

## NMU student, football player dies unexpectedly

By Kayla Miller  
editor-in-chief

The NMU community was shaken this week after a student unexpectedly died in a residence hall Tuesday morning.

Sophomore construction management major Anthony Herbert, 20, died Jan. 17 in his dorm room in Spalding Hall. Herbert, a native of Lapeer, Michigan, was a starting right guard on the NMU football team since 2015.

"Anthony's passing is felt deeply by many," said NMU Athletic Director Forrest Karr. "He made a positive impact on our campus and was everything we hope for in a student athlete."

Derek Hall, assistant vice president of marketing and communications, said Herbert attended football practice early Tuesday morning, ate breakfast on campus and then returned to his dorm room. Emergency responders were called to the residence hall

around 8 a.m. due to a medical emergency.

An autopsy was performed Tuesday and the suspected cause of death is an enlarged heart, said Herbert's mother, Lori in

amazed at how many lives [have] been touched by our son! We love you all," she said. "We are beyond blessed to be able to call Anthony our son, and brother!"

Off the field, Herbert received

"In my brief time with Anthony, I could tell that he was a great young man," said head football coach Kyle Nystrom, who was hired in late December 2016. "He was respected by his coaches and teammates and was a young man we could rely on. We are devastated by this tragedy, and we are praying for his family in this time of crisis."

Counseling services are available through NMU for anyone affected by this loss and in need of help.

"If Anthony was a part of your life, the university community and I offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to you at this time," President Fritz Erickson said in a written statement. "Anthony will be missed by many."

A GoFundMe.com page set up to help pay for funeral expenses

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— Forrest Karr  
NMU athletic director

a Facebook post on her public page.

"A part of our lives [has] been taken away from us, and we are beyond devastated. We are

all-GLIAC academic team honors because of his performance in the classroom last semester, according to a press release from the Athletic Department.



HERBERT

had raised over \$13,500 in approximately one day at the time of print. A funeral is planned for Jan. 21 in Lapeer, Michigan. More details can be found on [obit.muirbrotherslapeer.com](http://obit.muirbrotherslapeer.com).

## Student input sought for upcoming renovation of UC



Photo courtesy of NMU

A preliminary conceptual design, pictured above, is a non-finalized representation of the extent of improvement the university is hoping to achieve with the renovation of the University Center.

By Davon Lanier  
news editor

Starting next week, sessions for student input on the Don H. Bottum University Center (UC) renovations will be held across campus. On Monday, Jan. 23, 2017 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. students can go to the Wildcat Den and share any ideas or feedback about the renovation project.

There will also be sessions held with ASNMU, along with other various student groups as well as residence hall leadership throughout the day. A final session will be held in the Marketplace from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

With the renovation, NMU plans to create a modernized venue and enhance the conference function of the UC. This will entail a new exterior facade to create more of a signature facility at the main entrance,

along with other upgrades.

Increased capacity for events is one of the major reasons for renovation, alongside addressing outstanding long-term maintenance conditions from an outdated building, said Kathy Richards, associate vice president of engineering and planning facilities.

"All of the 'public spaces' will get a facelift," Richards said. "The [Wildcat Den] and the floor below will essentially stay the same."

First floor changes include a spruced up two-story pre-functional area with large windows for natural light, a more visibly enhanced student enrichment space, a student activity zone for students to socialize, and a larger bookstore.

Second floor changes include the addition of four high-tech

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## Investigation opened by Department of Justice

By Kayla Miller  
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editorial staff

The U.S. Department of Justice has opened an investigation into Northern Michigan University concerning a controversial policy around students who express thoughts of self-harm.

The original complaint that sparked the investigation came from an unnamed student who said he/she was asked to sign a Behavioral Agreement stating not to speak with friends about suicidal thoughts, according to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE).

“With the Department of Justice, we are gladly cooperating with the investigation. We have spent a lot of time and energy and hope to come to a resolution,” said Derck Hall, assistant vice president of marketing and communications.

This is the not the first time that the policy has caught the attention of the community. An investigation into the policy was first opened in the fall semester of 2013 by the Department of Education.

The university has continually looked for guidance on policy 3.12 from the Department of Education since Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was changed in 2011.

Prior to 2011 universities could take action against a student who was either a threat-to-self or threat-to-others. After 2011, threat-to-self was removed from Title II.

Title II of the ADA encompasses nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in state and local government services, according to [ada.gov](http://ada.gov). The change left policy 3.12 in the student handbook needing review.

The practice of warning students to not speak about self-harm with peers was continued until early 2016.

NMU’s mental health policies have been heavily criticized, resulting in a petition surfacing in 2015 with more than 2,800 signatures calling for the removal of the policy.

# Timeline of events related to handbook self-harm policies

**December 2016:** Public attention is drawn back to NMU when media covers Department of Justice investigation.

**July 2016:** The Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice opens investigation into NMU based on the same self-harm policy related to Title II.

**Fall 2015:** Public attention was drawn to the NMU practice and policy after an email warning disciplinary action against a student who allegedly expressed thoughts of self-harm to another student was widely shared on social media. A petition with roughly 2,800 signatures to remove policy 3.12 from the handbook circulated the community.

**2011:** Title II changed to no longer include threat-to-self.

**Prior to 2002:** The practice of warning disciplinary actions to students caught talking to friends about self-harm has an unknown beginning, but was in place prior to the beginning of Christine Greer’s position as dean of students in 2002.

**September 2016:** The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) article causes nationwide controversy. NMU responds with a public announcement that the practice is no longer in place and hasn’t been since the beginning of 2016.

**Early 2016:** University officials said practice of warning disciplinary actions was stopped but this was not widely announced to the NMU community.

**2013:** An investigation was opened by the U.S. Department of Education concerning NMU’s policies and practices surrounding student self-harm.

**2006:** Policy 3.12 in the NMU handbook, based on part 35.139 of Title II titled “Direct threat,” was reviewed and under the provisions of Title II at this time, there was no fault in the policy because Title II included threat-to-self and threat-to-others as reason for warning possible removal from the university.

**1990:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was created by the Department of Justice. Title II of the ADA encompasses nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in state and local government services.

# WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
41°F 32°F	42°F 36°F	40°F 32°F
PM Showers	Cloudy	AM Showers

data from www.weather.com

## STATE NEWS

The University of Michigan is planning a series of projects titled "Poverty Solutions" that look to bridge the gap between research and community efforts to prevent and alleviate poverty, the school announced Tuesday. The initiative will explore and test models that lessen the effects of poverty. Projects include efforts to alert low-income homeowners about an exemption to reduce their property taxes, protect affordable housing in Detroit and address rural poverty. Others include employing health workers in neighborhoods to help residents and collaborative research partnerships.

## NATIONAL NEWS

The United States government gave \$500 million to the UN's Green Climate Fund three days before Donald Trump's inauguration. Barack Obama's outgoing administration announced the contribution Tuesday, bringing the total funds to date to \$1 billion. Obama pledged in 2014 to give \$3 billion to help tackle the effects of climate change in the poorest countries, while Trump has previously called global warming a hoax. The president-elect has also threatened to pull the United States out of the Paris Agreement—a global agreement on curbing greenhouse gas emissions—and America's commitment to the fund.

