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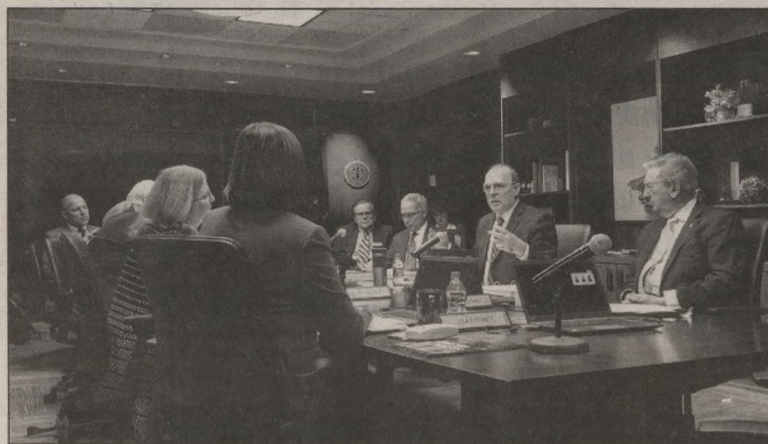
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NMU President Fritz Erickson explains details of the Strategic Resource Allocation Implementation Task Force Report to the Board of Trustees at its final meeting in December.

Erickson delivers ITF report

Board of Trustees to review SRA recommendations

By Tim Eggert
editor-in-chief

The NMU Board of Trustees (BOT) is reviewing the first draft of the Strategic Resource Allocation (SRA) Implementation Task Force (ITF) Report after President Fritz Erickson presented it at the BOT's final meeting in December.

Comprised of all vice presidents, the dean of students, the associate provost and the assistant vice president for budget and finance, the ITF composed the report after reviewing the recommendations suggested by the Academic and Support Task Forces in their reports, respectively. Of the 607 recommendations provided by the task forces, the ITF accepted 569. No student funded programs were recommended for implementation.

"We've made some pretty significant recommendations to help our students be as broadly and diversely educated as they possibly can," Erickson said. "We believe empowering our students is a central aspect of the entire SRA process. The more we can empower our students to make the kind of educational decisions that they want, we think the quality of their education and the opportunities after graduation will continue to expand."

According to its report, the

ITF recommends five Academic Transformation Initiatives: "diversifying the academic experience; merge general university studies into two degrees; review all secondary education programs and determine demand/need/alignment; create two new colleges: Honors College and the College of Graduate Studies and Research; restructure Northern's academic organizational structure."

To implement the first initiative, the ITF calls for requiring fewer credit hour requirements for majors and bachelor's degrees and discontinuing a minor as a graduation requirement, though students will still have the option to choose one.

The report also suggests 10 Support Transformation Initiatives, including: "redefine the role of the Multicultural Education and Resource Center in supporting Northern's university-wide diversity and inclusion effort; develop an enhanced advising and student-faculty mentoring model; restructure Northern's international student services, recruitment and activities, as well as internationally related faculty activities."

Erickson and the ITF gave each recommendation for programs in Quintile 1—Recommend for enhanced resources—a high, medium or low rating to "indicate its

proposed order of priority for any investment funding that becomes available."

The ITF requires unit managers of programs in Quintile 3—Recommend continuing with reduced resources—to provide a proposal by March of where and how they will reduce their budget.

"We had to make the decision of whether it's time for them [programs] to ride off into a glorious sunset," Erickson said. "Academic programs and other programs on campus have a lifespan, some programs live long or brief lives and they either need to shift into something completely different or be phased out."

Programs in Quintile 4—Recommend transformation with revised resources as appropriate—were given the directive to create a transformation plan for consideration by the ITF. Proposals that are ultimately not supported may mean the program will be eliminated, according to the report.

Whereas "support transformation plans" are currently being reviewed and submitted, "academic transformation plans" must be turned into Academic Affairs by May 1 and will be reviewed by Erickson and the ITF in one-on-one meetings with the department head and/or associate dean overseeing the program.

State approves proposal to renovate Jacobetti Complex

By Sophie Hillmeyer
assistant news editor

A capital outlay proposal is moving forward after approval for a \$28.6 million renovation of the Career and Technology Center, or the Jacobetti Complex, in December and the project is in the planning stages.

There are many steps in beginning a capital outlay project, Gavin Leach, vice president of finance and administration said, and the initial steps include engaging an architect and going through programming and schematics. He said they are hoping to begin that within the next month.

"[I]f you don't have those first steps you can't go anywhere," Leach said. "We're excited about it, we think it can make some huge changes in the program that will be impacted by the project."

Capital outlay projects are issued to universities and community colleges each year after they submit a proposal for the project that is the top priority for the institution, Leach said. He said that NMU has been ranked high for receiving a capital outlay project this past year and they worked hard downstate to make sure the proposal was seen as important to not only the university but the region as a whole.

"We want to continue to make NMU a go-to place for people in the region and people out of the region for our programs," Leach said. "As we continue to transform the university, I think [capital outlay projects] move us forward in the future in creating attractive programs that meet the future needs of the workforce and of our students."

Past capital outlay projects at NMU include Jamrich Hall, Weston Hall, previously known as New Science and the renovation of Hedgcock and the Art and Design building.

"We've had very positive results on past projects, like Jamrich Hall, which was huge for the campus. We've had very successful and strategic capital outlay projects and it's really helped the campus and our pro-

grams over the years," Leach said. "We believe this one will have a similar positive impact on campus."

The plans for the renovation include modernizing the facility with new, more flexible classroom spaces, new equipment and technology training tools to help meet the needs of the skilled workforce in the region, he said. He added that the facility was built in 1980 and the programs have changed significantly since then.

"I think it's going to have a really big impact on the students, on the campus, and on the region as a result of the project," Leach said. "You think about it and it impacts the future for your students, impacts the faculty, the community, it creates jobs during construction. It's a very positive impact on the community as a whole."



Leach

There have been talks of relocating the facility completely, Leach said, and right now the project has been approved for renovation, but other options may arise throughout the planning process.

He added that the plans for Jamrich Hall changed significantly during the planning process and the project ended up adding new space instead of renovating old space.

"We look at what is the absolute best use of dollars for the space that we have when we go through a project and what makes the most sense for the university and the programs," he said. "We'll move expeditiously on it because we want to definitely move forward on the project. We're really excited about it."

NMU introduces anti-icing liquid

Grounds department takes action to ensure a safer walk around campus

By Kelsii Kyto
news editor

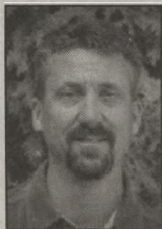
As winter in Marquette continues, NMU's grounds department has added another method of deicing sidewalks under its belt, called an anti-icing liquid.

Salt only is effective in its liquid form, grounds department supervisor Andy Smith said, adding that the only way for salt to actively melt more ice is when it melds with water.

The liquid is 23.3 percent salt by volume, which is seven times more salty than seawater, Smith said. Its purpose is so the ice doesn't directly bond with the pavement.

"If we apply that to walkways and roadways before we have a snow event, it creates a barrier that prevents snow or frost from freezing to the pavement, which makes scraping the sidewalks easier," Smith said.

The brine solution has been around for a few years, but this is the first time NMU has tried it, Smith said. There are different uses for liquid ice control, and NMU took the proactive approach, which means putting the liquid down before the event, he said.



Smith

"It's another tool in our toolbox to keep campus safe," Smith said.

The grounds department has not used the solution yet, be-

cause there are certain parameters that must be met when using this kind of solution. Snow events cannot be preceded by rain, which is much of what Marquette is experiencing weather-wise. The rain would dilute the liquid, making it less effective, Smith said.

That's our number one goal. We don't want anyone to slip and fall and have a tough time getting to and from class.

— Andy Smith
grounds department supervisor

late, it's starting out as freezing drizzle or rain and then changing over to snow, which is

roughly 12 hours. The grounds department takes pavement temperature prior to putting down any kind of liquid, Smith said.

"I'm hoping to use some here in the next week or two," Smith said. "Unfortunately, the way precipitation has been lined up

not a good application for the product."

Overall, Smith said the new anti-icing liquids should keep NMU's sidewalks cleaner.

Getting an inch of snow isn't enough for the snowplows to scrape off, and rather they glaze over the snow, Smith said. When students go to and from class, they pack down the inch of snow which turns into about an eighth of an inch of ice, he added, and the ice sticks to the sidewalk. Anti-icing will prevent this scenario, Smith said.

