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Marquette nurses march, demanding safe staffing

By Kelsii Kyto
copy editor

Toting signs, sporting blue scrubs and red t-shirts and shouting for change, the nurses of UP Health Systems-Marquette formed a picket line from 7 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5 to 7 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

The nurses, who went on strike against the Marquette General Hospital for alleged understaffing and poor patient care, stood outside the hospital all day and all night in hopes to garner community support and be granted the change they want by the Upper Peninsula Health System (UPHS).

Roughly 400 nurses and community members showed up for the strike.

The nurses marched and carried signs with phrases such as "Patients Over Profit\$," "Have a Heart, Staff Smart" and "Don't Dictate, Negotiate."

"Signs are a next step, not a last step," said Scott Balko, operating room registered nurse and president of the UPHS Marquette RN Staff Council and Marquette Nurses Association (MNA), in an MNA press release. "No one knows our patients or our community as well as Marquette nurses. From the beginning, RNs and community members have called on Duke LifePoint to invest in full-time permanent safe staffing levels."

The nurses, who have been fighting for safe staffing since April, according to a press release from the MNA, chanted phrases such as "We're nurses, we're outside, there's something wrong inside."

Sara Linna, a registered nurse at MGH, said many of the nurses don't enjoy their jobs anymore because of the poor staffing ratios. Since the day she began 10 months ago, she dealt with the problems of understaffing.

"Some days I cry going to work. I used to work afternoon shifts and I would get mandated for 16 [hour-long shifts] almost every day and I started to become the joke on the floor," Linna said. "People would joke 'oh, is Sara going to stay over again?' I had to switch my entire life around just to stop getting mandated, and I stopped wanting to come to work. It wasn't fun anymore."

Linna said at the worst, she tends to eight patients at a time. There are no laws for staffing ratios, however guidelines suggest that the ratio of nurses to patients is 1 to 4.

Samuel Parsons, another registered nurse at MGH, explained the issues that come with the high patient to staff ratios.

"If we are 1 [nurse] to 8 [patients], we're not able to get you out of pain quick enough if you've, for example, broken your leg. Even if you have to go to the bathroom or you have to use a bedpan, all of those things add up," Parsons said. "It's about the patients. It's about the community. It's about Yoopers taking care of Yoopers. This is a very caring profession."

Kris Hough, another registered nurse at MGH said she has worked in Marquette's health system for 29 years and was present for the last nurses strike in 1994, which dealt with the same issue of understaffing.

The administration was able to work together and improve things in 1994; this time, however, the problem has been more of a fight, Hough said.

"I don't quite understand how

a problem, but, I also don't know where they're coming from. I wish I did, so that way we could get somewhere."

Hough cited numerous problems that nurses face with understaffing, one being after 16 to 18 hours of work, nurses simply don't function as well.

On Saturday, MGH nurses claimed they were locked out of the hospital and could not return to work.

Victor Harrington, regional director of marketing and business development at UP Health Systems, said the nurses were not "locked out" but rather not scheduled to work because the temporary nurses covering shifts during the strike had two more days on their contract.

Over the next two days, people from the community continued to stand outside of the hospital with signs to support the nurses.

"Honestly, I really hope that the hospital sees that the community is standing with us and that not only do us as nurses want patient safety to be the number one priority, but that the community wants their healthcare taken seriously," Parsons said.

On Monday morning, the nurses returned to their jobs, walking together into the hospital in solidarity.

"Our regular team of RNs have returned to work, and we are happy to have our team back. As you would imagine, we are eager to move beyond this work stoppage and renew our focus on the delivery of quality patient care to our community," Harrington said.

Harrington said in a statement that UPHS forward to returning to bargain with the nurses to help meet the needs of the community.



Noah Hausmann/NW

NMU community members listen to drum group Morning Thunder.

Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrated on campus

By Noah Hausmann
features editor

Drum beats boomed across campus Monday morning, penetrating the walls of Jamrich, as the drum circle, Morning Thunder, opened a rally in support of Indigenous Peoples' Day with a ceremonial eagle staff song.

NMU community members commemorated Indigenous Peoples' Day (IPD) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday in the Academic Mall to celebrate Native American culture and to bring awareness to the impact of Christopher Columbus' arrival and European colonialism in the Americas. The student-led event, hosted by the Native American Student Association (NASA), the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) and the Native American Language and Culture Club, drew hundreds throughout the afternoon.

The occasion, which included Native songs, dance and discussion times, was part of a growing national movement to replace Columbus Day with IPD, since observing Columbus is viewed as offensive to many Native Americans.

"[IPD] is about exposing the truth," senior physics and Native American studies double major Biidaaban Reinhardt, president of AISES and co-president of NASA, said to the gatherers. "We're still here, still resisting colonialism, genocide, and we're revitalizing culture."

The event was commemorated in spite of the NMU Board of Trustees' recent refusal to vote on an ASNMU-proposed resolution to formally recognize Indigenous Peoples'

Day instead of Columbus Day on campus. The student-led movement toward that resolution began in 2015 with a petition of over 500 student signatures in favor of IPD. The resolution was eventually approved by ASNMU, the Academic Senate and the President's Council, before it was ultimately dismissed by the board.

"We're the next generation, and the people in charge aren't listening to us," Reinhardt said. "It's important to stick together and get involved. The board is trying to wait us out, wait for the people who started this resolution to graduate. [We need to] keep the momentum going. We've been struggling for two years, and this is the last step. I hope it passes before I graduate."

Despite the lack of official endorsement by the trustees, the university shared the event on its Facebook page, and NMU President Fritz Erickson, Jessica Cruz, chief diversity and inclusion officer, were in attendance.

"This is a strong, student-led movement," Cruz commented. "It's very peaceful, and getting to hear the different perspectives is meaningful. It's about healing, and we do that through conversation and learning."

ASNMU Vice President Connor Loftus said the matter is being further discussed with the trustees, but expressed his gratitude for the spirit of persistence at the rally.

"[Martin Luther King, Jr.] said that time can either be used constructively or destructively, and this is a constructive use of time," Loftus said.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month, part one of a three-part series:

Sexual misconduct victims offered resources

By Winter Keefer
editor-in-chief

Approximately 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. Approximately 90 percent of these crimes are never reported. According to NMU's Public Safety and Police Services Crime Statistics, 11 cases of sexual assault were reported on NMU's campus last year.

NMU provides information and the option to utilize many internal and external resources in the event of a sexual misconduct case on campus, allowing victims full control of how to proceed after a crime is committed, Associate Dean of Students and Deputy Title IX Coordinator Mary Brundage said.

"It's totally up to them how to proceed," Brundage said. "They've got friends talking to them saying, 'you should do this, you should do that,' but ultimately it's up to them."

Outside resources for students include UP Health System Marquette, where free Rape Kits

are available and the Women's Center, where people can go for support in the case of assault. University resources include the option to pursue legal action against an assailant through Public Safety or to alternatively pursue action through the university's sexual misconduct policy. Students also have access to the counseling center free of charge.

Reports of sexual assaults are filed by students, residence life staff, Public Safety and faculty members, Brundage said. Any university employee who is made aware of a case of sexual assault is required to report to the university for statistical purposes to accurately represent the number of sexual misconduct incidents occurring on campus.

"When you look at those numbers, they don't represent the amount of sexual misconduct that students are experiencing, they represent the number of students who come forward to let us know what's happened on campus property in a year," she said.

Brundage added these reports are important for the university to know the peak times of the year for sexual misconduct, common scenarios where misconduct

happens and the names of repeat offenders. Specific information, including the names of the people involved, are kept confidential.

"We know that the majority of sexual misconduct is happening when alcohol or other drugs are involved," Brundage said. "You guys know that too."

Brundage explained that she reaches out to every student who has filed a complaint about sexual misconduct through email. Sexual misconduct encompasses sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and voyeurism, she said.

In the email, Brundage invites the student to meet with her so she can provide support and share or clarify information about courses of action available to the student. The meeting is optional and the student is welcomed to bring a support person, she added.

"I don't want any student to feel blindsided when they come in," Brundage said. "Almost every student chooses to meet with me, which is great."

The email also includes an attachment to NMU's Sexual

Misconduct Policy, a brochure outlining what to expect when approaching different offices about sexual misconduct and a flier that provides the contact information of resources available.

"If someone chooses not to come see me, all the information that I would go over they have there, they just might have to dig for it more," Brundage said.

One resource specifically available to public university students is the option to pursue a Title IX Investigation, Equal Opportunity Officer and Title IX Coordinator Janet Koski said.

"[Title IX Investigations] give students another option," Koski said. "If they don't want to move forward criminally, they have an option to move forward with the university's internal process."

The NMU policy regarding sexual misconduct will soon include an amendment to compensate for recent changes made to Title IX by the U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. On Sept. 22, DeVos rescinded the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter that was included in Title IX to outline sexual misconduct protocols required of universities. This also rescinded an Obama-era 45-page

Q&A that expanded on the Dear Colleague Letter in 2014.

The Dear Colleague Letter and Q&A were replaced by 11 pages of interim guidance, Koski said. Within the next year, there will be an open public comment period to gather information and finalize a new document similar to the Dear Colleague Letter. For now, NMU is continuing to use its current policy with the addition of a temporary amendment.

"[DeVos] has a different opin-



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ion than the Obama era on what universities should do in regards to Title IX and sexual assault or sexual misconduct on campuses," Koski said. "So we'll have to wait and see what that finalized version will be."



Daniel Handler

A.K.A. Lemony Snicket

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STATE NEWS

Prosecutors said a girl charged after a social media prank led an 11-year-old Michigan boy to take his own life has been placed in a juvenile court program. Tysen Benz was found hanging in his room in March in Marquette after seeing posts and texts that his 13-year-old girlfriend killed herself. The posts were a prank. Marquette County Prosecutor Matt Wiese said the juvenile court program placement came after a hearing on Oct. 6. He said the girl was charged with malicious use of telecommunications services for making a false death report and using a computer to commit a misdemeanor. Details about the program weren't released.

NATIONAL NEWS

The Boy Scouts of America's board of directors unanimously approved a plan on Wednesday to open Cub Scouts to girls and establish a new program that will allow girls to become Eagle Scouts. Beginning in 2018, individual Cub Scout packs will be given the choice of expanding to include girls and boys dens. Dens will remain single-gender. The organization plans to have a program in place by 2019 to allow older girls to advance through the scouting curriculum and become Eagle Scouts.

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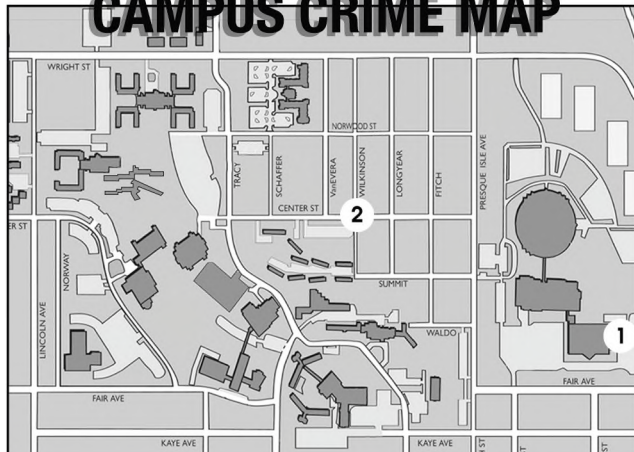
A South Korean lawmaker said North Korean hackers stole highly classified military documents that include U.S.-South Korean wartime "decapitation strike" plans against the North Korean leadership. The U.S., meanwhile, staged another show of force meant to deter any North Korean aggression by flying two B-1B supersonic bombers Tuesday night from an air base in the U.S. territory of Guam to the South for drills with South Korean fighter jets.

