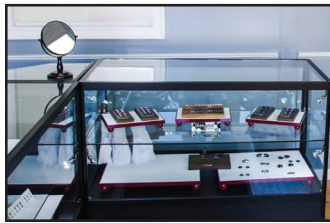




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Low student use puts shuttle at risk

By Winter Keefer
assistant news editor

Due to the decreasing numbers of students riding the Wildcat Shuttle, Public Safety, in conjunction with ASNMU, is facing the possibility that the shuttle system could be discontinued after this semester when the contract with the current provider ends.

The Wildcat Shuttle cost about \$75,000 for the 2016-2017 academic year, Director of NMU Public Safety and Police Services Michael Bath said. With only about two students using the shuttle per ride on weekdays in the 2016 fall semester, the cost per ride was about \$7.25. This is slightly over a \$3 increase from fall of 2015, meaning a round-trip to the Dome costs \$14.50, though that average will most likely go down after factoring in the winter semester, he said.

"It would be nice to see an increase [in shuttle riders], but this isn't a really good use of those dollars right now," Bath said.

Many factors could have contributed to fewer students riding the bus, including declining enrollment, warmer semesters,

increased bike use and lower gas prices, he said.

"This year was a big drop. This one, to me, was very significant and I've got all the years. I've never seen a drop like that since we've been doing this," Bath said.

Public Safety has been working with Assistant Dean of Students and Coordinator of Disability Services Carolyn Lawrence to find accommodations for students with disabilities in the possible event that the shuttle no longer is available.

Less than five students with disabilities are currently relying on the shuttle system, Lawrence said. In the case of this system being ended, a door-to-door service could be an option to provide transportation to students with disabilities.

"This is still providing the same type of transportation but more specifically to the person's needs. This would actually serve my students better than what we have now," she said.

Lawrence added that providing transportation to students with disabilities is not mandated by the American's with Disabilities Act. This means the university is under



Emma Tembreull/NW

A Wildcat Shuttle Stop sits empty outside the University Center Wednesday evening. The service is at risk of cancellation due to limited use by students on campus according to Public Safety.

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— Michael Bath
director of NMU Public Safety

no obligation to provide transportation to disabled students though they intend to continue some form of transportation service.

"I think it's very student-friendly that we've provided a service that we're not obligated to provide," Lawrence said. "We're a small campus we don't have to provide transportation, it's not like we're a big, big school. So I think that it's just Northern trying to do a good job for their students."

ASNMU worked with Public Safety to continue the shuttle system after it started in 2004 when construction taking place on the West Science building put many

classes in the Jacobetti Center, the farthest classroom-based building from the academic mall.

Public Safety provides the funding for the Wildcat Shuttle while ASNMU is supposed to help advertise to current and incoming students, Co-PR Director for ASNMU Maggie Hartman said. ASNMU is hoping to increase the number of shuttle riders by the end of the semester when the contract ends.

"We're trying to get more people to recognize that it's out there because I think it's important for students who are disabled, for people in the harsh winters, and also international students,"

Hartman said.

ASNMU is looking to continue the promotion of the Wildcat Shuttle through the semester and duration of its lifespan. There is a schedule for each shuttle stop online on the NMU Public Safety and Police Services tab of the NMU website.

"I just think there's a need for it but maybe not in the way that it's being run now. It isn't really user-friendly right now," Hartman said.

Students with questions or concerns about the Wildcat Shuttle can contact Michael Bath at Public Safety or reach out to the ASNMU office.

Next step in court set for NMU professor arrested on eight felony charges

By Davon Lanier
assistant news editor

A 32-year-old Marquette woman and former Northern Michigan University professor was recently arraigned on eight felony counts after a shooting incident in late February.

Amber Rae Suggitt, who formerly taught IP290: Global Engagement and IP490: International Studies Seminar with a focus in German for the Modern Languages and Lit-

erature Department at NMU was arraigned at the Marquette County District Court on March 1.

Her next appearance in court is set for 3 p.m. on March 28 at the Marquette County District Court, according to the Marquette Sheriff's Department.

Her charges include one count of assault with intent to murder, one count of kidnapping, one count of home invasion of the 1st degree, one count

of assault with intent to commit sexual penetration, and four felony firearm counts. Marquette City Police along with NMU Public Safety officials were dispatched to a home in between the 100 and 200 blocks of E. Fair Avenue at around 11 a.m. on Feb. 28, during a possible domestic assault in progress.

The officers soon discovered that a firearm was involved in the alleged assault and that a shot had been fired into one of the bedroom walls of the home



Neil Flavin/NW

Amber Rae Suggitt was arrested after an alleged assault between the 100 and 200 block of E. Fair Avenue.

during a struggle between Suggitt and an unidentified female victim. No one was injured in the discharge of the weapon according to the press release by the Marquette City Police Department.

Suggitt was initially arrested for felonious assault at the crime scene and later held at the Marquette County Jail. Her bond was set at \$8 million \$1 million for each count, according to district court documents.

Group educates community on climate change issues

By Kayla Miller
editor-in-chief

For people finding themselves passionate about sustainability and the environmental impact of climate change, Marquette has organizations working to aid in the cause.

The Climate Adaptation Task Force (CATF) is a community organization created three years ago to help plan for climate change and its impacts on Marquette and the Upper Peninsula, according to the organization's website.

A roughly 20-person team of local leaders, politicians and NMU professors create a broad group of Marquette volunteers who care about the environment and strive to be proactive on dealing with climate change and extreme weather, said Robert Kulischeck, chair of the task force, retired NMU professor and former mayor of Marquette.

"The intent is to have the group be a catalyst," he said. "The group will serve as a forum to bring people together to talk a conduit for the dissemination of information pertaining to climate change and extreme weather events and how you can plan for them."

The group works behind the scenes to help educate people and plan for a changing future. Their first event brought a team from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who met with local government officials and educators to discuss the various ways the area should adapt to respond to climate change, Kulischeck said.

The community experiences consequences of climate change in the forms of flooding, lake shore erosion, infestations of invasive species, declining inland lake levels and the depletion of aquifers, according to the organization.

CATF developed subgroups that work on specific projects, including the UP-Wide Energy Plan that is working to address the region's energy needs and the CATF Climate Energy Education group, working to provide climate science education to K-12 students, he said.

Kulischeck said the organization encourages city leaders to pursue more sustainable energy sources and a greater use of renewables.

"Solar technology is becoming more and more sophisticated and less and less expensive," said Kulischeck who, when teaching at NMU beginning in 1969, focused on environmental policy in the

political science department.

The group avoids ideological arguments on the causes of climate change in an attempt to remain bipartisan and instead focuses on practical ways to prepare for the future of the city.

"We want to be able to focus in on the consequences of extreme weather events and changes in patterns. To become part of this, you don't have to say 'what is the cause of global warming,'" he said. "We want to focus on real things that are happening and how to deal with it."

One of the biggest successes of CATF and the most easily recognizable product of the organization is the creation of the Northern Climate Network, Kulischeck said. What began as a CATF member's idea has evolved into a 300 member campus and community partnership aiming to improve education about climate change.

Jessica Thompson, an assistant professor of communications and performance studies who focuses on communicating scientific language about climate change to the general public, was the driving force behind the creation of the Northern Climate Network, Kulischeck said.

Thompson said the group was created in April 2016 as an "outreach arm" of the CATF organization.

"It is a community, bipartisan group that is really trying to move momentum toward living lighter on the planet," Thompson said.

The Northern Climate Network hosts monthly seminars to a large group of concerned residents including students, faculty and community members.

"We have a really good showing of what I call the local grey hairs retirees who have the time and energy to invest, and they're really passionate about climate change and action," Thompson said.

Both CATF and the Northern Climate Network aim to keep politics about science out of the conversation and instead focus on the health of the Marquette community. Thompson said the groups sidestep the question of whether climate change is happening and instead move toward "building resilience as a community."

"When we are talking about our local ecosystems the health of our communities these things aren't Republican or Democrat or liberal or conservative issues; they cross those lines."

New heights: Climbing research helps cancer survivors

By Noah Hausmann
staff writer

On Friday mornings men and women file into the exercise lab, eager to get started on their second day of training for a goal of being healthier, building community and having a great time.

One thing the participants have in common is they're all cancer survivors.

An eight-week research study conducted by NMU's school of health and human performance began on March 15. The study is to validate a hypothesis that activities like climbing have greater positive emotional benefits than traditional exercise methods like treadmill and weightlifting.

"There's a big health crisis worldwide and here in the United States. Cancer patients and survivors feel limited in what they can do so they often don't even try to exercise," Mindie Clark, an exercise science graduate student helping to lead the project, said. "This rock climbing shows them what they can do and empowers them so they don't have a downward spiral with their health."

For the study, the five participants in the program meet on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 9:15 a.m. in the Exercise Science Lab or room 146 in the

Physical Education Instructional Facility (PEIF). All of the participants are survivors of different cancer types and they have each completed surgery and chemotherapy cancer treatments.

