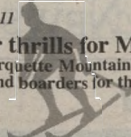


Lack of respect endangers tradition
Disregard of authority jeopardizes the Brule Run, a fan-favorite event at Northern.



Slopes offer thrills for Marquette
A review of Marquette Mountain lends an inside peek to skiers and boarders for the season.



Hockey team takes one against Tech
NMU hockey splits a weekend brawl with Michigan Tech in the opening games of conference play.



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Brule Run results in arrests

Katie Stumman/NW

By Cody Boyer
editor in chief

Two Northern Michigan University students were arrested late Monday night during the annual Brule Run, raising questions from students and staff about the event's future.

At midnight on Monday, Nov. 11, sophomores Peter Gibson and Austin Leder were arrested for obstructing police and drunk and disorderly conduct during this year's traditional Brule Run, according to authorities. Public

Safety officials said the arrests followed disruptiveness from spectators and participants of the event following reports of changes to the event.

Jeff Korpi, assistant director of Housing, said negative actions last year during the run led to this year's rule change.

"We spoke to some of the house leaders and then we addressed the house, explaining that some of the behavior that was being exhibited by a small number of students was really inappropriate," Korpi said. "We needed

some assurance that, if they are going to do this, the current behavior needed to change and the behavior afterward needed to, as well, so people involved can later go to bed and carry on with their night."

The Brule Run is an event, held by Brule House in Gant Hall which involves male residents running nude through the snow and around the Gant and Spalding courtyard. The tradition has been estimated to take place since

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Army to evaluate further before ROTC closures

By Amanda Monthei
managing editor

Following an announcement in October that the program was at risk of termination, the NMU ROTC program was notified on Thursday, Nov. 7 that it would be temporarily removed from the Army's elimination list.

The decision to remove NMU from the list comes after ROTC officials were notified in mid-October that the program, along with 13 other ROTC programs nationwide, would be cut by the Army. The Army is now allowing the 13

programs to operate for three additional years so that they may be monitored.

However, until they know the criteria used by the Army to select schools placed on the closure list, a professor and officer in the military science department and ROTC program said on Wednesday that they were unsure of what direction they should take.

"(The program) is still moving in a very favorable direction," Lt.

Col. John McLaughlin, professor of military science, said. "But at this stage, as far as waiting to find out what the criteria is, we can't adjust anything until we know what we need to adjust."

McLaughlin said he and the rest of the department expect to see the criteria from the Army relatively soon, at which point they can begin preparing for the future

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Former USOEC wrestler dies in camping accident

By Anna Lang
staff writer

A former NMU student and USOEC wrestler died from injuries as the result of a 70-foot fall from the top of Miners Falls in the early morning of Monday, Nov. 11.

Franklin Carver Sade, 24, and Jordan McGuire were camping at the top of the falls when Sade was gathering firewood and fell. McGuire called 911 as soon as he found a place with cell service, which was around 4:40 a.m., said U.S. Parks Service Ranger Bill Smith.

Rescuers made contact with Sade a few minutes before 6 a.m. EMS used lifesaving techniques on the way to the Munising Memorial Hospital where he was hospitalized for several hours before he was pronounced dead.

Smith said Sade and McGuire arrived at the Pictured

Rocks area around 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10. A storm came in during the evening, with winds and snowfall. The conditions were not ideal for camping, Smith said, and added there are no designated campgrounds in the area.

According to the NMU Communications and Marketing Department, McGuire had never been a student at NMU.

Sade was with the USOEC wrestling team for the winter 2012 semester, according to USOEC head wrestling coach Rob Hermann.

"It was [Frank's] dream to train Greco," said Hermann, adding that he wanted to emulate his father, who competed in the 1976 Olympics.

"[Frank] will be greatly missed and he built a lot of friendships," Hermann said. "Some of the guys [on the team] were with him Saturday so it was kind of a shock to them."



Kristen Koehler/NW

Miner's Falls, in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, was the scene of a falling death involving a former USOEC wrestler.

Breaking bad in the real world



Actor Giancarlo Esposito who plays Gus in the television show *Breaking Bad* spoke Monday, Nov. 11 in the Great Lakes Room of the UC to students about his experiences growing up around drugs and alcohol. *Katie Stumman/NW*

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— one that will hopefully extend beyond the evaluation process.

The ROTC program will be monitored for what is expected to be three years, according to NMU President David Haynes, at which time decisions will be made in regard to the closure of select programs.

"From the best that we understand, it is a three-year evaluation process or extension for the program," Haynes said. "During that period, they will be evaluating the

program and we will be talking to them about the standards they use and do what we can to meet some of the benchmarking information they give us."

Despite the pressure being placed on the criteria used to evaluate certain programs, some ROTC officers are looking at possible elimination in a positive light.

"I think the most important part is that it's like a new life for us," Lt. Jake Pfister of enrollment and recruiting said. "It kind of allows us to keep going, keep bringing in new prospects and we'll continue to commission fu-

ture officers to the program and show how important this program really is to the college and community."

McLaughlin said bettering the program prior to the evaluation process is of the utmost importance at this point, and expects good things from the program in future years.

"From our perspective it's an opportunity to rectify any deficiencies," McLaughlin said. "I anticipate that the program is going to continue to expand. We're moving in the right trajectory towards that and the cadet performance has been phenomenal at

this stage in the academic year. I'm excited to see what the second semester brings us."

Haynes said he will be traveling to Washington D.C. to meet with Army officials and to discuss the future of NMU's ROTC.

"I plan to explore what other options we have to keep the ROTC open," Haynes said. "(ROTC) is very important to keep for the student experience. If our goal is to have access to students at an affordable price, then I have to say ROTC is part of that equation. I would do the same for any other organizations."

Still, the prospect of closure

has proved frustrating for the program officers and military science department administrators.

"I think there is still an element of frustration not just within the program but with the university at large," McLaughlin said. "The criteria that was used for all the universities that were identified for program closure, it has yet to be revealed. But right now the program continues moving in a very favorable direction."

NMU's 44-year old ROTC program has graduated over 400 cadets since its inception. Currently, 65 cadets are enrolled in the program.

Events

Les Miserables

7:30 p.m.
Thursday – Saturday, Nov. 14 -16
Forest Roberts Theater
Tickets are \$5 for NMU students,
\$10 for other students and \$15 for general public

Hunter's Feast

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 14
Marketplace
\$8.50 for adults, \$4.75 for children

Young Dubliners

7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16
Great Lakes Room, UC
\$6 for students

Steve Roggenbuck Poetry Workshop

1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16
Free

ARRIVAL mountain biking movie premiere

7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 18
Jamrich 102
Free

Superior Edge Spotlight

Anna Dravland is a junior from Negaunee, Michigan, working on her associates in food service management and her bachelors in hospitality management. She has completed almost 400 hours and has already finished the Leadership and Real World Edges.



Anna Dravland

When asked what her favorite activity she has done in Superior Edge was, Anna replied, "The Seeds and Spores benefit. It was put on within one week with the most amazing outpouring of love and giving from the community." Anna also stated, "My favorite thing about Superior Edge is that it has provided me with a long-term challenge and goal. It has inspired me to look outside my normal activities and helped create a permanent passion for volunteering and fundraising."

Congratulations, Anna!

Superior Edge

Testimonial

"The Diversity Edge impacted me the most because I took the opportunity to leave the country. This edge lit a fire that makes me want to see the world. This edge gave me the courage to take a risk and travel. The best way to experience life is with no regrets, and the most significant way for me to do that is to travel."

-Ellyn Carroll



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Flavors of the past



Anthony Viola/NW
Junior biology major Cameron Anderson (left) and senior biology major Cody Anderson (right) sample different foods at the 13th annual First Nations Food Taster hosted by the Native American Student Association on Nov. 8.

Can drive supports locals during holidays

By Chelsea Ewalt
contributing writer

This year marks the 31st anniversary of the TV6 Can-a-thon. The Can-a-thon helps feed people of Marquette County and across the entire Upper Peninsula. Members of the community collect non-perishable food items and donate it local food pantries.

It was originally founded in 1982 when there were layoffs at the mines and the local food pantries were taxed for food. Throughout the years more than 3 million pounds of food have been donated to help feed the hungry.

"A lot of people don't have a problem putting food on the table but the ones that do really feel it around the holidays," said Seth Kratz, a NMU Volunteer Center coordinator. "The Can-a-thon brought in 1,830 pounds alone from NMU last year and was able to help those

in need have a better meal and one less thing to worry about."

The Can-a-thon kicked off on Monday, Nov. 11 and continues until Dec. 5.

Since it began, the goal of the Can-a-thon has been to help feed a hungry neighbor.

The unique aspect of this event is that the food collected stays within the community.

