

Local GOP leader resigns

Controversial social media posts cause national uproar

By Davon Lanier

news editors

A former secretary for the Marquette County GOP stepped down from his position yesterday after a social media post he made in response to violent protests at UC-Berkely went viral on Twitter, causing an outrage at both state and national levels.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, Daniel Adamini, who is also the former chair of the Marquette County Republicans and host of the radio show "In the Right Mind" on WDMJ/WIAN, posted on his Twitter account "Violent protesters who shut down free speech? Time for another Kent State, perhaps. One bullet stops a lot of thuggery."

In the posts, Adamini referred to a 1970 shooting at Kent State University in which National Guardsmen shot 13 unarmed college students and killed four in an effort to stop riots.

That very same evening, Ad-



Dan Adamini, ex-secretary for the Marquette County Republicans posted a controversial tweet some said called for violence on college campuses.

amini shared more of his perspective on his Facebook account, where he posted, "The violent protests at our universities certainly indicate Portage Acacian at the lower level. I'm thinking another Kent State might be the only solution protests stopped after only one death. They do it because they know there are no consequences yet."

People who became upset by the posts believe Adamini was

suggesting that protesters around the country be shot for their actions.

Adamini has since apologized for his choice of words and told local media outlets the posts were "misconstrued" and taken out of context. Since they went viral, Adamini says he has received threatening messages on all of his social media accounts and has resorted to removing both his Facebook and Twitter pages.

Jacob Ogea, President of the NMU College Republicans, said Adamini only spoke for himself and the college Republicans do not condone his remarks. He also spoke for the Marquette County GOP who he says doesn't condone Adamini's remarks either.

"When you look at what he said the context of it, he apologized for it. It's one of those things where I think he spoke for himself so obviously he said it in a bad context. He says that he meant to say it in another way but I'll let people draw their own conclusions," Ogea said.

Ogea said he thinks the story received more national attention because "left of center" media outlets like the Huffington Post ran with it and generated more controversy.

"In this day in age, it's important to condemn when someone says that we need to target protesters but at the same time make

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Price to be determined for new dorms

A process has started to determine an adjusted tuition rate for the two new dorms expected to open in the fall.

Jeff Korpi, director of housing and residence life, said he is hoping to submit recommended tuition rates to the Board of Trustees for approval before their meeting next week.

"If for some reason we don't have a rate by next week, we will have one by the end of the semester to present to the Board of Trustees," Korpi said.

He noted that EdR Collegiate Housing has already set their rates for the new building, while NMU looks to set hall rates for both its new and existing buildings.

"We're currently working on creating a process for students to sign up for all of our residence halls. This includes the new building additions and we hope to reach a final recommendation by April," Korpi said.

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'Indigenous People's Day' passed by Academic Senate

Proposed designation moves on to Board of Trustees after heated debate

By Winter Keefer

assistant news editor

After heated debate Tuesday the Academic Senate reviewed and approved its support of a resolution presented by ASNMU to recognize Indigenous People's Day on campus.

The resolution will be presented to the NMU Board of Trustees in the next step to make it official.

Several campus groups, including the Native American Student Association (NASA), NMU branch of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) and the Language Culture Club have been collaborating for over a year to obtain formal recognition of Indigenous People's Day by the university.

The process to pass this resolution started with presenting a petition to ASNMU. The petition had over 500 student signatures and ASNMU voted to support it in

winter of 2017.

Next, the resolution was presented by ASNMU to the Academic Senate for review multiple times. It had been denied once with suggestions for amendments to the wording. After it was amended it was brought back and denied again because the signatures on the document were from previous members of ASNMU.

According to an audio recording of the full meeting obtained by the North Wind, the meeting Tuesday became contentious during the questioning portion of the resolution review. There were debates over the meaning of Columbus Day and the history behind it. Some professors suggested taking any mention of Columbus out of the resolution.

The meeting came to a head when Native American Studies professor Leora Lancaster was asked by moderator and chairwoman of the senate Rachel Nye

to stop recording a video she had been making for her students.

Lancaster complied and stopped recording. However, Nye expressed that she believed the video recording was made maliciously and moved to remove the entire proposal from the table, citing the recording and the number of times

In the end it passed. Thank God, finally.

— Jeulani Gahiji
chair of assembly for ASNMU

the resolution had been brought forward in the past.

This motion met opposition from other senate members and was put to a vote. Two-thirds of the Academic Senate voted to keep the resolution on the table and continue its review, overriding Nye's

removal.

Later, Lancaster was asked if she had deleted the video. She said that she had not because she was hoping to show it to her students who could not attend the meeting.

After being asked to delete the recording Lancaster said she would comply, but President Fritz Erick-

son cut in with a comment about her right to record.

"I'm sorry but you have no obligation to delete," Erickson said. "You may choose to accommodate. This is a public meeting, all public meetings are recordable, whether it's in taste or out-of-taste

it's another matter. But, it's entirely up to you whether you want to delete it or not."

When the resolution was put up for a vote at the end of the meeting over two-thirds of the Academic Senate voted in support of it.

Vice Chairman of the senate and Native American Studies professor Martin Reinhardt said it was a historic moment for the university.

"I appreciate everybody taking time to discuss this and even though I stand in opposition of the naysayers, I still appreciate the effort and energy that they put into a civil discussion on this issue," Reinhardt said in an interview after the meeting.

Chair of assembly for ASNMU Jeulani Gahiji was one of the members presenting the resolution. Gahiji said she was relieved that it had passed after much deliberation.

"In the end it passed. Thank God, finally," Gahiji said.



SPORTS

In the final home series of the season, Wildcat Hockey takes on the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

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Eccentric indie folk band, Breathe Owl Breathe, performed at The Ore Dock Thursday evening.

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FAO helps out students

By Ellen Lindbloom

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On Valentine's Day, the NMU Financial Aid Office (FAO) will host an event to encourage and help students fill out their yearly Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before the March 1, 2017 priority date.

I <3 FAFSA Day is an opportunity for students to get assistance filling out their FAFSA.

JoDee Larsh, NMU financial aid officer, said their main goal is to get students to apply before spring break.

"The application can be saved and completed later if any questions or missing information arises. If they are going home over the break and need parent information, [students] can add the parent data in at that time."

Students can also bring a couple of things to speed up the process.

"Some basic items to bring along include a laptop, NMU or other photo ID, and a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID. Most students can import their income information through the FAFSA's IRS Data Retrieval Tool," Larsh said.

Larsh said there are benefits to students getting their FAFSA done as early as possible, like making sure their financial aid is ready to go before the next fall semester starts.

"Some students need to submit additional documentation to our office before we can fully process aid," Larsh said.

The FAO will offer snacks, treats and expert assistance for students who may not feel comfortable filling out their FAFSA alone. No appointment is necessary, but assistance is first-come, first-served. There will be 12 staff members on hand for the event and the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The financial aid office is located at 2107 Hedgcock.

If students cannot make it in for I <3 FAFSA Day on Tuesday, Nov. 14, they can schedule an appointment with the Financial Aid Office for another time or fill out their FAFSA online at fafsa.ed.gov.

Human sexuality talks come to local brewery

By Cali Hunter

contributing writer

Those interested in the evolution of human sexuality can come and enjoy a scientific discussion alongside a craft beer this Thursday at the Ore Dock Brewing Company.

NMU biology professor Brent Graves will present the next Science on Tap event at the Ore Dock at 7 p.m on Feb. 9.

