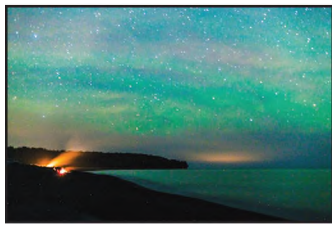


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About 400 community members, NMU students and professors marched nearly one mile down Third Street during the March for Science Saturday, April 22 calling for continued funding.

# Marquette marches for science

By Kayla Miller  
editor-in-chief

"It's my Earth," retired professor Mohey Mowafy said during the March for Science on Third Street Saturday.

He said he marched because the planet is important not only for his generation but for future ones as well.

The Marquette March for Science, held April 22 on the 47th annual Earth Day as a sister march to the Washington D.C. event, called

for the continuation of publicly funded scientific research. Armed with signs displaying messages like "no science, no life," about 400 community members, NMU professors and students marched nearly a mile down Third Street with a police escort, ending at the Post Office on the corner of Third and Washington streets where the event concluded with a rally.

Attendees chanted, "Stand up for truth, stand up for reason, scientific facts are always in season," during the rally, cheering and wav-

ing their signs as cars drove by at around 11 a.m.

The event was co-organized by the NMU chapters of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society and Gamma Theta Upsilon.

Scott Demel, an associate professor in the department of sociology and anthropology, said his motivation for marching was his fear of losing financial support for the sciences and the arts, saying they are critical to the nation and to future generations.

"If we lose those, we lose everything," Demel said.

Martin Reinhardt and Jud Sojourn, two Native American Studies professors, along with other Native American community members, rang off the start of the rally by playing a morning thunder drum. Reinhardt spoke later during the rally about the importance of protecting the Earth. Other speakers included Jen Hill, education program manager at the Superior Watershed Partnership, and Patrick Brown, an NMU

biology professor.

Marquette City Commissioner, NMU professor and former chairman of the International Joint Commission between Canada and the United States Tom Baldini said "What makes America great are the thinking, logical people" involved in science. Baldini, while chairman of the joint commission helped manage the Great Lakes shared by the two countries. He said he participated in

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## Academic Senate votes on recording regulations

By Winter Keefer  
assistant news editor

Adding a bylaw to the Academic Senate bylaws that would either increase or decrease regulations regarding photography or audio and video recording of meetings was debated at length during Tuesday afternoon's Academic Senate meeting.

Four options were proposed for the new side bylaw titled article 616.

The first option was requiring still photography, video,

audio recording or broadcast of the senate meetings to have a two-third majority vote of the full members of the senate. The request to the board must be submitted to the senate executive committee prior to the senate meeting so the vote can be placed on the senate meeting agenda.

Second, still photography, video, audio recording or broadcast of the senate meeting require a two-thirds

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## Professor announces run for Congress

By Trevor Drew  
opinion editor

On the steps of the Marquette County Courthouse Monday afternoon Northern Michigan University communication and performance studies professor Dwight Brady announced his candidacy as a democrat for 1st District congressional seat.

Along with announcing his candidacy, the NMU professor added that he is displeased with current representative Jack Bergman and feels Bergman lacks the proper perspective to represent the Upper Peninsula and north-

ern lower Michigan.

"We need someone who will give us more than just two hours of his time every four months," Brady said to the crowd of friends, family, campaign staff and members of the media. "But most off all we need someone who is actually from this district."

As a native of the U.P. and a self-described outdoorsman, Brady said he has a passion for his home Northern Michigan, which he feels is necessary to be an effective representative of the area.

"[Bergman] pretends to be from here and as someone who was born and raised in this dis-



BRADY

trict, I don't have to pretend. This is my home."

Another point Brady brought against Bergman was his support

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# Marketing students develop product along with web business

By Noah Hausmann  
staff writer

An NMU marketing class has developed and is now selling customized phone pockets with the iconic Great Lakes and Upper Peninsula logos on them.

Students from MKT470: E-commerce and Marketing class have started the company UPockets, a web business project designed to allow students, who are predominantly seniors, to gain real-world experience operating an internet business before entering the job force.

"I hadn't had that much experience in the field for my major," said senior public relations major Jalyn Dagenais, who is the project lead for UPocket's PR team. "But with this, I get to learn hands-on."

Adjunct assistant professor Derek Hall, who is also the assistant vice president of marketing and communications at NMU, regularly instructs introductory-level courses in the marketing department, but this semester was his first time teaching e-commerce.

Hall said he looked at how the class was taught before, and how the textbook used in the past was about 800 pages and cost \$250.

"I thought that [book] was daunting for me, let alone for the students," Hall added with a grin.

Hall restructured the class. Instead of a textbook he decided

his students would be required to choose a product, redesign it and sell it online as an e-commerce business.

From the start of class in January, Hall set April 1, 2017 as the product launch deadline. In a little over 10 weeks the 20 students had to figure out what product they'd sell, create the online business and develop a marketing campaign. They had a dozen ideas but narrowed it down to the phone pocket because they could buy them cheaply from a local vendor, customize them and they're easy to ship, Hall



Hall

explained.

A UPocket is an adhesive sleeve that can hold wallet items, such as debit cards and student IDs, that attaches to the back of a cell-phone. There are two different designs to buy—one is with the Upper Peninsula outline in copper on the face of the pocket and the other is of the Great Lakes in blue.

UPockets are sold online-only from the website upockets.com.

Customers can buy one pocket for \$4.99 or \$7.99 for a two-pocket bundle. From each \$4.99 sale, the company nets \$2, Hall explained.

Instead of using university funds, Hall himself is the UPockets company's sole investor, putting in about \$400 of his own money for the start-up. Through sales the company has made \$825 so far, recouping Hall's investment and netting the rest as revenue. Sales have been to customers as far away as Florida and Alaska.

The class met for three hours once a week to create their business. The students, whose majors range from business to psychology, split into specialized groups to create a website, social media profile pages, advertising, public relations, a viral video and to design the product.

"All the things they'd talk about before in their marketing classes, they do in class now," Hall said.

Students used current industry marketing books on e-commerce rather than textbooks, and Hall also brought in guest speakers from the field to give the students advice, including self-proclaimed U.P. ambassador Buggy Sailor. Sailor also became a local social media influencer to sponsor the product. The day after Sailor posted UPockets on his website was the company's largest day of sales, Hall said.

"I've learned it's a lot of work to start your own business," Dagenais added. "But now I know I have the skills to do so."

## The buzz about bees: Honeybee project makes its way to NMU

By Kayla Bell  
staff writer

The NMU Plant Ecology Club plans to start a beehive at the NMU Hoop House or Superior Acre Permaculture this May. They ran a successful online fundraiser this past Monday and their goal of \$280 was reached in the first day.

"Beehives are crazy superorganisms. It's just really interesting to be able to work with them and learn about them," Anna Slowik, graduate biology student and secretary of the NMU Plant Ecology Club said.

The club asked for \$280 to cover the costs of the frames to build the hive, a bee smoker and the nuc, pronounced like nucleus, which is the queen bee and her colony of about a thousand honey bees. As of Wednesday the group is \$80 above their goal. They plan to save the extra money raised for future needs such as expanding the hive capacity or getting another hive next year.

The idea for a beehive on campus has been trying to find a home for awhile. Nick Zoller, the club's vice president and senior biology student with an emphasis on ecology said other groups have attempted to bring a beehive to NMU in previous years but it never happened.

"It's hard to start a beehive because you have to be doing it at the right time of the year. You can only start it in this one-month period in the spring," Slowik said.

NMU will join the list of schools like the University of Michigan and Michigan State in having their own beehive for students and community members to learn from.

The club regularly hosts workshops to train new members and anyone who wants to come out and learn. They plan on taking care of the hive all summer and will be creating a student organization specific to beekeeping in the fall. The intention is that the beekeeping club will feel more

inclusive to students and community members who aren't science majors but still are interested in beekeeping as a hobby.

"We need bees, they're great pollinators. It's also just overall good for the community of Marquette to have a big beehive pollinating all of our native flowers and plants," Zoller said.

The nuc will arrive by mail in mid-May. It is basically a box containing the queen and her colony of honeybees. Plant Ecology members will then transfer them to the hive.

"They just build a whole architectural wonder in there with hundreds of hexagonal cells for all their little people to live in and stuff. Bees are awesome," Slowik said.

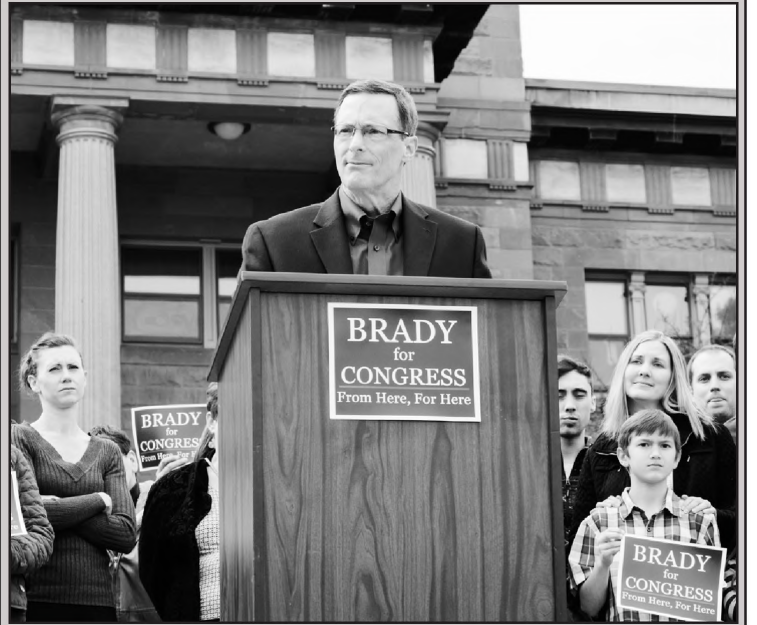
For more information or to get involved, updates and volunteer information will be posted on the NMU Plant Ecology Club's Facebook page: facebook.com/NMUPlantEcologyClub. The group can be reached via email at NMUPlantEcology@gmail.com.

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of the Republican health care bill. Although the bill was ultimately voted down, Brady said that had it passed, it could have put rural hospitals in the district at risk.

in tax cuts to corporations and expect to balance a budget."

Brady praised former 1st District Representative Bart Stupak, who he said would take any free moment he had from Washington to spend back in his district and added that he hopes to represent northern Michigan the same way.