"The Volunteer Center is in charge of collecting cans from all over campus," Kratz said. "We are, however, a very small portion of the TV6 Can-a-thon. There are other groups on campus and in the community that collect food for this great cause."

Scott Zerbel, Director of Creative Services for TV6, coordinates the Can-a-thon yearly. He is also an alumni and previously taught art and design for 20 years at NMU.

There isn't a goal amount of the food collected throughout the Can-

a-thon; the primary focus is the act of simply helping someone.

"We never really make a goal of any sorts since the event began," Zerbel said. "It has consistently grown, but no matter what the total is it goes to a good cause and is greatly appreciated. There is success simply by the amount of giving."

Students interested in donating non perishable items can visit drop boxes at the University Center, Learning Resource Center, Service Building, CatTrax or at the Volunteer Center in the Student Enrichment Office, Room 1205 of the University Center.

For more information on TV6 Can-a-thon events call Zerbel at (906) 475-4161 or email szerbel@wluctv6.com. For additional information can be found by calling the Volunteer Center at (906) 227-2466 or by emailing them at volctr@nmu.edu.

Briefs

State News

The Michigan Economic Development Corp. announced approval of Michigan Business Development Program incentives to three companies which are expected to bring \$24 million and 403 jobs to Michigan.

Cooper-Standard Automotive, Pillar Technology Group LLC and Ventra Grand Rapids 5 LLC all chose Michigan over places such as Tennessee, Arkansas, Mexico, Ohio and Iowa.

The Michigan Business Development Program provides grants and economic assistance to businesses, especially those that are close to closing deals.

The businesses are chosen based on out-of-state competition, long-term benefits and other factors.

National News

The Obama administration reported Wednesday, Nov. 13 that just under 27,000 people enrolled in health care plans through the "Obamacare" website.

In addition, about 79,000 people have enrolled through websites owned by 14 states. The total enrollment of about 106,000 in October is about one fifth of the administration projected.

If the number was counted as people who signed up and paid for the first month, the number of 106,000 would be much smaller.

The website's bugs during October prevented many from signing up but Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius expects enrollment to grow significantly.

The open enrollment period runs until March 31, 2014. Some Democrats want to change aspects of the program, while Republicans want to repeal it.

International News

The Philippines' official death toll rose to 2,344 Wednesday, Nov. 13, five days after a typhoon hit the country.

The death toll could be as high as 10,000, some officials estimate, and at least two Americans are dead.

According to officials, the typhoon was directly affected 10 percent of the population and some say the current aid isn't enough.

The Philippine army is short-handed and some roads are impassable, inhibiting the distribution of goods. There is a water shortage and 163 inmates escaped from a Tacloban prison.

Thirty countries have pledged aid to the Philippines.

Weird News

A Spanish woman has taken her neighbor and parents to court, claiming she suffered from noise pollution. The trial will end Friday, Nov. 15 with a verdict being issued at a later date.

Sonia Bosom claimed that Laia Martin played the piano for five days a week, eight hours at a time. Martin said she practiced in other towns and usually only played at her Madrid apartment on the weekends.

Martin and her parents could be looking at seven years each in prison for psychological damage and noise pollution.

Bosom said she now hates pianos so much she can't even look at them in movies and that she has had to take off work from the problems the piano has caused. Tests run by local authorities found that the piano was 10 decibels louder than the city limit for instruments.

City authorities asked Martin several times to stop playing or soundproof the room.

—Compiled from news sources

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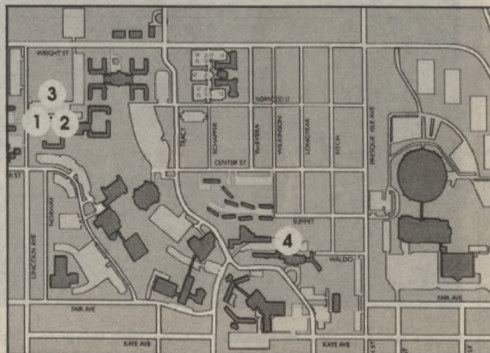
CAMPUS CRIME MAP

1. An alcohol violation occurred at 1:00 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 in Gant Hall.

2. An alcohol violation and resisting arrest occurred at 9:40 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11 in Gant Hall.

3. Malicious destruction of property to a motor vehicle occurred at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 in Lot 16.

4. Possession of marijuana occurred at 12:23 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 in Lot 7.



CAPS department receives new production lab

By Emily Pagel
news editor

The Communication and Performance Studies (CAPS) department is in the process of receiving a new production lab.

According to CAPS department head James Cantrill, the new lab grew out of the needs highlighted by the academic program review process.

"The review, among other things, indicated that right now our students in broadcast production and public relations are hampered by the fact that we're limited to the PC platform of the Lenovo Thinkpad, whereas the industry standard is a Macintosh operating system," Cantrill said.

A proposal was made to shift over to Mac laptops for the department, said Cantrill, but was decided it wasn't best for the department needs.

"It became apparent when that proposal was brought forward that the laptops didn't have the storage or computing power that we needed for the broadcast production courses," Cantrill said. "The administration decided to make a lab."

According to Mark Shevy, associate professor of media production and mass communication the new facility will equip stu-



Anthony Viola/NW

Junior communication studies major, Corrinne Murch works in the current audio/video lab at the McClintock building. The new Mac lab will be finished and ready for students and faculty by the winter 2014 semester.

dents and faculty with the ability to have a more integrated learning experience.

"The Mac lab is a response to requests we've made for a long time to get a computer platform that was more useful to the production students. Many of our students require Macs for running software such as Protocols or

Final Cut Pro, and we haven't had much of that capability in the past," Shevy said. "Having a Mac lab classroom will allow us to teach whole classes where every student can be on a computer following along and doing the examples that we're presenting at the front of the class."

The new lab will strengthen

the CAPS department in what it lacks with the current video/audio production lab, Cantrill said.

"This lab will have 17 work stations, all hooked up to a server, and all the software needed for production work," Cantrill said. "There will also be a high end dual-screen editing suite in the room and an instructor station

with a iMac, large LCD screen for viewing, editing and discussion in class."

Cantrill said this lab will make the CAPS department up to date with the broadcasting industry.

"The lab will be state of the art which will allow us to do new things that we haven't been able to do in the past," Shevy said. "We'll be able to have more computing power for teaching video post-production and give students more flexibility to work on their projects. This is a step in a direction we've needed to go for a long time."

The lab will be used all day with lab hours in the evenings and throughout the weekend. Students will need a CAPS card from their instructor to access the facility.

The new lab will be located in room 318 of the Thomas Fine Arts Building and is currently under the process of being constructed. Cantrill anticipates the lab will be finished for the Winter 2014 semester.

"We owe this facility to the Provost Paul Lang, and especially Michael Broadway for leading this project," Cantrill said. "They have been very supportive on the basis of academic program review and it's to their credit that they recognize the needs of departments on campus."

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the 1960s according to several members of Brule House, but the actual date is unknown. At the same time, the all-female Malibu House participates in the "Malibu Flash" inside after the men run outside, lifting their shirts next to windows.

According to sophomore and Brule participant David Gates, Public Safety told members of the house not to run in the event on Monday morning. Gates said Korpi offered a deal so the event could continue while remaining under control.

"At 11:30 p.m., they told us we weren't going to be able to run," Gates said. "We had a meeting with our RA, the RD of Gant and Jeff Korpi, and he said we were allowed to do one lap and one lap only. After that, he said we have to go to our rooms and be done after that."

According to another Brule resident and runner who wished to remain anonymous, alcohol consumption was a factor in escalating relations with police officials. The student also said some residents of the nearby halls popped screens out of their windows in order to throw objects from their rooms, while other students threw similar objects from the ground.

"Before the cancellation

turned into just the change to one lap, things were getting pretty rowdy," the student said. "We started spreading the word at 11 a.m. and I think that was part of the problem, spreading the idea early. We were drinking too early in the day and getting excited for it."

Public Safety corporal and police specialist Guy LaPlante said the conduct that transpired was shocking to the police, including students spitting on Public Safety vehicles.

"It was a very fluid evening," LaPlante said. "It was unfortunate to see the students reacting in such a way to authorities. It used to be a lot tamer and we don't know where it came from. The event attracts many people, regardless if they live on campus or not. It should be better controlled."

LaPlante also said the presence of alcohol at such an event took away from the appeal that it had for students over the years.

"Alcohol really destroyed it," LaPlante said. "The run has been a little more controlled in the past, but when students start spitting on our cars and throwing snowballs at officers, you know that kind of respect is gone. I don't know where it came from."

While future discussions will take place regarding the event, Korpi said keeping traditions going are important factors in maintaining student life at NMU.