Graves, who has been teaching subjects such as evolution and behavioral ecology at NMU for 23 years, will focus mainly on sexual selection in humans for his presentation titled "Evolution of Human Sexuality: Forget Freud, Ask Darwin."

Graves explained sexual selection as a "special case" of Darwin's theory of natural selection, where individuals of a certain species search for traits that help

them obtain mates. Usually Graves gears his research towards reptiles and amphibians but he said he wants to help the public understand sexual selection as it pertains to humans.



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"I'm going to explain selection and explain natural selection, and then I will apply some of those ideas to understanding why humans have some of the characteristics we do," Graves said.

"People take for granted a lot of characteristics that humans have."

Graves also plans to address the effects that sexual selection can have on a species, many of which are not favorable in the long run.

"Very often, those traits actually decrease the probability of survival even though they increase the probability of getting mates," he said.

Graves will provide examples of this effect throughout his presentation. He said one of the examples is the fact that males in a lot of species, not just humans, can be very aggressive in the process of sexual selection, which leads to fighting. The fights lead to serious injury or death, which does not increase the probability of survival. Graves hopes to educate people that simply dismiss evolution or just view it as being "survival of the fittest."

"A lot of people reject evolu-

tion when they don't even know what it is that they're rejecting," Graves said. He added, "Selection is one cause of evolutionary change, but there are many others."

Graves also mentioned there will be a series of presentations that center around Charles Darwin and his evolutionary theories since Darwin's birthday is in February. A list of Graves's scholarly publications can be found at www.nmu.edu/biology/bgraves. The Ore Dock Brewing Company is located at 114 W Spring St. and admission to Science On Tap is free and open to all ages of the public. More information about upcoming events can be found at www.nmu.edu/sigmaxi/scienceontap or by calling the Ore Dock Brewing Company at 906-228-8888. The presentations are put together by the NMU chapter of Sigma Xi.

Students a "no-show" at travel ban forum

Dean of Students Chris Greer was met with an empty room when no students showed up for the listening sessions.

The sessions, held Feb. 8, were intended to answer questions from students affected by the travel ban enacted by President Trump's executive order.


The order banned travel to the United States from seven Muslim majority countries.

In an email sent to students on February 3, Greer said all students were invited to come to the sessions to voice concerns and have their questions answered.

The university was interested in collecting contact information for students from those seven countries, students planning on traveling to those countries or students with research pursuits in those countries, Greer said.

"Our intent with the listening

sessions is to gather information about students who may be impacted by the ban, address those questions or concerns that we can and serve as a conduit for getting the appropriate information to students in the future as it becomes available," Greer said.



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STATE NEWS

A car crash on US-41 near Walmart in Marquette left one dead and two injured on Tuesday.

The Marquette County Sheriff's Department said 63-year-old Laurel Eagle of K.I. Sawyer died. She was riding in the car while her husband, 65-year-old John Eagle, was driving.

The car was struck on the passenger side by a Chevrolet pickup truck driven by 42-year-old Daniel Rivord.

NATIONAL NEWS

The Mayor of San Francisco announced Monday that residents will be granted free higher education.

The City College of San Francisco will be free of tuition starting next fall for those who have lived in the city for at least a full year.

\$5.4 million per year will be granted to cover the cost of credits for qualifying students.

Low income students will also receive \$500 per year if they are full-time, and part-time students will receive \$200.

City College trustees hope this change will increase enrollment and school funding.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Exploding batteries are being blamed for a fire that broke out in a Samsung factory in China.

Samsung, who recently came under scrutiny for Galaxy Note 7 batteries exploding on customers while in use, said the fire broke out in the area of the factory that stores faulty batteries and other waste.

The local fire department specifically cited lithium batteries as the cause of the flame.

WEIRD NEWS

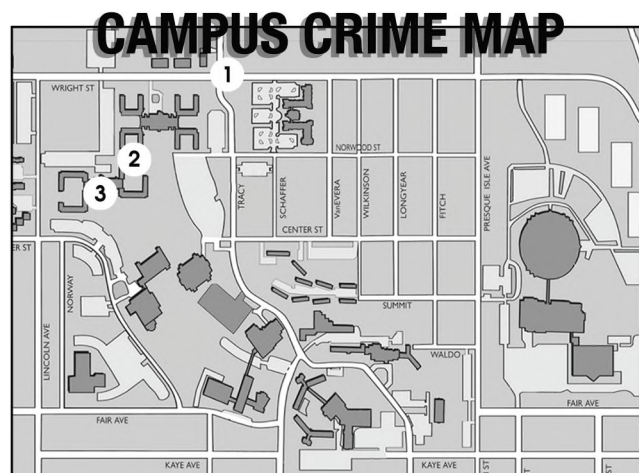
An Oklahoma man was arrested Saturday after attempting to barter Girl Scout cookies.

The 45-year-old man offered vodka to Girl Scouts in exchange for Girl Scout cookies outside of a local mall in Ardmore.

He was forced to take a field sobriety test after he informed police he had been drinking all day.

He was "unsteady on his feet and basically had to place him in the police car and barely able to walk," said a local police captain.

— Compiled from news sources



1. Possession of marijuana was reported at 12:24 a.m. Sunday, February 5 in parking lot 46.

2. Larceny of personal property was reported at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, January 31 at the Marketplace.

3. Possession of marijuana was reported at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday, January 31 at the Marketplace.

FRT gains new director

By Kelsii Kyto

contributing writer

The NMU Forest Roberts Theatre (FRT) has gained a new director after Ansley Valentine, the previous director, decided to leave the university to pursue other options at the end of last year.

The new director of the FRT was announced in a press release on Jan. 23. Bill Digneit is an NMU alum and also a co-owner of Double Trouble Productions in Marquette. He will begin his job as director in 2017.

Digneit said one goal of his is to share his new knowledge with his students in the upcoming years and that he feels that now is the right time for him to work with students in higher education.

"I always wanted to end up in higher education, but I really wanted to have professional experience. The time kind of felt right to throw my hat in the ring and I really want to push where the students can go, especially on the technical side," he said.

Digneit said he wants to teach his students things outside of the curriculum of traditional theater and that another one of his goals is to emphasize connecting with other programs on campus and adding more technological content to the curriculum.

"The campus here is a family it's a community and you really want to make sure that everybody is helping out each other and working together because the whole goal is to build successful future people that are going to be running the world here. If there are student organizations that want to do stuff I think that'd be great," Digneit said.

Lastly, Digneit said he wants to bring more students on campus into the theatre.



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"I would like to see more people coming to the theatre and people who have never walked in these doors and people who have never seen the shows. We need more people to get over that inertia of buying that ticket and coming to the shows for the first time," Digneit said.

Paul Truckey, interim director of the FRT, said Digneit's love for

the theatre was one of the reasons for his appointment.

"One of the things we were looking for was someone who could really market the Forest Roberts Theatre," he added.

David Pierce, technical director and production manager of the FRT, said a national search was performed to find the right director for the theater. He noted that roughly six to 10 applicants were considered for the position but Digneit was chosen.

"Digneit's reputation and strong national presence in theatrical design and promotion made him the ideal candidate for the position," Pierce said.

If students would like to see an FRT production, "Building Madness" will be shown from Feb. 22 to Feb. 25. It will be \$10 for NMU students and \$15 for general admission. More information can be found on nmu.edu/forestrobertstheatre.

"There's something very raw and very in-the-moment when you go see a show because there is no redo no takes. They are in that moment with you and you're experiencing this atmosphere. You're transcending into this new world that the artists built for you from the second you walk into the lobby. We're really going to work on this red carpet experience." Digneit said.

