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Flags that represent Michigan Tribes hang in the auditorium of the NMU Whitman building. This building is home to the Native American Studies Department. NMU is the first Michigan university to offer students a four year undergraduate degree in Native American Studies.

Board leaves resolution off agenda

Board of Trustees deems Indigenous People's Day exclusive, not a board function

By Winter Keefer

editor-in-chief

After almost two years of student effort geared toward the support of the formal recognition of Indigenous People's Day on NMU's campus, the Board of Trustees chose not to vote on the ASNMU presented resolution during its regular meeting Friday morning.

Prior to bringing the resolution to the board, Native students collected over 500 student signatures in favor of the official recognition of Indigenous People's Day on campus, vice president of AS-NMU Connor Loftus said. Those signatures were then brought to and approved by ASNMU, which signed off on the resolution. AS-NMU then presented the com-

pleted resolution to the Academic Senate where, after considerable debate, it was supported. After this, it was proposed to the President's Council, which also supported it.

During ASNMU's regular address to the board, Loftus addressed the members, expressing the campus community's disappointment over the resolution not being on the meeting's agenda.

"The resolution provides a day in which the entire campus community can partake in a civil dialogue about a particularly important and under-highlighted part of our country's history," Loftus said

Indigenous People's Day is acknowledged in many cities and universities across the country on the second Monday of Octo-

ber in place of what is federally recognized as Columbus Day. Indigenous People's Day aims to celebrate the Native people who occupied the Americas before colonialism, and falls on Oct. 9 this year.

Loftus noted that NMU is not only built on Anishinaabe land but is also the first Michigan university to offer an undergraduate degree in Native American Studies. Passing Indigenous People's Day on campus would add to these milestones by making NMU the first Michigan campus to recognize this day as a formal holiday, he added.

"We see a truly missed opportunity to unify the campus community around a center that we pride very much here on campus," Loftus said

Board of Trustees member Richard Popp addressed Loftus at the meeting, saying he did not see the resolution as inclusive and did not believe that voting on the formal recognition of the holiday should be a board function.

"Truly honoring the essence of inclusion, especially when or even when there are opposing views, that's what this is all about as well," Popp said.

Formally holding Indigenous People's Day on Columbus Day would be exclusive to those who wish to celebrate Columbus Day, Popp said.

The resolution's date for Indigenous People's Day is non-negotiable at this point, Loftus said

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Nurses give strike notice

By Kelsii Kyto

copy editor

Citing problems with understaffing and deteriorating patient care, the nurses of UP Health System-Marquette, a part of healthcare provider company Duke LifePoint, have officially declared their intent to strike at the end of next week if an agreement cannot be reached with the hospital to guarantee what they call safe staffing levels with patients.

The nurses union has given a 10-day notification required by law before beginning the strike, which will start Thursday, Oct. 5 and go until Friday, Oct. 6.

The decision to strike is not an easy one, Scott Balko, an operating room registered nurse and president of the UPHS Marquette RN Staff Council, said

"We have said all along that striking is an extremely serious decision for nurses. We want to be at the bedside caring for our patients. Duke LifePoint has made it all but impossible to provide the care that the Marquette community deserves," Balko said in a press release earlier this week.

There are three scheduled meetings prior to the intended strike date, said Victor Harrington, regional director of marketing and business development at UP Health System.

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Board of Trustees gives Erickson \$50,000 bonus

By Trevor Drew

sports editor

NMU President Fritz Erickson was awarded a \$50,000 bonus and officially approved new mission and vision statements, along with addressing other university projects at the recent Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting on Friday, Sept. 21.

The one-time bonus is nearly 20 percent of his current salary of \$262,000.

"I've had the chance to work closely with President Erickson over the last year and I'm so impressed with his energy, vision, the hard work that he puts in and implements and his relationship with his own constituents, including faculty, students and the community," BOT Chairman Scott Holman, who serves as chairman of the executive committee,



Erickson

implements and his relationship which recommended the bonus, with his own constituents, includ-said.

Trustees also approved new mission statements "Northern Michigan University's

Trustees cited the committee's positive review of Erickson's performance and several of his accomplishments over the past year, including a double-digit percentage increase in freshman enrollment and success with the Educational Access Network, as reasons for authorizing the incentive bonus.

The executive committee consists of Holman, Vice Chairman Robert Mahaney and trustees Steven Mitchell and Tami Seavoy. Along with the bonus, Erickson's submitted goals for the current fiscal year were also approved.

Trustees also approved new mission and vision statements presented by Erickson, who said the statements were remaining pieces of the strategic planning process the board had yet to approve.

"[The statements] really came through a collaborative effort, working very closely with the Strategic Resource Budgeting Committee that put together a subcommittee that really took an inclusive approach to engagement," Erickson said. "The leadership of that committee, Brent Graves and Leslie Warren, was really instrumental in leading the dialogue."

The mission statement reads: "Northern Michigan University's distinctive academic and career programs are nurtured by exceptional teaching and extensive opportunities for scholarship, creativity and engagement. Our supportive, connected community empowers students, graduates, faculty and staff to contribute to a diverse and sustainable world."

The vision statement reads: "Northern Michigan University promotes an active environment to foster strong minds and bodies, inspires innovation and inclusion through community engagement, and develops leaders capable of local and global impact."

NMU ratifies three-year contract with AFSCME

By Jake Bekemeyer

contributing writer

The employee union representing dining services, maintenance and police services at NMU recently ratified a contract on Sept. 27 that will last for three years and include a 2 percent wage increase over the course of all three years.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) local 1094 union and the university, came together to negotiate the details of the contract before it was ratified at the Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21.

"We started getting ready for the AFSCME negotiations in July," said Rhea Dever, director of human resources for Northern Michigan University. Dever said the negotiations were done through a process called interest-based bargaining.

"You come to the table at the end of the three years, and both sides come with their interests and you discuss, and hopefully you come to an agreement before the contract actually expires," Dever said.

The contract was ratified overwhelmingly by the AFSCME in 79-8 vote. The contingency plan if both sides could not come to an agreement was to briefly extend the contract to allow for extra negotiating time.

There is an enrollment incentive that states for every 1 percent increase in enrollment, 0.5 percent of base salary will be paid as a bonus to employees.

"The fall 2017 into winter 2018 becomes the baseline period, so their opportunity to earn the incentive would be at the end of the 2018 contract year," Dever said.

Dever explained the process of working through the negotiations

begins easy and works its way up to the economic grit.

"We usually spend two to three days doing contract language clean-up," Dever mentioned.

Contract language clean-up begins with the discussion of noncontroversial issues including unclear language that could lead to potential disputes down the road.

"If we get questions from an employer or management standpoint then we know we need to clarify some language," Dever said.

Typically in the negotiations, one side presents an issue and how

they think it should be solved and the other side will counter with their solution until both sides come to an agreement on the terms and the language.

A lot of the small things that the two sides went over was updating the language to reflect the automation in the office. Dever mentioned that a lot of the language was from before computers were the main storage method, meaning they had to accommodate for that.

Another big part of the negotiations was being able to compromise.

"The goal sometimes is to meet in the middle," Dever said. "Both sides didn't get everything they wanted, but the contract was ratified because they were able to agree on language that had benefits for both sides."

Getting to the economics of the negotiation comes last because it is the most controversial issue discussed, Dever said.

The reason they wait is because after they've come to agreements on the rest of the issues, they know they're capable of doing the hardest part.

"It allows us to be in the same room, having a conversation, rather than just passing papers back and forth to each other," Dever said.

Former WNMU-FM employee arrested on alleged child sexually abusive material charges

By Von Lanier news editor

A former NMU employee was arrested earlier this week for using a work computer to download and view child pornography, Michigan State Police (MSP) officials said.

The MSP Computer Crimes Unit and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, announced in a press release on Wednesday the arrest of Stan Henry Wright, 58 of Negaunee, following an investigation into his online activity.

The investigation revealed that Wright was using a work computer to download and view the material. Officials say the evidence was located on the computer.

Wright was arraigned on eight counts of possession of child sexually abusive material earlier this afternoon. His bond was set at \$400,000.

NMU officials fully cooperated with the investigation. There is nothing to suggest any students were victimized.

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the three years, and both sides come with their interests and you discuss, and hopefully you come to an agreement before the contract actually expires.



— Rhea Dever director, Human Resources

STRIKE —

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Whether the strike ensues or not, Harrington noted, Marquette is prepared to handle whatever happens.

A temporary nursing staff is being secured from a "nationally-respected staffing agency" on behalf of their patients, Harrington said. He also noted that it is unknown the number of nurses planning to participate in the strike.

"As always, delivering quality care and services to our patients remains our primary focus, and we will not allow anything to stand in the way of providing the best for our community," he said.

