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Bidding A-dieu:

New housing unit to replace aging A-frames

By Winter Keefer

assistant news editor

Construction of a new housing development set to take over the Sugarloaf Villas, a site that includes Marquette's iconic A-frame houses, will begin in early summer of this year.

Architect of the project Barry Polzin said if everything progresses as planned the five-building facility will be completed and ready to move into by the fall of 2018 with the capacity to house about 300 people. The new housing is specifically meant to provide needed off-campus options

for students.

"The primary thing is the location. Also, we had a study done on off-campus student housing in Marquette and it's really pretty bad," Polzin said. "It's pretty horrible in general so there really is a strong market for new student housing and this site really lends itself perfectly because it's just across from campus."

The Marquette Planning Commission approved the project back in December, Polzin said. Before this approval, Polzin gauged the interest in the community for the housing plans.

"I met with the university quite

a while ago before we kind of dove into this just to see how it fit with their plan," Polzin said. "They encouraged us to go forward because they're doing on-campus housing and they thought it would be great to provide high quality off-campus housing as well because, as everyone in the university world is finding out, the quality of housing has a lot to do with where they choose to go to college."

Every bedroom will have a private bathroom and hardwired high-speed Internet, he said. There will also be several common areas including a lounge clubhouse with a fitness center, a game area and a study area with printing services. There will also be a 30-person outdoor hot tub and an indoor heated space to keep bicycles. The bicycle storage area will provide students a place to store their bikes in the

winter and feature a bike repair shop and fine-tuning shop.

"It brings the bar up for all of the student housing," Polzin said.

The current residents of the Sugarloaf Villas did not know about the replacement of their current homes until a local news station ran a story on it.

"That was I guess kind of a glitch between the developer and

what's going on but should find out in May.

"Everyone's just pretty upset about the way it was handled," Shaughnessy said. "I don't necessarily believe that it was our landlord's fault. I think it shouldn't have been released by who it was released by."

She added that she did not think that the new housing units with

It brings the bar up for all of the student housing.

— Barry Polzin

the existing owner," Polzin said.

Senior biology major and A-frame resident Kelly Shaughnessy said that they still don't know

the amenities included sounded affordable to students.

"It would have been nice to stay but it's not the end of the world."



Inset: Emma Tembreull/NW

Above: Photo courtesy of Barry Polzin

Inset: The A-frames, which sit near the corner of Wright Street and Sugarloaf Avenue, are approved for replacement after about 50 years of housing NMU students and community members. Above: New apartment buildings, designed by Barry Polzin, will replace the aging A-frames. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

Charges dismissed against former NMU hockey coach Walt Kyle

By Kayla Miller

editor-in-chief

Fraud and forgery charges against former NMU hockey coach Walt Kyle were dropped earlier this month, according to the Marquette County Prosecutor's Office.

Kyle was arrested on Friday, March 10 for one count of Residential Mortgage Fraud of \$100,000 or Less and one

count of Forgery of a Document Affecting Real Property. According to Kyle's lawyer, George Hyde, the charges come from a 2014 loan from River Valley Bank that Kyle signed for home renovations. It was alleged he signed his ex-wife's name without her permission. Hyde said he was granted a power of attorney.

At the time of the arrest Hyde gave a statement claiming innocence for his client, stating "These charges against my

client, Walt Kyle, are extremely unfortunate and a prime example of misunderstanding and misrepresentation of the facts."

The lawyer could not be reached by press time for a follow-up statement after the charges were dropped.

The same day Kyle was arrested, NMU announced he was released as the hockey coach. Kyle was the coach of the Wildcats since June 2002.



KYLE

Michigan honors NMU English professor

David Wood is recognized as one of the best in the state



Lindsey Eaton/NW

NMU professor David Wood speaks at a public reading Tuesday in the Olson Library, where students from his John Milton literature class recited the author's poetry and prose.

By Noah Hausmann
staff writer

NMU English professor David Wood's passion for undergraduate education has earned him the Michigan Distinguished Professor of the Year Award.

The Michigan Association of State Universities will recognize the three recipients of this annual award, given to faculty from Michigan's 15 public universities for outstanding contributions and dedication to the education of undergraduate students, during an April 21 luncheon

A big chunk of what Northern does well is undergraduate education."

Wood earned his bachelor's degree from Skidmore College in 1993, his master's from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in 2000, and a Ph.D. from Purdue University in 2004 in English literature. Wood has taught literature at Northern since 2007. He has also been director of the NMU Honors Program since 2010, for which he is a major fundraiser, seeing that donor money goes to deserving undergrads doing research in many fields of study.

and religion with the seriousness and open mind the subjects demand but also with lightheartedness and plenty of "Seinfeld" references.

"Wood obviously teaches what he loves," said Echo Miller, a senior philosophy and English writing major who has taken Wood's Shakespeare and medieval British literature classes. "He is excited each day in class and always tries to show us why the old stories we tell are important. He connects them to current issues and the various aspects—whether laughable or depressing—of our own lives."

Wood will lead a study abroad to London this summer and every August he also heads up the Stratford Festival Endowment, which is a fall semester course that brings 10 students to the renowned Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario. For students like junior English writing major Elizabeth Fust, the trips can be life-changing.

"[The Stratford Festival] was one of the best experiences of my life," Fust said. "Now, preparing to go with [Wood] and another group of students to Stratford-upon-Avon and London, I'm so excited for how he'll challenge me again to see Shakespeare in a different light."

Wood's work on disability issues also extends to his humanitarian service as a trustee of the Tyler Rigg Foundation. The goal of this nonprofit is to "do good in the world," Wood explained, and to honor the memory of Tyler Rigg, a high school friend of Wood's who died in a car crash at age 24. This foundation has given grants from \$500 to \$10,000 to aid many projects, including the Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, which built a special dock that raises and lowers so that kids can get from their wheelchairs into kayaks.

"It's just the coolest thing ever," Wood added. "And to be able to celebrate my friend Tyler's memory is one of the coolest things we get to do, definitely."

"The access that students get here—to what I call the creation of new knowledge—is just astounding," Wood commented. "It's a thrill to watch students thrive and go on to top graduate programs."

As a Shakespeare scholar and trailblazer into critical analysis of representations of disability in classical literature, Wood brings his insights to the classroom. He regularly teaches introductory and upper level Shakespeare courses, Shakespeare on film, a class devoted to author John Milton, as well as Honors courses on Greek and Roman epics and poetry and also medieval literature. With his students, Wood tackles complex issues like gender, class, politics

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— David Wood
English professor, NMU

in Lansing. This year the other two winners are professors from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

Wood called himself just one of the many NMU professors from all departments doing praiseworthy work helping "bright and talented" Northern students succeed in their studies.

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Campus update draws very small number of students

By Davon Lanier
news editor

About 70 faculty and less than five students showed up last Thursday at the Reynolds Recital Hall for a university forum discussing the 2017-18 budget.

The forum provided updates on higher education appropriation funding discussions that recently took place in Lansing, insights on how upcoming tuition and fee rate decisions will be impacted by Gov. Rick Snyder's fiscal year 2018 (FY2018) budget for the state, as well as the financial impact of President Donald Trump's federal budget proposal on NMU students and multimedia programs. The Educational Access Network and transparency projects were also discussed at the forum.

NMU President Fritz Erickson opened the discussion by unveiling the new tentative mission and vision statements of the university. There are two final options for a new vision statement and one for a mission statement that will be presented at the next Board of Trustees meeting during the first week of May.