Thief cards distributed on campus

By Chloe Gerathy

contributing writer

NMU Public Safety officers have begun a new campaign this year to cut down on on-campus theft by placing "Bitten by a Thief" cards on top of unattended valuables in high traffic areas on campus.

Officers have been leaving green notecards on students' unattended laptops, backpacks and other personal items that state if the officer leaving the card "were a thief, their property would be gone when they return." These notecards are a humorous reminder that their property could've been stolen.

Roughly 72 cards have already been distributed this semester, Lt. Don Peterman, Crime Prevention and Community Policing Specialist, said. The goal of this campaign is to make students aware that most campus thefts are crimes of opportunity and that little adjustments to daily habits can go a long way in keeping your belongings safe.



Emma Tembreull/NW

To make students wary of theft, Public Safety officers have been placing thief cards on valuables left out in high traffic areas. About 72 cards have been placed.

The idea to create the "Bitten by a Thief" cards came from Peterman's time in the LRC during his Master's program.

"I'd see students leaving coats, hats, gloves, books, laptops, cell phones, etc. and leaving the area and later coming back from Starbucks with coffee in hand, or from other places. They would be gone sometimes for ten, fifteen minutes, leaving time for someone to walk

off with their property," he said.

Peterman believes this campaign will reduce crimes of opportunity on campus. Although theft at NMU isn't seen as a glaring problem by Public Safety, many people don't always report thefts, making it difficult for policies to be enacted.

Public Safety reminds students to always report thefts and not to leave property unattended.

20th (order) Minimizing the Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

23rd (order) Withdrawal of the US from the Trans-Pacific Partnership Negotiations and Agreement

24th (memorandum) Approving pipelines

24th (order) Constructing of American pipelines

25th (order) Cutting funding for sanctuary cities

27th (order) Rebuilding the US Armed Forces

28th (memorandum) Reorganizing the National and homeland security councils

3rd (order) Fiduciary Duty Rule/Core principles for regulating the US financial system

JANUARY

TIMELINE: PRESIDENT TRUMP'S MEMORANDUMS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

FEBRUARY

20th (memorandum) Reince's regulatory freeze

23rd (order) Mexico City Policy

23rd (order) Hiring freeze

24th (memorandum) Reduce regulations for US manufacturing

25th (order) Border security and immigration enforcement improvements/enhancing public safety in the interior of the US

27th (order) Protecting the Nation from foreign terrorist entry into the US

28th (memorandum) Defeating ISIS

30th (order) Reducing regulation and controlling regulatory costs

3rd (memorandum) Reviving the fiduciary duty rule

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President Trump takes action in first weeks

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President Trump has issued eight executive orders, 12 memorandums and 2 proclamations since inauguration for a total of 24 executive actions, according to whitehouse.gov. Obama issued a total of 277 executive actions over his eight years in office, nine orders taking place during his first two weeks in 2009, five were published on the first day.

There are three types of executive actions: orders, memorandums and proclamations. Execu-

tive orders hold the most prestige although many are fairly mundane. They typically contain instructions to federal agencies that the president oversees on how they should operate. Executive orders are similar to laws passed by Congress and typically direct members of the executive branch to follow a new policy or directive.

Executive memoranda are similar to executive orders in that they carry legal weight allowing the president to direct government officials and agencies. But executive memoranda are typically not published in the Federal Register unless the president determines

the rules have general applicability and legal effect.

A presidential proclamation is an act that formally declares to the general public that the government has acted in a particular way. It is a written or printed document issued by a superior government executive. Proclamations are mostly ceremonial observances of federal holidays or awareness months. The two proclamations passed under President Trump so far declared the first week of February as National School of Choice Week and the month of February American Heart Month. Some of President Trump's

executive orders have been facing heavy criticism. Lawyers for Washington state and Minnesota told a federal appellate court that restoring President Donald Trump's ban on refugees and travelers from seven predominantly Muslim countries would "unleash chaos again." These two states cast a lawsuit that resulted in a temporary nation-wide restraining order on the travel ban last week.

Other executive actions facing scrutiny include the continued

development of the Dakota Access and Keystone Pipelines, the suspension of EPA grants and contracts, as well as the executive order to expedite environmental reviews of infrastructure projects.

Even GOP officials are questioning Trump's actions. Actions that include those listed above, along with an order progressing a Mexico border wall. Trump is using these actions to follow through with promises made during his campaign.

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sure that we protest in a peaceful manner," Ogea said.

Jason Chapman, Chair of the Marquette County Democratic Party, said he was "shocked and completely disgusted" when he first read the posts made by Adamini.

"It put our beautiful county in a bad spotlight," Chapman said.

He argued he doesn't believe Adamini's post was taken out of context because he continued to keep going on Facebook and his radio show even after receiving backlash.

"I think he needs to truthfully and honestly apologize. He continued on his radio show on Saturday to insult liberals and Democrats. If he would have been truly apologizing for the right reasons, he wouldn't have taken his radio show the next day, to again insult Democrats and liberals," Chapman said.

"The people that this affected most, I feel so bad for the families and the victims of the Kent State Massacre," Chapman said.

DORM

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NMU will own the residence halls and EdR staff will manage and maintain them for the duration of a 75-year on-campus partnership.

Mark Gramberg, vice president of real estate development for EdR, said staff on-site will work with other university departments to coordinate events in the Lodge and classroom spaces of the new housing structure. He said there will be a community manager, a leasing consultant, and maintenance personnel who will work for EdR on campus.

"EdR will also hire student community assistants who will be part-time employees of EdR as they continue their studies," Gramberg said.

He added that since the university will own the new buildings, a portion of student rental income will go to NMU. EdR will then be

paid for construction and management of the property through student rentals. Gramberg said EdR saw NMU as a good fit for their services because they can provide the kind of quality student housing that will help Northern reach its enrollment and retention goals.

"Public private partnerships like this free the university's debt capacity to focus on academic programs and facilities rather than on housing," Gramberg said.

He also noted that in 50 years of working with universities, EdR has learned to listen to the university to better provide the services that best suit each and every school's needs.

A campus-wide survey was sent out on Tuesday by the NMU Housing and Residence Life Office to gather feedback on what to name the new dorms. For more information regarding the new halls or to view a live stream of construction, visit <http://www.nmu.edu/housing/new-residence-hall-communities>.

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EDITORIAL



Students face separation with new dorms

Wildcats are watching with curious eyes as the next addition comes to NMU's campus: the new dorms. Through an online survey sent out this week, students had the opportunity to give their input on what the names of the halls should be. With the opening date set for fall of 2017, the new dorms promise updated rooms, nicer study spaces and asbestos-free ceiling tiles.

But the new dorms also come with an expensive price tag at an estimated \$500 or more per semester.

NMU requires students to live in residence halls during their first two years of enrollment, which means handing over almost \$5,000 per semester to live in a double-occupancy room, the cheapest option. In addition, all incoming freshmen must be enrolled in "Platinum" or "Gold" meal plans, each costing over \$2,000 per semester.

At the same time, increasing the cost to attend college—even in the form of attractive new dorms—just bleeds students further. It has become the norm to come out of college with a degree in one hand and bills in the other. Making those bills heavier to

carry does not benefit those who hold them.

Students who are scraping together pennies are going to have a hard time handing over the extra \$1,000 per year for shiny new dorms. For some families, that amount just isn't attainable. These students will still have access to living in the older, less updated dorms.

Is the extra \$1,000 worth premier housing? Is it right for NMU to separate us based on the level of housing we can comfortably afford?