WEIRD NEWS

Vigilantes in Malawi, Africa have killed six people suspected of trying to obtain and drink human blood as part of magic rituals since mid September, local police report. The six people were killed in three separate incidents in the area surrounding Mulanje Mountain in the country's south. The most recent attack came over this past weekend when an angry mob beat two people to death because they suspected the two were vampires. The United Nations said it has withdrawn its staff from two districts in southern Malawi because the vampire scare has sparked mob violence.

— Compiled from news sources

CAMPUS CRIME MAP



1. Larceny of university property was reported at 4:04 p.m. Saturday, October 7 at Lot 58.

2. Disorderly conduct was reported at 3:09 a.m. Tuesday, October 10 near Wilkinson/Center street.

3. Larceny of a parking permit was reported at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, October 10. Location unknown.



Photo courtesy of NMU's Hip Hop Dance Team

Hip Hop Dance Crew members pose for a photo after their group was chosen for the Red Bull Bracket Reel competition. The group has ten members that will participate in the contest, three short of the 13-person limit.

2017 Red Bull Bracket Reel:

Hip Hop Dance Crew earns a spot in national competition

By Von Lanier
news editor

For the second year in a row, NMU's Hip Hop Dance Crew (HHDC) will compete in a national dance contest, sponsored by Red Bull, against other universities in the country.

NMU's HHDC is 1 of 16 top collegiate dance crews in the nation who were chosen to compete in the 2017 Red Bull Bracket Reel Dance video-editing competition. The crew was selected from among over 35 other universities who submitted videos in early September that were reviewed by a judging panel for Red Bull.

The winning schools were chosen based on their dance techniques, choreography and quality of video editing that went into their team application.

Junior nursing major Faith Leroy, president of NMU's HHDC, said when her group was also chosen to compete in last year's contest, not many people knew about it.

"One of our biggest challenges is the fact that we're a smaller school," Leroy said. "A lot of the schools in this competition are probably three times the size of us and they have crew members at their disposal and we've got a very limited number of people."

In the contest, teams will compete in head-to-head matchups with the winner advancing to the next round in a March Madness style bracket. Initial seeding and matching will be determined by a random drawing conducted

by Red Bull.

The winning team of the competition will earn an opportunity to collaborate with producer Tim Milgram, considered by many to be a dance legend, on an original dance video recording session. The second place team will win a personal dance lesson with Ronnie Abaldonado at their home university. Abaldonado is best known for being a member of Super Cr3w, who rose to fame after winning season two of America's Best Dance Crew. He will be one of the judges on a panel of three for the competition.

Leroy said it was "extremely exciting" for her crew to be selected yet again for this national competition even though she is new to the role of president for the group.

"This year it just means a lot more to me because this is 'my crew,'" Leroy said. "This is 'my project' and I just want to see us succeed and move on to the next round."

There are four rounds to the competition. In Round 1, the 16 participating teams will be organized into eight matchups. The loser of each matchup in Round 1 will be eliminated from the contest but will remain eligible to win alternative prizes, according to the official rules of the contest. The first team NMU's HHDC will face is Fusion Dance Crew from North Carolina State University.

"Just expect a little bit different spin on the Hip Hop Crew," Leroy said.

The participating crews will

have to create new dance videos each week using original remixes of selected tracks by Red Bull. The designated tracks for each school will debut with each round. The library will consist of remixes of songs from artists like Tennyson, Pell, and 21 Savage that will be provided by producers like Mr. Carmack, Chris Lake and JNTHN STEIN.

Crews are encouraged to seek the help of their home universities to win the People's Choice vote, which will be a contributing factor in crowning a winner for each round. Winners will be announced weekly on the Red Bull Bracket Reel's Facebook page starting on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

"The biggest way that we can be supported by our community members and the campus is voting," Leroy said.

Public votes will account for 10 percent of each video edit's score for each round. The video edit with the highest score from the final round will be declared the potential grand prize winner, to be announced tentatively on Nov. 17.

Senior media production and new technology major J.J. Bailey said the competition is a bit more personal for the HHDC this year because the group was knocked out early in Round 2 last year.

"Hopefully if we beat [Fusion], the next team we can possibly face is Outlet [Ball State University], which is the team that beat us last year," Bailey said. "So, I would love to get that revenge if we meet them again."

Abdul El-Sayed visits NMU to discuss candidacy

By Jackie Jahfelson
contributing writer

Democratic candidate for governor of Michigan Abdul El-Sayed visited NMU on Monday, Oct. 9, to talk with students and community members about his future plans for the state if elected.

Welcomed by a large turnout, El-Sayed addressed the crowd with a few questions about the importance of democracy, equality and politics. He began his discussion by illustrating the value of democracy with a brief story about how his parents chose to move from Egypt to America because they believed in the dream that they could build a future just like any other American.

El-Sayed continued his talk with stories about his childhood and the simple freedoms, like a family legacy, that Americans sometimes take for granted. He talked about the choices he made early on and why he decided to dedicate his career to studying health inequalities.

"If you want to understand why people get sick, we spend a lot of time focusing on the biology," El-Sayed said. "But it usually

has a lot more to do with politics." Access to valuable resources such as a good-paying job prevents many issues from developing, El-Sayed continued.

He described how he witnessed firsthand the importance of those simple resources and how he rebuilt a broken system when he was appointed as the health commissioner in Detroit.



El-Sayed

El-Sayed said after just inspecting inner city schools, the Flint water crisis had raised a lot of questions of whether other schools were exposed to the same lead.

"I saw things like school floors, gym floors buckling because of the amount of mold that was growing under them," El-Sayed

said. "You could smell it the minute you walked by."

He said he realized that he needed to act rather than stand by and watch things crumble down around him. As health commissioner, he led efforts in making sure every school, daycare and headstart in Detroit was tested for lead in the water.

He said he can't fathom why after 1,200 days the water issue hasn't been solved.

"We live in a state where our governor tells us that government is just another business," El-Sayed said. "If you mess up with the water, you poison 9,000 kids, you treat it like a liability. You just walk away. You ignore it."

As governor, El-Sayed intends to rebuild the infrastructure of the state with the people of Michigan. People want change and are asking for solutions, he said, and added the challenges the state faces must bring people together and this will require leadership.

"I'm standing up with the 10 million people in this state who are sick and tired of politics that has told them that they cannot have solutions to the problems that we all see."

With an economy based heavily

on mining, logging and seasonal tourism, the Upper Peninsula needs to focus on what empowers small businesses and making long-term plans for building more of an inclusive economy while still preserving traditional jobs of the U.P., El-Sayed said.

"At Northern Michigan, this is a place where you have great ideas that get researched out everyday, and I want those businesses to be built right here in places like Marquette."

Many of his supporters like senior and political science major, Connor Raak, president of the NMU college democrats, believes El-Sayed has the right qualifications for the job.

"He knows how to fix problems," Raak said, adding, "Though he has a young face, El-Sayed has a vision for Michigan, and is willing to work with both sides in order to get things done."

If elected as the first Muslim governor of the United States, El-Sayed added that he not only wants to be a great governor, but this would illustrate the ideals of America.

"Anybody can aspire and be a leader in this society. That's a beautiful thing about America."

Court proceeds with child porn case involving former WNMU employee

By Von Lanier
news editor

A former WNMU-FM radio employee who was arrested last month for using a work computer to download and view child pornography underwent a probable cause conference in the Marquette County District Court early Wednesday.

Stan Henry Wright, 58 of Negaunee, has been charged with eight felony counts of child sexually abusive material possession. The Marquette County Sheriff's Office said he was transferred to their division from the Michigan State Police Negaunee Post at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. His bond was set at \$400,000 cash or surety after he was arraigned at the Marquette County 96th District Court on Sept. 28. The next time Wright is due back in court is for a preliminary hearing at 3 p.m. on Oct. 18.

The Michigan State Police Computer Crimes Unit and the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force was responsible for the arrest of Wright following a collaborative investigation with NMU public safety into his suspicious online activity.

The investigation revealed that Wright was using a work computer to download and view the material, Michigan State Police said. Investigators said the evidence was located on his computer.

"Mr. Wright is a former NMU employee as of August 16, 2016. NMU officials have cooperated fully with the Michigan State Police Investigation," Derek Hall, vice president of Marketing and Communications at NMU, said.

The Michigan State Police said there is nothing to suggest any students were victimized in the press release following Wright's arrest.

RALLY

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Standing up from the drum circle, Martin Reinhardt, professor of Native American Studies and Biidaaban's father, explained, "It's true inclusion, a celebration of all people. It's all part of a legacy, so let's leave a good legacy. We talk about thinking seven generations ahead, but we should also look seven generations back because we are them. And when they hurt, we hurt."

He added, "It has to be a community celebration, not just indigenous people celebrating."

IPD is about recognizing and rejoicing in Native heritage, many participants said, but it's also about healing and progressing toward greater understanding and equality as a society.

"It's not about erasing history, but remembering it and deciding we're going to do something different," Patricia Killelea, professor of English, said.

It was a recurring point of discussion that inequality, institutional racism and discrimination against Native Americans and others still exist in the United States.

Anthropology professor Alex Ruuska asked, "Why now? Why haven't we fixed it? I think it's because we have to heal the circle, and we're all part of that circle. We have to heal the past seven generations. You can't just Band-Aid it in order to be whole. We have to have courage. If we don't heal, no one will or we'll still be having this debate 50 years from now.



Noah Hausmann/NW

Annishaabe tribe members alongside NMU community members march in solidarity for support of Indigenous Peoples' Day. The celebration featured a rally, a march, drum circles, and concluded with an open discussion.

It's not about erasing history, but remembering it and deciding we're going to do something different.

— Patricia Killelea
assistant professor, English

"We have to take the next step," Ruuska continued. "Yes, genocide happened. Now what? It's not just a discourse, it should be about real change. If we allow this healing, it'll be better for ourselves and our

children."

Participants marched around campus and by the doors of Cohodas, to the beat of hand drums and chant of Native songs, the ceremonial eagle staff leading

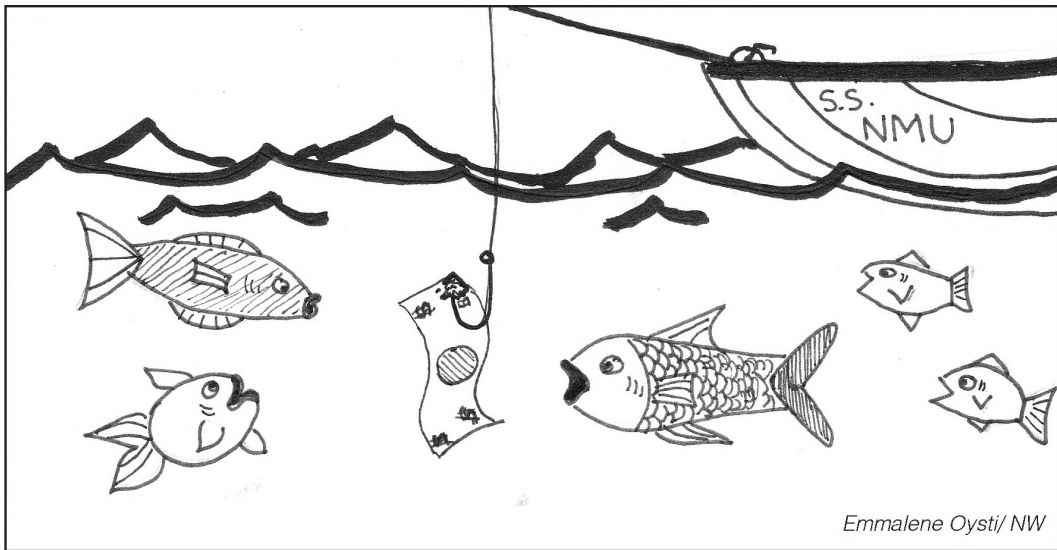
the way. Then they joined hands in a circle, and drumming resumed for the rally's closing round dance. The afternoon ended with an open forum discussion with ASNMU in Jamrich on the controversy surrounding Columbus and IPD.