The study is led by Scott Drum, associate professor of exercise physiology, and graduate students Mindie Clark and Marisa Heckendorn but many people helped create the program. Clark said Drum approached both her and Heckendorn to help lead the research.

"He's great about including grad students and giving them opportunities," she added.

At the start of the study, participants were assessed physically as well as psychologically, by health-related questionnaires, to record their individual baseline measurements. For the first four weeks all participants undergo traditional gym exercises to improve cardio, aerobic, flexibility, balance and muscular fitness tailored to each of their unique ability levels. After four-weeks they are evaluated again and then split into two separate groups. One group will continue doing traditional exercises while the other will focus on climbing activities on the bouldering wall in the lab, then eventually on the climbing wall in the PEIF.

"It's important to explore

alternate ways to stay healthy, in shape and have fun at the same time," Heckendorn explained. "It's to get cancer survivors out of their comfort zones but also to give them self-confidence."

The participants appeared as enthusiastic as the researchers about the study on Friday.

"I like it a lot," said Jim Vereb of Gwinn, 60, a lung cancer survivor diagnosed three years ago. "I know I need to exercise more, keep limber and keep my health up. I plan to continue working on my fitness at home too when this program is over."

"It's great," said Dave Wyble of Marquette, 56, an NMU alumnus and survivor of prostate cancer. He participated in the YMCA's LiveStrong program, which also improves the health of cancer patients. "I'm a real proponent of group activity for cancer survivors. It's nice NMU has it."

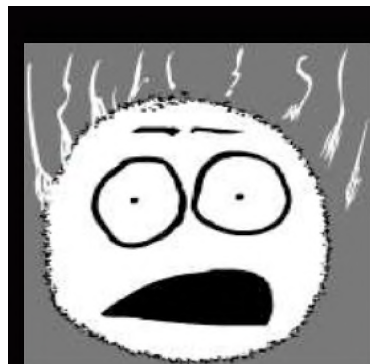
Since there's only five participants, Drum called the experiment a case study or pilot program. When it's done, the data will be analyzed and the findings published in a peer-reviewed journal. Drum intends to do more studies in the future, hopefully even researching the effects of exercise on patients currently undergoing cancer treatments.

2017 Annual 'Learning to Walk Together' Pow Wow



Christin DeFord/NW

Wildcat Weekend included events like the 2017 Annual Pow Wow, where Northern community members celebrated the culture and presence of the Native American community in the Upper Peninsula.

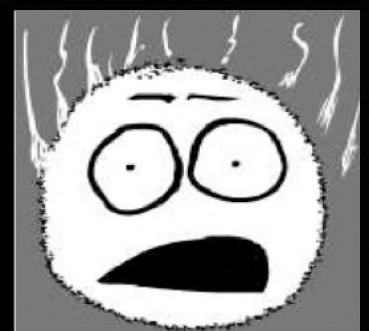


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STATE NEWS

Gov. Rick Snyder warned that the House Republicans' federal health care bill would hurt 1.75 million residents in Michigan's traditional Medicaid program and end the expansion of coverage to more than 650,000 others Tuesday. In a letter to each Michigan member of Congress, Snyder also expressed concern that the legislation would make it too expensive to buy insurance in the individual market, particularly for older residents who could see "significant cost increases." This was the second time in less than a week that Snyder spoke out.

NATIONAL NEWS

Nine deaths have been reported to the US Food and Drug Administration stemming from a rare cancer that is associated with breast implants. The extremely rare cancer, called anaplastic large cell lymphoma, affects cells in the immune system and can be found around the breast implant. It can be found in the skin or lymph nodes and is not a type of breast cancer. The agency has received 359 reports of possible breast implant-associated cancer cases as of February 1.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

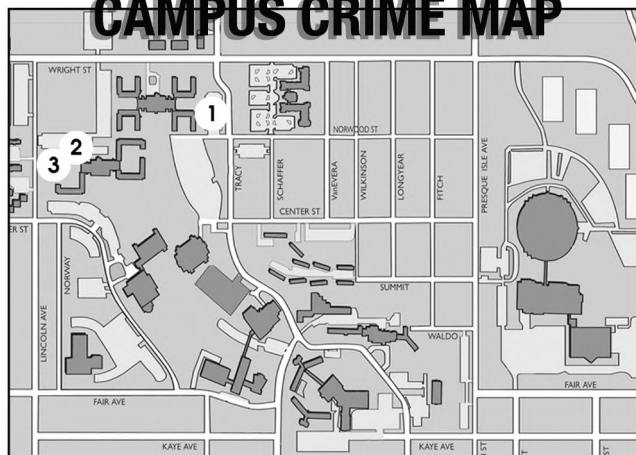
Germany's cabinet has backed a bill to clear men handed sentences for homosexuality after World War Two under a Nazi-era law. Paragraph 175 of the penal code was eventually relaxed in 1969 but not before 50,000 men were convicted. Many were sent to jail and some took their own lives because of the stigma. The German government's decision came months after the UK said it was pardoning 65,000 gay and bisexual men who were convicted under the Sexual Offences Act that criminalized private homosexual acts in England and Wales until 1967 and later in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

WEIRD NEWS

A UK woman was eating breakfast when she said she found a diamond in her hardboiled egg. "It fell onto the plate and I couldn't understand where it had come from. I thought it had come from me," she said. Thompson took the find as an omen because she is getting married soon. "I believe in superstitions—like find a feather, pick it up—and I think there must be something about the timing of this coming. I don't know what it will be a sign of but it is very surreal," she said.

— Compiled from news sources

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



1. Malicious destruction of property to a motor vehicle was reported at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18 in lot 24.

2. An alcohol violation was reported at 2:04 a.m. Saturday, March 18 in Gant Hall.

3. Possession of marijuana was reported at 1:09 a.m. Saturday, March 16 in Gant Hall.



Photo Courtesy of NMU Archives

The first Klu Klux Klan parade took place in Marquette County on Labor Day Sept. 6, 1921. Most Upper Peninsula Klan events occurred in the 1920s. The first Klan chapter in the Upper Peninsula formed in Manistique.

Regional historians shine a light on Michigan's dark past

By Ellen Lindbloom

contributing writer

With a rise of nationalism and anti-immigrant sentiment nearly a century ago, a new mainstream political movement formed in the United States. The group paraded down main streets in states like Michigan and won elections across the country while touting "traditional family values."

That group was the Ku Klux Klan and as many as six million Americans were members of the secret society at one point in time.

"The Skeletons in our Closet: The KKK in Michigan," a discussion of the state's history involving the notorious white supremacist organization, will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 in the Mead Auditorium of the West Science facility.

The presentation will feature both librarians and archivists who have dug into the past to confront uncomfortable historical records, but have faced backlash because of their commitment to telling the whole story.

Frank Boles, director of the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University (CMU), will be one of the presenters. Boles, alongside the CMU library, was able to secure approximately 1,000 KKK membership cards from an auction that happened in Newaygo County, Michigan back in 1992.

In the membership cards acquired by Boles were prominent figures in the community like mayors, policemen and businessmen. Boles said you would usually never know exactly who were members and that's why these cards were so unique.

"The Klan was very mainstream in the 1920s," Boles said.

"It wasn't just a group of dead-beats and losers."

The lower peninsula isn't the only place that has a history with the Klan. Jessica Holman, director of the Negaunee Public Library has also faced backlash from a photograph hanging in the library.

Unknown by most locals, there was a KKK rally held in Negaunee in September of 1926. The photo hangs in a meeting room that most people don't usually go in, Holman said, but when people notice they get quite upset.

Recently, Holman shared her knowledge with a group of students from Negaunee Middle School who were at the library one day.

"They noticed the photo and were rather offended by it," Holman said. "I took the opportunity to tell them about the history of the photo."

The KKK started as a southern movement back in the late 1800s that was primarily anti-reconstruction and anti-black. In the early 1900s the Klan regrouped and promoted a white Anglo-Saxon ideal, one that is more anti-immigrant and anti-semitic, Holman said.

"Really it would have blended in well with the Third Reich in Germany," she added.

Although people have asked her to take the photo down, Holman has stood her ground. She says the photo had been hanging before she was in charge and she plans to keep it that way.

"I want to emphasize that we are not condoning the Klan by talking about them. Rather, it's important to discuss the negative aspects of our history, as well as the positives, so we do not forget."

In 1925, the Klan's movement

was at its pinnacle, with approximately 4.5 million members nationwide and some historians even estimating that membership could have exceeded six million. They had successfully become an invisible third party, Marcus Robyns, NMU archivist, said.

"They were a predominantly xenophobic, nativist movement centered on nationalist rhetoric," Robyns said.

