit warmer than the lake, offers a few spots for cliff jumping as well. The most popular spot along Dead River challenges jumpers with cliffs that drop off 20, 40 and 60 feet.

Senior psychology major Leann Herrmann said Dead River offers a more laid-back environment to jump.

"It can be hard to find Dead River but it's a fun place to hike," Herrmann said. "I like cliff jumping there better because of the different size cliffs and it's less crowded there."

For the not so daring type, taking on the tourist role and seeing what kind of deals are to be found in the area can be a relaxing experience. Marquette's

historic downtown area provides substantial dining, shopping and entertainment options for those looking for a different kind of Marquette adventure. Whether you're in the heart of downtown grabbing some candy at Donckers or

taking a stroll down Third Street to grab some ice cream at Frosty Treats, the Marquette shops offer something for everyone.

If that hasn't been enough, wrap up an adventurous day in Marquette by catching a sunset at Sunset Point, located at Presque Isle park. While anywhere on Presque Isle would suffice for the sunset, Sunset Point, as the name implies, provides an unbeatable view of the sunset, Lake Superior and the silhouetted peaks of Hogsback and Sugarloaf in the distance, both of which provide their own excellent views for those looking for a longer sunset hike.

Those who are 21 and over and are looking for something to do after the sun goes down can visit one of the many breweries located in Marquette. The Vierling (which is the only brewing company that serves food in the area), the Ore Dock Brewing Company and Black Rocks accompany many other bars and pubs that are downtown and close to campus.

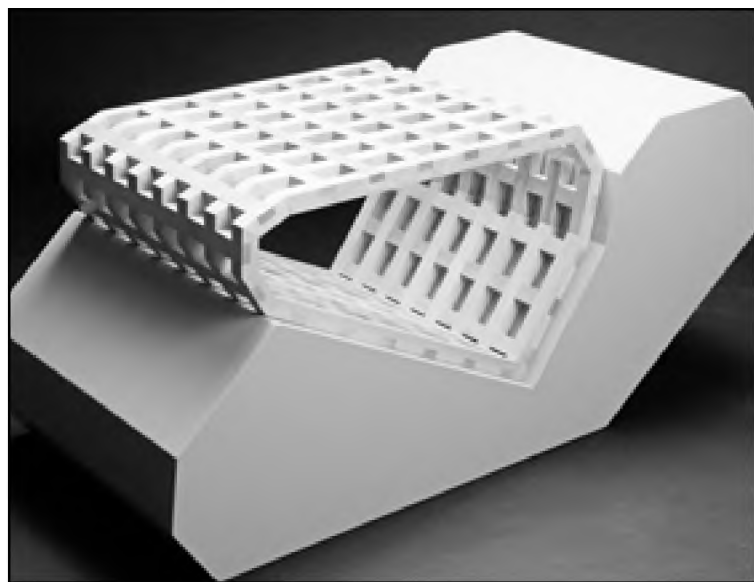
Finally, with many rivers and inland lakes — as well as Lake Superior — Marquette is a hub for water sports, including kayaking and paddleboarding. Down Wind Sports on Third Street provides demos on kayaks and paddleboards, while Switchback Gear Exchange on Front Street has flyfishing (as well as camping, kayaking and canoeing) rentals.

Regardless of what is desired by those who are visiting Marquette, whether here for the summer or only for a couple of days during orientation, Marquette has an adventure that suits everyone.



Kristen Koehler/NW

Downtown Marquette provides dozens of unique shopping, dining and entertainment possibilities.



New coach hired to lead Wildcat men

By **Katie Bultman**
sports editor

The NMU men's basketball team hired a new head coach, Bill Sall.

Former head coach Dean Ellis, who was with the 'Cats the last time the program had a winning record, said Sall was a great pick for the team, as well as the community.

"One of the things about coach Sall is that he has been in the conference so long that he understands the GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) very well,"

Ellis said. "He understands what it takes to win."

Bill Sall, the former Ferris State University head coach for 11 seasons, was welcomed into the Wildcat family with a press conference on Monday, May 13. Sall was hired as the men's head basketball coach in a public hiring process led by NMU athletic director, Forrest Karr.

Sall said he is extremely excited to start up Wildcat basketball and has high expectations for the team.