College is a place where students come together in the same buildings and classrooms to learn. We all pay for the same professors and the same university to appear on our degrees. Instead, we face a possible separation based purely on our level of income or how much debt we want to carry.

While pursuing a degree at NMU, a price tag should not separate us. College is a place to learn about yourself and come together with others, not become separated. It's important to remember that we are here to gain a quality education, and by doing so we all stand on the same level.

Following Jesus in the time of Trump



Staff Column

Kayla Miller

Growing up in a conservative Christian home where Fox News emanated out of the TV every night, I grew up believing that being Christian meant voting Republican and being a devout follower of Bill O'Reilly. But in my time in college, I've found that neither Republican nor Democratic platforms align perfectly with Christianity. Christianity is about following the example of Jesus, being rooted in love.

During this political season, I am struggling. My faith calls me to love unconditionally, show compassion to all, and selflessly serve the people around me to spread the good news about Jesus. I am heartbroken because compassion and love are not leading our new president.

I am struggling to find my place as a Christian, as a journalist and now as a voting citizen.

We are in a time of conflict, when protesters standing up for the rights of others are called snowflakes, women from around the world standing up for their rights to exist equally are openly mocked, and the president of the United States brags about sexually assaulting a woman. But in my discussions with some conservatives, I'm made to feel as though I'm somehow un-Christian by believing this is not OK.

There are other Christians like me who have difficulty finding their place on the political spectrum. I know this because I've talked to them. We discuss scripture and encourage each other to continually choose love over hate. We show compassion to each other, and we stand by our convictions. In our highly

divided society, we are forced to step to one side of the aisle despite the fact that neither fully represents our values.

I am encouraged that there are other Christians who are uncomfortable with a president who is barring refugees, claiming "America First" and putting the needs of our highly-privileged nation ahead of the needs of starving people. Scripture says to love your neighbor and your enemies. God calls us to walk in love for all people.

President Trump may have won the conservative Christian vote, but to call him a godly man is both incorrect and heartbreaking. Trump's administration values money and jobs over human lives and the health of our neighbors, which goes directly against the teachings of Jesus. So too does the Republican Party, the supposedly Christian party, when it neglects the exact people God has commanded us to love.

Conservative politicians want abortion laws protecting the unborn, but they want to cut welfare programs that feed and clothe those same children once they enter the world. Jesus probably would not advocate for abortion, but he wouldn't want us to allow children to go hungry. Jesus says to feed the poor, not accuse them of laziness.

I am here to encourage other Christians on campus. There are people like you, struggling to find the love in today's society, people who don't want walls, or the loss of women's health care. There are Christians who acknowledge the truth of climate change and stand by the importance of protecting our environment. We are not defined by a president who claimed to follow a religion simply to win votes, but are instead defined by our own actions and what we do to make this world a better place.

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Don't fear the facts

Student analyzes rationale behind immigration



Guest Column

Scott Dorsch

There is so much about our well-traveled and highly connected planet that is still unheralded and unknown. And, just like all of the great ages of discovery, facts and new information have the ability to dispel fear and deliver insight that can bring humanity closer together. However, the opposite is also true: to ignore the facts is to be an obscurant and remain fearful of our neighbors.

In the last week we witnessed the rocky rollout of the "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States" executive order signed by our two-week young president. The executive order has not only caused massive confusion for the folks who are required to carry out the orders but also generated turmoil and trepidation for those affected by the "travel ban" and their sympathizers. Only a week after the executive order was signed and implemented a federal judge called for a provisional restraining order to block the ban nationwide. Regardless of the status of the executive order, there is still much to learn from its meaning as the embers still

glow and the ashes settle.

The seven countries that were temporarily banned from traveling through our golden doors have common characteristics. The majority of the populations are Muslim and have been occupied, bombed or experienced some form of intervention by the American Military in the last few decades. Additionally, not a single immigrant from these seven nations has killed anybody in a U.S. terror attack in the last 40 years, according to the CATO Institute's 2016 report, "Terrorism and Immigration: A Risk Analysis."

In fact, it's a much greater likelihood to be murdered by somebody other than a foreign-born terrorist; 250 times more likely to be exact. The chances of being killed by a foreign-born terrorist in the U.S. are glaringly only 1 in 3.6 million or 0.00003 percent. The least threatening group found in the study were undocumented immigrants. As for refugees of the last four decades, only three Americans have been murdered—all of which took place in the 1970s by Cuban refugees.

There are discrepancies to be found in any database and 9/11 accounts for the major blip in these graphs. The 19 men who took part in the tragic attack killed 2,983 Americans that day alone. That accounts for about

87 percent of the murders caused by terrorists in the U.S. between 1975 and 2015. Coincidentally, the countries of origin of the 9/11 attackers (the majority from Saudi Arabia) are not amongst the countries currently being persecuted by the executive order.

The White House and the "oppositional" media have disagreed on whether or not this executive order can be called a ban, or more specifically a "Muslim ban." Truthfully, there are other Muslim-majority nations, like those mentioned above, that are not among the seven countries in question. However, section 5(b) in the executive order is most revealing. It states that it will "prioritize refugee claims made by individuals on the basis of religious-based persecution," provided that they are not of the religious majority, or in this case, Muslim.

Our country has a habit of inflicting irreparable harm to others when we grow afraid of the huddled masses and build walls both real and imaginary to keep them out. The record shows that we chose "extreme vetting" and violence to solve our worldly issues on our way to the Golden Age. It is my hope that we can collectively choose compassion and cognition to ease the meteoric rise of fear and distrust in this new age that is all but decided.

SOUND OFF

What is something that makes you feel loved?



Maija Mattson, sophomore speech language hearing

"Spending time with people. Just as long as I get to spend time with the people that I love, that makes me happy."



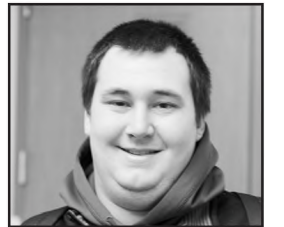
Sam Peplow, junior English writing

"I really like getting random texts throughout the day that just ask me how my day is. It shows how my friends care."



Caroline Harvitt, freshman art and design

"When people are excited to tell me about their day and they want to share their day with me."



Zach Hautala, senior public relations

"Friends and family... and a nice, cold Budweiser."

compiled by AnnMarie Kent & Christin DeFord

Sickness be gone: dealing with flu season



Opinion Editor

Trevor Drew

I've found that living on your own makes you appreciate the things your parents did for you growing up, especially around flu season. Like most children, I'd get sick every now and then but luckily I had my mom to make me soup and call me out of school and whatever other obligations little Trevor had. Present-day Trevor isn't as fortunate. Times aren't as easy and me being sick is only one person's problem: mine, so I have to stay sensible and make it through flu season.

Like many other aspects of my life, since coming to college I've been the only one responsible for my own health. But when

you share a house with three other dudes and are constantly running around in the cold, sickness will eventually find you whether you like it or not.

I absolutely hate being sick; everything about it in fact. I feel slower, I can't breathe most of the time and sleeping is a nightmare. Sleeping while sick has especially been an issue since living in my own house. The heat only turns on at my house if you put the thermostat over 70 degrees. So to avoid an inflated electric bill we turn the heat off at night. That worked fine in the fall but now that it's winter it becomes very cold at night, especially in my room.

