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Women's Volleyball traveled to Houghton Saturday where they swept three teams in the Keweenaw Classic.

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Local roller derby league skates at "Bout & Brews" match at Lakeview Arena.

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# First-time freshmen enrollment increases

By Winter Keefer  
editor-in-chief

According to NMU's 10th day enrollment report, after six years of decline, the incoming first-time freshman class has increased 10.8 percent from last year. Retention is also at a record high, with 75 percent of last year's first-time freshmen returning to campus for the fall semester.

Though incoming freshmen and retention have increased, total university head count is down due to last year's large graduating class, Director of Institutional Research and Analysis Jason Nicholas said. This was expected due to the pattern of decline in freshmen seen in past years.

"We've got many years of smaller class sizes that are working their way through and getting their educations," Nicholas said. "Hopefully, as they exit the system, we're filling their class back in with bigger freshman classes."

With a total of 1,501 first-time freshmen this fall semester, this year's freshman class increased by 146 students in comparison to last year. The total enrollment head count stands at 7,612, a decrease of 1.8 percent.

"It's going to take a couple years to turn the ship all the way back around, but this is definitely taking a step in the right direction," Nicholas said.

The rise in first-time fresh-

men will mean more resources available for academic programs in the long term, Vice President of Finance and Administration Gavin Leach said.

"We are able to do more things with academic programs, academic equipment, facilities as enrollment grows," Leach said.

Growth is not limited to incoming undergraduate freshmen, said NMU President Fritz Erickson in an interview before the 10-day numbers were released. There has also been growth in partnerships with high schools in the area and increased use of the Education Access Network (EAN).

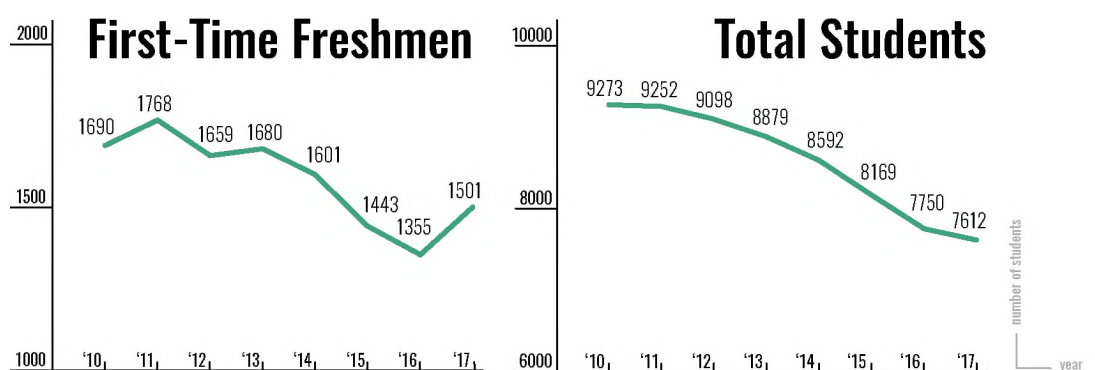
The 10th day enrollment report shows that there are 585 EAN participants and 2,960 people served by community learning programs.

"All of these things contribute to the life of the university and create such a positive attitude," Erickson said.

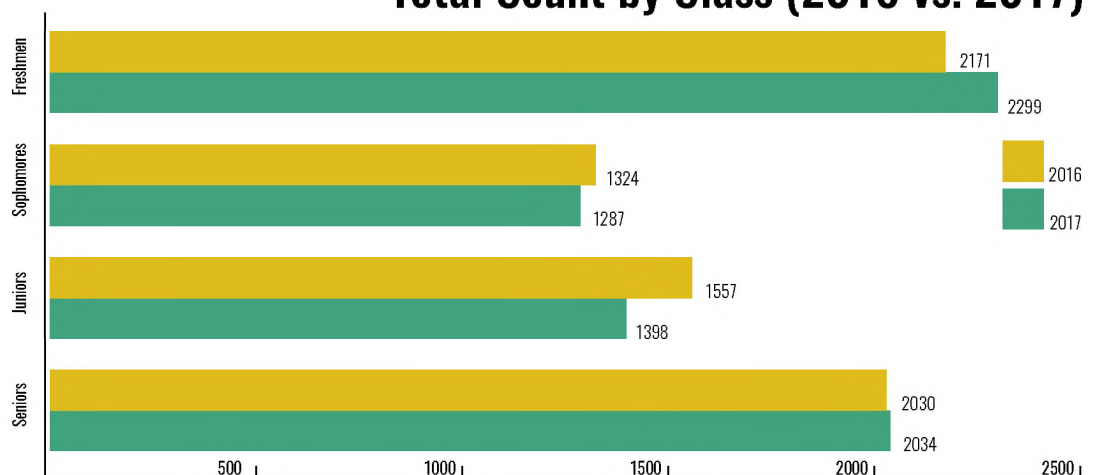
Erickson said increased interest in NMU can be attributed to multiple factors, including updated dorms and facilities, new academic programs, increased marketing and recruitment initiatives and the overall appeal of the community surrounding Marquette and the Upper Peninsula.

"It's a function of many, many things," Erickson said. "It's a function of overall excitement on campus, in the community and across Michigan."

## 10<sup>th</sup> Day Student Enrollment



## Total Count by Class (2016 vs. 2017)



Michael Wilson/NW

## New major for a growing industry



By Tim Eggert  
opinion editor

NMU is blazing the national trail for medicinal plant research as the first public university in the U.S. to offer medicinal plant chemistry as a four-year undergraduate degree program. Thanks to collaborative efforts between Brandon Canfield and Lesley Williams-Putman, associate professors within the chemistry department, this is the first semester that the major has been introduced to students.

"There's nothing else like this in the world," Canfield said. "We're the first, and we're really excited about that."

The new major is exclusive to NMU because it combines the advanced biochemical study and specialized analysis of natural products with entrepreneurial preparation. Students will have the choice to explore a specific area of study through the program's bio-analytical track or entrepreneurial track.

"All kinds of opportunities are out there for students in this field, but the cannabis industry is getting the most

attention right now because of recent policy changes," Putman said.

Although the program was inspired by newly legalized cannabis markets, its purpose won't be to grow and examine marijuana on campus. Canfield said the major was primarily conceived to meet a need in the medicinal plant industry and to move toward standardized methods of testing.

"This [major] applies to all ranges of medicinal plants," Canfield said. "If a compound in any plant is related to some biological effect, we're interested in how to measure it; how to get it out of there; how to measure it if it's taken out and put into other products; and how does it change if it's put into other products."

"While some of our graduate majors will go get a job in a lab, others will be ready to open up their own lab, their own growing operation or their own dispensary, and have the knowledge and the skills to do the analysis in-house,"

Canfield explained.

The first course of the program opens for registration in the winter semester and will assemble incoming freshmen with students at other levels in the major into a seminar-style course. As students progress through the program, courses in elemental plant chemistry will be replaced by more advanced concepts and medicinal research.

A former biology major, sophomore Josie Mollohan plans to assist in the harvest of local medicinal mushrooms in her first semester as a medicinal plant chemistry major.

"I'm interested in researching these plants because students could revolutionize their use and improve the quality of life for many people," Mollohan said. The subject of medicinal plant chemistry is rather controversial, but I'm very proud and excited that NMU is expanding its majors into fields that are relevant and growing no pun intended."

# Campus ministry group plans relief for Harvey, Irma victims

By *Trinity Carey*  
managing editor

A campus ministry group is coming together in an effort to raise funds to support areas of Texas and Florida affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma by hosting a silent auction and benefit concert from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

RELEVANT, an organization within the Mission Covenant Campus Ministry will bring local bluegrass band Chasin' Steele to perform at their benefit concert and silent auction. The event is free but donations are suggested at the door. Half of all proceeds made at the event will be donated to Convoy of Hope—a faith-based humanitarian orga-

nization which responds to needs of the impoverished. This organization gives 98 percent of their proceeds back to the cause, more than any other organization RELEVANT campus outreach minister and adviser Deb Heino, "Mama D," has encountered in her 20 years of service work.

"We all can be or will be affected by a disaster at some point," Mama D said. "Disaster knows no racial bounds or social status."

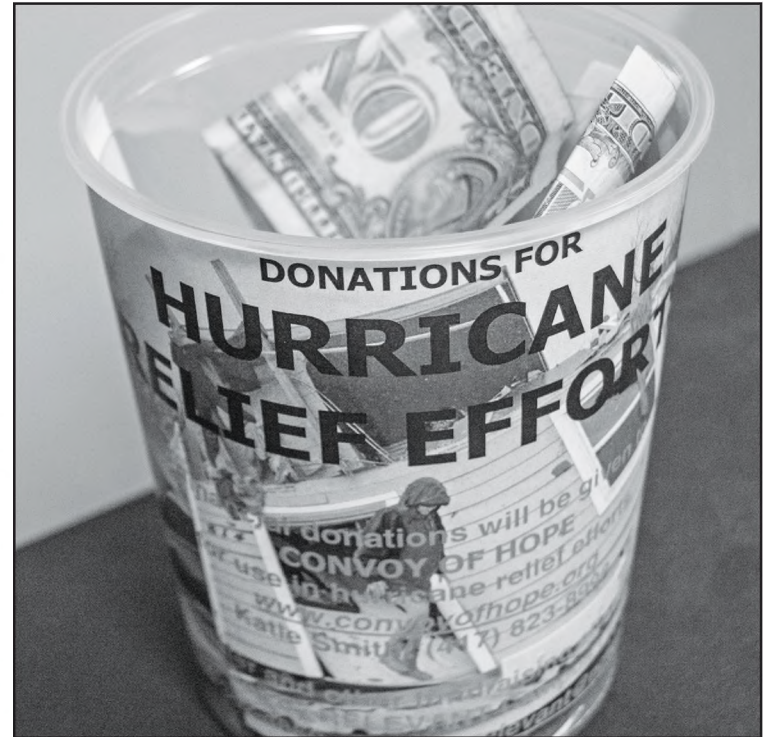
Each year over Thanksgiving, Christmas and spring break, RELEVANT takes students and any other interested volunteers to areas devastated by natural disasters. On these "go and serve" trips, volunteers work with Operation Blessing—a non-profit humanitarian organization to help clean up debris and rebuild the homes of those impacted by

disasters.