Lindsey Eaton/NW

NMU multimedia journalism professor, academic adviser and "Boxed In" documentary maker Dwight Brady announces his candidacy for Congress Monday.

"The rule of thumb in congress is not to vote the party line but to vote your district," he said. "You always vote your district first and Jack Bergman was not prepared to do that."

Brady said he will push to protect health care for Michiganders who are fearful of losing their coverage. Along with that, he added he would also focus on the national debt and decreasing the number of tax breaks given to corporations.

"I know we have to cut spending, but republicans want to cut spending and turn around and give huge tax breaks to billionaires. The numbers just don't add up," Brady said. "It's fine to spend \$1 trillion on infrastructure but you can't give \$3 trillion

As for the road ahead, the NMU professor sees the large size of the district to be an issue as far as campaigning. However, Brady said he feels his appreciation for the state will make traveling enjoyable.

"I look forward to driving to places in northern lower Michigan that I've never been to, Brady said. "There are so many cool little peninsulas that stick out of the big peninsula that it would be just so much fun to visit some of these smaller towns and get to know people all across the district."

Brady said he will continue to teach at NMU and added that instead of his campaign splitting his time, he thinks of it as doubling his work load.

## Three students arrested on felony firearm charges

By Kayla Miller  
editor-in-chief

Three NMU students were arrested after allegedly going on a shooting spree throughout Marquette.

NMU students Seth Warren Gustafson, 19, Justin Robert Zyburt, 19 and Jay Yung Oberg, 20, were arrested April 26 on three-count felonies including one count of Malicious Destruction of Personal Property; \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000, one count of Weapons - Felony Firearm - Pneumatic Gun and one count of Weap-

ons - Firearms - Possession of a Loaded Firearm in or upon a vehicle.

All three charges stem from an April 24 incident in which police say the three men were shooting windows out of cars with a pneumatic gun. The Marquette City Police and Marquette County Sheriff's Department received over thirty reports of damaged houses, cars and outbuildings in the city and Marquette Township.

Total bond was set at \$3,500 each for Gustafson, Oberg and Zyburt.

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## STATE NEWS

Democrat candidate for governor Abdul El-Sayed pitched a “sanctuary state” concept in a policy platform outline. El-Sayed wants to make Michigan a “sanctuary state” for undocumented immigrants against President Trump’s call to increase enforcement and deportations. He also proposed a public health insurance program for Michigan residents, a minimum wage increase and universal preschool access. Trump signed an executive order in January that threatens to cut off federal grant for sanctuary cities but El-Sayed said he is not concerned by Trump’s threat to pull funding.

## NATIONAL NEWS

President Trump signed an executive order Wednesday that would review the enforcement of the law that allows him to designate land as national monuments. The order could allow him to roll back the protection of lands designated by Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama and lead to the reshaping of 24 national monuments, including Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Basin and Range National Monument, as well as some Pacific Ocean monuments, including the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

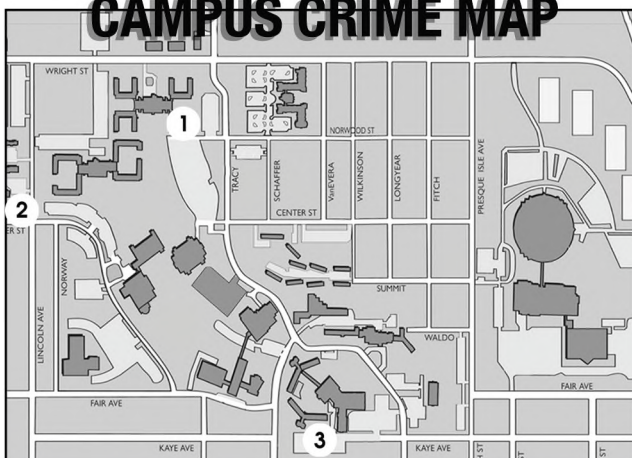
Ten people were brought in for questioning by French police who believe they could have supplied weapons to Amedy Coulibaly, who killed four people at supermarket in Paris in January 2015. A spokeswoman for the Paris prosecutor said ten people from northern France and Belgium have been taken into custody since Monday, including several arrests on Wednesday morning. Coulibaly’s deadly siege at the Jewish grocery store in an eastern suburb of Paris occurred just two days after brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi stormed the offices of a French magazine, killing 12 and injuring 11.

## WEIRD NEWS

A resident from Brooklyn, New York recently managed to photograph a sighting of a squirrel attempting to eat a taco the size of its head. The resident hasn’t responded to inquiries about where she took the photo or what taco fillings the squirrel was enjoying. The trend began with the appearance of “Pizza Rat,” a rodent seen dragging a slice of pizza down the stairs of the New York subway in September 2015. The video of “Pizza Rat” managed to inspire people to take other photos of animals with diets just like humans.

— Compiled from news sources

## CAMPUS CRIME MAP



1. A simple assault was reported at 12:35 p.m. Saturday, April 22 in Magers Hall.

2. Larceny of a bike was reported at 12:34 p.m. Saturday, April 22 at Lincoln Apartments.

3. An alcohol violation was reported at 3:59 a.m. Saturday, April 22 in West Hall.

# Cyber security student takes 3rd in challenge at national conference

By *Dawn Lanier*  
news editor

In early April, senior information assurance/cyber defense major Christopher Abbott competed with more than 85 other students, earning third place in the qualification round for the Cyber Security Challenge for the 2017 Cyber Security Challenge at the recent Association of Information Technology National Collegiate Conference in St. Louis Missouri.

“It was pretty stressful but to see your name in top three when you’re done that was pretty exciting,” Abbott said.

The challenge included a 60-minute written test on computer security, methods and tools. There was also a final “puzzle” round, which consisted of 90 flags that covered 13 different challenge categories consisting of cryptography, database security, log analysis, network forensics and others. The top 10 finalists had two hours and 35 minutes to complete as many puzzles as possible. At the completion of each puzzle, participants found the flags and submitted them for points.

“I started out just kind of knocking out the easy ones. I got to the top pretty quick and so just going on some of the other guys were knocking out some of the harder ones that are worth more points, then catching up some. I started with my strengths and just kind of kept going.”

Abbott attended the conference with three other NMU students and one other participated with him in the contest.

The competition was hosted by WraySec LLC., a cyber security consulting firm based in Pennsylvania, but over 550 students and faculty from colleges around the nation as well as cybersecurity industry professionals attended the 22-year-old conference. There



Photo courtesy of Chris Abbott

Senior information assurance/cyber defense major Chris Abbott poses with the trophy he won at the 2017 AITNCC conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

were also opportunities for students to explore hundreds of open information technology career positions and internships through such a large gathering of IT sponsors and exhibitors.

Abbott said for national security reasons, it is extremely important that the U.S. has people prepared for cyber attacks.

“We’re so far behind honestly. We kind of started off behind where some of the more organized criminals and national actors are at and it’s getting to the point where so much of what we are putting out we’re putting so much of our lives on the internet and we really have to be kind of conscious about the security of it. Every other day you’re reading about some company got breached and lost a couple thousand records and it’s just a constant stream.”

Abbott said he really enjoys the audit aspect of cyber security and that’s what he plans to do with his degree after Northern.

“Kind of going through and making sure that companies are doing what they’re supposed to be doing and if they’re not I’m hoping to get them where they need to be,” he added.

NMU’s information assurance and cyber security programs in the

College of Business are two and a half years old. There is currently both an information assurance/cyber defense major and a minor.

Michigan aims to be one the nations leaders in cyber security through initiatives like the Regional Cyber Education Collaboration, which envisions a collaborative between the higher education community and key private sector partners to address the widening gap between the supply of skilled cyber security professionals and the demand for those skills, according to [www.merit.edu/cybered/](http://www.merit.edu/cybered/).

The long-term goal is to provide a robust cyber security curriculum to institutions throughout the state of Michigan via a mix of face-to-face and distance learning courses at 2-year and 4-year colleges. NMU is a member of the Regional Cyber Education Collaboration along with other schools like Central Michigan and Wayne State universities.

“It’s a growing field so even if you aren’t interested in computers, but you’re tech-able, it’s a great place to be going forward,” Abbott said. “We’re just now starting to see a ramp up in hiring and it’s just going to get much quicker in the next couple of years.”

## Initiatives stipulated by DHS for greater cyber defense

Nearly one in five Americans has been a victim of a cyber crime and the economic impact as a result of these attacks is devastating.

Cyber attacks cost the average U.S. company more than \$15.4 million per year, according to the National Initiative For Cybersecurity Careers and Studies (NICCS) website.

Because of this a greater priority has been placed on strengthening cyber security and safeguarding U.S. citizens using the web. In this priority the U.S. is increasingly looking to higher education institutions to produce skilled and capable cyber security professionals able to defend American networks and infrastructure. The nation needs more cyber security professionals to protect networks in both government and private industry,

according to NICCS.

There are over 200 top colleges and universities across 44 states and beyond that are designated centers of academic excellence for cyber-related degree programs, according to NICCS.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the National Security Agency (NSA) jointly sponsor the National Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) program. The program highlights specific 2 and 4-year colleges as well as universities based on their robust degree programs and close alignment to specific cyber security-related knowledge validated by top subject matter experts in the field. The program is a response to the increasingly complex and challenging cyber attacks facing the U.S.

The National Protection and

Programs Directorate (NPPD) oversees the national effort to protect and enhance the resilience of the nation’s physical and cyber infrastructure.

The Office of Cyber Security and Communications (CS&C) is responsible for enhancing the security, resilience and reliability of the nation’s cyber and communications infrastructure. In such responsibility, the CS&C works to prevent or minimize disruptions to critical information infrastructure in order to protect the public, the economy and government services. The CS&C also leads efforts to protect the federal “.gov” domain of civilian government networks and to collaborate with the private sector the “.com” domain to increase the security of critical networks.

# Superior club climbs for a cause

By Noah Hausmann  
staff writer

The 60-foot AAA wall by County Road 510 in Big Bay is one of Marquette county's best sport climbing sites and a popular outdoor location for local rock climbers ever since the 1970s. A quarter mile away down once-rugged trails, stands the lesser-known rock formation Secret Crag.