"Ultimately the board's decision does not stop us from celebrating and educating," senior painting major Andreaka Jump, who was one of the students who began the IPD petition, said. "We want to move forward from here and keep making Indigenous Peoples' Day bigger, even if the board won't officially recognize it. We're going to keep celebrating and keep trying to get the board to pass it."

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EDITORIAL



Fearless in the face of apathy

Is NMU's Board of Trustees out of touch with the NMU community's wants and needs?

One could argue yes, and here's why:

The board recently awarded NMU President Fritz Erickson a \$50,000 bonus, on top of his \$262,000 salary. That nearly 20 percent one-time bonus amounts to more than the median household income in Marquette County of \$45,409, according to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau—not to mention his university-supplied house and other perks.

The board also approved new mission and vision statements for Northern. These statements emphasize NMU's "distinctive academic and career programs," "exceptional teaching" and "active environment," a major goal of which is to train students to be "leaders capable of local and global impact."

But the president getting such a large bonus is not in line with the progressive sentiments of either statement. The board cited Erickson's performance and university accomplishments over the past year, including innovation, an increase in freshman enrollment and success with the Educational Access Network as reasons for his bonus.

But awarding this bonus to one person in an institution of hundreds of employees, many of whom are hardworking and creative, and are doing the bulk work of this

praised innovation, seems like a slap in the face to the rest, especially as positions are cut and some departments' budgets get leaner and leaner.

And though the board chose to vote on this item, another item was noticeably absent from its meeting agenda. The board's decision not to vote on ASNMU's resolution to officially recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day on campus, a student-led resolution approved by administration and many faculty members, is directly ignoring something the university community wants. It also defies a movement that student leaders have worked on for two years to make an impact on an issue that is important to them.

The board needs to better perceive how its decisions affect students and employees after the trustees fly back to their homes until the next board meeting.

In his Aug. 22 fall convocation speech, Erickson spoke on his goal of Northern's strategic change and "distinction." In the future, the Board of Trustees and NMU administration should take note that what makes the university community distinctive is its people: the underpaid and overworked staff and faculty and the student workers who make minimum wage for a maximum of 20 hours a week. Many people put in countless hours of unrecognized dedication to make those worthy ideals in the mission and vision a reality.

Seasonal change improves the soul



Staff Column

Trinity Carey

"Fall reminds you there is beauty in letting things go." I came across this message one day recently as I was daydreaming while looking out the window right above my desk. It was just a simple saying on the sign outside of The Spot, but it got me thinking. Change is all around us and not just in the leaves.

When it comes to change, I'm not a fan. I'm the kind of person who likes consistency. A lot of change at once can be quite overwhelming. So when something I'm happy or comfortable with begins to disappear, I get a little anxious. Even just one change can set me off if it's big enough. But I'm trying to learn to let things go and to enjoy the littler things, because if there is one thing I've found to be truly consistent in life, it's change.

Don't get me wrong, change can be a good thing. You got a new job—that's awesome. You're switching schools to pursue something else—great. Change can be exciting and bring happiness, but it can be equally as painful: moving to a new town, losing someone you love, having to restart your life. These can be exhausting and adapting takes time.

But big changes are on life's agenda for all of us; it's inevitable.

For those of us working on earning a degree, big changes are coming sooner than we think. We've moved out of our home towns, came to a new

place surrounded by new people and have adjusted accordingly. We've found our place and gotten comfortable with life once again. Once we get that degree we get to do it all again. Graduation means job hunting, building your resume and figuring out what your next step in life is and where it will take you. The thought is both exciting and scary.

I think our 20s especially will be filled with the most change we'll have to endure in our lives. It's through these years that we figure out who we are and where we're going, so we better get comfortable with all that's coming. Learning to embrace this, instead of fearing it, is something I'm still working on, but I'm finding comfort in the little stuff.

There is happiness found in the warmth of the sun as its rays stretch upon your shoulders, a Saturday road trip exploring the Upper Peninsula with your pals or a hug from someone you love. These small moments are still fleeting, but relishing in them when they come makes life's changes a bit more bearable. After all, we wouldn't know heaven if there wasn't any hell.

If life starts changing and you're just not ready for it (who ever is?), keep in mind nothing in life is permanent. The good stuff comes, the good stuff goes, but the bad does just the same.

Remember it's the little things that brighten a day.

So savor the smell of a pot of coffee freshly brewed in the morning. Enjoy a cold beer after a particularly long day and be content with a morning spent waking up slowly.

Like The Spot sign reads today, "Enjoy the fall leaves before the fall 'leaves.'"

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Modern tragedy: dealing with indifference



Guest Column

Samuel McCullough

I went to bed Oct. 1 like any other night: reading for 30 minutes and lights out by 11:00 p.m. because I have an 8 a.m. the following morning. I woke up, showered, ate breakfast, walked to my biology lecture and endured the ins and outs of DNA replication. As I walked back to my room wondering how I would spend the hour between my next class, a news notification appeared on my phone something to do with Las Vegas. I quickly disregarded it, thinking, "There'll be time for that later, there are Pokemon to catch."

The next time I would pull out my phone was while I was waiting for my organic lecture to start. There was a second notification giving rise to something having

transpired in Las Vegas more specific this time and I've got family there. It was a good thing I was sitting down.

In the rapidly waning minutes before my professor walked in, I would learn that on Oct. 1, the deadliest mass shooting in the history of the United States had occurred in Las Vegas.

At 10 p.m., Jason Aldean began performing the closing act of the Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival: a 15-acre event that had called the Las Vegas Village home for three years.

At 10:05 p.m., Stephen Paddock began firing hundreds of rounds from his hotel room on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino. Within just 10 minutes, Paddock would end the lives of 22 men and 36 women and would injure 489 more.

I can imagine what being there on Sunday evening was like: attending the crowning event of a three day music festival, having, no doubt, partaken in all that was

there to offer, you'd be feeling pretty good. I know I was when I went to the Gentlemen Of The Road Tour that came through my hometown of Dixon, Illinois.

But what I cannot envision is the mortal terror that must have stricken everyone present: to suddenly become a target, a prey of some unknown force that you can't even see. No, there's no way for me to put that into words for I

As tragic as massacres inherently are, the shooting at the Harvest Country Music Festival is hardly the first. That is not to say that it should be underplayed in any sense; 58 people did not wake up as I or you did on Oct. 2 and nearly 500 more woke up in a hospital they probably don't remember checking into. But I found myself so outraged from the wake of this event because

Grande concert in Manchester, United Kingdom earlier this year. This tragedy claimed 22 victims and injured 250 more, not to mention the psychological damage inflicted to the 14,000 people in attendance. Young girls and families, no different from my own two sisters and mother back home, were directly affected by a villainous act.

Why had I not remembered? Had I fallen prey to the senseless way our mass media portrays such things? Or had I simply encountered my own harrowing indifference?

After a week of reflection, I still don't know. I don't have any answers to why these events keep happening, how to stop them, nor even what to do in their wake. But I have had my own indifference towards loss laid bare in front of me. Maybe I would have paid better attention if one of my sisters had gone off to a similar concert, because someone else's didn't come back.

But I found myself so outraged from the wake of this event because I had acted like it was the first time a heinous act had been committed.

have not experienced it, and I believe anything more would belittle those who had the misfortune of being present at this most recent calamity.

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I completely overlooked the suicide bombing at the Ariana

Letters to the editor

In support of Indigenous Peoples' Day

Dear Editor,

Northern Michigan University should recognize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day annually via formal recognition on all campus calendars. When students first brought this idea to ASNMU we asked them to show us broad student support and they did. After hearing from these students and, for some of us, getting a history lesson, it was a no-brainer for ASNMU to support this.

Taking one day of the year to fully recognize and celebrate indigenous peoples is one way to open up the larger discussions our communities should be having. We encourage reflection on the idea but supporting this

resolution shouldn't feel like a big leap for NMU. This is a university that starts each commencement ceremony recognizing and honoring the indigenous members of our community and we are the first university in Michigan to have a Native American Studies major.

President Erickson and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Jessica Cruz, have appropriately supported this initiative since its inception. After debate, faculty ultimately passed the resolution through the Academic Senate recognizing the importance of supporting their students and separating personal opinions from what's best for everyone.

In light of the climate campus and nationwide, it should no longer be about making decisions based on what looks best politically, but to start making decisions recognizing of our nation's marginalization of indigenous peoples. We need to stand together as a campus to recognize and pay homage to the indigenous people who have, quite frankly, suffered enough. We join others in calling on the Board of Trustees to formally support Indigenous Peoples' Day at NMU.

-Jeulani Gahiji,
ASNMU Chair of Assembly
2016-17, Class of 2017
-Lindsey Lieck,
ASNMU President 2015-16,
Class of 2016

Dear Editor,

Here are four Reasons NOT to Celebrate Columbus.

1. He's the wrong explorer. If we must have a European name, we could use Leif Erickson, but maybe not. Perhaps "Nameless Viking" would do.

2. This is the wrong continent. Columbus never set foot in North America, so far as we know.

3. Columbus committed deliberate genocide. After his expeditions, the Caribbean peoples were pretty much

wiped out. We should NOT be celebrating genocide. We should be grieving because the ancestors of some of us killed the ancestors of others of us or, in my case, like many from Appalachia, my ancestors killed my ancestors.

4. Columbus brought slavery with him. He tried enslaving Natives, but that didn't work very well. The Spanish had to bring Africans they'd bought from other Africans.

And just to wrap up the argument, neither Columbus

nor Leif Erickson discovered anything. According to scientists, the true discoverers came to the Arctic or Pacific coasts. Before Columbus, Siberians and Alaskans regularly crossed the Straits.

I would vote for "Indigenous Peoples' Day" over "Columbus Day" just on the basis of accuracy alone, but every one of these reasons is a good one.

-Lilian Marks Heldreth,
Professor Emeritus,
Department of English
Northern Michigan University

SOUND OFF

Should NMU allocate more funding for academic or athletic programs?



Christian Latuszek,
freshman general studies

"If we were more prominent in sports then it could be justified, but academics should be the focus because that's what attracts people to come up here."



Katie Ziebell, sophomore
biology

"It's just common sense; you go to college for an education. If you play sports, that's great, but the priority should be on resources to get a degree."



Noah Gostomski,
sophomore
environmental studies

"Academics, especially the music department. I had to wait weeks before my drums got fixed, yet teams replace their equipment monthly."



Cat Stenberg, junior
business administration

"Academics, our professors deserve to be paid more because the quality of our education ranks over sports."



Lindsey Eaton/NW

Acclaimed artist Alexis Rockman's mural "Cascade" illustrates a timeline of environmental change and encroaching invasive species since prehistoric times in the Great Lakes. The painting is part of the Learning Lab Display of Rockman's artwork at the DeVos Art Museum through Oct. 30. It is a sneak peek of Rockman's research-based "Great Lakes Cycle."

Art meets science for conservation

World-famous artist to hold events at NMU

By Noah Hausmann
features editor

One of the biggest names in contemporary American art will be visiting campus. From Oct. 18 to 20, Alexis Rockman will be an artist in residency at NMU, participating in many community events.

