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Erickson to invite Snyder for May commencement

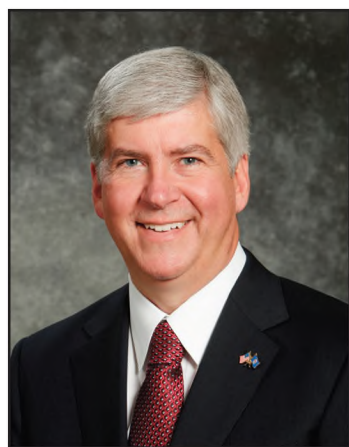
By Winter Keefer
editor-in-chief

In a move that has sparked controversy among NMU faculty, President Fritz Erickson will soon extend an invitation to Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to be the commencement speaker at next semester's graduation.

"I am very hopeful that the governor will accept," Erickson said, adding that he believes the governor has done a lot for the university and the entire Upper Peninsula.

Nominations for commencement speaker were sent to the NMU Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degrees Committee comprised of faculty, student, NMU Board of Trustee and administrative representatives. The committee voted on each nomination, and those with the majority vote were brought

After the vote, nominees were brought back to Erickson who deliberated with the NMU Board of Trustees and decided to begin the process of formally inviting Snyder.



Snyder

"From my perspective, I think it's good to have people with a wide range of views here to speak on campus,"

NMU faculty members, addressing the invitation for Snyder to speak at May commencement. In the email, Graves expressed his belief that many people within NMU and the surrounding community, including himself, have been disappointed with the actions of Snyder during his term as governor.

"Some have been concerned with the use of emergency managers to take over local government," Graves said. "Some are concerned with an outgrowth of that policy, specifically, the Flint water tragedy. Others are dismayed by the numerous members of his administration who have been criminally charged in relation to those events and the accuracy of Mr. Snyder's testimony about them to Congress."

Graves also cited issues that he believes make the invitation an affront to the education community.

"Personally, I am still floored by his signing of 'right to work' (for less) legislation just hours after it passed the state house, after repeatedly stating in his campaign that the issue was not on his agenda. I am sure that many in our community, such as the MGH nurses, steelworkers, K-12 teachers and many other union members, feel just as strongly," Graves said.

Graves continued to say he would not attend a commencement ceremony that honored

Snyder. He encouraged other faculty in opposition to Snyder to sign up to attend the end of fall semester graduation because faculty are required to attend at least one commencement per year.

this year.

"This is not meant to be politically motivated," Schuiling said.

NMU Archivist and professor Marcus C. Robyns will hold a discussion meeting at 4 p.m. tomorrow in room 311 of the

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— Brent Graves
president of NMU-AAUP

Though the governor, if he accepts Erickson's invitation, would speak at May commencement, he would not be given an honorary degree, Graves said.

"This is an admirable acknowledgement of heartfelt concerns by President Erickson; I want to express my appreciation. However, I still feel strongly that I will not attend a commencement at which Rick Snyder is the commencement speaker," he said.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Kerri Schuiling chaired the Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degrees Committee. She said the committee took into account that Snyder is not up for reelection

Learning Resource Center, to address concerns over the invitation for Snyder to speak at May commencement. Robyns encouraged anyone from the NMU community to attend, and hopes the event will spark the creation of a committee that can further educate the campus and the outside community on current issues surrounding Snyder.

"I'm hoping that the group will be successful in either convincing the administration in this case President Erickson to rescind the invitation, and short of that, since we can't prevent him from coming, I'm hoping the group will be able to organize a series of informational public events," Robyns said.

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— Fritz Erickson
NMU president

to the president. The vote for Snyder happened over email and was passed with a majority vote but was not unanimous.

Erickson said.

Brent Graves, biology professor and president of the NMU-AAUP, sent a mass email to

ASNMU to open volunteer and donation-based pantry

By Noah Hausmann
features editor

The NMU Food Pantry, an ASNMU-led initiative to feed hungry members of the campus community, will soon be open, and food donations to stock the shelves are sought.

The pantry, manned by volunteers, will offer non-perishable foods as well as hygiene supplies like shampoo and feminine products. Beginning Nov. 15, the pantry will open from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and from 11 a.m. to 3

p.m. on Saturdays in Gries Hall room 101B.

Food from the pantry will be available to NMU students, faculty and staff. People will be able to pick up food there and also drop off food donations.

"Emergency meals" will also be available at Public Safety, and Dining Services is looking into the possibility of making meal swipes available to people in need as well, ASNMU Vice President Connor Loftus said.

"Our goal is to make sure that nobody that's a part of the campus community goes

away hungry at the end of the day," said Loftus, a senior fisheries and wildlife management major, who has been involved in the planning committee since the project's start over a year ago.

"It's exciting, and everybody on the committee is super stoked about this," he added. "We're looking forward to getting it open so students can start using it."

The pantry will rely on charity, with no university funding, he said. The NMU Foundation has opened an account for the pantry,

so that donors to Northern can contribute directly to the project.

"It's completely donation-based," Loftus explained. "It's by the campus community, for the campus community."

Last semester, ASNMU sent out a campus-wide

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City commission signs contract with Waste Management

By Jake Bekemeyer
contributing writer

Marquette city residents and off-campus students will be given a choice between using garbage bins, known as “toters,” or to continue using the green bags provided by Waste Management for residential curbside garbage pickup.

The decision to provide an alternative for garbage disposal came after years of local residents’ frustration with the use of the green bag, which some people argue are not big enough, expensive and tear easily. Waste Management was given the contract for residential curbside pickup by the Marquette City Commission after a 6-1 vote from a city commission meeting back in September.

We went with Waste Management because everything goes to the local landfill.

— Peter Frazier
Marquette City Commissioner

City Commissioner Pete Frazier said Waste Management was granted the contract because they

were the most cost-efficient choice for citizens, along with its commitment to support the community. He also said the new waste management option could potentially save residents around \$117 annually.

“We went with Waste Management because everything goes to the local landfill,” Frazier said.

The local landfill is considering taking glass out of the recycling process because there is simply no one willing to buy it, Frazier added. The previous contract with Waste Management and the city of Marquette expired, and the new contract was granted because members of the commission saw them as the best option going forward. It came down to a choice between Eagle Waste and Recycling Inc., or Waste Management.



Lindsey Eaton/NW

The city is giving local residents the option to use either green bags (pictured above), or an alternative of bins, known as “toters” for garbage.

was before.”

Previously, Waste Management would pick up curbside garbage and recyclables and transport the materials to the county landfill, where they would kick back 40 percent of the profits from recycling to the city. While Eagle Waste and Recycling was a part of the bidding process, Waste Management was ultimately chosen to support the local landfill even though it was the more expensive option.

The choice between bags and bins was another big factor in Waste Management being cho-

sen. Frazier said bags make sense for some people and bins make sense for others.

The example he used was the elderly population. He said that many of the elderly population wanted bags because the bins were too large for them to drag out every week. He also said that bins don’t make sense for a single person in an apartment, but they do make sense for a family of four, for example.

The commission has 60 days to cancel the contract, but Frazier said he doesn’t see that happening, adding, “It’s a good contract.”

Man involved in child porn case pleads guilty

By Von Lanier
news editor

A Negaunee man and former WNMU-FM employee has entered a plea deal in an ongoing child pornography case, in which authorities say he used a work computer to download and view illegal material.

Stan Wright, 58, pled guilty to three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material, at a preliminary court hearing Friday morning, according to the Marquette County Circuit Court. Each count carries a maximum penalty of four years in prison along with a \$100,000 fine.



WRIGHT

Wright left employment at Northern Michigan University more than a year ago, NMU officials said. He is set to appear back in court at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 5, 18 for sentencing.

Native Studies partners with social work to bring new pilot program combining both

By Trevor Drew
sports editor

Federal government studies suggest American Indian women are more than 2.5 times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted than women of other races or ethnicities. While women as a whole have a 1-in-5 risk of sexual assault in their lifetimes, the risk to Native women is 1-in-3 or 34 percent of their population.

Statistics like these are what fueled a collaborative project between the Center for Native American Studies (CNAS) and the Social Work Department (SWD) to merge and create a new program that will give students an opportunity to take social work and native american studies programs simultaneously.

Social Work Department Head



Ultimately we feel it’s going to help heal our communities and also give a sense of empowerment to those who might be interested in working for their own communities.

— April Lindala
director, Center for Native American Studies

Abigail Wyche and CNAS Director April Lindala presented on the proposed academic program changes, titled “Serving Native Survivors Circle” on Friday Oct. 27 in Whitman Hall. The changes will provide financial support that would allow social work students

who are interested in specializing in tribal communities to participate in internships in rural, native communities around the area.

A lack of social work professionals with tribal expertise, unstable employee recruitment and retention in remote tribal areas

were factors Lindala cited for the push to create a program like this at NMU.

“Ultimately we feel it’s going to help heal our communities and also give a sense of empowerment to those who might be interested in working for their own communities,” Lindala said.

“We want to recruit more American Indian students for these programs so they can work at their home communities but we also want to recruit, and bring attention to the non-native community.”

Students participating would intern at either a tribally or a Bureau of Indian Affairs run victims services agency and would primarily be working with women who are victims of interpersonal violence, Wyche said.

“We want to prepare these

students so they will be effective professionals in these communities after they graduate and stick around and continue to be effective professionals over a long period of time,” Wyche said.

Funding for the project was provided by a grant from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crimes added with support from The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council that unanimously voted to pass a resolution supporting the work of Wyche and Lindala. NMU’s CNAS was one of three programs nationwide to receive the grant.

The next step in the project, Lindala said, is reaching out, and making agreements with other tribal communities spanning from Michigan’s lower peninsula, Northern Wisconsin and Northern Minnesota.