RELEVANT's trips are meant to help others comprehend just what those affected face in the aftermath of storms, Mama D said.

"It makes you aware that you are a part of a larger group than what is immediately around you."

RELEVANT's relief aid group meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the second floor, TV lounge of the University Center. To help with the benefit concert and silent auction, attend a relief trip, or for more information contact Jon or Mama D Heino by calling (906)-362-4669, emailing relevant@nmu.edu or by visiting the RELEVANT at NMU Facebook page. RELEVANT donation canisters can be found throughout the campus and community.



Lindsey Eaton/NW

175 RELEVANT campus ministry hurricane relief effort donation canisters can be found throughout the campus and community.

## LSD lands one student in hospital

By *Davon Lanier*  
news editor

An NMU student was hospitalized yesterday evening after exhibiting "extremely violent behavior" triggered by LSD, NMU Public Safety officials said.

A campus-wide e-mail was sent out to all students warning them of

the dangerous drug LSD, which is also known as "acid" that has made it's way on campus. The e-mail said the "acid" the student took caused them to become uncontrollable with extreme violent behavior.

The student was hospitalized after the outbreak and eventually arrested.

Public Safety is urging students

to be cautious of their surroundings and anything that someone gives them to consume, such as food or drinks.

Anyone with any information on the distribution of illegal drugs is asked to contact the Public Safety and Police Services Department at (906) 227-2151. Reports can also be made on an anonymous tip line, at nmu.edu/crimetips.

## Car crashes into nearby home

By *Davon Lanier*  
news editor

The Marquette City Police Department (MCPD) is looking for a stolen car suspect who crashed into a house in the 600 Block of Union Street, just North of NMU's campus in Marquette last Friday.

On Sept. 8, at approximately

12:17 a.m., MCPD responded to a call that a vehicle had left the roadway and struck a house on the 600 Block of Union Street in Marquette.

Further investigation revealed that the vehicle involved had been stolen from a nearby residence before the crash.

The driver fled the scene before police arrived and is still at large.

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Chris is the first openly trans man to make a Men's US National Team. He is a two-time member of Team USA, 2016 All-American Athlete, a three-time Ironman triathlete, and the list goes on. He was an instrumental person in changing the International Olympic Committee policy on transgender athletes. He then competed as the first trans athlete in a world championship race under new rules, finishing

# WEEKEND WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
67°F 51°F	66°F 50°F	64°F 49°F
Mostly Sunny	Scattered Storms	AM Showers

data from www.weather.com

## STATE NEWS

A Southwest Michigan Army National Guard Base will be the site of a project aimed at reducing costs for reliable energy among military facilities. Go Electric Inc., an Indiana-based energy solutions company, announced on Wednesday, Sept. 13 that it will implement a demonstration microgrid project at the Fort Custer Training Center near Battle Creek. The project is funded through a \$499,506 contract from a U.S. Department of Defense program established in 1995 to promote the transfer of proven innovative technologies into field use.

## NATIONAL NEWS

Equifax, one of three nationwide credit-reporting companies that tracks and rates the financial history of U.S. consumers, says a giant cybersecurity breach compromised the personal information of as many as 143 million Americans. The breach occurred between mid-May and July, Equifax said. The company said it discovered the hack on July 29. The data breach is one of the worst ever, by its reach and by the kind of information exposed to the public.

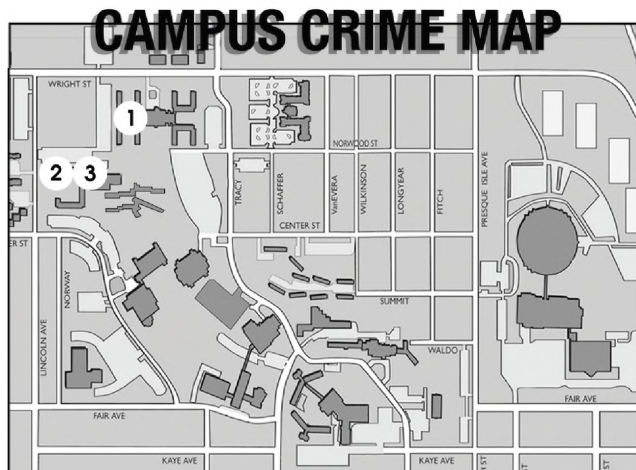
## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A week after Hurricane Irma struck a string of Caribbean islands, some residents are still in darkness, as power remains out, and food and water supplies are dwindling rapidly. Hurricane Irma struck a patchwork of independent island nations and territories in various forms of association with France, the Netherlands, the U.S. and the U.K. and killed at least 44 people in the Caribbean. In the storm's aftermath, residents and tourists described a volatile situation in a CNN report with vexing challenges ahead that have forced people to fend for themselves.

## WEIRD NEWS

The actress who starred in the porn video recently liked by Ted Cruz' Twitter account had harsh words for the Texas Senator. "I didn't like that he watched it for free," Cory Chase told the Huffington Post. "He pirated that video. He should have paid Reality Kings for a subscription." Cruz denied that he was responsible for the incident, blaming it on a "staffing issue." The clip in question was a two-minute, 20-second snippet from a scene the 36-year-old filmed a year ago for "Moms Bang Teens 20."

— Compiled from news sources



1. Larceny of a bicycle was reported at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 10 at Hunt/VA.

2. Malicious Destruction of property was reported at 8:03 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 in Gant Hall.

3. A controlled substance violation was reported at 11:56 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6 in Gant Hall.



Neil Flavin/NW

Community members don blue shirts during yesterday's event for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. The walk/run is a fundraiser event for the Special Olympics and is part of a larger national movement.

*Empowering athletes:*

## Marquette runs for Special Olympics cause

By Davon Lanier  
news editor

Police officers and community members alike participated in a Torch Walk/Run last night as part of a larger annual movement to raise funds and spread public awareness for the Special Olympics and people with intellectual disabilities.

Carl White, a retired police captain from the Michigan Department of Corrections and executive committee member for the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) organization, coordinated the event with Ken Love, training coordinator for NMU Public Safety and Police Services.

"We raise specifically for the athletes to attend summer, fall or winter games and it will also help to cover the costs to send any athletes to the international games in Abu Dhabi next year," White said. "So all the money that we raise makes sure that these athletes can go to these events and it doesn't cost them or their families a penny."

The Flame of Hope, a torch carried by Special Olympics athletes and supporters ahead of Opening Ceremony at the Special Olympics state, national,

Regional and World Games, was carried from the Superior Dome to the Jacobetti Complex. The weeklong event started with a community run in Menominee and will end with a final run in Sault Ste. Marie at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13.

In the Upper Peninsula alone, there are 192 athletes who are potential qualifiers for the games, White said. Athletes like Paula Vincent, a Marquette native who plans to participate in the Special Olympics for cycling, are the benefactors of the fundraising event.

Vincent said she thinks the Torch Run is important because it helps herself and other athletes get to do the different sports and games that would otherwise be a financial setback for her family.

LETR began in 1981 when a police chief from Kansas created the Torch Run, believing it would help law enforcement become more active in the community, to support Special Olympics Kansas. In 1983, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) decided to endorse Torch Run thus creating the "Founding Law Enforcement Organization." Since receiving the IACP's support, LETR has become the

largest public awareness and fundraising group for Special Olympics.

"The main reason is it gives law enforcement an opportunity to not only have a cause but to be out there in the public eye doing a positive thing like the firefighters when they 'Fill the Boot' for muscular dystrophy," White said.

Every Michigan county has an annual Torch Run and every state has a Special Olympics Program. Since its creation, Torch Run has amplified over the years and now includes many fundraising platforms like Plane Pulls, Polar Plunges, Tip-A-Cops and more. Since 1968, LETR has raised over \$600 million for Special Olympics programs nationwide.

"As an organization for [LETR] in Michigan, for the past five years we have raised over \$1 million each year. This year we are on pace to surpass \$1.5 million," White said.

LETR will host a Polar Plunge at Marquette Mountain on March 18, 2017 with hopes of receiving more than the \$13,000 in donations from last year's plunge, White said. For more information about Special Olympics events or LETR go to [tinyurl.com/yaardft7](http://tinyurl.com/yaardft7).

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# Campus Briefs

## ALUMNI

A trail at Presque Isle Park will be dedicated to John B. Anderton at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18. Anderton was a geography professor and department head at NMU his alma mater. He died while cross-country skiing at age 49 in 2014. The Marquette City Commission previously voted to rename the interior trail network at Presque Isle Park in Anderton's honor. Through his lifetime, the park was a place for recreation and research and the focus of his book titled "The Jewel in the Crown: An Environmental History of Presque Isle Park, Marquette, Michigan."

## CAMPUS

Northern Michigan University ranked 83rd overall in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges Rankings. Additionally, it was 67th in the rankings of "best value." The university also was ranked 52nd in best colleges for veterans in the Midwest. These rankings help searching college students sift through over 1,800 U.S. universities. The lists are formulated with extensive surveying and research with a data evaluation that inspects for errors and inconsistencies.