In 1910 a large group of Catholics immigrated to the United States, primarily from central and southern Europe. This sparked the resurgence of the KKK's popularity. There wasn't a large African American population in the Midwest and so, in order to stay relevant, the KKK turned its attention to being anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic. They championed "traditional family values" as well as nationalism, Robyns said.

He made it very clear that facing our past is in no way an endorsement of it and he hopes this presentation will allow students and community members to draw parallels between the past and present.

"I suppose they'll be shocked," Robyns said of potential attendees. "And that's the point."

This Evening at the Archives event is sponsored by the Diversity Common Reader Program and the NMU Archives. More information about the Diversity Common Reader series can be found at www.nmu.edu/diversity-committee/reading or by visiting the Multicultural Education and Resource Center in Hedgcock. For more information about the NMU Archives, visit their website at www.nmu.edu/archives/ or their office is located on the lower level of the Learning Resources Center.

NMU Swing Club offers formal ballroom dance

By Trevor Drew

opinion editor

Students and community members are encouraged to stop by the Great Lakes Rooms at the Don H. Bottum University Center this Saturday and dance the night away at a formal swing ball hosted by NMU's Swing Club.

The dance will take place from 7 to 10 p.m. on March 25 and will feature classic '20s tunes such as "Sing Sing Sing" and "In the Mood" along with songs from modern artists such as Ed Sheeran. For the first hour of the event, members of the swing club will teach guests East Coast-style swing dances and will feature different styles of group dances such as Snowball and line dancing later in the evening. Experience nor a partner is required and those who are of age can enjoy a refreshment from the bar.

"I want it to be a promotion for our club so that more people can get involved in dancing because it is a lot of fun," Swing Club President and sophomore zoology major Dana Shove said.

Shove was first exposed to swing dancing as a sophomore in high school and quickly took to it; much preferring swing over styles practiced by today's youth, she said.

"Back home, the main reason it



Photo courtesy of the NMU Swing Dance Club

Alumni Tyler Harris and Megan Kathleen practice swing dance. NMU's Swing Club will host a dance 7 to 10 p.m. on March 25 in the UC.

was started was so high schoolers wouldn't start grinding on other people at dances and I loved it. It was so much more fun and more active to actually dance and know how to do things," Shove said. "I really want that to be our club's message that you don't just have to hop up and down or grind or something you can actually dance."

At the Marc Moores Dance Group, the club's adviser Marge Sklar has studied dancing's effect on patients with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease and she believes that any sort of dancing is beneficial to health.

"People that have Parkinson's, the symptoms are tremors and loss of balance and things like that. People that start dancing and take a dance class, their tremors decreased, their balance improves, the dopamine in the brain that was lost because of Alzheimer's increases," Sklar said.

"It's amazing what dance can do for your body and people don't understand it until they try it."

Former journalist and tv host discusses captivity in North Korea to a packed session at NMU forum

By Noah Hausmann

staff writer

Award-winning journalist and author Laura Ling spoke at NMU Thursday evening in the Jamrich Hall Auditorium to discuss her humanitarian coverage and the 140 days that she was held in North Korean captivity. She delivered to a packed auditorium with close to 200 students and community members in attendance.

On March 17, 2009, American journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee were captured by North Korean soldiers while filming a documentary along the China-North Korea border. The two women were charged with illegal entry for crossing into North Korea. After several months of interrogation, they were sentenced to 12 years of hard labor in a North Korean prison camp. Ling's sister, Lisa Ling, campaigned to bring them home.

Former President Bill Clinton met with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il in August 2009 and helped secure their release. Laura and Lisa Ling collaboratively wrote a book about the ordeal called "Somewhere Inside: One Sister's Captivity in North Korea and the Other Sister's Fight to Bring Her Home."

"I never truly understood what a luxury our freedom is until I went out into the world and met people

who had risked their lives for greater freedom and until I lost my own," Ling said.

Her presentation, entitled "A Journey of Hope," discussed her coverage of North Korean defectors, many of whom were women being trafficked into forced marriages or prostitution. Ling and her team were crossing the border at the frozen Tumen River when she was apprehended by North Korean guards.

I never truly understood what a luxury our freedom is until I went out into the world and met people who had risked their lives for greater freedom—and until I lost my own.

— Laura Ling

director of development, Digital Discoveries Network

Despite the hardship of her prison cell, she said some of her guards were sympathetic to her.

"I was huddled up in a ball in the corner crying uncontrollably. A guard came up to me, and she said something that I'll never forget. 'Laura,' she said, 'always have hope.' They're a testament to what can happen when people from 'enemy nations' get to interact and communicate. Right now we live in divisive times, but if we only take

the chance to engage with those we consider different, we might find out how much we have in common."

Ling ended her speech by saying "I urge you all here to cherish your freedom and be a strong and powerful voice for those who need one."

Ling was brought to campus by the student activity fee and the student group Platform Personalities. The journalist enjoyed din-

ner with members of the student organization.

"I think there's such a dynamic student body here," she said. "I've met students from almost every major, and they're all so committed to making the world a better place it's amazing. This is the generation. If change is going to happen, it has to happen with this generation. Students should be galvanized and get active because this is your time."

Wildcat Weekend shows NMU prospects what campus offers

By Kelsii Kyto

contributing writer

Prospective students visited NMU on Saturday to get a taste of the college experience during Wildcat Weekend.

The morning started with a candid question-and-answer panel with current NMU students; then, visitors had the opportunity to present questions to a group of four students from various majors. The students gave advice about choosing the right university.

"Keep an open mind especially when you are touring here. I know you all have other colleges that you're thinking of but Northern has a lot to offer. We might have a small school but this is home," junior athletic training major Alyssa Vaniman said.

Students also emphasized how personable NMU is throughout the panel.

"Remember that every day is a great day to be a Wildcat. You have the opportunity to go to college in the beautiful Upper Peninsula, to be surrounded by great students that are enthusiastic about their futures and you're surrounded by great faculty and staff to support you," freshman

public relations major Allison Opheim said.

Not only did Wildcats give advice to prospective students about picking their university, they also gave useful tips on how to adjust to the college lifestyle.

"So many freshmen fall into bad habits. Try to be disciplined, go to class, and go to your professor's office hours. They want to help you," junior Spanish and pre-med major Paul LaPlant said.

NMU President Fritz Erickson also had words for the visiting students, praising Northern's community.

"Northern is truly a unique and special place. It's a special place not because we have great buildings and wonderful new residence halls. It's really a great place because of the people. We have some of the most active and engaged students I've ever seen," Erickson said.

Visitors had the opportunity to attend "Ask a Wildcat" in Jamrich after the sessions. Additionally an information fair was held where visitors received information about Housing and Residence Life, Financial Aid, Recreational Sports, the Honors Program and other departments.

CORRECTIONS

In the March 16, 2017 article titled, "New task forces to access resource allocation in campus programs,"

- The headline should have said *access* instead of *access*.
- Kerri Schuiling should have been identified as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- David Wool should have actually been David Wood
- Tricia Bush should have been identified as the Associate Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports
- *Faculty* contracts should have said *union* contracts in the jump on page 4
- "Data will not tell us the contribution that each academic program makes to the overall credit hour production of the university," was actually one of the rumors addressed by Kerri Schuiling. Data *will* show the contribution that each academic program makes to the overall credit hour production of the university.

In the March 2, 2017 article titled, "NMU lands on FIRE anti-free speech list," F.I.R.E was misidentified. The acronym actually stands for Freedom of Individual Rights in Education.

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OUR PATH TO SUCCESS

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Students and alumni provide career motivation

As each student walks out of the bookstore with packages containing their cap and gown and something with “alumni” printed on it, the impending fear of making it in the “real world” gets a little bit stronger. The safety net of being in college is soon to be yanked away, leaving us with a sour taste of paying student loans and searching for jobs that may or may not have to do with our degree.

We’re launched into the job search competing with graduates from bigger-name schools, such as University of Michigan. How can Wildcats be seen in the shadows of bigger schools?

A name-drop doesn’t always equal success, and a bigger university doesn’t always mean it was better. Sometimes it can just mean bigger bills to pay.

NMU offers unique opportunities for students. With smaller class sizes all students get the chance to form relationships with their professors. Opportunities such as internships, contests and playing sports are considerably less competitive than they would be elsewhere. Here we are offered experi-

ence in our chosen field before heading out into it professionally—and this diversity is exactly what future employers are looking for.

Current students and NMU alumni are shining examples to us. For instance, the recent success of hockey player Dominik Shine and his signing with the Grand Rapids Griffins gives all of our sports teams a beacon to aim for in the professional world. The alumni out of the Art and Design program find careers nationally and locally in storefronts in Marquette, providing all art majors obtainable goals for the future.

All these accomplishments motivate us to be the best students we can be; to make the most out of our time here. Whether done academically or through athletics, a strong work ethic is required to excel in college and is the first thing to contribute to success. Despite being smaller than big-name schools, NMU can provide an ideal training ground for those willing to work hard.