"We don't want to cancel what

isn't ours," Korpi said. "The future plans of the event will be discussed, for sure. Housing and Residence Life of NMU does not put on the Brule Run. It's a tradition that goes back. Students move into that house knowing about that tradition that takes place and the behavior is driven

by the students who live there."

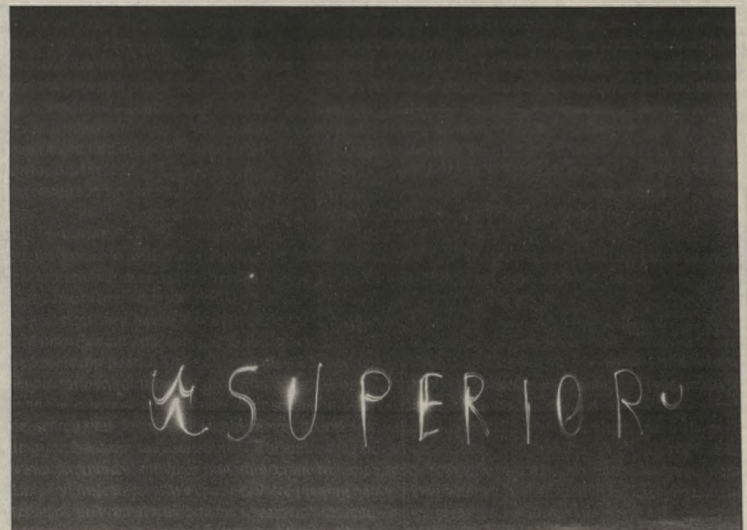
Gates said the way things developed that night did not reflect the manner in which the Brule Run has been handled in the past.

"It's really important to keep tradition alive," Gates said. "Everything that happened could have been avoided. We upheld

our end of the bargain and ran the one lap, but things just escalated. The tradition, though, is a really good hall experience for everyone."

Public Safety officials said the investigation is currently ongoing pertaining to the charges against Gibson and Leder.

Superior photography



Amanda Monthei/NW

Using a long exposure and a headlamp (or anything that glows), 'light painting' is a fun photographic experiment. Here, 'Superior' is painted, appropriately, on Lake Superior at Wetmore Beach off of CR 550.

New Jamrich construction continues

By Emily Pagel
news editor

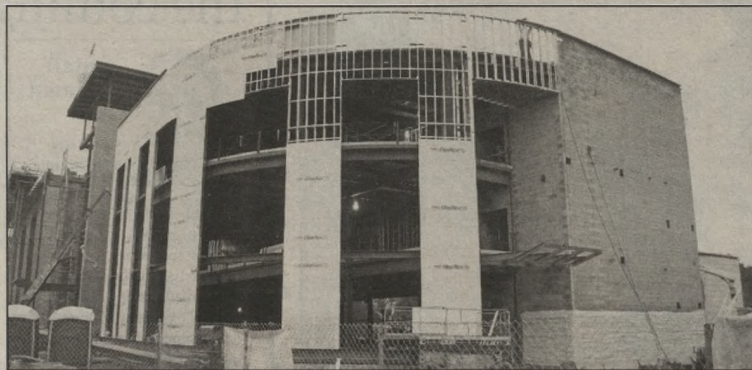
Construction for the New Jamrich building continues as the structure begins to take form despite winter weather.

Associate Director of Engineering and Planning Jim Thams said construction has been going as planned and there have been no delays.

"We're about 40 percent complete right now," Thams said. "A majority of the block is up. We're installing brick right now and we have exterior windows going in on the east side of the building. On the inside they're constructing the steel for the stairwells. Steel studs are going up and in select areas there's drywall going up."

During the winter months, Thams said, construction will continue as heating and cooling pipes, electrical systems and panels begin to form and more work is done on the mechanical room.

"The building is being constructed essentially in thirds," Thams said. "The far side, the middle and the side closest to Hedgcock. We started in the northernmost third, that side is by far the farthest side along. Within two or three weeks we should have temporary heat in that area. Once we get the temporary heat in



Katie Stumman/NW

Construction for the new Jamrich continues as cement blocks and bricks are laid out for the exterior. The building will be finished by the fall 2014 semester, but contractors hope to finish the exterior by the time the snow flies.

there we can finish the drywall."

Thams said the main focus will be getting the exterior finished before heavy snowfall.

"Our goal was to get the building dry by the middle of November," Thams said. "We're going to achieve that. By doing that we're going to make all of that interior work possible."

Director of Communications and Marketing Cindy Paavola said the university has been pleased with the construction.

"Everyone is on schedule," Paavola said. "In some cases they've strived to make sure ev-

erything is enclosed before the snow starts to fall. We wanted to make sure everything was enclosed for the workers that will be working indoors in the winter months and it looks like that's going to be possible."

Paavola said the new building will make the campus more efficient for faculty and students.

"It will be a pretty exciting building because it will do everything we wanted had we moved along with the current Jamrich Hall, but it's going to be so much more energy and space efficient," Paavola said. "That's really ex-

citing because that's money you don't have to raise, or come up with, or take away from other things that could go towards the student experience."

According to Paavola, there has been a positive response on the building from students.

"I think it's really exciting," Paavola said. "We've heard a lot of positive comments on how the building's really taking shape and they're starting to visualize what the building will look like because when it was just a bunch of steel framework they couldn't necessarily get a grasp of how big

it was or what some of the cool features were."

Though there was debate over the new building, Paavola said that overall students realize that there will be some really dynamic features.

"One of them is the clock tower which is starting to take shape now that the building's put together," Paavola said.

"It will be a signature mark for us, as we have not had one of those on campus; so it will be exciting to have one for the facility. The clock tower will be lit at night and the lights will be shining green and gold."

The construction estimated at fifteen months has run smoothly with no delays, Paavola said.

"At the university, we really thank all the construction workers," Paavola said. "There are so many different people working through different companies and have done a great job at staying on schedule and taking care to make sure the building is put together well, quickly but safely."

According to Thams the building construction will be finished for the Fall 2014 semester.

"Everything will be done," Thams said. "Furniture moved in, building commissioned and all the classroom technology installed in August 2014."

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH!

The Volunteer Center would like to heartily congratulate Ellyn Carroll for being named Volunteer of the Month! Ellyn is a Business Management major from Maple Grove, Minnesota.

Ellyn is the Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach for Marquette High where she has dedicated over 300 volunteer hours to mentor young adults. Ellyn also volunteers as an FYE instructor, for the UNITED conference, Noquemanon Ski Marathon, UP 200, UPAWS, refereeing JV volleyball tournaments, and so much more. This Christmas, Ellyn will be volunteering in Thailand to help build a community center for a small village. Later in May, she plans on doing similar work in Ireland.



EDITORIAL



Public safety deserves respect

The value of long-held traditions has an often unspoken importance in the college experience. The Brule Run, which takes place in the Gant and Spalding courtyard at midnight after the first full 24 hours with snow on the ground, is a tradition that has been unique to NMU students since the mid 1970s.

However, the event, which involves the residents of the all-male Brule House in Gant Hall running nude laps in the courtyard, has been under fire recently for its encouragement of the consumption of alcohol and general rowdiness by students living in the residence halls.

The event was partially called off this year (students were permitted only one lap), but students still took to the sidewalk to engage in the event on Monday, Nov. 11.

The desire to take part in the tradition despite not having total support from administrators was understandable (and probably more in line with the nature of streaking than actually having the university's permission); however, what is of concern is the way spectators and bystanders behaved during Monday night's event. With two arrests, one broken dorm window and a handful of cases of students spitting on Public Safety officers and throwing objects at them, the North Wind staff has to wonder: have some lost their ability to be respectful?

Practices like the Brule Run are prevalent on college campuses nationwide, including at Dartmouth College, where the annual Ledyard Challenge prompts students to swim naked across the Connecticut River and run back to the start line still in the nude.

However, the fact that university-sanctioned events like the Ledyard Challenge continue year to year is partly because of student compliance with some basic (and for the most part, assumed) rules.

Where students can continue to be respectful while still having a good time (alcohol or not) is where we see these traditions continue. However, excessive drinking, disrespect and vandalism are pretty quick ways to have something like the Brule Run taken away.

The biggest source of anxiety over the continuation of the Brule Run, especially for members of the housing and residence life department, has been the presence of uncontrolled rowdiness and contempt for basic rules. For years, the run has existed with little to no need for Public Safety officers, and was allowed — however hesitantly — by administrators. This year, despite Public Safety officers exerting relatively little intervention during the event, they allegedly had to deal with having objects thrown at them and getting spat on by students.

If we hope to continue getting respect and leniency from Public Safety officers, it's obvious that incidents like this aren't the best way to go about it. Showing respect for these officers — and other members of the NMU community — will allow future traditions like the Brule Run to continue to exist.