A total of 400 nurses at UPHS-Marquette are represented by the Michigan Nurses Association. The dispute arose when the nurses and the hospital began contract negotiations back in April.

In the negotiations, the nurses cited a shortness of staff in delivering quality patient care. In August, the MNA reported 780 incidents of unsafe conditions

to patients due to short staffing to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs has since conducted an investigation into the allegations.

A press release from the MNA earlier in the month stated that nurses have been negotiating with Duke LifePoint since April 18. A contract extension that was negotiated with Duke LifePoint ceased on July 28 after management did not address the staffing concerns. Nurses are currently working without a contract.

In August, 3,700 nurses petitioned Duke LifePoint/UPHS-Marquette "to bargain with nurses for an agreement that ensures guaranteed minimum RN staffing levels that are safe for patients, in every department and on every whife"

On Aug. 29, a majority of nurses voted to give their bargaining team the power to call the strike.

"We have been negotiating in good faith with hospital administration for over five months now, and they still will not take our patient care concerns seriously. I'm at a loss as to how Duke LifePoint can flagrantly disregard these unsafe situations," operating room registered nurse Stephanie De-Petro and a member of the bargaining team said in a press release from the MNA.

According to an MNA press release from Aug. 24, since January 2017 there were 111 reports of IVs running dry or medications being given late; 12 reports of one or more patient falls during a shift; and 259 times that one or more nurses went with no breaks, lunches, or were mandated to work overtime (up to 16 hour shifts).

"Nurses are advocating for the safety of patients across the UP Duke LifePoint is advocating for their profits," said Susan Hantz, RN and secretary of UPHS Marquette RN Staff Council. "If executives from Tennessee think that UP nurses are going to just stand down and sacrifice patient safety, then we've got news for them. Marquette nurses will stand strong together until Duke LifePoint shows us that they care."



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STATE NEWS

In a bipartisan effort to lower the cost of no-fault auto insurance for Michigan drivers, legislators gathered Tuesday and proposed a new plan. It would allow drivers to choose between \$250,000, \$500,000, or unlimited coverage for their paired health insurance. Additionally, rates that auto insurers reimburse hospitals at would be limited to 125 percent of the Medicare reimbursement rate. The plan would also save senior citizens between \$800 and \$1,000 by allowing them to cut the Personal Injury Protection coverage out of their auto insurance.

NATIONAL NEWS

President Donald Trump announced his intent to cap annual refugee admissions at a historic low today. The administration has briefed Congress on its plan to only allow 45,000 refugees into the country in 2018, not even half of the Obama administration's 110,000-person cap. This announcement is being criticized on both sides of the political aisle. Republican senator Chuck Grassley and Democrat Dianne Feinstein said in a joint statement that they were "incredibly frustrated" having been told about this at the last minute. The United Nations refugee agency reports that 65.6 million people are currently displaced.

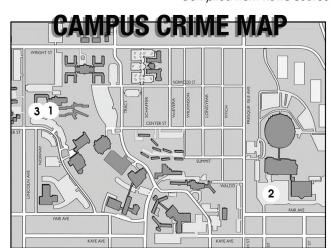
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The World Health Organization announced today that nearly half of the 55.7 million abortions that happen worldwide annually are unsafe. About 17 million of these unsafe abortions were due to women taking pills alone or even with a trained helper, but this method is no longer considered safe. Even worse, eight million abortions were done in a "least safe" way, including ingesting substances to induce a miscarriage. Most of these unsafe abortions took place in Africa and Latin America. The study also finds that in places where abortions are safe, people aren't getting them as frequently.

WEIRD NEWS

Rapper B.o.B. has launched a GoFundMe campaign to help him prove the Earth is flat. The crowd sourced proceeds the goal starting at \$200,000 would go to helping him buy and launch satellites into space. B.o.B raised the funding target to \$1 million, but as of Wednesday evening, the rapper has only raised \$3,021 from 120 different people. Popular astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson has called him out on both Twitter and The Nightly Show. He has been skeptical about the curvature of the Earth since 2015, stating that no matter how high he is he can never see the curve.

- Compiled from news sources



- **1.** Larceny of a bicycle was reported at 12:01 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25 at Spalding Hall.
- 2. Larceny of a parking permit was reported at 8:32 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25 in Lot 60.
- **3.** Larceny of a bicylce was reported at 4:10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24 at Spalding Hall.

New retention tool serves as portal for student, faculty communication

By Von Lanier

news editor

Returning NMU students may have noticed that Starfish, an exclusive retention software tool designed to enhance communication between students and faculty, was recently added to the student services tab on MYNMU this fall semester.

The software is intended to provide an easy-to-navigate interface for students to reach

assistance from their course instructors or academic advisers; and for faculty to provide feedback to students as well as communicate with other faculty members and staff across campus. Starfish essentially provides a centralized place where faculty can give students feedback instead of sending individual or mass emails.

"Where it really started is advisers and faculty have used lots of different tools before to help with advising students and keeping track of notes and scheduled appointments and a lot of times those are in lots of different places." Kyle Lannon, an academic and career counselor at NMU, said.



LANNON

"So years ago, [NMU] created a homemade system to be able to put a lot of that into one place. But it was very 'siloed,' like advisers could see their stuff but faculty didn't have anything to be able to do that and communicate with students. There was obviously no portal for

students to be able to communicate with faculty and

advis-

looking at different tools

that were out there and what

different schools were using to

be able to communicate with

students, faculty to be able to

communicate with staff, and fac-

ulty be able to provide feedback

Some of the features of Star-

fish include online schedul-

ing for faculty that can now be

done without third party sites;

"The Starfish Seven," which

includes tools for faculty to en-

gage in students opportunity for

success and provide feedback based upon their performance;

a "Raise Your Hand" function,

where students can raise flags for

any assistance they may need re-

lated to a course or financial aid

services; a built-in services di-

rectory of most departments on

campus; and lastly, a "My Suc-

cess Network," where students

can directly connect with their primary advisers and depart-

"Starfish was the one that

seemed to offer us the most ser-

ment heads.

for students more quickly."

ers or vice versa,

and so we started

vices that would be beneficial and unique to our campus," Lannon said.

The software was acquired by NMU from Hobsons Education Advancement, who developed the framework, with Program Investment Fund (PIF) money that was set aside last year by NMU President Fritz

> Erickson. ï" unsure of final cost some features are added and deleted prior to the contract being finalized," Dale Kapla, associate provost of Academic Affairs, said in an email. "However, the original request was for roughly \$225,000 o v e r

year period. It is also important to understand that a prerequisite of a successful PIF application is the return on investment to the university, both in terms of student success outcomes and dollars."



KAPLA

Despite some technical issues that are still being worked out by the Starfish Team that meets biweekly at NMU, Lannon said overall the software has been successfully integrated into most, if not all, departments on campus.

More information about Starfish can be found online at www. nmu.edu/starfish.

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after the meeting.

"It's a time for Northern Michigan University to take a stand and acknowledge the history—the good, the bad and the ugly," he said.

Education on the history of genocide and exploitation of Native people surrounding Columbus is part of inclusion of marginalized people, Loftus said.

He said he thinks that further conversation with board members will be beneficial for overall conversation and that the issue is not dead.

"Columbus has his place in his-

tory and the world, absolutely, but volved to graduate so that every-I think, when you look at the conone will forget about it," NASA text of his history, the entire context, what he symbolizes is colonization of a land that was already colonized by people with a deep culture, much deeper than our country's culture," Loftus said.

Students involved in the Native American Student Association (NASA), Native American Language and Culture Club and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) sent an email to the board, urging it to consider the resolution and providing information on why the date for the day was chosen.

"It seems to me like they're just waiting for people who are in-

member Nathan Frischkorn said. "It seems like they're ignoring the voice of both students and faculty."

Co-president of NASA Kristina Misegan cited the innovative values of the university. She said that being on the student-lead forefront of Michigan schools is something that the board should support.

"We've had multiple universities in Michigan Michigan Tech, Grand Valley State asking us what our resolution is because they want to do this also," Misegan said, "so wouldn't we want to be the first ones?"

NMU considers graduate social work program

By Leeza Long-Cash

contributing writer

NMU's social work program has been conducting both formal and informal surveys with the hope of possibly acquiring a graduate program to educate future social workers in the U.P.

After years of information being shuffled around to different professors and offices in the social work department and the idea never gaining traction, interest in the program is at an all-time high, Abigail Wyche, department head said.

"In the job market, [a Master's degree] has become the more preferred or minimum qualifications for a social work job in a more populated area rather than in the U.P, more rural and remote areas." Wyche said.