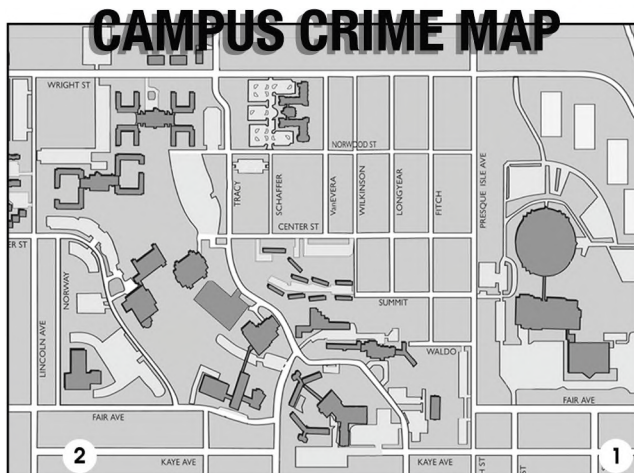
## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Globally-averaged temperatures in 2016 were 1.78 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the mid-20th century mean. This makes 2016 the third year in a row to set a new record for global average surface temperatures. Earth's 2016 surface temperatures were the warmest since modern recordkeeping began in 1880, according to independent analyses by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The 2016 temperatures continue a long-term warming trend, according to analyses by scientists at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York.

## WEIRD NEWS

A tiny moth with a "golden flake hairstyle" has become the first creature named after the soon-to-be 45th president of the United States, Donald Trump. The *Neopalpa donaldtrumpi* was discovered in California by researcher Vazrick Nazari of Ottawa, Canada. The name was inspired by the striking golden flakes covering its head, which hold resemblance to Trump's hair. Nine species were named after President Barack Obama during his term in office. What Trump will make of the honour remains to be seen.

— Compiled from news sources



1. Operating while intoxicated was reported at 2:09 a.m. Tuesday, January 10 at the corner of Crescent and Spruce Streets.

2. Operating while intoxicated was reported at 5:20 a.m. Sunday, January 15 at the corner of Sheridan and Grant Streets.



Winter Keefer/NW

Steve LaBar explains how the mass notification server provides the location of emergency or maintenance alerts on campus. This is an added benefit of the updated system that replaced technology over 20 years old.

# NMU updates mass notification

By Winter Keefer  
assistant news editor

Over the past five years, NMU has been phasing out an over 20-year-old fire alarm system in a \$2.9 million project to install a new system with added mass notification capabilities.

Mass notification gives the university the ability to talk directly or send prerecorded messages to buildings from inside a select building or from Public Safety in the case of an emergency situation, Director of Public Safety and Police Services Mike Bath said.

Mass notification is integrated into the fire alarm system, allowing communication to either selected buildings or all campus buildings with the most updated fire alarms. Dorms are not on the mass notification system but have a fire alarm system integrated into the same server.

"Obviously with new technology you have the ability to upgrade, and at that point the University made the decision to put in mass notification," Bath said.

Bath explained that mass notification added another measure to other emergency alert systems on campus, including the text alert system and NMU laptop take-over capabilities that allow Public Safety to broadcast messages over all NMU laptops in case of emergency situations. The old fire alarm system was no longer upgradable.

"The unfortunate thing is 20 years from now we'll probably be doing something again. Or, we'll update this system but there's always something coming new," Bath said.

There have been three main phases to the mass notification project, Steve LaBar, architectural specialist for engineering and planning said. The first phase began in June 2012 with requests for qualifications and

contract bidding for an installer and electrical contractor. After contractors were determined, department heads were contacted to let them know an overview of the process.

"We had to keep the building's existing fire alarm systems up and running while we did this. For safety reasons we can't just knock down one and be working on it for two months while there's no fire detection in the building,"

building or we wanted people to shelter in place, you don't set off a building's alarm for that reason," said Gould. "Now we have a way to catch your attention in that building and tell you we're under a severe threat of weather."

The mass notification system is strictly to be used in emergency situations, Gould said. It will not be used for general announcements or by unauthorized personnel.

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— Steve LaBar  
architectural specialist, engineering and planning

LaBar said.

Much of the project was completed in the early mornings when students were not in class, he said. Meetings were also held with the State of Michigan's Bureau of Fire Services electrical division to ensure equipment was up to code.

"It's huge with what you hear nowadays, with events that occurred nationwide in other universities. It's a win-win for everyone I think," LaBar said.

There are 11 prerecorded messages available to broadcast over the mass notification system at a push of a button, said Fire and Security Specialist Lee Gould. These pre-recorded messages include fire alerts, shelter-in-place, major evacuation notices and active shooter notifications.

"The mass notification's nice because before technology got there, if the fire alarm went off you assumed it was a fire. But, maybe the fire alarm went off because there was a tornado coming and we wanted people out of that

"If there is anything emergency-related we can use it but that is its only use," he said.

The new fire alarm system also notifies dispatch of the exact location and time for both emergency alerts and maintenance needs, Gould said.

"A dispatcher hears it, sees it, they know what's going on. It also gives them procedures and policies in place to read exactly what they need to do," Gould said.

Most times the alerts are maintenance-related, he said. If a detector is dirty or needs repair, the alert will ensure maintenance before failure. Public Safety works closely with Engineering and Planning to continue keeping systems on campus up-to-date.

"It was a big collaborative effort," Gould said.

Public Safety encourages students to sign up for text alerts at [nmu.edu/publicsafety](http://nmu.edu/publicsafety) and like Northern Michigan University Public Safety and Police Services on Facebook.

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gov. Rick Snyder announced the appointments of Lisa Fittante of Kingsford, Alexis Hart of Royal Oak and James Haveman of Grand Haven to the Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees on Dec. 20, 2016. Fittante and Hart will serve eight-year terms expiring Dec. 31, 2024, and Haveman will serve the remainder of an eight-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2020. Their appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. "I thank this group of individuals for their commitment to serving on this board and serving the university community," Snyder said in a press release.

## ALUMNI

Two NMU alumni received \$25,000 technology packages for their schools as state winners in the Samsung "Solve for Tomorrow" competition. Becky Simmons of Marquette and Yuriy Drubinskiy of Garden City, Kansas, along with other state champions, look to advance toward the top prize of a \$150,000 technology grant. Simmons teaches global science and science for inventors at Marquette Senior High School. She wrote the Samsung grant with Sara Cambensy, another NMU graduate who is director of Kaufman Auditorium and adult/community education at the Marquette Area Public Schools. Drubinskiy is working with Garden City High School students to address water issues in Kansas. They are studying the dwindling Ogallala Aquifer and will use technology such as sensors and microcontrollers to facilitate more efficient water use.

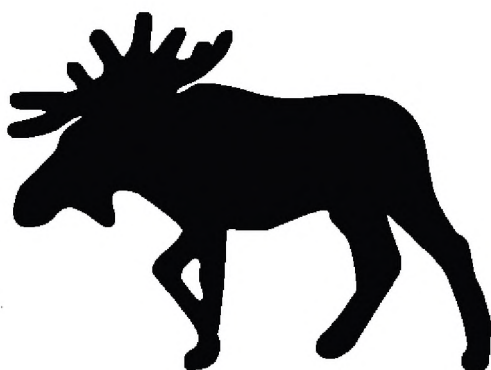
## ADMINISTRATION

NMU President Fritz Erickson is one of five 2017 Honored Alumni who were selected by the University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association. Honored alumni will be recognized for their accomplishments at an awards ceremony on Saturday, March 25, 2017 in Greeley, Colorado. Erickson, who earned two degrees at UNC, was honored by the university in a press release that can be found on Campus Connect.