About 15 NMU students from the South Superior Climbing Club (SSCC) volunteered a work day on Sunday, April 2 to improve the trails that get to Secret Crag, pick up trash and level the ground at the base of the rock to make belaying climbers safer. They worked from 10:30 a.m. into the afternoon, then enjoyed some ascents. The project assisted the Upper Peninsula Climbing Coalition (UPCC), a nonprofit advocacy group, in its efforts to keep the location pristine and open to climbers.

The work helped secure a recent grant from the American Alpine Club for the UPCC to keep maintaining the AAA area. The land is privately owned by Longyear Realty Corp., which allows people to recreationally climb there provided the area is kept clean. UPCC pays for a liability insurance policy and other rules are obeyed. UPCC President Phil Watts, a retired NMU professor of exercise physiology, had high praise for the Northern students and their service to the community.

"It's been a real good group, willing to jump in when work needs to get done and when access [to climbing sites] becomes an issue," Watts said.

SSCC is a somewhat informal club numbering between 40 and 80 members, said SSCC President Eric Krause, a junior biology major. The group holds no regular meetings, but does host some annual events and helps the UPCC with site upkeep a few times a year. The club is open to students both experienced and new to the recreation.

Krause has witnessed the student climber population grow in



Lauren Bichler/NW

Senior zoology major Iven Swart climbs at the Marquette Climbers Co-op.

recent years.

"When I first started climbing in 2014, the community was pretty small," Krause said. "I'd go to the [Outdoor Recreation Center] wall and there'd be five or six people there. Now I go, and some nights there's 30 or 40 people waiting to use the ropes and we all know each other."

In addition to members using the Outdoor Recreation Center wall at the PEIF, SSCC also hosts social climbs at outdoor sites during good weather in the fall. They set up the safety equipment on rock formations, let new climbers borrow gear and help them with technique.

"It's a great way for people to get outdoor climbing experience," said junior biology major Georgia Harrison, who is now on the club's decision-making board.

Harrison has been active in the club since she was a freshman and has gone on SSCC's annual spring break trip to the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas for two years now. The club members carpool to Horseshoe Canyon Ranch for a week of outdoor climbing.

"I felt confident by the end of the week that I'd got a lot of skills," Harrison said, remembering her first spring break. "I

also felt like there was a strong community if I wanted to try a new area, I could have people show me and support me."

SSCC members also participate in the monthly Beer and Boulder social gatherings at the Marquette Climbing Co-op, a residence on Fourth Street in Marquette that has a bouldering wall inside the house.

The biggest event SSCC organizes is bringing the Reel Rock Tour, a national film festival that shows short climbing movies, to campus in the fall. It's also SSCC's biggest fundraiser, as moviegoers can buy tickets for a gear raffle.

Although no fee has been charged for some time, SSCC will probably charge \$20 membership dues for next year, Krause explained. The money would go mainly toward a donation to the UPCC to continue its service of maintaining local sites, such as replacing rusted safety bolts implanted in rock walls, and to pay for the cost of liability insurance for using the AAA area.

"I'm really excited looking toward the future of the club and to getting dues," Harrison agreed. "It's about being able to give back to the climbing community and to the UPCC in a substantial and systematic way."

historically the issue of environmentalism was bipartisan, mentioning that The Clean Air Act of 1970 passed unanimously in the Senate.

"Politicians and scientists work[ed] together to create effective solutions to address the problems we face[d] and I feel like we have kind of gotten away from that. I think we need to get back to that," Frischkorn said. "We want to see politicians and scientists working together for the good of the people."

Senior biology major Zach Dykema said he had planned to attend the march in Washing-

ton, D.C., but plans fell through so he attended the sister march with friends from the biology department.

"I really do see a big need for more awareness and acceptance of science, not so much inquisition and distrust," Dykema said.

He also spoke of his Christian faith and that he did not believe science and religion were in conflict with each other.

"[God] takes joy in our exploration and when we find things He's like 'Oh you get to see a little bit more of the big picture,'" Dykema said.

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majority vote of full members of the senate.

Third, the senate shall make recordings of senate deliberations, archive those recordings indefinitely and make those recordings available to any member of the senate.

Fourth, take no action to amend bylaws.

Option four was passed with over two-thirds of voting members of the senate's approval by the end of the meeting. However, members of the senate debated over what option four implied and how this proceeding would affect the response to situations involving photography and recording of meetings. The discussion focused mainly on whether Academic Senate meetings are considered open or closed.

Head of the AAUP and biology professor Brent Graves outlined where an Academic Senate stands in regard to the Open Meetings Act after communicating with lawyers for clarification.

"Our understanding is that the Open Meetings Act does not apply to the senate," Graves said. "The contract says that guests may attend senate by invitation. In Michigan people cannot surreptitiously record private conversations, but this is clearly not a private conversation."

Graves continued to explain that there is no law prohibiting recording.

"The only issue therefore would come down to who is a guest and when is someone made a guest or not made a guest," he said.

The senate uses Standard Code of Parliamentary procedures by Allan Sturgis to determine how a meeting is conducted.

Students and professors attended the meeting to support the Native American Studies Associa-

tion and ASNMU. These groups saw the proposed bylaw against recording and photography as a response to the Academic Senate Meeting back in early February that passed the Indigenous People's Day resolution.

During the February meeting professor Leora Lancaster was asked by head of the Academic Senate Rachel Nye to stop recording a video. The proposal had been brought to the senate before and Nye believed that Lancaster recording was an action purposely meant to embarrass the Academic Senate. This led Nye to make a motion to take the Indigenous People's Day proposal off of the table entirely. However, two-thirds of the senate overrode her motion and in the end the proposal passed.

Graves explained that, if the senate follows Sturgis, the chair could motion to not allow someone to record but could also be overridden if two-thirds of the senate voted against the motion.

After the motion passed head of the political science department Carter Wilson expressed his desire to make the Academic Senate meetings open in future deliberations.

"This is the center of power and the doors should always be open to students, and the doors should always be open to the press," Wilson said. "Once you close your doors to students and the press you're inviting problems."

Chair of assembly for ASNMU Jeulani Gahiji was one of the members presenting the Indigenous People's Day resolution. Gahiji said she wanted the senate to admit that the bylaw proposal was in reaction to this event.

"I wanted them to acknowledge the fact that they brought this up because of what happened at the Indigenous People's Day resolution but that won't happen. I've accepted that," Gahiji said.

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## MARCH

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Saturday's march to fight back against the proposed financial cuts by the Trump administration to departments aimed at fighting the advancement of climate change.

"You could almost say it's an anti-intellectual attack. 'Oh we don't need this,' well yes we do," Baldini said.

Nate Frischkorn, a senior sociology and environmental studies major, was one of the student workers who helped organize the event. He said



Breanna Lynn Knapp will earn a bachelor of social work degree from Northern Michigan University during May 2017 Commencement exercises. Breanna graduates summa cum laude and has earned Dean's List honors several times. She will also be graduating from Superior Edge and the Student Leader Fellowship Program. Some of her favorite memories include riding elephants on a service rip in Thailand, learning to cross-country ski, and volunteering for Room at the Inn on Christmas morning. In addition, she volunteered with several charitable organizations and is nominated for BSW student of the year.

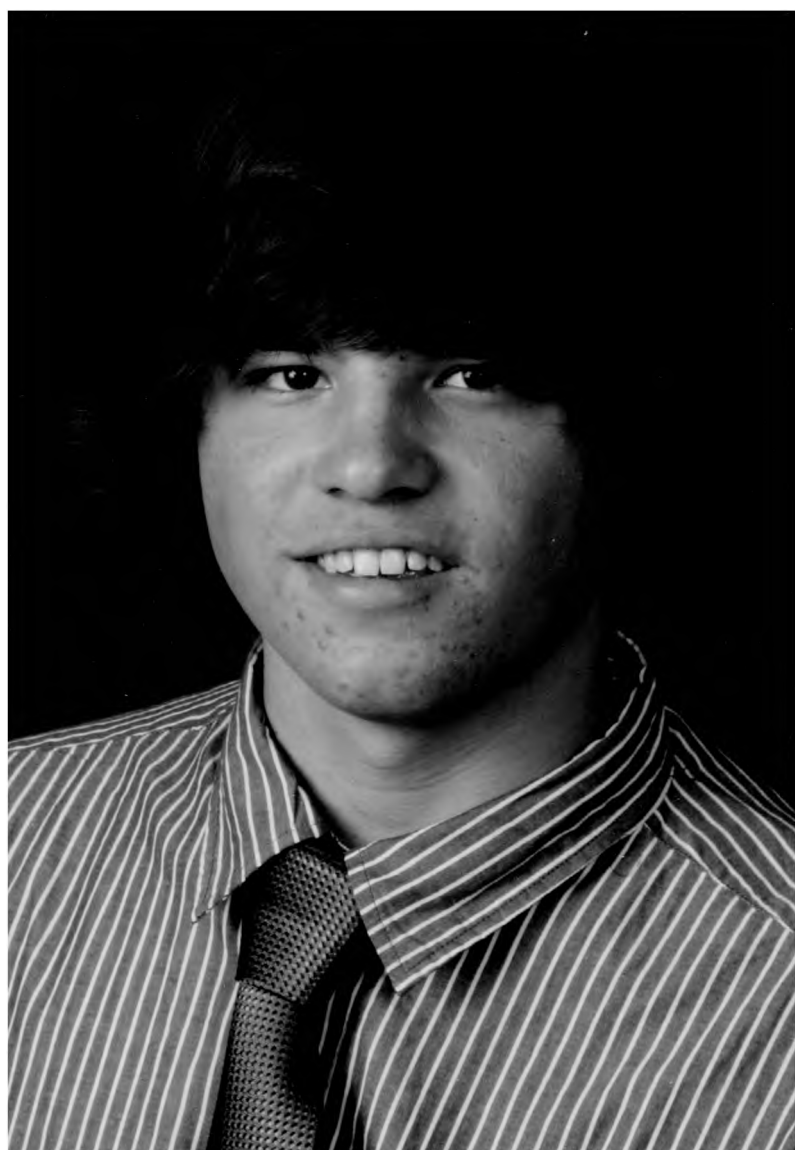
Born and raised in Binghamton, NY, Breanna is the daughter of Robin Faulkner and the late Brian Knapp. She graduated from Oswego-East HS in Oswego, IL. Breanna will be attending graduate school at Boston College pursuing a MSW degree specializing in childhood and youth trauma. Breanna, we are so proud of your accomplishments and the leader you have become!