This New York-based artist is known for his paintings of future landscapes depicting the impact of climate change, species extinction and evolution influenced by genetic engineering. His work has been exhibited at the Smithsonian and numerous other prestigious galleries around the world.

Rockman also worked with Oscar-winning director Ang Lee on watercolor concept paintings and visual sequences for the 2012 film "Life of Pi." At 7 p.m. Wednesday in Jamrich 1100, there will be a free, public screening of the film and Rockman will discuss his work on the movie.

Part of Rockman's most recent project, "The Great Lakes Cycle," is currently on display at the DeVos Art Museum. The display is a sneak peek of a larger solo exhibition that will premier at the Grand Rapids Art Museum on Jan. 27. The work examines the past, present and future of the Great Lakes, based on Rockman's extensive research, travel within the region and conversations with environmental scientists, historians and Great Lakes specialists.



Photo courtesy of NMU

Alexis Rockman poses with his field drawings of Great Lakes wildlife.

"It's an exciting experience for the viewer... hitting on the aesthetics, the cultural discussion, the scientific research that goes into it, and the historical research," Melissa Alan, director of the DeVos Museum, said. "It's a well-rounded experience for the viewer."

One of the goals of Rockman's work and his events at Northern and in the local community is to combine art and science in a beautiful, striking way and get people to notice important issues such as conservation.

"His work crosses disciplines and allows us to have bigger conversations not just about art but also about biology, conservation, global history, and understand-

ing the importance of all these different areas that influence the culture of the Great Lakes," Alan said.

The DeVos exhibit includes reproductions of three of the five mural-sized oil paintings, each exploring a theme that emerged during Rockman's field research. Several of the murals act like timelines, showing the Great Lakes from prehistoric times transitioning to modern day.

NMU biology professor Jill Leonard was one of the scientists Rockman sought out for research. They collaborated on themes for the paintings, and have been communicating since summer 2014. Rockman's upcoming visit

is sort of a thank you for the faculty's assistance, Leonard said.

"[Rockman asked] 'What are big issues here?'" Leonard said. "So we talked about how change is one of the guiding lights for thinking about the Great Lakes: natural change, anthropomorphic change. It's changing all the time."

She helped answer his questions, and he even sent her early renditions of the artwork in order to completely nail down the biological details, like the look of native and extinct species and the harmful effects of botulism in the ecosystem.

"He is not a scientist, yet he fully appreciates science and wants to show it and show the environment and the effect of humans," she said. "His role is to make the science accessible to people."

Each of the paintings has an explanation key, so that viewers can identify the specific animals and other figures included in the murals.

The exhibit also includes an assortment of Rockman's "field drawings." Rockman drew these using acrylic polymer mixed with sand or coal taken directly from the ground beneath him, mixing natural materials into the medium as he captured the shapes of native and invasive species.

"When you look at those fish, those are very specific fish, those are specific insects and birds... They're absolutely art, but they're

much more than art..." Leonard said. "He tells you what they are, but he doesn't say why they're there. It's up to you to put the story together."

Rockman will teach as many as 80 students to make their own field drawings during an art workshop at Presque Isle Pavilion on Oct. 19. The students will be from both art and design and biology, paired to work together. The students' art will then be displayed in the Olson Library Oct. 21 to 31.

Rockman and Leonard will also work with local K-12 school teachers to give them lesson plans and materials to be able to use Rockman's work to better illustrate and explain scientific history in their classrooms.

Among a number of students and faculty, Rockman's arrival is highly anticipated.

"To have him here almost doesn't even make sense," Taimur Cleary, painting and illustration professor, said. "It's such a cool thing to have him actually here. He's a professional artist, in a bunch of textbooks. I use him in my class all the time."

"He's a perfect fit to come to Northern."

Leonard and Cleary will pre-view Rockman's work at "Science on Tap" this Thursday, Oct. 12.

Visit the website events.nmu.edu/alexis-rockman for a full list and description of events with the artist.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



The voice of the community

The Rise of Indige



Guest Column
Jud Sojourn

Ongoing in popular media is a debate over whether Columbus brought in genocide intentionally or through negligence, and whether negligent mass murder counts as genocide or if it has to be intentional — splitting hairs in other words. He was deliberate, full of malice, and plain evil in his massacres, torture and taking of slaves. Poisoned and disoriented by power, there was no one in his own group that would correct him; he had a true “Heart of Darkness” — it was “Apocalypse Now,” only back then. According to Dominican priest Bartolomé de las Casas, author of “A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies” (1542) Columbus’s policies of mutilation and murder resulted in the deaths of some three million indigenous people between 1492 and 1516. Every town was staffed with its own abattoir — a torturer whose sole purpose it was to hurt local indigenous people. Although Italian, Columbus worked for the Spanish Crown, and as the wave of his cruelty swept outward, the number of dead and

disappeared would rise to twenty million. Columbus’s own journals are singularly incriminating. He became insane and egomaniacal while those around him casually normalized and internalized his insanity.

The country is moving en masse, slowly but surely towards dismantling or re-branding Columbus Day. If the issue is Italian American honoring then I would ask for the recognition of a different Italian historical figure — DaVinci comes to mind. Every year, to my knowledge, Italian crowds gather at Columbus’s birthplace in Genoa to protest his image being used to represent everyday Italians.

One might think that universities ought to be on the leading edge of creating better, more cohesive societies. Right now the Board of Trustees’ hesitancy in making a decision on whether NMU will recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day will put NMU last among institutions of higher learning making the changeover. It would also seem to disregard the commitment of the Faculty Senate and the ASNMU — both bodies who opted to pass it as written.

These topics — Mascots, Columbus Day and so on distract successfully from our focusing on more essential issues. There are two reconciliations that must occur in America before the country can move

Why I Am Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day



Guest Column
Alex K. Ruuska

On the second Monday of October I celebrated Indigenous Peoples’ Day. In the morning I gathered with students, faculty and community members in front of the New Jamrich Hall to heal the circle, a circle that is comprised of broken pasts, a silenced present, and futures that we are co-constructing in each moment, through our acts of naming or muting, collectivizing or dispersing, witnessing or shunning, commemorating or ignoring.

Among those in attendance were students and faculty from the Center for Native American Studies, Anishinaabeg drummers from around the Upper Peninsula, a multitude of students and faculty from across campus, community members including indigenous leaders, two descendants of Peter White, one of the early settlers of Marquette, Michigan; President Erickson and many others.

I celebrated Indigenous Peoples’ Day for many reasons. First, to express my immense gratitude and appreciation toward all of the indigenous people whom I have had

the honor to meet, know, respect and love over seventeen years of collaborative work as an anthropologist. Some of the kindest, most generous people whom I have had the pleasure to know are native peoples. These same people are the living descendants of survivors of some of the darkest annals of human history.

I celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day as a testament to human resilience. I commend the fortitude of indigenous peoples to persist in spite of extraordinary odds against such a possibility. I stand with those who endured; the descendants of communities who experienced wave after wave after wave of virgin soil epidemics that cumulatively wiped out 80 to 90 percent of native populations. I stand with those who perished. The many forgotten ancestors whose bodies were wracked by disease, whose lands, resources, life ways and very blood was shed by conquistadors, explorers, traders, missionaries and settlers in the name of acquisition at any cost. Genocide is highly overrated.

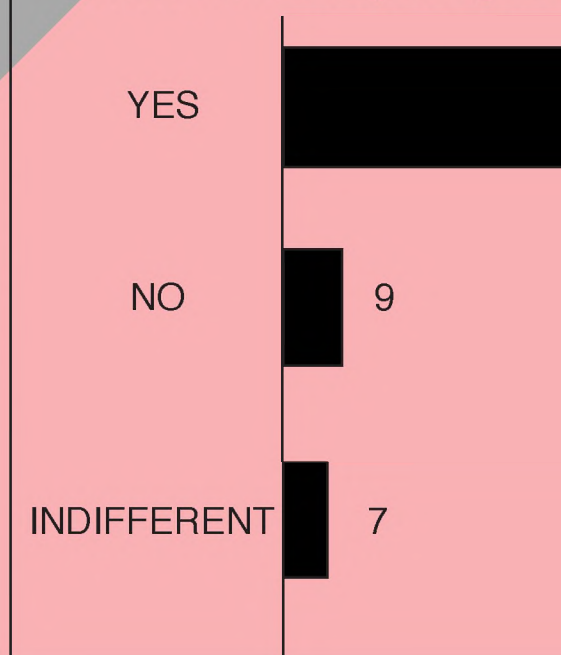
I celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day as an opportunity to heal the past. In doing so, I stand with my ancestors, both colonizers and colonized, with the singular intent of healing the present, which in turn allows us to heal the circle that links us to our ancestral pasts and our descendants’ futures. Intergenerational trauma does not heal it-

self, but through constructive dialogue and action, we can begin to cleanse of intellects, psyches, hearts and souls. Today I stand in unity with all of my human family, past, present and future.

I celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day as a vehicle to ensure that we correct the dominant society’s tendency to white wash history and erase from knowledge the immense human suffering of individual, collective, and institutional acts and inaction. Such widespread and pervasive suffering is foundational to the territorialization of North America. Political philosopher Hannah Arendt said it best when she spoke of the banality of evil; the act of turning away is the basis of much of the suffering that exists in the world today. I stand with others who seek to be change agents, who refuse to turn away.

I celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day because the past will never heal unless we pool our collective energies to create a better, more just, honest, loving and responsible present. I celebrate because I see and hear students, community members and faculty who are intent on realizing this important goal. I celebrate because I can tell my children that our family chooses to be part of the healing, and more importantly, that this healing is available to the greater human family.

Should NMU’s Board of Trustees resolution to formally recognize



Indigenous Peoples' Day

forward. First is a reconciliation process addressing the phase of "the great dying" where massacres and the intentional use of smallpox decimated indigenous populations. In Penobscot country, the "Scalp Proclamation" (1755) in the northeast offered non-native colonials a bounty of roughly one year's salary for killing a Native American man or woman, and slightly less for killing a child. Americans need to understand this as their legacy.

Second is a reconciliation addressing the forced removal and reservation phase (reservations were conceived as prison camps hidden from public view). This phase includes the roughly 130 years (1830-1960) of forced assimilation, cruelty and abuse in church-run boarding schools. Nearly all of the children were taken, nearly all of the children were hurt and many, a great many, never made it home. Neither churches nor Americans on the whole have worked toward reconciliation in any broad recognizable way in the US. Some work has been done in Canada as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, but little has been done stateside as of yet.

If the NMU Board of Trustees were to go ahead with Indigenous Peoples' Day as it is now written-including a recognition of genocide-it may create

momentum toward these essential reconciliations. Without that language, an approval of recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day would be at once anemic and half-hearted. If the Board continues to sideline the issue, that can only translate as either base impassivity or as their not having had time to fully understand the issue. Anyone who has read Las Casas or the journals of Columbus will come away with a profound sense of sadness alongside a great motivation to support indigenous renewal in America. It is only human.

We live and learn here on the shores of gchi-gaming, the great or expansive crossing. It is truly a great crossing to get from the lies Americans were told and continue to tell themselves about the country's origins to a place of solidarity with First Peoples. But, once the knowledge is in place then the hearts will begin to follow a luminous journey across. In these times where we see more and more division, we may do well to move forward with meaningful resolve. Two roads seem to be set before us. On the one lies hesitancy, defensive sheltering and the risk of stagnancy (which means continued exclusion of the First Peoples of the continent), on the other is a challenging but bright journey to reconciliation.

Why We Must Preserve Columbus Day

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Guest Column
Benny Garbacz

Every second Monday of October we observe Columbus Day, a day meant to remember the man who, against many struggles, achieved his dream and advanced the expansion of exploration through his "discovering" of America.