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Copies of "Citizen: An American Lyric" by Claudia Rankine will be distributed Jan. 20 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the upstairs atrium area in Hedgcock. There will also be a free lunch provided. Limited quantities of the book will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Students are encouraged to read the book, then join end of the semester conversation events surrounding the text with special guest speakers, NMU faculty and students, and Marquette-area community members. "Citizen: An American Lyric" was a finalist for the National Book Award in Poetry and the National Book Critics Circle Award in Criticism. The book also won the National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry, the NAACP Image Award, the L.A. Times Book Prize and the PEN Open Book Award.

— Compiled from NMU Campus Connect



## RENO

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conference spaces with high ceilings in the south wing with the capacity of 940 guests for a seated dinner, as well as a 1,300 theatre-style seating area in a ballroom-style space for hosting larger events. Existing conference spaces like the Great Lakes Rooms will be renovated with new technology and entry points as well.

Recently, the NMU Board of Trustees approved \$1.3 million to proceed with the design phase of the renovation project. The budget for the entire renovation project is an estimated \$17.5 million. As of now, an NMU-appointed committee is working with Nuemann/Smith Architecture on design plans for the remodeling of the UC. However, the actual design is still in the programming stage and has yet to be decided, Richards said. Nuemann/Smith is an

architectural firm out of Detroit that has also worked on other Michigan campuses such as Michigan State, Wayne State and Central Michigan universities.

"Money needs to be invested in the facility, no matter what, because it is in need of maintenance upgrades, so this is a great way of enhancing the building and providing possibly broader use of it to bring in more revenue, as well as addressing the maintenance needs of the facility," Richards said. "The university needs to continue to upgrade their physical assets to maintain the value of them."

For aesthetic reasons, some renovation ideas involve considering the UC's relationship to its adjacent buildings of Gries and West Halls. The preservation of the UC lawn as well as "softening" the visual impact of the parking and concrete patio areas through the use of vegetation are also being considered.

Since its last upgrade 23 years ago, the UC has not received any new renovation even though the campus community has greatly evolved around it.

According to "A Sense of Time: The Encyclopedia of Northern Michigan University" by Russell Magnaghi, the UC was originally constructed section by section and completed in 1960. Then, the building underwent a major renovation of \$7 million in 1994 to modernize and become more "user-friendly."

"The last renovation wasn't even a full building renovation," Richards said. "It didn't address a lot of the mechanical or electrical systems, so doing that is a part of this project."

Since 1960, the 150,400 square foot building has served the NMU campus as a home base for the bookstore and many student organizations, as well as a place for many university and community events.

## The Dream Lives On



Neil Flavin/NW

Students of various ethnicities slogged around campus on Monday to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a March for Equality. This was just one of many events held to honor his legacy.



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EDITORIAL



Savanna Hennig/ NW

Following “the dream” while facing Trump

This week we face two historic days that fall on opposite ends of the spectrum. The timing of Martin Luther King Jr. Day comes along with the inauguration of our arguably most controversial president-elect ever, Donald Trump.

How can we reflect on MLK’s powerful message in light of today’s issues? A man who so righteously preached equality and unity for all needs to be remembered. We cannot forget how far we’ve come in this country in our efforts to achieve total equality. Neither can we forget we still have far to go.

When comparing MLK to Trump, they are dissimilar. One dreamed that all people could come together as a single united nation, while the other dreams of tearing us apart by using our differences. We must consider the character of the president-elect and take a hard look at what our future holds.

In a time when continuing to move forward is pivotal, we’ve taken a step back. It is difficult to honor MLK when we elect a man who has claimed to “have a great relationship with the blacks.”

In this time of transition and change, we must question what sets a standard

for democracy. Human beings should not be divided into groupings of skin color, wealth or gender. We cannot afford to descend into the past.

Moving forward into a new presidency, we need to recognize that a united nation is much stronger than a broken one. There needs to be a greater focus on what we have in common as American citizens and families, rather than what makes us different.

MLK deserves to be honored. His message was of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” and “inalienable rights” guaranteed to all, regardless of class, gender or race. If MLK were alive today, how would he see the United States or Donald Trump? Would he see us still living in the shadows of the past?

We are not yet living in “the dream” that MLK depicted powerfully in his speech, but we are reminded to fight for our rights, as well as the rights of others. We are reminded to recognize a problem and speak up to rise to the challenge of overcoming it. And in this era of Trump leadership, we are reminded to choose love and unity over ignorance and hate.

There is a brighter side to the winter season



Staff Column

Emma Tembreull

The end of January is nearing. The Christmas season and holidays have passed. Resolutions have been made and we’re all falling back into more structured routines.

It’s about that time of year when the snow blackens along the roadways and the fever for green grass begins to surface. While we’ve at least been fortunate to be greeted by sunlight in our windows the past few mornings, the typical absence of the sun can easily cast a dismal, monotonous tone for the day. Why do we put up with these subzero temperatures and the seemingly unyielding darkness?

During summer months, I personally don’t leave any idle time. I’m constantly on the go between jobs to jump in Lake Superior, climb a conveniently-sized Michigan mountain or simply to read on my porch. Upon winter’s arrival, the first few snowfalls aren’t so bad, but soon enough there’s a shift in mindset for most, it seems.

There should be worthy reasons as to why we endure the harshest and longest season of the Upper Peninsula and stay to live through it again and again. As with anything we do, it’s important to explore the “why” factor. Is there a point to taking on the cold for you?

Winter doesn’t mean to tell you to slow down on cultivating happiness, but rather it challenges you to find innovative ways to bring you to life

still.

If you’re the sporty or outdoorsy type especially, there’s an abundance of great activities to engage in. Snowshoeing is an easy go-to as there are many wonderful trail options locally as well as always having the option to go off the beaten path. If you can’t budget buying snowshoes of your own, the ORC on campus offers rentals.

The options are nearly endless: cross country skiing, downhill skiing, hockey, figure skating, skijoring, ice fishing, fat tire biking, sledding, snowboarding or a classic snowball fight to name a few. A bonus perk of these activities is that they torch calories, making any health-related New Year’s resolutions easier to achieve.

Even if you’re not the most adventurous of sorts, the cold doesn’t have to consist of lonely days cooped up in your apartment. Get together with friends and explore local businesses such as coffee shops to catch up without sacrificing being cozy. There are also many great local events to check out, such as the Rail Jam and UP200 Sled Dog Races.

Essentially, keeping yourself socially or actively engaged in some way helps defeat the blues. If you’re struggling to see past the repetitive gray skies, chances are you’re not alone. Therefore, we can push ourselves with our colleagues to rise above winter griping.

Your days are only as dark as you make them, so embrace what you can do and take advantage of the given seasonal situation. We’re very blessed to live in a smaller community with so much to offer year-round, so kick the winter excuses aside and breathe in the crisper air with a more positive mindset.

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# Reflections on prayer, peace at Standing Rock



## Guest Column

Martin Reinhardt

During my two recent visits to Standing Rock, I gained a deep appreciation for the power of prayer and peace in relation to the protection of water. I was out at Standing Rock during the Thanksgiving break and again a week later for the gathering of veterans.

As an Anishinaabe Ojibway person, growing up I was taught that water is the lifeblood of our Mother Earth. It was no surprise to me to learn that other people are also taught this idea. The water protectors at Standing Rock say “mini waconi,” translated as “water is life.”

There is no doubt that without water, we all die. It is imperative that we take a stand against the forces that are contaminating our water, and putting legal obstacles in our way as we try to access clean water. Water should be a right for all beings human and non-human, and we should be willing to fight for it as if our lives depend on it, because they do.