Smith said he and his team will concentrate the new liquid in places with heavy foot traffic, such as the entrances around the dorms and the hill from The Woods to Harden Hall, the new name for the LRC.

"That's our number one goal. We don't want anyone to slip and fall and have a tough time getting to and from class," Smith said.

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Bikes are back



Kelsii Kyto/NW

During Snowfest, NMU students gathered around the Noquemanon Trail Network tent and test out fat tire bikes. Students were given water bottles and other freebies when they stopped by.

NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NEWS

Michigan U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow introduced a new bipartisan bill to extend community health center funding with the Community Health, Investment, Modernization and Excellence (CHIME) Act. The current funding is set to expire September 2019 and this act would reauthorize community health center funding for five years. "These centers are a lifeline and safety net for more than 28 million people nationally and more than 700,000 people in Michigan, including 217,000 children and 13,000 veterans," Stabenow said. This funding will ensure quality care for those who need it most.

NATIONAL NEWS

The partial government shutdown is in its fourth week and because of that, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has asked President Trump to delay his Jan. 29 State of the Union address. Pelosi delivered a letter to President Trump and cited security concerns. She noted that the Secret Service and the Homeland Security Department have been entangled in the partial government shutdown and suggested that if the government does not reopen this week the address should be postponed or delivered in writing. The White House did not immediately respond as there is still debate on the proposed \$5.7 billion border wall.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Terrorist attacks in Nairobi, Kenya killed as many as 21 people in a luxury hotel and office complex late Tuesday night, Jan. 15, into Wednesday. The attacks have been tied to The Shabab, an Islamist extremist group with ties to Al Qaeda. Kenya has been a target for al-Shabab since October 2011, when it sent its army into Somalia to fight the jihadist group. The event triggered a 19-hour security operation and those trapped inside spent hours hiding in offices and bathrooms. Law enforcement is still pursuing the criminals involved.

WEIRD NEWS

Humans aren't the only ones who get thirsty for water while wandering the streets of NYC. New Yorker Steven Pesantez spotted a pigeon loitering on top of a drinking fountain while he waited for the ferry and joked around with a friend about how the bird was waiting for some sips of water. So, he went over to the fountain and turned the water on. "He wasn't taking a bath, so I'm pretty sure he was just indulging in some of NYC's finest tap water," Pesantez said. "It seemed like he was enjoying it!"

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Board of Trustees approves buildings name change

By Kelsii Kyo
news editor

With the start of the new semester in full swing, changes from the December 2018 Board of Trustees (BOT) meetings were put into place, one being the name changes of many distinct buildings around campus.

At the Dec. 14 meeting, the board voted unanimously to change the name of the New Science building to Kathleen Shingler Weston Hall, Edgar L. Harden Learning Resource Center is now named Elizabeth and Edgar Harden Hall. The

atrium of the New Science facility is now named The David J. Lucas Atrium.

BOT Vice Chairman Steve Mitchell said the term "Learning Resources Center," or LRC, no longer stands. The term to be used now is Harding Hall, he said.

"Since it was not being called Harden Hall we've made that change, and I think it's an outstanding one—named after both Edgar Harden and his wife Elizabeth Harden."

Mitchell has been a proponent for the LRC name change since the Sept. 21 meeting.

"There is a tendency to call it [the Harden Learning Resources Center] the LRC or Learning Resources Center. Dr. Edgar



Mitchell

There were 900 students when Dr. Harden came here in 1956. There were 7600 when he left and that is where the enrollment stands today.

— Steve Mitchell
BOT vice chairman

Harden built this university. There were 900 students when Dr. Harden came here in 1956. There were 7600 when he left and that is where the enrollment stands today," Mitchell said at the meeting in September.

BOT Chairman Robert Mahaney thanked Mitchell for "carrying the torch" and bringing the name changes to the board's attention.

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ITF

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The ITF intends to work on its recommendations during the current semester, with the expectation that preliminary implementation plans will be in place by July 1 and presented to the BOT for approval at its July meeting, according to the report.

"It's been a tremendously good process and, for me personally, very educational," BOT Chair Robert Mahaney said. "This reallocation and investment in new, innovative programming is going to help us achieve the mission and vision of the university."

The report is currently available at nmu.edu/sra for public review and comment until Jan. 20. As of publication, six individuals have commented on the report.

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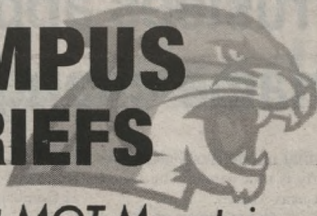
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NMU at MQT Mountain

There will be a shuttle running from Birch/Cedar Lot 10 every hour on the hour from 2:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18 for NMU student night at Marquette Mountain. Students who choose to take the shuttle will be given a half-off coupon for rentals. Daily lift tickets are \$25 and season passes are \$99 with a student ID. There will be live music and giveaways, so be sure to get there early to enjoy all the festivities.

Campus-wide forum

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a university forum with President Fritz Erickson at 3 p.m. on Jan. 23 in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center. Drafts of the SRA and the new Campus Master Plan that were presented to the Board of Trustees during the December meeting will be the two main topics of discussion for this forum.

Ballet comes to FRT

This brand new, full-length ballet was written for the performance at the Forest Roberts Theater (FRT) and is a classic Scandinavian folk tale telling of "Beauty and the Beast." This performance trails a clever young girl and uses original music and choreography to create an unforgettable evening of storytelling. There will be a complimentary reception on opening night with refreshments, a photo booth and a change for a meet and greet with the cast following the performance at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24. Tickets are \$5 for NMU students.

MLK Day of Service

Students have a day off from classes to participate in a day of service in honor of MLK. There are a variety of events at NMU and throughout the community to participate on Monday, Jan. 21.

Equality walk: Noon. Forest Roberts Theater

Knitting for warmth: 1:30 p.m. The Lodge

Room at the Inn orientation: 1:30 p.m.

The Lodge

Toys for dogs: 1:30 p.m. The Lodge

Valentine's cards for soldiers: 1:30 p.m.

The Lodge

Coloring at the U.P. Children's Museum: 2:15 p.m. U.P. Children's Museum (meet in The Lodge for carpooling)

Blood drive

The Red Cross Club is bringing the American Cross Blood Drive to the Lydia Olson Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 23. There is currently an emergency need for donors so please come out and donate. A free t-shirt will be given to all donors. Walk-ins are welcome or go to redcrossblood.org to sign up for an appointment.

Ford donates car to NMU

By Jackie Jahfjelson
copy editor

A 2013 Ford Focus was recently donated to NMU's automotive technology program by Fox Ford Marquette. Though this is the first donation, Fox Ford said they hope to start a growing relationship with NMU.

It's important students have access to real-life materials, not just through computers and books, Fox Ford General Manager Randy Norton said. Most of the students who go through the programs don't have vehicles to work on, and that's not beneficial to the learning process,

Norton said.

"It's like if you're trying to use a chainsaw without having a chainsaw. You can read all the books you want, but you need something in front of you in order to learn," Norton said.

And with the newer model of a vehicle, students will be exposed to solving problems in a hands-on experience, he added.

The dual-clutch transmission built in the Ford Focus exposes students to something the program has not been able to demonstrate in the shop, assistant professor of technology and occupational sciences Randal Klitzke said in a press release.

It combines elements of both manual and automatic transmissions, with two clutches—one controlling odd gears and the



Klitzke

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other even—but no clutch pedal or stick shift, Klitzke said.

"The idea is that it offers improved fuel economy of a manual transmission, but it's electrically controlled through the computer system," Klitzke said. "This type of transmission is found on vehicles ranging from automobiles to 18-wheelers. It's nice to be able to incorporate the technology in a hands-on manner to back up classroom curriculum and instruction and what they read about in the textbook."