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STATE NEWS

Seven Upper Peninsula Michigan State Police (MSP) posts collected 194 pounds of prescription drugs during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day held on Saturday, Oct. 28. The MSP partnered with the DEA and other agencies during the day to provide a safe, convenient and responsible venue for people to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. All MSP posts statewide participated in the one-day effort, which resulted in a total of 802 pounds of prescription drugs being destroyed by police. Anyone who was not able to participate on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day can anonymously surrender their unused and unwanted medications for destruction at any MSP post from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

NATIONAL NEWS

Eight people were reportedly killed in New York on Tuesday afternoon after a man drove 20 blocks down a bike path beside the Hudson River in Lower Manhattan before he crashed his pickup truck, jumped out with fake guns and was shot by police officers, authorities said. Federal authorities are treating the incident as an act of terrorism and they are taking the lead in the investigation, a senior law enforcement official said. Two law enforcement officials said the attacker got out of the truck, and was heard yelling, "Allahu Akbar," which is Arabic for "God is great."

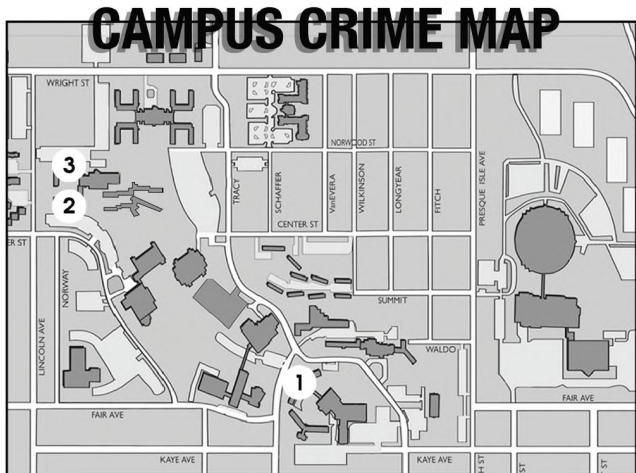
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A suicide attack outside of a hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia has left 23 people dead and 30 injured, according to reports from the Associated Press (AP). A suicide truck bomb exploded outside of the hotel while a gun battle was underway with security forces pursuing other attackers inside the building. Thirty people, including a government minister, were rescued from the Nasa-Hablod hotel, the AP reported. Three of the five attackers were confirmed to have been killed by Somali authorities. The extremist group, Al-Shabab, has taken responsibility for the attack, claiming that its fighters were inside the hotel.

WEIRD NEWS

In early October, To The Stars Academy of Arts & Science (TTS/AAS), an innovative Public Benefit Corporation that will purportedly advance research into unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) and develop related technology, was created. According to a TTS /AAS statement, its team members who have been "operating under the shadows of top-secrecy for decades" believe that "there is sufficient credible evidence of UAP that proves exotic technologies exist that could revolutionize the human experience."

— Compiled from news sources



1. A controlled substance violation was reported at 1:27 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27 in West Hall.
2. Larceny of personal property was reported at 11:26 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 in Spalding Hall.
3. Larceny of personal property was reported at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 in Gant Hall.

The North Wind emailed each candidate running for the 109th District House seat and gave them an opportunity to present their reason for running. Below are the responses that each candidate submitted, which have been edited for brevity:



CAMBENSY

Born and raised here in Marquette, I come from parents who gave me the heart of a union nurse and the common sense of an engineer. I'm running for office because I believe the best path forward for Michigan is to get away from selling our state as a place where big businesses and corporations can get the best tax incentives.

Instead, Michigan should be a state where businesses can get the best trained, highly skilled and educated workforce.

We already have the natural beauty and Great Lakes where people want to live. We already have a diverse economy of manufacturing, natural resources, agriculture and small businesses to grow and expand on. Investing more of our tax dollars in our trades programs, our public K-12 schools and higher Ed universities and less on corporate tax giveaways is how we will achieve long-term economic success and a higher standard of living as a state.

Prioritizing our state budget not privatizing our public services, will allow elected leaders to invest in Michigan's greatest resource our people. Whether it's our teachers, nurses, veterans, mental healthcare professionals, public safety officials or our skilled laborers, Lansing can't continue to value corporate tax giveaways over the work government needs to do every day on behalf of its citizens.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's in Public Administration from NMU, with an emphasis in state and local government.

I've served over six years as an elected city and charter commissioner and two years as an appointed planning commissioner. I've been employed by the Marquette Area Public Schools as the Director of Adult and Community Education and Kaufman Auditorium for the last 10 years. Having Type-1 diabetes for over 30 years, I understand how important having affordable, high-quality healthcare is for people in the 109th district.



ROBERTS

I am Wade Roberts of the Green Party of Michigan, running on a simple platform that puts people before corporate profits. Our futures depend upon the sustainable development of our natural resources and our future prosperity lies in the re-establishment of the grassroots democracy and self-sufficient ideals that originally built the Upper Peninsula.

We can best achieve these goals together by decentralizing our corporately owned electrical grid; establishing micro grids utilizing renewable energy and radically reducing our dependence on the importation of fossil fuels, while at the same time increasing our local and regional agricultural output. Wind, solar and wood biomass are plentiful in the central Upper Peninsula and represent underutilized resources that can provide 100 percent of residential electrical needs and useful thermal energy utilizing proven combined heat and power technologies that are economically competitive with fossil fuels.

Decentralizing our public schools and seeking an expansion of the state's university system into our county seats while returning to neighborhood schools for kindergarten through the eighth grade level will reduce student transportation costs and revitalize our smaller communities; restoring their lost sense of community while increasing opportunities for regular parental involvement in both child and continuing community education.

Improving the nutrition and food security of the 1 in 4 109th District children currently being raised below the federal poverty guidelines is a top priority challenge we can best meet at the municipal and township levels with community gardens/hoop houses and offering a range of food services for schoolchildren, parental volunteers and needy seniors insuring their regular access to wholesome foods and fresh produce, implemented in conjunction with this return to neighborhood schooling for K-8th grade students. These programs should be locally administered and made eligible for funding by both the USDA and State of Michigan Rural Development Programs.



ROSSWAY

I've been a leader all my life, and what Lansing needs is leadership. My 17 years on the school board reflects that leadership, as we've navigated school closures and funding inefficiencies, yet continue to prosper with the expansion of two elementary buildings, a new athletic complex and a three-year contract with all five unions. As Director of Marketing, I increased Bell Hospital's market share during my seven years.

I was heavily involved with the development of the new hospital. I led the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as their Community/PR Director for over six years during a tumultuous time, stabilizing their government while growing casino revenues. I worked closely with then Gov. Engler and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin in a bipartisan fashion, rescuing the Harvey casino from a federal closure, saving 200 plus jobs. I spent six years at Teaching Family Homes, a non-profit that cares for abused children, where I increased revenues and led the development and building of a high ropes challenge course.

This election is about who is best qualified to represent the 109th in Lansing. Which candidate best represents the ideals of consensus building and working as a team? Which candidate has a track record of collaborating and working with their fellow board members for the betterment of our community?

I've also raised two children, my daughter Rhonda is a Ph.D student and my son Rainger just received his BA in computer science. I understand the challenges that students face with enormous debt and an uncertain future. Our universities need to find better ways to engage their student population so students are better prepared to enter the workforce. I also strongly believe in equality for all individuals, regardless of race, background, sexual persuasion, etc. I am an independent thinker that believes in bipartisanship and finding common ground.

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Suds, Buds, & Barristers

SLF brings discussion to local brewery

By Jackie Fahfelson
staff writer

An NMU student group discussed landlord and tenant rights with the Marquette community over cold beers at the Ore Dock Brewing Co. last night.

The Student Law Forum (SLF) hosted their third session of "Suds, Buds & Barristers" Wednesday night, where lawyers met with students to discuss landlord and tenant relations.

Local attorneys Jeremy Pickens and Bill Nordeen were guest speakers for the event and talked about certain renting issues such as damage deposits, subletting, lease contracts, and pet policies, and opened the discussion with questions from the audience.

Consisting mostly of political science majors, the SLF focuses on preparing students for law schools. Events such as the "Suds, Buds & Barristers" allows for students who live off-campus

to increase their knowledge of certain issues, said Steve Wood, a senior political science major and president of the SLF.

"We fulfill the goals of our club pretty well," Wood said. "[SLF] helps students decide whether or not law school is the right path for them, gives them an opportunity to practice the skills they'll need for succeeding in law school, and to interact with the law community of Marquette."

The organization meets up weekly to prepare students for future academic success, such as prepping for the LSAT, touring law schools, volunteering, conducting mock trials and meet-and-greets with local attorneys, Wood said.

"It's also nice to hang out and become friends with people who have the same interests. It fosters a sense of community."

Established in 1993, the SLF is advised by Professor Steven

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— Steve Wood

SLF president, senior, political science major

Nelson, who teaches political science at NMU.

"When I went to law school, I had no clue what lawyers did," Nelson said. "That's become one of my one important parts of this is to make sure students get to interact with lawyers so they can make a better choice."

After determining whether law school is the right fit, students can begin taking LSAT sample tests, making connections for letters of recommendation, drafting personal statements and getting involved with the Marquette

community, Nelson added. The students have breakfast with barristers, which is a lawyer in common law jurisdictions, and volunteer to answer phone calls for "Ask the Lawyers" on WNMU-TV and other political events held on and off-campus, Nelson said.

"It's a good social organization in the sense they meet others in the same path as they are on."

The SLF will continue their discussions series on Dec. 6 with "Search & Seizure."