President David Haynes has even said he sees the value in a tradition as old as the Brule Run; however, students should know that in order for events like the Brule Run to exist, the concerns of the university need to be recognized, and, most of all, respected.

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Yooper irritated with the coming of winter



Staff Column

Kelly McCommons

Think back to the first few weeks of school. You were probably just recovering from summer break, relishing the sweet taste of freedom after being stuck in your parents' basement or being active in a summer job or internship for four months. Once school started, students had time to spend a few hours at Black Rocks cliff jumping or swimming in Lake Superior. But the seeming freedom of a blissful, early-semester lifestyle — when the sun is still shining, temperatures are still reasonably warm and dips in Superior can be had between classes — soon fades following just a few weeks of academia.

And then, before we know it, it's late fall. Seven weeks after the bliss of late summer, and it's all sleet, slush and that other 's' word — snow.

Monday morning I woke up to that unfortunate sight out my window. Snow. Depressing? Yes. Even though many students probably hurried outside and enjoyed the occasion on Monday morning, I rolled my eyes and went back to bed.

Maybe it's the fact that I've lived in Marquette for 13 years. Or perhaps it's the fact that 70-degree weather is now at least six months, or 24 weeks, or 169 days away. Either way, I've come to a conclusion: fall semester is superior to winter semester. Also, anybody not originally from the Upper Peninsula cannot call themselves a Yooper for at least three winters. And there are ways to get out of the rut of winter.

Let me explain.

The weather here is completely nonsense. Hot. Cold. Hot. Cold. It sucks. It's 50, then it's 30, then it's 80, then it's 12. Next thing you know...it's snowing. And I can't take it. The sun is shining but there's a breeze so it's cold. Make up your damn mind Mother Nature. Have you heard of thundersnow? I have. It's as real as your mom's cooking.

I can no longer walk outside without a jacket, and I have to resort to the heavy black winter boots that reach almost up to my knees as I lug around the yard. I have to close my window at night when I go to bed. My morning commute to school will consist of me freezing in my car listening to tasteless pop music while my hands are frozen to the wheel — only to discover that my car heater would actually start blowing out warm air as soon as I reach my destination.

But fall semester isn't so bad, right? We do have the fall colors...for maybe three days, until the gale winds of November come around. Then all we get are barren twigs and gray branches for the rest of the year.

Maybe that's what I'm missing. A sense of light. A ball of light. The sun. Without it people tend to develop conditions associated with the winter "blahs." Lack of sleep coupled with gloomy skies can make most anyone feel down in the dumps.

So what can be done to boost morale during the long and strenuous winter semester? Get into a rhythm and stick to it. Wake up on time. Have some time to blow off. Go to the PEIF, jump in the pool, hit up the sauna, go enjoy Marquette Mountain (when it opens...), join that club at NMU that you've always wanted to or start your own.

Along with that, try and plan when your classes will be. Nobody likes 8 a.m. classes, so try and schedule after 9 a.m. (unless, of course, you're really into waking up early). Why is this? Your body will have an easier time adjusting to the sun's schedule rather than going to bed when it's dark and waking up when it's dark as well. Leave yourself enough time to slowly adjust to waking up in the morning. Think like a sunrise. Your mind will thank you later.

Maybe I've just lived here for too long and have become accustomed to the changing seasons so much that it doesn't affect me as much — maybe I've gotten into a rhythm.

But until I can jump back into Lake Superior and snorkel around in the water...I'm frozen. I'll let that thought thaw out.

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Letter to the Editor Alumni weighs in on proposed tobacco ban

Dear editor,

I see that finally, Northern has come to the realization that cigarettes are just as dangerous as loaded (or perhaps even unloaded) firearms, and are taking steps to limit their presence on campus.

This should not surprise us, even though both are legal to buy, possess and use. There are already restrictions as to who can buy cigarettes and where they can be used, but NMU plans to ban the presence of tobacco entirely. (Gun owners may relax for now.) Rather

than an outright ban, though, why not handle them like we handle the above mentioned firearms? Students bringing packs, cartons or chew onto campus could report to Public Safety, register their stash and have Public Safety store it for them. Then, when headed off-

campus and craving a ciggie, they could stop by and pick up their tobacco. Upon returning from off-campus jaunts, they could reverse the process. Northern could monitor those who use tobacco and regulate its use at the same time. You know? It wasn't

like that when I lived in Gant Hall. The only thing we couldn't smoke on campus back then was reefer.

Don Wilkie
NMU Alumni, Class of '84

Professor bias subverts classroom, grading process



Staff Column
Michael Williams

Before attending NMU, I did my initial college schooling at a sizeable college in my hometown of Jackson, Mich., cleverly named "Jackson Community College." Fresh out of high school and eager to establish myself academically, I enrolled in a 14-credit semester, composed strictly of prerequisites for a yet-to-be-determined major focus. I took psychology 101 my first semester, interested to see if psychology was a field for me.

The first project of this class was a presentation analyzing a sub-field of psychology, preferably one of interest to the student. I chose evolutionary psychology, intrigued by the implications that modern biological research had for the discipline. My thinking was that, after all, humans and animals aren't so dissimilar. We eat, drink, communicate, copulate, procreate, etc. There are other primate species known to get drunk off of old, fermented fruit. These connections fascinated me (and still do).

My assumption was this: in the world of academics, personal biases stay in the school parking lot. (Again, I was a freshman.) I presented my project, confident that the theory of evolution would hold in a psychology 101 class-

room, at a secular institution, no less. What later came out was that my professor was not only Christian, but believed in a six-day creation story that (in her mind) happened 10,000 years ago. On top of that, she travels with a roving band of ministers every summer, preaching the "good word" for all who may hear (her academic letters provides me hope that she has more tact than the campus preachers NMU was subject to earlier this semester).

I received an "E" on the assignment. And I met all of the requirements.

She was incapable of leaving her faith in the car, despite the fact that she chose a textbook with a substantial chapter on the topic which I was promoting.

Ideological bias in the front of the classroom is so common that it seems almost negligible to discuss. Professorship allows exploitation of power in instances where objectivity is vital. Positions of authority provide those who hold them with an inflated sense of confidence in their own opinions. This can apply as much to police officers as it does to professors. (One would think a psychology professor would be keen to notice the phenomenon. Apparently not.)

When an individual is given reign over a group, according to themselves unfair advantage is almost second nature. In my professor's case, her faith trumped reason. The sanctity of science took a back seat to the sacredness of her faith.

Would God damn her to hell for passing a student who met all of her requirements yet happened to discuss a tenet of science that does not necessitate the existence of that God? I don't know. I don't believe in God. But if that was her thinking (and I think it's somewhat accurate), then she is not fit for educating.

But her case is one. Professor biases standing in the way of student grades are incredibly common.

I had an English professor at the same college who identified as a socialist (we got along). He assigned an essay where students were meant to discuss several peer-reviewed academic papers in their respective field of study.

My peer in the class, Alexa, was a marketing major who wrote a superbly formatted, well-researched, and excellently analyzed essay regarding children's marketing. She received a 'C' on the essay, despite her hard work.

While the professor did not say that Alexa's paltry grade was due to him finding the phenomenon of children's advertising perverse (and he did specify his opinion multiple times), it was at least clear that she deserved a better grade.

Temporarily forfeiting your own predispositions, unless they are pertinent to the class itself, is what keeps education sacred. This does not mean removing the flair of opinion, but not letting that opinion seep into the grading process. Effort speaks for itself, despite the content.

Sound Off

What's the best NMU event you've attended so far this year?



Trent Davis
sophomore, health and fitness

"The human sled dog race was so fun to participate in last winter."



Courtney Case
sophomore, sec. ed

"I would have to say the drag show, partially because I'm head of the committee but it's also the most fun."



TJ Olsson
sophomore, math

"I went to a poetry reading that PrimeTime held last year and it was really funny."



Katelyn Campbell
freshman, undeclared

"Any kind of hockey game is always a favorite."



Shane Houston
freshman, nursing

"The dancer and comedian Xclusive that PrimeTime brought was cool."



Samm Lehmann
freshman, pre-med

"The NMU hockey game against Tech, for sure."

Compiled by Katie Stumman



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CHOOSE YOUR PATH: ACTION SPORTS IN MARQUETTE

By Amanda Monthei
managing editor

Marquette is experiencing what could be described as an action sports renaissance. Though that may not be the right word; Bill Thompson of Down Wind Sports probably wouldn't think so. Having owned Down Wind Sports since 1998, and being heavily involved in the Upper Peninsula action sports community since, Thompson was witness to some initial sparks of action sport interest in the area, and he made it quite clear that the draw to sports like mountain biking, climbing and sea kayaking are nothing new to the Marquette area.