However, we now know more than "1492 Columbus sailed the Ocean Blue" and have been presented with the indisputable facts of Columbus' contribution to the downfall and dehumanization of the Native Americans. He pushed forward the first domino that led to the mass rape and slaughter of millions who've settled America long before Columbus had even seen the shores of the New World. Yet we still have a day dedicated to Christopher Columbus, despite the knowledge of his misdeeds.

It has been rather divisive to stand on one side or the other in regards to whether the October 9 should stand as a day of observance. It is understandable that tensions are high when faced with the reality that

many people of Native American descent are in poorer positions than most and that we are able to trace the very beginning of their downfall to one man and his voyage. For this reason, we must preserve Columbus Day.

Columbus and his voyages are the very beginning of the establishment of the new civilizations of the Western Hemisphere. The conquest of the New World led to the most powerful nation the world has ever seen: the United States. This nation alone has been responsible for the greatest advancements and regressions in human history. The U.S. has awed the world with its crushing of the forces of evil such as the Nazis and Imperial Army, but has also committed genocides to establish itself when it expanded from New England to the Pacific Ocean. This is a nation that had the resources to do the unthinkable and put men on the moon, but also the resources to commit unspeakable experiments such as the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment.

For every good thing the country has done, there is an equally vile thing. The U.S. has been the greatest influence of modern politics and sees to how the world will function the next day.

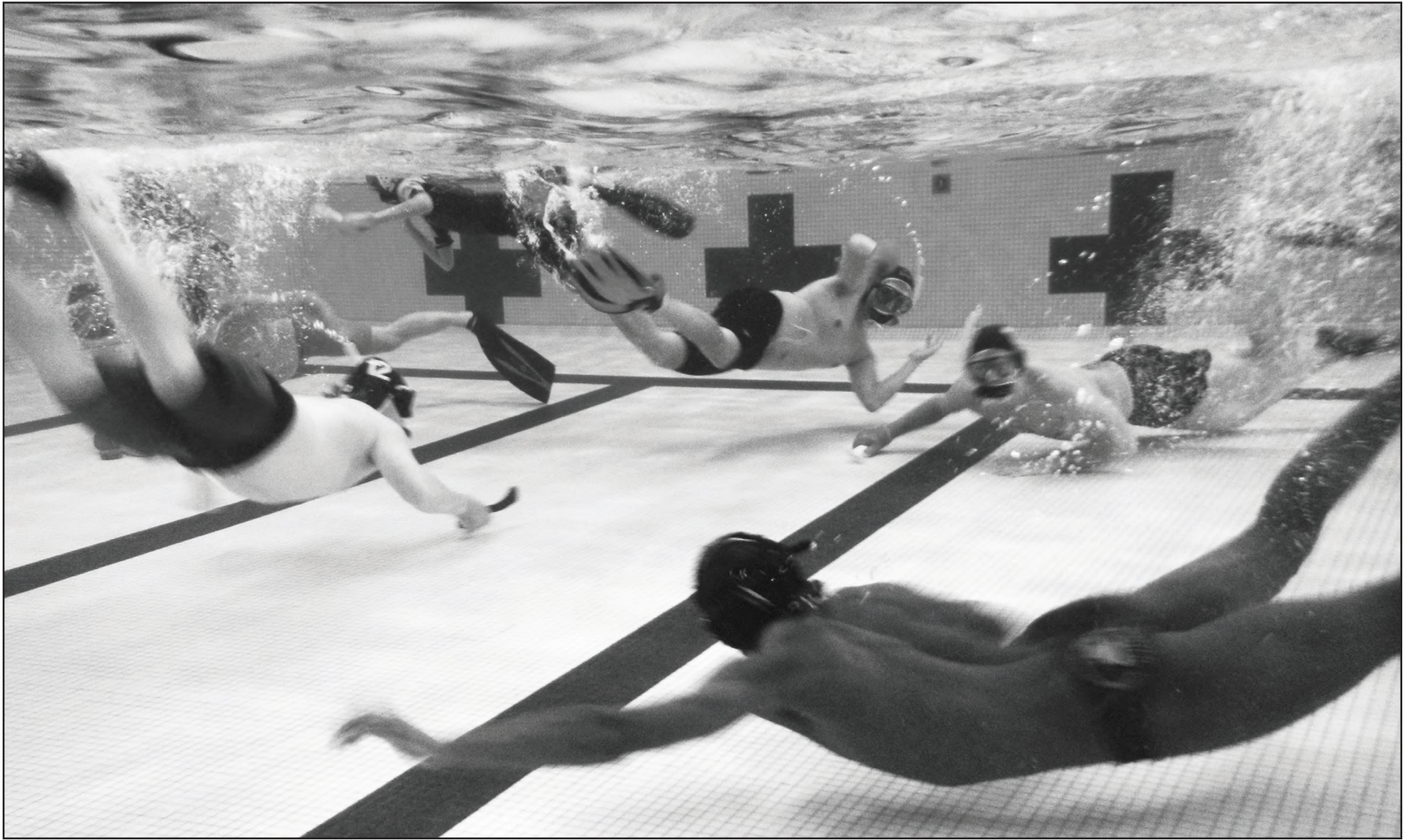
We must acknowledge that all the good

and evil leading to today has been shaped by this one single event; an event responsible for molding the world into the very thing it is today. Is this a pleasant memory? Hardly. However, to remember something does not indicate celebration. When 9/11 or Pearl Harbor Day comes around, there are no songs sung nor fireworks lit. Those days are ingrained into our calendar to remember the horrors of history and reflect upon them; to talk about them. These days offer the start to something that all positive progressions began with: discussion.

We observe the harsh realities committed by evildoers of the past and we deconstruct the motivations to find where the evil was born from and how we can avoid it again. It can also lead to discovering where the good in the world comes from, such as the U. S. entering WWII and defeating the Axis Powers due to Pearl Harbor or the unifying of the American people after 9/11.

I propose we treat Columbus Day the same way. Let us remember that the beginning of the greatest influence the world has ever known was not a perfect one. Let us remember that for all the evils of the past there is good that could be brought from discussing it. Let us remember Christopher Columbus.





Lindsey Eaton/NW

Members of the Marquette Aquamen Underwater Hockey and Rugby Team dip and dive for the hockey puck at their practice match Tuesday night in the Marquette Senior High School pool.

Club dives deep for the goal

By Jamie Glenn
staff writer

It's a crisp fall evening, long after sunset, but the air inside the Marquette Senior High School's pool room is warm. Inside, the team prepares for their hefty workout ahead. They strap on flippers, numbered swimming caps tight to their ears, snorkeling gear and gloves and take hockey sticks in hand to advance the three-pound hockey puck that awaits them at the bottom of the pool.

The group call themselves the Marquette Aquamen Underwater Hockey and Rugby Team. The team, now in its fifth year at NMU, is one of about 35 active clubs in the United States participating in snorkeling sports.

Players dive into the depths of the pool to interact in gameplay and then return to the water's surface to refill on much-needed air. The players start at opposite ends of the pool and rush to the middle for possession of the puck. A point is achieved when the puck enters a goal net at the bottom of the pool. An official match is played with six players against six, in a sequence much like ice hockey.

Steve Kars of Rapid River is the coach of the team. He has participated in the sport for over 28 years. Kars coaches his roughly 30 members to prepare them for the six yearly tournaments, two of which are held locally. The next tournament will be held Dec. 2 at

Marquette Senior High School.

"I've been playing the sport my whole life, and when I moved to the Rapid River area, there was no underwater hockey, so for about five years I traveled to other tournaments and played with other clubs during that time," Kars said.

He and a friend decided bringing the sport to Marquette would add something fun to the area for everyone.

"Anybody can play this sport, as long as you're comfortable in water. We tend to teach a range of people, [even] people that have no snorkeling skills. Our first goal is to teach the safety of our sport and then teach them the snorkeling skill that's required," Kars said. "Once we have the snorkeling skill down, then we introduce the game a little bit our puck, our stick, our glove, how to position. Each week we build on it."

The camaraderie in this club runs deep as players splash and poke fun at one another while still remaining conscious and competitive about the game.

"The goal is to teach the sport [and] the safety of our sport, to students so they hopefully continue to play it for the rest of their life or have the opportunity to play it somewhere else after they graduate and take a job somewhere where they can continue to play this crazy sport," Kars said.

Most players on the team are Northern students. This year's Aquamen includes many fresh-

man recruits, who Kars hopes continue to play throughout their time at NMU. Being a part of the team gives students the opportunity to make new friends and build camaraderie, while learning a new sport, he said.

Brittany Dimaria, a senior psychology major, has played on the team for three years. She likes that the sport allows her to build lasting friendships with her teammates and the different physical challenges the sport presents.

"It's a really technical sport," Dimaria said. "It doesn't seem like it, especially from the surface, but if you get down on the bottom, there's a lot of skill behind the actual physical play."

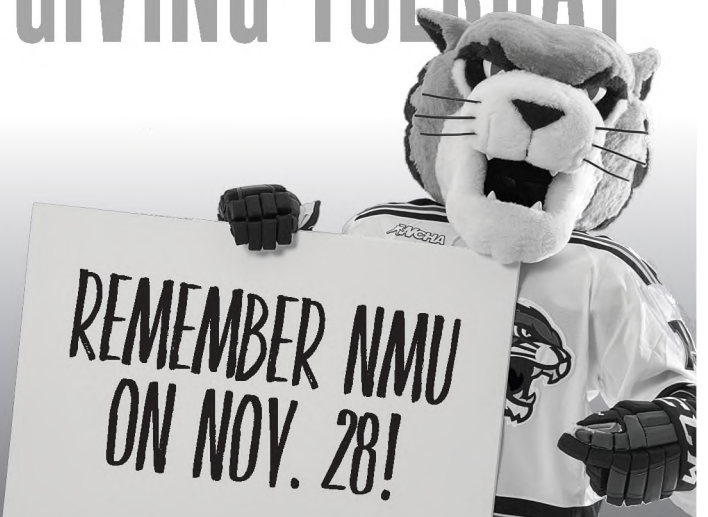
She added, "I used to be a swimmer, and this was a great way to get back in the pool and try something new."

Senior criminal justice major Michael Gorman joined the team only two weeks ago, but he already enjoys learning the new experiences the sport offers.

"It's just a different workout," Gorman said. "I didn't know about underwater hockey at all, so it's a whole new sport. It gets you more comfortable with the water. I've learned a lot, just the basis of the game. Everyone I've met so far is really nice and welcoming. It's just a whole new experience."

The Marquette Aquamen meet from 8:15 to 10 p.m. every Tuesday at Marquette Senior High School.

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Photo courtesy of Forest Roberts Theatre

Six local and regional bands will compete in the second annual "Rock the FRT" competition Saturday, Oct. 14.

Rock out at the FRT

By Kara Toay
copy editor

A smoky haze, flashing lights and screaming fans will fill the Forest Roberts Theatre once again for "Rock the FRT" from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

The event costs \$5 for NMU students, \$10 for K-12 students and \$15 for the general public to attend. This is the second year for the battle of the bands that

started out last year as a class project. The event was successful last year, which has led to it becoming an annual event, said Bill Digneit, director of theatre communication and performance studies.

This year, there will be six bands, featuring local and regional bands from Wisconsin, competing in the event along with several judges. The judges will include Cindy Engle, Troy

Graham and Mark Shevy. Crowd reactions like applause and excitement will be factored into the judging.

The event is fully produced like a rock concert and each band will get to perform for 20 to 25 minutes. Bands competing will receive prizes, with first place getting \$300 and second place getting \$200. The bands will also be recorded, said Digneit.