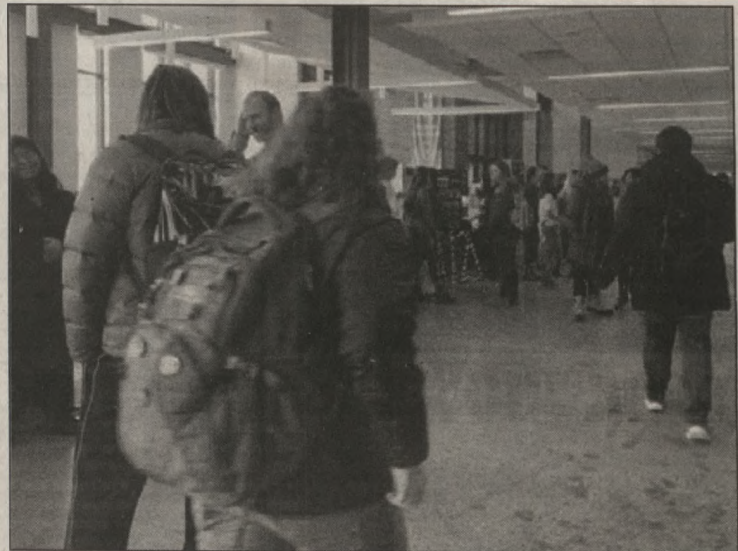
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Fun at Snowfest



Kelsii Kyto/NW

Students gather around in Jamrich on Wednesday, Jan. 16, to enjoy the festivities of Snowfest, where organizations from all parts of campus chat with students to give them a better idea about their group.

EDITORIAL



New year, new North Wind

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A North Wind New Years Resoulion

With the turn of the new year, you probably thought of a few resolutions to conquer for yourself, and The North Wind has a few of its own.

Recent years have brought an atmosphere of distrust toward the media and 2019 is looking no different. "Fake news" is as ubiquitous as ever on the internet and its spread through social media has journalists preoccupied with fact-checking rather than reporting. Journalism is quickly becoming a "second draft" of history.

We've experienced this wariness even at the collegiate newspaper level. Last year, staff found contacting and communicating with some members of the university community and with political parties increasingly difficult. Students are even apprehensive to express their opinions in a publication that exists for the sake of students' guaranteed free speech.

Our primary priority is reporting objective, accurate and inclusive news. By continuing and improving the quality of our coverage, we hope we can remove some of this stigma

even if only within our student body.

We're students just like the majority of you and we make mistakes; but we are always willing to correct them and to hear your opinions. We cannot create a newspaper that is representative of the campus community if we aren't hearing directly from this community.

Would you like to see a specific event or group covered? Are you looking for analysis of university policies? Do you feel we aren't equally representing a topic?

We must be made aware of the public's opinion to represent and inform the public. You might find national news sources untrustworthy and feel powerless in changing that, but you can impact your local media by picking up the phone, logging into social media or stopping by The North Wind office. Diverse coverage results from communication.

We hope this new year brings news tips, article submissions, letters to the editor and visitors in our office letting us know what they would like to read when they pick up a copy of The North Wind.

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Local homeless solutions falling short



Staff Column
Tim Eggert

Homelessness is one of the most striking exceptions to Marquette's urban and rural identities. However successful officials have been on topics such as economic development, crime and education reform, they've proven to be much less so when it comes to handling homelessness.

As the annual Housing and Urban Development (HUD) "point in time" (PIT) count approaches, the situation Marquette now faces regarding homelessness may very well be worse than the one it confronted in previous years.

Indeed, in its 2017 estimate, HUD suggested there were 84 homeless individuals in Marquette and Alger counties. While HUD's 2018 estimate was lower than its 2017 estimate by 14 individuals, it has indicated since PIT counts began in 2007 that there are on average 71 homeless individuals in Marquette and Alger counties every year. According to former Marquette's Room at the Inn and Warming Center Executive Director Doug Russell, however, Marquette County's homeless population reportedly totals 600 individuals.

Nevertheless, local solutions are dominated by a model of tolerance: emergency shelters and temporary housing combined with free meals and supplies. The shelter system in the city of Marquette, specifically, has been essential in aiding the homeless population. However, modern homelessness is not just a housing problem, and our local solutions should reflect this reality.

Some have advocated to transition the local shelter system into a housing model reflective of "Housing First." Developed in New York in the 1990s, Housing First is a "harm reduction" approach wherein the best way to help the most challenging, service-resistant individuals is to offer them immediate access to permanent housing benefits.

In the city of Marquette, Housing First seems like a

solution because of the gap between rent and income and how little rental housing is available to those with extremely low incomes. The market for rental apartments is also especially competitive because of university students in search of off-campus housing and citizens seeking affordable housing.

While several studies have documented Housing First's ability to keep around 80 percent of its recipients stably housed for one to five years after being placed, others have found that communities need to open multiple new units of permanent supportive housing in order to prune the local homeless population by just one person.

Even if this method might succeed at removing individuals from the streets, it doesn't address the deeply embedded social and economic fronts like deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill and the rise of the single-parent family that characterize and contribute to modern homelessness.

The larger problem with Housing First concerns its lack of commitment to assisting individuals in moving toward a state of authentic independence. Providing permanent housing doesn't guarantee individuals will integrate into sobriety or employment. Independence is a hollow concept if people are not moving up the human-services ladder.

Homelessness-service systems should not only provide social support to prevent chronic homelessness in the form of addiction counseling and affordable medication, but also in the form of education on basic life skills for sustained living.

Emergency shelters can succeed at offering more sophisticated support services, but only when funding and volunteers are available. If public dollars are to be invested in a Housing First project, they should at least feature community educational centers or programs.

Ultimately, local governments and communities should recognize that modern homelessness is not an issue to be tolerated. By seeing homelessness as a public problem, one that can be solved by addressing its cultural and sociological roots,

we can truly begin to help those in need.

Abortion discussions require depolarization



Guest Column

Akasha Khalsa

For many women facing the choice between having a baby and terminating a pregnancy, the issues involved are always practically and morally complex. The fact that discussion surrounding abortion is so politicized becomes a barrier to their ability to make a decision that is beneficial to them.

For young women working their way through college and just entering the job market, the course of their futures hang in the balance. Financial instability is a concern, and personal dreams are at stake.

In considering whether to end a pregnancy, there is always the awareness of possible regret once the decision has been made. Years later, we may regret the never-was human being who might have grown between that choice and now.

In the realm of politics, the debate between those who identify as "pro-life" and those who identify as "pro-choice" is fraught and unproductive. The issues involved in the political debate, much like the microcosm of a young woman's personal, internal debate, involve an incredible moral and practical complexity.

However, in politics the personal and the intimate is often forgotten. Instead, abortion is discussed at a distance through generalizations, strategically loaded or impersonal terminology and abstracted political narratives. In fact, the issue is oftentimes merely used in the political game rather than approached with the intention of coming to positive policy resolution.

Political conversations affect personal decisions a great deal, as we have each likely been conditioned one way or the other to favor a certain decision rather than thought it through ourselves. For example, fears of negative mental health effects in the future are emphasized by conservative media and politicians, though studies

indicate that this is not correlatively connected to abortion. On the other hand, liberals tend to emphasize maintaining independence and ambition, even when that is not always the woman's individual preference. In the end, once a pregnancy has been discovered, the woman may surprise herself by her own feelings and decision on the matter.

Most college students can easily

This being the case, for those in a sexual relationship who have the possibility of becoming pregnant, the fear of pregnancy has likely led to a question of what choice would be made if birth control failed. The truth is that each choice in this situation is likely distressing and ethically questionable in some way.

In thinking about this issue, it is often worthwhile to consider

Even with close friends and trusted partners, the issue is often considered taboo and left out of the conversational sphere. However, every sexually active woman experiences the fear of pregnancy and is forced to consider the issue, even if she does not talk about it. Approaching the issue with friends and partners and focusing on the personal concerns rather than the political debate may bring some comfort and clarity. In doing this, however, it must be remembered that the decision ultimately rests with the woman, and making a decision based solely on the perspectives of others will likely cause the greatest emotional distress.

It is important that for those of us for whom this is a concern, the issue is not censored or politicized within our own discussion and decision-making. At their core, choices about sex, birth control, pregnancy, ambition and motherhood are under personal control and involve crucial individual crossroads. As such, they must be discussed and thought about freely.

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obtain birth control if they wish to become sexually active. We also benefit from the relative freedom and independence required to make our own decisions so that our lives will be impacted in the way we deem best. And though the political debate rages on regarding abortion, the fact of life is that these decisions remain in our hands.

one's influences. How was abortion talked about, if it was discussed at all, among family? What language was used to describe abortion and how might this have shaped understanding of the issues involved? College women have the freedom to analyze their understanding of their situation, and they can discuss it with others if they so choose.

Family tradition is invaluable



Guest Column

Mary McDonough

Holiday seasons are a time to bring families together for memories that will last a lifetime. Small routines become long-awaited traditions. Some bring out family recipes, board games or simply enjoy each other's company.