If the internal and external results of bringing the program to NMU are successful in the next year, the university can start admitting students fall 2018, calling it an advanced generalist graduate program. Since the program has been in such high demand in recent years, students can now consider both an undergraduate and graduate degree in tunity for NMU. social work.

"They can go straight from acquiring [a baccalaureate] to having a masters in social work in as little as five years. This way, students won't have to leave NMU to attend another school who does provide a Masters in Social Work Program (MSW)," Wyche said.

President Erickson talked about growing more graduate programs within the university

Adding new programs helps set our university apart from the rest, Erickson said.

"Our level of change has been transformational," Erickson at the fall convocation earlier in the academic year. "It's been changed to lift the university upward and bring Northern distinction," he stated, while highlighting the progress of other programs added within the past year.

ing direct and indirect learning that brings value, knowledge and skills accredited by the Council of Social Work Education.

"The process of developing such a program takes time, resources and investment both internally and externally that can benefit the university in the near future," Wyche said.

She emphasized the number of areas that she and faculty are looking into such as substance abuse, mental health, child welgree makes a difference in the career as a social worker, not only based on their qualifications but really in their ability and competence to do their job in the field."

Students like senior social work major Krystle Hanson said they have been interested in the MSW program for a long time.

"I would be ecstatic if NMU was granted a graduate social work program," Hanson said. "At least 75 percent of the people who are in the program with me have shown interest and it is more convenient. Most MSW programs are offered online, but I like interaction and having access to faculty."

Hanson is not the only student who is excited about the possibility of having a graduate program for the social work major.

"I live six hours away and resources are available here. I can bring the education learned [at NMU] back down state. Northern is part of a small community, making classes smaller; better connection with professors and creating that bond," junior general psychology major Shannon Oliver, said.



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> — Abigail Wyche department head, social work

earlier in the school year at fall The social work department is convocation. Amongst many committed to advancing the eduother programs discussed, Ercation and preparing competent ickson stated that the social work and caring professionals. Core program may be a great opporconcepts are designed bring-

fare and other areas, depending on what is the greatest demand and teaching levels [professors] available to them.

Wyche said, "The MSW de-

Documentary detailing creation of Mormonism, founder's life set to broadcast on U.P. stations

By Tim Eggert

opinion editor

A docudrama that traces the life of Mormonism's founder and the influence of the religion will premiere at 10 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2 across public TV stations in the Upper Peninsula.

"Joseph Smith: American Prophet," is a revitalized film of an original documentary of the same title, which first aired in 1999 on Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) channels. WNMU-TV will broadcast the 90-minute program on channel 13.1—Public TV 13.

"The remake has all-new footage, new actors and updated commentary from experts," public relations firm Thatcher and Co. account executive Rachel Quada, said. Actors John Foss and Anna Daines portray Joseph and Emma Smith.

Among the academic and religious scholars interviewed for the film are Columbia University professor and historian Richard Bushman; Harvard University professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich; Church Historian's Press editor Ronald Esplin; and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints assistant church historian Richard Turley.

Interpretations by two current serving apostles of the religion are also intermixed within the analysis and historical recreations.

"Dramatizations are based on the accounts of Smith and his followers," Ouada said. "They chronicle Joseph Smith's life and



which the hostility surrounding the creation of Mormonism is depicted.

Photo courtesy of Nic Fitzgerald and Rhett Fernsten Joseph Smith: An American Prophet is a revitalized film from 1999 in

death and focus on the test of religious freedom."

In partnership with Washington Educational Television Association (WETA) of Washington D.C., the new film was re-produced by award-winning documentary filmmaker Lee Groberg and Emmynominated editor and cinematographer Mark Goodman. Heidi Swinton-author of the original film's script-co-wrote the new film with Mitch Davis.

Voice-over by Academy-award winning actor Richard Peck from the 1999-version of the film was retained in the new film.

"Lee wanted to reuse the original narration because Peck did such a great job the first time," Quada explained. "[Peck] said what he was supposed to say, exactly the way he was supposed to

Viewers can expect the film to be appropriate for public televi-

"It's completely family-friendly," Quada said.

The film will air again at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4. A complete listing of future airtimes can be found at wnmutv.nmu.edu.





EDITORIAL



Strong voices will never be silenced

In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean

Most of America's youth can recall this rhyme and the time spent every Columbus Day learning of the man who colonized our nation and began our heritage. But what our grade school teachers failed to mention each year is the people and cultures that were displaced due to Columbus' discovery and stay in America.

Columbus wasn't the first to discover America and the native people who inhabited it; he was simply the one who stayed. His time spent in America marked the beginning of the depletion, enslavement and genocide of Native People.

Presently, Columbus Day is recognized as a federal holiday and no longer recognized within states and schools. ASNMU, our student body government, has been pushing for our university to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day. Over the course of the past two years, ASN-MU has gained over 500 signatures and the support of the Academic Senate in celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day in place of Columbus Day. The NMU Board of Trustees was asked to vote on the matter at a meeting on Friday, Sept. 22.

But the board refused.

As administration continually speaks

of the value they place upon transparency and representing student voices, it is disheartening to hear that this is one matter that may go unchanged. Brown University, Cornell University, the University of Utah and Minnesota State University all now recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples'

NMU is the first university in the state of Michigan with a Native American studies program and resides among a large Anishinaabe community. It seems (obvious imperative fitting) that we should become the first university in Michigan to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day in an effort to preserve and support Native

For centuries, Native American oppression has been casually swept under the rug, leaving their culture silenced. Whether due to differing beliefs or fear of public response, the NMU administration is now silencing the voice of the students who are actively seeking diversity and the betterment of our university as a whole.

Moving forward, it is crucial our university is not only respectful of the culture and people of the land we are occupying, but also attentive and representative of the students that occupy this university.

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Don't underestimate print's adaptability



Staff Column

> Winter Keefer

Flipping through the pages of something tangible has always been one of my greatest comforts. Reading has fed my love of stories since childhood and now, working at a newspaper and a library allows me to have the income to keep myself fed. But, in this day and age of transition, a time where physical print's viability is constantly questioned, I am frequently asked if the institutions that I have invested so much intopersonally and professionally are on the brink of death.

The answer is no. The essence of print is not dying and, quite frankly, those who ask have probably never truly utilized the establishments that keep countless pieces of knowledge and history alive.

How media is consumed by many is absolutely in a state of transition, but libraries and newspapers are entirely capable of adapting to this while archiving and celebrating literary history.

For example, anyone involved in their local library knows that it is currently Banned Books Week. The message of this week is grounded in our country's first amendment right through the celebration of our freedom to read. Public libraries perpetuate this message in a way that is inclusive and timely to all demographics by providing free library cards along with access to the internet, which equips anyone in the community with online resources. This is vital for some. While many of us take the access we have to the internet for granted, those without the means to connect many times struggle. Libraries have evolved to combat this challenge.

Newspapers are also combating challenges revolving around technology along with challenges presented by the current political climate. I have transitioned into focusing on the paper when the semester is in full swing due to my new role as editor-in-chief. Though I miss the library dearly, I know that this is where I need to be right now. Learning to understand news and its credibility has never been more vital. More importantly, delivering the news accurately while on an ever-shortening deadline is a job that needs to be taken seriously.

This is why careers that have been traditionally seen as grounded in physical print are far from dying. In fact, they are becoming increasingly important and people are starting to realize that.

Fair and accurate information provided by people who are invested in the field of fair and accurate information is something that should be treasured. Some people might say that this kind of news or history doesn't exist anymore—people who look only on social media or Google for the answers to questions. The truth is that, if you know where to look, "fake news" can be avoided.

The real stuff is out there. Need help finding it? Ask your local librarians, visit local history centers, talk to the people who write for the paper because we were the ones who thought about and invested in asking the questions that need to be asked and sharing the information that needed to be shared first.

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Word choice affects community cognition



Guest Column Chris Mosier

You don't know what you don't know

If there is one phrase that has summarized my life and my work, this is it. In my time as a student at Northern Michigan University, I became acutely aware there was much for me to learn, both inside the classroom and out. Through my journalism classes and my work at The North Wind, I learned it was my responsibility to do research to educate myself, knowing there was much I didn't know.

I also learned the importance of words and the power of language. At The North Wind, my weekly task was to express ideas and stories, whether my own opinion or campus news, in print through words. Now, as the first trans man to make a men's U.S. National Team, a four-time member of Team USA and recent All-American, I travel the world both to compete and to educate communities on the importance of inclusion in sports, with a

specific focus on how language creates environments in athletics.

In the past two years, I have been the subject of many news stories and interviews. As a transgender person, I have had more than my fair share of offensive questions asked of me, and a few intentionally harmful articles and videos pop up in my Google alerts, but a recent incident prior to my visit to campus was among the most disappointing mistakes I've seen.