"My first goal will be to find everyday improvement from the team and from each individual from the first day of conditioning until the final game of the season," Sall said. "We are at the

bottom rung on the ladder of success, but I am confident that we will begin that climb."

The open coaching position gave way to four finalists near the end of the hiring process. Three other individuals made it to the final four applicants, all with an opportunity to claim the head coaching position. In addition to Sall, the other finalists included Tom Brown, an associate men's head coach at Winona State University in Minnesota, Jeff Kaminsky, head coach for the Valley City State University men's basketball team in North Dakota, and Dan Evans, an associate men's basketball coach at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Sall, with 21 years of coaching background to bring to the table here at Northern Michigan University, began his coaching career at Calvin College in 1992.

"The biggest thing I can bring with me is my experience and understanding of what it takes to build a program," Sall said. "It is so important that you find student athletes who want to excel on the floor and in the classroom. Find young men who have a passion to play and a desire to improve. Then build up a family atmosphere within the team."

Sall most recently finished 11 seasons with Ferris State University, ending his time as head coach for the Bulldogs with four GLIAC North Division titles and three trips to the NCAA Division II Tournaments. To top it off, under Sall's leadership, his teams made a solid pair of regional championship game appearances.



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NMU basketball player Scooter Johnson Sr. drives around an opponent while playing a game earlier in the year.



Justin Key/NW

Quinten Calloway Jr. looks to a teammate during a game earlier this year.

es. In all his seasons with Ferris State, Sall concluded with a winning 171-145 record.

Ferris State University did not start off with the best record, as Sall said he remembered going into the coaching position at FSU in a situation comparable to the one here at Northern Michigan.

"When I became the head coach at Ferris State 11 years ago, the basketball program was in a similar state to where Northern is in 2013," Sall said. "Little success in the program, bleak fan support and a general apathy toward basketball. I was able to turn Ferris State around and make it into an elite program in the GLIAC. That experience will be the foundation that I take with me to Marquette."

Ferris State University finished in the fourth spot in the GLIAC North Conference in the 2012-13 season, a competitive rival for the Wildcats. The 'Cats lost both games against the Bulldogs, who finished with a winning 13-9 record in the GLIAC and 14-13 overall.

In comparison, the NMU men's basketball team finished the season with a 5-21 overall record, and a 4-18 record in the GLIAC conference. The record, however, did not reveal the several large wins the 'Cats earned along the way. The men opened regular season play on Saturday, Nov. 17 with a 129-52 victory over Finlandia, where seven players scored in the double figures. The men then went on to defeat top seeded GLIAC conference team, rival Michigan Tech, on Saturday, Feb. 2 in a 59-55 triumph.

However, the second time around the Michigan Tech rivals took the home court advantage. The Huskies ended the 'Cats season by handing NMU a 72-48 loss, leaving the Wildcats with a 5-21 overall record.

Sall said he understands that patience is key to building up a team after the struggle.

"I have learned that it takes time, perseverance and great work ethic to turn a program around," Sall said. "It will be a process and starts with baby steps, but I have been down this road before and know what it is going to take to make it work at Northern Michigan University."

The Wildcats also had troubles with injuries throughout much of the 2012-13 season, which made it difficult for the team to find their rhythm on the court. Concussions, a broken foot and health concerns all plagued the team throughout the season. As a result, the men dropped to the lower end of the conference at the end of the year.

Sall said he believes that hard work is key to improving the program.

"It takes a ton of work from the staff and team, and a commitment to excellence from everyone involved in the program," Sall said. "I would not have taken the Northern Michigan position if I did not believe that Wildcat basketball could not be built into an elite program."

The Wildcats have not had a winning basketball season since 2006-2007, when the team was led by GLIAC Player of the Year, Great Lakes Region Player of the

Year, NABC/NCAA II All-Star and Daktronics All American, Ricky Volcy. The winning team, which finished 18-10 overall, was also part of the Dean Ellis era.

Ellis said he remembers coaching against Sall a few times during his years at NMU.

"I was able to coach against (Sall) and he always did a great job recruiting," Ellis said. "There is no reason to believe he won't do so here as well."

Ellis coached with Northern Michigan men's basketball for 24 years before resigning in 2010, when prior head coach Doug Lewis began his three-year tenure.