So maybe "revitalization" is a better word. Regardless, Marquette was featured as one of the best mountain biking destinations in the country by USA Today in early October, as well as one of the best ski communities in the "Big East" as part of Powder Magazine's Ski Town Throwdown, and has the events, community support, financial backing and, most of all, terrain and trails to back it up.

SNOW SPORTS

Snow's on the ground, and that leaves a measurable portion of the NMU community craving some early-season turns. Ski Brule, in Iron Mountain, opened on Friday, Nov. 7, and will remain open on weekends until more substantial snowfall occurs. Marquette Mountain intends to open on Saturday, Nov. 29, pending cold enough temperatures to make snow over the next two weeks, or enough natural snowfall to warrant a Thanksgiving weekend opening.

When the lake-effect snow cycles begin churning and the ground becomes thoroughly covered, Mt. Bohemia in the Keweenaw Peninsula is a top-notch destination for backcountry skiing and snowboarding, a hard thing to come by in the Midwest. At print time, Mt. Bohemia was still in the running for Powder Magazine's Ski Town Throwdown, having made it to the sweet 16 after defeating Whiteface Mountain in the last round. The contest itself is set up similar to the NCAA March Madness bracket, with Marquette Mountain also making the bracket but losing in the first round. Mt. Bohemia also has an unheard-of one-day season pass price on the Saturday, Dec. 7 this year, where skiers can get a \$99 pass for the entire season.

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"I think accessibility is the biggest thing," said Colten Moore, a junior earth science major and employee at the PEIF climbing wall. "People don't really realize that within 10 minutes of downtown, we have tons of opportunities to do cool stuff. We have world-class mountain bike trails, cross-country ski trails that are maintained all winter long and also hiking trails that are really well marked."

Simply put, the popularity of extreme (climbing, mountain biking, kiteboarding) and silent (hiking, kayaking, trail running) action sports has combined with positive national publicity and community support to create a haven for those who call the upper Midwest their home.

Likewise, sports that are typically viewed as having primarily West Coast roots are taking hold on "The Third Coast," as the Lake Superior region is now home to a growing community of not only mountain bikers, snowbikers and back-country skiers and snowboarders, but has also become a Midwest mecca for freshwater surfers, paddlers and ice climbers.

"Marquette is a bike-crazy town," Thompson

Amanda Monthei/NW



BIKING

Mountain biking in Marquette has, according to Thompson, always had a solid following and been well-received by the community. However, with recent publicity from USA Today and other news sources, as well as with the introduction of snowbiking in recent years, the mountain biking scene in Marquette has taken off, and for good reason.

"Snowbiking has really been spreading fast, which has allowed for snowbike trails to open up all over," Moore said. "It's cool because Marquette is such a big biking destination in general, so with new snowbike opportunities, it's becoming even better."

Moore added that more and more snowbiking trails are being created and maintained, and that the Noquemanon Trail Network and other local organizations and bike shops have garnered substantial support for the trails systems in and around Marquette.

"A lot of people put in a lot of time and effort to make these things possible," he said. "It's really become pretty easy to get out there and do it."

At left, Kate Hertler, senior painting major, and Marquette resident Tyler Phillips cross country skiing at Valley Spur Trails outside of Munising last year. Senior political science major Bridget McDonald (above) bikes along the local Tourist Park Trails.

said. "As a silent sport, biking gets a lot of the publicity. But there's also world-class sea kayaking that's been around forever, there's ice climbing — which is really starting to take hold right now — and backpacking. There is a lot going on here."

The subsequent question, however, is whether or not these sports are reasonable to pursue at this point in the season, with temperatures dipping well below freezing and, as of recently, with inches of snow dropping to the ground. While every action sport has a few masochists who will subject themselves to rain, sleet and snow or, in the case of surfing, near freezing water temperatures to do what they do, such extremes can't be expected from those just trying to break into a sport.

However, there are options for those looking to get outside and enjoy the first snowfalls of the season while staying reasonably warm and dry during November and early December.

Amanda Monthei/NW



CLIMBING

While climbing outside in November isn't ideal almost anywhere in the country, a sunny and semi-warm day in November is all one needs to enjoy the rocks well into the late fall season. Student interested in learning to climb can do so at the PEIF climbing wall, and once acquainted with the sport, can contact the South Superior Climbing Club (SSCC) for more direction on where to break into outdoor climbing, how to climb outdoors and, perhaps most importantly, who to climb with.

"I didn't start climbing until I came to college," Moore said. "But people were down to teach me and show me what's going on. Everyone in Marquette is really passionate about what they do and showing others how to do it too."

Moore, who is also a member of the SSCC, said that going to the wall, while intimidating at first, is the best way to get acquainted with the climbing experience and the community members that will give you a chance to tag along.

"Sometimes coming to the wall is kind of intimidating if you've never done it before," he said. "But if you want to get into rock climbing, we have open climb three days a week at

the PEIF and then we have this new thing called Women on the Wall, which is a women-only class."

The Women on the Wall class takes place every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event combines yoga stretching and climbing, and is designed for women who are just starting to climb, Moore said.

Additionally, indoor rock climbing and ice climbing classes are being offered during winter semester, and members of the SSCC remain active well into the winter. Ice climbing in the winter months can be done along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, as well as in select locations closer to Marquette. Michigan Icefest, sponsored by Down Wind Sports and held in Munising, is also an ideal time to learn ice climbing technique, as beginners are welcome and can get a taste of ice climbing for the relatively cheap cost of gear rental and gas to Munising.

Above, Bridget McDonald and senior outdoor recreation major Mike Brines enjoy the view from Lunar Loaf. Also at Lunar Loaf, senior outdoor recreation major Laura Sabourin (below), looks out over Lake Superior.

HIKING

If you're not too into the extreme sports scene, a jaunt up Sugarloaf or Hogback during late fall and early winter can provide a surreal experience for students who typically reserve outdoor activity for the warm months. While a little more adventurous (and ambitious), hiking in the shoulder weeks between fall and winter is a quick way to get off campus and away from the grind, if even for a moment. Also, with dreary skies and bare branches, late November and early December can get pretty dull — a quick hike along the Lake Superior shoreline near Wetmore Beach or up a rocky peak can be just the mental regeneration students need as finals approach.

NMU alumnus Matt Meyer climbs with the South Superior Climbing Club in Arkansas in 2012.

Kristen Koehler/NW



READY TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

CHECK OUT THESE LOCATIONS:

Rock/Ice Climbing

- PEIF's Climbing Wall
- Suicide Bowl (Ishpeming)
- Grand Island
- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

Biking

- Paved Lakeshore Bike Path
- Iron Ore Heritage Trail
- Tourist Bike Trails
- Noquemanon Trails

Hiking

- Echo Lake
- Hogback
- Sugarloaf
- Lunar Loaf (North of Sugarloaf)

Snowboarding/Skiing

- Marquette Mountain
- Ski Brule (Iron Mountain)
- Mt. Bohemia (Mohawk)



Celtic rock band performs

By Kate Clark
staff writer

The Young Dubliners, with opening acts Sparrow Tree and Friendly Looking Strangers, will play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 in the Great Lakes Rooms as part of the Northern Nights series.

Dan Truckey, the coordinator of Northern Nights, said the series works to bring national and international acts not just to NMU, but the Marquette area.

"The purpose behind it is to provide entertainment, but it's also to bring the world to Northern and provide windows into different music, arts and culture," Truckey said.

The series usually tries to bring a Celtic group every year and began to look at crossover acts.

"We really liked The Young Dubliners' energy and their music," Truckey said. "It seemed like a good fit."

Truckey said people who like bands such as the Dropkick Murphys will definitely like the Young Dubliners. He expects around 300 attendees.

The Young Dubliners were originally part of the lineup of last year's series, but the show was canceled due to the lead singer undergoing throat surgery. Those who still have tickets from that concert can use them this year, Truckey said.

Northern Nights usually tries to find a venue suitable for the type of music being played.

"Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't," Truckey said. "But in this case, there was no



Photo courtesy of the Young Dubliners
The Young Dubliners, an American rock band formed in Los Angeles in 1988, play a fresh fusion of Irish traditional music and modern rock.

question. We had to have it in the Great Lakes Rooms because it's the only place we can get a good dance floor."

In recent years, the Northern Nights committee has begun to look at more contemporary acts and crossover bands to appeal to a wider audience.

"This season we tried to look for different things," Truckey said. "We looked at different styles of music."

He cited the series' last act, BlackMahal, as an example due to their fusion of traditional Indian music with hip hop.

"Part of the reason for doing it is we want to attract a younger audience; we want to get students more involved in the series," Truckey said. "I think that's been the hardest thing for us is to attract NMU students to come to concerts. Part of that is some of the shows we do are not their cup of tea."

The opening acts will be Spar-

row Tree, a local jam grass band, and Friendly Looking Strangers, who play roots rock.