And once the safety net of college is yanked away, caps and gowns hung in the closet, we can immediately follow in the paths of our successful peers.

A toast to ‘Baba O’Riley’



Staff Column

Andy Slaven

My friends and I were walking adventurously through the woods in a place close to home when I first heard it. The night sky was mostly blocked by the tall trees overlooking our trail, but eventually we came across a field of tall straw grass with fireflies all around.

The stars had suddenly replaced the tall trees and in the background “Baba O’Riley” was playing the beginning lyrics, “Out here in the fields” on one of the original iPod touches.

It was in my adolescent years, around the age of 14 or 15, when I first discovered the beautiful tune created and played so wonderfully by The Who. For the millennials out there, The Who isn’t a question, it is a band that rocked the world for decades and in many ways still does today.

“Baba O’Riley” is that song for me when someone asks, “If you were stranded on an island and you could only have one album or one song to listen to, what would it be?”

I think everyone has songs or bands like this in their lives; the nostalgic music reminding them to stay youthful. Not only are these songs remindful, they simply jam.

While half of The Who rest in the rock-and-roll heavens, their song will always be timeless. “Baba O’Riley” was released in October 1971, nearly 40 years before I came

across it. I will admit my musical taste is most likely an outlier for my generation, but the song is a classic that people of all ages enjoy.

The title of the song is based off of Pete Townshend’s most influential people, Meher Baba and Terry Riley. In a way, “Baba O’Riley” has been following me around as a spiritual mentor.

It is the first song I listened to when I went for a drive in my brand-new rusted-out 1997 Chevy car on my 16th birthday. When I first saw the Milky Way. When my heart was broken for the first time, second time and third time. When I had my first alcoholic beverage. When I drove up to Marquette for the first time. When I hitchhiked with my friends to see the northern lights for the first time. And when my beloved dog passed away two summers ago.

Beyond these milestones, it is there to remind me that things are always changing. I don’t have forever to do the things I want to do or spend time with the people I’m with now. The lyrics, “The happy ones are near. Let’s get together. Before we get much older” never seem to fail me when I get tired and don’t want to spend time hiking, bar hopping with friends or simply attempting to abolish the federal income tax.

While I may no longer be running aimlessly in my youth, I can still reflect and say, “Don’t cry, don’t raise your eye, It’s only teenage wasteland!” So here’s to you, “Baba O’Riley,” and I look forward to hearing you again.

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Singularity isn't inadequate



Staff Column

Emma Tembreull

Nearly five years ago I began my journey through academia and the break-up with my son, Ayden's, father shortly followed. Living in Marquette and continuing my educational efforts has proven to be a healthy step away from my tiny home community, and among my top priorities is to foster an ideal childhood for my son. To no surprise however, single moms definitely deal with wars of head and heart too.

Over the years I've been on my share of dates: casual chats over coffee, hikes to Hogback and unfortunately having to deal with Netflix and chill boys that I've sent home with their superficial desires.

As an overly hopeful romantic living most of her college life sin-

gle, there's always been this persistent silver-lining idea that I'd "meet my person" before graduating. I'm now less than 50 days out from walking across the stage and turning my tassel. There's an incredibly high likelihood I'll faceplant on that stage and that I'll also still be single, regardless of how funny I think I am.

I believe loneliness creeps in on us silently, as a relentless self-induced enemy. We open up our Instagram feed to scroll pass sickly adorable couples and most of us have at least one friend who's engaged or married by now. Then as a single mother, there's another certain pressure that persists with the missing fatherly figure at home. The difference is stark compared to the atmosphere I personally cherished dearly as a child myself.

But all of those unsuccessful in-between flings through college? The outcomes have all been blessings, whether I realized it then or not. Some crushes were harder to grow past than others. During my junior year,

I became close to a male friend who would spontaneously road trip with me, taught me how to play simple songs on guitar, and we found ourselves close enough that we'd even go to church with each other's families and visit during holiday meals. But as it turns out, my gut feeling was right and he didn't reciprocate the feelings. This seemed to become the trend with the best of my potential love interests.

Certain other instances made me far more wary of who handled my heart. I've dealt with someone whom I used to identify as a friend that put me in a negatively charged sexual situation influenced by alcohol. Another boy I went on a starlit walk with on the 510 bridge had the audacity to shove his hand down my underwear without permission on our second and definitely last time hanging out. I've done other silly, love-blinded things like flying across the country to have my heart shattered properly than over distance through apprehensive text messages.

I've walked out of most situations with extortionate exhaustion. With so many failures in a row, I've questioned my personality and physical appearance much more than I care to admit. I've found myself asking, what could possibly be so wrong with me? I experience everything with such stark depth and anxiety swiftly sucker punches me when I contemplate whether or not people even care to navigate the fathoms of my own soul. I've picked myself apart obsessively and task myself with a never-ending journey of self-improvement, yet I fall into similar cycles with new plot twists.

Stepping back I see myself surrounded by the love of my son and recognize what goodness I've already been graced with. So who am I improving for? Why should I give this notion of singularity such a powerful grip over my day-to-day thoughts and actions?

The trials and the errors have made it lucid to me now just how important it really is to find

someone who loves you through and through for being just the way you are. There's not a set time in life Mr. Right is going to appear on your watch, but it'll happen when it's meant to.

Being so young and in college there's so much to love about yourself, the things you're doing, the greatness you're accomplishing, the smiles you can bring to faces of loved ones and strangers.

Singularity only carries crippling weight if one welcomes the idea as a burden. I don't need to wait around for a fatherly figure to build Ayden's dreamscapes. I have the strength to guide him through his obstacles, just as I find fortification to thrive beyond my own drawbacks.

The presence or absence of a love partner doesn't have to be the defining parameter of your success. There's a reason why we yearn for love so vividly, but perhaps we must leave the odds to fate and faith that the right person will sweep us from our feet. In the meantime, we're all far from inadequate.

SOUND OFF

What is your favorite pizza place in town and what do you get there?



Cat Stenberg, sophomore marketing

"Main Street Pizza and my favorite thing to get there is slices."



Colin Roell, sophomore radiography

"My favorite pizza place is Aubree's and I like to get ham and pineapple."



Montanna Viitala, sophomore communications

"I'm going to have to go with Torminos/Butchie Boys. It's down the road and they have giant pizzas. 24 inches round, I mean that is ginormous and you can only eat one slice really. I like that pizza place and my best friend works there."



Logan O'Neil, junior accounting

"I have to go with Dominos. They have good deals for one. You can get the coupons online, especially the large 5-topping pizza because you can put on bacon, sausage, pepperoni and jalapeños. Maybe you want some onions. I don't know, if you're into that."

compiled by Lauren Bichler

The joy of intramurals



Opinion Editor

Trevor Drew

Sitting around all day doing homework and reading various textbooks really wears down the soul and intramurals are the perfect study break.

For as long as I can remember, I've loved to play sports and to be active. I'm not sure if this was my own choice, with my dad taking me to ice skating lessons at the age of three and then signing for my very first tee-ball team which he was the coach of.

Either way, sports were a huge part of my life and were something I looked forward to every weekend. But since coming to Northern, I don't have a lot of opportunities to participate in organized sports.

At first I was fine with it. After all, I had way more free time and I didn't have to deal with conditioning, fitness testing or god-awful mile runs. But as they say, the grass is always greener on the other side and I have certainly changed my stance since then.

Three years of living a college lifestyle really does a number on your fitness. At one point I could run two miles no problem but now I'm lucky if I don't get uncomfortably sweaty after riding my bike a block or two to campus.

The only thing that has brought solace to my desire for competition

is something I'd urge any student to take advantage of: intramurals.

Intramurals are great because you don't even have to be good at the sport to have fun and get some cardio. When I played dodgeball, I think I got a grand total of two people out for the season and got hit in the face at least 10 times. But still, I had a great time because it gave me a near legitimate excuse to leave school work and go run around and get some exercise while messing around with my friends.

Sitting around all day doing homework and reading various textbooks really wears down the soul and intramurals are the perfect study break to and the perfect way to end a night of hard work on campus.

I had my first intramural soccer game of the season last Monday. For those who don't know, soccer is a game that requires almost constant movement whether it be a light jog to adjust your position or a full on sprint towards the goal. After the first 20 minutes, I could tell I hadn't played soccer in about

a year. Holy cow was I tired.

Although I usually hate being out of breath and feeling my heartbeat in my ears, the kind of tired you get from essentially pick-up games is very satisfying and rewarding, especially if you win.

Usually on Mondays I have trouble sleeping, but that night when I got home from soccer I was out like a light and ten hours later, I woke up a little bit sore, but overall well-rested.

Even if sports isn't your thing, I think it's worthwhile to at least give intramurals a shot. It's a great way to meet new people and get to know your hall community while getting in a bit of exercise. Playing sports instills teamwork and sportsmanship which are two things that are essential to success in life, even if they're just intramurals. Overall, it's something worth taking advantage of and if you're lucky, you might even work your way to the very top, among the elite, and square off for the coveted champion's t-shirt. Win or lose, running around is better than sitting on the couch.