I don't know about most people, but whenever I catch something my body constantly fluctuates from being too cold to being too hot. Sleeping in a chilly room under two comforters doesn't help ease this at all. Sometimes I'll wake up and I'm

shivering so I throw on a sweatshirt, then I wake up later and I'm sweating an uncomfortable amount. While all this is going on I'm not only extremely groggy because it's like 3:00 a.m. but also I can't breathe through my nose and I'm full of NyQuil. Despite the tortuous nights, I try not to let a cold stop me; but carrying on at full steam won't make the stuffy nose go away.

Everyone hates being sick; I'm assuming I'm not the only one. But the most important thing to do if you contract illness is to lay back, chill and try not to push yourself too much. People always insist you should stay in bed and get plenty of rest while you're sick and they're right, you should. But when you have classes and a job to juggle around, it's hard to stop yourself from doing the things you'd usually do.

As much as I'd love to think I can power through anything it

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simply isn't the case. But at the same time I think it's ridiculous to put down everything and stay in bed all day. When you're not feeling your best it's important to get rest where you can and be sensible about how you go about the day. If you're feeling like a loaded diaper, stay home for a day, email your professors and make up whatever work you can in front of the television. Not only because you need the rest but also because I don't want your germs getting near

me. But if you feel like you can hang in for the day, do it. I've found a lot of college life is flying from the gut. Instead of my dear mom telling me when I should stay home, it's up to me to deal with it and nurse me back to life.

Wildcats, please be sensible with flu season on the way. Stock up on cough drops and slug down some Emergen-C. Do what you have to do and we can all get through the season together.

Photographing the president

An NMU student's experience photographing the 2017 presidential inaugural ball

By Noah Hausmann

staff writer

"You saw the whole Trump family dancing 50 feet away from you, and you're rubbing elbows with Marco Rubio," NMU student Amanda St. Germain said, describing her experience as a guest at one of the three 2017 official inaugural balls for President Donald Trump.

The 20-year-old freshman general academic studies major from Marquette, Michigan was hired to go to Washington, D.C. as a private photographer for a talk show host. Because of this connection, she was given a ticket from the Presidential Inaugural Committee to attend the Freedom Ball on Jan. 20.

In addition to taking classes at Northern, St. Germain manages her own business, Amanda Nicole Photography. She was hired by Fox News Radio ABQ-FM in Albuquerque, New Mexico to accompany Langston Bowens, the sales director and co-host for one of the station's political talk shows.

"He's a big deal, I guess, in political circles," she said. "We've been friends for 10 years."

Bowens is chief operating manager, she said, for Generation Onward, a conservative nonprofit for millennials that encourages political activity and promotes "fundamental American values," according to the organization's Facebook page. It's the student campaign for Trump, St. Germain said.

Bowens went to Washington, D.C. on the company dime to take advantage of the opportunities to interview political figures during the inauguration season, she said.

"They sent him and paid for all his expenses and said, 'We have all these connections with senators and congressmen. They're

all going to be in one place. We're sending you out there to conduct interviews.' That's when he said, 'Can I have a photographer?' And he knew he was going to ask me," St. Germain said.

She left Marquette on Jan. 18, arrived in D.C. that night, worked the next two days and returned on Jan. 21. Those two days of work were hectic and exhausting, she said.

"I literally did not sleep or eat. It was a straight 48 hours, because they don't stop working," St. Germain said.

In D.C., they joined with Jonathan Soo Hoo, a friend of Bowens's who is studying to be a lawyer at George Mason University and hopes to eventually run for public office. They met the Young Republicans and attended private events. They interviewed people at all hours of the day and night. Langston had a briefcase full of



Photo courtesy of Amanda St. Germain
NMU student Germain attending the 2017 presidential inaugural ball.

the Liberty Ball, which were attended by supporters who donated to the inauguration and were both held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, and also the Salute to Our Armed Services Ball for veterans at the National Building Museum. The Trump family made stops at each of these celebrations.

"It was like a high school dance only much bigger and a lot more money was put into it," St. Germain laughed, commenting that champagne cost \$20 a glass and water was \$5.

She was within 100 feet of Trump and his family. Trump danced to the song "My Way" with his wife, the president mouthing the words.

"Some people laughed," she said. "Some people rolled their eyes."

Bowens had been national chairman for Students for Ru-

"It doesn't matter if you're meeting Trump. You just shake his hand, say, 'It's nice to meet you,' and then walk away. You can't say, 'Oh my gosh, can I have a selfie?'" She laughed. "I went on Facebook Live when I was at the ball, and I got reprimanded [by Bowens and Soo Hoo] for that. They kind of slapped me on the wrist, but you know what that was worth it. My mom and boyfriend back home were watching. There was no way I wasn't going to show them."

Inside the gala was all glitz and jubilee, but protesters gathered outside. St. Germain experienced this high tension while weaving her way through the labyrinth of barricades and metal detectors, waiting in line to get into the event.

"Buses would open and 50 police officers in riot gear would get out," she explained. "That was the real crazy part. There were helicopters circling around. Protesters everywhere, screaming and throwing water. Inside, I felt safe. But walking outside, I was scared."

St. Germain also saw part of the Women's March in D.C. and said it helps when protesters get into politics.

"It was like completely different spectrums. I was happy to see that there was peaceful protesting somewhere. But it wasn't outside the ball, though."

She returned to Marquette fatigued and wide-eyed from her adventure.

"I was taken out of my hunky-dory hometown, and I was thrown into a shark tank, because that's how politics operate and I knew that, everybody knows that but there's a difference between knowing something and actually experiencing it. I think I was prepared, but not nearly as prepared as I should've been."

There's this unwritten rule in politics that I had to learn really quick: You can't make a big deal out of anything. It doesn't matter if you're meeting Trump. You just shake his hand, say 'It's nice to meet you' then walk away.

— Amanda St. Germain
freshman, general academic studies major

recording equipment, while St. Germain took pictures over Bowens's and Soo Hoo's shoulders. Their biggest interviews were with New Mexico Rep. Steve Pearce and Ted Dooley, co-chairman of the College Republican National Committee.

The Freedom Ball was the last

thing they did before she got on her return flight. St. Germain was only there as a guest, not part of the news media coverage.

"It was kind of like a thank-you for all I did," she said. "I just took a few pictures for memories."

There were three official inaugural galas: the Freedom Ball and

bio, Sen. Marco Rubio's college student presidential campaign, so they got to meet the Florida senator and other congressmen, she said.

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Something sweet coming to Marquette

By Jamie Glenn

contributing writer

Local nonprofit Superior Alliance for Independent Living(SAIL) is hosting its 8th annual Chocolate Festival to benefit those with disabilities and their families. The festival will be held in the Great Lakes rooms of the University Center from 1 to 3 p.m on Sunday, Feb. 12.

SAIL is an organization with a mission to provide disabled adults in the U.P. with the re-

sources to help them work toward and achieve independence.

A number of local vendors, chocolatiers, restaurants and bakeries are all coming together to offer up some of their most delightful treats and desserts to the NMU and Marquette community. Eleven different vendors will be contributing to the festival including Donckers, Simply Superior Catering, Marquette Food Co-Op, Saykly's, The Brownstone Inn, Midtown Bakery, Biggy

Coffee, Gopher's Bakery, culinary students of NMU and more.

Jessica Manier, an employment services specialist with SAIL and Chocolate Festival event coordinator has been contributing to the chocolate festival for the past five years.

"We typically expect around 600 people to attend the event. It has grown over the years," Manier said.

Gathering volunteers is what helps pull events like these together, Mainer said.