Troy Graham, Sparrow Tree's singer, songwriter and guitarist said via email their shows entail dancing, singing along and "foot stamping originals."

"Sparrow Tree is a five-piece bluegrass band with high energy and a fresh original sound, along with some old time traditional songs," said Graham.

Friendly Looking Strangers, a Liverpool band that shares a label with the Young Dubliners, were added after the show was moved from January to November. They are currently recording an album in Milwaukee and the label wanted them to do some promotional touring, Truckey said.

During the openers, there will be a cash bar for those older than 21. Tickets for students are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door and can be purchased at EZ ticket outlets or by calling (906) 227-1032.

Week-long event celebrates global awareness

By Chelsea Ewaldt
contributing writer

International Education Week (IEW), from Monday, Nov. 18 to Friday, Nov. 22, will afford students the opportunity to learn about different cultures, the benefits of international education and exchange and to become informed about issues that affect the world, according to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This national event was created by the U.S. Departments of State and Education.

"We have international students on campus who can bring their own experiences to Northern Michigan, based on their country and culture, so that domestic students and community members have the opportunity to explore different countries," said Manato Kaisho, a graduate intern for NMU's International Programs Office and coordinator of IEW.

According to the Bureau of Educational Affairs, becoming familiar with global and international issues and maintaining respect for other cultures are a few of the many topics discussed during the week.

This year Kaisho said he hopes to have at least 100 students participate. The topics will vary from education itself to how women are portrayed throughout cultures and even the different forms of entertainment people enjoy, Kaisho said.

To kick off the week, Chinese international student Yvette Feng

will discuss the educational systems in China and the U.S. Feng is a secondary education major with a focus in math and will talk about Chinese students' study environment, schools and homework.

"I feel comfortable (talking) about Chinese education vs. American education since I've experienced both of them," Feng said. "Also, it is interesting to know (what) other countries' education system(s) look like."

"This event will be fun for the students," Kaisho said about the week-long event.

<p>Presentation: Educational Systems in China and the U.S. 3-4 p.m. at Whitman Commons Whitman Hall</p> <p>Documentary Film: "Solar Mamas" 7-9 p.m. at Mead Auditorium West Science Hall</p>	MONDAY
<p>Discover Culture Topic: "Why Does Internationalization Matter to You?" 3-4:30 p.m. at Hedgecock 2101, IPO Hedgecock Building</p> <p>International Trivia Game Night: 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Whitman 136 Whitman Hall</p>	TUESDAY
<p>International Fashion Day: All day across NMU campus</p> <p>Study Abroad Coffee Chat: 3-5 p.m. at Hedgecock 2101, IPO Hedgecock Building</p>	WEDNESDAY
<p>Demonstration: Salsa Dance 3-4 p.m. at Hedgecock 2101, IPO Hedgecock Building</p>	THURSDAY
	FRIDAY

Ensemble 'opens minds' with unconventional music repertoire

By Jordan Beck
staff writer

Normally, it wouldn't be too unusual for a classical chamber group to include vocalists, but the Open Mind (OM) Chamber Ensemble isn't just any chamber group. Their coach, professor of music Elda Tate, said one of the pieces in their performance at the Reynolds Recital Hall on Sunday, Nov.

17 will feature throat singers. It's different, but it's also perfectly in keeping with the ensemble's mission, Tate said. Over the past four years, OM's members have strived to make modern, avant-garde classical music accessible and fun for the general public.

Music Department Head Robert Engelhart said the Open Mind Chamber Ensemble got started when Tate de-

ecided to start a group devoted to out-of-the-ordinary classical music.

"[She] has always had an interest in experimental music," Engelhart said. "Things that don't sound conventional: unusual structures and unusual instruments. So she found a group of students who were also interested in music that wasn't run-of-the-mill. This is an opportunity for them to throw things out and see what people respond to."

"It's been going for roughly four years," Tate said. "It started with a flute ensemble that I had, a very good flute quartet. Other students started joining because they were interested in the music they were playing, so I added other instruments."

This semester's OM performance will include pieces such as "Sattoh (Wind Dancing)" by Katsutoshi Nagasawa, "Infinite Square" by Aurelio de la Vega and "Tango Fantasy" by Herbert Lindholm.

Tate said OM's sharp fo-

cus on experimental classical music has helped introduce people to the genres they perform and, just as importantly, to help overcome public preconceptions about them.

"Most people are afraid, or have the idea that they dislike this kind of music," Tate said. "We're trying to introduce them to these styles."

Exposing the public to new and different musical styles isn't just a side benefit of groups like OM, Engelhart said. It's one of the most important things about them.

"A lot of folks these days have a narrow range of music they listen to," Engelhart said. "It's important to broaden that."

While Tate is the founder and coach of the Open Mind Chamber Ensemble, she doesn't conduct the group. Tate said since many chamber ensembles (OM included) don't have conductors, their members must work together to stay synchronized.

"The ensemble is responsible for everything," Tate said. "There is no conductor to lead them through pieces. The students start the pieces, are responsible for the tempo, for starting and stopping, and everything else."

OM's musical selections aren't typical, but they're not meant to be off-putting or difficult, Tate said. In fact, the group has been extremely successful at introducing audience members to music they might not have found on their own.

"Every time I've had this program, people come up to me afterwards, and everyone likes something different. People can expect sounds that they've never heard before, or, at least, in this context," Tate said. "I'd think that people usually find something they really like a lot."

The Open Mind Chamber Ensemble will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 in the Reynolds Recital Hall. There is no admission fee.

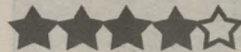


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Senior art & design photography major Tania Levy practices cello for the NMU string quartet, one of many student music groups on campus.

Best in the Midwest: Marquette Mtn.

For skiers and snow boarders, Marquette offers unique experience



By Robert Thomas
contributing writer

Reserving outdoor sport only for the western peaks of the Rocky Mountains or the ever-green northern Appalachians in the east is a mistake. Overlooking the Midwest as simply a large, flat agricultural expanse that supplies everyone's corn, cheese and beer is downright obtuse.

At first glance, skiing and the Midwest seem as antithetical as wax and snow. The nation's heartland is, after all, lacking in terms of the sport's most essential component besides snow: elevation, incline, grade. In other words, mountains.

But then there's Marquette Mountain. Peaking at 1,357 vertical feet, the mountain is a towering oasis in a land of slow rolling hills. A base layer of more than 210 inches of annual snowfall gives the jagged rock face a breath of beauty.

Marquette Mountain boasts 169 acres of skiable terrain, miniscule in comparison to Colorado's Vail Mountain Resort with nearly 5,300 acres, but average for other U.P. destinations such as



Kristen Koehler/NW

Junior environmental studies major **Andrea Mooradian** skis at an NMU ski team race at Marquette Mountain, the team's home hill, last winter.

Mount Bohemia with 400 acres, Ski Brule with 150 and Blackjack Ski Resort with 176. The mountain is also proportioned well in terms of terrain difficulty. Eighty-five percent of its runs are rated blue squares or above, offering a much larger variety of challenging, yet enjoyable, runs than other resorts.

Perfectly cleared tree lines, knee-deep powder (seasonally provided) and rock faces that will have seasoned veterans clearing snow from underneath their jackets match resorts often featured in ski magazines. In addition, three distinct terrain parks provide a

combination of daring jumps, smooth rails and a park layout that naturally flows.

Some friendly advice; don't underestimate the terrain park, or anything rated beyond a blue square at Marquette Mountain. What it lacks in size, it makes up for in its ability to send unsuspecting riders skyward. Failing to judge the mountain's features properly may indeed send you double-ejecting out of your skis into a full face-plant while sliding down the icy landing on your bare face wondering what just happened. Trust me. It's happened.

Possessing all of the basics for

a world-class skiing experience, why, then, are there not troves of traveling ski bums following the snow to Marquette on their annual winter sport pilgrimages? As one of Outdoor Life magazine's top 20 towns for sportsmen, one of U.S. News and World Report's top ten "Winter Wonderlands for Retirement," and, in 2001, Bike Magazine's No. 1 place in the U.S. to bike and live, why is arguably one of Marquette's best attributes not more recognized than it is?

The answers to those questions are countless. Yet, what makes Marquette Mountain so spectacular is already in plain sight.

Throughout the winter, a constant stream of tourism flows into the city of Marquette. Excellent snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice-fishing opportunities only amplify the city's luster for outdoors enthusiasts, similar to cities like Park City, Utah, Big Sky, Mont. or Jackson Hole, Wyo.

However, Marquette Mountain's splendor resides in what it isn't. The fact is, it isn't as large or attractive as Vail Mountain Resort. It's a hard-nosed, local ski area frequented by those who live near it. Unlike a major ski resort, you won't find lift attendants im-

ported from New Zealand or ski instructors flown in from Chile. Everyone you meet at Marquette Mountain will be locally stationed, eager to put the mountain back on the map.