For many, the loss of a loved one can cause the holiday season to feel more bittersweet, almost magnifying the absence of that person instead of celebrating the joy of time together. Traditions seem to feel much more significant, being one of the only ways left to connect with that person and all the memories with them. For even a little while, that empty

For even a little while, that empty chair at the table doesn't seem quite so painful.

chair at the table doesn't seem quite so painful. Those traditions develop into a tool to cope with grief during holidays.

A week before the start of fall semester, I lost my grandma suddenly, who was the most influential woman in my life. As long as I could remember, every holiday that we spent with her was one

long standing tradition on top of another, but all the stops came out for Christmas.

The table was set with linen tablecloths to go along with a set of spode dishes that my great grandparents ate off of for decades. Ella Fitzgerald's Christmas albums played on loop while Great Grandma's Hurlentine's cranberry relish and raspberry jello was prepped for dessert. As the youngest of all my cousins, I could never keep up. Instead, I stayed at my Grandma's side, absorbing every bit of knowledge she could offer like a quiet sponge.

One thing that stuck was the wealth of Broadway history she offered. I fell in love, and when she discovered how much I wanted to know, it became the focus of many conversations. She would recall shows growing up that she fell in love with and passed them

ferent worlds. It felt like my yearly dose of magic.

This year, her absence filled every room. For the first time in 20 years, that magic was nowhere to be seen. Like every Christmas before, there was raspberry jello and cranberry relish served on the spode, but that sense of magic and anticipation was something I was left searching for. As I sat at the dining room table, I remembered, the title that we talked about in our last conversation—Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousal. In the first year without her, our annual movie turned into me sitting at the table with my earsbuds in and the soundtrack on loop.

For that few minutes, the magic was back. While it didn't heal the pain of grief entirely, being able to feel her spirit and larger-than-life personality, although for just a few minutes, helped me find the light in being with the people I care about during the season.

Memories and magic come from the smallest things, and they become the things you may rely on later, when you're the only one to remember them. Those traditions will not only be a constant connection, but those memories will be passed down to future generations. If there is one thing that sticks with you from all of this, please realize that those small moments are everything. Don't break them off, don't take advantage of the fact that they will come around next year. Tomorrow is never guaranteed.

NMU REVIEWS

Bookstore a sad bore

The bookstore is an essential part of any college or university campus. It not only serves as a central hub for students to get their required supplies and class materials, but also as an important showcase of school spirit wear.

Due to the construction currently being done on the University Center, however, our bookstore has been split in two. The wildcat-themed merchandise can be found not far from where it was before, as it was moved just down the hall in another location within the building. All of the books and class materials were relocated to West Hall, a former dorm on the southeast side of campus.

Although the challenges of construction on the University Center are a major factor determining its current location, it nonetheless deserves to be

critiqued, as it has served for the better part of a year as the one and only location to buy books on campus. Regardless of the prices and other disagreements one might have with the bookstore, or rather bookstores, the relocation has caused many problems.

The interior of West Hall was never designed to be a storefront, causing it to feel cramped and uninviting. The West Hall location is also hard to get to on foot, with the route requiring you to walk around the building to the only open front entrance. The spirit wear section in the original location in the University Center is smaller, but unlike its West Hall counterpart, very usable. The bookstore solution was born out of necessity but executed with mediocrity, leaving all of us inconvenienced at the beginning of a new semester.



By Joseph Living

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NMU alumnus opens climbing gym in Marquette

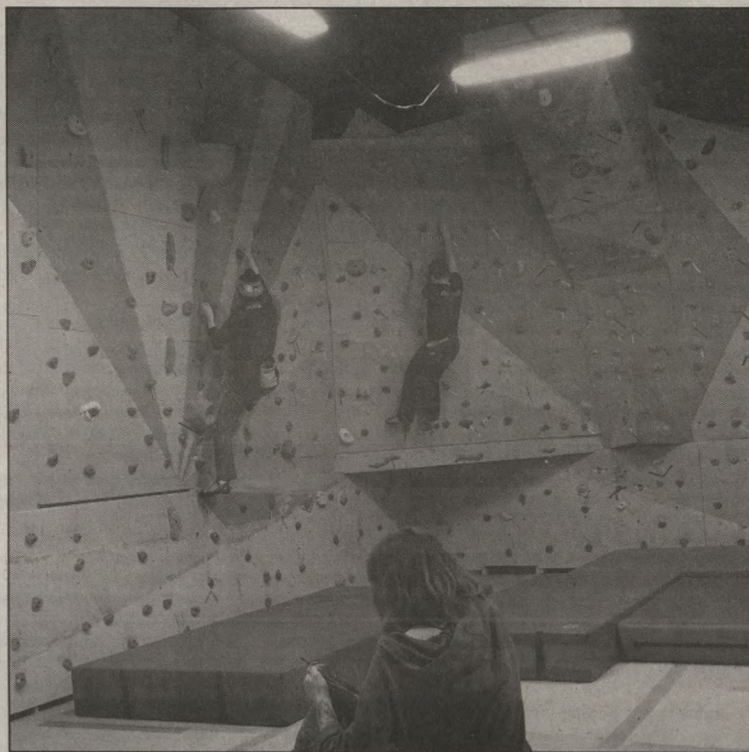
By Isabelle Tavares
features editor

Marquette has exquisite hiking, miles upon miles of trodden trail and a darn good pasty. The summer months bring a plethora of outdoor climbing and come winter, adventurous climbers stick their picks into frozen waterfalls for an icy thrill. Apart from a few indoor climbing facilities, the woody trek is all that remains except for one. The new gym called Hangdog Climbing, located at 1206 S Front St, exists in a squat, nondescript blue building. There are many forms of climbing, but the new gym specializes in bouldering, which is climbing without a rope or harness.

A glimpse at the weather forecast during a U.P. winter will most likely bring cloudy days, nine hours of limited sunlight and a permanent grey haze in the air. Walk through the door, though, and you'll see 16-foot-tall walls painted sky blue and shades of sunset orange to contrast the gloom outside. This vision was in the mind of Devin Greer, Hangdog Climbing owner and 2012 NMU Biology graduate. Greer, age 29, was born and raised in Marquette and has dreamed about a gym dedicated solely to climbing since he started the adventurous sport while at NMU.

"When I was climbing in college it was always on my mind," Greer said. "I wish I could do this and thought 'when is someone gonna open a sweet gym.'"

Greer moved to Milwaukee after graduating from NMU four years ago and had plans for when he would return to Marquette to open a gym. He thought by then there would be multiple climbing



Climbers ascend the rock wall at Hangdog Climbing on 1206 S. Front St. This new bouldering gym offers more options for indoor climbing in the Upper Peninsula. Photo courtesy of Devin Greer

gyms in Marquette, and now he is the owner of the first bouldering gym in the U.P.

Though Marquette is home to over five different outdoor climbing sites, Greer wanted to know if building a bouldering gym would be worthwhile. He gauged interest in the community by word of mouth and talking to the small community of climbers.

"Wherever you've got rock like that there's a community," Greer said. "Once I confirmed what I thought was true, that the community is growing, construction began in September."

Greer's construction knowledge is mostly self taught, he learned from helping his parent's build their house. This isn't Greer's first whack at opening and building a bouldering gym, though. He remade an old Milwaukee bakery into a small bouldering gym in a cave-like style with low, sloping walls. He said that opening Hangdog Climbing went much smoother.

Most climbers begin learning on top-rope, a form of climbing when one wears a harness connected to a rope, he said. Greer, like most people, started with

top-rope then found he had the most fun bouldering.

"I felt the best, physically, mentally and spiritually while bouldering. Being able to hike out with a pad and shoes is very freeing," Greer said. "You rely more heavily on your legs, your arms are just for balance. It's a style that suited me best and I kept with it."

Routes are specific to the level and style of climbing and are color coded by either tape or a cohesive color. Setting routes, a term for mapping out the foot and hand holds for a specific climb, is a large part of what Greer does. He spreads about 10 multi-shaped foot and hand holds on the gym floor and climbs the sequence in his mind.

"It's easy for me to set for my-

self, but I think 'ok this one's going to be a low grade for shorter people or a tall guy,'" Greer said. "I climb it in my head before it's even on the wall."

"The best part is seeing people come to the gym, pick out a problem and work on a route," Greer said. "Whether they finish it or not, you can tell what they're getting out of it when you stand back and watch, you can just tell."

Starting a small business requires a lot of work, but Greer said his passion for climbing keeps him motivated.