Love, Mom, Ron and Rachel



We have always been & will always be so very proud of you, sweet Elizabeth! Congratulations!

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*Mom & Dad*

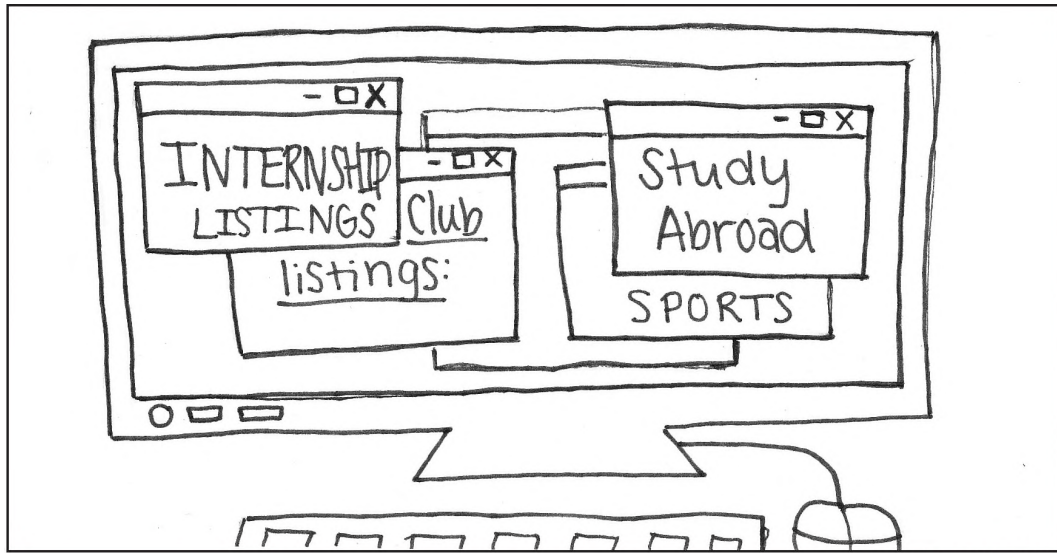


*Congratulations*  
**Matt Peterson!**

We are so proud of you for all of your hard work and dedication. You have built a strong foundation for a successful life and your possibilities are limitless. We hope that you will always follow your heart and remember to take your determination and all of our support with you out into the world. We love you forever and always...

Mom, Dad, and Nick

## EDITORIAL



Emmalene Oysti/NW

## Facing one-size-fits-all lists of advice

The end of the semester always brings forth handfuls of prompts questioning, "What's your biggest piece of advice for fellow students?" or the BuzzFeed-esque "What are some things every freshman must do?" The answers that follow almost always cover things like studying abroad, joining student clubs or falling in love.

These things are great to talk about and have worked for plenty of people. A list of compiled advice can be what sparks even the slightest amount of interest for someone to get involved or seek out a certain goal in their life.

But it is imperative to realize that advice is truly never one-size-fits-all.

Different things will work for different people. Going to the PEIF every day can be great for one person, but will not work for others. Some will hold down a job (or two) and will not always have the time to fit both classes and a student club into their schedule. Studying abroad can seem like an unobtainable goal to students who don't have the money or are focused on a specific degree.

When giving advice, assuming that another person's situation is similar to yours is illogical. There's no guarantee that they will share your interests,

background growing up or even income bracket—and these things make all the difference when choosing one's college experience.

Even the "traditional college experience" doesn't have one definition anymore. Most would assume that it means living in a dorm, drinking cheap alcohol and having lackluster flings with strangers. The stereotype is reinforced by tons of movies, stories from parents and older siblings and even the lists of modern college advice.

But after truly facing the college life, many realize that this cookie-cutter depiction of classes, parties and hook-ups isn't always the case. Life on and off campus is very much shaped by the person themselves, and what they make it out to be.

Students are often told to do certain things the correct way and how to be happy. We are told that high school, college, or even after we graduate is the so-called "best time of our lives," but in reality we do not ever know the peak of our lives.

Our lives are all incredibly different from each other, and expecting the same advice to fit everyone does not always work.

## Letters to the editor

Dear editor,

I am about to graduate against all odds from NMU.

My story is a success story. For all women out there that are being abused or were being abused, there is light at the end of the tunnel. You are not alone.

I had two PPOs against my abuser in 2007 but victims of abuse don't leave right away. I have been free since 2013. I not only have survived, but I have thrived. It was an uphill battle at first, but with the help of my community, and not being willing to ever give up, I made it. I went to school at NMU for the past four years and I am currently duly enrolled at MSU and NMU. As a survivor of domestic abuse, a single mother of three, a U.S. Naval veteran, honor roll student, elected delegate, elected state delegate, elected 1st Congressional senate district VC for the Republican party, elected Vice chairman of the Marquette Republican party in 2014-2016, serving on four committees such as: The finance committee, the sub-finance committee, the caucus rules committee, the bylaws committee, PR director of the Republican women's federation of Michigan, and NMUCR vice-president in 2013-2014.

This has been the hardest and most rewarding achievement I have ever made: getting my bachelors degree while being a single mother of three, a veteran and volunteering full-time in my community.

As a political science major I was able to utilize my studies at NMU with being actively involved. With my minor in communications I have been able to introduce presidential candidates, Lt. Gov., AG, Senators, U.S. congressmen and House Reps as the 1st congressional senate district VC. I attended presidential debates, state conventions, national conventions and was invited to the presidential ball. I have received reference letters from several Senators, Congressmen and Attorneys that I interned for while at NMU. I

did a directed study on a meth conspiracy case, I interned and helped on a murder case and helped in the prosecutor's office. This all has led me to my next step. I have been accepted to law school, and am registered to start in the fall. I am hoping my story encourages all women of domestic abuse.

My children are also a success story. I got them involved in the community and remained an example to them.

My oldest son enjoyed the chess club in 2013, joined boy scouts in 2014, is currently in JROTC, wrestling and plans on going into the military after he graduates.

My daughter is on the honor roll, learning how to drive, was in competitive swimming, dance, and orchestra. She is currently going with her orchestra family to Washington D.C. to play at the Jefferson Memorial and somewhere near the capital this May. She plans on volunteering her time this summer with Attorney General Bill Schuette's team as well as with others, in hopes to get a reference letter and be recognized for her work ethic so she can use this to get into medical school. She wants to help as many people as she can.

My youngest son was in competitive swim, skiing, enjoys the junior golf club and is my golf partner on Sundays. He has golfed with Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhoff, and met the Lt. Gov. at a golf outing. I will not be surprised if he ends up going into public service. My story is an all-around success story. I was an example to my children of not staying a victim but focusing on the future—they, too, are thriving.

My advice to all domestic abuse victims: get involved in your community. What helped me was the belief that I have the power to transform my life.

**-Crystal Grantham, 1st Congressional 38th Senate District vice chair, PR Director - Republican Women's Federation of Michigan**

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Dear Editor,

It looks like a small number of off-campus houses are about to be replaced by an apartment complex. While the old A-frames are seemingly ancient, they are affordable and convenient to campus. The architect of the proposed buildings, Barry Polzin, lamented the horrible lack of off-campus student housing. He then went on about the long list of amenities that will be included in the new apartments, including hot tub, fitness

center and bike repair shop. I'm sure they will be wonderful—for anyone that can afford such luxuries. Most students I've talked with are just looking for clean and comfortable housing that won't add to their already out of control college expenses. Students in Marquette face either being squeezed by ever increasing on-campus housing costs or the lack of reasonable, decent off-campus choices.

**-Jim Brown, freshman, industrial maintenance**

# Senior staff members say goodbye



Trevor Drew/NW

Listed from left to right, Liz Trueblood, AnnMarie Kent, Emma Tembreull, Kayla Miller and Savanna Hennig say goodbye and reflect on their time at The North Wind.

*Editor's note: The following four editors are graduating and leaving their time at The North Wind with personal goodbye columns.*

## ANNMARIE KENT SPORTS EDITOR

My beginning at the North Wind was a whirlwind. I had spent two weeks as a writer before interviewing for the sports editor position. I knew so little about writing as a journalist and I knew even less about how to manage writers. I only knew one thing going into the position; I loved hockey. The same week I got the job I got a media pass for Detroit Red Wings training camp and my life changed forever. Meeting athletes I had idolized since childhood created an attachment to journalism for me.

I've been extremely fortunate throughout my entire life to have a huge support system. My parents have been there for me and supported me with every decision I've made, even if that decision came around to bite me in the butt. Thank you Marge and Mike for letting me learn from scraped knees. I love you and appreciate you more than I can express. My siblings have always been there to tease me for my silly choices but pick me up when I truly need it. Thank you Brad, Michael and Brooke.

Ray believed in me when I didn't even see the potential in myself. Thank you for all your advice and your chirps when the Wings would lose to the Flyers. Some of the best support I had were the writers that listened to my advice when I barely knew what I was talking about. Trevor and Julie kept me sane with their consistent writing through my whole first year.

Thank you Wildcats for giving me something to write about each week and a loyalty that will last a lifetime.

## EMMA TEMBREULL PHOTO EDITOR

My journey at The North Wind began a few years back as a staff photographer. The position was fairly satellite from the office, and I admit I was always curious and slightly envious of the shenanigans associated with being part of the desk editor crew. Upon becoming the photo editor a year ago, I learned quickly that some of the best support came from the office.

Most of the current editors and some from recent past semesters have become who I identify as some of my best friends.

Being the only biology major in the office, AP style was far from my strong point coming in, nor did I know a thing about InDesign (I'm still not your go-to girl for it), but the editorial team happily walked me through all that was new to me.

Working and going to school as a single mom, I was fortunate to have incredibly supportive colleagues that were understanding when I had to run home to a sick child and they acceptingly let him hang out with us during budget meetings. Shoutout to our online editor, Andy, for being the coolest babysitter ever on production nights. I know Ayden appreciates you too.

I owe a lot to my team of photographers as well. Without Neil, Lauren, Jess, Steven, Christin and Lindsey, I wouldn't have been able to curate successful art weekly.

The newspaper has helped broaden my idea of viable career paths and has helped me gain confidence in my writing abilities as well. I appreciate the vast variety of assignments I've worked on, which have led me to riding on the Coast Guard boat, attending more campus and community events, witnessing the Kraft Hockeyville USA NHL up against the glass and meeting Al Roker.

The upcoming lineup of editors has inspiring potential and I know they will carry on The North Wind legacy passionately. Thank you all, my coworkers and friends.