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A new business in town—Aurora Piercing Boutique gained a storefront on Third Street on March 8. The boutique is the only professionally certified piercing place in Marquette.



Professionally piercing the 906

By Trinity Carey
features editor

A new boutique focused solely on piercing opened its doors to the 906 on March 8. Aurora Piercing Boutique now offers the only certified Association of Professional Piercers (AAP) studio in Marquette and is one of the few in the Upper Peninsula.

Originally located inside Rendezvous Tattoo & Body Piercing, Aurora was able to gain its own storefront on North 3rd Street.

Owner of Aurora Piercing Boutique Chris Gonyou said having his own piercing business has always been a dream of his.

“It was pretty much just a ‘when?’ situation. So I had worked in town at a couple different shops for a while and I found a good opportunity to move so I did,” Gonyou said.

Gonyou formerly attended NMU seeking a writing degree and then went into the environmental sciences program; he soon decided piercing was what he was meant to pursue. He gained experience learning from piercers throughout the state and moved back to Marquette following his apprenticeship. He’s now been piercing for just under six years.

“It’s one of those things where

if you try to leave Marquette it’ll always somehow suck you back in, but I also really like it here. I love the people,” Gonyou said. “You don’t get people like that from anywhere else in my experience...and we didn’t have a studio that offered real high-end piercing.”

Body piercing was typically a side job of tattoo shops where tattoo artists pierced during down times for extra money, but not many specialized in it, Gonyou said.

“I wanted to bring that up here. I get to make sure that everything goes perfect for a piercing and not perfect for tattoos,

piercings and whatever else is going on,” he said. “I like having a little bit more space and I like the main goal of the building just to be to give out really good piercings with nice jewelry.”

Jewelry carried by Aurora largely comes from the companies ANATOMETAL and NeoMetal, but all the jewelry they carry is made in the United States and comes with a lifetime guarantee. Part of being AAP certified is carrying high-quality jewelry.

AAP membership holds piercers to specific standards. Piercers must show their autoclave a steam sterilizer for piercing tools is one meant for the body art industry and is spore-tested, meaning it functions properly. Aurora spore-checks four times more often than needed in Michigan just to be safe. Being certified and having safe practices in body art doesn’t necessarily benefit the boutique but it benefits the community Gonyou said.

“There’s two reasons: one, I think that people should hold body artists to a higher regard. People should expect more from them...Two, the reason we think that it’s important is because there are a lot of health risks to body art and it can be something simple, like a piercer making sure angles are perfect so it will heal fairly well or making sure

that they aren’t using non-sterile equipment or worse,” he said.

Aurora uses different methods of outreach such as bringing outside piercers into the boutique, doing talks on campus and giving out as much information as possible, even to those who aren’t necessarily looking to get pierced, but have questions or are curious about body art, Gonyou said.

Meeting people and finding out their reasoning behind wanting to get a piercing is Gonyou’s favorite part of the job, he said.

“I got into this because I like self-expression and I like pushing boundaries and everything. A lot of people want to express themselves in some way or take a part of their life into their own hands and [piercing’s] one of the ways to do it.”

Gonyou is happy with the way the first couple weeks of business have gone and is confident in Aurora’s growth, he said.

“I didn’t necessarily plan on getting to this point even, I think it kind of just happens. The one thing I know about myself is that I always feel like I can make stuff better than it was before and I’m going to continue to do that,” Gonyou said. “I don’t know how yet though, it’s too soon, but I’m sure in about six months I’ll be posting about another crazy thing on Facebook that I’m doing differently or changing.”



Neil Flavin/NW

A jewelry case inside of Aurora Piercing Boutique holds high-quality jewelry made in the United States.

DIGS BASH!

Photos by Lindsey Eaton/NW



DIGS Gastropub beer tent dominates downtown Marquette

**Liz Trueblood/
Copy Editor**

Sleet and snow didn't stop Marquette citizens and NMU students alike from taking Washington Street by storm from 2 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 for the inaugural DIGS Bash. The Bash, meant to be a promotional event and St. Patrick's Day party for the newly renovated DIGS Gastropub which opened Tuesday on Washington did not disappoint patrons with its entertainment or its fare.

The block party shut down traffic on Washington between Third and Front streets, but the sidewalks were still thronging with people in pride-of-place in front of DIGS was a large white party tent with heaters, food and booze flowing freely inside.

Earlier in the afternoon the party was pretty mellow an older crowd of primarily community members gathered around cups of green Pabst Blue Ribbon to enjoy live music from a local band as well as the excitement of a mechanical bull.

"The food smelled amazing and the atmosphere was really laid-back but upbeat at the same time," said Hanna Shemke, a senior English writing major who attended the Bash earlier in the afternoon. "I felt like I was hanging out with a bunch of friends."

The tent pulsed with energy, muted but excited the kind that can only come from a St. Patrick's Day party that's on its way to being something great.

Festivities were not limited exclusively to the party tent; DIGS's actual pub was open as well, for patrons to enter, explore and enjoy a quieter bite to eat. For those who remember the space as it was prior to closing for renovations back in December, the new interior of DIGS was like a breath of fresh air. Gone is the oversized bar that dominated the space when it was still The Doghouse Pub, replaced instead by a smaller, more refined setup that hugs

the eastern wall of the pub, allowing for more seating space for patrons. A rich leather bench is set in the wall opposite the bar, accompanied by high and low tabletops, built from wood that was reminiscent of that which made up the bar. The walls, relatively unremarkable before, are now covered in multicolored tiles that pull all the elements of the space together, giving it a comfortable, rustic, homey feel.

In general the conversation inside DIGS centered around these renovations, with many community members commenting on the evolution of the bar and how excited they were for the new changes.

As the sun went down, the party picked up around 5:30 p.m. DIGS co-owner Patrick Digneit hopped on the sound system in the party tent to pump up the crowd with some exciting words and Celtic rock, promising the impending entertainment of Dueling Pianos, who were setting up for their performance.

At 8:30 p.m. the tent was wall-to-wall packed with people enjoying said Dueling Pianos, sipping Irish whiskey and Guinness and singing along to "Benny and the Jets." When the party shut down at 10:00 p.m., many of the St. Patty's revelers from the DIGS Bash went on to party and drink the night away at other establishments along Washington, but DIGS definitely set the tone for this St. Patrick's Day.

"We feel like it was a huge success, and we're really glad by the reception of the community and the attendance of all different

kinds of people from young to old," said DIGS co-owner Bill Digneit. "We definitely enjoyed the experience and will come back next year bigger and better."

The DIGS Bash was only a soft opening for Marquette's newest pub. On Saturday, the restaurant was closed to the public for a private dinner service exclusively for DIGS employees' friends and families who helped with the renovation process. On Sunday they were open to first-come, first-serve reservations, but it wasn't until Tuesday that DIGS reopened to the public for good, once again welcoming Marquette into an open, fun atmosphere that's sure to thrive on the Marquette restaurant scene.

DIGS Gastropub has arrived with a bang on Washington Street; here's hoping it's here to stay.

St. Patrick's Day Takeover



Marquette residents sample gastropub fare, including hot dogs, brisket and corned beef sliders, in the beer tent on Washington Street for DIGS Bash.

Dorms go dark to make a difference

By Trinity Carey
features editor

The NMU residence halls will go completely dark from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25 in celebration of Earth Hour 2017 a worldwide event that encourages people globally to turn off their lights for one hour in an effort to make an environmental impact and bring attention to climate change.

While this is NMU's first year participating in Earth Hour, 178 countries and territories participated in 2016, according to Earth Hour's official website.

The event has been brought to Northern to encourage students to conserve energy and, as a part of a larger campaign The Use Less Electricity Campaign. Developed by students and staff in the University Marketing and Communications Department, the

campaign's goal is to raise awareness in students, faculty and staff, of electricity conservation and the overall preservation of the environment, said Associate Vice President of Engineering & Planning/Facilities, Kathy Richards in an email.

"The event brings awareness to climate change through a visual demonstration of shutting the lights off in cities across the world," Richards said. "It makes us each aware of the impact we have on our environment."

Facilities/Plant Operations, Public Safety and Police Services and Housing and Residence Life have come together to host the event and have focused it on students, Richards said.

"Excitement around the event can be created by these students actively participating in the event and seeing the direct and cumulative impact that they can have by each doing their part,"

she said. "When watching the Earth Hour promotional video, the event instills similar feelings to watching the New Year's Eve countdown for the ball drop."

Everyone contributes to climate change daily simply by using computers, driving cars and turning on lights. Students can reduce their effect on the climate by walking or biking to and around campus, taking the stairs instead of the elevator and unplugging electronic devices when not in use, Richards said.