"We've concluded the process of the Strategic Implementation Plan which will kick into high gear as we get into next fall. We'll probably go a little bit slower on some of the implementation pieces until we get through the Strategic Resource Allocation process," Erickson said.

Gavin Leach, NMU vice president of finance and administration, presented the higher education budget numbers set by Snyder as well as the numbers set by the House and the Senate for the fiscal year of 2018. The state budget factors for higher education operations performance of FY2018 include a 2.5 percent increase set by Snyder, a 2 percent increase by the Senate and a 1.9 percent increase by the House. For NMU, this means \$1.1 million (2.3 percent) from the executive branch, \$0.86 million (1.9 percent) from the Senate and \$0.82 million (1.8 percent) from the House. If appropriation parameters hold, a potential increase in enrollment for next fall could have a positive impact on NMU's budget next year, Leach said. He also said potential federal budget impacts for FY2019 include nearly \$2.7 million in reduced financial aid, mostly work study and federal Perkins loans, and elimination of Corporation of Public Broadcasting support, which would cut \$864,000 from WNMU-TV and Public Radio 90.

Leach also discussed how state investment in higher education for Michigan has dropped by more than \$1 billion since 2002. This is equivalent to a 44 percent decrease in state funding per student.

Leach said from 2002 to 2017 state spending increased by 19.1 percent, while state appropriations spending on higher education decreased by 19.5 percent.

"It really points out to the challenges of how higher ed in the state of Michigan is funded and this is true throughout the nation but I think in Michigan it's been pretty prevalent," Leach said.

According to house.mi.gov, Michigan ranks 39 in per capita state fiscal support for higher education.

Leach said the decrease of state appropriations puts pressure on tuition and fee models at universities like NMU, where there is an inverse relationship between where tuition levels are and the amount that is received from state appropriations over time.

Throughout the rest of the forum, Leach discussed tuition restraint models of NMU for 2017-18 and compared NMU's tuition and fee rates to other Michigan universities.

Steve VandenAvond, vice president of extended learning and community engagement presented on EAN opportunities for NMU as well as current and future course offerings available for community members who wish to pursue personal development.

Erickson said as a regional university, NMU has an obligation to provide fair educational opportunities to students who live in rural communities around the Upper Peninsula.



Erickson

"And if we can be the provider that makes that happen, we believe that those kids will continue their educational experience with us and that identity, we think is really important," Erickson said, adding, "It's not an unattainable goal for us to believe that the Upper Peninsula of Michigan can have one of the highest educational attainment rates of rural communities anywhere in the country."

Erickson brought the forum to a close by discussing the ongoing campus transparency project and the steps that have been taken since it was introduced two years ago. He said although a number of tools are in place to promote greater transparency on campus, the administration still has problems finding ways to reach out to people. He also highlighted efforts by the Sustainability Committee.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
61°F 46°F	64°F 42°F	47°F 30°F
Sunny	PM Showers	AM Showers

data from www.weather.com

STATE NEWS

With only two wolves left on the Isle Royale National Park, the moose are undergoing a population explosion that could endanger the wilderness area's fir trees and eventually cause many of the moose to starve, scientists said Tuesday. Twenty-four gray wolves in several packs roamed the Michigan park as recently as 2009. However, severely inbred population has dropped steadily and is at its lowest point since biologists began observing the relationship between wolves and moose in the 1950s.

NATIONAL NEWS

Fox News announced that it was cutting ties with Bill O'Reilly Wednesday after allegations of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior prompted the network to end his program. "After a thorough and careful review of the allegations the company and Bill O'Reilly have agreed that Bill O'Reilly will not be returning to the Fox News Channel," parent company 21st Century Fox said in a statement. In a statement of his own released O'Reilly said, "It is tremendously disheartening that we part ways due to completely unfounded claims. But that is the unfortunate reality many of us in the public eye must live with today."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

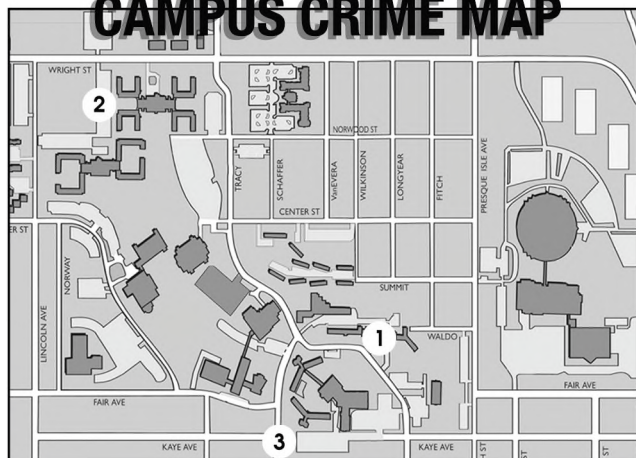
A cargo ship with 12 people on board sank in the Kerch Strait off the Russian Black Sea coast. Rescue crews reached the scene early on Wednesday and officials said one person was pulled to safety. Two bodies were found and nine crew were missing. Russia's marine agency said the 3,500-tonne Gerol Arsenalia split in two and sank. High winds hampered the search for survivors, reports said. The Panamanian-registered ship went down about 19 miles south of the Taman Peninsula.

WEIRD NEWS

A Texas woman found herself in a crappy situation after her toilet clogged in her new home where she had not yet purchased a plunger. Gracie Henderson thought that she could fix the toilet by sticking her hand into the bowl. Instead, Henderson found her hand stuck. Emergency Medical Services came to Henderson's home to rescue her. The operation required removing the toilet from the bathroom, carrying it outside with Henderson's hand still in it and then breaking it open with a sledgehammer, according to the Houston Chronicle.

— Compiled from news sources

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



1. Larceny of a bike was reported at 12:27 p.m. Monday, April 17 in Spooner Hall.

2. An MIP for an alcohol violation was given at 1:36 a.m. Saturday, April 15 in parking lot 16.

3. An MIP for an alcohol violation was given at 11:45 p.m. Friday, April 14 on the corner of 6th and Michigan streets.



Photo courtesy of Tau Kappa Epsilon - Theta Iota Chapter

Junior computer art major Tyler Harmon pushes for last year's Annual Tub Push fundraiser. Last year the TKE brothers donated the money they raised to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for brain cancer research.

A push for charity:

TKE hauls tub to raise money for Lake Superior Hospice

By Trevor Drew

opinion editor

The brothers of the Theta Iota (Northern Michigan University) Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon will leave for Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday and wake up the next morning to push a bathtub on wheels all the way back to the TKE house in Marquette. The Tub Push is a 164.8 mile trek and is part of a vow to raise a minimum of \$2,000 for Lake Superior Hospice.

of the things that TKE is founded on is service and we do things based off of what is needed."

In last year's push the boys managed to complete the run in 32 hours. This year, Valentine projects them to do it around 33 to 36 hours. Members take shifts pushing the tub while the rest of the brothers follow in vehicles.

This year the fraternity has chosen to donate to Lake Superior Hospice, which is one of Michigan's oldest and Marquette's

us to provide the kind of care to families we want to provide, we are really asking the for the community's support and relying on them. That's a very important point and they had figured that out."

The money donated by TKE will go towards helping patients who otherwise would have no way to afford care from Lake Superior Hospice, Almen said.

"We told them \$2,000 and we've all made that commitment that we are going to do everything

We told them \$2,000 and we've all made that commitment that we are going to do everything that we can to get \$2,000. Even if it took all of us ourselves to go to Biolife and to donate. We are doing whatever we can to make sure that [Lake Superior Hospice] has that.