"It's easy because I like to think that something you love you have passion for. I know it's cliché, but climbing is something I love and being at the gym is what motivates me," he said. "I love being a part of the climbing community and helping people out. If I don't do the little things that are required for running a business, I won't have this."

To Greer and his climbing friends, a hangdog climber is used to describe someone who "hangs on the rope a lot, is real carefree and not super intense." Greer wanted this style of climbing to loosely fit the gym atmosphere, but still wants it to be a place for climbers to have goals. The gym is developing their fit area which will be equipped with TRX bands, weights, bicycles and a large campus board to exercise finger strength.

Come summertime, Greer said he plans on holding classes and youth camps as a way to get people into the sport.

Including the soft opening, Hangdog Climbing has been open for two weeks and has over 10 members, including NMU students and community members. Membership rates are \$40 monthly, \$420 annual, \$10 drop in. From Tuesday through Friday, the gym is open from noon to 10 p.m. and noon to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. College night will be every Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. with discounted drop-ins to \$5. Tonight only though, Hangdog Climbing will offer \$100 semester passes ending on May 5.

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THE VOYAGEURS WOLF PROJECT

BY ISABELLE TAVARES
FEATURES EDITOR

An orange sun pushes through a velvet blue sky, the sunlight winking across the brisk winter water. Tom Gable, NMU biology graduate, has already checked the internet for wolf locations and began bushwhacking through the Voyageurs National Park (VNP) wilderness before the sun has made it's trek to the top of the sky. Gable hikes up to 12 miles per day, tracking wolves and their behaviors. As part of his Ph.D. research at the University of Minnesota, his project made him the first to capture on film that wolves are not the carnivorous creatures we think. This is the Voyageurs Wolf Project.

"I spotted a wolf at the bank of the creek and watched it run in and make a big splash. Once it left the area I found fish remains, blood, guts and fish scales," Gable said. "We raced out there and put up video cameras to get this video. We're really excited because it's the first documented video evidence that wolves fish."

What Gable discovered on a hike, though, is that wolves are highly adaptable predators capable of finding unique food sources, such as freshwater fish. Most of the data came from following GPS collared wolves, and most of them spent 50 percent of their time near a creek. By collecting wolf scats, Gable also found that wolves consume a lot of blueberries in the summer months.

The project is a collaboration with the VNP in northern Minnesota and the University of Minnesota. Research started in 2015 to study the ecology of wolves but the project's main focus is understanding predation behavior and reproductive ecology in the summer months. What makes it unique is that most wolf research is conducted in the winter, as it is easier to spot wolf tracks in the snow, Gable said.

The researchers track wolves in VNP, an area researchers call the greater voyageurs ecosystem and the area southernly adjacent to the national park, Gable said. Tracking wolves requires capturing them and injecting a sedative long enough to collar and inspect the wolf, he said.



Photo courtesy of Tom Gable
Researchers from the Voyageurs Wolf Project track the locations of wolves by means of a GPS collar. The project's aim is to understand the ecology of wolves and their behavior.

"It's always difficult. Wolves are very intelligent and hard to catch. We use foothold traps with rubber pads that are modified for catch and release. We get our drugs ready go in a little syringe attached to a handle 6 feet long, inject the sedative in the rump and the wolf is out in a couple of minutes," Gable said. "We give them a drug that reverses the sedative and the wolf regains consciousness within 40 minutes. It's the equivalent to having a bad hangover, they take a day to regain their strength."

Over 40 percent of the park is composed of large lakes, according to the VNP website, and wolves can swim up to two miles over the span of two days. Gable and the research team seek to understand packs that territorially occupy a portion of the park in order to compare them to a pack occupying a different part of the park.

Wolves, for Gable, have always peaked his interest. Sometimes he'll stay awake until 4:30 a.m. howling into the dusk as a part of his research to better understand them.

"My fascination [with wolves] blossomed when I was at my family's cabin growing up on the north shore of Lake Ontario. I would see the wolf tracks, these animals were so hard to see, and it captured my imagination," Gable said. "I knew I wanted to study wolves but I didn't really know what

that meant when I graduated from college."

After completing his undergrad in biology at Hope College, Gable said he knew he wanted to do graduate work and applied to work with bats, badgers, wolves and deer. At NMU, Gable's master's work involved researching beaver ecology which led him to study the wolf-beaver interaction. This interaction is not nearly as socio-economically important as the wolf-deer interaction, Gable said, but it still holds a high ecological importance.

"Deer hunting drives millions of dollars and is generally going to receive more attention," Gable said. "We're trying to say that [the project] is important and we're slowly doing that here."

In an uncanny twist of fate, Gable said the only jobs that he was offered were with wolves.

The video that Gable raced to get when he first spotted the wolf fishing has received national attention and currently has over 421 thousand views on Facebook.

Gable explained that the wolf-beaver interaction is important because beavers are ecosystem engineers. Beavers' actions in an ecosystem, such as building dams to create wetlands, are vital to the functioning of their habitat and are one of the biggest agents of change, he said. Thus, any predator that's killing beavers will impact the ecosystem. If there is a higher beaver population, there's a possibility that they might kill more deer and moose, Gable said, adding, it contributes to the already declining Minnesota moose population.

It's known that wolves' diets are not just carnivorous, but the discovery that they consume berries provided different opportunities for the Voyageurs Wolf Project to pursue. Gable explains that people have known that wolves are a generalist species, where they can use diverse food sources. The project will now focus on determining the extent in which wolves are consuming berries or fish. The splashing, fishing wolf that Gable observed changed the way he thought about the ecology of wolves and he is excited for the avenues this discovery will take the Voyageurs Wolf Project.

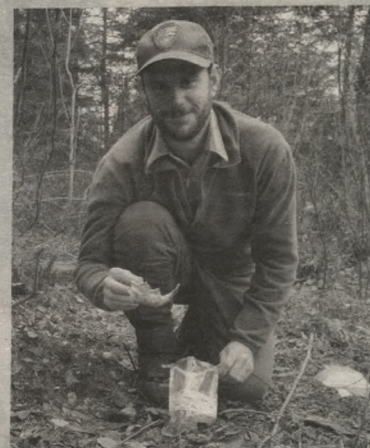


Photo courtesy of Tom Gable
Voyageurs Wolf Project researcher and NMU graduate Tom Gable holds a wolf specimen in the wilderness of the Voyageurs National Park.



A wave of women returns to Marquette

By Mary McDonough
contributing writer

Marquette will be washed over by a wave of women as the second Marquette Women's March takes over the streets to bring attention to women's rights.

Starting at noon vendors and informational booths will be available to provide education concerning many issues, such as reproductive rights and violence against women. Local resources will be set up at the Marquette Commons. Those interested in the march will continue up Front Street to Washington Street, then down to the post office. Local speakers will be addressing the crowd.

Senior public relations major, Chloe Gerathy has been a part of promotion coordination for Saturday's event, which she said is something that means more than just trying to spread the word.

"Being a part of the Marquette Women's March means connecting with women in my community and learning from one another's experiences," Gerathy said. "I feel

so grateful to have been part of the planning process for an event as special as this."

When it comes to bringing attention to Saturday's march, Gerathy believes that the march will provide a time to bring people together and feel closer to one another about such a powerful political topic.

"It's a great opportunity to learn about local women's issues, connect with people from the community, and show support and solidarity to all women," Gerathy said. "It's sure to be a liberating and powerful event for all."

Proceeding the speakers, from 2 to 5 p.m. NMU's Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) has helped to organize a post-march reception at Ore Dock Brewing Company that will feature a wide variety of speeches and local female artists from poetry to musicians.

For senior public relations major and PRSSA President Haley Bussell, being able to put together the reception and Women's March Marquette is having a small part in civil history.



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Supporters of the 2018 Women's March rally on sidewalks. According to Women's March Michigan, they are for a Michigan that respects and protects all its citizens that celebrates diversity and nurtures human potential.

"The march was created to protect and empower the rights of civilians, immigrants, workers and the disabled," Bussell said. "I'm very proud to see three executive board

members of PRSSA come together to plan something so valuable to the community."

Vinyl Record Show spins in vendors and vibes

NMU Vinyl Record Club hosts a place for a pop culture swap

By Jessica Parsons
copy editor

Here at Northern, Wildcats study hard and put effort into every move. But sometimes, this energy requires a bit of artistic inspiration and musical expression. Without music in our ears, a song stuck in our head, or a dance in our step, getting through the day can be hard for some. Everyone needs some sort of artistic escape, be it a CD dancing around a 90s gadget, a concert poster sticking to a dorm wall or a video game to toggle up a day of hard work, the NMU Vinyl Record Club makes this desire accessible with their Winter Vinyl Record Show and Poster Sale this Saturday.