Ellis was the winningest coach in the history of the men's basketball program at NMU, with a 369-303 record. Now, Coach Bill Sall steps up to the plate to head the men's basketball team.

Sall says he has many plans for the team, starting with working to get a well-rounded group of athletes.

"My first step will be improving the teams overall GPA," Sall said. "Secondly, we are going to play a style of basketball that Northern Michigan University and the Marquette community will enjoy watching and be able to support."

"Finally, I want the student athletes of the basketball program to be great ambassadors of Northern Michigan and Marquette. I know that turning around Wildcat basketball will take some time, but we will lay a foundation in this upcoming season that will help us bring the program back to where it belongs."

Reflecting on Wings-Hawks series



**Staff
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**Cody
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Out of many seasons of NHL playoffs I have watched with bated breath, this season's finale is beginning to become a series of firsts and one of the most memorable set of match-ups I have ever seen.

In particular, as many fans might have suspected, the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Blackhawks played a Stanley Cup series I will not forget for quite a while.

Although the song has been sung, the scores have been measured and the teams have been weighed in Chicago's favor, many fans to this day are still throwing arguments this way and that way about how it all turned out.

I am sure you all have seen the rants and declarations on Facebook, Twitter, graffiti in bathrooms, tattoos and other forms of textual shout-outs to anyone who might read or listen to them.

This article is not going to be a rant session or a declaration of bad calls or the performance of one team over another. For the

record, I consider myself neutral to this topic after spending a semester as the sports editor of this paper.

Both the Wings and the Hawks are phenomenal teams made up of immensely talented players and both teams put everything they had into the series in order to make it last through seven games. Good and bad calls happen in every single game, from finals to scrimmages.

Of course, it is entirely natural to feel prideful and patriotic toward your favored team. Such natural emotions have been the pinnacle behind the crowds and the roars at sporting events since the beginning of human existence.

So many people on both sides of the battlefield may or may not have words such as "disgusted" or "furious" to describe how they felt after the series was over.

What I felt during each of those seven games was an emotion entirely different: impressed, as most of those games were some of the most equally matched bouts of ice hockey I have ever seen.

Don't get me wrong. There were awful calls from the dudes in stripes during almost every one of those games. Those calls were not just directed at one team, neither, as I clearly saw good and bad calls landing on both of the

teams on the ice.

Also, being from the lower peninsula, my blood naturally wants to boil red and white for the boys from Hockeytown.

My family has been enormous Red Wing fans since I can remember.

In the same breath, I'm incredibly impressed with the Blackhawks' record this year. Some may call it luck or many other synonyms of the word, but you have to have something positive working behind you if you can manage a record like the one they held as they went into the playoffs.

Still, as I watched the puck soar off of the stick of a Blackhawk into the Red Wings' net, I knew there was going to be an uproar in every medium of social networking imaginable, even more so than what is customary after any sporting event. I was almost afraid to hop online during that moment in time, even for casual purposes.

The Facebook news feed or the homepage of Twitter was going to be buzzing with slams, insults, complaints and other perfectly natural expulsions of human spirit.

There is a line, though, in my humblest opinion, that should not be crossed.

I can't say what that line is for

certain (and I'd like to hear from the person who thinks they have the one and only correct answer to this), but it's a line that is crossed when a sport no longer becomes enjoyable for any watching party to spectate or talk about when it is embedded with such extreme opinion and blatant closed-mindedness.

Let's take the final game of the series between the Wings and the Hawks as a direct example. In my mind, any game that comes down to overtime with a score of 1-1 is an amazing and exciting game.

To me, a tied score held until the final moments of time past regulation stands as a testament to how evenly matched the two teams on the ice (or any other comparable playing field) are.

Not once did I see this concept noted on any individual's Facebook page or even on a single professional-grade sports column anywhere else.

I only heard about one or two of the calls made by referees following the final buzzer. The rest of the game was left shrouded in abandoned memory.

Another thing that was noted increasingly after the conclusion of the final game were the chants of Blackhawk fans as they booed the Red Wings off of the ice as they left the arena, defeated.

While I, personally, do not

condone bad sportsmanship in any shape, way or form, I think it is safe for me to say that chants such as the aforementioned are simply inevitable at every high-octane sporting event.