Pantry

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survey to help determine the level of food insecurity on campus. In the survey results, 61 percent of people said they know NMU students or employees who have skipped meals due to finances.

Almost 40 percent said they have been hungry but did not eat because they could not afford food while at NMU, and nearly 45 percent said they have experienced financial circumstances that took priority over buying necessary food.

Donations can be dropped off at upcoming food drive events, like the Nov. 28 National Day of Giving in Jamrich Hall. "Food 4 Fines" is a Public Safety program designed to reduce people's parking fines in exchange for food donations. The event will go from Nov. 8 to 16.

"It's a way for us to give back," Parking Services Coordinator Patti Rizzio said.

BOT finalizes \$6.5 mil grant to expand EAN, matches \$3.2

By Kelsii Kyto
copy editor

The NMU Board of Trustees recently approved the final terms of a \$6.5 million investment award agreement from the Michigan Strategic Fund that NMU applied for last April. The grant will allow for expansion of the newly-developed Educational Access Network (EAN) to over 64 cities and townships in the Upper Pen-

insula over a span of two years.

NMU will contribute \$3.2 million of its own to the expansion, and additionally they plan to give 35 percent of the proceeds from the network to the Michigan Strategic Fund to help pay back the investment over the course of 15 years, Vice President of Finance and Administration Gavin Leach said in the press release from April following the award. The townships and cities that were chosen for EAN development are based

on population and infrastructure.

"Our partnerships with cities and townships across the U.P. have allowed us to place equipment on their water towers and other high structures. It's a great example of universities and communities working collaboratively for the benefit of creating an educated citizenry through access to broadband. But in areas where high structures don't already exist, we'll have to build them, which adds to the cost. The right

equipment in the right place is a critical aspect to building a strong, reliable network," Leach said in the Campus Connect article. The EAN currently brings LTE broadband to more than 10 areas in the Upper Peninsula. NMU students have EAN costs included in their tuition, and the prices for access ranges from \$19.95 for non-NMU students to \$34.95 per month for the general public. Consumers can use the network to enroll in personal development

courses as well as pursue an online degree.

In a Campus Connect article from April, NMU President Fritz Erickson said, "Northern's Educational Access Network and building the NMU LTE across the Upper Peninsula over the next two years can be the national model for providing one of the most critical learning tools of the 21st Century to students internet access to rural America. Michigan and the U.P. can lead the way."

Wind storm destroys Picnic Rocks



Winter Keeferr/NW

Uprooted trees and debris now cover the destroyed asphalt where a parking lot was once used at Picnic Rocks. The damage pictured above is a direct effect of the wind storm that claimed two lives last week.

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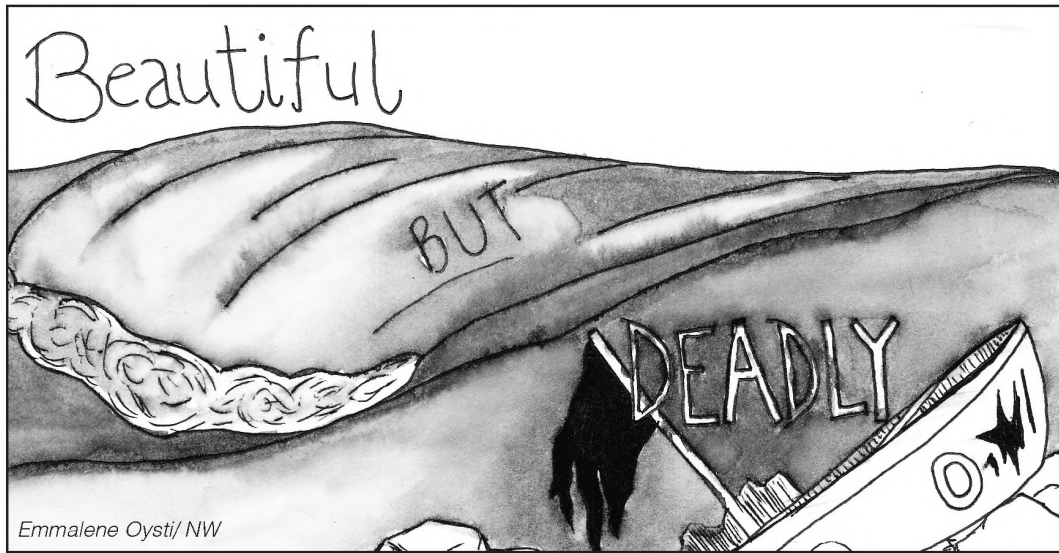
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EDITORIAL



It's called Superior for a reason

Half the allure of living in Marquette is the town's proximity to the largest body of freshwater in North America. Mama Superior's piercing blue water, vast expanse and thrashing waves make her a sight incomparable to any other. But with this beauty comes another attribute that is often forgotten—her sheer strength.

On Oct. 24, Marquette was reminded of the power the body of water possesses as our town underwent what some have been calling our own little hurricane. The storm, which has been compared to the one that sunk the Edmund Fitzgerald, tore down power lines across town, disheveled asphalt along the lakeshore and even took two lives.

This is not the first time Lake Superior claimed the lives of multiple people. While mystifying, it is imperative those of us who wish to indulge in this great body of water stay aware of how to be safe around it.

Getting caught in a rip current is one of the most common ways to find oneself in Superior's grip. New students, research how to get out of a rip

current before indulging in the lake, and current students, refresh yourself on this safety tip each summer.

A good habit to make is checking the beach flag advisory system. This system lets swimmers know the current conditions of the lake and if it is safe to be swimming.

Remember not to make yourself a victim. If you are with or witnessing someone who has become a victim to the lake, do not go in after them. This is why the lake often takes people in twos. Instead, yell to them how to get out of a riptide, call 911 or, if available, throw them a safety device.

It's truly tragic that each year, locals become the victims of the lakes strength, but typically these life and death instances can be avoided by respecting our ocean-like lake. Let the tree branches still on the ground, the tilted powerlines, the destroyed asphalt and the lives lost, stand as a reminder that while beautiful, this lake is fierce.

Enjoy all Mother Superior has to offer, but remember, this body of water always stands Superior.

Hypocrisy inspires an authentic self



Staff Column

Kelsii Kyto

I don't always practice what I preach. Although I don't speak for the masses, I know that many of us have core values and fundamentals that we follow—or simply say we do. The ideals that we speak about or even keep to ourselves make us think we are “be-all end-all” individuals.

Whether it's donating time to help those in need, advocating for different demographics of people, or simply getting in all servings of fruits and vegetables for the day, everyone has ideals that constitute the “ideal self”—defined as “an idealized version of yourself created out of what you have learned from your life experiences, the demands of society and what you admire in your role models.”

Some of the things that constitute our ideal self, however, don't constitute our real self: who we actually are. Our real self therefore creates unintentional hypocrisy, where our actions don't speak louder than our words, or our basic morals.

I don't believe all hypocrisy is bad. I would love to say that no one should be a hypocrite, but that would make me even more of one.

A study from Yale University states that “honest” hypocrites—who avoid false signaling by admitting to committing the condemned transgression—are not perceived negatively even though their actions contradict their stated values.” In short, people like myself who admit they are hypocrites suffer from

less scrutiny.

Without realizing my inconsistencies, I will never have the opportunity to redeem myself from my mistakes. I start by doing completely wrong actions, then I change my ideology but continue to do the wrong action, and then I eventually do the right thing after understanding my mistakes.

For example, coming to an environmentally-conscious school has really opened my eyes. I went from taking 30 minute showers at home, to taking 30 minute showers in my L.E.E.D-certified dorm room while feeling guilty, to cutting the minutes I shower by more than half.

We may be hypocrites now, but as our values strengthen, we begin to carry out the self-fulfilling prophecy—when our own expectations influence our behavior. If we say we will fail, we will fail. If we say we will succeed, we might, because we have not set ourselves up to fail.

If we say actions speak louder than words, we are undermining the importance of words. What we convey to the public may not be what we do in private; but, its conveying the message that gets across to the masses.

Sometimes it really is the thought that counts. Eventually, by standing up for what we believe in, we become more apt to changing our real selves into our ideal selves.

It's worse to be hypocritical and pretend we are not, than to accept the fact that we are all hypocrites. By opening our eyes to how fickle we can be, we decrease our chance at staying that way. Therefore, it is not hypocrisy that is the true evil, it is the hesitancy to change and flourish from our mistakes.

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Trump violates presidential pooch tradition



Opinion Editor

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Although Donald Trump will formally be known as the 45th President of the United States, his time in office thus far has been synonymous with firsts. All presidents bring an individual identity to the position, but for Trump especially, it's no secret that his presidency has been the epitome of antithesis of precedence. Notably, his age, personal wealth, political experience and method of communication have isolated him from the pattern of previous presidents.

Despite being the oldest president at 70 years, the first billion-

aire president with a Forbes estimated net worth of \$3.7 billion, the least experienced president as neither a former congressman nor governor and the second-most subscribed president with 42 million followers on Twitter, President Trump cracks the presidential mold in one supremely unprecedented way: he is the first Chief of State to not keep a pet.

For over 150 years, the tradition of presidential pets has been a feature of the White House to not only personalize presidents beyond their authoritative and political capacities, but to promote a sense of familiarity between the first family and the American public.

The last pets to be hosted by the White House were the Obama family's two Portuguese Water Dogs, Sunny and Bo.

It's unclear exactly how Trump

and the First Family feel about dogs, and animals in general. A Trump supporter reportedly offered him an image-boosting Goldendoodle earlier this year, but the deal fell through, whereas the First Lady has received praise from PETA for choosing faux over fur.