"There's filming, full video of

all the bands, which is exciting for the bands too, because then they can get demo music videos and stuff up and playing with full lighting, and it's also educational," he said.

Bands that will be performing include DayDreamers, Tease, Joel & The Good Boys, Heel Click, Our Last Vision and Now Society Fails. Some of the bands competing this year also performed last year.

One returning band is Now Society Fails, which jams with a hard rock, metal sound, led by NMU students Nate Miron, Spenser Holman, Corbin Martinez and Donovan Awonohopy. They will be playing original songs "Escape," "Freedom Part 2," "Plea" and "Sleep." The band enjoyed playing last year and is excited to come back this year and have a chance to get their name out there, bass player and lead vocalist Miron said.

"It's been a dream of mine to be a rockstar," Miron explained. "I write original music, and I've been pursuing this dream for a while now. Just having the opportunity to play with this group of fantastic musicians, it's a really fun experience because of the musicality of it."

Miron, who is a sophomore music education major, said he thinks coming back will be a little different because last year was the first year, but he is excited to work with the better system they have in place this year. He also hopes it

will bring a larger fan base.

"It's what every band out there strives for, and connections," Miron said. "It's really good to have these connections. That's what the music industry's about. It's who you know and how many people you know."

Miron said that people should get out and support the local bands.

"Even if you don't like some of the people in them, it's still local music and it's still fantastic."

Digneit said they brought the event back again because live music is something not happening enough on campus and something that students like and the community is interested in, but also because of educational reasons.

"It's a really cool way to teach a huge part of our industry," Digneit said. "The rock and roll concert festival arena, being the theatre program, a lot of people end up in that industry coming out of theatre... You get to use other things we don't normally get to use."

Digneit hopes the event will bring more people into the theatre and also more people enjoying live music.

"For some of the people who might come into our building, it's good to have them come and see," Digneit said.

For more information about "Rock the FRT," visit nmu.edu/theatre or the FRT's Facebook or Instagram page.

'Blade Runner 2049': modern masterpiece

By Michael Brzezinski
contributing writer

The release of Ridley Scott's ambitious future noir thriller, "Blade Runner" in 1982 saw mixed reviews and less-than-desirable box office numbers. At the time of its release, it was criticized for being too slow, dark and boring. However, as the years went on, it developed a passionate cult following that garnered its "masterpiece" status in many circles for its imaginative production design and groundbreaking commentary on what it means to be human.

The influence that "Blade Runner" has had on the world of sci-fi cinema is hard to refute, and now, 35 years later, the film world is blessed with a follow-up to the saga of the replicant plight, and it might be even more revolutionary than its predecessor.

"Blade Runner 2049" stars Ryan Gosling, Harrison Ford, Ana de Armas, Sylvia Hoeks and Jared Leto, and is directed by popular French-Canadian auteur Denis Villeneuve. Warner Bros. has worked tirelessly to keep the plot of "2049" a secret and I can't help but respect that, especially in a time when audiences seem to ferret over plots before their films are released. In this film, set 30 years after the original, Gosling plays a replicant detective known only as "K," who is tasked with uncovering a colossal conspiracy surrounding the nature of re-



Film: 'Blade Runner:2049'

Director: Denis Villeneuve

Screenplay: Hampton Fancher
Michael Green

Starring: Ryan Gosling,
Harrison Ford, Ana de Armas

Runtime: 2 hours 43 minutes

Rating:



lations between replicants and humans.

But it isn't just a grand-scale detective mystery; K's journey evolves into an intimate odyssey of self-discovery. It's an odyssey that leads him not only into the deserted outskirts of the grossly overpopulated dystopian Los Angeles, but also into the outskirts of his own artificial psyche.

K is one of the best protagonists that a mainstream Hollywood film has had to

offer in recent memory; his arc as an artificial being who is frightened by the concept that he might be a real boy is unlike anything cinema has offered. While he might have a cold and stoic outer shell, it is his timid longing for a sole purpose in life that makes him so easy for the audience to empathize with.

This film is the latest in a long line of belated Hollywood sequels, a trend that seems to fail more than it succeeds.

Whether it be "Jurassic World," "Tron: Legacy" or "Zoolander 2," it is apparent that filmmakers have difficulty expanding upon classic films in their follow-ups. Instead, they settle for recycled plotlines and cheap fan service. Thankfully, Villeneuve and company take the time to slowly and surely expand off of what Scott built in the original.

The film maintains the essence and soul of the original while still being its own singular vision, adding complexities to the lore. This film continues to explore what it means to be alive as society outpaces itself in new, profound and unexpected ways.

It's rare to see a film live up to the promise of being a worthy sequel to a game changer classic that precedes it quite like "Blade Runner 2049" does, and thanks to the cinematic flare from Villeneuve and the legendary cinematographer Roger Deakins, it feels entirely fresh and potentially even more game changing considering the current state of mainstream Hollywood filmmaking.

This film doesn't just break the barriers of modern mainstream filmmaking, it obliterates them. To put it simply, it is masterpiece, and I have confidence that 30 years down the line this will be viewed as one of the most important films of this decade. This is truly unlike anything audiences have experienced in the past decade, and it demands every bit of attention it can get.



Wildcats split first series against LSSU

Lindsey Eaton/NW

Freshman forward Joseph Nardi facing off against a Lake State forward. He spent the past three seasons with the AJHL's Whitecourt Wolverines, totaling 47 goals in 161 games.

By *Ryan Spitz*
staff writer

Senior forward Robbie Payne cashed in a four-goal weekend as the Northern Michigan Hockey team earned a split with Lake Superior State in a home-and-home nonconference series last weekend.

The Wildcats fell to the Lakers at Taffy Abel Arena on Friday by a score of 5-3 before coming home on Saturday to earn a 4-1 win at an almost-full (3,128) Berry Events Center, the first collegiate win for Wildcats head coach Grant Potulny.

Payne's four goals were good enough to give him the WCHA's Offensive Player of the Week award, the third weekly award of his career.

Potulny said Payne's award is a big honor this early in the season and hopes to better prepare him for the rest of the year.

"I think it's fantastic anytime one of your guys gets recognized," he said. "You're going to have great weekends and for whatever reason, somebody else is going to get the award. With Robbie, we've got to keep him moving his feet. He's got a great brain and a great offensive stick, we just need to get him in situations where he can use those gifts."

Friday's game in Sault Ste. Marie wasn't the ideal start the Wildcats were looking for. Lakers center Diego Cuglietta ripped the first shot of the game past NMU junior goaltender Atte Tolvanen to take a 1-0 lead just six minutes into the game.

Less than two minutes later, LSSU's Max Humitz got one past Tolvanen as well and the Lakers were suddenly up 2-0. The Wildcats pulled within one goal twice before LSSU pulled away. Four of LSSU's five goals came on the power play.

"I thought we were a much better team on Friday than we were on Saturday," Potulny said. "I thought we deserved better on Friday, but I think as a staff we're pleased."

Saturday was a different story. Four minutes into the game, LSSU goaltender Nick Kossoff mishandled the puck and Payne picked it up and beat Kossoff to give the Wildcats the early 1-0 lead.

Scoring chances were minimal after that despite a penalty-filled sequence between the first goal

and the next. With 40 seconds remaining in the second period, sophomore defender Philip Beaulieu came speeding up the left side of the ice and ended up right in front of Kossoff before ripping a shot and beating him right side for the 2-0 lead.

The Lakers pulled within one in the third period with a goal from Jake Hand. The Lakers had pressure and momentum throughout the third but with two minutes left to play in the game, junior forward Denver Pierce took a shot which was initially stopped by Kossoff but trickled through his legs and into the back of the net. Payne added an empty-netter to seal the victory.

Payne is now tied for the NCAA lead in goals scored this season. Troy Loggins is also tied for first in

the nation in assists with four.

The Wildcats now travel to Big Rapids to take on Ferris State (1-1-0) to begin WCHA play this weekend. The Wildcats took the series last season 1-0-1.

Potulny credited Ferris for being a good team and hopes his team is prepared for the hostile environment at the small and intimate Ewigleben Arena.

"They're a different team to play in their own rink," he said. "They're really good in a lot of areas of the breakout and the penalty kill. So there are some areas we're going to need to prepare our guys for. They're a good hockey team, they're well coached, so we have to prepare our guys to go into a rink that's a hostile environment and played right in front of your nose."

Northern Michigan Cross Country takes sixth at Lewis Conference Crossover

By *Mason Wallace*
contributing writer

Northern Michigan University's Cross Country team outran four top-ranked programs at the Conference Crossover Invitational hosted by Lewis University on Saturday, Oct. 7.

After sitting some time out due to injury, senior Kameron Burmeister of Menominee, Michigan, topped the Wildcats crossing the finish line in 10th place with a time of 22 minutes and 1.8 seconds.

Cross Country head coach Jenny Ryan said throughout the season there have been some injuries that have kept some runners from competing, in turn preventing the team from competing at its full strength.

"It was really fun to see what we could do as a team with all of our runners healthy," Ryan said. "We had a really strong performance and everybody ran strong."

Ryan noted that the mud-diness of the course and the windy weather made the

race more challenging for the runners.

"It was a pretty difficult course, but I have a very tough team," said Ryan. "They all performed very well and everyone had a great attitude."

Sophomore Katelyn Smith of Gaylord, Michigan and senior Vivian Hett of Burnsville, Minnesota finished back to back in 19th and 20th with times of 22:21.8 and 22:22.8.

The two other top five finishers for the Wildcats were junior Sophie McDonald of Park City,

Utah, with a time of 23:20.1 coming in at 77th, and senior Kieren Becker of Fowler, Michigan with a time of 23:23 coming in at 82nd.

"It has definitely been a great season this far with great performances from all my runners," Ryan added. "I am very happy with the way things have went this year."

The Wildcats finished sixth as a team behind four of the highest ranked programs including Grand Valley State, who has currently been ranked

as No. 1 in the Nation.

Ryan explained that moving forward, Grand Valley is the main competition, but she is working hard to prepare her team for the GLIAC Conference Championship on Oct. 21. Northern Michigan University will be hosting the event for the first time since 2005.

"They [Grand Valley] will definitely be a hard team to beat," said Ryan. "But I think we have a very good shot at placing second in the conference this year."

SPORTS BRIEFS

OLYMPIC WRESTLING

The NMU Olympic site Greco-Roman wrestling team placed four athletes onto the U23 World Championships this weekend at the USA U23 World Team Trials in Rochester, Minnesota. In total, the team has seven athletes the the final best-of-three determined the U.S. team that will compete Bydgoszcz, Poland from Nov. 21 to 26. The team also had three third place and three fourth place finishes. In the 59 kg/130 pounds final series, Dalton Roberts defeated teammate Randon Miranda two to none. Alejandro Sancho defeated Sahid Kargbo in two consecutive matches in the 66 kg/145.5 pounds weight class. Jesse Porter faced Jon Jay Chavez in the 75 kg/175 pounds weight class, with Porter winning the series 7-2 and 7-3 victories.

RED WINGS HOCKEY

Detroit Red Wings fell to the Dallas Stars 4-2 Tuesday after the night started off slow with face-off trouble and the inability to win draws. The night, however, was a joyful one for defenseman Trevor Daley, who was drafted by the Stars and played for them for about 10 years. Dallas was able to see a tribute video of Daley during the first television commercial timeout. The Red Wings will play the Arizona Coyotes at 10 p.m. tonight.