## ARTS AND HUMANITIES

NMU alumni and Twin sisters Natalie and Stephanie Heise have been accepted into ArtPrize for their first year. The event will run from Sept. 20-Oct. 8 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The art competition has been billed by some as the most-attended public art event in the world, according to Petoskey News Review. Natalie's was accepted for her photographic collage titled "Catastrophe" and Stephanie was accepted for a number of illustrations created with the help of Photoshop.

## COMMUNITY

Free dance lessons are scheduled for all skill levels to participate in over the next week at the Dance zone at 1113 Lincoln Ave., Marquette. The basics of hula dancing and a few easy hula dances will be taught Friday, Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. "Dance, Just Dance!" will be held Saturday, Sept. 16 at 2:45 p.m. This workshop will be taught by International Dancers who will introduce dances that can be done without a partner. Finally, the Steppin' Out Dance Club will hold ballroom dance lessons on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

# NMU Events page gets a new look

## Website upgrade offers more user-friendly feels

By Kelsii Kyto  
copy editor

The Center of Student Enrichment recently unveiled an upgrade to the website for the NMU events calendar, which now features Student Connect and the Campus Connect newsletter.

Campus Connect, aimed at publicizing campus-wide news and events, along with Student Connect, aimed at publicizing student happenings such as sports games and film showings, both received a face lift.

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The usability of the website was expanded dramatically and now has a more open concept, including tabs for events, announcements and news.

The announcement page reminds students of application deadlines, times for sorority and fraternity recruitment, sports tryouts, and other notices such as maintenance and personnel changes. The news section of the campus connect web page features media advisories while the student connect features a

which edge the volunteer events apply to.

The website also newly features "places to go," where students can get descriptions about popular locations around Marquette.

Browsers can also view the academic calendar from the website along with a general calendar that displays the events happening on campus when looking at the main events page. The number of events and announcements are located on the side of the main page, where visitors are able to see the number of emergency announcements, sports games, vol-

**It came out five times a week last year which was way too frequent, and it would have repeated information, like 'register your bike', three times in a week. It annoyed everybody. The numbers were dismal in terms of how many people were reading it, and it was very frustrating. We had to talk to Marketing and Communication and say 'We need to fix this.'**

— Rachel Harris  
director, Center for Student Enrichment

According to Derek Hall, assistant vice president of Marketing and Communications, the website was updated for the Student Enrichment Center, its top users.

Rachel Harris, director of the center for student enrichment, underlined the need to change the website.

"It came out five times a week last year which was way too frequent, and it would have repeated information, like 'register your bike', three times in a week. It annoyed everybody," She said. "The numbers were dismal in terms of how many people were reading it, and it was very frustrating. We had to talk to Marketing

volunteer tab for students to explore different volunteer opportunities on and off campus.

Superior Edge Volunteer Center Coordinator Gwyneth Harrick explained the development of the volunteer tab.

"We have been investing a lot of time in having continual meetings in order to get that volunteer tab up and running so that volunteer opportunities can be more accessible to students," Harrick said.

Harrick held focus groups to get further ideas about how the volunteer tab will function. She said that soon, Superior Edge students will be able to tell

volunteer opportunities and more.

Harris noted that the traffic to the website will increase in the future. She said that previously, less than 100 students out of the entire student body read the announcements per month.

"I think it's going to take off," Harris said. "It's going to take a little bit of time, but once people see that there's some usefulness to it, it's more user friendly and the information is there, that's going to be the one place that people go to. I think it's going to get used and will only continue to get better and better."

The upgraded website can be viewed at events.nmu.edu.

## Beerfest 2017



Winter Keefer/NW

Senior accounting major Hank Steiro (left) and NMU alumni Max Peterson (right), play a game of Jenga at the Beerfest 2017 on Saturday. The event featured special craft beers from breweries around the state.

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EDITORIAL



Superior solidarity

Hurricanes and wildfires have recently ripped through parts of our nation, leaving many hungry, homeless and utterly devastated. While we're safe in the confines of the Upper Peninsula and continue our day-to-day lives, it's imperative we keep in mind that those affected by these disasters are living day-to-day just to survive.

With over 1,000 miles of distance between us, it is difficult to truly comprehend the scale of damage and heartbreak consuming these areas and easy to feel helpless in bettering the situation in any way. As students we can still offer our solidarity. In times such as these, hope for the future may be a far off thought, so send your optimism and support to those in need by donating money and supplies, working with a relief organization or by simply raising awareness.

There are fellow Wildcats with families and friends undergoing the effects of these very disasters. As college students our resources may be limited, but there are ways to aid

those in need, even if all you can offer is your thoughts. To be involved directly with campus aid efforts, contact RELEVANT, a campus ministry group organizing events to donate and travel to aid in hurricane relief. To donate to other aid efforts, visit organization websites that are helping first hand in storm areas such as, the Convoy of Hope, Global Giving and Americares.

As the storms come to an end and daily headlines no longer contain hurricanes, remember that for those who endured these events these problems aren't disappearing. The aftermath of these storms is felt for months and years to come. Twelve years have passed and the areas and people affected by Hurricane Katrina are still recovering.

Our immediate concerns as students are classes and jobs, but keep in mind those who are truly suffering, because one day it could be you or your family affected by an event this tragic. Stay hopeful and humble 'Cats.

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College is worth the hassle



Staff Column  
Lindsey Eaton

As I take a couple moments to reflect upon my college experience here at Northern Michigan University, I realize that my expectations of a fun, charming, movie-like college life were met with the reality of stress and chaos. For me, college hasn't always been just fun, sunshine and puppy dogs. Instead, it was often filled with lack of direction, frustration and tough decisions.

My college education began in the fall of 2013. I had many colleges to choose from, but since I grew up literally two blocks away from campus NMU seemed like the most logical choice. When "wildcat weekend" arrived, we all separated into the majors we wanted to explore. I wanted to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Development (ECD) because I love working with children. So, I went in a group with ECD and Elementary Education majors.

This was when I ran into my first roadblock: my primary interest was being discontinued for an undetermined period of time. I was advised to pursue classes with Elementary Education since I'd basically "get the same experience." A week before classes began, I was already in a panic due to a sense of lack of direction.

Once set up in the Elementary Education program, I was given an adviser; she was kind, fun and someone I felt comfortable asking my many questions. However, promptly after orientation she retired, and my new adviser was very new, just like me—roadblock number two.

After a year of pursuing Elementary Education, I

came to the realization that it wasn't really the major for me. It's a great major, don't get me wrong, but it wasn't what I wanted to do.

I continued my college education, but this time pursuing an associates degree in General University Studies. The thought of transferring occurred to me several times, and I figured if I had a two-year degree it would surely transfer, whereas individual credits may not. The stress and anxiety clouded many of the fun times until I finally found my calling here at NMU.

I graduated with my associate degree in 2015 and decided to continue on and get my Bachelor of Arts in Art and Design. Once I settled into my major, I found my adviser and professors very encouraging and things began to look up.

Then I found out, with two semesters left in my college career, I would be four credits short of graduation requirements; I was horrified. Another roadblock. I persevered and was successful in securing an internship over the summer that would satisfy the credit requirements. The challenges continued, as it was another difficult process. After several conversations, and weeks of talking with NMU administration, I was able to secure the credits.

The moral of my story, however, is not that my education here was completely awful. I have enjoyed many aspects of college life, despite all of the difficulties. I am proud to be a Wildcat and I realize that all of the experiences, good and bad, are making me stronger and preparing me for the "real world." My advice to those reading this would be: don't give up. The challenges make you stronger, the time goes by quickly, and the memories and friends you make along the way will be well worth the hassle.

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## Hashtags are forever



### Opinion Editor

Tim Eggert

If Lewis and Clark had spotted a rare Pepe during their expedition across the western United States, it would have taken weeks, or perhaps months for their discovery of its dankness to be shared with friends. If I spot a new Pepe meme, or even a savage tweet, my reaction can be transmitted immediately, along with a simultaneous share of the source itself. In the way that written word replaced the tradition of oral storytelling in the days of Lewis and Clark, so too has social media replaced the tradition of the written word.

What's changed isn't the language through which we write and communicate, but the form we do it in, and the earnestness with which we do it. When accounts of personal experiences and creative realities were propagated through oral traditions, they existed as intangible manifestations of existence, without the formal limitations of written word.

To "retell" a story was simply to use a different voice to tell the same story. Its permanence was dependent on the cycle of sharing maintained by alternative voices repeating the same story. A fire-

side story only became materialized when it was written down. Once this happened, or, literature was birthed, immaterial voices became embodied through letters and pages.

But we can't discredit literature for transcribing the abstract into something concrete. The efficient sharing of meaningful cultural expressions was inevitable, and the manifestation of globally-followed interpretations of existence, like religion, has been vital for life.

What written word has done for the evolution of storytelling has been essential to how we understand ourselves and the world we live in. Communicating our understandings has advanced too, from practiced oral traditions to disciplined letter-writing to spontaneous social media entries. Twitter and Facebook aren't the originators of documenting our reactions through words, but they've affected the process by which we document.

In a way, social media sites are like campfires that we can all sit around and share our stories. But, what separates modern storytelling from oral traditions is that our campfire never goes out, and stories permanently perpetuate. Instead of maintaining the cycle through alternative voices, our stories survive by means of newsfeeds and homepages. This embodiment of voice, like

that through literature, defines social media as a pseudo-literature.

If social media is both a flow of oral story, and a sink of written word, then how do we reconcile the organic nature of what we post, and the formal language through which we post it in? In other words, our responsibility as cognitive story-tellers lies in balancing emotional reactions and instinctual imperfections on globally accessible platforms.