"It will be exciting to see if we are able to achieve the visual impact on our campus as seen on the video that shows cities around the world going dark like Sydney, Australia and Paris, France."

Off-campus students, faculty, staff and community members are also encouraged to participate in Earth Hour 2017 from their own homes.

A musical trio to perform at NMU

A trio of astounding sound, velvety melodies and eclectic style will play their way through the NMU campus from March 28 to 31. The Olympus Piano Trio is an award-winning composing group comprised of violinist Regi Papa, cellist Ben Capps and pianist Konstantine Valianatos. The three share a Hellenic heritage and love of classical music and have come together to create their own meticulous and renowned sound.

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Searching for a Northern star

By Jamie Glenn
contributing writer

From the harmonizing performance by the Northern Lights Acapella Group to the swing of a yoyo, a mix of bands, singers and a rapper will gather to recreate musical numbers for the Northern Stars Talent Show.

The show will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 in the Reynolds Recital Hall. The event will help raise funds for the NMU Choir's trip to Europe in May. The group will travel to Krakow, Poland and Vienna, Austria to sightsee, experience Auschwitz and perform concerts.

"It's going to be a great experience, especially since we have a lot of music majors going. It will be cool to see where the music that we're singing comes from," O'Connor said.

A number of students going on the trip will be participating in the talent show by helping backstage, greeting

audience members and performing.

"I've been planning this event for probably a few months now," said Megan O'Connor, a sophomore double majoring in music and communications and coordinator of the talent show.

Those competing will be judged on presentation, confidence and audience response. Performers will strive to accumulate a maximum of 20 points from the three judges Jordan Mytty, Kyle Hantz and Christina Pollard. The winner will be awarded a trophy that was donated for the event.

"There's lots of things to look forward to if you're into yoyoing, magic and music of course," O'Connor said. "I hope they have a ton of fun. I know I've had a blast checking out the acts that we have planned."

Admission is \$7 for the public and \$5 with an NMU student ID.

Olympus Piano Trio schedule of events



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Mod Sun makes a movie with latest lyrics

By *Andy Ridolphi*
contributing writer

With spring in the air and the sun peeking out a little more every week, the changing in seasons gives a refreshing feeling. “Movie” is rock rapper Mod Sun’s latest album, offering a fun, adventurous sound celebrating the positivity in life and focusing on having a good time.

Mod Sun’s personality is the biggest influence that shines through his work. The tracks are a medley that is playful and soft. The album blurs the line between a positive pop music vibe and a partying hippie who carries himself with a careless attitude.

From the party-inspired songs “We Do This S**t” and “She Just Wanna Dance” you can hear Mod Sun’s smile through the headphones. His enjoyment of life shines through as he turns up. Gloating about showing up drunk to his flights, his rock star lifestyle sounds the same amount of exhausting as it does exhilarating.

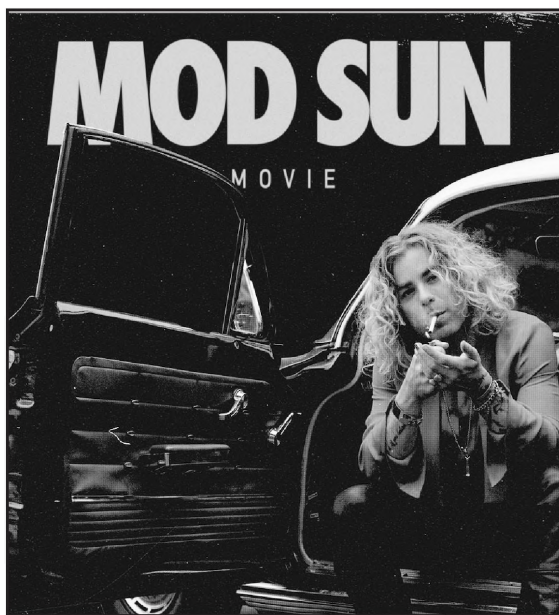
“You Are” has a beautiful, soft tone to it. It really plays well in the morning while driving to an

early class or shift as the sun begins to rise. Mod Sun raps about a girl in his life that he has an off-and-on relationship with. He sings about how this girl is the only one he wants to be with, but who also is the only person driving him crazy. His flow works well with the simple beat that has a great upbeat rhythm to it, regardless of the troubles the two are going through. It also has a nicely-placed feature from Mansionz.

The lyrics of this album play well with the beats that all have a smooth sound to them. “Beautiful Problem” is another struggle with love and contrasts from the stress of a relationship.

Mod Sun paints a beautiful picture and his storytelling ability as a lyricist is evident. While being more introspective and without a happily ever after ending, Mod Sun seems to appreciate the journey and the song carries a feeling of relief.

“Two” and “WWYGADT” have a more aggressive tone. The beats on these tracks are more trap-like and less soft as the rest of the album. These cuts still



Album: Movie

Artist: Mod Sun

Producer: Rostrum Records

Release Date: March 10, 2017

Album Length: 39:29

Rating:



work well with the whole project. They add an edginess that is needed in the album to even out some of the more radio-friendly pop music tracks. They sound great over a loud sound system to let the bass get a little exercise.

The album’s highlight comes on “Smoking What I’m Smoking On,” a fast-paced song about, surprisingly enough, smoking. With a beat that has a great loud funk to it and bass that

rattles the rearview mirrors and shakes the trunk, this is a great song to play at a red light if you want to get a couple dirty looks from pedestrians.

The last three tracks are more introspective. Mod Sun looks at the future and what is next in his life and the relationships around him. However, they have more poppy hooks that start to become bland.

“Movies” is an album that

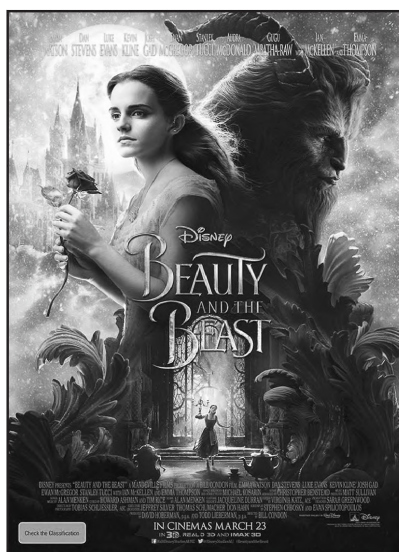
would play along perfectly to a whole spring day—from waking up and watching the sunrise to cruising around while it’s warm and sunny enjoying life, seeing the wonderful things in it and watching the sunset at the end of a day. While the choruses can get stale and sometimes too pop-like, Mod Sun’s verses between the hooks are where the album catches its stride. His lyrics paint a vivid picture.

New ‘Beauty and the Beast’ casts the same spell

By *Kara Toay*
copy editor

White and gold ball gowns swept the ballroom floor as the new “Beauty and the Beast” took the screen for a live-action adaptation. The film opened with Audra McDonald singing the “Beauty and the Beast” theme song and led us to find out why the prince was turned into a beast by the hag. If you remember Disney’s 1991 version, this part was shown in a sequence of stained glass window scenes.

Story: The story overall is very similar to the Disney version with some slight differences. In the live-action version, Belle watches as her father, Maurice, leaves to go to the market instead of going off with his invention like in the original movie. However, he still finds his way to the Beast’s castle. At the castle he is held because he steals a rose instead of being held for warming up by the fire as in original.



Film: Beauty and the Beast

Director: Bill Condon

Writer: Stephen Chbosky, Evan Spiliotopoulos

Starring: Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans

Runtime: 129 minutes

Rating:



There is also more of a backstory to both Belle and the Beast as we find out what happens to Belle’s mother and how the Beast was raised by his father. The ending is still the same with the village storming the castle and Gaston falling to his death.

Characters: Emma Watson was a perfect fit for Belle as she embraced the qualities of the

character and made her come to life as she teaches a young girl how to read and helps her father repair something he is working on. Dan Stevens (the Beast) was also a good fit as he brought the Beast’s stubborn ways to life by not only his facial expressions, but his actions as well. One character that I was not particularly keen on was Luke Evans as Gaston.

While he portrayed Gaston’s eye for Belle rather well, I felt like something was lacking in his other qualities.

Style: Most of the costume designs I enjoyed except for the prince’s costume in the opening scene when he wore a wig and makeup that took away from his appearance. The writing fit the characters’ personalities well and also differed from the original as some of the lines were made more modern. The writing moved the storyline along smoothly, not lingering on a scene more than they had to. The sets were spectacular and had many little details, such as the woodworking in the rooms in the castle, which made them stand out. There were more songs in this film, with three different renditions of the “Beauty and the Beast” theme song by Audra McDonald and Emma Thompson who both sang wonderfully, their dif-

ferent voices adding beautifully to the song. The special effects throughout the film, such as the talking teapot and the golden flakes that formed the sparkles on Belle’s yellow dress added to the overall magical effect of the film.