On Monday, I spoke on campus at the UNITED Conference. In the days leading up to the event, I saw a news article about the speakers. I clicked; the first thing I saw was, "Chris Mosier is the first transsexual man..." I stopped. I do not and have not ever identified as a transsexual man. I am a transgender man and my bio sometimes refers to me as a trans man, but the word "transsexual" has never been a part of my narrative and is incredibly offensive to me, as well as many members of the transgender community.

These words are not interchangeable. Transgender can be an umbrella term, referring to many more specific identities within the transgender community. Transsexual falls

within that, but not every transgender person is or identifies as transsexual. Transsexual has a negative connotation due to its history as a medical term. For me, it is as derogatory as calling me "tranny."

This term should not have been used to describe me in a press release from an NMU office. When I read it, I thought, "if this type of mistake is made about an outside speaker coming to campus, what type of harm is being done to transgender, non-

terms can change. Words used to describe the LGBTQ+ community when staff and faculty were students has likely evolved. Identity is personal and can also change over time, but our identities are deeply integrated into who we are, present as and position ourselves as a person within society.

Language shapes environments and can make people feel safe or unsafe, welcomed or shunned. We need to pay attention to our words. This is not a matter of student body in person, online or in writing to have the basic understanding of appropriate terminology. In a place of learning, it should be a priority to provide continuous education to faculty, staff and administration and definitely anyone writing official press releases on behalf of NMU.

Understanding key concepts and terms about LGBTQ+ identity will strengthen the campus community and let LGBTQ+ students, faculty and staff know they are seen and embraced on campus. The UNITED Conference took a good first step on Tuesday, hosting an LGBTQ+ educational workshop, an effort I hope will extend past the willing participants and to the people who need the training most.

We don't know what we don't know. But, to truly prepare students for an evolving global workplace, diversity and inclusion must be a priority. Here of all places, we should all know enough to understand that it is our job to fill in our knowledge gaps by seeking resources and information on areas outside of our comfort.

I look forward to seeing the progress made before my next visit to campus.

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binary and gender variant people on campus every day?"

I now know it was an accident and not intended to be harmful, but the impact was such that I changed most of my presentation to address language in response. Language is complicated, and "being politically correct" or "policing people's language," it's a matter of being a good person and respecting people around you.

It is the responsibility of people on campus, particularly those who are interfacing with a diverse

Pro athletes have rights too



Opinion Editor Tim Eggert

Sunday's Detroit Lions game ended in heartbreak for fans of the pro-football team a technical subtlety simultaneously revoked the literal-last second touchdown and ended the game. The cause of the controversial conclusion: contact between receiver Golden Tate's knee and the turf before he reached the end zone.

Tate's contact with the field wasn't the only controversy surrounding players' knees over the weekend, however. Before the Lions game, and games across the National Football League (NFL), players, coaches and team-owners knelt during the National Anthem in symbolic protest of remarks made by President Trump Friday night during a campaign trip to Alabama.

When Trump cycled through a tirade of fervent comments against NFL players who don't stand during the playing or singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," cheers of "USA, USA" rang out. When players knelt, raised their fists and linked arms in solidarity, waves of "boos"

broke over stadium seats.

Since the nationally-televised protests, Trump has tweeted over 20 times in regard to the objections; his argument: it's disrespectful to ignore nationally-recognized procedures of patriotism. The argument of the nearly 200 players who protested: ignoring social justice and devaluing freedom of expression is offensive.

The avalanche of controversy has been triggered by both sides, but, no flag should be thrown for the players' actions. Peaceful protest doesn't mean you, "should be fired!"

Democracy exists to provide all perspectives with a voice; if citizens can express extremist views, then NFL players can take a knee. The difference between protests in Charlottesville and the NFL, however, is that the former was violent, whereas the latter was peaceful. Despite this, Trump labeled white nationalists as "very fine people" and named unified players as "son of a bitch[es]."

Trump claims his criticism has nothing to do with race, only respect for our country and our flag, and I believe him, but his comments Friday contradict a fundamental nucleus of democracy: the right of the people to peacefully protest. The President has a right to feature his

individual perspective, but to uphold and propagate objective democracy requires poise, patience and parity.

Professional athletes may seem like superheroes, but they're still human, and more importantly, citizens entitled to the rights of democracy. Censoring their solidarity and isolating them from the rest of the collective through a moral-argument by the figurehead of modern-democracy defies equality, and promotes privilege.

We should embrace the national influence of pro-athletes, so long as they appropriately practice their rights. If we're equal to them, then they inherently have the same right as we do. Issues of racial inequality would have persisted if it wasn't for Jesse Owens and Tommie Smith advocating for change. So why should we bench players in the NFL?

Ultimately, patriotism is subjective; placing a hand over your heart may be your way of expressing it, whereas kneeling during the National Anthem is the way of others. Both embody democracy, and both are equal in their shared rights. So, let's transcend duality, and unite, because "E Pluribus Unum" means "out of many, one."

SOUND OFF

What are your thoughts on Wildcat Willy's new look?



Isabella Caro-Rios Wilson, freshman undeclared

"I don't think it's an improvement; his face and body shape look weird."



Brian Fox, sophomore criminal justice

"I like that they went away from the animated look and made him more aggressive."



Sam Bedford, freshman finance

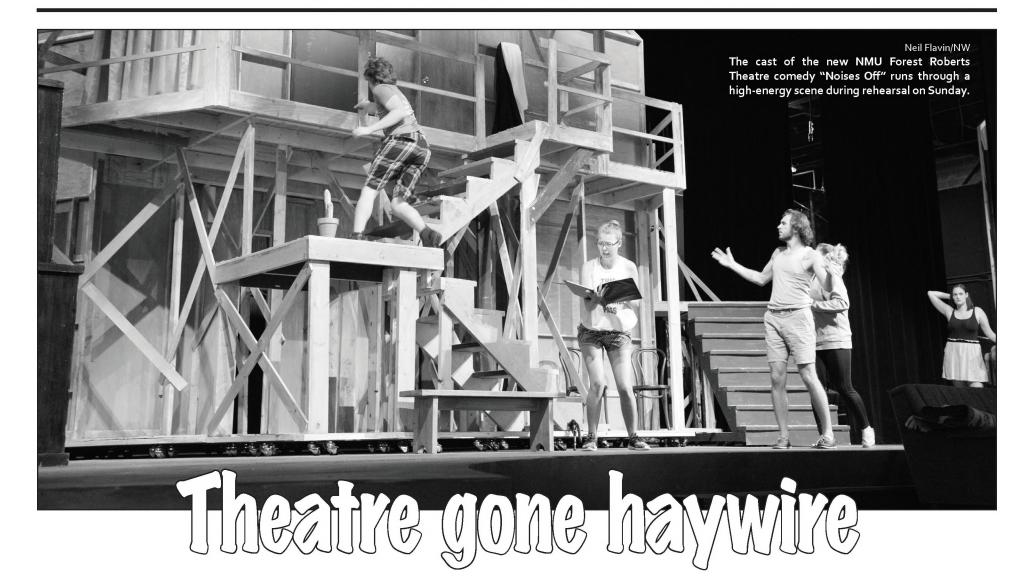
"It's cool that a new Willy's coming along with me for my first year."



Becky Pedler, senior biology physiology

"I like it, I think it shows Northern modernizing."

compiled by Kat Torreano



A classic comedy farce opens Forest Roberts season

By Jackie Jahfetson

contributing writer

The lights descend and a blast of shenanigans explodes onstage. It's everything that could possibly go wrong in a theatre production, and you get a backstage ticket to see the chaos that plays out behind the curtain.

"Noises Off," a slapstick comedy about how a play goes terribly wrong, premieres on Friday, Sept. 29 as the newest production by the NMU Forest Roberts Theatre (FRT).

A play within a play, "Noises Off" was written by English playwright Michael Frayn in 1982. Set in the 1970s, the characters rehearse the sketch of "Nothing's On," but a can of snafu sardines spills out onto the stage, and they relentlessly try to put the cap back on. From loud outbursts to actors fumbling over lines and entering scenes offcue, the audience will be in for a satirical treat.

Junior theatre and entertainment arts and English double major Regan McKay, who plays Poppy-Norton Taylor, an assistant stage manager who runs the backstage world, said she really stepped into the shoes of her character.

"As a technician myself, I loved being able to tell that story onstage," McKay said. "This show is big and ridiculous, but it also shows the other side that people don't normally see, which is the life inside an actor."

Jill Vermeulen, senior theatre and entertainment arts and communications double major, plays Belinda Blair, a bubbly character who often "falls prey to the chaos that ensues as relationships dwindle throughout the play," she said. "It's over the top and the most farcical piece I've done."