## KAYLA MILLER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I've spent nearly three years at college on staff at The North Wind. I can without a doubt say that it's defined my NMU experience. While I never changed my major, I've explored different options within it. But once I joined the North Wind staff, I found my passion. In 2014, I started as the photo editor. I had no journalism experience and knew little of the behind-the-scenes of our university. Three years later, I'm graduating as the editor-in-chief having led a team of over 15 of my peers in making a newspaper I displayed weekly with pride. I have no regrets about my NMU experience, and this I credit to my professors and co-workers.

The newspaper has given me amazing experiences, from a swim in Lake Superior with Marquette's finest Coast Guard officers to meetings with community leaders and top NMU administrators. My co-workers have become my closest friends and our office has become a second home, including ancient furniture, weekly Jimmy Johns deliveries and so much junk food.

Thank you to Jackie, my advisor, friend and mentor. She has taught me what I know about the industry and inspired me to pursue this career, with lots of humor mixed in. Also thank you to Professor Jim McCommons who is the reason I applied to the newspaper. His guidance has shaped the student I am today. Thank you to Professor Christine Lenzen, who knew I'd become a journalist before I did and has always believed in me as a leader and as a woman. I will forever be grateful to these mentors for their role in my time as a Wildcat. I want to encourage the staff I leave behind—keep up the fight toward truth. Pick up those small town newspapers and support the free press. Make it your goal to be a better student, writer and journalist at the end of your time here. Thank you, good bye and stay in touch.

## SAVANNA HENNING MANAGING EDITOR

My experience with The North Wind began with the first semester in my freshman year, a long, long time ago. In a time where I was struggling to find my place on campus, I was hired in as a layout editor. I remember vividly the first steps into the office and the first staff I had the pleasure of working with. I didn't know at the time that this oddly-shaped room in the UC and all these people I would work with would so dominantly shape my experience at NMU.

Over the four years here I worked with three great advisors, five people who commanded as the editor-in-chief, 33 editors across different desks, and tons of writers, contributors to the paper and other folks on campus. I have seen and participated in countless laughing fits, heard hundreds of songs (but mostly "You Get What You Give" by New Radicals), and even seen some tears. There have been ups and downs, good days and bad. There have been low days that I have been truly ashamed to be a North Winder, but those days are very much in the shadows of those that I am proud to say that I have been a part of with this great group of people.

I strongly believe that the number of times my fellow editors have called across the office for emergency InDesign help will worm their way into my dreams once I leave here. That there will be a sudden call to utilize my "wizarding" to make content fit on a page, to figure out why the program is being difficult or just to make something look cool.

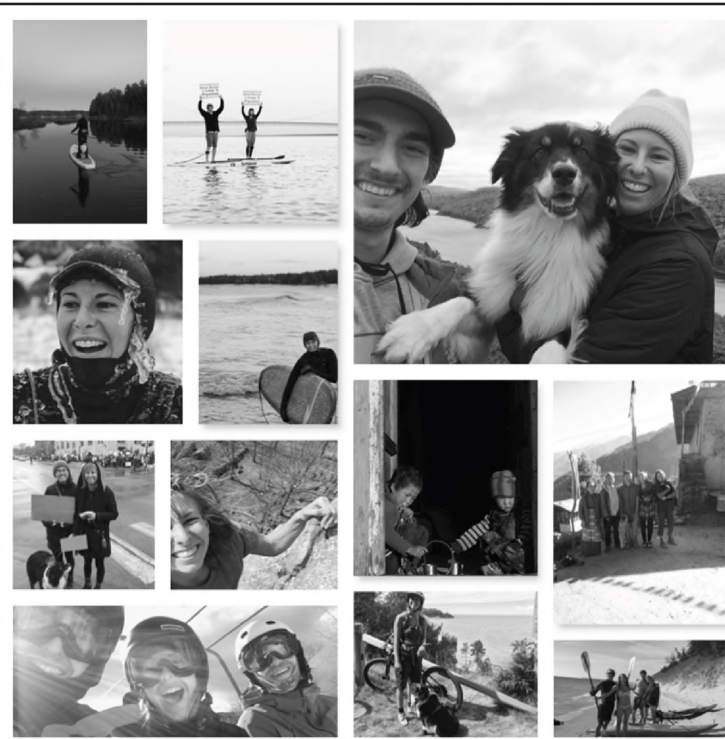
To every single one of you that I've worked with, even if production nights dipped late into the evening, or expletives were yelled, or things were thrown clear across the room into someone's face, you all have a special place in my heart. You all have made my college experience into something really, really great.

*Meghan Supple*



Your hard work and dedication has paid off! We are so proud of you and look forward to your bright future! We love you! God bless you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Caitlin and Shannon



CHANGING THE WORLD A SMILE AT A TIME.

*We love you Ella.*

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GRADUATES



**Congratulations Mark W. Fischer**

Graduation and Commissioning as a Second Lieutenant is an exciting time. We are proud of you! Now begins a defining point in your life. Embarking as an Army Officer is a calling of service. Truly unlike all other professions. The job is mission focused, tough, demanding and thankless. However, it can be personally rewarding. Use what you have learned at Northern to guide you. No matter how obscure or obtuse at the time, find relevancy. Use your critical thinking. Temper actions with humility. Be confident in the skills acquired at Northern, they will serve you well. Education and character will never fail you. Again, congratulations graduate, today is your day!

Love,  
Mom and Dad



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*Congratulations, Julia!*



Your college years have been a remarkable journey and have prepared you for what will prove to be an even more remarkable journey. We are so proud of you!

Love Always!  
Mom, Dad, and Ben



**Congrats Grads!**





Photo courtesy of Great Lakes, Great Stories

Three NMU students Ryan Watling, Olivia Walcott and Dylan Gonda plan to cycle the 1,400-mile journey around Lake Superior to collect stories of those who live in the Great Lakes Region.

# Cyclists to circumnavigate Lake Superior

By *Chloe Gerathy*  
& *Heather Cook*

**contributing writers**

A trio of superior cyclists are setting out to collect stories from around the lake instead of the campfire.

The three NMU students are planning a 17-day, 1,400-mile bike ride around Lake Superior. They've dubbed their journey

more neuroscience major Ryan Watling and sophomore environmental science major Olivia Walcott.

The ride is set to begin May 8 and end May 24. Gonda, Watling and Walcott are all experienced cyclists with a passion for the outdoors. The group didn't meet one another at once. Watling met Gonda through mutual friends and Watling and

line that not only cuts through Michigan, but Ontario, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The purpose of this trip isn't simply to make it around the lake, but to learn about the communities that surround Superior. Individual stories about life on the lake will be recorded by the group and shared on their website.

"The mission of 'Great Lakes, Great Stories' is to record an oral history of Lake Superior by bikes over a 17-day trip," Gonda said. "We hope to, by the end of it, have certain stories recorded in the different parts of the lake so at the end we can show to other people who come to the greater Lake Superior area about the history and the stories of those people."

The first leg of the journey will take the group to Grand Marais located 92 miles east of their starting point, Marquette. The group will ride an average of 80 miles per day for 17 days straight to complete the trip.

"It's bigger than just us riding our bikes around the lake. There's something interesting about everyone that makes [the Great Lakes] the way they are. Out West a lot of people don't even know about the Great Lakes, or at least what importance they have to us," Walcott said.

Gonda, Watling and Walcott will spend their nights camping, in hotels or crashing on couches. "Great Lakes, Great Stories" has a "Fundly" page to help pay

for the trip. Money raised will be used to pay for expenses such as food, lodging and equipment failures.

Partners contributing to the success of the trip include Northern Michigan University, Velodrome Coffee Company, Down Wind Sports, StoryCorps and Our Shores Ultrarun.

Northern Michigan University has a club called the NMU Adventure Team. Typically this club sponsors alumni on their adventures. This trio are the first students to ever be sponsored by the club while still en-

rolled at the University.

To prepare for their journey, the three have been training in the dorms. Their bikes are set up on rollers in Ryan's room (his is the largest) and the group meets three to four times a week to train.

"People have ridden their bikes around the lakes before but it's about sharing the endeavor and sharing the people of the lake that hasn't been done before," Watling said.

Information on the group's journey and more is available at [www.greatlakesgreatstories.org](http://www.greatlakesgreatstories.org).

**It's bigger than just us riding our bikes around the lake—there's something interesting about everyone that makes [the Great Lakes] the way they are. Out West a lot of people don't even know about the Great Lakes, or at least what importance they have to us.**

— *Olivia Walcott*  
sophomore environmental science major

"Great Lakes, Great Stories." The idea for this ride comes from junior outdoor recreation major Dylan Gonda, sopho-

Walcott were brought together by their love for adventure on a rock climbing trip to Arkansas. The trio plans to follow shore-

**'Great Lakes, Great Stories' complete itinerary:**

- May 8: Marquette, MI - Grand Marais, MI: 92 miles
- May 9: Grand Marais, MI - Paradise, MI: 68.1 miles
- May 10: Paradise, MI - Sault St. Marie, ON: 60.8 miles
- May 11: Sault St. Marie, ON - Montreal River Harbor, ON: 77.0 miles
- May 12: Montreal River Harbor, ON - Wawa, ON: 67.7 miles
- May 13: Wawa, ON - Moberg, ON: 78.7 miles
- May 14: Moberg, ON - Terrace Bay, ON: 89.6 miles
- May 15: Terrace Bay, ON - Red Rock, ON: 76.6 miles
- May 16: Red Rock, ON - Thunder Bay, ON: 68.4 miles
- May 17: Thunder Bay, ON - Lutsen, MN: 99 miles
- May 18: Lutsen, MN - Duluth, MN: 95.1 miles
- May 19: Duluth, MN - Red Cliff, WI: 85.6 miles
- May 20: Red Cliff, WI - Ironwood, MI: 78.7 miles
- May 21: Ironwood, MI - Ontonagon, MI: 67 miles
- May 22: Ontonagon, MI - Copper Harbor, MI: 101 miles
- May 23: Copper Harbor, MI - L'anse, MI: 81.8 miles
- May 24: L'anse, MI - Marquette, MI: 67.6 miles

# LOOKING NORTH?

Tips & tricks on how to find yourself looking up at more than just the stars

by **Trinity Carey** ~ Features Editor

One benefit of living in the Upper Peninsula is the opportunity to see the ever-fleeting Northern Lights in our dark skies, but the green glow low across the sky can be a difficult sight to get a glimpse of.