I was impressed with the peaceful nature of the people I

encountered at Standing Rock. On Thanksgiving day, my family, friends and I stood across from the place they call Turtle Island, and we sang a few traditional drum songs. When we switched it up and began singing a protest song, one of the young

many others who assumed that we would bust through the razor wire and take over the drill pad site to shut down the pipeline. Instead we would put our bodies between those who were sworn to serve and protect the people and the people themselves. How

## Water should be a right for all beings human and non-human, and we should be willing to fight for it as if our lives depend on it, because they do.

women approached me and said, “Brother that is a beautiful song, but we ask that only traditional songs be sung here as it is a sacred place and we don’t want to incite any violence.” I said, “sure, no problem, I meant no disrespect.” She assured me that all was OK.

When I returned for the gathering of the veterans, I was once again reminded of the prayerful and peaceful nature of the camps. As we were briefed on our mission, the tribal elders told us that we were not there to engage in any violence, but to stand in protection of peaceful people who were praying so that they didn’t get hurt. It was a different role for me and

ironic.

While some of the other veterans and I wandered about looking for things to do after being there for a few days, we heard the great news that the Army Corps of Engineers had ordered a halt to the work. It was a joyous occasion and there was much celebrating. We enjoyed a bison stew made for us by the community members. Apparently, our presence made a huge difference.

In my years of service in the Army, I never felt as gratified as I did that day, knowing that my peaceful and prayerful service made a difference in the protection of our Mother Earth.

# Not all news is fake news



## Opinion Editor

Trevor Drew

The introduction of social technology to the field of journalism has drastically changed the way people gather and consume news media. Instead of sitting down and watching the nightly news or waking up to grab the morning paper, a majority of news-seekers simply use social media and smartphones to gather information. Journalism is a practice that largely depends on the communications technology of the day and is often shaped by that very same technology.

Recently there has been a growing concern over fake news in today’s media, especially following the 2016 presidential election. As a multimedia journalism major, I can see the danger of having false reports circulating as if true. However, an even more dangerous trend is labeling trusted news sources as “fake news” just because you don’t like what’s being reported.

The rise of “fake news” is not only damaging to American society but also diminishes trust between citizens and news media. Headlines such as “WikiLeaks CONFIRMS Hillary Sold Weapons to ISIS” are usually a solid indicator of a false news report. Most Americans can spot an unreliable source when they see one. After all, a majority of high school English courses I took went above and beyond to establish what is factual and what is not. But more and more often I see online CNN reports studded with criticising comments berating the the publication for being “fake news.”

Dubbing real news as false is a clear indication that you have some sort of bias towards what is being reported or the news publication in general. “Fake news” is news that is factually not true, has unreliable or a lack of sources, is potentially payed for and is usually attached to an unreliable news outlet. I have yet to see a CNN report that matches this criteria; despite this there are many comments, tweets and posts that mark the content as “fake.”

This backlash towards CNN and other publications is largely

precipitated by comments made by President-elect Trump. A popular phrase thrown around by Trump during his campaign, among other things, was “crooked media.” In response to CNN’s coverage of a potential conflict of interest the candidate might have, Trump tweeted: “Prior to the election it was well known that I have interests in properties all over the world. Only the crooked media makes this a big deal!”

The main function of a free press is to give citizens the information that is needed to make informed decisions. A potential conflict of interest is something Americans have the right to know about and does not indicate that CNN is treating Trump unfairly or plotting against him. The whole concept of combating fake news has been perverted by the president-elect and is now turned into a form of online trolling. The trust between the American public and news media is delicate and separates us from other countries. Dismissing information simply because you disagree with it is a dangerous habit and stops the flow of information, thus endangering us all.

## SOUND OFF

What goal would you like to accomplish this semester?



Noah Ballek, sophomore outdoor recreation

“If I could choose something I would probably say good grades, meet a lot of friendly people and have fun, you know? Go Wildcats! Woo!”



Tiffanie Weeden, junior psychology

“Probably just staying more on task, making sure I get things done when they’re due. Just staying one step ahead of the game.”



Melanee Bess, senior nursing

“This is my first semester of nursing school so I’m just hoping to get through it basically alive. Passing all my clinicals and just making it through another semester here at Northern.”



Adel Isaacson, sophomore speech language hearing sciences

“My goal for this semester is to work hard, get good grades, make new friends and have a great rest of the school year.”

compiled by Neil Flavin

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I have watched as the momentum for campus sustainability has increased over the past four years. I have contributed to many of these efforts, from being a founding member of the Superior Acre Permaculture Garden to administering the campus-wide sustainability survey. I

have witnessed first-hand the passion that students, faculty, staff and administration have for the environment, but there is still a lack of coordination between different sustainability groups and communication about current sustainability programs.

An institutionalized Office of Sustainability would not only resolve these problems, but could also help attract new students to NMU.

During an interview with Brian Cabell (2016), author of *Word on the Street*, President Erickson explained that one quality of NMU that attracts a large portion of the student body is the natural atmosphere.

These attitudes are not only true for current students, but for prospective students as well. An article published in MSNBC stated that Generation Z, the upcoming generation, ranks climate change and

corporate social responsibility as major factors when making decisions to spend money. If NMU were to invest in an institutionalized sustainability office, it would demonstrate its commitment to the environment and would help influence new students to enroll.

Creating an office of sustainability would also help improve current students’ opinions of the administration at NMU. According to the Transparency Forums conducted in the winter semester of 2016, a majority of students feel that their concerns are not being fully addressed by administration.

In the campus-wide sustainability survey also conducted that winter semester, 66 percent of student respondents agree that “An institutionalized Office of Sustainability with at least one full-time faculty member would be beneficial to NMU.”

By addressing the student desire for an institutionalized sustainability office, the current NMU administration would demonstrate that they are listening to student concerns and thus help re-establish trust between the two populations.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Headings



Photo courtesy of the Forest Roberts Theatre

Dakota Vogel senior theatre major, theatre alumni Ryan White and Alex Marks perform the production 'International Stud' in NMU's 2016 Fringe Festival.

# GET YOUR FIX ON THE FRINGE

By *Jeff Maki*  
contributing writer

For those interested in supporting and indulging in the performance arts, in a week the Forest Roberts Theatre (FRT) starts its second annual Fringe Festival, a celebration of NMU's graduating actors and theatrical diehards.

Beginning Jan. 26, the FRT will be hosting a rotation of four plays. The four shows to be performed are, "The Myths and Bricks Project," and "Painted Rain," as well as "In a Mason Jar," which is written by its lead actor and director, senior theatre major Coop Bicknell. Finally, "Proof," written by Pulitzer prize winner David Auburn, with the lead role played by NMU student and senior theatre major Laura Thompson, takes its own showings separate from the other plays.

The tradition of a Fringe Festival comes from the shunning of eight theatre groups from an official festival in Edinburgh, Scotland resulting in the actors performing their productions anyways, but outside the festival

on the "fringe," according to the FRT web page.

"Fringe is definitely different in that it runs in rotating repertory, with several different shows each night. It's much more similar to the professional world and is a great learning environment," said stage manager Regan McKay and sophomore English and theatre major.

Students run the entire show for the Fringe Festival here. From the directors to the stage management and, of course, the actors, everything is handled without faculty intervention so that aspirants of the technical side of drama can get a chance to fully show what they've learned in class.

"Audience members should most look forward to unique theatrical work that directly reflects the students," McKay said. "They're getting a glimpse at the tomorrow of the theatre industry by getting to see the culmination of a student's entire degree."