— Germaine Valentine

Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Iota Branch President

The annual Tub Push has been a long time tradition for Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternities across the country and is meant to promote unity within the brotherhood as well as give back to the community, Theta Iota Branch President Germaine Valentine said.

"One of the things I try to instill on the guys as president is that we don't do things for publicity," Valentine said. "One of our pillars is service and that's one

only non-profit hospice. Lake Superior Hospice not only provides medical care but also provides comfort and spiritual services for patients dealing with mortality, director of Community Relations and Program Development Ruth Almen said.

"I want to give [TKE] a lot of credit, they had clearly done their homework. It's important to us that people in the community understand that we are a non-profit hospice," Almen said. "For

that we can to get \$2,000," Valentine said. "Even if it took all of us ourselves to go to Biolife and to donate. We are doing whatever we can to make sure that [Lake Superior Hospice] has that."

For people who wish to donate, TKE's Gofundme page can be found at tinyurl.com/msvy45k. Those who would like to donate with check or cash should contact the group via phone at 906-869-5996 or via e-mail at Tkethetaiota@gmail.com.

Education students collaborate with Georgian high school

By *Loki Maguran-Jacobson*
contributing writer

A high school teacher shortage persists in the United States and due to this, NMU students in the education department have been working with Alcovy High School students in Georgia to encourage more students to pursue an educational career path.

The relationship between NMU and Alcovy has been effective for two semesters. The idea for the collaboration came from a two-way discussion between Dr. Joe Lubig, associate dean of the NMU education department, and Richard Cormier, who is a teacher in Alcovy as well as a NMU alumni.

The program works by con-



LUBIG

necting students from ED 201: Introduction to Education and ED 301: Dimensions of American Education with Alcovy high

school students through video conferences and online chat rooms. NMU students can ask questions about what a good teacher should be or what works for the students and what doesn't. In return Alcovy students can ask questions about what college is like or questions about NMU's

Marquette.

"I like to see NMU graduates expand their ideas of what education is like in other parts of the country. By getting early educators out and into new teaching settings, it helps NMU students be able to teach a wide variety of areas," Cormier said.

This helps the students decide on whether or not the teaching field is good for them before they go to college.

Jessica Betz, a graduate assistant in the educational department, said the program has attracted students who may not have thought teaching was right

ing by connecting local high school students and NMU education majors, Betz said. She hopes that through the program, it gives NMU students a high school student's perspective or helps them get an idea about what students are thinking.

"It's one thing to read about creating trust, learning diversity and classroom struggles, but through the Alcovy program, NMU students can learn firsthand about these issues by connecting with the students," Betz said.

The program helps to build a foundation between those in the education field at NMU along with those just getting exposed to teaching at Alcovy. A lot of students at Alcovy High School have shown an interest in the education program here at NMU due to this connection, Betz said.

As part of the program students from Alcovy will be touring NMU and the Marquette community in May to explore the campus and decide if they want to attend NMU to pursue a teaching degree.

Cormier said he hopes the program will continue to expand and help the university open up to some more areas for NMU students to teach and provide other alternatives to give students an edge at learning what other schools may offer.

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— *Jessica Betz*

graduate assistant, Education Department

Cormier said high school students benefit in particular by getting an early introduction into the learning field of education.

for them, so Alcovy students are not the only ones that it benefits. The goal of this program is to provide a positive light on teach-

Inventing the Tinknocker



Photo courtesy of Invent@NMU

Senior mechanical engineering tech major John Walsh works on the development of the Tinknocker Tool at an Invent@NMU research and development session. Walsh is one of 11 student workers at Invent.

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EDITORIAL



Transparency is a two-way street

It's no secret that effective communication requires people in all parties to actively participate. People can speak all they want but they require a listener to be heard. In order to be heard, one has to speak up in the first place.

The word "transparency" has caused many issues to flare in the past handful of years. Whether it's a cry for more transparency in NMU's administration or criticism over decisions made without student input, the well-meaning word seems to have become a sort of scapegoat for negative situations.

In reality the administration of NMU has made great strides to achieve greater transparency across campus. An entire committee has been put into place just to improve and aid clarity and communication between administration, faculty and students with the Transparency Project. President Erickson, despite being criticized since coming to NMU, has heard the complaints of the student body and always invites student input with decision-making.

For these tools to be effective, however, Wildcats need to be involved. Just as with communication, these resources are dependent on participation

to be worth anything. Unfortunately the trend sits right now with a vast majority of students not voting in campus elections and informational forums being presented to empty auditoriums.

If nobody comes to make their voices heard in times of change, we can't blame administration for not knowing what the university needs. If people do not vote in student elections, our campus isn't always being accurately represented. If Wildcats aren't being involved or staying up to date with what is happening, campus can and will change without their input.

We cannot resort to crying out for more transparency if something gets thrown out of our favor. We cannot complain about a decision made without us if we never wanted to give our input to begin with. We cannot be ignorant to what's going on around us and expect things to naturally go our way or change in our favor.

Students need to recognize that in order to make their voices heard, they need to speak up. Attend meetings and forums, talk with professors, voice your opinion in the newspaper, and make sure your voice is being heard.

Google isn't always the solution



Staff Column

Winter Keefer

While walking through the library a few weeks back I came across a shelf holding a riddle written on a folded piece of paper towel. The riddle asked: "What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?" My immediate response to this question was to think, "I'll have to Google this later." Then, a little "p.s." written at the bottom of the makeshift note caught my eye.

In answer to the voice in my head, the message written below the riddle reprimanded me, saying: "Don't Google it."

I stood there frozen in the stacks, lost as to what to do next. And, quite frankly, now I see that this reaction was more than a little bit ridiculous. I was acting as if having to critically think without technology at my fingertips was an absurd inconvenience.

This internal struggle lasted no longer than a minute, but it has stayed on my mind. While the pros and cons of rapidly advancing technology is an ever-present topic, I never thought about how I contribute to it.

After spending a long night in contemplation, I realized that I am an addict. My hand constantly itches to scroll through mindless media, my attention span has suffered from constant accessibility to fast-paced entertainment and when asked a question or challenged by a riddle, I jump straight to the easy answer found through a quick search—an easy fix for my craving for... knowledge?

I see now that this addiction is

one that many of us will have to fight through our lifetime. While technology is clearly a huge component of the future, it terrifies me that it has inadvertently made it possible for people to avoid thinking through a challenge. I can't help wondering what this will mean in the long term.

For me, I know that I have to be aware of and constantly fighting the urge to grab my phone for an easy answer or for entertainment when I have down time. I remember when I was younger I would feel bored out of my mind when I had to wait for my mom or dad after work. But now that I have a phone, I miss being bored because at least I had some quiet time to read or think or do absolutely nothing.

Now, even when alone in a room, I never really feel alone because of technology. I don't think that this is a good thing and I'm afraid that I've gotten too used to the ruckus that comes with constant access. Honestly, when I look around half of the people I pass through the halls appear to be mindless robots, their eyes blank, staring at a rectangular screen.

What I have been trying to do recently to fight the handheld machines that control our lives is tear myself away from media and start reading for fun again. I tricked myself into believing that I didn't have time for this anymore, but that just wasn't true. If I'm honest, I could read a whole book in three weeks if I spent the same amount of time reading as I do on social media.

As for the riddle that I came across in the library, I eventually caved and asked someone what the answer was. You, however, will have to try to solve the riddle yourself. Take on the challenge, put down your phone and fight the urge to Google the answer.