Take every NMU hockey game into perspective.

If you listen to the chants and calls echoing forth from within the stadium, both from the student section and regular attendance sections, alike, you will hear shouts of insulting nature to the other team.

In somewhat rarer circumstances, you will also hear shouts of similar regard targeted at NMU's own Green and Gold.

Yet, most of the time, these exclamations are deemed acts of usual practice.

What makes NHL games or playoff, for that matter, much different? Either way, the players will skate on to play another game during another season.

I love being a fan of a team and shouting both words of encouragement and cries of dismay for or against the teams in play, once again, and I think both are fairly assumed to be completely routine at sporting events, but to focus on negative calls that are out of our control for a game that is no longer in existence save for in memory is a tough thing for a sports fan to swallow.

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Golf fundraiser celebrates blueberries

By Georgette Breen-Naylor
contributing writer

The snow has finally vanished and the beautiful sunrise on the dewy grass of Marquette's premier golf course has many anxious to get their turn on the challenging 18 holes.

The Blueberry Classic will take place on Friday, July 26. This event, which is the third annual, is held at Marquette's golf course and is an event for all ages.

The event is non-competitive and for all different skill levels. Each participant pays \$75 to enter. Teams of four are also allowed to enter the event at the cost of \$300 per team.

Northern Michigan University will use the proceeds to help support students in a variety of difficult situations. NMU development officer Mary Crampton said this event helps students who may not have the financial ability to pay for certain incidents.

"The event raises funds to support NMU students who face unforeseen financial hardships that are not covered through traditional financial aid," Crampton said.

Some of the hardships covered through this fundraiser are car repairs, medical expenses and child care.

"In the past two years over \$41,000 has been raised," Crampton said. "An endowment fund is

being created as a result of the success of the event."

Although the event is for a good cause, there will also be prizes awarded to the winner in each division. There will be a men's, women's and mixed-group division. The prizes are yet to be determined. The event will take place during Marquette's annual blueberry festival.

"The Blueberry Classic is a different kind of golf outing that will appeal to competitive, occasional, social and novice golfers alike," Crampton said.

Along with the blueberries, this event will also have a variety of foods and beverages. Each dish and beverage being offered will have a blueberry infused idea behind it. For example, Asian blueberry meatballs, crab cakes with sun dried blueberries and blueberry corn quinoa salad.

The fundraiser offers other events for those who are not the golfing type.

Besides golfing, there will be other activities attendees can enjoy such as golf cart decorating and chair massages.

The golf outing will also allow members of the community to meet NMU staff and faculty. Associate director of the Blueberry Classic John Frick said the event will be a really fun day of golf for everyone involved.

"The golf is not all that com-



Justin Key/NW

The Blueberry Classic golf outing takes place on Friday, July 26 at the NMU golf course. Call 227-311 for details.

petitive," Frick said. "It's fun to be out on the course helping to raise funds for a good cause."

Frick has been involved with the Blueberry Classic since it started three years ago, though Frick only began participated in the Classic for the first time last year.

"This year I've rounded up a team of friends from the Chicago

area," Frick said. "We'll be on the course on July 26 helping to raise funds for student scholarships."

However, Frick admitted he is nothing more than an average golfer but that it's not about winning. Instead, the event is about raising money for a good cause.

"It feels good to know that my participation is helping to raise money and that it supports

scholarships that support NMU students," Frick said.

The Blueberry Classic will take place on Friday, July 26 at the Northern Michigan University Golf Course located on 125 Chocloy Downs Golf Drive just off of M-28.

For more information, you can contact the NMU Golf Course at (906) 227-3111.




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Wildcat sports news & notes...in brief

Wildcat men welcome Rock standout

NMU men's basketball coach Bill Sall signed Brett Branstrom to a National Letter of Intent to play for the Wildcats in 2013-14.

Branstrom, a 6-foot-5 forward, played five seasons of varsity basketball for Mid Peninsula High School in Rock, Mich.

Branstrom averaged 25.2 points, 21.1 rebounds and five blocks during his senior year and totaled 1,785 career points.