The lodge may be dated. But don't worry, you won't fall through the floorboards or need to shelter yourself from falling ceiling debris. The lodge is well maintained, and it serves its purpose, which is what makes it so outstandingly perfect. The lodge's nostalgic warmth beckons chilled skiers to take a break.

For the time being, college students, local skiers and snowboarders, and outdoors enthusiasts of all kinds cherish Marquette Mountain's relative obscurity, its undisclosed grandeur. While the lift lines stay fast and the corduroy-groomed runs stay untouched, we, the local population of Marquette, have an entire ski resort to ourselves. As far as I'm concerned, I don't want any fancy high-speed, six-person chairlifts like you see out west. And I definitely don't want any 5-star, European cafeterias serving \$15 hot dogs.

So, as the late, great "Papa" Muntz said in the 2001 film "Out Cold," Marquette Mountain... "don't go changin'."

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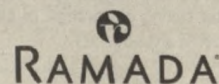
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Break in games delivers extra prep time



By Katie Bultman
sports editor

This weekend will be the first time the men's hockey team has had a break from play since the season started in early October.

The men have this weekend off before they open a series of four league games in two weekends at home. The series opens at 7:07 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 against the University of Alabama-Huntsville in the Berry Events Center.

Head coach Walt Kyle said he wants to use the weekend off to make sure the team recuperates and stays healthy.

"Right now, I do want to give our guys a couple days," Kyle said. "We've got some guys that are dinged up. We want them to recover from injuries and there's some fatigue creeping in. It's just one of those weeks we're going to back off of them a little bit and then jump back into it next week."

The Wildcats are coming off two weekends of back-to-back travel. The 'Cats were in Alaska the first weekend of November, followed by a trip to Kalamazoo, Mich. last weekend to face Western Michigan University of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference.

NMU finished with a 5-4 victory over the Broncos Saturday night, followed by a split game, 2-2, Sunday evening.

Senior forward Stephan Vigier scored his 10th goal in the first 10 games of the 2013-14 season against WMU when he put one in the net on Sunday night for the

tie. Vigier scored his ninth goal the night before against WMU.

After the weekend, Vigier leads the WCHA in goals and points scored with 10 goals and two assists. He is also tied for 18th across the nation in the men's scoring leaders in Division I hockey.

Vigier said the team has been playing well together, which contributes to his success on the ice.

"Our lines with Daugherty and Seckel have got pretty good chemistry right now and we're playing good as a unit, so obviously that helps," Vigier said. "Seckel had two goals this weekend, so we're doing what we're supposed to do. Hopefully we can keep it going. We're looked upon as leaders to help the team win games so we've got to score to win. That's what we've been doing to help."

Junior forwards Ryan Daugherty and Reed Seckel had four points between the two of them against the Broncos. Daugherty had two assists and Seckel put in two goals for the 'Cats.

Kyle said there were quite a few players who showed up this weekend with really good play across the board.

"I think I'd be remiss if I didn't say Vigier," Kyle said. "I think he had a real, real good weekend for us. I think both [senior defenseman CJ] Ludwig and [senior defenseman Wade] Epp were exceptional; I would say those two guys were exceptional at defense. I think [junior forward] Ryan Daugherty started to emerge;

he didn't score a lot but he was certainly a real, real noticeable impact guy, and then [senior forward Erik] Higby, as well. Higby wound up getting two goals on Saturday night; those were big goals for us."

Following the weekend, the Wildcats are 4-5-1 overall. NMU is currently tied for fourth place in the WCHA conference, alongside Alaska-Fairbanks, Alaska-Anchorage and Minnesota State. Ferris State ranks No. 1 in the WCHA conference, to date.

The 'Cats' next opponent, Alabama-Huntsville, is sitting at the bottom of conference rankings with an 0-6-0 overall record.

Kyle said the games against Alabama are going to be important for the Wildcats to prepare and work on some bigger aspects of their game.

"We need to do a little bit better job killing penalties," Kyle said. "We're kind of in and out with that. I think that's an area we can improve on. We probably take too many penalties and although we're much better than we were a year ago, there is still more room for that."

Following Alabama-Huntsville, the 'Cats will host Ferris State University, the top team in the WCHA after last weekend.

"There's a lot of good chemistry between the guys, whether it's seniors or freshmen, and they're doing really well," Epp said. "We still need to focus on what we need to get better on and moving forward to finish off the first half of the year."

Anthony Viola/NW
Junior forward Ryan Daugherty (29) has five points on the 2013 season, tallying one goal and four assists over the course of 10 games for the 'Cats.

Season opener starts 'Cats off on good note

By Raymond Bressette
contributing writer

The women's basketball team will host Finlandia at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Berry Events Center following a 98-68 victory over Madonna University Sunday, Nov. 10 in the season opener.

Junior guard Alyssa Colla led the 'Cats in scoring in Sunday's nonconference game against Madonna with 13 points.

NMU head coach Troy Mattson said Colla's performance is a sign of things to come this season.

"Alyssa is one of the premiere players and we expect her to have a great year," Mattson said. "She's improved even more from last year, and her play is very encouraging for our team."

Four other players scored double digits in the game for NMU, including senior forward Annie Rubendunst with 12, sophomore guard Katelyn Husband with 11, sophomore guard Anna Liewen with 10 and junior forward Abbey DeBruin with 10.

Mattson said he felt the win was an overall team effort.

"Everybody chipped in and did what they were supposed to do," Mattson said. "It felt good to see everyone play well on both ends of the floor. We really improved on our defensive mistakes from the previous week that cost us a chance in our exhibition game."

Mattson said Rubendunst's performance stood out.

"Annie has [had] an incredible fall for us so far," Mattson said. "She's had a bit of a tumultuous career here at Northern, but she's been as stable and steady as anybody out there this year. We're really excited with the level that she's at because she has a lot that she can add to this team."

The 'Cats shot 47.2 percent from the floor, making 34 of 72 shots to start their season at 1-0.

As the team moves deeper into the schedule, Rubendunst said she likes how they come together.

"We can see we're playing better as a team together," Rubendunst said. "We're having great chemistry as the season is moving along; we know when to pass the ball, when to shoot and just how to go out there and execute."

Mattson said his team will need to adjust to NCAA rules this year in order to move forward. The rules now forbid physical play in the post, on shooters and on ball handlers.

"We've been an extremely

physical team in the last couple years," Mattson said. "We have to make adjustments as coaches on how to relay to our players that the refs are not going to allow the game to be played the way we have the last few years, which is

our biggest challenge moving forward in the season."

The Wildcats look for their second straight win as they host the Finlandia Lions in another nonconference matchup at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Berry Events Center. The game will be Finlandia's first of the season.

The Wildcats defeated the Lions 78-21 last season Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Berry Events Center. Junior guard Lauren Gruber's 10 points led NMU in scoring.

Mattson said Finlandia will have a lot to play for on Saturday.

"Finlandia's going to come in here and play their hearts on our court," Mattson said. "It's our job to go out there and keep control of the game and continue to get better throughout the game."

Rubendunst said a win over Finlandia will give the team an edge as the season progresses.

"We need to play well to feel good heading into our bigger games," Rubendunst said. "This should be a good year for us. There are good teams in our conference, but we should be able to play above any team's level."



Anthony Viola/NW
Junior guard Alyssa Colla (3) returns for the Wildcats following a GLIAC second team selection in 2012-13. Colla was named team MVP last season.

Football team heads into final weekend

By Georgette Breen-Naylor
staff writer

The Wildcats were unable to keep the winning streak going as nationally-ranked Saginaw Valley took the victory at home.

The 'Cats traveled to Saginaw Valley this past weekend to compete against the top team in the GLIAC. The Cardinals boast the top quarterback and one of the top wide receivers in the country. The duo have been haunting opposing defenses for the past few years. Against the 'Cats, Cardinal senior quarterback Jonathon Jennings threw for 280 yards and four touchdown passes. All four went to senior wide receiver Jeff Janis, who also had 230 receiving yards.

The 'Cats were able to pass for 263 yards, but the run game was held to a total of 36 rushing yards.

Redshirt running back Keon Collier led the run game with 29 rushing yards on 11 carries. Collier said there are areas the team will need to improve on.

After a fumble forced by the 'Cats defense, NMU was unable

to capitalize on the early mistake by the Cardinals. Near the red zone, freshman quarterback Shaye Brown threw an interception, which led to a Jennings-to-Janis touchdown connection, their first of the day.

The Wildcats were able to get on the board after a field goal by freshman John Oberheide. A few drives later, Brown threw his second interception that was returned for a Cardinal touchdown. Brown was 22-46 for 263 yards, with two touchdown passes and two interceptions. Brown said the team didn't play to their ability.