Considering it one of the best comedies written in the past 50 years, Paul Truckey, who is co-directing along with his wife Keli, said "Noises Off" is all about "comedic timing and doors

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— Regan McKay junior theatre & entertainment arts, English major

slamming" and it "thrives on exaggeration" to get laughs.

Truckey also performed this play 31 years ago as a student at NMU. With such love for this classic comedy, he decided to take on the project again but from a different perspective. As a director now, he understands that this play is a much more "complicated aspect" in stage direction timing and also the immense amount of effort it takes to put on the entire production.

Unlike most FRT productions, the actors only had five weeks to rehearse the play. They were cast back in April and required to memorize the script over the summer. In addition to this production being the senior capstone project for three of the students, all the cast and crew have put in hours upon hours.

"We've been rehearsing six days a week and four hours each night," McKay explained.

Bill Digneit, director of the FRT, described the theater process like training a football team, with the cast and crew practicing every night because when a play goes live, it needs to be flawless. Furthermore, precise comedic timing is of the utmost importance.

"It's just like 'Seinfeld' and how Kramer walks in at the right moment," Digneit explained.

Not only do the actors have to burst on scene and deliver their lines on-cue, but they also have to perform well enough to elicit laughter.

"It's one of the toughest plays I've ever been a part of," senior

It's just like 'Seinfeld' and how Kramer walks in at the right moment.

— Bill Digneit director of the Forest Roberts Theatre

English writing major Ethan Bott commented.

Bott plays Lloyd Dallas, a director who shows little compassion for his cast members. Bott was persuaded to take on the challenge of this comedy because it possesses such raw energy one of the advantages of stage productions for both actors and audience.

"As we've become so accustomed to visual orientation like TV, we forget how therapeutic a live performance can be," Bott noted.

'Noises Off' showtimes

7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7.

Tickets are \$5 for NMU students, \$10 for other students and \$15 for the general public.

A red-carpet gala in the Forest Roberts Theatre lobby will follow the opening show Friday, Sept. 29, including food and beverages, music, a photo booth and a meet-and-greet with the cast and crew. Attending the gala is free with purchase of show tickets.

Spoken Like A

By Kara Toay/copy editor

Four-time transgender member of team USA and NMU alumnus Chris Mosier spoke at NMU as part of the UNITED Conference Monday evening on Sept. 25, where he discussed social change, the power of language and his experience as a transgender athlete and changing the Olympic policy.

Mosier spoke to a crowd of almost 120 students and community members in the University Center Great Lakes Rooms, where the first half of his speech was inspired by a terminology error from the university press release that was published by the Mining Journal calling Mosier "transsexual" rath-

Mosier said we should respect the preferred terminology of every individual and those speaking about the LGBTQ+ community should be trained so they know how to address people when talking to them.

er than "transgender."

"It's so incredibly important that we get it right... I mess up. We all mess up... My hope would be that I could share this with you so everyone is thinking about the power of language."

Speaking at Northern again was different for Mosier than when he spoke at Northern in 2015, which was the turning point for him as an activist for the LBGTQ+ community. Mosier was terrified coming back to Northern in 2015 for the first time since he graduated.

"There was that weirdness of coming back to a place where I had so many memories, some of them good, some of them not so great and being a totally different person in a lot of ways than I was when I was here in those years," he said.

Mosier knew he would see people who played a huge role in his college experience and was afraid of running into them because he had transitioned since they last saw them. As a trans person, he had a fear of interacting with people he knew before transition, because he didn't want to have to explain how they should address him.

While speaking in 2015, Mosier also had an ESPN reporter with him, who followed him for a month, for the story "Definition of An Athlete." What Mosier was most worried about with this article was what language the reporter would use and how she would describe his actions with others. Although he was pleased with the article, Mosier said that "language is what really pushed me into becoming the person that I am."

This all started on his 29th birthday when he and friends went out to a Mexican restaurant, where the waiter addressed the table and said "ladies." That one word put him over the edge after an accumulation of years of feeling like he wasn't seen.

"I never thought my life would

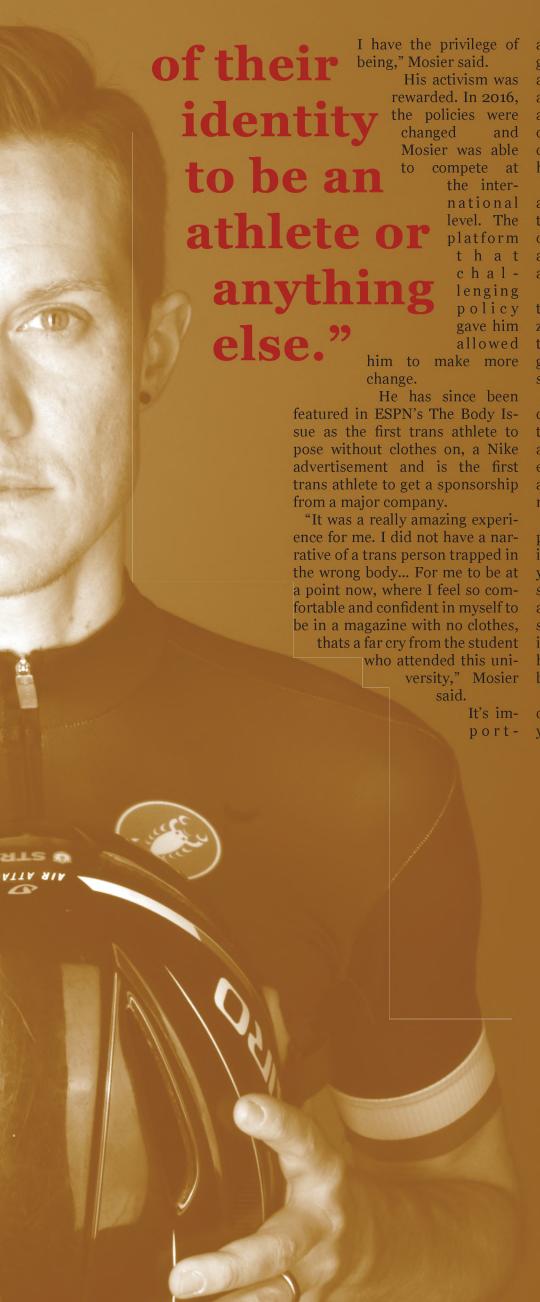
be like this, that "No one after all that time, I wasn't showing up as the person should I needed to be," Mosier said. "It was all because have to of language. It was all because of that one comproword, of that mise any person saying 'ladies." The

ESPN article also talked about his journey as an athlete and was a catalyst for the International Olympic Committee change. During that time, Mosier was the first trans man to make a men's U.S. national team, competing in duathlon and triathlon. Mosier qualified for world championships, but couldn't participate due to restrictions within the trans athlete policy. He knew this was a great opportunity to appeal the policy and change sports for the trans community.

"I think what they needed was a name and a face of a person to say there is an actual human on the other side of this policy, maybe we could reconsider, and that's what



True Athlete



ant for to him to say he is transgender because of his visibility as a transgender athlete and there aren't many out there. The most amazing thing he has done is open doors for young athletes so they can compete at the highest level, he said.

"You can be your authentic self and continue to play the sports that you love," Mosier said. "No one should have to compromise any part of their identity to be an athlete or anything else."

When Mosier first came out as transgender in an advocate magazine, he wrote a narrative and said that he will always be the transgender athlete, he will never be simply a male athlete.

"Sport is a vehicle for social change, whether we are competitors or on the same team. Sport is an environment for family," Mosier said, adding that he found great acceptance in the sporting community.

With this, Mosier went and competed in the long course duathlon in North Carolina the last couple years, despite people saying he shouldn't. While others boycotted and didn't go, he went to make a statement about the bathroom policies at the time, also saying that he had never been more fearful of being hurt, but nothing happened.

"By creating this culture of fear, of being fearful of people around you, we're not creating good community," Mosier said.

Even though he is unsure of his purpose in life thus far, he has two principles of how he lives his life by: be nice, be a good person and be of service to others and fight for what's right, but also to live by the words "Be who you needed when you were younger."

Mosier said that community doesn't just change from the top down, but from the bottom up. Also, that faculty and students can make social change and it can be large or small, like picking one word to change.

Mosier has seven ways to make social change. Among them are to check your ego and not have one, show up when you can, and stand up for what you believe in. Mosier noted the athletes in the NFL who took a knee, linked arms or stayed in locker rooms this weekend, during the national anthem. Considering the impact of your words, finding out what you stand for and help the community around you and to remember there's an abundance were other ways that were mentioned.

"I encourage you not to think about social change as such a big thing, that maybe you don't have the opportunity to create," Mosier said. "We're all creating social change in our small areas of influence even if you don't think it. Thinking of the big picture is what creates social change."