Junior double major in media production and theatre, and lead actor for "Painted Rain," Dane Wurmlinger personally adores the show he's starring in. Moving forward, he is enthusiastic and hopeful of

future theatre prospects, he said.

"I've been doing theatre since second grade, so if there's any way I can continue to take part in theatre, I'll do it," said Wurmlinger.

He said that he is looking forward to how the audience reacts to the deep character development of the protagonist as it well establishes the mature theme of the festival. For people wondering whether or not this event is for them, Wurmlinger implores prospective theatre-goers to pick and choose shows based on their interests, but he hopes that all of the plays will be enjoyed.

Be considerate about bringing children and family as this production is not a feel-good family event. There will be strong language as well as mature themes of isolation and despair present. Those interested in a thought-provoking, dramatic experience will find what they are looking for, however, with the Fringe Festival.

Tickets are \$15 for the public, \$10 for students and \$5 for NMU students. The four productions will run from Jan. 26 to Feb. 4. Check the Forest Roberts Theatre page on the NMU website for further schedule details.

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STAGE DIRECTOR, SOPHOMORE,  
ENGLISH & THEATRE MAJOR

# forum



by Trinity Carey/features editor

## Student Art Gallery provides space for artistic debate for students and community

Career outlook, equal love, marijuana laws, Donald Trump—the realm of current affairs the present generation is living in is an unavoidable topic that sparks both conversational agreement and confliction throughout the country and even campus.

NMU's Student Art Gallery (SAG\*) is offering students a space to express their opinions of current events with their present exhibit: '4x6: Perceptions of Current Events.'

The two week long exhibition began Jan. 16 and provides 4x6 notecards, pens and pencils to use as a medium to artistically express varying

perceptions of the world.

"It's to have interaction with people you might have differing opinions with," said Ellen Saville, senior art history major and director of the SAG\*. "You don't know who was in here (the gallery) before and you might read something that makes you think differently or gives you a strong reaction, positive or negative."

This is the first exhibit of the new semester for the SAG\* and is meant to engage community members as well as students of all majors.

"No matter what campus you are on, it's a community in its own right and it's important for everyone to coexist with each

other," said Assistant Director Paige Roehrig and junior art history major.

The idea for "4x6" came from a similar exhibit held at an Indiana University, the SAG\* wanted to focus on open expressionism because of the upcoming governmental changes, Saville said.

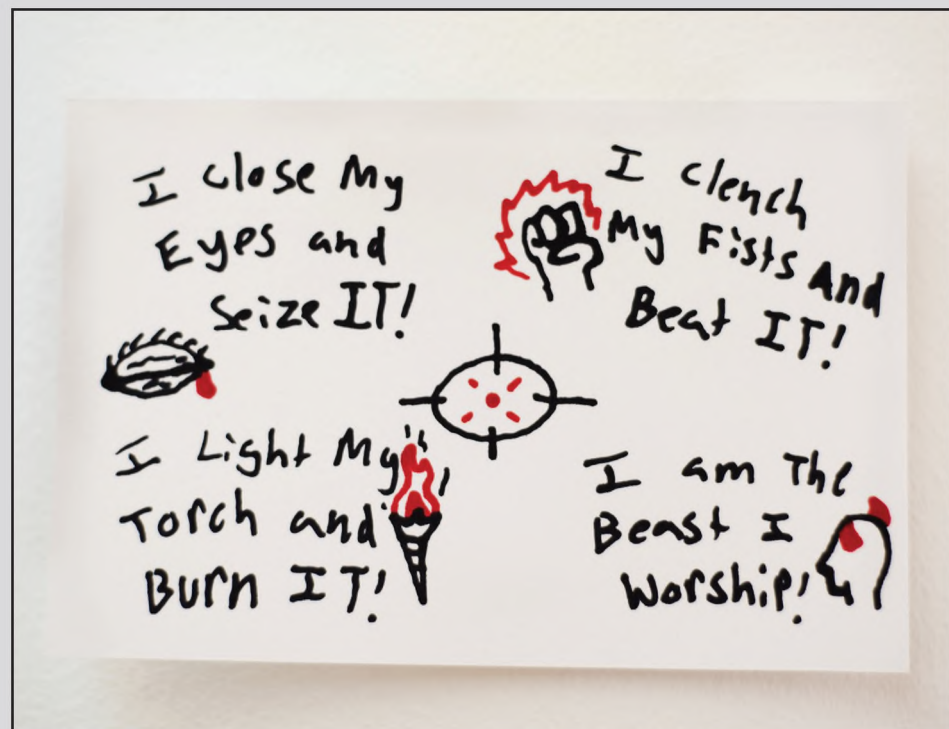
The First Amendment can be found posted in various places throughout the gallery. This reminds people to think of the depth of what they are putting on the wall, Saville said.

After one day there were over 15 notecard contributions on the walls of the gallery with varying messages and topics, such as politics, one's compliance to so-

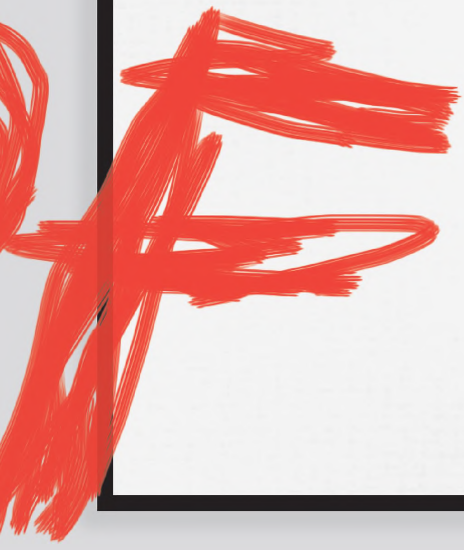
cial standards, the relationship between corporations and people and one comparing the current state of our nation reading, "We're pretty much living in a Kurt Vonnegut novel right now - America's now the laughing stock of the world."

"People verbalize their feelings in conversation with each other, but I think it's interesting to see their issues as art verbalized on a wall and in a gallery," Roehrig said.

The "4x6: Perceptions of Current Events" exhibit will end Jan. 27. Those wishing to contribute to the exhibit are encouraged to bring in their own art supplies or to take note cards home.







# decorum

**Other Left:** Crayons and markers are provided at the SAG\* for writing/drawing tools.

**Other Right:** Entertainment, being one of the most propelling forces in our culture, heavily influenced the artwork in this gallery. Cards containing movie quotes and song lyrics like this are plentiful in the exhibit.

**Under:** This interaction between artists is exactly the goal of the exhibit. Through art, a discussion is opened up between two distinct voices and the narrative about our society that is created as a result becomes the collective art piece the SAG\* intended to be created.


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# 'Rogue One' retains original feel

*'Star Wars' spin-off story offers entrancing CGI elements to even the newest fans*

By Jamie Glenn

contributing writer

**Story:** "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" offers a modernized eye into a galaxy far, far away.

This grounded and small-scale story takes us back to the establishment of a young rebel alliance in search of Death Star plans and a goal to destroy the Empire space station.

Opening without the distinctive "Star Wars" scroll, we learn quickly that director Gareth Edwards, also known for his direction of "Godzilla," is looking to create a highly anticipated stand alone anthology within the parameters of the "Star Wars" world.

The events that take place within this film are a preamble of "Star Wars episode IV—A New Hope." In efforts to retrieve Death Star plans Jyn Erso, played by Felicity Jones, and a group of founding alliance members bounce from planet to planet in a valiant effort to try and turn the tide and halt a battle against the Empire.