The Millennium Falcon. The Golden Girls. Japanese Robots. Star Trek. Familiar yet oh-so classic faces invite me into their home, like they once have before, none other than hung up on the walls of an inspired and extroverted soul. In this case, the collection and display of Jon Teichman, assistant director of NMU Admissions and advisor of the NMU Vinyl Record Club. Fliers ready at-hand, mind ready to socialize and buckled up for another event, Teichman shares his thrill and energy toward this Saturday's buy, sell and trade event.

Teichman explained that his interest and hobby in collecting cover art was intrigued by its



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Customers gather at the 2018 NMU Vinyl Record Show. The club provided a number of different genres of music for attendees to browse through.

three-dimensional nature, and being able to share his knowledge in pop culture, as studied at Bowling Green State University, has "always been part of the work that I do," he said. "It has a connection to me."

Whether you have records to trade, space in your home to collect more or show off what you have, Teichman encourages passionate people to explore, no matter the art collector or

music-listener.

Teichman explained the event will feature different kinds of music, from ABBA to Zappa, David Bowie to Elvis Presley, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and even as modern as Lady Gaga.

Additionally, Marquette DJ's Vinyl Reception will play a mix of music throughout the day.

Even if you don't collect vinyl records and prefer other forms of art, vendors will have some-

thing for everyone, Teichman explained. There will be CD's, tapes, concert posters, pop culture artifacts and six tables of a wide range of old-school video games as well as those that use newer technology, like the Nintendo Switch.

In fact, a vendor from Ontonagon will be bringing a "customized console with a hundred playable games inside," Teichman said. "Basically, this event

has mushroomed from just being a record and CD show to now being a pop culture swap."

This event attracts over 3,000 people traveling from a distance, and well-known faces of U.P.'s art collectors, such as - traveling from Newberry - Ed Johnson, "the founding father of vinyl record collecting in the U.P.," according to Teichman, extending an admirational shout-out to the one that collected "before it was cool."

Also mentioned of attending are Aaron Yunker from Uncle Pizza Productions, Shawn Wolfman and many other "pop culture dealers," as Teichman calls them.

Teichman pointed out that though everything is available online in today's world, collecting is unique and this is a chance to "physically go somewhere" and receive a "tactile experience" the internet lacks. That being said, "[This event] wouldn't be the same if people didn't come out and participate. Come early, dig in, hang out, talk to people and ask questions," Teichman said. "It's a really neat thing."

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 19 in the Commons at Whitman Hall. The event is free admission. More information can be found on Facebook under an event page called "NMU Vinyl Record Show Saturday, Jan. 19th."

New Nintendo release a smashing success

By Josh LaGorio
contributing writer

Nintendo is a game developer with a long history of beloved franchises under its belt. From Mario and Metroid, to Pokémon, and The Legend of Zelda series, the sheer plethora of characters the Japan based developer has is staggering, to say the least. In 1999, one man, Masahiro Sakurai, thought it would be a good idea to cram several of these iconic faces into a fighting game series that is well-known by many: Super Smash Bros.

Nineteen years later, on Dec. 7th, 2018, the newest installment is here. It promised to include every character from each game prior, most of the stages, and a virtually limitless supply of music to listen to while playing. This is easily one of the biggest games of all time, and it has a title to fit: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate.

The moment you start up the

game, you'll have several gameplay options to pick from, and the number of characters you can select is a measly eight. There are several ways to unlock them, all stemming from four main options: Smash, Spirits, Games and More. Characters will be unlocked as the player progresses in the game, and the player select screen will jump from eight to 70. For anyone who wants to master all of them, the sheer number of them will have their work cut out.

Being a fighting game, most players will use the mode Smash. This mode allows friends to play with and against each other or a computer. The classic damage percentage that rises with each hit to a character still exists. The gameplay is as smooth and fast paced as ever, and each character, aside from a handful of exceptions known as Echo Fighters, all feel distinct with their own sets of attacks and specialties. It's easy to say that, with all of the options and fun to be had, Smash



Game: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

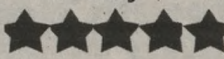
Composer: Hideki Sakamoto

Designer: Masahiro Sakurai

Platform: Nintendo Switch

Released: Dec. 7, 2018

Rating:



Ultimate is easily the best in the series thus far in terms of gameplay, offering hundreds of hours of enjoyment just from this game mode alone.

However, Smash Mode isn't the only thing Ultimate offers. For anyone looking for a way to play solo, there is Spirits mode. While the effects vary, Spirits are special items based off of characters from around Nintendo's varied history. These effects can be added to a player's fighters to offer different bonuses, like increasing attack power, speed and character size. While this mode might seem to have no real point to exist, accept to collect pictures of fan favorite characters, the main draw of Spirits mode is the eye-catching "Adventure" option.

Titled World of Light, this mode is the true single player experience, allowing players to traverse a large map in an effort to take on the evil Galeem, the main antagonist of the story.

Traveling across the map will lead to battles with possessed fighters accompanied by spirits. Ingenious references based on whatever spirit is present is a fun nod for fans, and some franchises even have entire areas based on them. However, this simple battle-to-battle progression system can become tedious after a while, so it's a mode best enjoyed in short bursts.

The final mode, or rather collection of modes, is Games and More. First up is Classic Mode,

which gives each character a set of thematic battles. For example, choosing the character Mario will pit him against some of Nintendo's oldest franchises before taking on Bowser himself. In addition, if a player chooses the character Link, they will be faced with every villain in the game. In Games and More, it's also possible to do basic training to refine skills and techniques, and create custom fighters called Mii Fighters.

Two more, much less prevalent selectable options, are also present on the main screen as well. Vault is where voice lines and music can be listened to, as well as watch any recorded replays, look at tips and more. The final mode is Online, where players can pit themselves against other players around the world. It's important to note that Nintendo Switch Online, a \$20 service, is required to play online.

Smash has always been a great game for parties small or large, and of varying skill levels with its easy pick-up-and-play nature and familiar faces. If there was at least one game to buy for a party, it would most definitely be Super Smash Bros. Ultimate: A game full of options, fun and quality content. It will be a constant and popular mainstay for Nintendo Switch owners for years to come.

Smash Ultimate is easily the best in the series thus far in terms of game play, offering hundreds of hours of enjoyment.

What's up dock? Event dips into the past

Two local storytellers recall the history of Marquette's historic docks and harbors

By Jackie Jahfelson
copy editor

Have you ever wondered what Marquette looked like hundreds of years ago? It's hard to tell today what encompassed the shores of Lake Superior in this hipster kind of town with tourist gift shops, an upcoming coffee shop on every corner, walking trails along Lower Harbor and of course, the standing statue of the Ore Dock that never ceases to camouflage its presence to incoming visitors on Highway U.S. 41.

But underneath the beauty lies a past of harbors, docks, shipwrecks and other hidden stories that have been buried and left un told. Two local storytellers will open the chest to the past in a tour-like presentation, revealing the truth behind Marquette's historical docks while also benefiting a local institution that preserves to uphold Marquette's history.

WMQT 107.7 radio host Jim Koski will partner up with Superior View photographer Jack Deo in the event "What's Up Dock?! A History of the Harbor" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan.

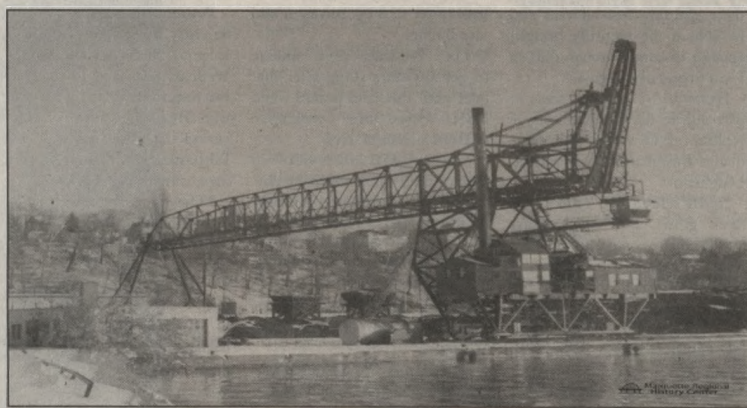


Photo courtesy of the Marquette Regional History Center
This is a 1987 photo of the Spear Coal Dock which was located where Matteson Park is today. Vintage photos and videos will be shown at the event next Thursday.