Lindsey Eaton/NW Left, guests, students and alumni of Northern's hospitality and tourism management program enjoy the NMU Hospitality Gala on Saturday. Food and beverages at the gala were sourced only from local farms, providers and chefs, making it the first Certified Local Food Event in the Upper Peninsula.

Above right, Chef Eric Juchemich serves his beef carpatio rolls to event goers at the gala.

Below, NMU hospitality and tourism management alumnus Ross Weber and his friend Tina Clough serve to gala guests.

Gala showcases Wildcat hospitality and local foods

By Jake Bekemeyer

contributing writer

A steady flow of guests enjoyed the DJ's playlist of '80s funk and classic rock, raffle drawings every half hour and a seemingly endless buffet table of locally sourced food and drinks, creating a fun, loose atmosphere for the occasion.

The doors to the NMU Hospitality Gala opened 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Marquette Commons. Organized and set up almost entirely by NMU students currently in the hospitality and tourism management program,

the gala demonstrated exactly what hospitality is all about.

"[The gala] showcases what we do," said Anna Dravland, community relations and travel marketing coordinator at Travel Marquette, one of the major sponsors of the event, and an NMU hospitality and tourism management alumna herself. "We're about creating something special."

The event's student organizers wore yellow T-shirts with "NMU Hospitality Gala" scribed on the front, and on several occasions,



Lindsey Eaton/NW

Above, beef carpatio rolls with polenta and bacon relish and topped with a balsamic reduction graces a serving tray. The dish was created by Chef Eric Juchemich of the restaurant Lagniappe.



were pulled aside by coordinators and guests alike to compliment them on the good job they've been doing. People outside NMU's program appreciated their efforts as well.

"We're here to celebrate NMU hospitality management students and alumni," Melissa Orzechowski, director of Taste the Local Difference, Michigan's local foods marketing agency,

As the Upper Peninsula's first food and drinks of the gala were entirely from U.P. farms and chefs. This tasty array was a big draw for many of the attendees.

"Investing in local food means investing in the local economy," Orzechowski said on the importance of sourcing food closer to home.

In addition to the economic benefits of getting food locally, the gala showed how local collaboration can increase a sense of community.

"Connecting as a community can bring people together," Alex Palzewicz, a lead organizer of the gala, said.

Being a recent hospitality alumna as well, Palzewicz's passion for hospitality came out in spades when she spoke about what went into organizing this event. She frequently mentioned how local foods and farms are a staple to a close-knit and economically sound community.

emphasized important communication between consumers and their food source is, mentioning how Certified Local Food Event, the she believes the more localized a community is the better it will be. "It's really good for people to talk," Palzewicz added.

> The weather started to cool as the event carried on into the night, but there was never a dull moment amidst the lively music and festivities. Food and beer elegantly topped the large round dinner tables and tall cocktail tables. Guests filled the area, carrying on jovial conversations about the highlights of the event and the quality of the NMU

> "Professors go above and beyond outside of the classroom,"

hospitality program.

Dravland added.

Current students, senior hospitality and tourism management major Tamara Hunter, appreciate professors for many reasons.

"They gave me a chance at something I didn't think I'd be able to do," Hunter said.

She said her professors offer encouragement, and the faith they put in students helps prepare them for entering the workforce. Hunter, now a line cook and assistant event manager at DIGS Gastropub in Marquette, attributes her current job entirely to the opportunities made possible by her professors.

Another point emphasized by both Dravland and Orzechowski was to try to get people who are not in the industry to see hospitality as a real career, rather than just as a place to start one's professional life before finding a different occupation. It's a good path for anyone at any stage of

"Hospitality is the driving force for so many people," Dravland





The 2017 Rabbit Island Exhibition at the DeVos Art Museum in NMU's Art and Design Building captures unique perspectives from around the world of a remote Upper Peninsula wilderness.

Rabbit Island exhibit displays Superior art

By Jamie Glenn

staff writer

Creators from around the world ventured to Rabbit Island, which lies on Lake Superior 3 miles east of the Keweenaw Peninsula, this summer to capture this isle's inner beauty. With over 91 acres of protected and largely uninhabited forest, this no man's land was the perfect place for five artists to dig deep into the rock beds of Superior's mighty shoreline. With brushes and cameras they brought the sensations and emotions of an untouched island to the Wildcat's neck of the woods.

After communing with nature on Rabbit Island, the artists had a year to translate their experiences into inspired works of art that are now the newest DeVos Art Museum exhibit, on display for free, public viewing from Sept. 25 until Nov. 12, with all the sights and sounds of Superior.

"[Exhibit goers] can expect to see a lot of different perspectives on how artists interact with and view the experience of being on Rabbit Island," DeVos Art Museum Director and Curator Melissa Matuscak Alan said. "There's multiple ways that the artists have thought about their surroundings and nature, the way they record [them] and the way they present them in a context such as a gallery space."

The exhibit tells a cohesive story presented in different mediums, including photography, video and sound work. But the artistry doesn't stop there: Several of the creations offer an interactive element, including that of a telephone, a sound box and displays that connect with the audience.

"I hope the viewer might walk away with a sense of what it might

be like to spend a couple of weeks on Rabbit Island themselves," Matuscak Alan continued. "Not having the distractions gives you a chance to notice things on a deeper level. Sometimes it's easy to get caught up. I think without having those distractions on a place like a wilderness island gives you the opportunity to really sit and soak it

The Rabbit Island Foundation, a nonprofit group that organizes this wilderness art experience, accepted five artists out of about 250 applicants from around the world to experience this. Matuscak Alan, who has been on the Rabbit Island Foundation board of directors, explained how these fortunate five were selected.

"[We're] thinking about who's been there in the past and what ideas have kind of already been touched on, who's doing something a little bit different or who might have a little different perspective to offer," Matuscak Alan

This show is set up in a way that can reach across all majors of study from art and design to geography and many more. Tours can be given for anyone looking to engage in this outside-the-classroom learning.

"The great thing about what these artists are doing is they touch on different disciplines. There's definitely the aspect of art and design, [but] we've been reaching out

to some of the geography department to invite them to come and see the show," Matuscak Alan said.

The show displays many aspects of nature, from blue skyline to green fluorescence, evergreen trees and the smallest creatures of the island wilderness.

United Kingdom artist Luce Choules made a collection of photographs and other creations depicting the beauty of the land and water around the island. While on the island, Choules laid out a blanket and let the weather of the island wear upon it to create her art for the exhibit.

"I was looking for ideas of what wilderness might mean on a remote island on Lake Superior, a 91-acre island, and you're there by yourself, so you have lots of time to think about, what to say about this place, what's the environmental voice for this place," Choules

Artist Walter Van Broekhuizen of the Netherlands also showcased his work. He created a series of photographs, as well as a wooden tree sculpture with crafted birds. The photos were taken with an an analog camera that was inspired by the lack of human involvement on the island, the artist said as he explained why he applied to go to Rabbit Island.

"I wanted to experience it once because I come from a small country, the Netherlands in Europe, small and dense and populated,

...expect to see a lot of different perspectives on how artists interact with and view the experience of being on Rabbit Island.

— Melissa Matuscak Alan director and curator of the DeVos Art Museum

and we don't have really wild nature, [but] Rabbit Island is never changed by human beings, that's what I wanted to be there for," Broekhuizen said. "I think there's

almost no place on the Earth to really have solitude, to be alone without any contact with human beings. It was very interesting to do this."



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Junior running back Jake Mayon caps-off the first quarter of last weekend's game with a 75-yard run that set up Northern for a field goal to kick off the second quarter.

By Trevor Drew

sports editor

Two touchdowns and a careerhigh 247 rushing yards from junior running back Jake Mayon propelled him and his fellow Wildcats to their first victory of the season in their homecoming game against the Davenport University Panthers.

The victory was appreciated by head coach Kyle Nystrom, who credited the triumph to effort put forth by his players and staff.

Nystrom said despite a few attempts, his team was able to contain Davenport's passing game to 88 yards while freshman quarterback Ryan Johnson led the Wildcats with 131 passing yards in his first ever college game.

"It was awesome," Johnson said after his first run as starting quarterback. "[The coaching staff] couldn't have prepared me

Although the team never gave up the lead to the Panthers, the Wildcat's weren't free from error in the eyes of Nystrom, who pointed out several areas that need improvement.

"It wasn't pretty in the second half. We were sputtering on execution in offense in the middle of the second quarter moving forward," Nystrom said.

He added that, at times, the defense was unable to cope with inside runs from Davenport, which resulted in two Panther touchdowns in the fourth quarter, putting them within three points of

taking the lead.

The Wildcats didn't hesitate to get started and by the end of the first half, they had cranked out a 17-0 lead built off two touchdowns in the first quarter and a field goal in the opening minutes of the second half.