Simply, the lack of a presidential pet says a lot about Trump: he breaks convention and defies philanthropy. We've witnessed how Trump perceives his fellow man, so what's to say he doesn't feel the same way about man's best friend?

While presidential pets have most commonly been dogs, there have been exceptions like Woodrow Wilson's sheep, William Taft's cow and John Kennedy's horses. The strangest have been James Buchanan's herd of elephants, John Adams' alligator and Frank-

lin Roosevelt's ark of 30 animals.

I don't expect Trump to be a martyr for animals, but going beyond the historical outliers by not having a pet, let alone a dog, dehumanizes him. Instead of coming off as Sarah McLachlanesque, he seems like a pseudo-Cruella de Vil.

Moreover, seeing a president roll around with a dog or accept slobber over a spotless suit portrays normalcy and affability. For a president that invests so much into his aesthetic and highly values our perception of him, it seems that a pet would be essential for Trump's external image. Yet, he remains dogless.

Perhaps the president not having a dog isn't significant to all Americans, as not all love "doggos" or "puppers" but, considering the majority that identify this way, Trump should reflect

it, whether he's partial toward animals, or not.

The inability to believe in someone who doesn't own a dog applies: if we can't trust someone who doesn't have a dog, then how can we trust the most powerful and influential person in the free world?

To effectively disassociate from his callous perception of his fellow man, then Trump needs to embrace man's best friend.

Were he to have a presidential pooch, however, it would most likely follow the theory that the dog mirrors his/her owner—the most fitting breed may be a Golden Retriever or Russian Terrier for Trump. Ultimately, we may suspect that a pet will eventually grace the Trump White House. If not a dog, then perhaps a grabbable cat, a mimetic parrot or a Rex Tillerson.

Complacency limits assistance



Guest Column

Blake Bertram

If you had told me two years ago that I was going to be homeless, I would have laughed at you, and then promptly worried about my family's financial situation. Although they had been struggling for quite some time to make ends meet, their struggles had nothing to do with the reason I was a homeless youth.

In 2016, I moved in with a close friend's family to ease some of the stress on my own family. A year later, I began attending school again with the intention of graduating and obtaining a GED.

At the small, non-traditional high school that was equipped to specifically help students that were struggling, I was approached by a social worker, let's call her Robin, about my housing situation. Apparently, I was considered a "homeless youth." I remember wondering, "How could I possibly be classified as homeless? I have a roof over my head, food on the table and a loving household."

The attitude I was experiencing at this time is what I now dub the "I'm fine" mentality: the state of

mind where your pride gets in the way of allowing you to accept the help that you need.

I was firmly under the opinion that to be homeless, one has to be struggling at an extreme degree which I wasn't. Although I had no income at the time and could have certainly used a way to support the family I was living with, I was convinced that I could take care of myself and that someone else was more deserving of the help than me.

It wasn't until Robin introduced me to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 did I realize that she didn't deem me "homeless," but that the federal government did. Essentially, the act declares that a youth sharing housing due to hardship, or loss of housing, is "homeless," and since I was estranged from my family, I was technically eligible for assistance from the school.

But, I wasn't the sole holder of the "I'm fine" outlook. Robin explained to me that many youths tend to refuse help because they insist that "it isn't that bad," or that, proverbially, they're "fine." Someone who is homeless doesn't always follow this stereotype, and classifying youths as "homeless" can be both generalized and specific.

A big part of the "I'm fine" mentality is how society treats

people that do complain about their issues. We condition others around us to settle for what they have and to hide their problems. Of course, this isn't healthy. We've all heard people tell others to "be grateful," like telling a picky eater to be grateful for their food because "there are people struggling in Africa that would love to have this food."

Yet, people have the habit of refusing help because they're "not struggling as bad as someone else," or that they can "handle" themselves. To fix this, we need to learn to compromise with others and offer empathetic solutions.

I wish I hadn't waited so long to accept assistance from Robin, because when I finally did, it was one of the best decisions I have ever made. She offered me experiences and fostered insights that I would have never received otherwise.

As time went on, and I became more comfortable with the association of homelessness, I realized that allowing myself to accept the situation granted me a certain confidence that I would have otherwise lacked.

If someone you know is struggling and refuses to accept the help available to them, reach out and encourage them to take that step. Fight against the "I'm fine" mentality.

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What do you think about the newly planted trees on campus?



Kurt Schaefer, junior secondary education

"It looks nice and it's a good use of space because that spot is kind of an empty field."



Gretchen Spencer, senior speech, language and hearing sciences

"I like that they're replacing the trees they took out when the new buildings came in."



Sarah Kenny, sophomore philosophy

"It's always exciting to see changes to the campus landscape because it's been too barren."



Eben Leon, sophomore international relations

"It's better to have something there than to have it plain. I support the plants."

compiled by Kat Torreano



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From left to right, NMU freshman nursing major Amanda Newton, senior history major Dan Feenstra and sophomore environmental studies and sustainability major Brian Shier, members of the campus ministry Cru, volunteer for "Make a Difference Day," a nationwide time of community service on Oct. 28, raking the yard of a Negaunee family. Meanwhile, snow flurries.

Making a difference

Students rake lawns of Marquette residents in need

By Noah Hausmann
features editor

The Oct. 23 gale-force storm, in which trees toppled onto houses and power lines and strong winds ripped off even green leaves from branches, left its share of damage and perhaps more mounds of leaves in yards than usual. But student volunteers braved the already wintry U.P. weather with undaunted smiles as they did their best during "Make a Difference Day" this weekend.

In the dim hours of 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, the University Center and Cohodas Building parking lots were packed with cars. Inside the U.C.'s Peter White Lounge, hundreds of students lined up to get their commemorative T-shirts and work rakes before heading to the complimentary breakfast in the Great Lakes Room, to eat a hearty meal before setting out to benefit the community.

When NMU first participated in the nation-wide "Make a Difference Day" event in 1994, there was less than 20 volunteers. But this year, more than 850 individuals from 92 different groups participated, most of them Northern students. The volunteers

raked leaves and did other service projects for houses in Marquette County, both in the city and as far out as Negaunee, Ishpeming and Palmer, for a total of 226 service sites. These were typically the homes of people who find taking care of their yards difficult or impossible, such as the elderly.

"The community puts a lot into the university, so we want to give back," said volunteer Tommy Hickey, a junior social work major and member of Men Outside the Box. "Plus, some people can't take care of it themselves, but that doesn't mean they should have leafy yards."

The event was organized by the NMU Volunteer Center

through the Center for Student Enrichment. Georgia Harrison, Volunteer Center student coordinator and a senior ecology major, headed up the event.

"It's great to see students come together. They accomplish a lot actually. It's a lot of extra work in the office," Harrison said, explaining that each house helped had to be matched with volunteer groups. "Some [people that have been helped] tell me how much they look forward to it. Some say it's their favorite day of the year. It's good to see that connection between students and the community."

Many sponsors also contributed to the project. NMU Dining

Services catered the breakfast, Wells Fargo gave funds and provided its own group of volunteers, LoyalTeas Custom Apparel gave a discount for the 1,200 T-shirts and Lowe's Home Improvement discounted the 50 new rakes purchased this year. In all, 783 plastic rakes were handed out to volunteers, along with 80 leaf scoopers.

"It's a big NMU tradition," Harrison added. "I talk to alums, and it's something they remember doing when they were students. They have a lot of good memories from it."

Work started around 10 a.m., and (36 broken rakes later) most groups finished their service projects by early afternoon. But during the morning, the U.P.'s wintry elements set in, with temperatures in the 30s, along with a chilling mix of rain, sleet and snow, soaking coats and work gloves.

"It's very cold. My legs are actually numb," said Taylor Yarnell, sophomore special and elementary education major. "But it's also really cool to be around people that don't mind working out in the weather. That makes it better."

Yarnell participated as part

of the volunteer group from His House Christian Fellowship. In addition to raking two lawns, the group also helped a family who lives on the Lake Superior shore to remove stones that had washed up during the recent storm. The yard had been covered with gravel and large rocks, which the students raked and shoveled into wheelbarrows, as the rain continued to pour and waves crashed.

"It's more of an adventure and it leaves us with greater stories to tell," sophomore pre-nursing major Cheyanne Njust said of the challenging circumstances.

One Marquette resident the His House group raked the lawn of was Arleen Herlich. Her children have grown up and don't live in the area anymore, so she has few people remaining to help her, she explained.

Many community members, including Herlich, show their appreciation each year by offering cookies and other treats to volunteers.

"I couldn't be happier for all the good things you've done. It just wouldn't have been done," Herlich said. She told the students with a smile, "You should all be proud of yourselves."

The community puts a lot into the university, so we want to give back.

— Tommy Hickey
volunteer, junior social work major

The Wildcat Marching Band: A Tradition in NMU Athletics

By Noah Hausmann
features editor

The Wildcats

line up on the field, ready to play with teamwork and precision, performing at the highest level of their abilities. They've practiced for countless hours this season to hone their skills, training their fingers and feet. Mentally, they've studied the moves, the formations and prepared their nerves. It's that big moment—game day—and they're ready to lay down beats and make some melodies.

Whether the NMU football team wins or loses, every home game, the Wildcat Marching Band is there to cheer them on, continuing a legacy of proud performances.

This year's Marching Band has 109 members, the largest number since the 1970s, consisting of woodwinds, brass and percussion instruments as well as a color guard that twirls flags and other creative props to add even more flare to every show. They perform at every NMU football home game, for the pregame and between plays to amp up crowd excitement, as well as their biggest challenge: a new halftime show each time.