Since we're accountable for what we say and what we share, we should be aware of how our "literature" may be perceived by future readers. We examine letters from notable figures like presidents, authors and artists not only to gain a sense of our culture through a historical lens, but because their written word is our only source into their lives. Similarly, our posts, tweets and shares are the pages of our own autobiographies.

Even though oral traditions have been replaced by written word, our individual voices still collectively define our culture. So, for the sake of future interpreters of our history, let's be mindful of what we transmit online. We can all contribute to the anthology of "modern" literature by communicating something pure and reflexive with a sense self-reflection. But, when you do, share with sincerity and post with poise.

## Asking for help shouldn't be hard



### Guest Column

Rose Bertram

When people come to a college, things about them change for the better or for the worse. When things take a turn for the worse, the victims tend to ignore the assets available to them to fix what went wrong. Northern Michigan University offers a great solution for people who need emotional help: a completely free and flexible counseling center.

Mental health issues have a habit of being portrayed as a burden on someone, and that society will judge those who are affected by them. While there are certainly still people who feel this way towards these problems, a counselor's job is designed around helping you overcome these obstacles and feeling okay with whatever is currently affecting you, as well as better understand ways to cope. They are not here to judge you, and they aren't going to tell you something's wrong with you. As a matter of fact, if you come to them about something such as your sexual orientation, they might even discuss why they think that it's okay, in order to create a safe space for you.

Aside from mental health, the Counseling Center can be utilized for the convenience of confidential venting. You don't need to have an issue that will require multiple sessions in order to take advantage of the center. There's a misconception that to need counseling, you need to have a mental health issue; this simply isn't true. These counselors are here to offer a place to vent and a safe place for you as you come to experience different things in

this ever changing environment. No matter how small the issue is, if it warrants talking to someone about it to sort your thoughts out, the Counseling Center will welcome you with open arms.

College is about utilizing whatever's available to you in order to help you succeed. There is no shame in getting help from a place that is designed to help you get through whatever you're struggling with. Resources like the Counseling Center are one of the best assets available to you on campus. People often fail to realize that aside from offering help for mental health, a counselor is fully equipped to talk to you about issues with focusing, studying, relationships and making friends.

An alumni from Northern Michigan once told me, "NMU is a great place for broken people, because it's so different from everything around it. It's almost like it's on its own island and exists on its own time; almost like an alien planet. Everyone there is meant to help you succeed, and there's a familial bond that larger universities might lack." After being here, I fully believe this quote to be true; it's almost baffling how much the people here want to help you.

However, the only person who can help you get to these steps is you. You won't have someone point you in the right direction towards what you need unless you open up and ask for the help. There is no harm in looking for help if you need it, and it may end up being one of the best decisions you could make. If you ever find yourself feeling lost and requiring guidance, don't be afraid to seek out the assistance that will help you get back on your feet. Even if you find out the Counseling Center isn't what you're looking for, they'll help you find the assets you need in order to succeed.

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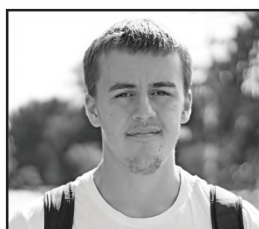
Do you feel comfortable expressing your opinion on campus?

compiled by Kat Torreano



**Melissa Poole, senior business management**

"Yes, I don't think anyone would ever yell at me."



**Brett Kauppinen, freshman undeclared**

"Of course, I feel comfortable giving my opinion anywhere, on anything."



**Casey Sivret, junior behavioral analysis**

"Yes, sharing is easy, especially since everyone is really friendly."



**Tavin Swanberg, senior psychology**

"Yes, I think a lot of people are open to listening and conversations can come from that."



NMU students of Hunt Hall proudly ride their float during last year's Homecoming Parade on Third Street. Every year, Homecoming Week entails events designed to raise enthusiasm levels, in order to kick off the semester with an extra dose of Wildcat spirit.

Events for the 2017 fall Homecoming Week include the Dead River Games on Sunday, the King and Queen Competition on Monday night, the Stepping Competition on Wednesday night, the Parade on Third Street Friday evening, and the football game against Davenport University Saturday afternoon.

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Get ready for blockbuster events

# Homecoming plans to show-up school spirits

By Madeline Bitter  
contributing writer

As the leaves change and students settle into their semester routines, next week a time-honored tradition of Northern will shake up campus. Soon the Dead River basin will be filled with the sound of cheering and

to their old stomping grounds; as well, it doubles as a binding agent to the entire NMU community. The production is organized by the Special Events Committee (SEC), this year led by Dylan Gonda, a senior outdoor recreation leadership and management major.

"It really brings all parts of the student body together,"

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—Dylan Gonda

SEC coordinator, senior outdoor recreation and leadership management major

the splashing of students plunging into Superior's polar waves. The first floor of Jamrich will ring with the bassy thumps of electronic music pulsing from room 1100. Past students know the excitement of the days leading up to the fanfare, while new students are lucky enough to experience it for the first time.

Homecoming Week is a seven-day long celebration of Northern's alumni returning

Gonda said. "On-campus, off-campus and the apartments, Homecoming is something meant for every student to enjoy."

There are seven events to boost school spirit from Sept. 17 to 23. This year's theme is "And the award goes to..." meaning that the events will be centered on blockbuster movies of the past. "The Lion King," "Star Wars," "Jaws," "Rocky" and

"The Great Gatsby" to name a few, Gonda said. Students are urged to get creative.

The week kicks off with the Dead River Games from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, which includes an obstacle course and ice cream drop.

"It's one of our more popular events," Gonda added. "And one of Northern's oldest Homecoming traditions."

This is followed up by the King and Queen Competition at 7 p.m. Monday in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center. Contestants compete in theme and semi-formal dress categories.

Gonda also named the Stepping Competition, a fast-paced and high-energy dance style, as the most popular event out of the whole week, which this year will be 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Jamrich room 1100.

"It just gets so packed in there [the auditorium]," he said. "Everyone loves to watch what kind of creative, goofy stuff teams come up with."

The week wraps up Saturday with the football game at the Superior Dome. This year the Wildcats will go head-to-head against the Davenport Panthers from Grand Rapids. The game will start at 1:30 p.m., and students can swipe into the game with their NMU ID cards. There will also be food, bounce houses and music.

Amid all of the traditional events Wildcats have come to know and love, the SEC has some new activities cooked up this year.

The School Pride Competition will be a social media based contest in which students upload pictures of their kookiest Homecoming outfits with the hashtag "#nmuschoolspirit" with the winner getting a prize. The Commuter Car Competition will judge the best "decked-out" car and the winner will get a spot to drive in the Homecoming Parade up Third Street that Friday. Lastly, "Spirit Police" will be roaming campus looking for people especially lacking in the spirit gear

department. They will be handing out Homecoming gear all week long, so keep an eye out.

"This year we are trying to get Homecoming week to what it used to be," Gonda said. "In recent years we've felt like enthusiasm hasn't been as high as it could be. That's why we are trying to get involved with social media and implementing new events this year."

Students can get involved with all the events by making a team and turning in the paperwork by 5 p.m. Sept. 12 to the SEC office.

The entire schedule and more information can be found at <http://bit.ly/2wVuifS> or on the NMU website.



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The NMU Cheer Team shakes their green and gold pom poms during last year's Homecoming Parade up Third Street in Marquette.

# RIPTIDE ROLLS W

## NMU's Rolling Riptide scores an honorable victory after a clean, friendly race against Roller Girls at the Dead River Roller Derby

by Jake Bekemeyer/contributing writer

You might suspect a roller derby to be filled with anger or aggression, as players vying for position slam into each other on the track, but the overall feeling of the bout between the Rolling Riptide and the Keweenaw Roller Girls was warmth, family and good-natured competition.

The Dead River Roller Derby "Bout & Brews" race began at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 at Lakeview Arena. The Rolling Riptide team hoped to rack up points to get better seeding for the statewide event coming up in October, while the Keweenaw Roller Girls itched to put up a good fight and make the bout competitive.

But the Keweenaw Roller Girls' dreams were quickly dashed as the Rolling Riptide jumped to an early lead and never let up, the night ending on a 261-85 final score.

"We're all good friends," said Alana Carrott, vice president of Dead River Derby and a skater for the Rolling Riptide, known as Phee Nix to her teammates and fans.

Despite the command Rolling Riptide took early, there was never a moment those friendly words didn't ring true.

It was amazing to see the skaters from both teams joking around and chatting with each other's families before the match, then throwing shoulders into collarbones on the rink, and then topping off the end of the night with a drink together. Phee Nix, who played deftly, was chatting like family with the girls she was skating circles around. That really puts into perspective what this Dead River Roller Derby league is about.

"[Roller derby] is for people of any shape, size or skill level," Phee

Nix explained, and leaving your ego at the door is required.

Explaining the history of the fun names, Natalie Jackson, aka Chompers said, "We don't want to be attached to our personas," referring to what they do as their day job outside of the league.

The skaters said that this was a place for everyone, regardless of what they have going on in life. Players come from all over the employment spectrum— some make big bucks in the outside world, some not so much, but it doesn't matter— everyone treats everyone the same.

Most fans come for the same reason. There was a craft beer stand at the stadium drawing in people who usually don't show up, but the core fans come for the same reason the skaters do: they like the community, talking to people they normally wouldn't and making new friends.

But Dead River Derby is generous to those outside their immediate family of fans too, raising money for charity. Half the money they earned from the tickets Friday was donated to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly and St. Vincent de Paul of Marquette Food Pantry.