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Protecting Upper Peninsula water



Guest Column

Jordan Mattarella

As I was figuring out where I should attend college, I was overwhelmed with various options; however, something about Northern Michigan University stood out to me. It's hard to find a school with the perfect balance between academics and outdoor activities that you can enjoy, but Northern has them both. I knew that I couldn't be anywhere but close to the wonders of beauty that Earth has to offer. The U.P. has that Colorado vibe but that in-state tuition price as well... best of both worlds.

Look around you in the hallways; is it just me or do half of the students wear flannels and hiking boots every day?

First off, here's a little information on why Northern is such an "earth enthusiast campus." The region offers 11 hiking trails, 96 miles of cross

country ski trails, 500 miles of snowmobile trails, 11 accessible waterfalls and about 10 miles of city bike paths. Just down the road from campus is Presque Isle Park, a 328-acre peninsula park with hiking/ski trails, a boat launch, scenic drive, picnic areas, play ground, band shell and Moosewood Nature Center surrounded by sandy and rocky beaches. For all of the shredders out there, Marquette mountain is where it's at. Downhill skiing and snowboarding is available on one of the longest vertical runs in the Midwest. Echo Lake Nature Preserve is an amazing place to escape studying and relax on the shores of a pristine lake surrounded by granite ridges. Just a five minute drive from campus and you're at Dead River Falls, surrounded by flowing rivers and majestic waterfalls.

The list goes on and on but Lake Superior is our home. We are surrounded by 1100 miles of scenic shoreline, perfect for sailing, diving, fishing, cliff jumping and swimming. We all share a like-minded passion and appreciation for our earth; however,

what can we do to protect it?

Just recently I have had the honor of being part of a passionate and driven environmentalist group called Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards. I get to work with like-minded people who care for and treasure deeply all that Mother Earth provides. If you'd like to be an advocate and protector of the natural environment that surrounds us, join the team. Our mission is to educate others to become active players in protecting and saving what's left of our fragile environment.

We plan to connect as many people from various walks of life as possible to participate in our mission.

Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards is a faith-based initiative to establish a collaborative partnership to monitor, protect and sanctify the lakes and rivers of our Upper Peninsula.

This non-profit is working hard at becoming more responsible stewards of our watersheds and water resources and to encourage people to become aware of doing their part as well.

What sets this environmentalist group apart from any other is that it is faith-based. We are a very diverse group of spiritual stewards. "The powerful invitation that is carried in this group is that we are people from extremely different religious traditions but we unite in a common mission to care for, protect and honor the natural world that is our home," said head member of the Water Stewards Committee Jon Magnuson. This explains exactly why we have a Buddhist priest and a Lutheran pastor working together; you don't see this every day. As the team has grown, we now have many more denominations that are represented, including the Methodist, Episcopal, Buddhist, Lutheran and Jewish communities.

Jon Magnuson states, "there is a return of teachings from the Native American community which are reminding us that the earth and its ecological systems are living things and they need to be treated with reverence." We strive to bring a sense of the sacred back to the earth. To our honoring and protection

of water. The Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards do this by raising consciousness through prayers, rituals, education, public service announcements and columns in Marquette Monthly.

The big event that is coming up is at 7 p.m. April 28. There will be a presentation called "The Gift of Water." There will be 100 candles burning, while Dr. Scott Herron, an ethnobotanist and a member of the Odawa Tribal community, will be speaking that evening from the perspective of the Native American World. After the presentation there will be a distribution of 500 cedar trees that people can make a donation for that will be planted in the Yellow Dog community forest this spring. This will be held at Messiah Lutheran church on 305 West Magnetic street and anyone is welcome.

Our main goal is to mobilize and to organize a diverse group of people to join in the extensive work of protecting and honoring the waters that we are surrounded by here in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Save water, save life.

Social media's internal struggle



Guest Column

Jackson Myhre

I remember my freshman year of high school in 2011 when my parents finally decided to let me make my own Facebook profile. This was the latest trend among my peers so I felt that I needed it. Once I made my profile, set my profile picture and made my first embarrassing Facebook post, I was off to the races. I added my four close friends and from there, my online social circle expanded. At the time Facebook was the biggest deal since AIM. It began an internet revolution, inspiring others to bring their ideas for social media to life. Now there are hundreds of different online apps and websites dedicated to reaching out to strangers or sharing your thoughts and favorite moments for the world to see. From the 140-character limit of Twitter to the picture posting app Instagram, social media has come a long way.

I recall sitting on my couch, waiting for the bus to take me to the very place I wish to never return. High school. As I waited, my friend at the time texted me saying that I told someone that Eminem, a famous rapper, was coming to my house because of Make-A-Wish Foundation for my brother. This was so elaborately detailed that I was shocked in disbelief. Word quickly spread

to my other friends, their friends and total strangers. I was bombarded with messages on Facebook of people calling me out, saying I was lying although I never said it in the first place. Soon enough things returned to normal, my friends stayed my friends for the next couple of years and people moved on. Social media provides us with the platform to expand our social circles and reach out to those who have not been able to hear from us before. It allows celebrities and sports players to reach fans like never before. However, all the good can surely not be the only force lurking behind social media; this other force is the same force that I experienced all those years ago.

The negative side of social media was used against a young boy just a few weeks ago. According to CBS News, Tysen Benz, 11, died at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor after being on life support for three weeks from a suicide attempt on March 14. This tragedy echoed through the Marquette community and gained widespread attention. A 13-year-old girl who is not identified told Benz that she was going to take her own life. Benz told her that he would kill himself and she did not act accordingly to save him. Through the power of social media, she used her friends' social media accounts to post fake proof of her own suicide. This is what led Benz to attempt suicide.

After the tragic loss of Tysen Benz Katrina Goss, Benz's

mother, asks parents to "Please monitor all of your children's technological device usage. It is not an invasion of privacy. It is imperative to know what they are doing and to whom they are socializing with." As children grow up, they are slowly figuring out their roles within society and how they will fit in with the people around them. This is a crucial time for the health and wellbeing for all children around the age of Tysen Benz. For something so tragic to happen to both Benz and his family is a reflection on the power of social media.

This heinous act speaks volumes regarding social media and what we do with it. While grown adults can handle their social media accounts responsibly, for the most part, this does not mean that our children should have them. The power of social media will always have an impact on present day culture, but it will always remain a privilege. As we move forward with technological, medical and cultural advances, social media will always remain a driving force in the world of the Internet. While this feature allows us to spread our ideas and share our adventures, it is not something that should be taken for granted. To avoid regretful posts on Facebook and to avoid getting sucked into a lie that consumes your social media accounts, such as mine was, there must be limitations. These limitations can prevent negative results and even save lives.

SOUND OFF

What does transparency on campus mean to you?



Jenna Behnke, grad student biology

"I think it would be good if Northern was transparent about how the money is spent and on what departments. Also for like green initiatives, like how much energy is being used and then also involving students in those decision making processes."



Matt Johnson, junior secondary education

"Transparency on campus to me means us being well-informed as students and student body. So that would mean President Erickson keeping his word and keeping us well-informed and I think he's done a pretty good job at that. I think in the last three years there have been a couple of scandals involving the North Wind but I think it has gotten better and I think there still can be some improvements made."



Samantha Carter, junior media production & new technology

"I would like to know at least in my specific departments, I suppose it applies to all departments, what the future of the department intends to look like. As incoming students or even like sophomores are looking at how they want to graduate knowing what classes they can expect or whether the department is going to change."



Andrew Adamski, grad student biology

"I think transparency is sort of a top-down thing where you have the amount of effort that administration and those people making decisions. They're making good effort to really push our campus forward but transparency is also involving students in that whether it's letting them attend Academic Senate meetings or just being involved from the start to the finish and really knowing what's going on."

compiled by Lindsey Eaton



Christine DeFord/NW

Thill's Fish House, located on Lakeshore Boulevard, supplies fish to much of Marquette and its surrounding areas. Thill's has been run by three generations of Thill men and open since 1961.