"It's awesome," said snare drummer Matt Johnson, a senior secondary education major. "There's nerves, excitement, and kind of an arrogant confidence," he added with a grin. "The things we do, we practice to excellence. It's exciting to step onto the field knowing we're prepared and have what we need to make a good show happen."

Dressed in their iconic white jackets, spats and plumes, green pants and golden sashes, they march to form dazzling shapes, including the tradition of spelling out "Cats" on the field. Their goal: to inject players and audience with a healthy jolt of Wildcat energy. In addition to the NMU Fight Song, they bring their big band sound to today's pop hits and vintage rock songs, like "Uptown Funk" and "You Can Call Me Al."

Music professor Steven Grugin has been directing the Marching Band for 21 years, which also plays for the Homecoming Parade and Fall Commencement.

"I feel lucky," Grugin said. "I can't think of anything else I'd rather do. Our band is very nurturing and supportive of each other. They're the most dedicated group on campus."

Band members practice together for as many as 10 hours on game weeks, not including individual study time. Members also arrive to campus a week before fall semester starts for Band Camp, with practice from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as half-days of rehearsal on Saturday and Sunday. And that's just for Marching Band. Many members also perform in the pep bands at hockey, basketball or volleyball games.

"It's an incredible amount of work," Johnson explained. "But if you do it right, you get to hang out with good friends, and couple that with a love for music, and the time requirements aren't as big a deal."



Although the band may not get as much attention as sports teams, Johnson admitted, hearing audience applause can make members' efforts worthwhile.

"The compliments we receive at shows from people who enjoy the band make up for any lack of appreciation we might receive," Johnson said.

The university provides uniforms and instruments if needed, but otherwise Marching Band members perform unpaid and receive 0.5 or no credit hours each semester. Most members joined a marching band in middle school and continued on in the activity through college. For them, it's a group to make lasting friendships and to continue their passion for music, especially since most of their majors are not in music.

"It's great," said trumpet player Tucker Zelinsky, a sophomore environmental studies major. "At the end of the day, there's a real sense of accomplishment."

Alto saxophonist Alex Kruithof, a sophomore fisheries and wildlife management major added, "Our band is like a giant family."

Kelsey Hibbard, a sophomore secondary education major and member of the color guard, chimed in too, "Performing together is so satisfying. We always hope to engage the audience. We love supporting the team, and we try to bring that energy, that Wildcat spirit to games."

Monday afternoon, the members crammed into the band room in the Thomas Fine Arts Building to review video of their performances this past weekend, when they traveled with the football team—a rare occurrence—to an away game in Allendale against Grand Valley State University. As the Wildcat team duked out against the Lakers, the two marching bands collaborated together in a number of shows.

"I'm proud of everything you did. You performed well," Grugin told the band. "You guys will remember it for the rest of your lives."



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The Marching Band parades onto the football field at the Superior Dome during the Homecoming game this fall.



Michael Wilson/NW

Cold War: *Campus exhibit focuses on the U.P. during tense times*

By Isabela Ney

contributing writer

The political climate mounted, families built fallout shelters and for decades life went on in the shadow of “The Bomb.”

The Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center will have a grand opening event for its latest exhibit “Cold War in the U.P.” from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 2. The event offers visitors hors d’oeuvres, refreshments and a lesson in history about the Upper Peninsula’s involvement in the nuclear conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union.

From the late 1940s to the early 1990s, the threat of apocalyptic nuclear weaponry thrust these countries into a deadlock war that created an extensive military industrial complex throughout the United States. This led to the development of B-52 bombers, Air Force base installations and other infrastructure throughout the U.P. as the country prepared for rapid military mobilization.

“We... realized there were a lot of connections to the U.P. and we thought young people would find it fascinating, and for the people like me who lived through it, it’d bring back some

memories, some good, some bad,” said Dan Truckey, director and curator of the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center.

Among the many informative displays stands a recreation of a fallout shelter. Especially during the ’60s and ’70s, widespread fear of a nuclear attack caused many ordinary civilians to build fallout bunkers in their basements in an attempt to survive such a catastrophe. The U.S. Government distributed pamphlets on how to construct a safety shelter while keeping citizens in the dark about the true extent of the damage that could be done by the H-bomb.

The exhibit also features the stories of important actors in the Cold War effort, such as Ishpeming-born Glenn Seaborg who (aside from winning the 1951 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and having an element, seaborgium, named after him) was a key developer on the Manhattan Project and advised 10 U.S. presidents as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. His corner of the room contains many artifacts from his career and travels, including a hat that was given to him by President Lyndon B. Johnson, whom he advised and befriended.

Aeronautical engineer, Kelly Johnson, also from Ishpeming, designed the famous U-2 spy plane used to surveil the Soviet Union during the Cold War. Another exhibit describes the life of a Soviet spy born and raised in the U.P. who was captured and came to work as a double-agent for the FBI.

The idea for the exhibit came from NMU senior history major Cassandra Somes. Along with Dan Truckey, she co-curated the “Cold War in the U.P.” exhibit for her senior capstone project. Somes researched, selected the artifacts and both designed and installed the layout for this tour through a fascinating era of the 20th century.

“That’s part of what we do here,” Truckey added. “We do historical exhibits, but we’re also a laboratory for students who want to learn how to work in museums and public history. We also have... marketing students and graphic design students [who] work in various different disciplines. So we’re really a laboratory for students to get hands-on experience in their fields of study.”

The “Cold War in the U.P.” exhibit is free and will be open to the public until March 31.

Dance will be a hop into history

By Jamie Glenn

staff writer

The Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center and the NMU Swing-ing Cats swing dance club are collaborating to host the “50s Sock Hop” dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 4 in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. Attendance is \$5 for the general public and \$1 for NMU students.

This dance is in correlation with the center’s “Cold War in the U.P.” The idea for the Sock Hop came about because it fits in culturally with the time period at the beginning of the Cold War years, and it’s reminiscent of youth dance parties of the time.

“We wanted to create a fun event that students and the public could get involved in,” explained Dan Truckey, director and curator of the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center. “We’re just hoping that it’s a fun event for people to kind of relive the 1950s.”

The Cold War years of the 1950s were a tense but energetic time in America that brought about an expansion of youth culture and the in-

vention of rock ‘n’ roll, Truckey said.

“There was a lot of optimism and a great explosion of the youth culture, that rock and roll came out of. At the same time, [there] was a great fear and paranoia because of this potential nuclear conflict [with] the Soviet Union.”

There will be dance contests, as well as a ’50s-style restaurant stand with burgers and ice cream for sale. Meanwhile, Truckey and his band, Drew and the Geezers, will contribute live music to the event. The band has been practicing for two months to prepare.

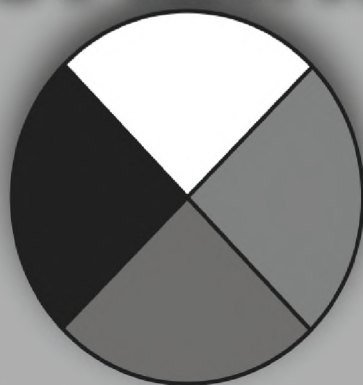
“It’s been a lot of fun learning all these wonderful tunes from the ’50s. I want to see people there dancing and enjoying the music. I want to see people immersing themselves in the culture and hopefully wearing some period costumes. It’s kind of a time machine, if you will,” Truckey continued. “For people who weren’t born yet, it’s an opportunity to experience the culture of the time: the music, the dances. It’s a celebration of rock and roll and growing youth culture in the 1950s,” Truckey added.

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'Stranger Things' season 2 heats up the action

By *Jamie Glenn*
staff writer

Story: The Duffer Brothers bring on the heat with nine new chapters of the second season of their Netflix original series "Stranger Things." They take us back to Hawkins, Indiana to make new friends and defeat a whole new breed of monstrous "demogorgons," while shedding light on what coming of age means for '80s middle school kids. For the entire cast, a sense of longing is felt in the first half of the season; that sadness then turns into determination that takes many different shapes, avenues and adventures for the kids of this small town.

Characters: Season two brings a few new characters to the screen, but it leaves plenty of time to dig deep and build on returning cast members to create even more tangible character progressions. This is best demonstrated with the leading lady, Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown), as she starts the

season in captivity with Police Chief Jim Hopper (David Harbour) in an attempt to withhold Eleven from harmful government officials; during this time, the chief attempts to strengthen Eleven's vocabulary and give her a taste of normalcy. Meanwhile, Eleven's desire to find her mother grows stronger, and she also seeks to find a sanctuary for escaped lab subject kids like herself.

Max (Sadie Sink) shakes up the AV club when she moves into town and beats the boys' highest score at the arcade. Her arrival peaks an awkward discovery of middle school love for the boys.

Jonathan and Nancy cut class to look deeper into the Hawkins' laboratory in an effort to give meaning to the death of Barb that we saw in season one. This adventure allows for some major news coverage that can't be covered up.

Sean Astin is brought on board as a tech-savvy love interest for Joyce (Winona Ryder), and his edgy interactions paint him as



Netflix Series:
"Stranger Things"

Creators:
Matt Duffer, Ross Duffer

Starring: Millie Bobby Brown, Finn Wolfhard, Winona Ryder

Number of Episodes: 9

Episode Runtime: 55 minutes

Rating:



a suspicious antagonist. Ryder's role as the overprotective mother can come across as overbearing in many of her scenes, but the fire and the wit remains across the cast.

Noah Schnapp's portrayal of Will Byers stands out as a challenging but well-executed character, given that Will holds a connection to the monster for much of the season.

Style: Sometimes a show's return can be made in a bit of a glossed manner, especially after the franchise rides a wave of popularity. But here it's clear that the Duffer Brothers returned to the writing room with none of that in mind. Viewers know what to expect from these characters; we also see their curiosity grow into more maturity.