"We started preparing in November. We had to get the local businesses involved. They donate their time and their talents and their chocolate to us. We ask our chocolatiers to donate 300 to 400 samples, it could be savory, it could be sweet," Manier said.

The money raised at this year's festival will benefit the Single Point for Activities and Recreation program, which aims to provide activities along with adaptive sports equipment for the clients of SAIL, disabled

or not. Profits from the event will also go toward helping a number of non-grant-funded programs in the the area.

"People are coming to the festival, eating good chocolate, gathering with friends and also gathering for a great cause," Manier said.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased online through Eventbrite, at the SAIL office on Wright Street or by calling SAIL at 906-228-5744.

Lipsticks, Lashes, Love

The 21st NMU Drag Show brings another empowering and positive evening to Vandament arena

by Trinity Carey/
features editor

Children to seniors filled the Vandament Arena on Friday, Feb. 3 to see the colored wigs, eccentric costumes and stellar lip syncing and dance performances that made up NMU's 21st Annual Drag Show.

Seven professional drag queens and kings came from around the midwest to perform including Valentino, Aurora Gozmic, The Vixen, Lady Ivory, JAC Stringer "Midwest Genderqueer," Simon Gaiden, Lucy Stoole and a performance from NMU student and winner of the amateur drag show, Coco Benz.

Each drag performer had multiple numbers filled with singing, dancing and interaction with the crowd. Attendees went straight to the stage to tip their favorite performers and were given dances and pecks on the cheek in return.

Drag queen performer, Aurora Gozmic said it's important for students to experience a different culture than their own.

"It's a subculture drag. I'm really happy to bring it here and expose the students to it because there are lot of kids that don't really know of it or want to try it, so being able to talk to us and watch us do what we do for a living is really constructive and great," Gozmic said. "I'm happy that NMU has this."

Gozmic, a Marquette local, got into drag when the scene here was not as prominent. She loves how the community here has grown, but the heart of drag is in Chicago, she said.

"It's been going on for 21 years now and I think it will just keep getting bigger and bigger, especially having queens come in from out-of-state and being able to really push the show to a different level," Gozmic said. "My favorite part is the audience and getting them pumped up

and hearing them scream over a number."

The annual drag show brings new atmospheres and opportunities to the Marquette area, said NMU freshman and CLS genetics major, Grace Heaton.

"The positive energy here, it's definitely a unique experience. NMU has a very positive community for the LGBT community. This [drag show] always helps," Heaton said. "The show opens up opportunities for people who may not have a chance in a positive community especially coming to college."

*"We work
to make
the world
a better
place"*

- Lucy Stoole





Top: Lucy Stoole, a very strong stage presence, stomps onto the middle of the stage during her set in an explosive gesture.

Bottom: Boys and girls of all ages are always welcome at the drag show, and so are tips. Tips are a huge help keep up the queens' touring expenses, from outfitting to their spirits. The Vixen is shown here accepting tips from some very generous crowd members.

Behind: Coco Benz, NMU student, varsity wrestler and winner of the amateur show, finishes her wild run with a prow through the crowd and down the isles of the arena. With bills in her bra and passion in every swish of her hair, she grips the hand rail leading back on stage for one last expression before leaving the crowd roaring and hungry for more.

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'La La Land' is music and pure fantasy

By Stephen Wardell

contributing writer

One might hate musicals as nonchalantly as Emma Stone's character Mia says "I hate jazz" when she first begins dating Sebastian, a jazz pianist, expertly played by Ryan Gosling. Yet, she quickly changes her mind.

Story: This is a musical about the daily realities of two entertainers Mia and Sebastian who repeatedly denigrate themselves for the sake of a potential future, a crippling, low chance of success as entertainers in Los Angeles. Both are getting older, forced to confront the very real possibility that neither has a future in Hollywood. The movie follows their successes and failures through elaborate musical numbers. Don't expect realism or a treatise on the nature of jazz, and you'll enjoy the story much more.

Characters: Sebastian is played with an appealing shyness, belied only by his obsessive passion for the jazz greats. Mia also pursues greatness, through soul-crushing acting auditions that are painful to watch — one director even starts texting during an impassioned performance. Stone's skill is

demonstrated when she brings her character Mia to tears for nothing.

Like Mia, Sebastian fails over and over. At one point he has to play Christmas carols and work in a classic rock cover band. "La La Land" is worth seeing just for these actors' great chemistry. Plus, they do their own singing, they're great dancers and Gosling does most of his own impressive piano-playing.

Later in the movie Keith, played by John Legend, convinces Sebastian to tour the country with his fusion band relegating Sebastian to playing goofy synth riffs. Legend's performance is very natural. His character convinces Sebastian by telling him, "You hold onto the past, but jazz is about the future."

Style: The ultimate scope of the movie disagrees with Keith, specifically in a time-condensing montage that ends the movie. It's the visual accompaniment to Sebastian's final rendition of the movie's melancholy main theme. The jazz montage reveals an alternative reality, the path he and Mia could have taken to find themselves in this present moment.

For the duration of the song, the alternative events feel true.



Film: La La Land

Director: Damien Chazelle

Writer: Damien Chazelle

Starring: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Rosemarie DeWitt

Runtime: 128 minutes

Rating:



When it ends, we remember how things really are. This suggests that jazz is not about the future, and has never been about the future, contrary to Keith's shallow platitudes. Instead, it's about being able to live and breathe in an alternative present, if only for a few moments.

Verdict: Hate requires a lack of understanding. To absolutely hate musicals is to disengage from knowledge of their history, artistry and purpose. The

whole movie is the path of an alternative reality. The film allows you to live and breathe in a seamlessly constructed lie, providing un-cynical, un-ironic joy and removing the burden of our own 2017 heavy present racked with anxiety and the fear of authoritarianism.

Jazz music does the same thing, letting musicians express themselves freely turning whatever situation of racism, poverty, oppression, addiction, fear, loneli-

ness or even just the secluded feeling of otherness into beautiful temporal creations. Before the song ends, the musicians and the listeners can live on the bright side of history.

If you require a light fantasy, trusting the current political climate of "alternative facts" can give you what you need, but "La La Land" offers you the comfort of an end, when you leave the movie theater and remind yourself it was only a spectacular lie.

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- ◆ NMU vs. MTU Hockey Game – 7 p.m., MTU



Breathe Owl Breathe serenades the Ore Dock

By AnnMarie Kent
sports editor

It may not take a lot to make a brewery full of people dance, but it takes a great musical influence to bring people to the front of the room and swing their hips the way they did for Breathe Owl Breathe.

The trio from East Jordan, Michigan played in the upper room of the Ore Dock Brewing Company on Thursday, Nov. 2. Local musician Michael Waite opened for the band as people began to trickle in. The show was scheduled to start at 7 p.m. but for unknown reasons Waite didn't take the stage until 8 p.m.

Waite stood alone on the stage with his guitar as he bellowed out song after soulful song. Through the whole acoustic indie set, Waite took a small, humble bow after each song and thanked his audience. Waite had a warm, inviting vibe to his music. It could make anyone sway in their seat and tap along to his ringing guitar. His original pieces were unique and the middle-aged singer performed a few pieces from classic singer-songwriters. It was the perfect opening to the weirdness that was to come.