Get your Thill at Thill's Fish Market

By Trinity Carey
features editor

Whitefish cakes, dips, chowder and bites a variation or recipe consisting of this fish can be found on just about every restaurant menu in town. Almost all of this fish is supplied by local fishery and market Thill's Fish House, that has been supplying your filets and Friday fry's since 1961.

I think it's more about quality. People like the quality you get out of a smaller business rather than a big chain.

— Dan Thill
owner of Thill's Fish House

Ted Thill began commercially fishing in other areas of Michigan before deciding to settle his store

in the 906. He passed his trade onto his son who passed it onto his sons, and the Thills have been fishing here ever since. Brothers Adam and Dan Thill, the third generation of Thill men, now operate the fish house and have been doing so for over 25 years, said Dan Thill.

"It's something different every day. It is repetition, what we do. It's the same thing everything, every day, but it's a different scenario every day I guess you'd say," Thill said. "One day you've got a ton of fish sittin' on the floor and everybody's working to beat the band and the next day it's not quite that way."

The Thills crew averages a catch of 15 to 16,000 pounds of fish a day and freezes thousands more pounds for customers during the winter months. They go out fishing every day during the open season on their big blue boat that was built in 1946 and has held the same name ever since, the Linda Lee.

"The old timers say it's really superstitious to change the name when you buy a commercial vessel," Thill said.

The fish they bring back from their daily haul is 100 percent processed in the fish house for the returning local customers and the summer tourists, he added.

"I think it's more about quality. People like the quality you get

out of a smaller business rather than a big chain. If we get a lot of requests for something we'll start carrying it just for people, especially regulars that come in a lot."

Thill's supplies whitefish to local restaurants Hudson's, Stucko's, The Landmark, The Vierling, Portside Inn, different hotels and even to businesses in the Negaunee and Gwinn area.

All their fish is caught using

trap nets which is the use of nets sometimes as long as 1200 feet and floats to support the trap. The nets guide fish into a tapered tunnel and trap which they hopefully cannot find their way back out of Thill said.

"But my grandpa used to tell me 'you leave 'em out there too long they're gonna figure it out,' so it was always get out there as soon as you can."

Thill said the fishery is a cool thing that's always been a part of his family and tradition is a big part of keeping that alive.

"I've tried other things; I've gone into construction, I've gone into different trades, trying different things and always end up right back here, back on the water. Once you get in the water it's in your blood. You just want to be in the water all the time."



Christin DeFord/NW

A crew member at the fish house processes some of the freshly caught whitefish from Lake Superior.

An evening inside the wardrobe



NMU hospitality students transform the Jacobetti Complex into Narnia

by Kara Toay/Copy Editor

Circular tables draped with white cloths, topped with beautiful arrangements and trees sparkling next to them transformed the NMU Jacobetti Complex as event goers were taken through the wardrobe to the land of Narnia at The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe fundraising event Friday, April 14.

The event was put on by 17 students in the hospitality management program as a fundraiser for a hospitality scholarship program which one student will receive. One of the challenges of the event was working cohesively with all the different sections of the kitchen to make the event happen, Olivia Johnson, sophomore hospitality management major said.

“It’s a great way for the community to see what we can put together as the hospitality program,” Johnson said.

The 75 guests started the night off at 6 p.m. with an hour long opening reception with music provided by Double Trouble DJs. Wines such as merlot and chenin blanc blend were offered at the open bar along with themed specialty drinks like the “Firefly Cocktail” and the “White Witch Mule.” Guests were able to decorate their own crowns and feel like the kings and queens of Narnia for a night. Hospitality students floated around the room with trays of hors d’oeuvres while other guests tried out a photo booth with props and learned how to fence from professors from the School of Health

and Human Performance.

The hors d’oeuvres consisted of a beet goat cheese and pistachio phyllo cup, fish and chip cones and bourbon roasted pork belly bites.

The White Witch, Mr. Tumnus, Lucy and other main characters from the movie milled around as guests enjoyed the mystical atmosphere. Scenes from “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” played across a projection screen in the commons while people participated in the silent auction.

The silent auction started at the beginning of the reception and ran through dinner. Prizes included a tool kit, different gift certificates such as a sightseeing tour, “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” event t-shirts, a tote bag and Buffalo Wild Wings sauces. The \$3,000 raised from the silent auction and ticket sales will go toward the student scholarship, said Tamara Hunter, junior hospitality major and banquet manager.

Many of the guests that attended the fundraiser had ties to someone in the program or knew someone who had once been a part of the program and this event. Karen Taras had a daughter in the class last year that helped produce the event as a part of NMU’s hospitality program and decided to attend the event again this year.

“I thought it was a worthy cause, cause it goes toward scholarships,” Taras said.

At 7 p.m. guests were whisked away to their seats for a meal fit for any king or queen of Narnia. The meal started

with an appetizer of a scotch egg and was paired with garnacha-a red wine grape. A quinoa, apricot and arugula salad came next. The entrée was a burgundy braised short rib paired with syrah. Dinner was followed by an orange marmalade roll with candied grapefruit peels and mini Turkish Delights and paired with a riesling wine.

During dinner, a short fencing tournament was put on by professors in the spirit of Narnia. Readings from “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe” also took place during dinner with the chapter that acted as the inspiration for this event was summarized. Particular scenes such as when Lucy sees Narnia for the first time and meets Mr. Tumnus as well as when Edmund meets the White Witch were acted out by members of the Vista Theatre, Marquette Theatre and NMU’s theatre department. Three raffles were held during

dessert including the auctioning off of chef Nathan Moleskin and a few students to cater a ten-person dinner at the winner’s house. Overall, Hunter said the event went well. She said that she had a great team who helped with the fundraiser.

“This is our first big event and we’re getting everything together and we’re students, so it’s new to us,” Hunter said.

Deb Pearce, associate professor of technology and occupational sciences said she thought that the students did a remarkably good job putting on the event, adding that there were a lot of details for the particular theme and they did an excellent job translating it for people who may not know what it is.

“Year after year it’s amazing how creative these students can be and it’s a joy to watch it happen,” Pearce said.



Neil Flavin/NW

The event menu was created by the hospitality students specifically for the evening. The salad for the meal consisted of quinoa, apricot and arugula.



Neil Flavin/NW

During the dinner, attendees were entertained by music from Double Trouble DJs, live skits from local theaters and a fencing match from professors of health and human performance.

Father John Misty's 'Pure Comedy' is no joke

By Michael Wilson
layout editor

"Pure Comedy" is the third album by Maryland-born folk-rock singer/songwriter Josh Tillman under the stage name Father John Misty. Other than Tillman's contribution to the staple indie rock band Fleet Foxes's 2011 masterpiece "Helplessness Blues," Father John Misty has been his most recognizable project to date.

"Pure Comedy" is the follow-up to the wildly successful sophomore studio album "I Love You, Honeybear" from 2015. Promoting this new album with four explosive singles, a short film of his recording process and an extraordinary couple of Saturday Night Live performances, the anticipation most fans felt for its release was remarkably intense. Tillman's approach on his latest Father John Misty effort may have opened more doors for him as an artist and revealed more of his personality, but unfortunately has caused it to fall short of the bar set by "I Love You, Honeybear."