24, at the Kaufman Auditorium. As a fundraiser for the Marquette Regional History Center (MRHC), the event will feature a history of Marquette's docks and harbors in never-seen-before footage from old vintage films and photographs from Superior View, as well as Longyear Library archives.

"There's going to be a lot of amazing stuff. Some of the

photos almost made my jaw hit the floor. People who love the history of Marquette will also have their jaws hitting the floor, and that's what we hope for," Koski said.

Many people don't realize the history of how Marquette came to be, Koski said. Lower Harbor is the reason that this place exists, he said. Koski, who has given walking tours for the

MRHC in the past couple of years to over 200 people, said this event will be the "indoor supercharged" of what those summer tours look like. The event will be a way to show people the other footage that's not seen on a walking tour, he noted.

Being a Marquette native, the history of this Yooper town was not always something Koski had appreciated. Like others,

he left Marquette to "seek fame and fortune," and like many, he came back.

"If you grow up here, you don't appreciate the history of Marquette. I never learned about the docks but when I started to do research and it just grew into an obsession," he said.

The event is sponsored by Fraco Concrete Products Yard and Barry Polzin Architect. Though balcony tickets are sold out, some seats on the floor still remain open. Tickets in advance are \$15 first floor seating (or \$20 at the door) and can be purchased at the MRHC located at 145 W. Spring St. or online at marquettelibrary.org or by calling 906.226.3571. The MRHC does not receive any government funding to keep its doors open, it solely relies on events like this and donations, Koski said.

"[The MRHC] is kind of like the repository of the fountain of all knowledge surrounding Marquette," he said. "Not only will they learn a lot but they will allow for the history center to stay open."



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

NMU Men's Hockey finished up its two-week long trip to Alaska with a 4-0 record. NMU is now 13-10-0 overall this season. Freshman forward Griffin Loughran's three-point weekend earned him WCHA Rookie of the Week honors, while junior defenseman Philip Beaulieu took WCHA Defenseman of the Week honors for the second consecutive week.

Men's Ice Hockey leaves Alaska on a hot streak

By Ryan Spitz
staff writer

Things change in the blink of an eye. That was exactly the case for the Northern Michigan University Men's Ice Hockey team last weekend, taking a 5-1 decision at Alaska-Anchorage in Friday's series opener before staging its second third-period comeback in as many weeks to defeat the Seawolves 4-1 on Saturday.

The Wildcats finished their two-week long Alaskan adventure with a 4-0 record, putting NMU over the .500 mark for the first time this season.

NMU is now 13-10-0 on the season, with a 12-4-0 record in WCHA play. The Wildcats now sit in second place in the league standings with 36 points, three points or one game behind its next opponent, Minnesota State-Mankato.

NMU head coach Grant Potulny said despite Friday's blowout victory, he was much more satisfied with Saturday's comeback effort.

"I didn't think we played very well on Friday," Potulny said. "The score wouldn't indicate that but we just made plays when we had an opportunity but we didn't play great. I thought Saturday was a really good effort,

we just didn't score early. We stuck with it and finished with a hard sweep. It's not easy to go up there and stay fresh all week and be able to be mentally [tough] enough to come through that so I was proud of the guys."

Friday's 5-1 victory was in part due to the contributions of sophomore forward Joseph Nardi and freshman forward Griffin Loughran.

Nardi scored two goals in Friday's game, the first coming 1:41 into the contest on an assist from Loughran, with his second midway through the third period to increase the lead to 4-1, also assisted on by Loughran and fellow freshman forward Ty Readman.

Senior captain and forward Denver Pierce notched the game-winning goal on Friday, scoring the second goal of the game with 29 seconds to play in the first period. Pierce received assists from senior forward Troy Loggins and junior defenseman Philip Beaulieu.

Nardi, Loughran, Beaulieu and Loggins all finished with two points in Friday's decision while senior goaltender Atte Tolvanen made 20 saves.

Looking to rebound on Saturday, the Seawolves gained a 1-0 lead at the 10:33 mark of the

first period when freshman defenseman Andrew Lane notched his first collegiate goal, backhanding a shot by Tolvanen and into the net.

The Wildcats were unable to get anything going after that goal until the third period when NMU scored three consecutive goals in a span of 1:17.

The first goal came with 7:10 left to play, when freshman forward Jarrett Lee found the back of the net on a rebound off of a shot from sophomore defenseman Robert Fosdick, finally cracking Seawolves sophomore netminder Kris Carlson. Senior defenseman Tony Bretzman also assisted.

Nardi put a partial-breakaway wrist shot 46 seconds later, passed Carlson for a sudden 2-1 Wildcats lead and his third goal of the weekend.

Senior forward Adam Rockwood took a pass from Loggins 31 seconds after that and found the back of the net. Pierce also assisted.

NMU managed to easily hold the lead the rest of the way, as the Seawolves seemingly had their legs taken out from under them after the scoring surge.

Loggins added an empty-net goal with 2:01 to play to seal the victory, weekend sweep and Alas-

kan sweep.

Tolvanen finished with 17 saves in Saturday's contest.

Potulny said when you fall into an early hole, it can be a challenge to climb back and win. His Wildcats managed to do it for two Saturdays in a row, however, with Beaulieu scoring a third-period hat-trick against Alaska-Fairbanks one week prior earning a similar comeback win.

"The ability to stay with a game like that is challenging," Potulny said. "What happens a lot of the time is you get out of your structure, start to press and you give up odd-man rushes because you're pressing too much. It's a hard thing to do in hockey so to be able to do it two weekends in a row is good to see."

Loughran's three-point weekend earned him WCHA Rookie of the Week honors, as he has now scored eight points in the last five games.

Beaulieu also took WCHA

Defenseman of the Week honors, also notching a three-point weekend. It's the second consecutive week Beaulieu took home the honor.

NMU has a bye weekend to regroup from the two-week Alaskan journey, before returning home for the first time since Dec. 15 to host WCHA-leading Minnesota State-Mankato on Jan. 25-26.



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics
Freshman forward Jarrett Lee slices through the ice.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nordic Skiing

Northern Michigan University's Nordic Skiing wrapped up the U.S. Cross Country Skiing Championships on Tuesday following four competitions over a six-day span. After the completion of the event, three Wildcats qualified for the U-23 World Championships set to take place in Lahti, Finland later this month.

All three qualifiers came from the men's team with senior Ian Torchia, junior Zak Ketterson and sophomore Daniel Streinz all advancing to the event. The trio will travel to Lahti, Finland for the U-23 World Championships which will begin January 21 and last through January 25.

Torchia advanced to the same event last year and had another strong showing at this year's U.S. Nationals. In the 15-kilometer classic race, Torchia turned in a top-20 performance when he crossed the finish line in 12th with a time of 43 minutes, 17.30 seconds. He finished 22nd in the 30-kilometer freestyle race with a time of 1:21.13.70.

Men's Ice Hockey

Northern Michigan University Men's Ice Hockey senior goaltender Atte Tolvanen has been nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, presented annually to the top player in NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey.

Fan voting, which is open until March 10, will help narrow down the nominees to 10 candidates for the award. Fans can vote for Tolvanen once per day by voting at www.hobeybaker.com.

Tolvanen owns a 13-10-0 record along with a .925 save percentage and 2.06 goals against average. Currently, he owns the fourth-most wins in the NCAA while his four shutouts are second-most and his 579 saves are fifth-most. Tolvanen leads the WCHA in all three categories.

Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Junior Rachel Helm was pivotal in helping the Wildcat Swimming team earn their first victory over NCAA Division I opponent University of Wisconsin Green Bay this past Saturday, 174-120. Helm picked up three individual victories and was apart of a winning rally team, setting NCAA B-cut times in both the 100-yard backstroke with a total time of 55.84 seconds and 100-yard freestyle victory in 51.84 seconds. In the 200-yard medley, Helm, along with senior Becca Arakelian, junior Madelyn Ireland and sophomore Margaret Vaitkus finished first with a total time of 1:46.05.



'Cats climb division ranks

Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Darby Youngstrom drives to the basket in Northern's recent victory over Ferris State University. For the sixth time this season, and fourth time in GLIAC play, NMU women's basketball held their opponent under 50 points on their way to defeating Ferris State University 53-42.