**Characters:** All action and no investment. The character progression in Rogue One was lacking. Aside from protagonist Jyn Erso, while assembling the rebel alliance force many backstories are brushed over with missing pieces scattered within the sphere of unmentioned character plot points.

Leading male Cassian Andor, played by Diego Luna, is also missing key components that give



**Film:** Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

**Director:** Gareth Edwards

**Writers:** Chris Weitz, Tony Gilroy, John Knoll

**Starring:** Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Donnie Yen, Mads Mikkelsen

**Runtime:** 133 minutes

**Rating:**



a strong leading role the right to shine. This can leave viewers confused and waiting between action scenes when the storyline is a bit slower.

An armored and torn Forest Whitaker, originally introduced in "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" with his rebellion hungry character of Saw Gerrera, returns to offer patriotic dialogue in-between action sequences.

A C-3PO spin off character, K-2SO, voiced by Alan Tudyk,

offers light humor and ease throughout the film. Much like C-3PO does in the previous films, K-2SO offers quick one-lined wit and builds on jokes only returning audience members would find humorous. Where was Darth Vader? Given the period in the "Star Wars" timeline, Vader is still alive during this rogue space battle leaving many viewers hopeful to see much more of him. Yet he only appears in frame

twice, for rather short scenes. A much heavier influence by Vader would've subsidized other flawed characters, thus tremendously strengthening the film as a whole.

**Style:** The Computer Generated Imagery (CGI) has a vibrance all on its own, flowing seamlessly throughout the action-packed and suspense-filled movie. Producers also offered stand-alone set pieces that were entrancing to watch cascade across the theater screen. The CGI is well imprinted and interwoven in the overall progression of the story; stronger elements of CGI were displayed within the beach, planet and space scenes of the film. The visual art used in "Rogue One" is a character in itself.

The background music heard throughout the film is also an effort to define its individuality within the "Star Wars" world.

Elements of John Williams' original theme song can be heard in the "Rogue One" theme, but it also carries a unique sound that allows it to stand apart from previous movies soundtracks.

**Verdict:** Most viewers, die-hard or otherwise, are looking for action and booming sound that carries a nonstop adventure. Though lacking in character progression, Edwards' directing delivers an attention-keeping story and a fairly strong, stand-alone message: "Rebellions are built on hope." This closing line is delivered by Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia, instilling a feeling of hopefulness and empowerment for the rebel forces.

While making a few strong, funny references to the original series for generational fans, the film is approachable to even the newest "Star Wars" viewers. Though somewhat flawed, this story is strong enough to stand on its own.

**The Computer Generated Imagery has a vibrance all on its own, flowing seamlessly throughout the action-packed and suspense-filled movie.**



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# Find out where the magic continues

By Kara Toay  
copy editor

Anticipation for this movie was building within the Harry Potter fandom as the release date drew near. It was no less when the theater filled with the familiar music fans of the Harry Potter series are sure to appreciate, but this film entails a new adventure. “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” follows Newt Scamander and his travels to the wizarding world in America, where he is on the hunt for a magical creature.

**Story:** The movie takes place in New York City in 1926. The story opens with Scamander, played by Eddie Redmayne, traveling by boat to America.

He arrives with his magical suitcase, carrying an array of beasts, but chaos ensues when his suitcase gets mixed up with Jacob Kowalski’s, a baker and ‘no-maj’ with no magic capabilities, who ends up helping Scamander recapture his creatures. As they switch suitcases, his beloved creatures begin to roam free in the city. Scamander and Kowalski set out to capture one of Scamander’s creatures after it gets loose again, called a niffler, that is fond of anything valuable.

All of this is happening while Scamander’s other creatures are still rampaging around the city. The city is in disarray until Scamander and others step in and



**Film:** Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

**Director:** David Yates

**Writer:** J. K. Rowling

**Starring:** Eddie Redmayne, Katherine Watson, Collin Farrell, Ezra Miller

**Runtime:** 133 minutes

**Rating:**



try to catch a different beast that is harming the city. The movie ends with a twist as they find out one of the people they thought to be a friend was actually a foe.

**Characters:** On the way,

Scamander and Kowalski meet Porpentina Goldstein and her sister Queenie. The four of them grow close throughout the movie as they try to catch Scamander’s creatures and figure

out what beast is disturbing the city.

Before Scamander came to America, none of them had met. They went from being complete strangers to friends. Queenie even falls in love with Kowalski. The love story was interesting due to the fact that wizards and non-magical people were not allowed to be together.

The actors who portrayed the characters were well suited to their roles and helped bring the movie together. Redmayne did an excellent job of portraying his character and the quirks he had makes him relatable. It was very easy to get into the movie and the character of Scamander and what he was trying to do.

**Style:** The writing fits the characters and the time that the movie takes place and lived up to the wondrous words that J. K. Rowling writes. This I expected because Rowling wrote the screenplay for the movie.

The special effects in the film were also well done. They gave the movie a realistic feeling

throughout, although mythically based. The movie had a budget of \$180 million and this is shown in the special effects that were used.

**Verdict:** The movie does differ from the Harry Potter movies that it spins off from, but is still just as well done.

One big difference is the movie takes place in America while the Harry Potter series takes place in England. There is also the difference of what they call people who don’t have magical abilities. In the Harry Potter series they are called ‘muggles’ and in ‘Fantastic Beasts’ they are called no-maj.

I didn’t know what to expect from the movie at first since it was a spin off from Harry Potter, but with David Yates directing the movie and J. K. Rowling writing, it didn’t disappoint. I was engrossed in the movie just waiting to see what would happen next.

Overall, the movie was well done. There wasn’t one part that I didn’t enjoy.

## Sociopolitical activist comes to speak at NMU

By Trinity Carey  
features editor

NMU students celebrated and remembered the actions and words of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 16 with a march, diversity performances and service projects. The remembrance will continue with guest speaker Ashley Yates—an activist, poet and artist Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. The free event will be held in the Charcoal Room of the university center.

Yates is a co-founder of Millennial Activists United—a group of Black women activists who emerged shortly after the death of Mike Brown in Ferguson, as well as other activists groups and reforms following the Ferguson case, said Associate Director of NMU’s

Multicultural Education Resource Center, Shirley Brozzo in an e-mail.

The MERC aims to provide services to any and all minority groups of the NMU campus and co-sponsored the MLK events that took place Monday Jan. 16.

“We provide some diversity training across campus, help people learn to understand one another, celebrate our uniqueness and share our cultures and values,” Brozzo said.


Yates will offer her own experiences as an activist and how they relate to MLK’s peaceful message.

“College campuses are places where students learn how to become responsible citizens, how to work & play with people who are different than they are in many ways, and how to syn-

thesize all the things they are learning,” Brozzo said. “Being able to talk with someone from a different background helps all of us to understand how much we have in common as well as to celebrate what is different and special about each of us.”

The MERC office has brought similar speakers to NMU in honor of MLK day such as Bakari Kitwana, Moustafa Bayoumi, and Eren McGinnis, but this is Yates first visit to Northern.

“It’s a time to hear differing opinions, learn more about events that shaped our nation into the country it is today, and to look at things through a different lens,” Brozzo said. “All students need to understand the importance of diversity, inclusion and equality.”



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Senior guard Bre Gaspervich dribbles the ball ahead of a Michigan Tech player during last season's Monday, Feb. 1 match-up at the Berry Events Center.

## Women's bball starts five-game homestand

By Trevor Drew  
opinion editor

The Women's Basketball team now stands tied for fourth in the GLIAC North with the conference record of 5-4 (10-6 overall) after losing their last two games on the road. The Wildcats now prepare for a 5-game homestand starting Thursday when the ladies take on Lake Superior State University and continuing on to Saturday against Northwood University.