On his two previous albums, Father John Misty has not been restricted by the singer/songwriter norms we're used to. Apart from most of his compositions being lyrically dense and accompanied by rich, folksy acoustic guitar and Josh Tillman's rustic vocals, a Father John Misty song has always been far from run-of-the-mill. Not only has he been known for blurring the lines between genres but also culture.

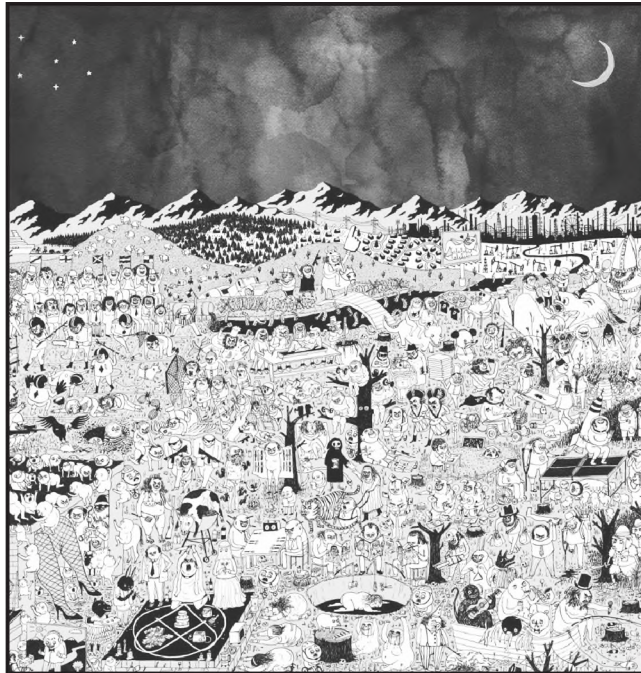
Many songs on "I Love You, Honeybear" have been drenched in Latin and early European influences as well as influences from every dusty hub of American folk and indie rock on the map. However, on "Pure Comedy," these beloved features have

been completely stripped back, restricting the entirety of the album to what seems to be a formula applied to every song in the tracklisting. Almost every song is limited to string and brass arrangements and either piano or guitar along with Tillman's vocals.

The high points of the album are when the formula is used to build intense beautiful climaxes that emphasize Tillman's emotional sentiment and bold socio-political statements in his lyrics.

It's also worth mentioning that none of this album is hard to listen to. The lack of variation between tracks makes it easy to sit back and experience the album as a whole without much thought. Which is a sonic success for the album, but it's unfortunate how often one can find themselves disregarding what he's saying entirely and getting lost in the music. When considering the massive scope and scale of Tillman's statements being made lyrically throughout it, this is very unfortunate. Thus the low points of this album are when Tillman sounds like he is rambling for verses on end with little attention being brought to the content of his message. Understanding his intentions as well as I have come to will certainly require multiple listens.

Always known for being satirical and cheeky in his lyrics, Father John Misty is renowned for



Album: Pure Comedy

Artist: Father John Misty

Label: Sub Pop

Release Date: April 7, 2017

Album Length: 1 hour, 14 minutes, 25 seconds

Rating:



the clever commentary he makes on modern-day religion, technology, media, government, sexuality, war, pop culture and basically everything else. In "Pure Comedy" Tillman steps up the satire and parody as he exposes the public's flaws (not even sparing himself) with wit and charm.

In songs "Total Entertainment Forever" and "Ballad of the Dying Man" he hilariously mocks society's clueless dependence on technology and their constant stream of media. It's in these tracks that Father John Misty rolls out some of his most memorable satire in his career in lines like "Bedding Taylor Swift every night inside the Oculus Rift" and "Eventually the dying man takes his final breath. But first checks his news feed to see what he's 'bout to miss." Tillman even mercilessly tears the music industry that he plays a part in apart for a full 13 minutes on the track "Leaving LA."

Now, the bold change in song structure may have caused sonic

repetitiveness and a decrease in eccentricity from Father John Misty's last album, but the exploration into this more atmospheric sound has allowed him to compose epic productions such as the singles "Pure Comedy" and "Total Entertainment Forever." These songs, with their grand eruptions of brass, strings and Tillman's most loud and broad vocal performances are what excited me the most about the release of a new album.

I felt this same excitement when listening to "So I'm Grow-

ing Old on Magic Mountain," a somber ode to mortality that strikes lyrical and conceptual resemblance to Neil Young's "Sugar Mountain," which along with "In Twenty Years or So" are the only songs that utilize synthesizers in the entire album.

This style is an important step in the right direction for Father John Misty and I hope he continues to push the boundaries of his sass and sarcasm while also refining the huge sound that made the arrival of this new project so intriguing.

Floating through the Midwest



The Great Lake Swimmers beguiled listeners with haunting reverb on April 18 at the Ore Dock Brewing Co. Hailing from Toronto, the band is known for recording in unconventional spaces such as a grain silo and caverns.

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Gettin' winned and dined in the 906

By AnnMarie Kent
sports editor



Marquette has long been lacking a place for wine. Yes, most bars sell Barefoot by the glass, but with the increase in millennials drinking and appreciating wine, Zephyr Wine Bar gives Marquette the upscale wine experience it has been craving.

When I first entered Zephyr I was overwhelmed with the smell of raclette. The large wheel of cheese is scraped of its top layer for a delicious cheese dish. While raclette is tasty, the smell in the restaurant wasn't as enticing; everything else about Marquette's wine bar is.

Someone from the staff greeted me quickly and made sure I would get a table that I would be comfortable in. So I waited just a few minutes for a table. I sat down and was given a comprehensive menu with their extensive amount of wines, beers,

spirits and food. The clipboard-style menu gave it a modern feel.

The wide array of wines would normally be intimidating, but the menu is broken up well. It made it easy to find the right kind of wine for my taste. My love of dry white wines led me to a riesling. While stumbling through the pronunciation of the German wine, the waiter quickly and flawlessly rattled out Dr. Bürklin-Wolf, Bürklin-Wolf Estate Riesling. It was clear he had a vast knowledge of the wines he was serving. The wine was tart, smooth and perfect matched its description as "bone-dry."

While Zephyr is a wine bar, they offer a tapas-style array of food. I started with taralli, described as "Little, round Italian breadstick thingies." I found the use of "thingies" on the menu

amusing and relaxing. It proved while being a nice place they didn't take themselves too seriously. The taralli came in a small dish, and visually can only be described as extra large cheerios. At only \$2.50 they were a nice, small, crunchy starter.

As friends joined me we ordered a cheese board. Zephyr has a large cooler filled with many fresh cheeses. The board was served on a slate, giving it a modern look. The selection on the board included bleu cheese, gouda, goat and others. Some of the cheeses came with pairings to compliment their flavor, such as a cheese paired with figs which was absolutely perfect. One of the only flaws in the wait staff's service was not explaining the cheeses to us.

Zephyr pairs modern designs with classic technique. The old fashioned slicer sat in the corner and waitress sliced cured meat for the meat and cheese board. The interior design around the space includes geometric patterns, especially in the light fixtures. The clean, white seats match the modern atmosphere. The mosaic on the wall behind the bar gives the contemporary restaurant an artsy touch.

After enjoying another glass of wine I decided to order the autumn snap salad, a mix of greens and brussel sprouts with a lemon vinaigrette. It was a really fresh salad, but I would have loved more of a lemon bite from



Emma Tembreull/NW

The Zephyr Bar brings a variety of wine offerings to Marquette.

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the vinaigrette. The lemon flavor was very subtle.