Neither team would score until the fourth quarter when Davenport came back to life and put up two touchdowns, making the score 17-14 with about five minutes left in the game.

Wildcat fans bit their nails at the thought of losing grasp of the situation, but Mayon stepped up to the plate and took control for the Wildcats.

"Jake bailed us out," Nystrom

At less than five minutes left in

the match, the Wildcats stood on their own 42-yard line with the Panthers breathing down their necks. Johnson called the play, backed up and handed the ball off to Mayon who broke out of the pocket and marched like a horse for 58 yards into the end zone solidifying Northern's lead, 24-14, and capped off scoring for the competition.

"We've got to be some dogs out there," Mayon said reflecting on the game. "It's great to have a clutch play like that. It gets everybody even more excited and I love doing it. I love playing the game."

With homecoming out of the way, the Wildcats now look to next Saturday when they travel to Houghton to take on their archrival team, the Michigan Tech Huskies, for the 2017 Miner's Cup.

In the past 15 years, Northern has only managed to beat Tech three times and haven't overcome them since the 2009 season.

Mayon has yet to see a Wildcat team overcome their rivals and hopes this year the program can finally notch "four" into how may Miner's Cups they've won.

"I've had a chip on my shoulder ever since last year. I had a downfall at the end of the game. I didn't finish, so I've been carrying that with me," Mayon said. "I'm just going to drive harder. I'm going to work harder. This game means so much more to this whole university to the community, to the alumni. We're all going to be dogs throughout the whole week and work like it."

Women's Soccer starts conference play with undefeated weekend

By Trevor Drew

sports editor

A decisive 5-0 victory over Purdue Northwestern University and a 1-1 tie against Davenport University had the Women's Soccer team labeled as undefeated for conference play after kicking off GLIAC on the road, over the weekend.

"I think things are finally being pieced together. Everything that we are throwing at them they're taking in and they're executing it," head coach Sonia Basma said. "These things always take time so, as I've said time and time again, it's going to

take us a bit."

The team faced hardship last season when their previous coach, Matt Granstrand, left the program due to a school required medical leave. Basma still sees the team as in a transitional process but some players already see an improvement from last

"A forward moving direction is what we've got going on and I don't think that could have been said necessarily about last year," said senior defender Allyssa Milam. "We were just fighting to survive with the coach switching and the discombobulation among the team so this is definitely a good position to be in." we've been lacking."

The Wildcats were ready to go against Purdue, especially freshman forward Jenna Halonen who notched four of the five goals in the match. She got her first within the first fifteen minutes of the first half and buried the Pride in the second half with three more. Milam notched the Wildcat's second goal of the

"I think Purdue Northwest was one of the weaker ones for us and we knew that going in," Basma said. "For us, it was about making sure that we capitalized on that and we put the ball in the back of the net which is what

The second match of the weekend wasn't as fortuitous for the Wildcats. Neither the Wildcats nor the Davenport Panthers managed to find the back of the net despite both teams having nearly identical shots, NMU ripped 14 and DU had 15. The game ended up going into double overtime and ended a scoreless tie.

"There are still things that we continue to build on and really that's going to be the case for the entire year," Basma said. "I know for a fact toward the end of the year we'll get even more into our groove but it's definitely

The Wildcats now gear up to take on the Northwood University Timberwolves and the Saginaw Valley State Cardinals, both teams the Wildcats played the previous weekend.

The Ladies managed to take it to Northwood 2-0 in their last time facing off but fell in double overtime to the Cardinals 3-2.

"We're going to aim to win in regulation time. I think the whole team is pretty stoked," Milam said. "We just played them so they're a fresh opponent. We'll have lots of family downstate so it's going to be a great weekend."

SPORTS BRIEFS

WOMEN'S GOLF

Northern Michigan University's Women's Golf Team captured fourth place at the Saginaw Valley State University Fall Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 23. Junior Karissa Guthrie was the top finisher for the team with a fourth place finish and score of 147. Senior Avery Rochester tied for fifth place with a score of 148. Senior Haley Hewer finished in the top half with a score of 155, tying for 14th. Junior Lillian Torres, with a score of 170 and junior Alyce Krumm, with a score of 173 rounded the roster for the Wildcats. The team finished with a total score of 620 and will compete at Grand Valley State University on Friday, Sept. 23 Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Grand Valley State University Invitational.

HOCKEY

In polls by the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, Northern Michigan University was predicted to finish seventh. The Wildcats received a total of 40 points to earn their seventh place bid in the Mankato Free Press WCHA Preseason Coaches' Poll. Freshman forward Joseph Nardi received votes from the coaches for Rookie Of the year Award. In the UAHHockey.com WCHA Medial Poll, NMU was picked for seventh with a total of 59 points. Junior goaltender Atte Tolvanen was selected as Preseason All-WCHA second team. The Wildcats will begin their season on Oct. 6 with a home-and-home series with LSSU. Former head coach, Rick Comley, will be honored with the rink being dedicated in his honor during pregame festivities at the season opener.

VOLLEYBALL

On Saturday Sept. 23, senior Jami Hogeboom became the fifth player in Northern Michigan History to reach 3,000 career assists in the team's match. Hogeboom finished with 31 assists against Ferris State University. Along with the assists, Hogeboom added two aces. Her seven digs trailed only Rachel BraunSchweig, who tallied 16.

Wildcat of the week



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Junior Jake Mayon was named GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance on Saturday, Sept. 23 against Davenport University. Mayon rushed for a total of 247 yards, a career-high, and two touchdowns. His first touchdown came on the fifth play of the game with 49 yards. His second touchdown was during the fourth quarter rushing of 59 yards.



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Junior Marquette native Nathan Rotundo dives into the pool after the scrimmage for a 200-yard cool down.

By Zoe Maki

contributing writer

Over this past weekend, NMU's Swimming and Diving teams held their annual Green vs. Gold scrimmage where they not only raced, but also recognized swimming and diving alumni, including Dave Bradshaw, 2016 Hall of Fame Inductee.

This was the 40th anniversary of Northern having a women's swim team, so there were many coaches and alumni from previous years.

"The really cool thing is [that] the women's program has had three women head coaches, and the first woman coach was there, Joan Hopkins, and she coached for nine years. Then the woman that took over for her, Anne Goodman James, was here for ten years, and this is my eighth season," said head coach Heidi Voigt. "So between the three of us [who were all at the meet],

we've coached almost 30 years out of the 40 of the women's swimming, so that was really fun to talk to those women and see what they did then and what we're doing now; we had some great stories and good laughs."

Another highlight of the meet was that during the 100 yard backstroke, Rachel Helm set a pool record with a time of 55.79. Helm also came in first for the Green team in the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.77.

As for the overall results, the Green team won by a margin of 44 points; the Green team had a total of 237.5 points as opposed to the Gold team's 193.5 points. The women on the Green team racked up 28 points more than the Gold team, and the other 16 points were racked up by the men on the Green team.

"I think it's really cool because Heidi always makes up the meet, and the way the teams are [organized], it always comes down to the last couple events," said junior Taylor Susa, who was on the Green team for this event. Susa also commented about the dynamic of the team and how she enjoyed seeing how well everyone connected in the pool. She added that she is looking forward to the season.

"Every year, we keep getting better and better, so it's really cool to see that as the years have gone on," Susa said.

Commenting on the upcoming season, Voigt also mentioned that compared to last year at this event there were several events that were faster.

"[It's] a really good sign moving forward, especially getting ready for Findlay that's coming October 13th and 14th," she said. "Everybody raced hard, and they looked great. Our divers dove some hard dives this weekend, and this early in the season, that's really promising."

Wildcats finish fifth in Minnesota

Two NMU runners place top two in a field of 401

By Tyler Young

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Northern Michigan University's Cross Country team, ranked 19th in the nation among Division II teams, competed at the Roy Graik Cross Country Invitational in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Saturday. Of the 41 teams that were represented at the meet, NMU placed 5th overall, boasting two top-ten finishers.

On the hot, humid day, Sophomore Katelyn Smith finished 3rd in the field of 401, recording a time of 22:44.4, over two-and-a-half minutes better than she ran at the same meet last year as a freshman.

NMU's other top-ten finish came from Vivian Hett, a senior. Hett posted a time of 22:53.8, good for 6th place overall in her first competition of 2017. Hett's performance made her GLIAC Runner of the Week, marking the third week in a row that an NMU

athlete has gotten the honor.

"It shows that we're having a strong season so far," Hett said of her team's performance. "We're coming back and pushing it harder than we did last year. I think we did well. We were missing our top girl [Kameron Burmeister] because she was sick, and a few others probably didn't have their best races, but I think it shows that when we are at full strength, we'll do very well."