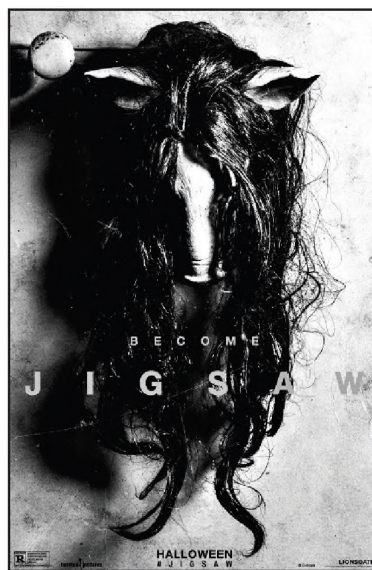
The collection of songs

that contribute to this season accentuate the colorful scenes and witty dialogue that most have come to love. The best directed scenes are fragmented in a way that moves the narrative forward with a strong momentum. The CGI cuts are believable and vibrant with the unfortunate exception of the demogorgon creatures that take over Hawkins.

Verdict: Such a creative and full world has been created in just 13 chapters. Let us hope that the brothers haven't used all of their healthy, suspenseful narrative yet; that is a fear as we move into the next chapters of the series because the creatures of "The Upside Down" may not be able to remain at the center of this story for much longer.

It's clear that "Stranger Things" is influenced by past creations but is a story all its own. Season two is a polishing of that distinct style many have come to love. It will be interesting to see what the brothers have in store for the Hawkins kids.

'Jigsaw' has new style but same cruel tricks



Film: "Jigsaw"

Directors: Michael Spierig, Peter Spierig

Writer: Josh Stolberg, Peter Goldfinger

Starring: Tobin Bell, Matt Passmore

Runtime: 91 minutes

Rating:



By *Benny Garbacz*
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For seven straight years around Halloween time the "Saw" series had premiered the next installment until the studio deemed it time for the franchise to end. The films were mostly panned by critics, but they gained an audience following which was always eager to see the mastermind villain Jigsaw spring more traps against hapless victims.

The marketing campaign for "Jigsaw," the newest installment, reads, "He returns to take back Halloween." So has the "Saw" franchise reclaimed its crown?

Set 10 years after the death of the Jigsaw killer (played by Tobin Bell), corpses start springing up all over the city bearing evidence of being victims of Jigsaw. Has the infamous serial killer returned from the grave? Or is there a copycat killer that has taken

up the mantel?

The "Jigsaw" movie is a return to the series in a new lens, maintaining itself in the seven prior films' continuity, but it has a changed the look to make it a standout. Unlike predecessors, the film's picture does not have a grungy look nor a green saturation, but rather everything is crisp and clean with normal coloration.

The traps in the film itself too are nowhere near as grisly as the previous film's but rather are more tied symbolically to the characters the traps are assigned to for a more psychological horror feel than relying simply on an incredible amount of gore.

This is exactly what the film needed to do to win back audiences who were not diehard "Saw" fans; it needed to prove that it wanted to be something they have never seen before and not just a rehash of previous films.

However, acting and characters are another story. "Saw" movies have never been known for having above average performances (with the exception of Tobin Bell) and "Jigsaw" is no exception. Most of the characters give a rather off-putting and underwhelming performance and sometimes convey a comical impression when clearly not intended.

The Jigsaw killer, however, is once again beautifully portrayed by Bell and commands presence whenever he is on screen or his voice is played on the tape recordings associated with the traps. Bell is cold and stern and is able to give a performance that makes the audience believe the Jigsaw killer actually believes in his philosophy of "People who don't appreciate life do not deserve it."

It is a shame that Bell isn't in the film for a longer period of time than he is, but in context of the story, it makes sense as to why Jigsaw himself is absent for a large portion of the film.

"Jigsaw" of course ends in a twist, as do all "Saw" movies, but the twist at the end does not feel like it holds up to previous installments. While some "Saw" films are completely unpredictable, this film is not hard to piece together and the biggest mystery of "Has Jigsaw returned?" is the easiest puzzle to solve. The twist also does not give a sense of mystery, but is rather spoon-fed and feels like a rehash of a plot everyone has already unraveled.

Worst yet, there is nothing added to the "Saw" mythos. Each film had an ending that answered all questions but presented new ones to get fans ready for the next film. "Jigsaw" answers questions fans already knew the answers to, but does not even bother to give any new questions, which feels like a brick wall of an ending that takes no risks.

Unfortunately, "Jigsaw" at the

end of the day is a slightly above-average movie. The Jigsaw killer and the new cinematography are stellar and the traps psychologically unnerving, but the film is hurt by taking no risks to expand the franchise further, and that is what a reboot is supposed to do. Hopefully, another installment learns from this film and this is not really game over for "Saw."

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Men's soccer beats Tiffin in quarter-finals

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In an earlier game in the season, sophomore midfielder Nick Metcalfe carries the ball out of Northern's defensive third and looks to make a play down the field.

By Levi Erkkila

contributing writer

Last Friday was a big day for Wildcat Soccer. Their playoff hopes were riding on a Tiffin win against Ashland. With a thrilling Tiffin 3-2 overtime victory, Northern Michigan found themselves playoff bound for the first time in school history.

Saturday Sept. 28, the Wildcats had a tough non-conference matchup with Notre Dame (OH). Notre Dame came in with a strong record 11-4 overall and 8-3 in the MEC Division and NMU with a 4-10-2 overall record and 2-9-1 in the GLIAC. The game was played at a neutral site, Davenport University's field in Grand Rapids.

This would be the first meeting in the two schools' history. With a goal from junior forward Sam Popp and sophomore midfielder Sveinn Karlsson, along with a two save shutout from

sophomore goalkeeper Filippo Torelli the 'Cats created strong momentum leading into the GLIAC quarterfinals vs. Tiffin on Oct. 31.

So far this season, Tiffin has had the Wildcats' number, beating them in both matchups this season. Despite the home field advantage, Northern failed to score in a 1-0 loss, Sept. 29. Later, on Oct. 22 at Tiffin, the 'Cats could not find the back of the net for the second game against the Dragons losing 2-0. NMU was going into this postseason game as heavy underdogs.

With help from goalkeeper Torelli's five saves in the first 25 minutes the 'Cats broke the tie. In the 34th minute freshman defenseman Isaac Wigermo threw the ball down near the right corner of the Dragon's end. Wigermo received the ball back after a slick give-and-go play and crossed to Popp just outside the box. With a quick move to his right, he thread-

ed a shot through a number of defenders into the top left corner of the net. With a beautiful goal from Popp the 'Cats took a 1-0 lead. With that goal, the playoff nerves were left behind and it created a doubt in the minds of the favored Tiffin squad.

Tiffin regained their confidence after the first half. For the early part of the second frame, they put pressure on the 'Cats with a series of corner kicks, then breaking through with a goal from Marc Albert Feliu in the 53rd minute.

Finally, at the 73rd minute, NMU broke the tie. Freshman forward Birkir Baldursson slid for the ball at the top of the box getting just enough on it to have it hit twine in the lower left corner of the Tiffin net, making it a 2-1 Wildcats lead. With a barrage of shots and chances in the final 10 minutes, the Dragons couldn't get one past keeper Torelli, who ended the game when he got a

We knew we would play to defend as a unit and defend to win, when we did that it helped create chances to counter attack

— David Poggi
Men's soccer head coach

mitt on a ball in the final seconds sending it over the net and propelling the Wildcats to the next round.

Tiffin could not find an answer for the strong goalkeeping of Torelli, who had eight saves one afternoon.

"When you play a team enough times you begin to understand what their strengths and weaknesses are," head coach David Poggi explained. "We knew we would play to defend as a unit and defend to win, when we did that, it helped create chances to counter attack."

Having prior problems scoring against Tiffin they managed to get two in this playoff game.

"The goals we got were really well taken," Poggi said. "Credit goes to the guys who scored those goals."

The Wildcats will travel to Midland, Michigan for their semifinal matchup with second seed Saginaw Valley State University with a record of 12-3-1, 9-2-1 GLIAC. The contest will be played at Northwood University, who will host the final three matches of the event after earning the top seed in the field.

Football extends their losing streak to five games after GVSU game

By Trevor Drew

sports editor

The Northern Michigan Football team notched their fifth consecutive loss of the season against the No. 13 ranked Grand Valley State University Lakers at their home turf in Allendale, Michigan last Saturday.

Despite leading in number of plays and time of possession, the Wildcats only points came from a 32-yard field goal from freshman kicker Dalton Ray in the second quarter. The game ultimately

ended 28-3 in the Laker's favor.

Although head coach Kyle Nystrom has shrugged off moral victories in the face of a loss in the past, he commended his cornerbacks for defending well against GVSU passes from outside the 30-yard line, which he added is a major weapon in the Lakers' arsenal.

"It was a fun game. The kids battled, they had a lot of energy, we just didn't have enough horsepower to get it done at the end."

After the first quarter, it looked as though the Wildcats might have a chance

to cut their losing streak and upset the formidable Grand Valley as they went into the second quarter, only trailing by four points, the score at 7-3.

As the saying goes, some things are too good to be true and the Lakers went on to score a touchdown in the third quarter, topping off the game's scoring with two touchdowns in the final frame.

While Nystrom admitted the competition was well fought, he explained that he felt that Grand Valley was the favored team in many questionable calls which he said played into the Wildcats' loss.

"When it comes to critical decisions in games, in scheduling and travel in this league, there are a few [programs] out there that everything is a layup," Nystrom said. "I don't like that. I want everyone in this league to earn their spurs."