The bout ended with the crowd forming a circle around the rink and both teams skating around high-fiving anyone who wanted to join. The biggest cheers when the Rolling Riptide did their lap came from Keweenaw's bench, and the same thing happened when Keweenaw skated their lap.

"We're very close-knit," Phee Nix concluded.

If you want to participate in next season's events as a skater, referee or volunteer, visit Dead River Derby's Facebook page and reach out. You won't be turned away.



The Keweenaw Roller Girls make their arrival on the scene memorable with their enthusiasm and positivity. Each player is introduced here while teammates and opponents alike cheer on their fellow skaters.

photos by Kat Torreano/ NW



# WITH THE PUNCHES

the Keweenaw



# Understanding each other

NMU alumnus talks teaching English in Cambodia

By Noah Hausmann  
features editor

NMU alumnus James Dyer spoke before a packed room of students and faculty at noon on Monday, Sept. 11 in Jamrich 3319 on his experience teaching English in Cambodia for the Peace Corps.

One of the Peace Corps' major goals is to show that Americans can be friends abroad and to improve relations with other nations by encouraging better understanding, Dyer explained. And that process takes time.

"You plant a tree under whose shade you never get to sit," Dyer recited, a saying he heard often in his Peace Corps training. "You don't see the fruits of your labor immediately if at all."

Dyer has been in Cambodia assisting local teachers since July 2016. This is a two-year commitment, so he will serve until August 2018. Dyer's return to the United States was brief, little more than

two weeks, and he had to ship out again Wednesday.

Dyer, of Lowell, Michigan, completed both his undergraduate and graduate English studies at NMU, earning the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Certificate.

In Cambodia, Dyer has been living with a Khmer host family west of Battambang by the Thailand border. Society there is agricultural, so growing food in the rice fields is a bigger priority than arriving on time for lessons. Cambodia is still recovering from the massacre years of the Khmer Rouge regime of 1975 to 1979, Dyer explained; the mother of his host family lost all her loved ones during that time. This struggle to survive has also hurt education, especially among women and girls.

He showed a video of his host family singing Khmer pop songs and playing buckets as drums at a niece's birthday party. It's important to know that Cambodia is

farmers and folk songs, Dyer said, but also don't forget that Cambodia is cities too, where 75 percent of teenagers have smart phones.

"They're more like Americans than you can imagine," Dyer told the listeners.

Cambodia's culture is rich in history, yet changing too. He described the "weird dynamic" of seeing ancient Hindu temples and gas stations on the same bike ride.

Much of what Dyer and his fellow Peace Corps workers seek to overcome in Cambodia is people's prior perceptions of Americans, especially the negative impressions that tourists have left behind.

"They're tourists consuming Cambodian culture, rather than experiencing it," Dyer said. "The ones you see are the ones you remember the ones passed out on pub street."

Cambodians see Americans as rich, white and all from New York City, he said, but they also see them as people who want to help.



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NMU alumnus James Dyer speaks about his year of Peace Corps experience instructing English to Khmer teens in Cambodia.

Even though English is a required language to learn in Cambodia, Dyer's students, ages 15 through 17, all have different proficiencies in the language, with some who are fluent in English and others "who could barely say hello."

"It's every English teacher's nightmare of the most unlevel classrooms imaginable... But you do what you can with what you have," he added optimistically.

"The most challenging part

is working in the Cambodian school system. You feel like you're running on a treadmill sometimes, but you have to understand you're not there to fix Cambodia. The best part is working with the Cambodian teachers, who are so motivated to help their students."

In addition to teaching, Dyer's "pet project" to further benefit the community is writing a supplement on learning English to go along with the students' government issued textbook.

## Iron Bay creates comfort cuisine:

*Restaurant brings historic flavor to Washington Street*

Nestled on the corner of Washington Street and Lakeshore Boulevard is an eatery new to many returning NMU students. Iron Bay Restaurant & Drinkery opened May 22, offering to the Marquette community what its slogan calls "creative comfort food" in the historic building that long ago was the Iron Bay Foundry—roots this dining place proudly embraces.



By Kara Toay  
copy editor

Walking into Iron Bay for the first time, I was pleasantly surprised by the architecture of the building. Black and white pictures fill the walls with exposed brick giving the restaurant a rustic, old-timey vibe.

My friends and I were greeted and seated right away. We opted to sit out on the patio instead of indoors and were welcomed with a nice breeze and very few bugs to bother us. Our server greeted us in a timely manner and brought drinking water right away.

The menu had a unique touch it was laid out like a newspaper with the history of the restaurant written for

diners to read while they peruse the food selection. The cuisine collection itself was a bit underwhelming with not much variety to choose from. The

**The burger was absolutely delicious... The flavors blended well together.**

options however, were indeed creative and different than what I was used to.

For an appetizer, I selected the whitefish tater tots, as per a recommendation, and out of



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Iron Bay Drinkery Manager Brandon Maki mixes an exclusive preview of a specialty fall drink that will be available to customers soon in October.

my own curiosity. They were made with whitefish, grated potato, cheddar cheese, herbs and remoulade sauce. The tater tots did not take long to arrive. My first bite, and every bite after, had a crunch and a hint of the herbs within. The fish in the tater tots did not overpower the other flavors, which I was

extremely pleased with.

For my entree, I chose to get the bell tower burger, which consisted of cheese, bacon, fried onion strings and Michigan cherry bourbon BBQ sauce, and also included tomato and lettuce, which I opted not to have. The entrees came out shortly after our appetizers, but

gave us enough time to finish the tater tots before we dove into our main course.

The burger was absolutely delicious. It was cooked to order and was not dry at all. The flavors blended well together. The BBQ sauce had a great mixture of sweetness and tanginess that added a nice touch to the burger. The fries had a crispness to them that I enjoyed and had plenty of flavor from the black pepper seasoning.

Overall, the service was good and our waiter was pleasant and helpful and checked on us multiple times throughout our meal. The flavor of the food was satisfying and did not take away from any of the other ingredients, but instead added to them.

The one drawback to the meal was that the portions were small for the price. That was the only thing that dampened the experience and would deter me from coming often, but I would definitely go back to Iron Bay and try more dishes given I find some extra spending cash.



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# 'It' film clowns around with fear

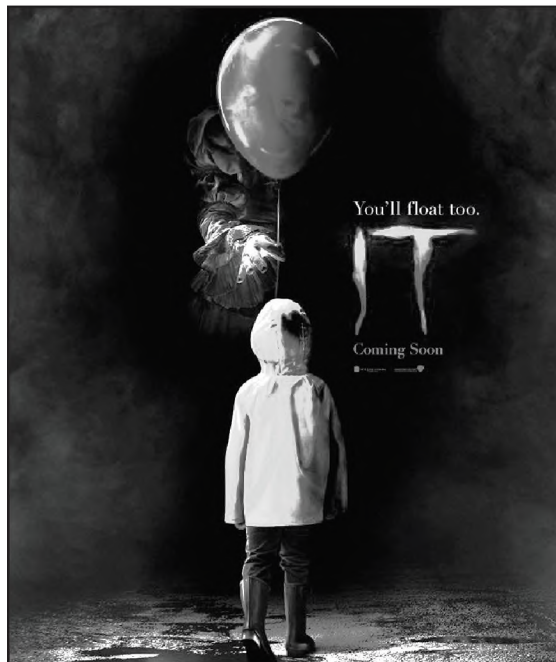
By *Jamie Glenn*  
staff writer

With a budget of \$35 million, director Andrés Muschietti brings author Stephen King's novel "It" to life with this unsettling view of Derry, Maine. King's horror creation was previously brought to the screen by an ABC mini series in 1990. Fittingly (and eerily) the storyline states that Pennywise returns every 27 years, and given that the last version was 1990, the year 2017 is exactly 27 years apart from the original. Spooky.

**Story:** From paper ships to gore behind the bathroom door, the town of Derry plays suspect to a monstrous clown that feeds on the fears of the town's youth. Pennywise, played by Bill Skarsgård, who can also be seen in the third installment of the "Divergent" series, is the perfect movie monster with his impeccable dialogue and unsettling mannerisms. In this coming of age story, the cast of middle schoolers forfeit their summer vacation to uncover a clown with a million faces, af-

ter a number of disturbing and mysterious disappearances begin to stack up. But not only do these kids have to bring a monstrous clown to defeat, they also have to overcome the constant torment inflicted by a vicious group of older kid bullies too. This mutual distaste for the town's tormentors is what brings the characters together to fight off the evil that lies at the feet of this haunted logging town.

**Characters:** This film has seven kids at its forefront, so many storylines are told simultaneously. This leaves little time for in-depth character development and viewers with an overwhelming feeling of disconnect. The writers make up for this shortcoming, though, by including realistic colorful teenage dialogue, especially with Finn Wolfhard of "Stranger Things" as Richie Tozier delivering the punchline numerous times throughout the film. Sophia Lillis portrays Beverly Marsh, a Molly Ringwald-esque character who finds herself at the center of the male driven "Losers



Film: "It: Chapter One"

Director: Andrés Muschietti

Screenplay: Chase Palmer, Cary Fukunaga, Gary Dauberman

Based on the Novel By: Stephen King

Starring: Bill Skarsgård, Jaeden Lieberher, Finn Wolfhard

Runtime: 2 hours 15 minutes

Rated: R



Club," making her the stand-alone female protagonist of this film. Had she been missing from the forefront, this film would've fallen flat. Jaeden Lieberher of "The Book of Henry" delivers that of a determined Bill Durbrough, who turns Pennywise's fear into fuel to find his missing brother.