Also scoring points for the Wildcats was junior Abby Fifarek, taking 46th overall with a time of 23:49.6. Kieren Becker and Sophie McDonald, both juniors, finished 68th and 69th with times of 24:09.9 and 24:12.0 respectively, rounding out NMU's point-getters.

Sophomore Hannah Torvi took 109th place with a time of 24:55.0, and junior Maddy Walters was the last Wildcat runner to cross the finish line, finishing in 25:36.1, good for 137th place. Although Walters'

time was the slowest on NMU's roster for the race, she still finished ahead of more than half of the field, surely a good sign for the team going forward.

"I think that we're going to have a really strong season," Hett predicted. "We have a few girls that have picked up the pace from last year, so it's really good to see that our strength is improving. Individually we're growing, we're growing together as a team, so I'm really excited to see where we go this year."

Winning the meet was Simon Fraser University, having had four of their seven runners finish in the top 20. Taking second place was Pittsburgh State University, third was the University of Mary and fourth was Augustana University.

Burmeister is expected to return for the Wildcats' next meet.

The NMU runners will lace up their shoes again on Saturday, September 30th, for the Bay College Invitational in Escanaba.

Volleyball splits weekend on the road

By Ryan Spitza

staff writer

The NMU Volleyball team continued GLIAC play with a split weekend on last weekend's road trip, defeating Northwood in three sets on Friday and falling to No. 7-ranked Ferris State in three sets on Saturday.

The Wildcats now sit in third place in the conference standings, right behind Wayne State and Ferris State who are tied for first with a perfect 5-0 record in league play. The Wildcats are now 4-1 in conference play and 10-3 overall.

In the Friday game the first set

was close throughout. With the two teams tied at 24 points, the Wildcats took the lead on a kill from Kayla Chosa. Northwood responded with a kill from Sydney Greulich to tie the set once again. The Wildcats earned the next point on a kill from Leticia Antunes and then won the set 27-25 on an attack error.

The Wildcats cruised through set two, jumping out to an 8-2 lead early on and the Timberwolves never saw the lead as the Wildcats won set two 25-18. In the third set, the Wildcats raced out to a commanding 23-9 lead. Northwood then scored the next nine points to pull within five. A Timberwolves

service error ended the nine point run and the 'Cats took the set 25-21

NMU head coach Mike Lozier said his team rebounded after a slow start on Friday.

"I thought we played well and the nice thing was we played from beginning to end," he said. "We started slow and that's kind of been our trend the last few matches, but to be able to come back after a slow start and take care of business in three sets was nice to see."

In Saturday's contest, the Wildcats hung tight with the Bulldogs in all three sets, falling just short 19-25, 19-25 and 25-27.

"Ferris has a little bit of a tough environment and huge home court advantage," Lozier said. "We didn't play poorly, we hung in there but the difference was that they just played cleaner for longer."

Despite the loss, history was made for one Wildcat setter. Senior Jami Hogeboom recorded 31 assists in the match, and surpassed the 3,000 assists mark, only the fifth player in Wildcat history to do so. The team record for career assists is held by Liu Jun who played for the Wildcats from 1993-96 and recorded 4,531 assists.

Hogeboom said the feat is humbling and credited her teammates along the way as well.

"It's really exciting and I was definitely happy to see that," she said. "I've just been super grateful to play with some incredible athletes. I couldn't set without a back row and I couldn't get assists without a front row so they've been killing it as well and have gotten me there."

The Wildcats will continue GLI-AC play this weekend with another road trip, this time facing Wayne State (9-4, 5-0 GLIAC) on Friday and Grand Valley State (6-7, 3-2 GLIAC) on Saturday.

Lozier is looking forward to the road trip as he'll come across some familiar faces having coached at Wayne State for the past three seasons and Grand Valley State before that,

"I have great relationships at Wayne State University," he said. "I get to see my former players who I had a very good relationship with, the guy I coached underneath for three years (Tim Koth) and they're also playing well. You want to play good teams and it's an opportunity to play a team that's undefeated in conference play. I think we're going to be their first true test and I have every expectation that we'll walk into that gym and play great and give them a run for their money.

"Grand Valley can be hot and cold," Lozier added. "If you catch them on a day when they're cold, they struggle. If you catch them when they're hot, they're as good as anybody so you have to approach the matches as if they're ready to go and they're going to play well."

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— Mike Lozier head coach, Women's Volleyball

Men's soccer drops matches

By Nate Belville

contributing writer

Playing under 90 degree temperatures through the weekend, the Northern Michigan University Men's Soccer team fell short on the road against Purdue Northwest University 2-1 and to Davenport University 2-0.

Wildcats head coach David Poggi said the team played solid through both games, but didn't prepare enough for the heat.

"Us Northerners weren't ready for that type of heat," Poggi said. "We played two good opponents, but the results weren't as great as we thought it would be."

Junior forward Nic Harenda said the team did show progression while adapting to playing in non-ideal conditions.

"Heat played a huge factor and we probably started off slow in both games because of it," Harenda said. "But overall, I felt we did a good job sticking together as a team through both games."

At Purdue Northwest , both offenses got off to a quick start, combining for nine shots in the first 21 minutes. The ninth shot would result in a PNW goal from Enrique Serna at 21:32. The Wildcats were held without a shot with the Pride taking a 1-0 lead into halftime.

Just 10 minutes into the second

half, the Pride put up their second goal of the game with Djordje Cancarevic scoring on a long goal from 40 yards out. The Wildcats were held without a shot for a majority of the second half, but the Wildcats scored their lone goal from sophomore defender Lewis Murray at 77:25, his first goal of the season and of his career.

Sophomore goalkeeper Fillippo Torrelli faced four shots on goal and recorded two saves in the game.

Sophomore midfielder Nick Metcalfe said it was the lack of offense which set the team back at Purdue Northwest.

"We just didn't get things going offensively," Metcalfe said. "In the second half, they scored a goal and we got one back and both of us were on their heels but couldn't get another one back in."

At Davenport, neither team was able to record a shot in the opening 15 minutes. The Panthers shut down the Wildcats offensively, giving out five shots of seven for Davenport. NMU wasn't able to record a shot after halftime.

The Panthers got on the board in the second half, with a header goal from Cam Cavanagh near the 70-minute mark. The Panthers added on another goal to ice the game at 2-0. Only two shots were recorded for NMU, one each

from junior defender Kevin Hoof and forward Sam Popp.

During the first half at Davenport, Torelli was ejected at 19:41 after receiving a red card foul. Fellow sophomore goalkeeper Brayden Willinski replaced Torelli at net and recorded five saves while facing seven shots on-goal during 70 minutes of play.

"It was huge because it took away our chance to attack, and losing a man really limited us to help generate some offense," Harenda said on the foul.

The team will be looking for their first home win this weekend, and Poggi is eager to get that win and more.

"Being at home is always better," Poggi said. "We always talked about winning at home, but in this conference, we need to win these type of games."

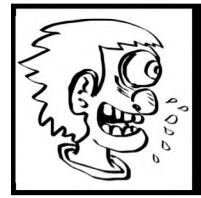
Metcalfe said that the team is excited and eager to get that win as well

"We have two big games this weekend and we're definitely going into the games seeking good results from them. We just gotta do what we can and get wins out of them," Metcalfe said.

The Wildcats will host a pair of home match ups against the Tiffin University Dragons Friday and the Ashland University Eagles Sunday.







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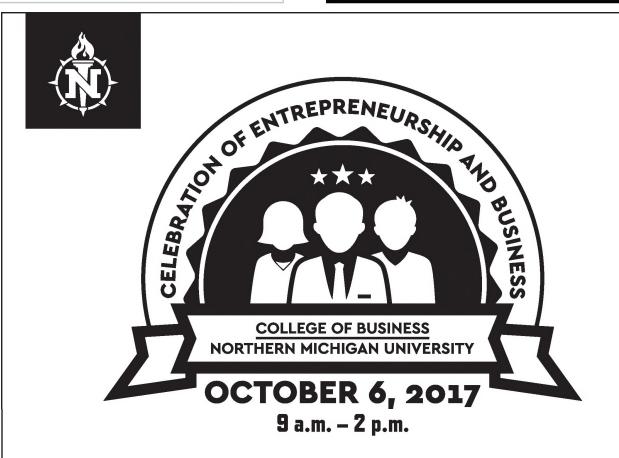


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New Willy sparks new kind of wild



Fans, alumni and community members showed their Wildcat pride at the 2017 homecoming Football game against the Davenport University Panthers. The Men's Swim and Dive team showed their support by sporting their uniforms along with NMU themed body paint. Among the 3,971 in attendance was NMU's beloved mascot, Wildcat Willy, who unveiled his new look.

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