Weirdness is the trademark of Breathe Owl Breathe. Their ec-



Christin DeFord/NW

Indie folk/ rock band Breathe Owl Breathe singer, Michael Middaugh from East Jordan sings with his band on stage in the upper room of the Ore Dock last Thursday night.



centric nature and indie folk/rock sound is a magnet for the hippie counterculture in Marquette. When the two men of Breathe Owl Breathe, Micah Middaugh and Trevor Hobbs, took the stage, a whole new kind of people appeared around them. They start-

ed simple; Middaugh on the guitar and vocals and Hobbs playing the drums. The biggest thing missing from their set was Andrea Moreno-Beals, the female vocalist and cellist who completes the trio. Had I never seen them live before I wouldn't have noticed

her absence, but I found the lack of Moreno-Beals's soft soprano voice and high, melodic whistling blatantly obvious.

Not far into the set Middaugh's soft sways with the music turned into whole body movements. During the song "Swimming" his hands went above his head and he wiggled his body down in a swimming motion and later he did the sprinkler motion with his arms.

A wide range of instruments

made an appearance. Hobbs sat in the drum corner playing his drums as well as a keyboard, tambourine, finger cymbals and even maracas as drum sticks. Middaugh stuck to his guitar for the most part, but eventually broke out a small plastic guitar that looked like a toy, a kalimba and a wooden flute.

A wool blanket was draped over the bass drum to damp the sound, but mixed with dark pallet wood behind them it gave the sense of a jam session in a cabin deep in the woods.

If there is one fault in the venue it's the lack of intimacy. While the low ceilings and seating close to the stage seem intimate, the wide area with nooks and crannies allow for many conversations to happen around. While everyone near the stage was captivated by the music, conversations permeated the magical feeling and took away from the closeness that could have been felt.

Breathe Owl Breathe does an incredible job of making everyone feel comfortable; with the aid of Reclamation IPA on tap, everyone in the brewery was feeling the music. In the small area between seats and the stage people danced themselves into a sweat and smiled to the warm feeling of the music.

Building a career from scratch



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Junior forward Robbie Payne celebrates a goal against the University of Alaska-Anchorage on Jan. 21 when the Wildcats finished their sweep of the Seawolves at the Berry Events Center.

Wildcat Hockey coming home on hot streak

By AnnMarie Kent

sports editor

The Wildcat Hockey team broke out their brooms again for their second consecutive sweep before they head into their final home series of the season.

During Friday night's contest against the Bowling Green State University Falcons, sophomore goaltender Atte Tolvanen deflected all 35 shots the Falcons threw at him.

Senior forward Shane Sooth and junior forward Zach Diamantoni each found the back of the net during the first frame and junior forward Robbie Payne had an empty net goal in the final

minute to end the 3-0 game.

Tolvanen made a season-high 40 saves in the series shutout of the Falcons. Senior defenseman Brock Maschmeyer started the scoring halfway through the second period. In the last second of the game senior forward Dominik Shine threw a shot into another empty net.

While the Falcons were favored to win the Western Collegiate Hockey Association in the preseason coaches' poll, they stand at No. 4 in the conference. Tolvanen said standings don't determine the outcome of the game.

"In this league every team is a good team, anybody can beat

anyone any given night," he said. "We have to bring it both nights."

The 'Cats move onto their series at the Berry Events Center. They host the University of Alaska-Fairbanks Nanooks at 7:07 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night. The Nanooks sit at No. 5 in the WCHA standings with a 8-11 conference record.

Wildcat head coach Walt Kyle said the key to defeating the Nanooks is strong goaltending, which he said Tolvanen can do.

"Atte's a great kid. No one works harder or is more focused than him," Kyle said. "Right now he's playing exceptionally well."

Maschmeyer was less reserved

while praising Tolvanen's goaltending, comparing him to a highly successful National Hockey League goalie.

"It's really nice to see Atte coming along right now in the second half, looking like the Carey Price of the WCHA," Maschmeyer said.

It's been over a year since the two teams have squared off, last seeing each other on Jan. 15-16, 2016 at the Berry. Former forward for the Nanooks Alec Hajdukovich scored an overtime goal to give Alaska the victory in the series opener. The second night of the series Maschmeyer and former defensemen Ryan Trenz and Barrett Kaib brought

the team back from a 3-2 deficit in the third period to secure a victory for the 'Cats.

The Nanooks are coming off of a series against the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Head coach Dallas Ferguson said the team had good pace and competitiveness that led to their 3-0 victory. Ferguson said the second night the lines were disconnected and Alabama played with the intensity to deserve the 4-1 win.

"It's a repetitive message but it's a tough league and when a team loses on the first night you know that team is going to come back even harder to get the points on the second night," he said.

Track & Field team grabs podium spots in Minnesota before the "Big Meet"

By Ryan Spitzza

contributing writer

Fighting the cold and flu virus, a small meet was exactly what the Northern Michigan track & field team needed before heading to "The Big Meet" at Grand Valley State this weekend.

Despite leaving some team members in Marquette due to sickness, the team had strong finishes at the Lake Superior Challenge hosted by the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota last weekend where just five female teams competed. Several Wildcats picked up individual race awards, most notably a sweep of the podium in the women's 3000-meter run.

Sophomores Abby Fifarek,

Caroline Arlasky and Kalina Pfannenstiel finished first, second and third in the 3000-meter run. Fifarek came across the line with a time of 10 minutes, 31.9 seconds, just over one minute ahead of Arlasky. Pfannenstiel wasn't far behind Arlasky, rounding out the podium at a time of 11 minutes, 51.6 seconds.

Head Coach Jenny Ryan said that the meet was great despite being short-handed.

"It was definitely a successful trip," Ryan said. "It was a great tune-up meet, great for the younger kids."

In the 400-meter dash, Wildcat sophomore Shayla Huebner hustled across the finish line to take first place with a time of 58.78 seconds. Sophomore

Paige Dutcher finished off the podium at third with a time of 1 minute, .87 seconds.

Freshman Katelyn Smith took first place in the mile-run with a time of five minutes, 18.5 seconds. Sophomore Kelly Pietrzak also ran the mile and finished in eighth place with a time of five minutes, 34.09 seconds.

"I didn't do very well mentally in the mile," said Pietrzak. "I was able to recover and come back with a strong 800 and anchor the 4x4 relay."

The team of Fifarek, Pietrzak, Smith and freshman Maddy Walters gave NMU a third-place podium finish in the 4x400 relay.

Senior weight throwers Jasmine Williams and Samantha Johnson also went 1-2 in the

weight throw final. Williams had a throw of 17.95 meters for a total of 19 yards while Johnson had a throw of 15.74 meters for 17 yards. Samara Tobeck of Bemidji State rounded out the podium with a throw of 14.22 meters.

Junior Avadon James finished third in the 60-meter dash, while Dutcher took third in the 200-meter dash.

"Competing like we did, not being at full strength, I was very happy," Ryan said.

The Wildcats travel to Allendale, Michigan for the Big Meet on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11 for their fifth meet of the season, held at the Kelly Family Sports Center at Grand Valley State University.

Senior runner Anne Okonowski was one of the runners held back in Marquette last weekend and is confident going into the weekend at GVSU.

"I'm really excited to see how this weekend goes," Okonowski said. "In the past I've always performed really well there. This is a really good meet to see where we're at going into conference championships in a few weeks."

Ryan knows the competition in Allendale will be tough.

"Our conference is really strong; there's actually five teams in the top 25 in the country," Ryan said. "Just seeing how we do this weekend then figuring out the little things to move on into the conference championships."

SPORTS BRIEFS

SWIMMING & DIVING

The Swimming & Diving teams head to the GLIAC Championships. The last time the teams competed was on Jan. 21 at the Wildcat Intrasquad. Freshman Lajos Budai, sophomore Arnoldo Herrera and freshman Rachel Helm had notable performances for the Wildcats. Budai set team records in the 50 and 100 butterflies while Herrera broke both a team and pool record in the 50 breaststroke. Helm swam the 200 backstroke for the first time and proceeded to break the pool record by almost four seconds.