The Wildcats fell to the division leading Saginaw Valley State Cardinals 67-60 and the Wayne State Warriors 55-53.

Head coach Troy Mattson said he did not feel the team's downfall was a lack of effort and said he believed both games over the weekend could have ended in a

Wildcat victory had they taken advantage of more opportunities.

"We had a chance to win both games," Mattson said. "They just made some plays coming down the end and we weren't able to make the plays and the result is two losses."

In Thursday's game, the 'Cats managed to hang with the the No. 1 ranked Cardinals for the first quarter and even build up a 25-17 lead punctuated by layup from senior guard Bre Gaspervich at the 5:20 mark of the second quarter.

Saginaw Valley answered back with a 9-1 run and tied up the score at with 1:28 left in the half and went into the locker room with a 3-point advantage the score at 27-30.

The Cardinals closed out the

final quarter with eight successful free throws. Northern Michigan's final points came from sophomore guard Darby Youngstrom, who sank two three-pointers in the final 17 seconds of the game which ended 67-60.

In Saturday's match-up against the Warriors the teams maintained a close contest until Wayne State pulled ahead 48-40, their largest lead of the game, with 8:46 remaining in regulation time. The Wildcats clawed back, drawing within a single point, at 50-49, on a 3-point shot by sophomore guard Tess Weatherly with 3:32 left to play.

Northern Michigan would pull within a single point, at 54-53 with just 15 seconds left on the clock. On the final possession of the game, Gaspervich missed a layup, but Weatherly came up

with the rebound to get the Wildcats one last look at the basket. Weatherly ultimately missed her three-point shot for the win and the game ended 53-55.

"I think our rebounding really stood out this weekend as something we need to put a little more effort towards," sophomore guard Emily Schramek said. "Scoring I think has been a problem this year because we've been able to hold teams down to such little points. I think it's our turn now to actually score the ball more because we are going to start playing better teams that will be harder to stop."

The team now turns its focus to a series of home games at the Berry Events Center. The team will benefit from playing on their home turf; however, they will have to compensate for the

absence of sophomore guard Chloe Tompkins who sustained a season ending knee injury, Mattson said.

"[Tompkin's injury is] a major blow to us. We have to restructure what we are going to do offensively more so than defensively," Mattson said. "Defensively, we are probably going to be the same team or very similar. But offensively, we have to make some adjustments to try to help ourselves in that end of the court."

Youngstrom agreed that Tompkin's absence would be a challenge and added that other players must step up to fill the gap in order for future success.

"Chloe was our point guard so someone is going to have to fill that void of getting our offense going, I think people are definitely ready to do that at this point."

# SPORTS BRIEFS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Northern Michigan men's basketball team is at home to play against Lake Superior State at 8 p.m. on Thursday and 1 p.m. on Saturday against Northwood.

The Wildcats defeated No. 18 Saginaw Valley State, 82-76, on Jan. 12. Isaiah Johnson came out strong for the Wildcats, putting up a career-best 28 points on the night. He was closely followed by Jordan Perez, who had a double double with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

The Wildcats then pulled out a hard-fought 75-71 win over Wayne State on Jan. 14. Naba Echols led the way, putting up 25 points on the night. Johnson (17), Jordan Perez (14) and Marcus Matelski (11) all reached the double digits as well. Michael Lewis and Chuck Key both put up double doubles for Wayne State, though it was not enough to outlast the Wildcats.

This was the first time the Wildcats swept a road week since the 2014-15 season. That season, they dispatched Walsh, 70-61, on Dec. 4 and defeated Malone, 68-65, on Dec. 6.

## HOCKEY

Senior defenseman Brock Maschmeyer and freshman defenseman Rylan Yaremko were both awarded league honors.

Yaremko was honored as the Western Collegiate Hockey Association's Co-Rookie of the Week, the league office announced Wednesday morning.

Yaremko earned his first Rookie of the Week nod after helping the Wildcats capture the 2016-17 Cappelletti Cup by recording a pair of ties last weekend against Lake Superior State.

Yaremko notched the primary assist on both of Northern Michigan's goals, placing him in a tie for first among WCHA defensemen in helpers and points over the weekend.

Maschmeyer was selected as one of 15 candidates for the NCAA 2016-17 Senior CLASS Award in collegiate hockey.

An alternate captain as a junior and senior, Maschmeyer currently ranks seventh all-time among Wildcat defensemen with 23 career goals.

In 2014-15, Maschmeyer netted nine goals to become the first blueliner to lead Northern Michigan in goal scoring. For being one of only two defensemen to crack the top 30 in league goal scoring, he was also named to the 2015 all-WCHA third team.

Maschmeyer has excelled in the classroom, being named a WCHA Scholar Athlete in both 2015 and 2016. A Public Relations major with a minor in Communications, he is on pace to graduate in April 2017.

*Compiled from press releases*



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Sophomore defenseman Ryan Black skates across the ice against the Bowling Green State University Falcons.

# Hockey team tries to build off Cappelletti Cup victory

By AnnMarie Kent  
sports editor

Only 10 games remain in the regular season and the NMU hockey team looks to get as many wins as possible in hopes of grabbing a playoff spot, starting with their upcoming series against the University of Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves.

The past two weekends, the Wildcats played a home-and-home series against the Lake Superior State University Lakers for the Cappelletti Cup. NMU outscored the Lakers 10-9, bringing the cup back to Marquette.

The Cappelletti Cup was first awarded in 1991 by the late Louis Cappelletti, and has been given to the winner of the series every year since the 1994-95 season. The Wildcats have a 14-9 all-time advantage in the Cappelletti Cup series.

The first weekend the teams split, with the Lakers taking the Friday night win 3-2 and the Wildcats responding Saturday night with their own 6-4 win. The second weekend both games were tied at 1-1, with NMU getting the conference point after a shoot-out win by senior forward Dominik Shine on Saturday night.

Senior defenseman Brock Maschmeyer said the Wildcats have been improving their play-

ing over the last few weekends.

"If you've been watching the last couple of games they've been awesome match-ups," Maschmeyer said. "Playing against Lake State we started to find a little bit of a groove. We're hoping that runs into this next weekend."

Sophomore forward Denver Pierce is a native of Sault Ste. Marie and was handed the cup on the ice in his hometown. Friends and family watched as he raised the cup over his head in triumph.

"Shane Sooth told me to go grab the cup so that was pretty cool," Pierce said.

Taking home the cup has given the team confidence going into the next series but their inability to score has held them back this season, head coach Walt Kyle said.

Sophomore goaltender Atte Tolvanen had 0.96 save percentage over the series and Kyle said it's not Tolvanen's goaltending that's led the lackluster season.

"We talk about goal support," Kyle said. "In the last three games he hasn't had any goal support. [Tolvanen's] done everything he could do to win the game and it's up to us to give him better goal support."

The 'Cats have a 5-17-4 record overall, with a 3-12-3 record within the Western Collegiate

Hockey Association. This puts the 'Cats at 10 out of 10 in the WCHA standings, just below the Seawolves going into their series together. The Seawolves are 5-14-5 overall and 4-9-5 in the conference.

The Seawolves tied both of their games against Michigan Tech last weekend, but scored in the 3-on-3 overtime to get two league points on Friday night. On Saturday night Tech grabbed the league points after winning the shoot-out.

The Wildcats traveled to Anchorage the first weekend of December to take on the Seawolves and came away with a split.