“Astronomy at this time is a very difficult interest as far as observing because you have to go out when something is happening, not when it’s convenient. It’s not really a planned event. There’s no billing as to what’s going to happen,” said Facilitator of the Marquette Astronomical Society, Scott Stobbelaar, but he gave some tips on how to catch yourself looking up at the Aurora Borealis.

The anomaly occurs when charged particles from the sun get attracted to the electrons in the earth’s magnetic field. The electrons spiral out around the magnetic field lines and head towards the strongest points, the North and South poles, he said.

“As the electrons get into the atmosphere they can charge the gases in our atmosphere so it’s something like a neon sign or

fluorescent tube.”

The oxygen and nitrogen laying low in the Earth’s atmosphere creates the Aurora’s green hue. If the electrons reach even lower, it can cause the oxygen to glow red, he added.

Another sign of auroral activity are spots on the sun, otherwise known as solar activity. The spots indicate high electromagnetic activity which causes more electrons to spin out toward the Earth. Currently solar activity is at the low end of its 11-year cycle, but that doesn’t mean it’s impossible to see the Northern Lights. The activity is projected to pick back up within the next five years, Stobbelaar said.

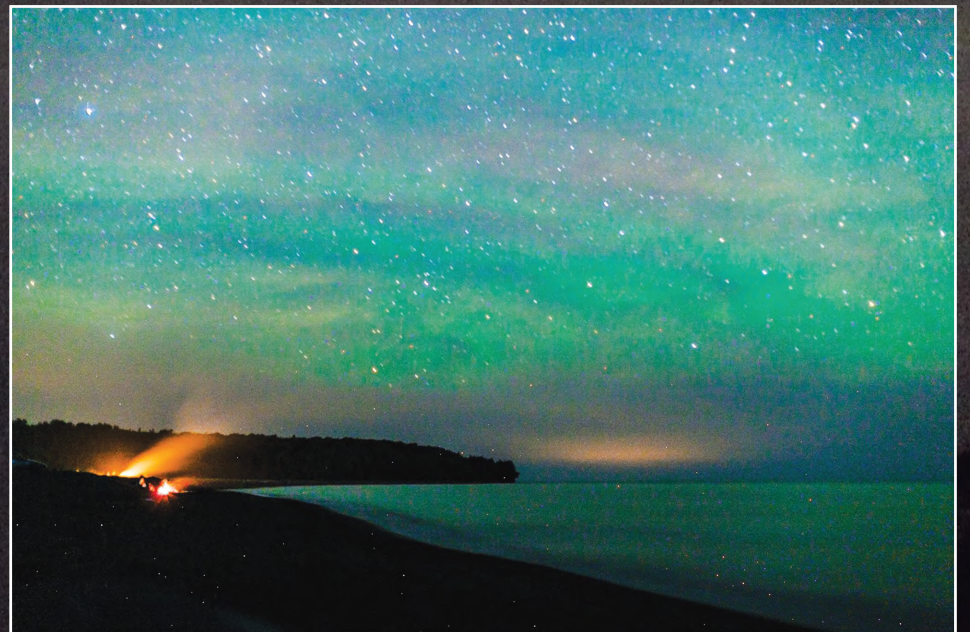
There is no way to be sure of seeing the lights, but to increase your chances Stobbelaar recommends going out on a clear night when the moon isn’t out and during the darkest point of the night - often around 2 a.m., as well as checking the current solar and Kp activity.

Current conditions and other auroral info can be found at [SpaceWeather.com](http://SpaceWeather.com).

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Sam Ozanich/Guest Photographer, Marquette MI



Emma Tembreull/NW, Houghton MI

# The KP Index:

Kp comes from the German term "Planetarische Kennziffer" which in English means planetary index. A Kp number measures the magnitude or level of Aurora activity on a scale from 0 to 9. A Kp level of 5 is considered a geomagnetic storm. The higher the Kp number the better the chance of spotting the Northern Lights.

**K<4**

Not Visible

**K=4**

Slightly Visible

**K>4**

Most Visible (Storm)

K0

K9

## Post-finals KP Outlook

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## Where to go watch

### Sunset Point

Located at the end of the Presque Isle Park loop, this open spot provides a view over Lake Superior looking directly north. With fairly little light interference and only a short drive from town, this is a popular spot to see the lights.

### Picnic Rocks

Head to the lake and take a right on North Lakeshore Boulevard until you've reached Picnic Rocks. This rather dark location offers the perfect Aurora-viewing parameters.

### Green Garden Road

Head to the roundabout from Front Street and go straight through, towards Escanaba on US-41 South. Drive through the intersection of M-28 and US-41 and continue through the light. After a short drive Green Garden road will be on the left. This observing site, only 15 minutes from town, has no incandescent light from the city and open farm fields looking north.

# 'Yooka-Laylee' video game hits half note

By Marc Moore

contributing writer

The most fitting word to describe "Yooka-Laylee" is inconsistent. Sometimes "Yooka-Laylee" is a solid platformer, with some interesting challenges and characters to find. Other times it's a frustrating mess, brimming with horrible camera controls, pointless mini-games, boring worlds and laughably simple combat.

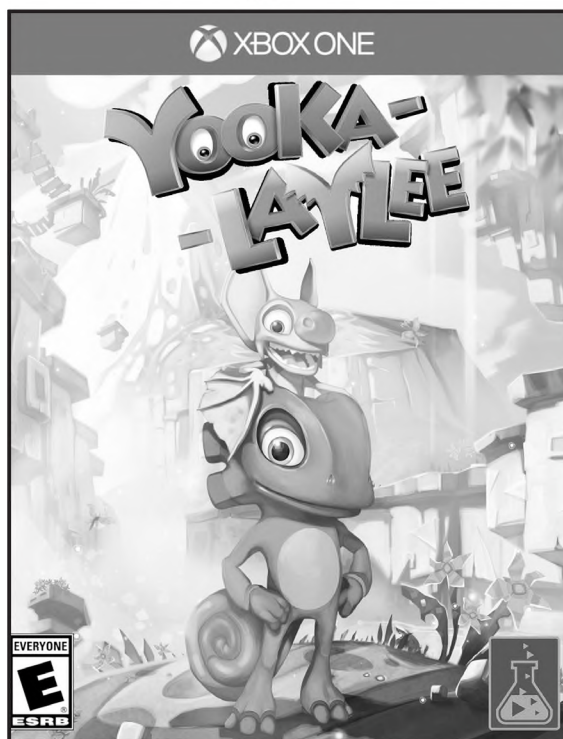
"Yooka-Laylee" is an action platformer designed to recreate the nostalgia that gamers feel for classics like "Banjo-Kazooie," "Super Mario 64," "Spyro" and many others. You assume the roles of Yooka and Laylee, a body duo searching for Pagies, little book pages with faces on them, to stop Capital B's evil plans to steal all the books in the world. While searching for Pagies you'll find many other collectibles that you can exchange to gain new abilities, play arcade-style mini-games and transform into other characters.

Two of the game's five levels are varied and well-designed, while the other three are bloated, boring and confusing. The good levels have lots to explore, with paths that are easy to follow and distinct areas that will keep you from getting lost. The bad levels are the exact opposite of this, with huge, empty areas that are difficult to

navigate, uninteresting and overall poorly designed. Maneuvering through these worlds was a pain, with abysmal camera controls and slow movements often inhibiting progression more than the objective did.

Whenever exploration gets to be too disappointing or even when you stumble upon moments of fun, "Yooka-Laylee" offers mini-games and challenges that always fail to find a balance between mind-numbingly simple and frustratingly complicated. Arcade-style mini-games called "Rextro's Arcade" present bite-size challenges with painfully bad controls that totally spoil any fun that might be had. Other characters will ask you to complete tasks for them, often time trials to defeat enemies, win a race or collect rings before the clock runs out. A few of these trials proved to be dynamic, exciting challenges, but most of them fall flat.

Another aspect of "Yooka-Laylee" that breaks up collecting Pagies are enemies. Combat in "Yooka-Laylee" is laughably shallow, and frankly a joke. Almost every enemy in the game can be defeated by a basic tailspin attack, which is just one button push. Other enemies need to be stunned first and then hit with the tailspin attack. That is the extent of com-



Game: Yooka-Laylee

Developer: Playtonic Games

Artist: Steve Mayles, Steven Hurst, Kevin Bayliss

Writer: Andy Robinson

Platforms: PlayStation 4, Xbox One

Rating:  
5/10

bat in "Yooka-Laylee." Fighting enemies has been a major part of practically every classic 3D platformer ever released, yet the game fails miserably in this area.

Aesthetically, "Yooka-Laylee" is beautiful. Quirky, cartoony character designs all mix well within the environments, most of which look as though they were pulled straight from a Pixar movie. Each of the five levels have their own theme represented by impressive graphics. Yooka and Laylee look great, as well as most of their

friends within the game.

Dialogue between characters is goofy, usually consisting of puns and fourth-wall-breaking jokes about the game itself. Sometimes these interactions were entertaining but within a generally frustrating game, I found myself eager to skip most of the story. The entire story is basic and unimportant, but most platformers of its kind are.

The game could have been great but it dropped the ball too many times to be considered "good."

Frustration and boredom aren't characteristics you would associate with a fun game, but unfortunately "Yooka-Laylee" is filled with frustration and boredom. Frustrating controls. Boring story. Obnoxious camera movements. Empty worlds. Painful mini-games. Shallow combat. Deep within "Yooka-Laylee," there are moments of unique and fun gameplay but ultimately, it fails to reach the heights of the classic platformers it desperately wanted to emulate.

## Stars hit the dance floor for hospice charity

By Jamie Glenn

staff writer

With decades of dance styles to demonstrate and plenty of moves to bust, eight dance teams will come together to interweave their talent and dedication, aiming to raise money for a local healthcare initiative.

The fifth annual Dancing with Our Stars fundraiser will be a two-night event at the Forest Roberts Theatre Wednesday, May 24 to Thursday, May 25. All of the proceeds will benefit the Upper Peninsula Hospice Foundation and its programs to help hospice patients and their families.

"I think people can really rest easy knowing that by coming to the event they are also helping hospice patients and families," said event founder and coordinator Lindsay Hemmila.