My final plate was the burrata, an incredible cheese dish. The dish pairs a creamy stracciatella cheese center with a solid mozzarella shell. Zephyr adds drizzles of balsamic vinegar and cold pressed olive oil to give a tangy and smooth compliment to the dish. Definitely my favor-

ite part of my experience.

Apart from the food, the friendly staff was a highlight of the experience. They were always eager to help, explain or suggest. The slightly upscale bar geared toward people with knowledge and love of wine is also easily accessible to people without the knowledge looking to learn a bit more about wine.

Local musicians set to rock the Forest Roberts Theatre

By Jamie Glenn
staff writer

Local and out-of-town bands and DJs will come together for the first ever Forest Roberts Theatre Battle of the Bands competition, in collaboration with Double Trouble entertainment. The battle will take place at 7:30 on April 22 at the Forest Robert Theatre (FRT).

Seven bands will be competing in this event. Those who attend can expect to hear tastes of folk, indie rock, funk and metal while at the show.

DJs will be performing in between sets, said David Pierce, the technical director and production manager for the FRT.

"Not only are we going to be showcasing a lot of the local bands from the U.P. but then we'll also be helping to showcase a few of the local DJs that are in the area as well," Pierce said.

Judging will be based on stage presence, entertainment value and audience reaction. Judging will include Dan Truckey of the Beaumier Heritage Center, and Mollie Hollebeke from WJMN

Local 3 News. The third judge is still being determined.

Raffles and prizes will include cakes, gift certificates and a raffle for a \$500 scholarship. Proceeds from this event will benefit the First Nighters Club, an NMU foundation that creates opportunities for student artists and supports the FRT and its productions.

"There will be cakes from Joe's Cakes. I think we're going to get some gift certificates to Digs," Pierce said.

Pending the success of this first

event, the group looks to make adjustments for the years following, he added.

"This is the first time we've ever done an event like this, so I think we're just kind of excited to see where it goes and what the audience thinks of an event like this. I think it's got a lot of potential to be a fairly large event for us."

Events like this boost student résumés by offering opportunity to practice real world skills, Pierce said.

"We're using this as a learning tool for some of our theater ma-

jors. I'm incorporating this event into my Entertainment Technologies II class, they are able to learn things like focusing an instrument, programing the light board and setting up a sound system, now they are able to learn that stuff and apply it to an actual event. It really opens doors and really opens their eyes to the possibilities they have outside of Northern once they graduate."

Tickets are available at any NMU tickets offices or online. The tickets cost \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.



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In the Wildcat Room, NMU's newly named hockey head coach Grant Potulny speaks at the press conference announcing his hiring. Potulny comes from the University of Minnesota.

Hockey's newest Wildcat

Former University of Minnesota assistant coach, Grant Potulny named third head coach in NMU Hockey history.

By AnnMarie Kent
sports editor

Consistency and culture were the focus of Tuesday's press conference announcing Grant Potulny as the new head coach of the NMU Hockey team.

After the dismissal of former head coach Walt Kyle, a search began that brought 69 applications to NMU. The search committee, made up of alumni, players and board members, narrowed down the list to 15 candidates. The committee interviewed those candidates through video chat. Five finalists were brought to campus for face-to-face interviews, where Potulny was selected.

Fritz Erickson, university president, said the five candidates made the decision difficult.

"We had an amazing pool of candidates," Erickson said. "It was really great to see our university community embrace and support people as they came and working through this particular process."

Potulny comes from the University of Minnesota where he

spent the last five years as an assistant coach for the Golden Gophers. According to an NMU press release, Potulny coached forwards, power-play units and was heavily involved in recruiting. Forrest Karr, athletic director, said these are strong qualities in Potulny as a coach.

"Grant's ability to recruit and build relationships with players, this was the final thing for me. Watching him interact with Zach [Diamantoni] in the interview process and again today was truly enjoyable."

Karr also commended Potulny for his organizational skills and attention to detail.

During his time as a player Potulny played for the Golden Gophers. He was the first player since 1947 to be named a captain three years in a row. He led the Gophers to two separate national titles. The native of Grand Forks, North Dakota was a three-time state champion in high school. He played junior hockey with the Lincoln Stars, an elite hockey organization that many Wildcats have been a part of.

Potulny said he was welcomed

to Marquette with positivity by the community and the energy

Grant is without question a leader and has been throughout his entire career.

— Forrest Karr
athletic director

they put into NMU hockey.

"The one thing that stood out to me was the passion in the community about the hockey program," he said. "You could just feel it, you could feel the energy coming out of the people."

Potulny said his favorite part of coaching is the lives he's able to touch and influence.

"You get to take a young person who is coming into their own in the world and you get four years to mold them into becoming out-

standing people in the community and get them ready for what's

next in their lives," Potulny said.

Karr said while making calls about Potulny, his integrity and character were consistent themes in the conversation. He said Potulny is the kind of person every parent would want their son playing for.

"Grant is without question a leader and has been throughout his entire career," Karr said. "Another thing that stands out is Grant's attention to detail. He's organized and has a plan

for our program. I've noticed the same quality in many of the great coaches I've worked with throughout the years."

Potulny talked about his plans for the team, including bringing his consistency into the program. He said that players will know what to expect from him every day and every practice.

"I know players want to be coached, players want details, players want consistency," he said.

Potulny mentioned the "Wildcat Way," what he describes as doing everything the right way and a culture he promises to instill in players.

"I'm inheriting a program with a great culture," he said. "Now it's my turn to add my spin on it and to bring in my ideas and to create my family."

Recruitment is something Potulny said he will stress as head coach.

"We need to continue to bring in bright young people, great athletes to come into this program and help us succeed in the future. Better people make better Wildcats."

SPORTS BRIEFS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Northern Michigan head coach Sonia Basma unveiled the women's soccer team's 2017 schedule Wednesday afternoon.

The Wildcats will play nine of their 16 games at the NMU Soccer Field. Their home schedule includes two non-conference titles against Minnesota teams and seven GLIAC matches.

"We are looking forward to having most of our matches at home next fall," Basma said. "That will be huge for us. Now, it's about making sure we get the community involved in attending as many of our games as possible. With the kind of players we have coming in, it will make it worthwhile for our supporters. The team's been working hard this spring, and we're looking forward to producing good soccer next fall."

Northern Michigan begins the 2017 campaign on the road at St. Cloud State (Sept. 1) and Winona State (Sept. 3). The Wildcats then take on Minnesota Duluth (Sept. 8) and Bemidji State (Sept. 10) in their first home weekend.

During GLIAC action, Northern Michigan will face Saginaw Valley State (Sept. 15), Northwood (Sept. 17), Michigan Tech (Oct. 8), Tiffin (Oct. 13), Ashland (Oct. 15), Ferris State (Oct. 20) and Grand Valley State (Oct. 22) at the NMU Soccer Field.

Highlights of the Wildcats' road schedule includes their regular-season finale at Michigan Tech on Oct. 27.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Northern Michigan women's basketball head coach Troy Mattson announced the signing of Elizabeth Lutz and Allissa Willa to National Letters of Intent Thursday afternoon.

"We are excited to have Liz and Allissa join our program," Mattson said. "They are both very athletic and have an incredible will to succeed."

Lutz, a 5-foot-9 guard from Marshall, Wis., was named the Capitol South Conference Player of the Year as a senior after averaging 19.5 points, 9.6 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 2.4 steals per game.

Willa, a 6-foot forward from Wilson, Mich., was a first team all-conference pick as a junior at Bark River-Harris High School and as a senior at North Central High School.

GOLF

The women's golf team placed in the top five at its third straight event, tying for second at the Cav Classic on April 10-11. Karissa Guthrie (4th), Haley Hewer (10th) and Caro Els (11th) cracked the top 15.