Verdict: There were some moments in the film that were different from Disney’s 1991 version but I expected this, as other recent live-action film renditions have done the same. The film overall was well done and had a lot of great detail to it.

Recently a lot of controversy surrounded this movie in regards to a “gay” scene. I feel this controversy was unnecessary. The scene in question was merely two seconds of Lefou dancing with another man because everyone was switching partners.

Even with the minor changes in detail from the original, the movie held a magical quality and humor throughout that kept me entranced.



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Shine signs contract in GR

By AnnMarie Kent
sports editor

Less than three weeks ago senior forward Dominik Shine scored the final goal in the play-off game against Bemidji State University that forced a third game in the series; today he skates at Van Andel Arena as a professional hockey player with the Grand Rapids Griffins, the American Hockey League Affiliate of the Detroit Red Wings.

Shine finished his career at NMU at 97 points, with 48 goals and 49 assists. During his senior season, the alternate captain was the first Wildcat in a decade to net 20 goals in a single season.

In the Wildcats' final game of the series against Bemidji State Shine played what would be his final game with his teammates.

"That feeling of never getting to suit up with those guys again was pretty sad," Shine said. "I just really enjoyed my time there."

He said he made a lot of great friends at NMU that he'll miss as he moves forward.

Shine becomes the second former Wildcat in the Red Wings organization, joining former NMU goalie Jared Coreau. Shine said he and Coreau played together during his first year in junior hockey with the Lincoln Stars, when Coreau was in his final season with the Stars.

"When I came to school he had just left," Shine said. "It's great having him. We went out to dinner, it's really nice."

Shine is a native of Pinckney, Michigan, a small village outside of Detroit, so being a part of the Red Wings organization is extra special to him.

"It's a good feeling," he said. "I've wanted it my whole life and to be a part of this organization, with the history that they have and being from Detroit, it's a good feeling. I've been a Red Wings fan my whole life; my favorite player is Steve Yzerman. There's a lot of cool



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Senior forward and Grand Rapids Griffin Dominik Shine carries the puck during the Friday, Jan. 13 game against Laker Superior State University.

connections and I'm excited to be a part of it."

Shine has one year guaranteed with the Griffins but he hopes to sign an NHL contract after that. His goal in the near future would be playing with an NHL team.

Coming from college hockey Shine said he immediately noticed the faster pace of the game. He said guys are a lot older and stronger than he's used to.

Shine reported to the Griffins on Tuesday, March 22. He came onto the team just as the Griffins

finished a 15-day road trip. He said practices have been light and short.

"For me it's just been watching the games, trying to get used to the systems and stuff like that," Shine said.

For Saturday night's game against the Chicago Wolves Shine warmed up with the team. Forward for the Griffins Tomas Nosek had been called up to the Red Wings and they were unsure if he would make it back in time for the game.

"He ended up getting back so

I didn't play," he said. "I'm not really sure when I'll play, I'm just waiting around for my turn and just keep working."

Being a leading scorer on the team and a senior, Shine was seen as a leader at NMU. He said it's been an interesting transition to being a rookie again.

"They have the guys in the locker room who they look up to," Shine said. "I just have to play my part and do the best I can while I'm here."

Even with being the rookie, Shine said the players have made

him feel at home on the team.

"It's really good, the guys here have been great," he said. "They've really welcomed me. We have a really close team, that's why we're having success."

He isn't exactly sure what his role on the team will be, but he's prepared to be flexible with where the coach puts him. His focus now is next season.

"I'm not even sure how many games I'll get this year," Shine said. "My goal right now is to just focus on next year and use this year to just get my feet wet."

Women's lacrosse team begins nine-game road trip

By Ryan Spitzza
contributing writer

The Women's Lacrosse team dropped its fourth straight match after beginning a nine-game road trip starting out east with a match against Georgian Court in Lakewood, New Jersey. The Wildcats fell by a score of 15-1 to the Lions (1-6).

Sophomore Shelby Klotz had the lone goal for the Wildcats at 8:37 in the second half.

Two days after, the Wildcats dropped their fourth straight contest by a score of 16-9. Freshman Graison Ringlever scored six of the nine Wildcat goals in the loss to the Shepherd University Rams (1-6). Ringlever put the 'Cats on the board

at 15:57 of the first half after the Rams scored the first five goals of the contest. Although the Rams scored again less than three minutes later, the Wildcats weren't going down without a fight when senior Blair Osgood tallied the next two goals followed by Ringlever's second of the game to pull the Wildcats within two. Ringlever's sixth

put the Wildcats back within four but the Rams ended up pulling away at the end scoring three unanswered goals.

The Wildcats will continue the road trip when they take on Wheeling Jesuit University (2-5) in Wheeling, West Virginia on Saturday. From there the team will travel to South Euclid, Ohio to face the Falcons

(1-1) of Notre Dame College.

As the Wildcats still seek their first division two victory, Klotz leads the team in goals with 13 on the season. Ringlever is next with 10 goals followed by freshman Jordan Hanner with nine. Junior goalkeeper Brianna Bangle has started all five games for the Wildcats posting a save percentage of 37.7.

SPORTS BRIEFS



FOOTBALL

The Northern Michigan Football team's spring game has been moved to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, head coach Kyle Nystrom announced Wednesday afternoon.

The free youth clinic for players ages three to 13 will now be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The spring game caps a four-week practice schedule and is free to the public.

"For now we plan on doing a scrimmage, but if we're not where we need to be health-wise we'll do a controlled scrimmage, offense versus defense," Nystrom said.

HOCKEY

Voting for the 2016-17 Senior CLASS Award® in collegiate hockey ends on March 28.

Wildcat defenseman Brock Maschmeyer was selected as one of 10 finalists for this award, which honors NCAA Division I seniors who have notable achievements in four areas community, classroom, character and competition.

Wildcat fans can vote for Maschmeyer daily by visiting the Senior CLASS Award® website.

Northern Michigan's Shane Sooth inked a standard player's contract with the Quad City Mallards, the organization announced Friday.

Sooth, who served as captain as a junior and senior, finished his collegiate career with 61 points (21g-40a) in 130 games.

Sooth won 1,471 career draws and led the team in that statistical category three out of his four seasons in Marquette. He posted a .539 career face-off percentage.

Sooth enjoyed his best offensive season in 2014-15, recording 21 points (6g-15a) in 38 games. As a senior, he totaled 10 points (5g-5a) in 19 games.

The Mallards are the ECHL affiliate of the Minnesota Wild.

NMU ATHLETICS

In memory of Larry Heiskanen, the Comley Hockey Scholarship has been renamed the Comley-Heiskanen Hockey Scholarship.

The renaming recognizes Heiskanen, who passed away suddenly on Oct. 13, 2016. Heiskanen worked for many years at Northern Michigan as the director of development for athletics and as an equipment manager for the hockey team. He was a close friend of Comley.

In addition to his work in the Wildcat athletics department, Heiskanen was known as an avid golfer, walker, poker player and fan of the Green Bay Packers, Chicago Blackhawks and Chicago Cubs.

The scholarship was originally established in 2001 in honor of Comley's historic career and 26 years of service to Northern Michigan.