The Wildcat men will enter the GLIAC Championships ranked No. 9 in the nation. They have now been slotted in the top 10 for four straight months. The women fell out of the top 10 in February's CSCAA/TYR NCAA Division II Swimming & Diving Poll; they now stand at No. 12.

HOCKEY

Northern Michigan's Atte Tolvanen took home his second WCHA Defensive Player of the Week award of the season, the league office announced Monday afternoon.

Tolvanen was recognized after making 75 saves to lead the Wildcats to back-to-back shutouts at Bowling Green on Feb. 3-4.

In Friday's 3-0 win, Tolvanen turned aside 35 shots to help Northern Michigan snap a six-game losing skid to the Falcons. He then made a season-high 40 saves to lift the Wildcats to a 2-0 victory the next night.

Tolvanen also finished the weekend as Northern Michigan's consecutive scoreless minutes record holder. His shut-out streak, which dates back to the second period of the Jan. 20 game against Alaska-Anchorage, now stands at 215:42 minutes.

DETROIT RED WINGS

After an overtime loss to the Columbus Blue Jackets on Tuesday night, head coach Jeff Blashill said veteran defenseman Niklas Kronwall and forward Frans Nielsen are slated to return this weekend.

Kronwall has been in and out of the lineup for most of the season due to various injuries. The alternate captain has yet to score a goal this season and has only had 5 assists in the 30 games he's played in. Blashill said Thursday night's game in Washington against the Capitals isn't a possibility for Kronwall, but Saturday's game in Columbus could be.

Nielsen was put on short-term injured reserve on Monday due to an upper body injury. Nielsen said he hopes it heals quickly so he can be back in lineup during the road trip.

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Steven Sprague/NW

Freshman guard Bailey Denis keeps the ball from a Lake Superior State University defender.

Split weekend leads into final home games

By Trevor Drew

opinion editor

After a weekend on the road which included a victory over Lake Superior State University and a loss to Northwood University, the Women's Basketball team stands sixth in the GLIAC with the conference record of 10-6 as they prepare to host home games this weekend against the Saginaw Valley Cardinals and the Wayne State Warriors.

"You always want to go in thinking you're going to get two wins but we knew neither one of them was going to be an easy game," head coach Troy Mattson said. "We played well defensively all weekend long and we rebounded well all weekend long."

In Thursday's game against Lake State, the Wildcats shot out to an early lead and kept the Lakers off the board up till the 3:18 mark of the first quarter.

A 3-point shot from LSSU's Lexi Khon would be the only basket for the Lakers in the first frame. The Wildcats hammered out another nine unanswered points to close up the quarter and put them at a 17-3 advantage.

Lake State outscored Northern in the second quarter and went into the second half 10 points under the 'Cats 25-15.

The Wildcats outscored the Lakers 30-23 in the second half and ended the competition 55-38.

While Northern was able to hold onto the lead for the entire game, this would not be the case in Saturday's matchup against the Northwood Timberwolves, which ended in a tight 55-53 Northwood victory.

The game was close throughout, featuring 12 ties and 14 lead changes. The teams were neck-and-neck in the first quarter and ended the first half 26-25, the Wildcats advantage.

Two free throws from sophomore center Taylor Hodell at the 2:22 mark of the final quarter put the Wildcats at a tight 51-50 advantage. A Timberwolf three-pointer and a lay up off of a steal put Northwood over, 55-51.

Senior guard Bre Gaspervich would bring the Wildcats back into scoring distance but would prove to be the last basket of the game which ended in a Northwood victory 55-53.

Mattson said while he felt the team performed well in the Northwood game, their ultimate downfall was free throw shooting. The team went 11-20 on the foul line.

"The whole game could have been decided on the free throw

line," Mattson said. "11-20 on the road is not going to cut it. We need to bounce back from that and get back on a winning track and keep playing well."

Mattson added that the poor percentage from the charity stripe may have been due to fatigue built from playing five games in 10 days but noted that the Northwood team also has had a busy schedule, so both teams were tired during the competition.

The team now gears up for their last home games of the regular season against Saginaw Valley and Wayne State; two teams that have overcome the Wildcats in away games earlier in the season.

Freshman forward Jessica Schultz said she feels being able to finish up baskets and setting up 3-point plays will help them overcome their opponents.

"Limiting turnovers is a really big thing and obviously making our free throws, that can cost us the game as we found out," Schultz added.

Northern Michigan, now 15-8 (10-6 GLIAC), takes on Saginaw Valley State Thursday and Wayne State Saturday. Free tickets can be picked up at Jill Leonard State Farm (for Feb. 9's game) and Art Van Furniture (for Feb. 11's game).





Neil Flavin/NW

Freshman guard Sam Taylor attempts to jump past two Northwood defenders during their Jan. 21 game.

Men's B-ball splits on the road before homestand

By Nate Bellville
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The Northern Michigan University Men's Basketball team went on the road over the weekend to take on the Lake Superior State University Lakers and the Northwood University Timberwolves, hoping to snap a 3-game losing streak.

Despite a 69-67 loss against LSSU, the men's team regrouped and earned themselves a 79-62 victory against Northwood.

Head coach Bill Sall said he was very pleased with the effort and mentality going on the road despite splitting both road games.

"We came to LSSU and played one of the more better games all year," Sall said.

Freshman guard Rod Johnson said that the LSSU game was a tough loss.

"We had to put the [LSSU] game behind us and carry on," Johnson said.

Despite playing one senior, forward Brett Branstrom, on the team, Sall said the leadership extends to the rest of the team.

"I think as a team, we are

wanting to get better," Sall said. "From where we [were] in December to now, we have improved dramatically."

In Thursday night's game, the Wildcats held the Lakers steadily throughout the game, leading by as much as eight points at half-time.

As the Lakers started to come back, the Wildcats wouldn't give in as sophomore guard Naba Echols made two free throws to shred their trail to four. Laker's Josh Goldschmidt would be fouled by NMU, and then he made two free throws with 27 seconds left; setting up Echols for a 3-point play to tie the game at 67. Laker guard Akaemji Williams made the final lay-up with 1.3 seconds remaining to solidify the win for LSSU.

Saturday's game against Northwood, the Wildcats finally snapped their 4-game losing streak. Echols had a perfect 3 for 3 as NMU went into halftime leading 41-26 over Northwood.

"Once we hit those three 3's, we weren't looking back," Sall said. "We are a resilient bunch, that's our biggest thing for us."

The 'Cats momentum continued in the second half. The

Wildcats went on a 13-2 run and they never looked back, despite a surge by the Timberwolves that cut the Wildcats' lead to the single digits. However, it was not enough to put the game away.

Isaiah Johnson led the game in scoring with 22 points and Echols would finish with 16 points.

Johnson believes that the win can help the team's confidence and play in the final games of the year.

"We have the ability to keep rolling, like help roll to the next two home games," Johnson said. "That way we can play as a team, move the ball, keep the game fast-paced."

NMU returns home this week for the final homestand of the season. They will play Saginaw Valley State at 8 p.m. on Thursday and at 1 p.m. on Saturday against Wayne State. Saturday's game brings Senior Day when the team will honor seniors, Branstrom and forward Marcus Hall.

"Is it emotional? Yes, to a point," Sall said. "We just have to go out and win on a couple big road trips up ahead to the season."



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