The first night doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the show starting at 6 p.m. The second night starts with a red carpet event in Hedgcock at 5 p.m., with food and a cash bar available. Then the show will begin at 7 p.m. Dancers will give the same performance, and the winning dance couple will also be announced.

The idea struck when Hemmila, the manager of community services for U.P. Home Health and Hospice, was inspired after visiting the EUP Health and Hospice in Sault Ste. Marie and she saw a similar charity project. Hemmila and a childhood dance friend came together to create Dancing with Our Stars.

The theme for this year's competition is "Redemption," where past dance couples will get another shot at winning.

"We made each year have something special. We've asked eight



HEMMILA

couples to come back who have already participated over the last four years," Hemmila said. "We asked couples who did really well in the competition but came up a little shy from winning either the Fan Favorite trophy or Mirror Ball trophy, to give them a shot at redemption."

The voting categories include musicality, audience engagement, dance ability and technique, chem-

istry together and use of the dance floor. The judges will be Don Ryan and Doug Garrison, both returning from years past, and Jill Grundstrom, who is the program director of the NMU dance minor and is also the dance director for the event.

Dance styles in this year's event will vary from the merengue, Viennese waltz, disco, Lindy Hop, samba and foxtrot, to the salsa and the Argentine tango.

Each team picks one of these dance styles at random. The pair then has just over two minutes to impress the audience and judges. All those affiliated with the event donate their time and hard work, and Hemmila credits the dancers for their enthusiastic performances.

"It's the dance stars I think that have made this event interactive," Hemmila said. "That second year

and then really that third year they started coming up with ways and ideas, how they were going to raise [more] money for [charity]. So they really have made this beyond our wildest expectations."

To purchase tickets, call 225-4545. Tickets for the opening night are still available for \$25 to \$45 depending on food options. As popular as in years past, tickets for the second night are sold out already. For more information, visit [uphomehealth.org/DWOS](http://uphomehealth.org/DWOS).

"You can expect laughs, entertainment. You'll be wowed at the time and energy that these non-dancers have put into an event, to put on an amazing show that's really become, I think, one of the community's sought-after events," Hemmila added. "It's not just your average recital or just dance competition. It's truly an exceptional event."



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# Math, computer prof retires after 16 years

By Winter Keefer  
assistant news editor

“What I found at age 55 was that I have an absolute passion for teaching.”

Professor of mathematics and computer science Ken Kulp is retiring after 16 years of working at NMU.

Kulp worked various jobs before coming to teach at Northern in 2001.

With a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering and a masters degree in business, he said many of his qualifications to teach computer science and mathematics came from experience.

“I can teach computer science because I learned it on the job,” Kulp said. “So a message I always have to students is just get a degree. Life will give you the

opportunity later on.”

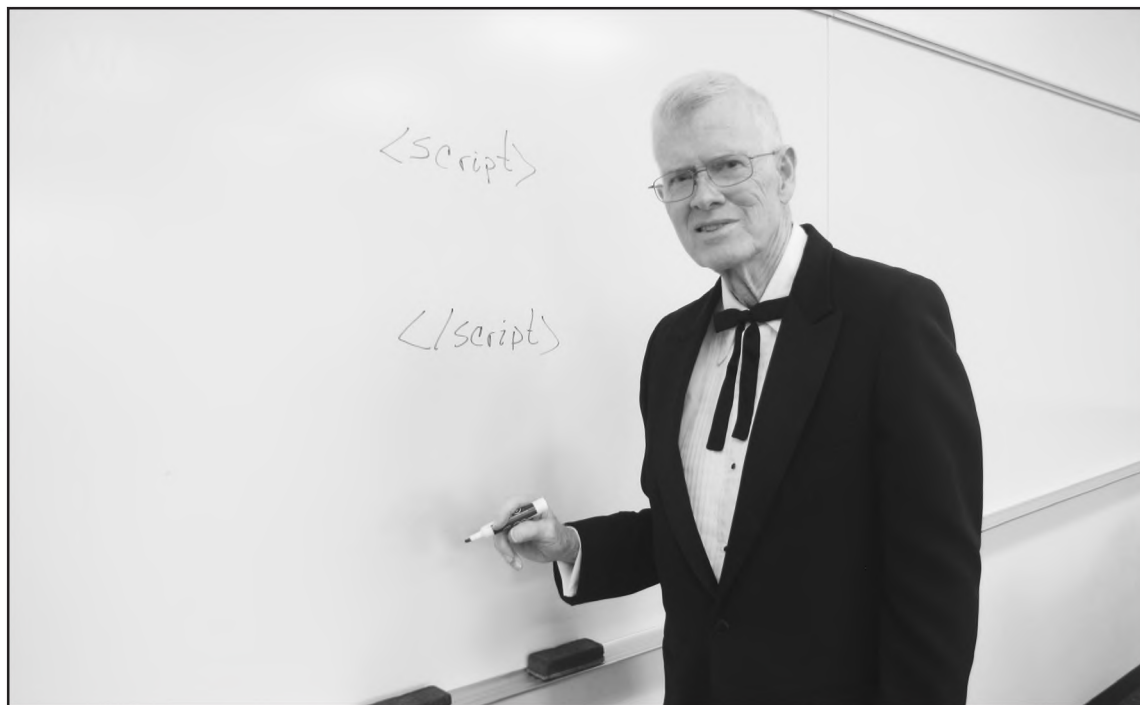
Kulp expressed his appreciation of the mathematics and computer science department.

“The highlight of my time here was when a student comes into the office and says thanks or when I’m able to turn a problem student around,” he said.

Kulp, who is originally from Texas, said that he came to the Upper Peninsula after selling a computer to Dental Associates of Marquette. This is where he met his wife who was the office manager of the firm.

In 1999 the couple came up to Marquette on vacation and never left. After the move, Kulp built a house and has lived there with his family since then.

“Money won’t buy happiness but working at a job will because God has been so good to me,” he said.



Winter Keefer/NW

Mathematics and computer science professor Ken Kulp writes computer code on a dry erase board. Kulp is retiring from the university after working passionately for Northern for 16 years.

# DeVos debuts senior talent in exhibition

By Isabelle Tavares  
contributing writer

Coming to the close of four years of their art education, 56 students in the AD 403 Senior Exhibition course showcase the culmination of the work they’ve composed during this semester in a collection at the DeVos Art Museum from April 19 to May 5.

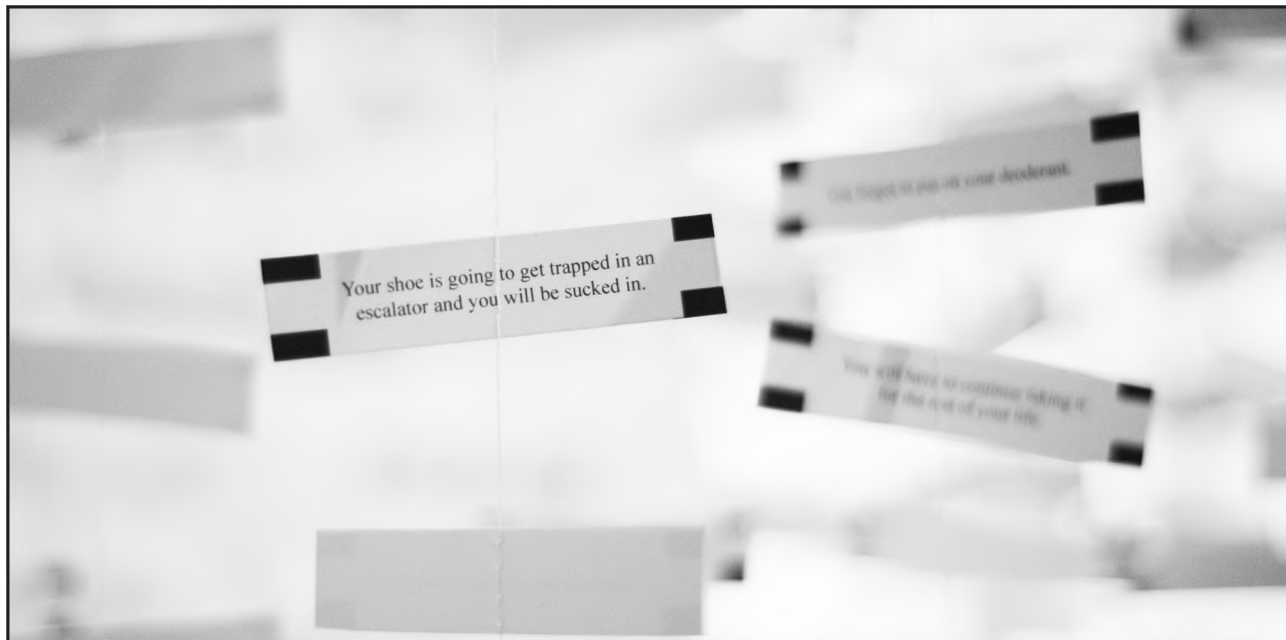
Walking into the exhibit, members of the public are greeted by 13 various concentrations within the art department, including human-centered design, graphic communication, illustration, computer art, digital cinema, electronic imaging, furniture design, jewelry/ metals/ blacksmithing, photography, printmaking and sculpture.

The overarching goal for these students is to examine “the way we function in the world and the way we interact with different things in the world,” said DeVos

Art Museum Director and Curator Melissa Matuscak.

With the exception of art history, all art and design students in studio programs are required to take AD 403, which is a course designed to familiarize students with the process of displaying their work in a gallery. This learning process begins with the logistics of filling out gallery paperwork, figuring the insurance for the piece and, finally, how to execute the display.

Students need to ask themselves about installation and how their work looks in a public space, Matuscak said. Care-



Christin DeFord/NW

Senior graphic design major Jamie Alberta’s final project was an installation describing her daily anxieties.

ful thought is put into how the mounted piece takes up space, which areas are lit and how the piece interacts with the audience.

The course has a deadline-driven nature and provides real-world simulation for an artist in the field, said current AD 403 student Trent Davis.

“AD 403 really forced me to beat myself into a work ethic,” Davis said.

The course instilled in Davis what he would have otherwise had to learn in the unforgiving, consequence-ridden field. The class changed how Davis thought about projects, evolving from working on projects for segmented amounts of time to eight-hour workdays at the least.

Since students in the class come from a handful of majors and 13 various art concentrations, it all yields fresh eyes on the pieces. This collaborative environment is more effective than

when all one’s peers are within the same concentration, Davis added.