**Style:** A horror movie isn't complete without strong jump scare scenes. This film combines, tense music that is put up alongside predictable jump scares that fall short, given their predictability. They may come across as scarier for the younger audience members, but it's clear that this film wasn't made

for the younger film goers. The CGI included in the movie makes up for the cheap jump scares, though, given that the impeccable CGI is both crisp and seamless in a manner that is hard to separate from real life. The effects fill this dark movie with a beautiful array of edgy yet colorful scenes.

**Verdict:** The cast of "It" is full of high spirited teenagers, each contributing a unique perspective to the collective storyline of overcoming the fears that Pennywise embodies. The CGI in this film is seamless with the acting and puts the '90s technology of the predecessor production to shame, but it

also leaves viewers in a predictable state when it comes to the jump scares. Lastly, the film is titled on screen as "It: Chapter One" because this is the first installment in a planned duology. With the sequel chapter to come, this does allow more time to tell a much larger narrative. However, this first movie still feels like its large cast of characters doesn't allow enough time to fully develop each backstory. But despite this film's shortcomings, it is a strong successor to the original. It's clear this film wasn't created for the faint of heart, but it will be sure to keep you on the edge of your seat until the end credits roll.

# 'Sonic' spins nostalgically out of control



Game: 'Sonic Mania'

Publisher: Sega

Developer: Sega of America, Christian Whitehead, Headcannon, PagodaWest

Platforms: Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, Microsoft Windows

Rating:

7/10

By *Jeff Maki*  
contributing writer

The fans cheer out, "Sonic is good again," and I sit here from a reviewer's desk feeling a bit like the Grinch, my heart trying to grow but it just won't make the commitment. Sonic games have had a tumultuous history ever since becoming 3-D and trying, again, to find its roots as in this new 2-D game styled after the original Sega Genesis titles.

"Sonic Mania" was published on Aug. 15, 2017 by Sega but was developed by the team of Christian Whitehead, Headcannon, Sega of America and PagodaWest Games. Aside from

Sega, these groups were fans of the series who pitched their fan-game to be official.

Unsurprisingly this "Sonic Mania" pays homage to the series, though only to the 2-D games. A brief story plays in which series villain Dr. Eggman finds the Phantom Ruby which warps reality and mixes old locations with new ones. Some stages, like Studiopolis Zone were created for "Sonic Mania" and make up some of the high points of the game.

The playable characters Sonic, Knuckles and Tails all control just like the old games, thanks to the developers studying gameplay and the source code from the first four Sonic games. Very little is

new, aside from a mid-air dash and a few new gimmicks like a bounce-serum in Chemical Plant Zone, to make old levels feel fresh.

Despite an authentic childhood experience, all is not well. Ugly level design returns, such as the infamous underwater climb from Chemical Plant Zone, and many of the remade levels feel at times lazy, ripped wholesale from the originals. I would like to say that all the new levels feel fresh and fun, but this is not the case. Mirage Saloon Zone: Act 1 is a four minute chore with no checkpoints and the final levels push the player dangerously close to the 10-minute time limit that will kill Sonic if exceeded.

A new minigame for collecting the Chaos Emeralds was made where one must chase an Eggman drone in a pseudo 3-D space. It starts forgiving, but by the fifth emerald it requires intense precision with dodgy controls that slide all over, ejecting you and making you find another giant ring to try again.

While the game is ultimately fun, and oozes with the love put into it, "Sonic Mania" only feels fast when on loops and in tubes. Enemies and hazards force the player to slow down to a Mario-like pace. Endless pits and crushing traps feel more

common than they used to, leading to cheap deaths.

For nostalgia seekers and connoisseurs of retro games, I can't recommend this enough. However the warts of old design will put off those unfamiliar with it and eventually new buyers might be right-

fully frustrated with this game being already past its prime when released.

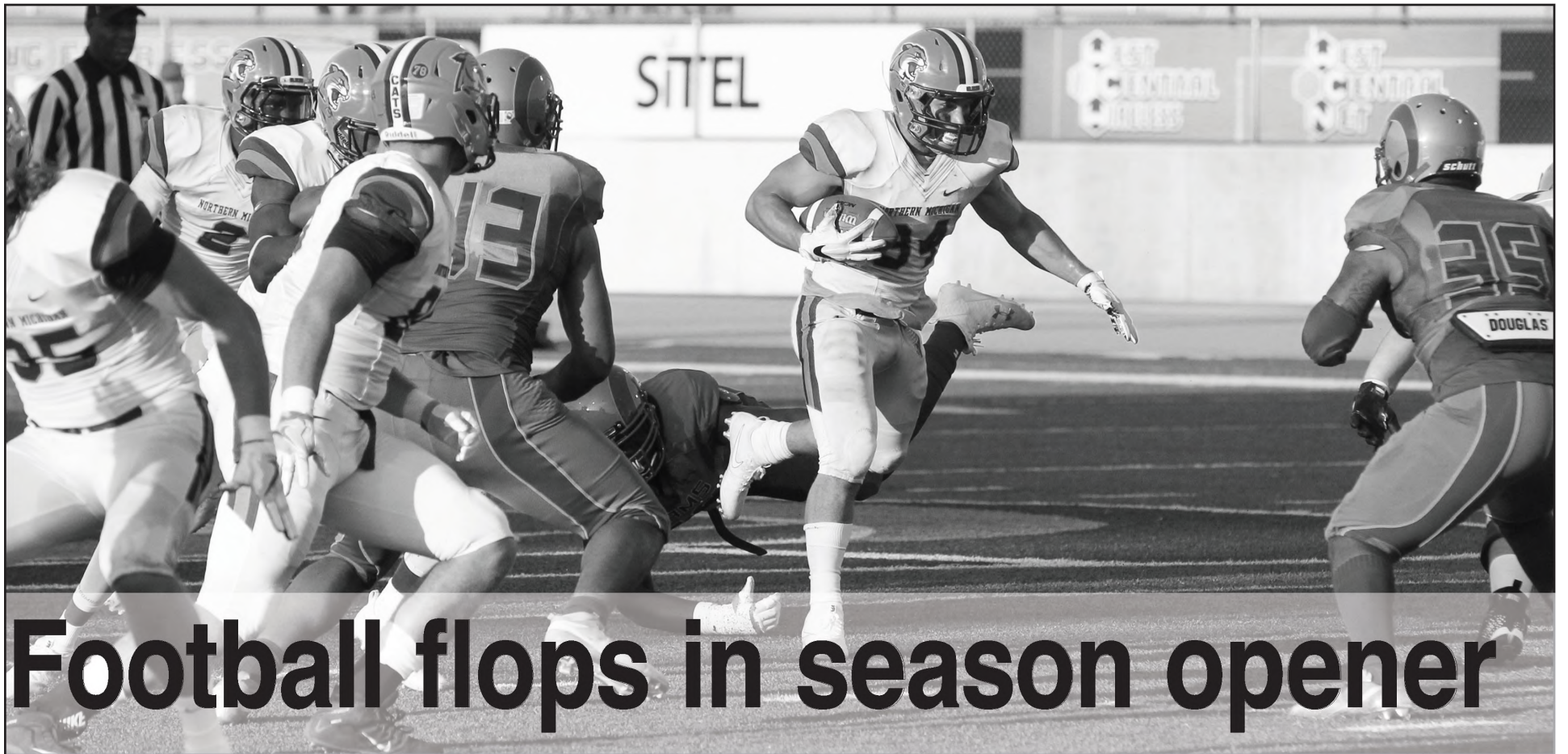
To conclude, while the game overall is fun, I give "Sonic Mania" a C grade or 7 out of 10 for capturing an iconic memory so well, even if some parts were better left forgotten.

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# Football flops in season opener

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Junior running back Jake Mayon, who rushed 205 yards, tries to navigate past the St. Angelo defense in front of a 3,904 crowd Community Credit Union Field in San Angelo, Texas.

By Trevor Drew  
sports editor

Execution problems, penalties, turnovers and an erratic, inconsistent defense were things head coach Kyle Nystrom listed as reasons his club was swamped 20-48 in their season opener against the St. Angelo State University Rams last Saturday.

Back in summer, the newly appointed coach said to become a winning team, the Wildcats needed to restore their culture back to that of a high-effort program, describing the transition process as “starting from scratch.”

Summer is gone, conference play is around the corner and Nystrom’s evaluation of his gridgers has been bumped to an “infantile stage” adding that they are still trying to transition.

“I watch them. I see when their train gets off the tracks a little bit and I have to step in and put it

back on,” Nystrom said. “That’s a process that doesn’t happen in the amount of time we’ve been here so far. How long it takes? It depends on how mature your team is. Only time will tell with that.”

Eager to get on the board, the Rams scored a touchdown off a 5-yard rush from St. Angelo’s Spencer Gilbert in their first possession within two and a half minutes of kick-off. A blocked PAT would spare the Wildcats from a 7-point deficit.

Taking advantage of a Wildcat drive that netted minus 1-yards due to a false start penalty, St. Angelo scored their next possession off another rushing play, from ten yards out. Once again Northern denied extra points, thwarting an ASU 2-point conversion attempt.

On their third possession, the Wildcats marched down the field, fueled by the rushing efforts of senior quarterback Jaranta Lewis and junior running back Jake

Mayon. Northern iced the drive with a 7-yard pass from Lewis to junior wide receiver Michael Akinlade into pay dirt, capping off scoring in the first quarter. A successful extra point attempt from freshman kicker Dalton Ray left the score at 12-7 going into the second frame.

On the second drive of the second quarter, NMU moved the ball to the Angelo State 28-yard line but Ray’s field goal attempt was blocked. The Rams closed out the half with two touchdowns, taking a 26-7 lead.

The Wildcats went on to score two more touchdowns but their 13-point second half output wouldn’t be enough to overwhelm their opponent who accumulated 48 points, more than doubling NMU’s score.