Nystrom also added that he wanted to see more consistency and transparency from the GLIAC conference in the future.

NMU will look to rebound next Saturday as they visit Wayne State University for another GLIAC tilt and their second to last conference game.

SPORTS BRIEFS



CROSS COUNTRY

Northern Michigan's Women's Cross Country team will compete in the NCAA Division II Midwest Region Championships Saturday, Nov. 4 in Cedarville, Ohio and the field will include six teams. The team has hopes of advancing to the NCAA Division II Championships for the third season in a row. The race is scheduled to start at 10:30 p.m. Five runners for the team earned all-conference honors with their performance in at the 2017 GLIAC Championships two weeks ago. Senior Kameron Burmeister and sophomore Katelyn Smith took fifth and sixth to get first-team honors. Senior Vivian Hett and juniors Sophie McDonald and Abby Fifarek were also named to the second team. The Wildcats finished second behind Grand Valley State University and are currently ranked fourth in the U.S Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Midwest Region Rankings. Coverage can be found at nmuwildcats.com and on social media using the handle @NMU_Wildcats.

HOCKEY

The Men's Hockey team will return to action to host Minnesota State University on Nov. 3 and 4 after having last weekend off. Currently, Minnesota-Mankato is ranked No. 1 in the WCHA rankings, with an overall record of 5-2. Last week, they beat Michigan Tech 3-1 and 5-3. Both games will start with a puck drop at 7 p.m. Saturday's game will feature a special promotion that will take place Saturday morning and is in conjunction with the JDRE "TypeOneNation" Summit. Individuals, families and caregivers can attend the summit, where they can hear from experts, meet with other attendees and participate in discussion. Those who attend the event will receive free admission to the NMU volleyball game and hockey events Saturday. Coverage of the contest can be found at nmuwildcats.com and in-game updates on Twitter at @NMU_Wildcats.

Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Junior forward Sam Popp made the first and only goal of the first half, giving the Wildcats the lead on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Popp has six goals, three assists and 15 points so far this season. In 2016, Popp was tied with Nic Harenda for third on the team with two assists, tied with Sveinn Karlsson for first with 35 shots, and was one of five players to start at least 15 games.



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Senior English writing major Alberto Flores runs with a Rugby ball also known as a "quanco." A traditional quanco is made of pig bladder and is diamond shaped to make it easier to throw.

Moosemen ranked ninth

By Trinity Carey

managing editor

University club sports often go unnoticed, but one NMU club team is changing that. The Northern Michigan University Men's Club Rugby Team, also known as the Moosemen, currently ranks in ninth place out of the Goff Rugby Reports 50 nationally recognized Men's college rugby teams. After sweeping UW-Whitewater 52-0 at their last game, the team is headed to the second round of playoffs where they will play Cottage Grove Rugby Club in Wisconsin in hopes to move on to play in the national qualifiers.

Icing Whitewater was no easy task. It took a team mindset that Captain and senior, construction management major, Patrick Bailey hopes to see the team carry with them to the play offs.

"It was 35 degrees, 30 mph winds and snowing or raining the entire game, so it took quite the mindset before the game and during the game to keep everybody alive, keep the spirits high, keep the blood flowing. We were sitting at the field for over an hour freezing cold, just wanting to go out there and play," Bailey said. "We let everyone know everything was on the line. If we didn't win that game, we were done with the season and no one really wants to be done, so it was do or die."

The success of this team thus far can be attributed partially to their sense of camaraderie, one that is unique to any other, Bailey said.

"I've never played against a team where, during the game, everybody wants to kill each other and then right afterwards, you go out and have a drink with the other team, hang out, play games and talk about the hits you had in the game," he said.

Teammate and senior English writing major, Alberto Flores

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— Alberto Flores
senior, English writing

agreed that playing on this team has helped him develop bonds that will last a lifetime.

"This brotherhood, I've never seen in any other sport, from football, to wrestling, to basketball, to track. I've never seen anything like it. There's such a close bond," Flores said. "Everybody's just got each others back. If we're down and out and out of our luck, we always know that one of our guys here can help us out when we need it."

The rugby team is a diverse band of brothers too, each player of different physical stature and comes from a different background.

"We have all kinds of characteristics here. You have to have an open mind. I mean we have construction, we have nursing majors, we have kids on probation, and kids that are really intelligent. We have all kinds of people," Flores said. "No one of us fits into one category at all, we're all a crazy bunch of S.O.B.'s out here having fun."

While being on the team has a lot to offer, playing a sport and being a student comes with its challenges. It takes dedication and a strong work ethic to commit to a team where the practices are not necessarily mandatory, but is still doing so well competi-

tively, Bailey said.

"It's a huge deal. We're ranked behind some of the well known teams in the nation that have been there forever. We have not been known to be a top team ever, so bringing this group of guys together and being able to be ranked ninth, it's a big deal to me and such an honor to be able to end the season that way," Bailey said.

He added that his team is playing at the varsity level, but doesn't receive any funding. This challenge is combatted with the hard work of the rugby team and the dedication of their coach, Bailey said.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team and my coach. That is an unpaid coach that takes time out of his day to come out and practice with us and comes to our game on his own dime, which is huge. It takes everybody, the coach included, to get us to have that ninth ranking, so it means a lot."

Bailey hopes his team will win at least one of the playoff games coming up to continue on further than the have before.

"The season ends when we lose. This weekend, win one of two games and move on from there. It's sudden death elimination from then on, until the national championship."

Freshman set tone

Women's Basketball starts season with win

By Nate Bellville

contributing writer

A dominant showing from the freshmen and sophomores last weekend had the Northern Michigan Women's Basketball team with high expectations as they routed past the Finlandia University Lions 90-35 for an exhibition victory.

Wildcats head coach Troy Mattson said that every player dressed got a chance to play in their only exhibition game this year.

"It was a good opportunity for us to get everyone involved and see how they play," Mattson said. "We also got to give our four freshmen players an opportunity to play a lot of minutes and see what level they are at."

After the first quarter with the Wildcats leading 14-11, the team tightened up strongly on defense and outscored the Lions 24-3 through the rest of the first half to take a 38-14 lead.

The offense would show up in the second half as the Wildcats piled on 28 points in the third quarter. Freshman guard/forward Lexi Smith was perfect in 3-point range, making three for three in

the quarter.

The shots from behind the arc in the fourth quarter continued to fall as fellow freshman guard Elizabeth Lutz made three of three 3-point shots of her own. Redshirt freshman guard Terese Ledy and sophomore guard Baleigh Delorit also contributed behind the arc making six of eight shots all together.

Coming off the bench, Smith and Lutz combined for almost all of Finlandia's points with 31. NMU altogether had 68 points from the bench alone. Freshman guard Amber Huebner also added game-high five assists. All but one player recorded points on the game for the Wildcats.

The team is led by all-conference Second/Defensive team junior guard Darby Youngstrom. With no seniors listed on the team, the five junior players, guards Chloe Thompkins, Emily Schramek and forwards Taylor Hodell, Sydney Dillinger, and Tess Weatherly, will look to step up to be leaders for the team.

Mattson said that the team is already shorthanded with injuries, but are sticking together as a whole through adversity.

"Although we have four of our top six players out, we do have great depth," Mattson said. "But we have to go into the season fully loaded. Yet right now, we're not fully loaded."

Mattson also noted that Thompkins, who's recovering from knee surgery, may not be able to play again and Hodell had a tumor removed in the offseason. He does believe the team will get sophomore forward Erin Honkala back on the court, who suffered a hamstring injury during practice.

With the team idle up to Nov. 10, when the regular season begins, Mattson added that he has big goals for them.

"I'm looking and hoping for us to be the best team in our league," Mattson said. "We've still got some growing up to do, but we do have a great core group of players and I expect them to challenge for a conference championship."

The Wildcats will face off for the first time in the regular season against the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds and the Lewis University Flyers at the GLIAC/GVC Challenge in Indianapolis in two weeks.

Look out Huskies

Volleyball prepares for rival game against Tech

By Ryan Spitzza

staff writer

The NMU Women's Volleyball team capped its final road trip of the regular season with sweeps of Lake Superior State and Saginaw Valley State last weekend.

The Wildcats defeated the Lakers by set scores of 25-13, 25-13 and 25-18 on Friday before defeating the Cardinals 25-23, 25-21 and 25-15.

The Wildcats now have six straight victories going into the final three matches of the regular season, and remain in a tie for second place with its next opponent, Michigan Tech. Both teams have a conference record of 10-3, trailing No. 18-ranked Ferris State by just one game.

NMU head coach Mike Lozier said last weekend was an important one despite facing struggling opponents.

"We're kind of in a position now where every match is super important," he said. "Lake State has been struggling this year but that match is just as important as any other match. We got that win and played really well and then we went to Saginaw, where we had to show up and play well to beat them and we did."

The Wildcats defeated the struggling Lakers with ease on Friday, pulling out to early leads in the first two sets and never looking back. After the Wildcats jumped out to a

4-0 lead in the third set and continued to pull ahead, the Lakers brought the score back within one at 12-11. NMU never surrendered the lead however, and clinched the match on a kill by junior Autumn Monsma. Senior Kayla Chosa recorded 14 kills in the match while freshman Leticia Antunes notched seven.

The also-struggling Cardinals of SVSU gave the Wildcats more of a run in Saturday's match. The Cardinals pulled out to a 5-0 lead in the first set and were up by as much as six points. NMU battled back though, taking its first lead of the set 16-15 on an SVSU attack error. It was a close back-and-forth set the rest of the way and the Wildcats took the final two points on attack errors to clinch set one.