The exhibition is a way for graduating seniors to come full circle and see the fruit of their semester-long efforts in their final physical form and on public display. This also offers students the chance at real-world application for future careers and to create a culmination of their most noteworthy pieces into an accessible portfolio, Matuscak said.

What’s unique about the student show is that the gallery is filled with pieces that were inspired by not one single concept, but by differing forces within the 13 art concentrations with everything from music videos to sculptures.

“There’s something for everyone in here,” Matuscak said.

This is what makes the Student Exhibition so compelling, she said. What is uniting about the varieties of inspiration, though,

is the underlying desire to solve problems. Art does not have to illicit a positive response all the time. Art has a way of stirring up the dust inside of ourselves that may have otherwise lain dormant.

“Art can make you mad, it can cause you to want to take action about a problem,” Matuscak explained.

This exhibition is a multi-functional space students display their work, employers scope out the incoming wave of artists, and it’s a space for the public to enjoy the works of NMU students.

“Local business owners come into the show who are looking for interns or future employees,” Matuscak said.

At the end of the exhibit at 8 p.m. on May 5, three out of the 56 students will be awarded a cash prize.

The pieces most likely to be awarded are the “pieces you stop and stare at,” Davis added.


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Runners from NMU and other schools, including Michigan Tech, line up on the starting line to begin a race at the Northern Challenge in the Superior Dome.

## 'Cats snatch second place at GVSU

By Nate Bellville  
staff writer

With less than two weeks left in the school year and finals week approaching, the Northern Michigan University's Women's Track & Field team competed in the Al Owens Classic at Grand Valley State University, coming home with a second place finish and 102.5 points overall.

Host university Grand Valley State took the top of the podium with 194.5 points. Siena Heights University in Adrian rounded out the top three behind NMU.

Head coach Jenny Ryan said she was pleased with how they performed overall.

"We definitely had some great performances, it was great for us to get second," Ryan said. "This meet was good too because we also saw some GLIAC teams."

"We had a lot of seconds, thirds, fourths and fifths too, so it is a big deal for all of us," Ryan added.

Junior distance runner Kameron Burmeister captured NMU's lone first place finish, clocking in at 17:21.99 in the 5,000-meter run. Fellow junior distance runner Keiren Becker notched second place in the 800-meter run at a time of 2:12.2.

In the field events second place finishes went out to senior Samantha Johnson in the discus throw (153' 8") and to junior Ine Mylle in the triple jump (39-06). Becker recorded two NCAA

provisional times. In addition to her second place finish in the 5,000-meter run, she also improved her time in the 800-meter run and 1,500-meter run at a time of 4:32.35. Johnson, Mylle and a few others on the team also placed in the NCAA respective events.

Along with Becker and Burmeister, sophomore distance runner Abby Fifarek, who finished in the top eight in the distance events, said it was one of her best meets of the season.

"This is one of the first races of the season in which I felt great about it," Fifarek said. "Having four athletes in top eight was really beneficial."

Fifarek believes that the team's results can help boost them in the conference championships.

"Going to GLIACs I think we can carry our results over to that meet," Fifarek said.

Johnson felt mixed about her results from the meet, but she was proud of her achievements all the way from her first outdoor meet.

"It wasn't as far as I wanted to be but I was definitely glad that I improved from my first outdoor meet," Johnson said. "That pressure was definitely off me, so I wasn't feeling like, 'oh my gosh, I need to get this done.'"

As a senior, Johnson said she approaches her last meets just like what she did in the indoor season.

"Knowing that I'm a senior and it's my last season, I just want to finish strong and prove to my

coaches that I can do so much more," Johnson said.

The team will get some rest for finals week, and Ryan said that she knows the team needs to balance academics and focus on the

upcoming meets.

"We've actually been training hard, and we are going to be tapering down a little bit," Ryan said. "The tough thing is that they're training, studying for fi-

nals and finishing all the little things."

NMU's outdoor track season moves to their biggest meet at the GLIAC Outdoor Championships May 3-5 in Grand Rapids.

### Golf championships



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Senior golfer Dustin Dishaw putts on the green at Greywalls at the Marquette Golf Club. The Men's Golf team took eighth and the women's team took second at the GLIAC Championships this weekend.



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# SPORTS BRIEFS



## GOLF

The Northern Michigan women's golf team took second and the men's golf team placed eighth at the GLIAC Championships, which concluded Sunday at the par-72 Virtues Golf Club.

In only its second season of competition the women's team finished as the conference runner-up after shooting a three-round 943 (311-314-318).

Four Wildcats placed inside the top 15, led by Caro Els, who tied for second with a 228 (74-76-78).

"At the beginning of the day, I told the ladies to have fun," said interim head coach Bob Bastian. "We weren't supposed to be competing for a GLIAC championship 20 months into our program's history, yet we were in contention. It's a testament to the hard work they've put in."

## HOCKEY

Northern Michigan head coach Grant Potulny will serve as an assistant coach for the U.S. National Junior Team at the 2018 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship.

The entire coaching staff from the 2017 gold medal winning team is back. Potulny joins head coach Bob Motzko (St. Cloud State) and fellow assistant coaches Greg Brown (Boston College), Kris Mayotte (Providence) and Steve Miller (Air Force).

"I'm very honored and humbled to be part of the 2018 U.S. National Junior Team that will compete on home ice," Potulny said. "Our staff has great continuity, and we're excited to get to work and mold our team."

## DETROIT TIGERS

After an explosive 19-9 offensive performance against the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday, the Detroit Tigers failed to pull it off again and fell 8-0 in Wednesday night's rematch for their first shut out of the season at Comerica Park.

Seattle pitcher James Paxton managed seven scoreless innings, throwing in the upper 90 m.p.h. and striking out a total of nine batters and walking one. The Tigers walked away with four hits.

The Mariners jumped out to an early lead in the second inning with Jean Segura knocking an RBI single and a two-run home run from Guillermo Heredia bringing the score to 3-0.

Nelson Cruz pushed the Tigers further down with a 6th inning home run, running in Segura and chalking up two more runs for the away team 6-0.

Seattle went on to score twice in the remainder of the game, the final score at 8-0.

The Tigers will take on the Mariners in their final game of the series at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, April 27 at Comerica Park with pitcher Justin Verlander taking the mound.



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Senior midfielder Savannah Stich warms up on the field at the Superior Dome on April 23.

# Lacrosse falls at home

By *Ryan Spitz*  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan Women's Lacrosse team fell to the University of Indianapolis by a score of 26-3 at the Superior Dome last Sunday. Freshman Graison Ringlever added two more goals to her total putting her at 22 points on the season.

The Greyhounds started the game out with four unanswered goals until senior attacker Blair Osgood put the Wildcats on the board to make it a 4-1 game at the 23:14 mark of the first half. Shortly after the Greyhounds scored two more goals coming less than a minute apart before Ringlever notched her first of the game at 20:15 to make it 6-2.

The Greyhounds scored nine unanswered goals after the Ringlever tally to make it a wide margin of 15-2 at the half.

Ringlever added her second goal of the game at 15:20 of the second half to give the Wildcats three, but it was all Greyhounds after that. Anna Rulapaugh and Hana Priddy led the way for Indianapolis, scoring five goals each and helping them improve to 9-4 on the season.

The Wildcats are now 2-11 on the season going into their final two games, both which will be played against GLIAC opponents at the Superior Dome this weekend.

At 6 p.m. on Friday, April 28, the Wildcats will take on Walsh University. The Cavaliers have dropped their last five games and are 7-7 overall on the season, with a 0-5 conference mark along with the Wildcats. The Cavaliers are 2-0 on the road this season with a meeting at Grand Valley State University tonight before traveling to Marquette tomorrow.

The Wildcats will wrap up their inaugural season with a matchup against Lake Erie College at noon Sunday, April 30. Osgood, Lindsey Luyckx and Savannah Stich are the three Wildcat seniors that will be playing their final game of the collegiate careers.

The Storm comes into the Dome with a 9-3 record and

have won all five road games they've played this season. The Storm will also face Grand Valley on April 28 before making the trip to Marquette.

Sophomore Shelby Klotz still leads the scoring for the Wildcats with 27 points on the season. Ringlever is second in scoring while Osgood is third with 20 points.

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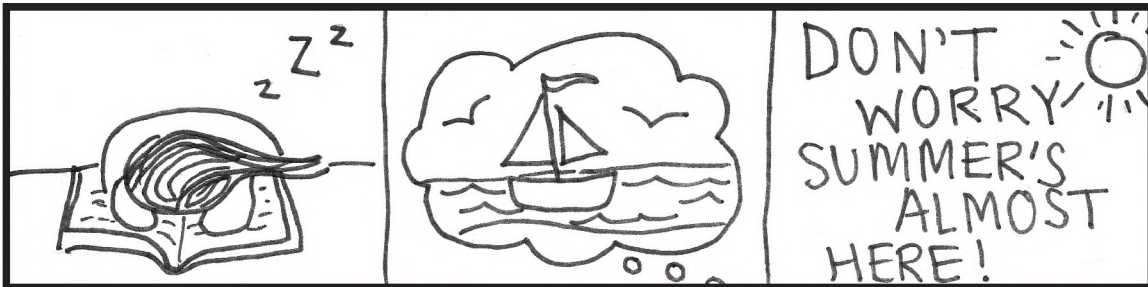
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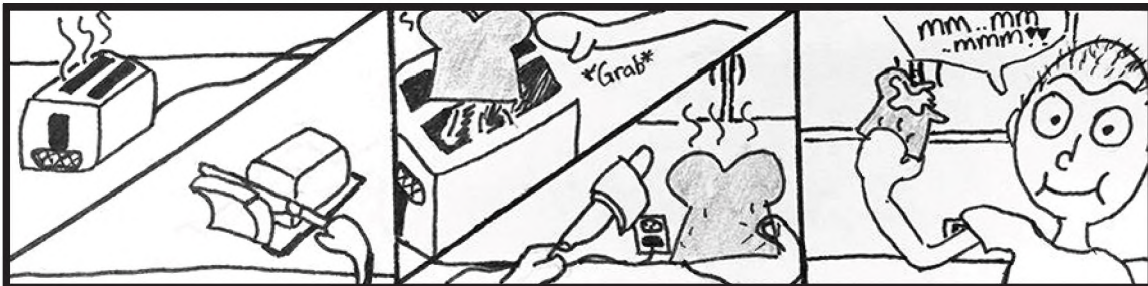
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