PACKERS FOOTBALL

The Green Bay Packers clinched the top spot in the NFC North after a touchdown late in the fourth quarter led to a comeback win against the Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys started with a strong offense and by the end of the second quarter, the Packers were down 15 points. That was not the end for Green Bay, however. The Packers came back to have just a two-point deficit by the beginning of the fourth quarter. After scoring back and forth, the Packers still lagged 3 points behind the Cowboys. With only seconds left, Rodgers drove the football to the end zone and the ball was received by Davante Adams. The 12-yard game-winning touchdown brought the final score to 35-31.

Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Senior forward Robbie Payne was named the first WCHA Offensive Player of the Week of the 2017-2018 season. Payne garnered the award after scoring four goals over the weekend. Two of Payne's four goals were scored in the power play. After the opening weekend, Payne finds himself near the top of statistical categories in the WCHA and the NCAA.



Neil Flavin /NW

Senior right-side hitter Madison Whitehead and sophomore middle blocker Sarah Kuehn attempt to block a return from an Ashland player. The team averages 2.88 blocks per game this season.

Volleyball splits homestand

By Trevor Drew
sports editor

After a split weekend of home games, the Wildcat Volleyball squad stands tied for second with Michigan Tech and Wayne State University, rocking a conference record of 6-3 and an overall record of 7-3.

The Wildcats fell to the Tiffin University Dragons 3-2 last Friday and bounced back on Saturday to claim a 3-2 victory over the Ashland University Eagles.

Head coach Mike Lozier said that he was happy that the team was able to comeback from a deficit to force the fifth and final set against Tiffin but added it was unfortunate that the team could not clinch the win.

Down but not out, the Wildcats took Ashland for another five-set match but this time it was Northern who ended up on the winning side.

"The thing about the GLIAC, it's great but it can also be tough, is that every team at any moment has the ability to play at a higher level," Lozier said. "And that's what we ran into with both of those teams."

Against Tiffin, The Wildcats dropped the first two sets 25-23 and 26-24 but then, rebounded and captured a 25-16 victory in the third set and 25-17 win for the fourth set to take it to a deciding fifth set. In the fifth set, the teams battled to a 6-6 tie, but the Dragons would go on a late run, winning the set 15-8 to capture a 3-2 match victory.

NMU dropped the first set 25-21 but rebounded with a 25-23 victory in the second set. The Wildcats then overpowered the Eagles with a 25-7 victory in the third set. Ashland responded in the fourth set to win 25-23. In the deciding set, Northern Michigan led 8-5 as the teams switched ends, and finished off the Eagles by winning 15-10, claiming the

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— Leticia Antunes
freshman outside hitter

3-2 match victory.

Freshman outside hitter and Brazil native Leticia Antunes led NMU with matching a 20 kills and 20 digs against the Dragons. She went on to achieve her second double-double of the weekend against the Eagles tallying 12 kills and 18 digs.

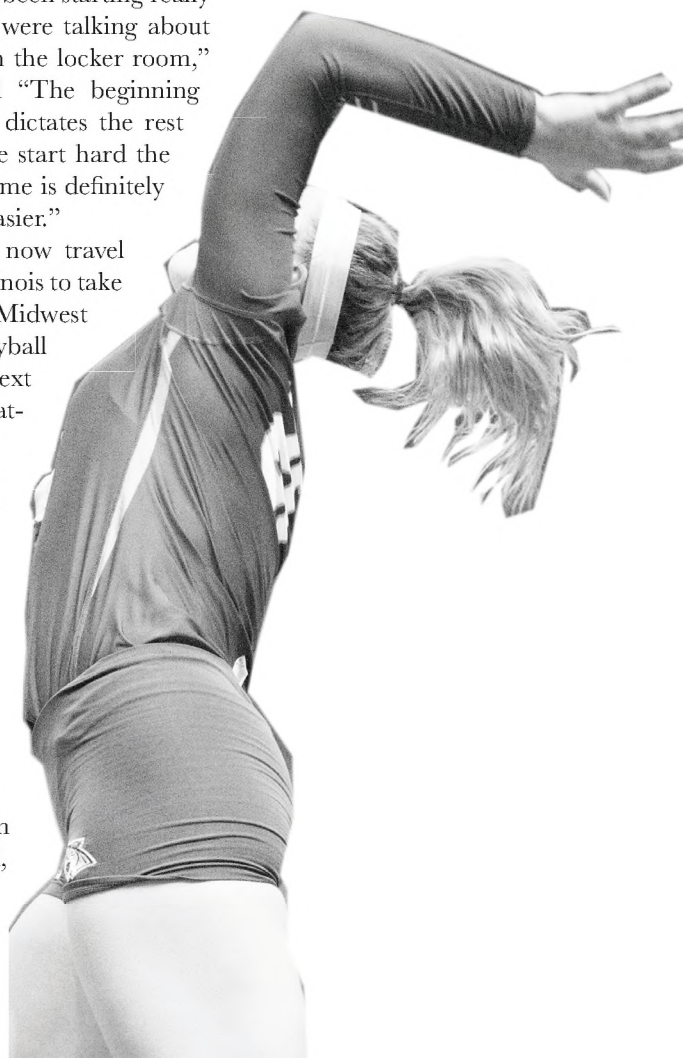
"The biggest change we've got to make is to start the games harder, we've been starting really slow and we were talking about that earlier in the locker room," Antunes said "The beginning of the game dictates the rest of it, so if we start hard the rest of the game is definitely going to be easier."

NMU will now travel to Aurora, Illinois to take part in the Midwest Region Volleyball Crossover next Friday and Saturday.

While the team has watched some film of their upcoming opponents, Lozier said that they are unsure what to expect from their foes and, likewise, they won't

know what to expect from the Wildcats.

"I'm encouraged because I think we play at our best when we're more focused on ourselves and not worried about the opponent as much and that's the kind of the situation we're going to be put in this week," Lozier said.



Penalties contribute to Men's Soccer loss

By Nate Bellville

contributing writer

The Northern Michigan University Men's Soccer team ran into a roadblock trying to seek redemption from their early season losses against two of the top conference opponents.

The Wildcats lost both games on the road to the Northwood University Timberwolves 1-0 last Friday and to the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals 3-1 on Sunday.

"They're the two top teams in the conference for a reason, especially at their home," Wildcats head coach David Poggi said. "They've been successful this season and they're difficult to play soccer with."

Poggi noted the team had a good game plan but, at times, it didn't work out.

"There's certain things in soccer that are what I call complacent, like having a two-goal lead at halftime is sometimes a bad thing," Poggi said. "If the teams score one goal, then it's anybody's game."

Last Friday at Northwood, both teams started off defensive and conservative. Northwood held the Wildcats to only one shot while they attempted nine shots of their own. Five of the Timberwolves shots were saved by sophomore goalkeeper Filippo Torelli.

NMU's pace picked up on both offense and defense in the second half. The Wildcats got six shots to finish the game with seven, while holding the hot Timberwolves offense to eight shots.

The second half was much more physical with nine penalty cards handed out along with a red card given to the Northwood

bench. The game-deciding goal came at 81:28 off a penalty kick from James Vaughan after a yellow card was issued to Torelli.

Sophomore defender Eric Sues said the team has to be more disciplined during game time.

"I thought the penalties were a little unfair, but as a team, we needed to be more smart about them," Sues said. "In the second game, we did a better job in knowing that."

Torelli finished with eight saves and sophomore midfielder Nick Metcalfe had a team-high two shots attempted for goal. Six other NMU players also notched a shot in the contest.

Over in Saginaw Valley, the Wildcats fought with the 10th-ranked Cardinals at the start but fell later in the match. NMU would score early with junior defender Kevin Hoof's header goal

with an assist from sophomore defender Mirko Nufi and midfielder Edgar Astorga at 22:52.

With the Cardinals outshooting the Wildcats 7-4, SVSU's offensive pressure paid off as Oakley Hangar tied the game just past 41 minutes going into halftime.

SVSU would tighten up and shut down the Wildcats through a majority of the second half. The Cardinals retook the lead as Michael Hamilton kicked in a goal at 57:00. The Wildcats would get their first of four shots with ten minutes remaining to the net from junior forward Sam Popp, but a goal from Cardinals' Connor Rutz would set the game at 3-1.

Hoof, Nufi and Astorga each had two shot attempts, with Torelli making a pair of saves. Torelli's two saves brought up his season total up to 28.

"We had a pretty good chance to win that game in Saginaw Valley, but after 40 minutes, we were a little tired," Sues said.

The team returns home this weekend for conference matchups against the Purdue-Northwest University Pride and Davenport University Panthers.

Poggi said he has a tradition of getting coffee from the same concession stand before every home game from when he was in the pro level and added that he wanted to thank the Simply Superior staff for supplying coffee before matches.

"When I was coaching in the pros, I always go to the same people for coffee at every game," Poggi said. "I went up to the (concession) staff and told them my story and they said 'the coffee will be on us,' and I thank them for that."



Huskies defeat Women's Soccer

Lindsey Eaton/NW

Junior defender Sophia Sachs dribbles around a Michigan Tech player, who is sitting down for whatever reason. Sachs appeared and started in 17 games last season and was named Newcomer of the Year the previous season.

By Tyler Young

contributing writer

The NMU Women's Soccer team came out on the short end of a 1-0 result against the Michigan Tech Huskies on Sunday afternoon, despite a hard-fought match by both teams.

The first half was not a good one for the Wildcats on the stat sheet, as they attempted only two shots, neither one ending up on goal. The Huskies, on the other hand, were able to get their offense going and found the back of the net in the 26th minute. The goal was scored by MTU's Katri Studtmann, and the visitors found themselves up 1-0. NMU was called offside on two potential breakaways that could very well have changed the nature of the match, but at the half, the 1-0 score remained.

Studtmann's first half goal proved to be the difference maker, as neither team was able to score for the remainder of the game. NMU's scoring chances were few and far between, and at the end of the match, they found

themselves with only two shots on target to Michigan Tech's five. The Wildcats also failed to capitalize on any of the 4 corner kicks they were awarded, and the final score was 1-0 in favor of the Huskies.

"We weren't disappointed with our play, but we definitely expected a little bit more out of ourselves," said senior defender Allyssa Milam, "especially in the final third. That's something we'll look to focus on this week."

The stats, however, are a bit misleading. Throughout the game, NMU was able to control the pace and play good transition soccer. Once they got into a position to potentially score a goal, however, Michigan Tech's defense pressured hard, and the Wildcat strikers found it difficult to cope.

"I think we dictated play for most of the game," said head coach Sonia Basma. "On paper you can go from the back all the way to the front, and if you don't release a shot, it doesn't say that you had possession there. This week, we'll be focusing on putting the ball in the back of

the net."

The Wildcats will play host to the Tiffin University Dragons and the Ashland University Eagles this weekend, both games that the team is looking forward to.

"They're both very good opponents," Basma said of the weekend's competition. "We always play better against the better teams, so I think it'll bring the best out of us. With Tiffin, it'll be whoever shows up that day and plays, and it's the same with Ashland. That's really how this conference is."

As a result of the match against Tech, the Wildcats fall to ninth place in the 10-team GLIAC, ahead of only Purdue Northwest. Their record drops to 2-7-2 overall, 1-2-2 in conference play. NMU is still in contention for the GLIAC playoffs, and this weekend will be a crucial one for their postseason hopes.

The match against Tiffin will kick-off on Friday at 4 p.m. while the match against Ashland is set for a Sunday noon kick-off. Both games will be held at NMU's soccer field.

Football falls to Ashland

By Trevor Drew

sports editor

The Northern Michigan Football team tallied their fourth loss of the season this weekend as they fell 38-13 to NCAA Division II's 16th ranked team, the Ashland University Eagles.