Pierce remembers the games being tough and the Seawolves being a strong team.

"They're a hard team to play against. They have good goaltending," Pierce said. "They've been playing pretty good as of late."

With both teams being so close in the standings, Maschmeyer said he expects both teams to come in hard into the series.

"Every series from here on out is a make-or-break weekend," Maschmeyer said. "We have to get both wins and we know where we are in the standings. We're not supposed to look at it but we know what we have to do, and to get into the playoffs we have to win."





Photo courtesy of Tyler Mulville

Junior forward Kendall Turro races for the puck during a game against Michigan State University.

# No. 1 Wildcats seek redemption against Duluth

By Mike Carbonara  
contributing writer

The No. 1 ranked Northern Michigan University women's division II hockey club will host the No. 3 Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Hockeyville's Lakeview Arena in Marquette, Michigan.

The 2016 American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) National Tournament was the last meeting between the two clubs. The Bulldogs ended the Wildcats season with a 3-2 loss in triple overtime. The Bulldogs advanced and won the national championship.

Junior left wing Caitlyn Muehlbacher said the team is looking confident and prepared for their upcoming matchup with Duluth.

"The main focus of practice this week has been defense, passing and putting the puck in the back

of the net," Muehlbacher said. "As a team we have gotten better from our last game with Minnesota."

The 'Cats finished last season with an 18-5 record and an undefeated conference record of 14-0. The 'Cats outscored their opponents in conference play 148-8. The 2016 season marked the second year in a row for the Wildcats to claim the Central Collegiate Women's Hockey Association (CCWHA) Division II Championships.

Junior Defenseman and president of the women's hockey club Kelsey Weyland said she is excited about the redemption match-up between the Wildcats and the Bulldogs.

"We've been proving our club through the past couple years and I don't feel we receive any respect from the other teams in our league," Weyland said. "This game will be a big stepping stone

in defining that we are and deserve the #1 ranking."

The 2016-2017 season thus far has led the 'Cats to be first ranked in the ACHA Division II West Region. The 'Cats team, led by head coach Gregg Swajanen, maintains an overall record of 12-1-1; 7-1-0 at home and 5-0-1 away. The ladies have a total of 118 Goals For (GF) and 43 Goals Against (GA). Minnesota-Duluth has a record of 9-3-1 with 39 GF and 23 GA. The Bulldogs are currently 2-2 on the road with a -8 goal difference.

The 'Cats take the ice on Saturday in the first matchup with Duluth since the defeat of the 2016 playoffs. Tickets will be \$10 for the public and \$5 with a student I.D. The cost of admission will cover the doubleheader played at Lakeview Arena for both the Wildcats game against the Bulldogs and the Marquette Mutineers game against the West Bend Bombers.

## WILDCAT SCHEDULE

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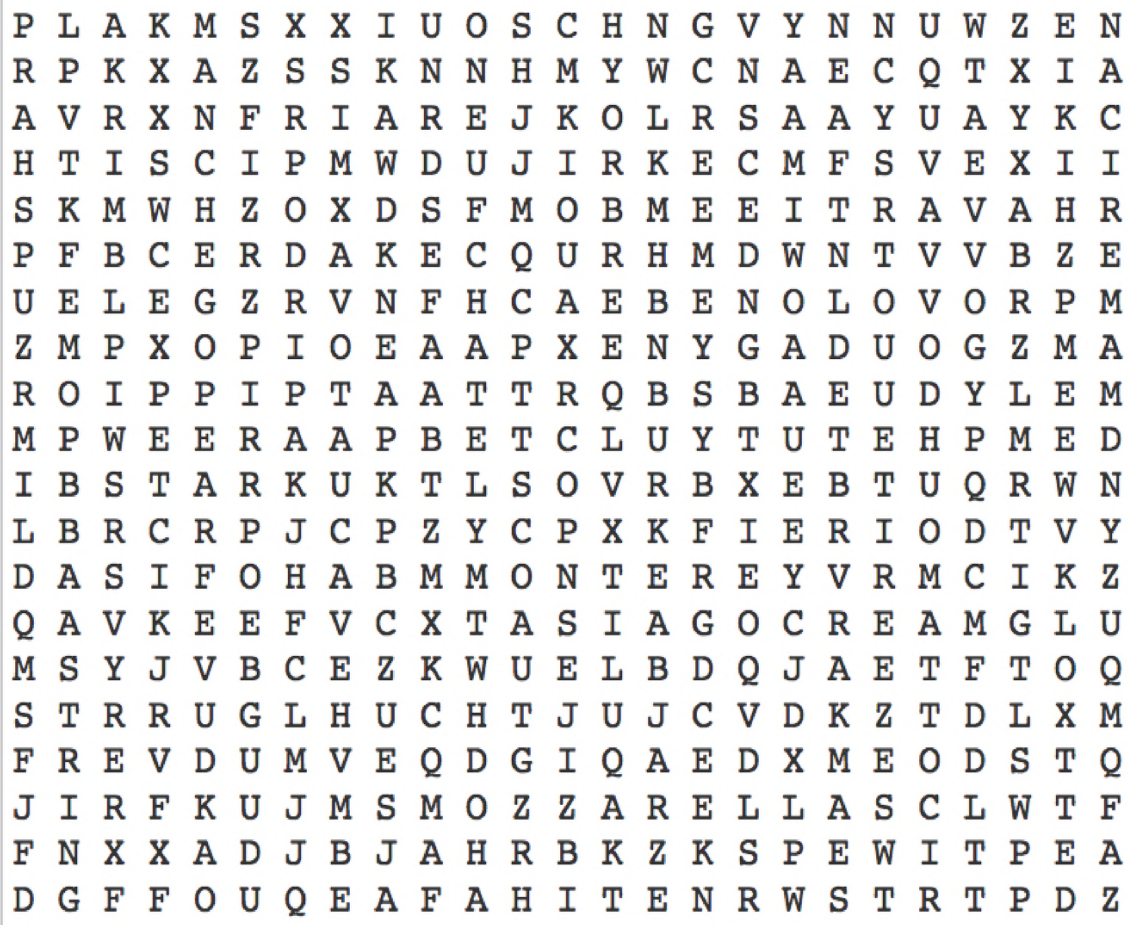
**Monday, January 23**  
12:30 to 2:30pm Wildcat Den  
6 to 8:30pm Marketplace

## SUBMIT A SHOUT OUT

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WORD SEARCH OF THE WEEK



THEME: CHEESE

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| AMERICAN  | FETA       | PARMESAN   |
| ASIAGO    | GOUDA      | PEPPERJACK |
| BLEU      | HAVARTI    | PROVOLONE  |
| BRIE      | MANCHEGO   | RICOTTA    |
| CAMEMBERT | MASCARPONE | ROMANO     |
| CHEDDAR   | MILD       | ROQUEFORT  |
| CHEVRE    | MONTEREY   | SHARP      |
| COLBY     | MOZZARELLA | SMOKED     |
| COTTAGE   | MUENSTER   | STRING     |
| CREAM     | NEUFCHATEL | SWISS      |



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INSPIRATIONS

- Cheese sandwiches
- Black pepper brie
- Seriously wanting all the cheese in the world
- How? Not sure
- New semester
- American cheese still being real cheese
- That grilled cheese achievement in The Sims
- Life aspiration: Eat 200 grilled cheese sandwiches
- Maybe I just need to play Sims again
- That game was wonderful
- Muenster cheese is pretty good too
- Shouting french cheese names across the office
- Send help... Or cheese

HOPE? — Garrett B. Flores



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