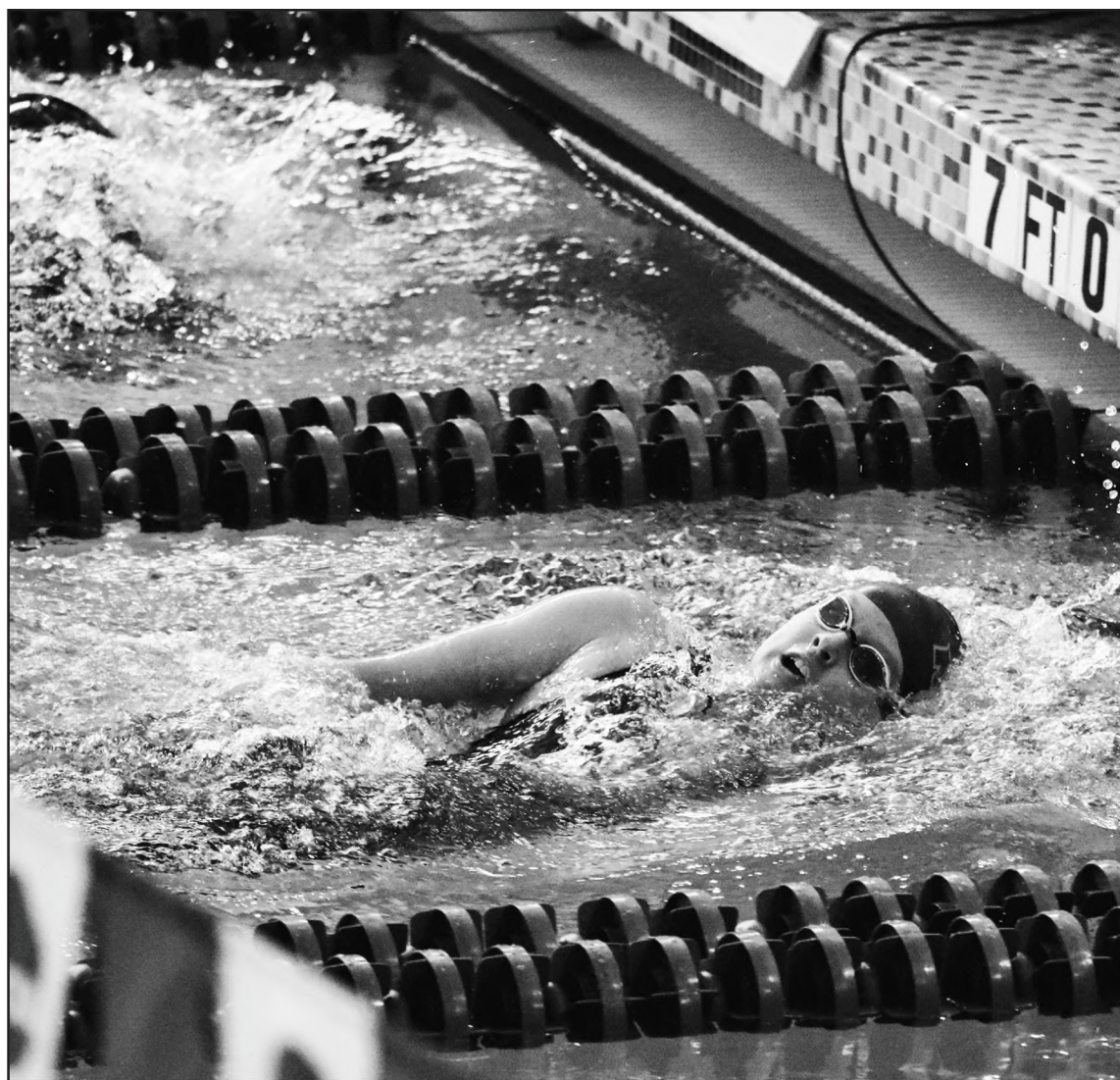


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Freshman swimmer and NCAA National Champion Rachel Helm reaches for a finish in the PEIF pool.

NMU swimming earns seven All-American finishes

By Trevor Drew

opinion editor

The Northern Michigan Swimming and Diving team wrapped up the season with four athletes earning seven all-American accolades at the 2017 NCAA Championships in Birmingham, Alabama.

Freshman Rachel Helm earned a national title in the 100 backstroke, the first Wildcat to do so since 1999.

"She's really talented and has great lines and she's a fierce competitor," head coach Heidi Voigt said reflecting on her time with Helm. "Some people just want to win and she is one of those people."

Helm not only took first place in the 100 backstroke but also claimed a second All-American finish in the 200 backstroke where she took third clocking in at 1:57.05.

Helm said that she was unhappy with her performance during the first days of the competition so she wasn't expecting to finish first in the 100 backstroke and didn't even realize she had won till moments after the race.

"It was an amazing feeling knowing I had won and looking into the crowd to see so many NMU swimmers made it even

more special," Helm said. "I didn't actually realize I had won because the results took forever to come up and from the angle I was at I thought I had came last."

Along with Helm, freshman Lajos Budai also earned multiple All-American finishes: 50 freestyle (7th, 19.95), the 100 backstroke (4th, 47.14) and the 100 freestyle (3rd, 43.33).

Along with his NCAA achievements, the freshman from Hungary was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year along with GLIAC Male Athlete of the Year.

"It was a big honor because usually they don't give both honors to a freshman," Budai said. "They usually just give Freshman of the Year to a freshman but I got both. I was kind of surprised and I was pretty grateful but it was good motivation before nationals."

Voigt also described Budai as a true competitor and noted that, like Helm, he does not like to lose.

"He's great to work with," Voigt said. "When he comes in to practice, it may take a while for him to tie his suit and get going but he gives you 100 percent when you tell him to go fast. Everything he has he just puts it out all on the line."

Sophomore Renars Bundzis and sophomore Angela Probstfeld

took home their first All-American awards. Probstfeld claimed third in the 3-meter dive (476.75) while Bundzis finished seventh in the 200 backstroke (1:46.38).

"The performances by the athletes were great. They really persevered. I think when you're thinking about national championships it takes so much to actually get qualified to go so we rest and get them all prepped for their conference championships to go as fast as they can go," Voigt said. "It's a little bit different in the fact that they're really kind of operating on fumes almost, going into those national championships."

Not only were the swimmers being cheered on by their own teammates, but the track team, who was also in Birmingham for the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships, showed up to the swim team's events and cheered on their fellow Wildcats and vice versa.

"I really liked having the track team, although I didn't get to watch any events because I was swimming, it was nice to know they were there and it was more than just the swim team," Helm said. "It made it feel like more of a university representation than just the swim team."

Women's golf gears up for spring season

By Nate Bellville

contributing writer

Golf season is back in full swing once again. The Northern Michigan University Women's Golf team had time to regroup as they look to improve after a last-place finish at the Jackrabbit Invitational at the Siena Golf Club in Las Vegas, Nevada last month. The three-round event fielded seven teams with South Dakota State University being the host.

This tournament was the first spring event of the season for the golf team, as their lone victory of the year came at the Wildcat Invitational in Marquette back on September 10-11, 2016. According to interim head coach Robert Bastian they have added a tournament this weekend.

Bastian took over as head coach for both the men's and women's teams last fall, as Kyle Wittenbach left for Ferris State University for the same position. Bastian said that by taking over he can build momentum from what they had from the fall.

"I just try to work off what we built from last year with it being the second year of the women's program," Bastian said. "We're still a relatively young program, but we just take it one day at a time."

"They're all great young kids, which makes my job a little easier," Bastian added. "It's also a bit of a learning experience for us too."

From the invitational, only two from NMU finished in the top half of the tournament field. In her first invite as a Wildcat, South Africa native freshman Caro Els tied for 16th place. Junior Haley Hewer finished one stroke behind Els placing 18th. Overall as a team NMU shot a 953, finishing seventh. They were the only Division II team in the event.

Bastian said the tournament was similar for Els to playing in her home country.

"Playing in Las Vegas was similar to being back home, with the landscape and the weather, to where she's from," Bastian said. "She seems to really like it up here; obviously different weather but she's getting acclimated with it and fitting in really well with the team."

South Dakota State University won the overall championship with a score of 890, with one of the Jackrabbits' players, Teresa Toscano, hitting the lowest score of 212.

Bastian said the tournament was difficult, but the Division I experience can teach them about the team's strengths



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Sophomore Baylee Dunmire takes a shot on the Greywalls course at the Marquette Golf Club.

down the road.

"There [were] six teams that were in Division I, and we were the only the Division II school competing," Bastian said. "So, we saw a lot of good competition there."

As they continue going through

the spring golf season, Bastian is optimistic that they can make some competition with the rival teams, especially with an added invitational this weekend.

"We see about 28 teams, all of them within our region," Bastian said. "It's a good chance to

compete against them, especially where we are seeded."

The next tournament for both men's and women's teams is at the GLIAC South Invitational this weekend at the University Club of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky.

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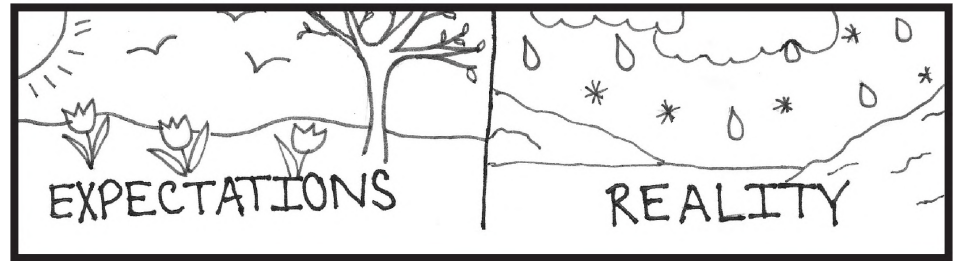
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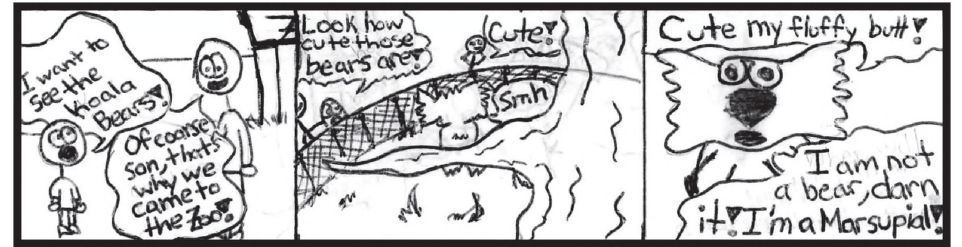
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