Despite managing to score on their first possession for the third consecutive game, an 18-yard field goal by freshman kicker Dalton Ray, head coach Kyle Nystrom said that the defense had effort but lacked proper coverage technique, adding that the backfield's performance was not up to par.

"We got rattled, and we can't be that way," Nystrom said. "Maybe that works in high school, and you can get away with it, but not in college."

The Wildcats surrendered 528 yards of total offense with 295 coming in the air.

On the other side of the game, offensive coordinator Marty Higgins said that there isn't a lack of effort on the offensive side rather, the attacking squad does not perform consistently enough.

Higgins said that although freshman quarterback Ryan Johnson still makes "freshman mistakes," the young quarterback has had a commendable performance so far, noting that the team has yet to see an offensive turnover since he took over as signal caller.

Johnson threw for 169 yards and found freshman Raxon Johnson in the end zone for a 6-yard touchdown pass, the 'Cats' only touchdown of the game.

"It's a learning process for him but he's doing a good job," Higgins said. "He's a good leader. You can see when he goes down, you've got three linemen helping him up right away."

The Wildcats now gear up to face off against the Tiffin University Dragons at their home field, Frost Kalnow Stadium.

Tiffin stands tied for third with Ferris State Bulldogs, sporting a 3-1 conference record. Last week, the two teams faced off and the Dragons fell 13-3 to the Bulldogs, who are ranked 15th in the NCAA.

The Dragons' average 382.2 yards per game, with 172.3 yards on the ground and 208.8 in the air.

"I think that playing the quality of players we just played against in Ashland is going to help us get ready for this team [Tiffin]," Nystrom said.

He added that the team must carry on what they work on in practice into games, noting that the team is slow to apply new concepts.

"It's like that movie 'Knight and Day' with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz," Nystrom said. "Someday. Someday we're going to be where we want to be."

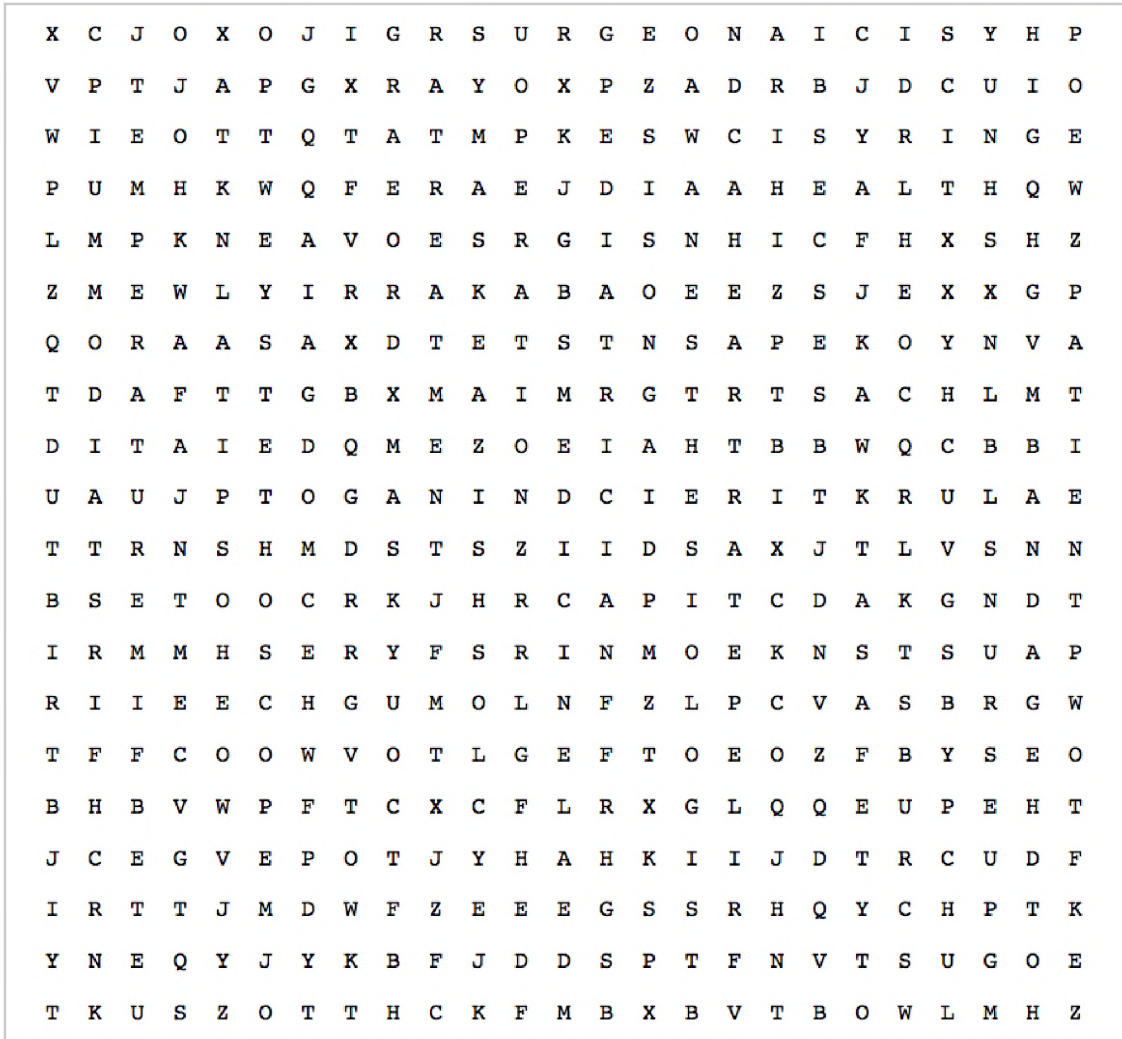
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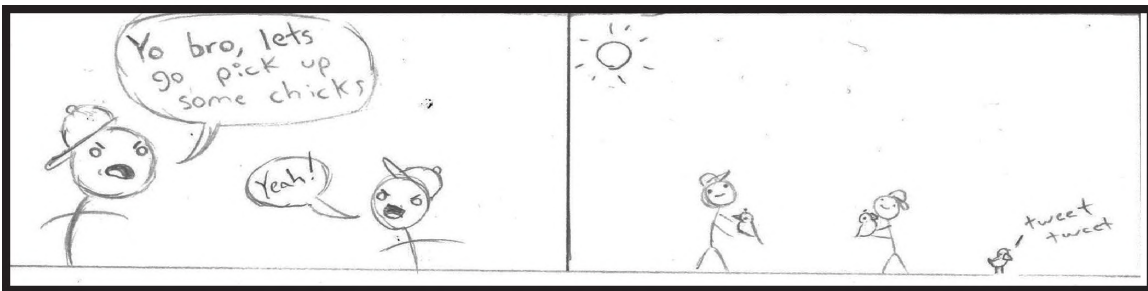
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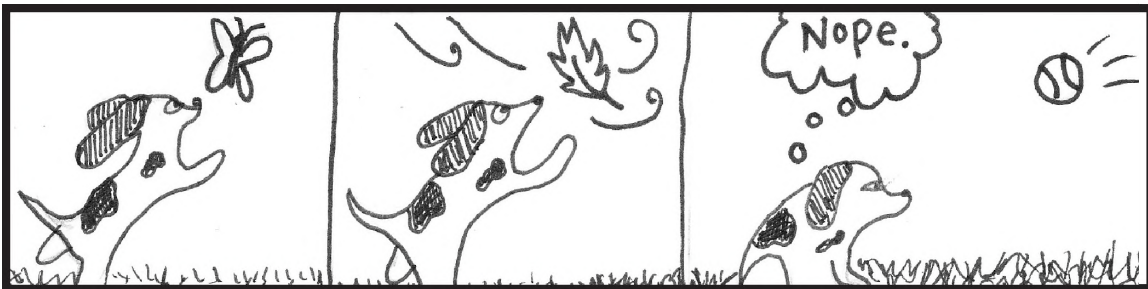
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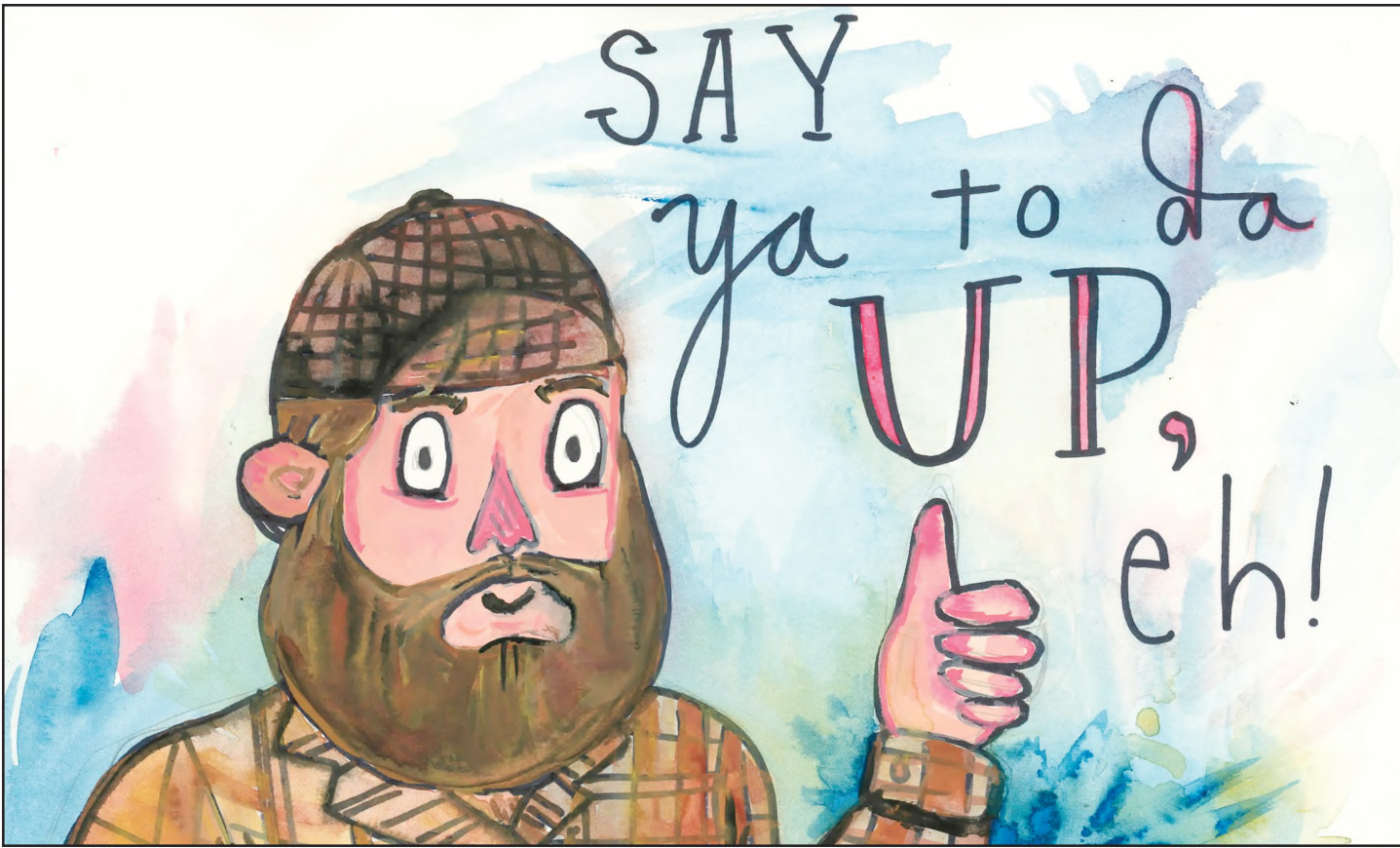
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