It was the same story in set two with the Cardinals jumping out to a 7-0 lead this time. NMU clawed back once again to tie the set at 10 and took its first lead of the set 14-13 on a kill from senior Madison Whitehead. The Wildcats never looked back from there, maintaining the lead and winning the set on a sophomore Sarah Kuehn kill. The third set was less tense, with the Wildcats winning the match on another kill from Whitehead. Whitehead had nine kills overall in the contest while Kuehn tallied 11.

Senior Jami Hogeboom said getting two wins on the final road trip was exciting.

"It was a really exciting week-

end," she said. "Every game no matter what is extremely important and I think that we went and wanted to take care of business and every single one of us went hard and it was a good weekend overall."

The focus now shifts to the Huskies who are also on a streak of their own, winning its last four matches. The Wildcats took the first meeting of the season 3-1 in Houghton on Sept. 19.

Lozier said both sides are different and both sides have improved since their last meeting.

"They're just playing a tighter game, but everyone is," he said. "Everyone is improving, the thing is we've both been winning recently and we're both tied for second in the conference. It's going to be a good match and I expect it to be highly contested."

Kuehn said the rivalry is always fun but will be more intense this year due to the race in the GLIAC standings.

"We're definitely looking forward to the rivalry because it's always a fun game no matter what," she said. "Plus, considering we're tied for second right now, that's a little bit more motivation. I'm sure as we've gotten better throughout the season, they have too; every team typically improves throughout the season and we expect no less from them."

NMU hosts the Huskies at 5 p.m. Saturday at Vandament Arena.

Women's Soccer season ends in loss against Ashland

By Tyler Young

contributing writer

The NMU Women's Soccer team has finished their season, defeating the Michigan Tech Huskies 1-0 on Friday in a non-conference match before falling 3-0 to the Ashland University Eagles in the GLIAC Quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Against Tech, the Wildcats played toe-to-toe soccer, with neither team able to find a clear advantage. The first half saw both teams focused on offense, with NMU taking seven shots to Michigan Tech's five. Both defenses came up big when they had to, however, and at halftime, the score was 0-0.

"Ashland's a good team, I just don't think we're there yet," said head coach Sonia Basma. "The first year's always a learning curve, but my main focus this year was not really too much about winning. Obviously we'd all like to win, but for me it's about setting a certain standard this year and getting the girls on board in terms of the things that we expect."

In the second half, the Wildcats seemed to be the better team, outshooting Tech 8-4. Despite this seemingly dominant performance, NMU was unable to find the back of the net, due in part to a strong Husky defense and in part to a strong performance by MTU goalkeeper Kirsan Hudak. On the other end, the Huskies failed to put the ball past NMU freshman goalkeeper Brianna Frontuto, and after 90 minutes, the game remained scoreless.

The 0-0 scoreline stood until the 104th minute, when NMU freshman forward Jenna Halonen received a through pass from senior midfielder Abby Cook and tapped it past the keeper, scoring her 8th goal of the year and securing the double-overtime win for the Wildcats.

"The biggest accomplishment for us this year, I think, was that win against Ferris. One of the top three teams in the conference. Was I excited about Michigan Tech? Yeah

absolutely, but I definitely think I get more excited beating out teams that are the best in the conference," Basma said.

Coming off of the dramatic win over their rivals, seventh-seed NMU headed to Ashland, Ohio for their GLIAC Quarterfinal matchup against the number two-seed Eagles. In the regular season, the teams only met once, with the Wildcats losing 4-1 at home. Now, with the game in Ashland, NMU knew that they needed to put up one of the strongest performances of their season to stay alive.

The Eagles came out firing in the first half, putting four shots on goal. Brianna Frontuto saved all four, and her effort between the sticks was a big part in the score remaining 0-0 until halftime. The Wildcats were unable to finish in the final third, failing to put a single shot on target.

The second half was a much different story, with Ashland taking control of the match early. Just a minute and a half after the resumption of play, the Eagles' Kelsey McKernan opened the scoring after she beat Frontuto in the 47th minute, putting the home side up 1-0. Ashland doubled their lead in the 56th minute, when Morgan Bittengle found a rebound and put it into the back of the net. The final goal of the match came in the 87th minute, when a shot from Ashland's Sam Malleo glanced off of a Northern defender and into the goal, putting the Eagles up by three goals and securing their spot in the GLIAC Semifinals.

The Wildcats finish their first campaign under head coach Sonia Basma with an overall record of 4-11-2, a GLIAC record of 2-5-2, and a fifth consecutive playoff appearance.

"I think we've sort of set a foundation this year and the girls kind of understand the standards and the expectations and now it's just about building off of it and getting better and getting more wins, which I don't doubt well do next season."

Men's basketball starts season with wins

By Von Lanier
news editor

The NMU Men's Basketball team dominated both of their home exhibition games this past weekend, defeating St. Norbert College 73-58 on Saturday afternoon and then following up on Sunday with a 107-68 blowout over Bay College.

The Wildcats were led by sophomore forward Will Carius, who earned 15 points, including 5-5 from the free throw line and junior guard Naba Echols, who chipped in with 10 points and earned the team-high of three assists along with two steals on Saturday.

Senior guard Jordan Perez effectively crashed the boards for the Wildcats to lead the team in double-digit rebounds and NMU shot a collective 53 percent from the field.

Head coach Bill Sall said, "I don't think we played particularly well at all in the first half and then stretched together a couple of good runs in the second."

The Wildcats returned to the Berry Events Center the following Sunday afternoon and delivered a 32-point blowout to Bay College. Sunday's victory came during the NMU Student Athlete Advisory Committee's Trick or

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— Bill Sall
Men's basketball head coach

Treating event, where free admission was granted to eighth grade students and under who attended the game in a costume.

The 'Cats had an outstanding input from their bench on Sunday and nearly the whole team managed to score. Freshman forward Dolapo Olayinka led the team to victory with 21 points and a 9-13 shooting average. Freshman guard Alec Fruin was another big contributor with 17 points, including five three-pointers and senior guard Eddie Tornes chipped in with 12 points.

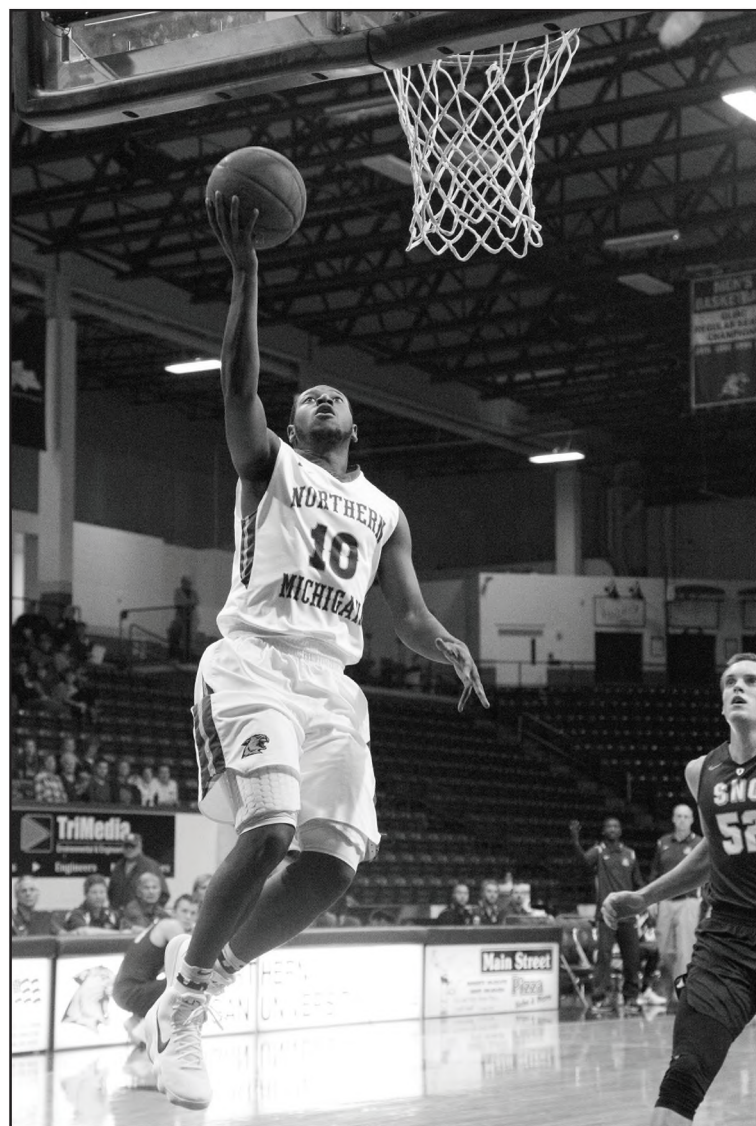
"We were able to get a lot of guys playing time, which is what we wanted to do," Sall said about Sunday's performance. "We got a lot of freshmen a lot of time and they did a good job."

The Wilcats shooting proved superior to the Norse in Sunday's game as they shot 65 percent from the field and 60 percent from the

three-point line before the second half. The Wildcats also forced their opponent into 24 turnovers, some of which came as a result of 13 steals the team was able to create for themselves.

The Wildcats will now prepare to start their season on Nov. 11 when they go against Lewis University at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. The game will be a part of the GLI-AC/Great Lakes Valley Conference Challenge.

"This is really like our third game where we want to make it as game-like as we can," Sall said. "So here's our rotation it's set and we're going to go through that rotation certainly for the first 20 minutes, to really shore that up, so that we're really confident going into the game at Tech with the players that we feel are going to play on this roster."



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Sophomore guard Ian Hodges gets past a St. Norbert player in Saturday's game and goes in for an easy layup off a fast break.

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