By Levi Erkkila
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University Women's Basketball team jumped to the top of the GLIAC North Division over winter break. The 'Cats won six out of eight games over that span. A conference record of 7-1 lands the Wildcats in a second place, trailing only the South Division leaders, the Grand Valley State University Lakers; GVSU is an undefeated 8-0.

Despite the team's success, the players believe they have room for improvement.

"Our team is happy that we are winning basketball games but definitely not satisfied," said Darby Youngstrom, senior forward. "I think we all know that we still have a lot of room for improvement and want to continue to get better."

All 12 Wildcats scored at least one basket in a 93-36 rout over the Lake Superior State Lakers this past Thursday. NMU scored over 20 points in each quarter in the convincing victory.

In the first five minutes of the opening quarter, Northern outscored Lake State 18-3. LSSU cut the deficit before the end of the first 10 minutes sending the Wildcats into the second quarter with a 28-12 lead.

The Wildcat defense held the Lakers to just four points in the second frame. The relentless NMU offensive continued

to dominate scoring 21 second-quarter points to extend the lead to 33. The 'Cats ended the half with a 49-16 advantage.

In the third quarter, the defense shut down the LSSU attack once again, holding the Lakers to just seven points in the period. Northern scored 21 more points and took a 70-23 lead into the final frame.

The Wildcats did not take their foot off the gas in the fourth quarter. NMU outscored Lake State 23-13 in the final period. Northern notched a 93-36 win.

14-8 advantage into the second frame.

NMU increased their advantage in the second quarter. With 3:20 play in the half, the 'Cats held a 21-13 lead. The teams entered the break with the Wildcats in front 24-15.

Youngstrom answered an FSU three-pointer with nine straight points early in the second half. With 1:48 to go in the third quarter Northern had a 41-25 lead. NMU controlled the game and started the fourth quarter ahead 41-28.

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— Darby Youngstrom
forward, women's basketball

In Saturday's defensive battle with the Ferris State University Bulldogs, senior forward Darby Youngstrom led the Wildcats with a double-double, 16 points and 12 rebounds. NMU's defense held the Bulldogs to 25 percent shooting from the field. The 'Cats also held FSU to single-digit scoring in the first two quarters.

Northern jumped out to a 7-2 lead 3:31 into the game. The Wildcats held on to the lead for the rest of the quarter taking a

FSU started the final quarter on an 8-3 run cutting the NMU lead to 44-36. Six straight points gave the Wildcats a 13-point cushion with 1:40 to play. Northern closed the game out and recorded the win.

The Wildcats will look to continue their success as they host Davenport University at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 and Grand Valley State University at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19.

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NMU swim sinks UWGB, eyeing GLIAC titles

By Travis Nelson
contributing writer

The Northern Michigan University swim teams hosted Division I University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (UWGB) Phoenix in a dual meet this past Saturday, and both came away with the win.

Coach Heidi Voigt explained how a win over a D1 team like UWGB is important for the program, and how it's important for getting better throughout the season.

"It's really important," Voigt said. "It's good competition for us, they are a good team to go up against."

Voigt also explained the importance for the landscape of recruiting.

"It helps to be on top of Division II," Voigt said. "We recruit people who are on the bubble of Division I and Division II, they are looking at both. It's great to

say we compete against these schools and especially that we beat some of these schools. It shows them that you can be at a higher level in D2, you don't have to have that D1 part."

The men's team defeated UWGB 164-132, as this is the second year in a row that the Wildcats have defeated the Phoenix. The men finished the year with an incredible undefeated record in dual meets.

In the first event of the meet, NMU took home the win in the 200-yard medley relay behind the veteran team of senior Renars Bundzis, senior Arnoldo Herrera, junior Maks Kapustin, and senior Joshua Cosgrove with a time of 1:32.79.

The Wildcats would finish strong in the final event, as they won their second relay of the day in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:09.67 with the team of junior Jonas Reinhold, freshman Jon

Busse, Cosgrove, and junior Lajos Budai.

Individually, four Wildcats won multiple events in the meet. Senior Janne Roovers won first place in the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 500 free. Bundzis won both backstroke events, taking home the 100-yard and 200-yard titles. Herrera also won two of the same event, as he won both the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke events.

Budai was the fourth and final Wildcat to win multiple events when he got first place in both freestyle events.

The NMU men would get two more individual victories, as Busse won in the 200-yard freestyle, as well as senior Ryan Leonard won in the 200-yard individual medley.

On the women's side, they defeated UWGB 174-120 in more of a decisive fashion, finishing the dual meet at an outstanding 8-1 record.



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

An NMU swimmer comes up for air before continuing his trek down the pool. Both the Men's and Women's teams defeated University of Wisconsin Green Bay in the meet.

Men's basketball still struggling in losing streak

By Nate Bellville
contributing writer

In a GLIAC North Division race that saw four teams tied for first place entering this weekend, the Northern Michigan University Men's Basketball team opened up a five-game home stretch hoping to climb up the standings.

The Wildcats lost the home-stand's first two games to the Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Lakers 86-66, and in a 62-59 heartbreaker to the defending Division II National Champions, Ferris State University (FSU) Bulldogs over the weekend.

"It was a tough weekend with-

out a doubt," head coach Bill Sall said. "2019 hasn't been exactly kind to us, but our bond as a team has been stronger than it's ever been."

With their recent losing streak now up to six, redshirt-freshman forward/center Troy Summers said the team is using the recent slump to regroup themselves for later in the season.

"None of us are discouraged right now," Summers said. "I think it just motivates us. The tough ones survive when adversity hits and you have to overcome it."

Shots from senior guard Naba Echols and junior center Myles

Howard started off Thursday's game, but the Lakers rallied back to make it 7-4. Junior guard Sam Taylor hit a three to tie the game at 7, but LSSU doubled their lead up to 14-7. The Lakers lead throughout much of the first half until a shot from Echols tied the game at 28 with 4:20 left. An eight-point run eventually helped send LSSU into halftime leading 38-32.

NMU started a second half rally after a Echols three and a shot by senior guard/forward Isaiah Johnson, but LSSU continued to pull away up 44-38. The Lakers extended their lead to 58-41 after a Malek Adams layup before

Echols scored on two more shots. The Wildcats got to within 14 points, but LSSU pulled away to an 86-66 victory.

Echols led NMU with 16 points, followed by Johnson with 14 points.

In Saturday's game, the Bulldogs sped out to a 9-2 lead, but the Wildcats would take a 14-13 lead after Taylor hit back-to-back threes. The game would stay tight throughout the first half, but NMU retook a 26-21 lead thanks to free throws by Johnson and a three by sophomore guard Alec Fruin. Taylor hit his third three of the half to help NMU take a 34-31 halftime lead.

Summers' layup opened up the second half, but FSU went on a 11-point run to lead 52-41. Another layup by Summers ignited a late rally which later set up a nail-biting finish. An Echols five-point run, followed by a three by Johnson tied the game at 57 with 2:56 remaining. After the Bulldogs scored and called a timeout with 17 seconds remaining, Johnson off an inbound pass to make it 59 all. However, with 1.4 seconds left, FSU's DeShaun Thrower sank the game-winning three to

hand NMU their sixth-straight loss, 62-59.

Echols finished with 19 points, while Johnson and Taylor followed with 11 points each. Howard contributed a career-high 14 rebounds.

"It's just the way it goes sometimes," Sall said on the loss to the Bulldogs. "We kind of put ourselves to that position after a period in that [second] half from not being able to make those few shots, but we played well defensively to get to that spot."

NMU will seek to end their skid this weekend at home against the Davenport University (DU) Panthers on Thursday Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. and against the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Lakers on Saturday Jan. 19 at 3 p.m.

Summers said that DU and GVSU will provide tough competition for the Wildcats.

"Both teams are very good teams in the GLIAC right now," Summers said. "They're athletic and tall, it'll be a good test for us."

NMU (8-7, 3-5 GLIAC) currently find themselves first place in the North trailing first-place LSSU, with Ashland University leading the conference overall at a record of 14-1.

Wildcat Sports Schedule

Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 19	Jan. 20
Women's Basketball vs Davenport 5:30 p.m.	No events scheduled.	Swimming and Diving Wildcat Intrasquad and Skins Meet 11:00 a.m.	No events scheduled.
Men's Basketball vs Davenport 7:30 p.m.		Women's Track and Field Northern Challenge Nordic Skiing CCSA/CXC Cup	

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