"We didn't execute," Brown said. "We weren't in it mentally." Senior wide receiver Christian Jessie was on the end of the two touchdown passes. Jessie also had seven catches with 80 yards.

NMU falls to 3-6 on the season as they enter the last game against GLIAC opponent Ferris State, who is 7-2 in the GLIAC and averages 488.1 offensive yards per game and 39.2 points per game.

The Bulldogs' defense is ranked second in the conference

in rush defense, allowing only 144.8 yards a game. According to stats on the GLIAC website, Ferris has six players in the top 50 rushers in the GLIAC.

Senior linebacker Brock Reynolds said everyone needs to do their own job.

"Everyone just needs to play hard," Reynolds said. "If we play together everything else should come together."

The last game of the season will be the last chance for the Wildcats to make their mark in the GLIAC. They will have the chance to be above 500 in their last five games of the season.

Last season NMU was able to get two of five in their last half of the season. This will be an opportunity for the 'Cats to show they are progressing from last season.

The Wildcats take on the Bulldogs at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Ferris State.

"They (Ferris State) have a strong quarterback along with a good running back," Reynolds said. "We will be ready for them this Saturday."



Anthony Viola/NW
Freshman kicker John Oberheide (36) hit a 26-yard field goal to put the 'Cats on the board Saturday, Nov. 9. Sophomore wide receiver Austin Young (23) is pictured.

Wildcats hit road for weekend tournament

By Raymond Bressette
contributing writer

The NMU men's basketball team moves on from their loss in Green Bay last weekend as they head to the Mike Turner Classic in Albion, Mich.

The 'Cats fell to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 71-49 in an exhibition game Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Kress Center in Green Bay, Wis.

Head coach Bill Sall said despite the loss, he was proud of how his team played against the Division I team.

"We played a great team that had talented players, some of which will probably make it to the NBA," Sall said. "I was happy that we played and kept up with them almost the entire first half of the game. There were a lot of positives there to take out of the game."

The 'Cats were able to keep it a seven-point game at the half with a 34-27 score but were outscored in the second half, 37-22. NMU shot 30.5 percent from the floor, making 18 of 59 shots.

Junior guard Spencer Huss said the game was a good way to start off the season.

"I felt like it was a very beneficial game for us," Huss said. "We learned a lot about ourselves. We had to learn how to adjust to adversity in the game. They threw a zone at us and we had to find a way to respond. We did pretty well against a Division I school in our first game together."

Freshman guard/forward Dorrell Foster and junior guard Larry Taylor led the Wildcats in scoring with 12 points each.

With six freshmen on the team, Sall said they need to continue stepping up for the team to succeed.

"The good part about this team is that the freshmen aren't going to sit back and watch the veterans play all game," Sall

said. "They're going to have to learn the ropes quick. It's going to be trial by fire, and they'll get a tremendous amount of experience quickly."

The Wildcats travel to Albion, Mich., for the Mike Turner Classic this weekend, where they take on the Mt. Vernon Nazarene Cougars at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15.

The 'Cats will play an opponent on Saturday based on the tournament results.

Sall said he is looking for his veteran players to step up their leadership.

"Most of the players on this team have never even gone on the road in the GLIAC," Sall said. "Twelve of our players have never put on a Wildcat uniform or played college ball. Our veterans will have to come in and show the rest of the team what playing on the road is all about."

The Cougars are on a two-game win streak, with a 3-1 record.

The Cougars are coming off two wins in the Crossroads Classic tournament in Indiana over Wilberforce University, 88-84 on Saturday, Nov. 9 and Akron Wayne College, 81-62 on Friday, Nov. 8.

Sall said the Cougars will be a good challenge for NMU.

"They've a very athletic team; they've had three guys come in as transfers this year," Sall said. "It's almost a complete turnaround with the new faces on their team. They have some solid, big guys who are looking to play well, and we look forward to playing them."

Huss said with the unknown opponent Saturday, NMU will need to be ready for anything.

"We're going to have two games back-to-back days no matter what," Huss said. "We're going to have to be prepared to play hard again no matter what happens in our first game."

Regular season games to close

By Rebecca Morstad
contributing writer

The NMU volleyball team traveled downstate last weekend to take on two GLIAC teams.

The first game was played at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 in Jesse Phillips Arena against Hillsdale.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said Hillsdale came out strong.

"[I give] lots of credit to our serve receivers for keeping us close," Yoder said. "Our attackers really capped off our runs in sets two, three, and five."

NMU won the match 3-2 over the Chargers. The Chargers scored seven consecutive points in set one to steal the lead 14-6. The Chargers kept control of the lead, winning the set 25-13.

The second set was claimed by the 'Cats. After two kills by senior middle hitter Sarah Hamilton and senior left side/middle hitter Kalli Herron, NMU took a 22-13 lead. The Wildcats captured the set, 25-15, on a kill by freshman right side hitter Alex Larsen.

In set three NMU closed the set 25-20 on back-to-back kills by Larsen and senior left side hitter Lina Lopes.

The Chargers took an early 8-4 lead in set four before the Wildcats brought the game to within one point, 8-7. NMU never captured the lead. Hillsdale took the set 25-18 to tie the match 2-2.

The Wildcats claimed set five 15-9. A kill by Lopes and a service ace by sophomore libero/defensive specialist Alex Berger closed out the set and the match.

Hamilton finished the night with 14 kills of 23 attempts for a .522 kill percentage. The Wildcats had a consecutive 52 kills

and a .211 attack percentage. The defense was led by Berger with 18 digs. Senior setter Kellisha Harley set up 39 assists.

Herron said the game against Hillsdale started off very poorly. "There was not energy," Herron said. "We came back strong to win the match. We saw how we play when we do not play as a team and with no intensity, and we were able to turn it around and win the match."

NMU continued their weekend at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 against Northwood University. The Timberwolves claimed the GLIAC matchup 3-1.

In set one, a kill by Herron tied the game 16-16 before Northwood pulled away to win 25-20.

The Wildcats turned around to claim set two. NMU was trailing 18-13 before Herron served the Wildcats to a 19-18 lead, which included two service aces. She closed the set 25-23 with a kill.

The Timberwolves closed the final two sets with a 25-21 vic-

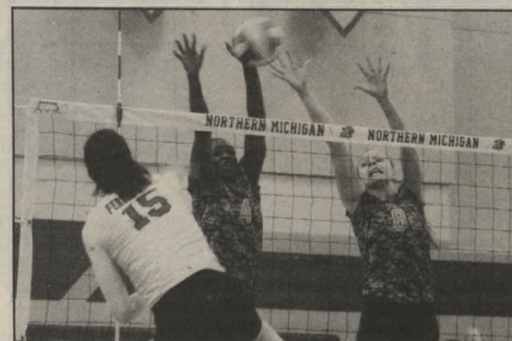
tory, followed by a 25-23 victory.

Herron led the Wildcats offensively with 16 kills. Berger led defensively with 19 digs and Harley set up 39 assists.

Herron said the match against Northwood was good overall. "We fought hard and in the end we fell short," Herron said. "We are hoping to see them again this year so we can take the win."

Yoder said Northwood was more consistent offensively. "Our players fought and played well at times, especially defensively, blocking and serving," Yoder said. "Just too many unforced errors for the match."

The Wildcats close out their regular season games next weekend in two GLIAC matches. The first game is at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 at Saginaw Valley. The second will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at Lake Superior State. NMU is currently in a three-way tie for second place in the GLIAC with a conference record of 13-3, and an overall record of 20-9.



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Senior setter Kellisha Harley had 78 assists and senior middle hitter Sarah Hamilton had 19 kills in a split weekend against Hillsdale and Northwood.

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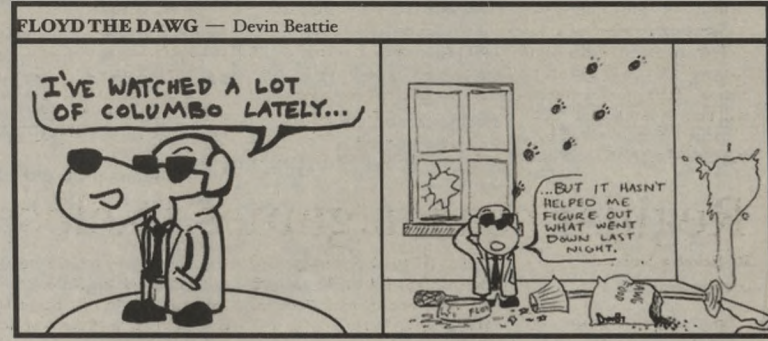
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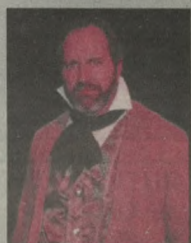
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