"We want to make a focus of being able to bring in some quality players and student-athletes from the Upper Peninsula," Sall said. "Brett is the first piece to hopefully a very good recruiting class for next season. He's a quality player and student with a passion for the game of basketball."

Branstrom was named to The Detroit News Class D First Team, Associated Press Class D All-State, Upper Peninsula Class D Player of the Year, Dream

Team All-UP, Basketball Coaches of Michigan All State, Sky-line Conference Player of the Year and Sky-line Conference Defensive Player of the Year.



NMU football player signed by CFL team

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League have signed former NMU football player Zach Anderson.

The Blue Bombers started Rookie Training Camp on Wednesday, May 29.

Anderson, a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was a four-year letterwinner for the Wildcats from 2008-12 as a defensive tackle.

He appeared in 42 career games and had 213 total tackles (101 solo and 112 assisted).

Anderson also had 33 tackles-for-loss and 10.5 sacks. He forced three fumbles, had one interception and blocked a kick in his career. NMU played a 3-4 defense in his first three years and switched to a multiple 4-3 his senior year.

Anderson, a 6-foot-2, 270-pound lineman, received NMU's Gildo Canale award as the senior male student-athlete of the year.

He was named to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first team in 2012 and to the Don Hansen NCAA Divi-

sion II All-Super Region Four third team.

Anderson was a two-time GLIAC second team selection in his career and graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in December.

Karr selected to serve on NCAA committee

Northern Michigan University Director of Athletics Forrest Karr has been selected to serve on the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports. His term of service will run through September 1, 2017.

"I look forward to working with committee members and improving safety for student-athletes in all NCAA sports," Karr said.

Karr previously served on the NCAA Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Rules Committee from 2006-10, chairing the group from 2008-10.

During that time, the Rules Committee worked with the Committee on Competitive Safeguards on several important issues.

Ultimately, the Rules Committee passed strict contact to the head legislation that led the way for many other organizations.

Karr has also worked in the NCAA General Counsel's office and is a member of the Sports Lawyers Association (SLA).

Karr is currently a volunteer member of the Marquette Mountain Ski Patrol and has been a member of the National Ski Patrol since 2006.

—Courtesy of NMU Sports Information Releases



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Dave Bonsall — Congratulations, Dave! For 40 years you helped make Northern a great place to learn and enriched the student experience. NMU will miss you. Thanks for all your hard work. Send us a postcard from Margaritaville. — The North Wind staff

Rachel Harris — Here's to you, Director of the Student Enrichment Center. Thanks for all the guidance for the past three years. You helped make my undergraduate years that much better. Stay awesome! — Lee

Shaina — Enjoy your first summer as a graduate! We hope you're not too busy with your beatboxing career. Remember to stay grounded, especially when plugging in high-voltage electronics. — Your Old Crew

Old Crow Medicine Show — You never cured me of my leprosey, but you did rock me, momma, like a wagon wheel. It just wasn't the way I wanted it to feel. — George

Fish — Watch out. We're coming. And we've got a license to KRILL! — Most Whales

Humans — We want you to hunt us. Lewis Sinclair said it best. The Most Dangerous Game. Bring it on 2013. — Wolves

IRS — Why are you so fiscally irresponsible? Write us an IOU, IRS. — The American People

Boxed Wine — I know your wrong, but you taste so right. #GrapesOfWrath — NASCAR Fans

Kei\$ha — I brushed my teeth with a bottle of Jack, and it was awful. You are a bad influence. I should have listened to Judy Blume. She would never tell me to use fine liquor as an anti-plaque agent. Never. — Margaret

Amanda — You're like a boss, if by boss I mean funk-blasting, beat-dropping, all out geometry schoolin', lesson-preaching, swim-safety teaching master. Like an administrative assistant who was promoted because her former-boss was eaten by snakes that were on a plane. That kind of a boss. — Samuel L. Jackson

Margaret — God called. He wants his Jack Daniels back. — Judy Blume

M. Gervasi — We look at the pizza clock in Tino's and think of you every Tuesday you're not with us. Take a Wednesday off already! — K. Basolo

Doc Waite — We thank you for your feedback email. It was very insightful — NW staff

Kathleen — Happy Birthday! — Kristen

Boat Bar — We miss you and your delicious garlic bread. We'll come home soon — NW staff

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