Lewis found sophomore wide receiver Ryan Knight for an 83-yard touchdown catch in the third half.

**I saw things during the game that were promising but like you hear people say, there’s no moral victories in just a couple things when you don’t win a game.**

— Kyle Nystrom  
football head coach

Sophomore quarterback Latrell Giles came into the game as play-caller for the Wildcats in the final frame and successfully got the squad down the field behind Mayon and freshman running back Deandre Caldwell rushing for 64 yards on the drive. Giles then found Knight in the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown in the final seconds of the game.

“I saw things during the game that were promising but like you hear people say, there’s no moral victories in just a couple things when you don’t win a game,” Nystrom said. “Disappointed,

frustrating, but it’s time to move forward.”

Next Saturday, the Wildcats hit the road to Big Rapids to square off against the 2nd-ranked Ferris State Bulldogs, the program where Nystrom previously served as defensive coordinator.

“[Ferris head coach Tony Annesse] knows what we do. That doesn’t mean I’m going to change it. I’ve got to coach what I know and we’ve got to be good enough to execute it,” Nystrom said. “In the long run, it comes down to one guy doing his job better than the other guy across from him.”

## Wildcat Volleyball goes 3-1 at Keweenaw Classic, sweeps three teams

By Trevor Drew  
sports editor

It was almost a perfect weekend for the Northern Michigan Volleyball team as they wrapped up their preseason sweeping three of their four opponents in Houghton at the Keweenaw Classic.

“The teams we played this weekend, I’d argue that two of them were good opponents, St. Cloud and Duluth. St. Cloud, who we swept, had gone five with Tech the night before, so to get a sweep over them was important,” head coach Mike Lozier said. “To be able to learn how to beat teams we are clearly better than in three and not let them hang around was important.”

Lozier said that while being

swept by the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs was unfortunate, it gave his players the opportunity to compete against a high-performing program, also adding that the second set of that match was close and could have easily been won by Northern Michigan.

The Wildcats shot right out of the gate for their first match of the weekend, dominating the University of Mary Marauders by over 10 points in the first two sets and edging them 25-23 in their final bout.

Despite the momentum of coming off a 3-0 victory, the Lady’s were toppled in second match of the day by the NCAA Division II’s seventh ranked team, the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs swept all four of

their opponents at the Keweenaw Classic, including Lake Superior State and Michigan Tech, claiming the tournament title and extending their overall record to 7-1.

The ‘Cats clutched to their foe but were never able to upset the Bulldogs who wrestled away the victory 25-22, 25-22 and 25-17.

Down but not out, the Northern squad showed their resilience in day two and bounced back to sweep both the St. Cloud State Huskies and the Bemidji State Beavers.

On top of the team closing out the weekend 3-1, senior captain Madison Whitehead was recognized as GLIAC North Player of the Week and earned All-Tournament Team over the weekend along with fellow senior captain

Kayla Chosa.

Whitehead achieved double-digit kills each match, with a high of 12 against St. Cloud State College. The senior has the program’s 12th highest career kills accumulating 1,079 so far.

Chosa finished the weekend with 35 total kills and a team-high 20 blocks, including five solo blocks.

“I would definitely say that everybody so far has just been putting in such hard work and we’ve definitely been working on our team culture a ton,” senior captain Jami Hogeboom said. “I just think with the two weekends we’ve already played we’re definitely more than ready to go into conference play.”

The Wildcats will return to ac-

tion this weekend as they open GLIAC action with their first home matches. Friday they face off against the 1-7 Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals then the next day against the 1-5 Lake Superior State University Lakers.

“Traitorally and historically [Saginaw] has been a good program so you’ve got to expect that they’ve been working to get better and better,” Lozier said. “The team we so on film is not going to be the team we saw. They’re probably going to be a little bit better.”

Lozier said he’d argue the 2017 edition of Wildcat Volleyball is one of most physically dominating team in the conference and expects the ladies to provide little breathing room for their opponents.

# SPORTS BRIEFS



## MEN'S GOLF

NMU's Men's Golf team placed 10th and finished with a score of 590 over the weekend at the Al-Watrous Memorial Invitational as the team teed up for the first time this season. Junior Martin Eliasson placed third with an overall score of 137, shooting a 68 on Saturday and 69 Sunday. Junior Logan Haight tied for 28th with a score of 147 and junior Owen Beyer tied for 36th putting up a score of 148. Sophomore Kyle Pouliot, with a score of 159, and freshman Dan Luhan, with a score of 166, rounded out the Wildcats. The team returns to action Sept. 16 and 17 at the HawkHead Golf Course in South Haven, Michigan.

## OLYMPIC WRESTLING

The NMU U.S. Olympic Training Site Greco-Roman Wrestling team entered its 18th season this last week. The team's roster this semester includes 17 new additions with a total of 54 athletes. This is the largest class in coach Rob Hermann's career. The additional wrestlers are from 10 different states and one from Japan.

## ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

Northern introduced Wildcat Luncheons, the first of which will take place Friday Sept. 22 at Comfort Suites and will be catered by Hudson's. The luncheons will be an opportunity for fans of the Wildcats to meet with coaches and administrators from NMU Athletics. They will be open to the public and cost \$15 to attend. Fans looking to attend the luncheons can pay at the door. Each luncheon will take place from noon-1 p.m. Available coaches and administrators will be announced closer to each luncheon. More information will be provided on the NMU Athletics website.

### Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Wildcat Cross Country senior Kameron Burmeister was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women's Runner of the Week after her fourth place finish at the Wisconsin-Parkside Godfrey Open on Sept. 9. Burmeister's time of 17:55.70 helped secure the top spot in Non-NCAA Division I. Burmeister also earned the weekly accolade on Sept. 6, 2017. This marks the fourth time Burmeister has earned the weekly award, with one each year for the past four seasons.



Lindsey Eaton/NW

Junior forward Sam Popp breaks past Marygrove College center defender and winds up to take a shot at net. Marygrove currently stands with an overall record of 3-3, recently coming off a 2-1 win over Cleary University.

## Men's soccer splits weekend

By Ryan Spitzza  
staff editor

The NMU Men's Soccer team is coming off of a split weekend with an overtime loss to No. 22-ranked Upper Iowa on Thursday and a win against NAIA school Marygrove on Sunday.

NMU head coach David Poggi said the non-conference games were good for the team.

"They were two good games to have for us at this time of year," he said.

In Thursday's game, Fausto Ordenana put Upper Iowa on the board at the 17-minute mark with an assist from Italo Martins Soares. That stood as the lone goal in the first half.

The Wildcats countered just 10 minutes into the second half when Sam Popp notched his first goal of the season off of an assist from Nic Harendra to tie the

game at one.

All it took was one overtime to find the golden goal. With just two minutes left in the overtime period, Dylan Mientus put the game-winner in over the head of goalkeeper Filippo Torelli to hand the Wildcats a heartbreaker.

Poggi said the result against Upper Iowa was a disappointing one.

"We were a little unlucky in that result," he said. "We very easily should have won that game and a tie I wouldn't have been very happy with and it turns out we lose it. The guys played well enough to win and didn't execute in their goal scoring chances."

On Sunday, it was a quiet first half until the 44-minute mark when Popp struck just before half-time to earn his second goal of the season and give the Wildcats the 1-0 lead and all the momentum going into the half.

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head coach men's soccer

Eleven minutes into the second half, the Wildcats saw a goal from Edgar Astorga to go up 2-0 with Popp assisting on the tally.

At the 72-minute mark, Marygrove's Christian Wimmer put his team on the board but the Wildcats added another insurance goal from Birkir Baldursson to seal the 3-1 victory.

"Marygrove is a team that's in a bit of a transition right now so this was a good time to catch them," Poggi said. "They're capable of beating anybody in the GLIAC on a given day. We were a little bit sore from the Thursday game so I think we came out with a real determination, and that was something that I was happy to see."

The Wildcats are now 2-1-1 as the team begins conference play this weekend with home matches against No. 16-ranked Saginaw Valley State at 4 p.m. on Friday and Northwood on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Poggi said facing SVSU along with Northwood will be a challenge for sure.

"They're (SVSU) a big team, a mature team, this could be their best team," he said. "It's going to be a huge game for us and a huge weekend for us."

Northwood will be fresh because they have an off day on Friday so we'll take it one game at a time and we're excited to play against some of the best and that's what we want to do; we want to become the best so you've got to play the best."

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Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Team photo of the 2017 edition of Northern Michigan Women's Soccer featuring first year coach Sonia Basma.

## Women's soccer falls in weekend of home games

By Nate Belville

contributing writer

The Northern Michigan University Women's Soccer team played their first home games of the season over the weekend.

Unfortunately, the team did not get the win that they hoped for.

The Wildcats were shut out with the score of 2-0 to both the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs on Friday and to the Bemidji State University Beavers on Sunday.

The outcome from both games were resulted from late kicks and pressure from opposing offenses.

Wildcats head coach Sonia Basma said that both teams played well despite allowing the late scores.

"We performed well, it's just 'little lapses' that we got caught up on," Basma said.

Senior defender Allyssa Milam said the team has shown improvements in offense and defense.

"Despite the scores, we walked away with confidence," Milam said. "Our defense has been night and day, but we definitely improved on that."

Senior midfielder Abby Cook said their main focus the last couple weeks has been on defense.

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— Sonia Basma  
head coach women's soccer

"We really focused entirely on our defense and it has progressed," Cook said.

Playing at home for the first time last Friday, the Wildcats started out taking the game easy, but the Bulldogs were attacking from the beginning.