At the 2016 GLIAC Championship, their first in program history, the Wildcats took 10th. Guthrie tied for seventh, posting a three-round score of 230.

The men's golf team's last invitational was the Purgatory Regional on April 9-10. Northern Michigan finished 15th at the event, which was shortened to one round due to weather.

The Wildcats placed sixth at the 2016 GLIAC Championship. The Wildcats' finish was their best since the 1998-99 campaign, when they took third with a score of 917.



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Sophomore attacker Isabel Stich runs down the field at the Superior Dome against Concordia-St. Paul.

Lacrosse returns home to the Superior Dome

By Ryan Spitz
staff writer

The Northern Michigan Women's Lacrosse team will receive a warm welcome home this weekend when it takes on the University of Indianapolis (8-4) April 23 at the Superior Dome.

The Wildcats are coming off of nine straight games on the road dating back to March 18. The Wildcats went 1-8 on the trip with the lone victory coming against Wheeling Jesuit University (5-7) at a score of 15-5.

Last weekend the Wildcats fell to GLIAC opponent Grand Valley State (4-8) by a score of 22-2. Freshman Graison Ringlever netted both goals for the Wildcats in the loss. The Lakers scored eight unanswered goals before Ringlever notched her seventeenth goal of the season at 21:38 of the first half. The second goal for Ringlever came at 19:15 of the second half.

"As a team we performed very well offensively and defensively," Ringlever said. "We were a little scattered at the beginning, but Emilia [Ward] called a timeout which really focused all of us and allowed us to set up our offense and defense properly which enabled me to execute my part."

Ringlever is second on the team in scoring with 18 goals and two assists for 20 points on the season, only trailing sophomore

Shelby Klotz who has 27 points.

Ringlever commented on her point tally and stepping up into a leadership role.

"I definitely try to keep myself humble about it," Ringlever said. "Everyone works the best they can and everyone brings something different to the field. I know that I can spar for my teammates and support them in that way and do my best every game."

"We were playing a team that's very experienced, they've been around for a while," junior goalkeeper Brianna Bangle said. "We just did what we could."

Bangle is currently the only goalkeeper on the team but said she handles it pretty well.

"You do see a lot of reps as the only goalie," Bangle said. "Emilia keeps it so I don't get overwhelmed."

Ward said the match against Grand Valley State was a learning experience for the team.

"Going into that game we kind of had small program goals," Ward said. "I thought our young girls competed really well against them. We probably had our best offensive performance all season long in terms of end zone time and pressure on their defense, so we made some good strides there going into this home stretch."

This weekend, the Wildcats welcome an Indianapolis team with eight wins on the season

and currently sit fourth place in the GLIAC with two conference wins.

Ward noted that both teams share similarities.

"They're an interesting team, this is their second year so they went through the growing pains last year like us," Ward said. "They're a tough test; they play a different defense than we've seen all season, so for us prepping offensively is a little different so it will be a good test to see a different type of opponent."

Ward said returning home will be good for the team playing in front of its fans again.

"I think it will be good for the girls to play in front of their home fans again," Ward said. "We had great support from parents as well as incoming freshmen and other recruits came to a lot of games on the road so it gave us friendly faces."

As for the casual fan who looks at the 2-10 record, Ward said her team still has a lot to offer for those who want to come out and support.

"We didn't schedule to win games this year," Ward said. "We could've easily done that but we are still very competitive with teams out there and we're still a fun team to watch. We'll work hard for 60 minutes and I think fans will still be able to get a lot out of it whether it's a win or a loss."



Track & Field captures another victory

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Over Easter weekend the Northern Michigan University Women's Track and Field team cruised on to their second victory of the outdoor season at the St. Norbert College Twilight meet in De Pere, Wisconsin. They also gained a new school record from one of the athletes at the Mt. SAC Relays in Torrance, California.

At the Mt. SAC Relays, junior distance runner Kameron Burmeister set a new school record in the 10,000-meter run at 36:15.71, shattering her own record by 55 seconds to finish in ninth place in the "B" division. Her old record, 37:10.44, was part of a third place run back at the 2016 GLIAC Championships.

Even though Burmeister was the only NMU athlete to attend this event, head coach Jenny Ryan was proud of her record-setting achievement.

"That was definitely exciting," Ryan said. "She's been running a lot of races with a lot of strong competition, so it can help pull her to that record."

Sophomore sprinter Jenna Long speculated that Burmeister would've clinched the record at



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Junior distance runner Kieren Becker runs a distance race during the Northern Challenge at the Superior Dome.

any meet.

"I wasn't very surprised, because she is a hard worker," Long said. "She's always improving and she is fun to watch."

In the St. Norbert College Twilight meet, the Wildcats clinched 12 of 20 events en route to their second victory in the outdoor season. Senior Avadon James in the 800-meter run (2:12.37) and junior Ine Mylle in the triple jump (38' 8.25") and 100-meter hurdles (14.9) placed

first in their respective events. Both Junior Kieren Becker (distance) and sophomore Michelle Juergen (multi-event) also placed in the NCAA provisionals.

Ryan said that everyone as a whole competed well with some outstanding results.

"The team competed really well there, we had some really good performances," Ryan said. "The entire team also competed really well."

Ryan also believed the team is

far from better opponents.

"We're doing really well, I'm happy with how we're competing," Ryan said. "Once we taper down and give them more rest, the performances will be even better."

Mylle had a good meet, but she said she knows she can be improving in her events.

"I wasn't particularly happy, not distance-wise, but how I finished in the results," Mylle said. "I was really negative, but I got

two new PRs in the 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles, so it made my day a little bit better."

"As for triple jump being my main event, I still hope to perform better next week," Mylle added.

Including the first place finishes in the meet, NMU also placed 10 runner-up finishes along with five third-place finishes, totaling 574 points. The Wildcats tallied 71 points more than the second place team, the host university St. Norbert University.

As NMU looks forward to their next meets at the Al Owens Classic and at the GLIAC Outdoor Championships, the team knows they have to prepare for the bigger meets ahead.

Long said by resting while preparing for the next meet, the team will be ready for all the events they're competing in.

"I guess we're going to try to recover as best we can, so our bodies will be in prime condition," Long said.

NMU races back on the road to compete at the Al Owens Classic April 21-22 in Grand Rapids.

"It should be another good meet, the nice thing is that there will be definitely be more higher-level competition," Ryan said.

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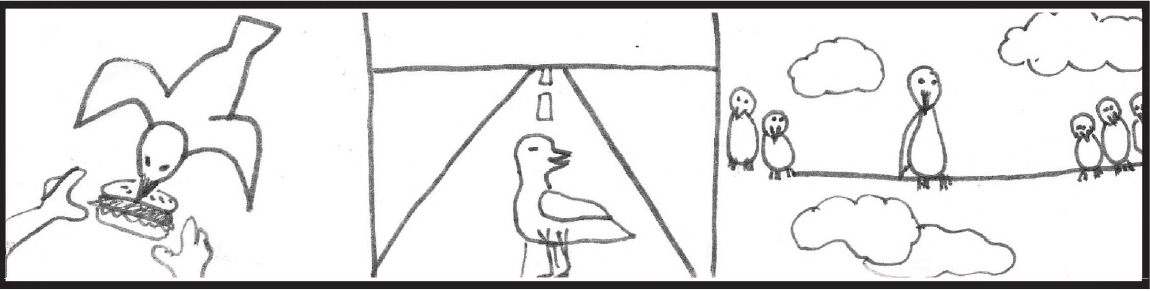
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