Minnesota-Duluth's fast-paced offense had seven shots, while NMU did not attempt a shot in the first half. Of the Bulldogs' seven shots, five went on-goal and NMU freshman goalkeeper Briana Frontuto picked up five saves in the half.

At 70:15 in the second half, the Bulldogs broke the scoreless tie off a Skye Finley header goal from the corner. Less than a minute later, another corner kick goal was deflected off an NMU player which decided the contest at 2-0.

Frontuto finished with eight saves, with Cook notching two of the team's three shots.

On Sunday, the Wildcats had a more defensive approach against the Beavers. The game had no score at the end of the first half.

In the second half, the game still had no score all the way to the 83:51. Bemidji State's Raquel Thelen kicked in a goal off a rebound save. Not even three minutes later, a free kick from Dani Nelson iced the game for the Beavers at 2-0.

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The Beavers brought pressure with 13 shots, six on-goal, with Frontuto recording four saves from their on-goal shots. NMU recorded just four shots; two each off from Cook and freshman forward Jenna Halonen.

"In both games it tells you how competitive it was from both Minnesota-Duluth and from Bemidji State," Basma said. "Both goals from the games came late and it just shows you it was a good match."

Besides allowing the two late goals, Frontuto brought up her season save total to 20, which is third in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC).

Basma said by having Frontuto, who was redshirted last year, step up at net, it came at the right time.

"Briana has been really solid for us," Basma said. "Especially with the jump that she made, it was huge."

"Even with the phenomenal work she's been giving us, her inexperience is going to hold her back a bit," Basma added.

The team will host Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals on Friday and the Northwood University Timberwolves next Sunday.

Both Cook and Milam are looking forward to the opportunity to face their familiar opponents for the first time this year.

"Both Saginaw Valley and Northwood are really good teams and we'll catch a glimpse on what the GLIAC teams are all about," Cook said.

"They're both always great games," Milam said. "We know that we can compete with those teams because we know them well and we're confident that we can win."

## Two top-ten finishes for NMU cross country

By Kara Toay

copy editor

The Northern Michigan University Cross Country team pulled out in first among non-NCAA Division I teams at their first meet of the season at the Wisconsin-Parkside Godfrey Cross Country Open hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on Sept. 9.

The team finished with two runners in the top 10 in a field of 163 athletes. Senior Kameron Burmeister took fourth with a time of 17:55.50 and sophomore Katelyn Smith came in 10th with a time of 18.27.

Head coach Jenny Ryan said she was pleased with how the first race went.

"It went great for the first meet of the season. We definitely had some really good, positive results and strong showing for this early in the season and actually missing a few of our top athletes who didn't compete this weekend," Ryan said. "I was really happy with how the team competed and performed."

Some of the other top finishers for the Wildcats were senior Kieren Becker in 13th with a time of 18:42.2, junior Abby Fifarek in 16th with a time of 18:48.2 and sophomore Hanna Torvi who placed 54th with a time of 19:46.8.

Kameron Burmeister said the race was a fun course since the team hadn't been there since she was a freshman in college and the course is made just for cross country even

though the whole team wasn't there.

"It's fun to see at a actual, real competition what our team can do together...To place second was really exciting and shows how much depth our team potentially has this season," Burmeister said.

Ryan said she would like to keep building on what they have been doing and learn what the girls have done well and what they can keep working on.

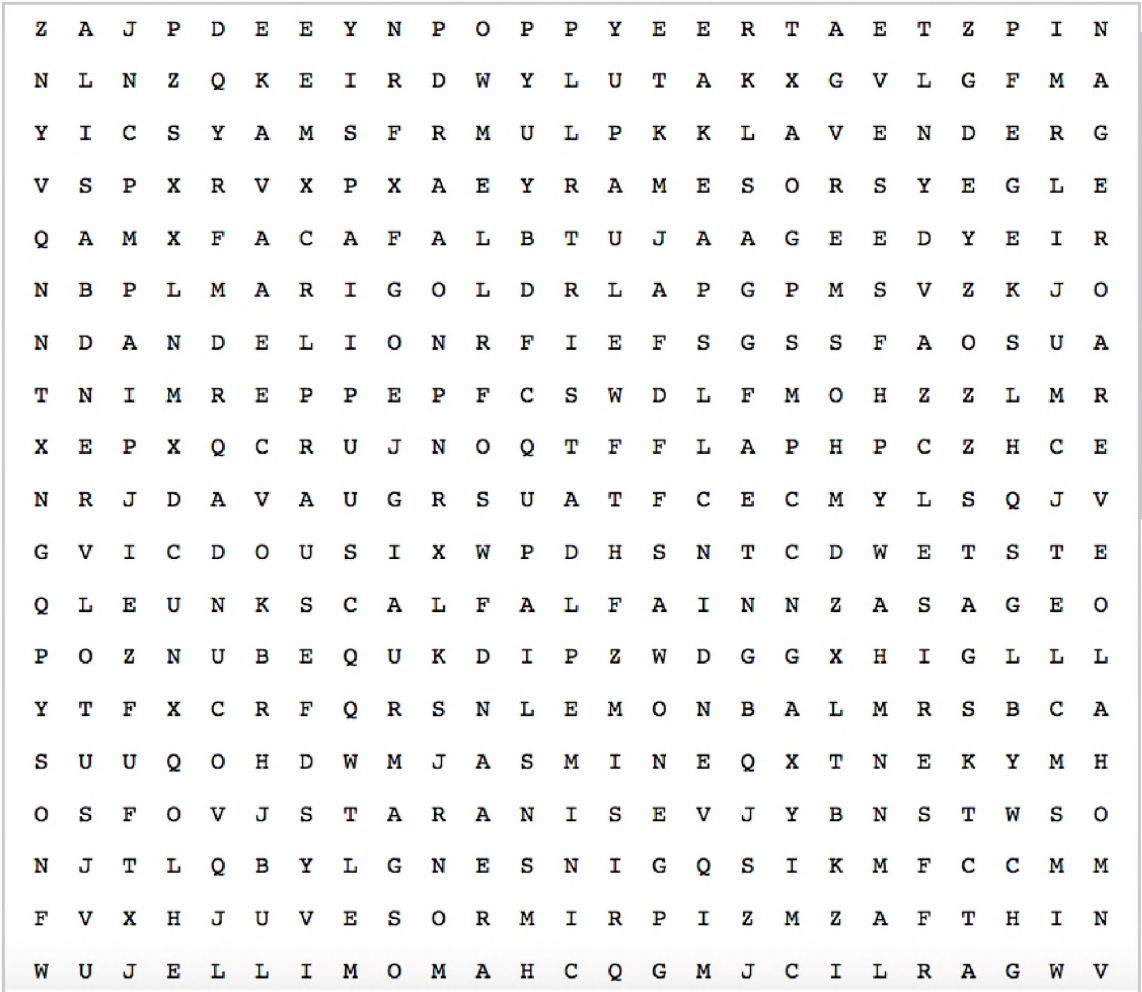
"Every race I tell the athletes you can learn something from every race," said Ryan. "We've been training hard up to this point and we'll continue to do that for a couple more weeks until we cut back a bit before the bigger races."

Ryan said that there are things they are going to work on before the next race such as speed, strength and going out at the right pace, but that she is excited for the season.

"This is going to be a really exciting year," Ryan said. "I think it's one of the strongest teams we've ever had here at Northern Michigan. With three really strong seniors and some underclassmen that trained well this past summer and have made a big move up, it's going to be a fun year to see. I think we have a pretty good chance at qualifying for the national championships again."

Cross Country will hit the trails next at the Spartan Invite on Saturday Sept. 16.

WORD SEARCH OF THE WEEK



THEME: Medicinal Plants

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| GINSENG    | PRIMROSE      | ELDERBERRY  |
| OREGANO    | CLOVE         | LOTUS       |
| ALOE VERA  | LAVENDER      | TEA TREE    |
| GUAVA      | ROSEMARY      | FLAXSEED    |
| PEPPERMINT | DAISY         | MARIGOLD    |
| BASIL      | LEMON BALM    | TURMERIC    |
| JASMINE    | SAGE          | GARLIC      |
| POPPY      | DANDELION     | MINT        |
| CHAMOMILLE | LICORICE ROOT | WITCH HAZEL |

INSPIRATIONS

- Don't start at PCP
- Haunted TFA
- Drunk crutching
- St. Vinny's
- Off road knee scooter
- Before 4 a.m., maybe?
- Memes, always
- Don't touch my egg rolls
- I did not
- The real ending of It.
- Too many puns?
- Staged
- Knee scoot wipe outs
- Relax. Real. Relief.
- We're going to get stickers
- Pot leaves on the front page
- This is super long
- Coffee - Sylvan Esso
- Creepy night photos
- Lindsay's trendy bottle
- Van Gogh goblet
- Move over Ellen Page
- Looks like Microsoft Word
- I left a cool skid-mark
- Otter 13
- Comfier
- But far more comfortable
- It's almost time to get
- Spooky
- Wonton

LITERALLY — Grant Rizzardi



A new approach to anthropology



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**Dead River Games**  
2 - 4 p.m.  
Dead River Bridge

**MONDAY, SEPT. 18**

**King & Queen Competition**  
7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)  
Great Lakes Rooms

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19**

**Sidewalk Chalk**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Academic Mall

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20**

**Stepping Competition**  
7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:00)  
Jamrich 1100

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22**

**Parade**  
5:30 p.m.  
Third Street

**Bonfire**  
Dusk  
Location: TBD  
Double Trouble DJ's  
Bring blankets & chairs

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 23**

**NMU Game Day**  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Superior Dome  
(Parking Lot)

**Football Game**  
NMU vs Davenport  
1:30 p.m.  
Superior Dome

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