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A student waits for a NMU plow truck to pass before crossing Center Street. The NMU Grounds Department has over 20 miles of sidewalks, 16 miles of road and 70 acres of parking lots and driveways to clear snow from.

Plowers push to remove snow, clear streets

By Kelsii Kyto
news editor

Marquette is now the snowiest city in America, according to the National Weather Service, and with the presence of many recent snowstorms, snow removal services throughout the city are staying busy.

Although the volume of snow this winter is probably not much worse than other winters, the speed at which the snow accumulates becomes a problem, Director of Public Works Scott Cambensy said. It becomes difficult to find storage for all of the snow, Cambensy added.

"Now, if you look out your win-

dow, the banks are getting pretty high, and that's when it becomes more problematic," Cambensy said. "When we're not plowing snow, we're trying to remove snow from the banks."

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, daily maximum precipitation and snowfall records were set. Daily precipitation totaled 1.30 inches up from the previous record of 1.28 inches set in 1984. Daily snowfall totaled 16.5 inches in roughly 15 hours, breaking the previous record of 13.5 inches set in 1965.

The plowers of Marquette have eight designated routes, and if needed, plowers on these routes can be pulled over into working the major streets for heavier snow-

fall. The hills off of Washington Street, school zones and the main route to the hospital are what they focus on before the neighborhoods and local streets, and lastly the dead ends.

Plowing the routes usually takes a total of eight to 10 hours, Cambensy said.

There are three different shifts that operators follow for snow removal - the first shift is from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., a second shift 2:30 to 10:30 p.m. and another shift from 10:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m., which is only needed to deal with more intense snowfalls, like what the area has seen in recent weeks.

"We have coverage around the clock right now," Cambensy said.

If drivers are on the side of the street and see a plow coming, try and move the car out of the way either into a driveway or another location, because it makes the snow removal process run much smoother, Cambensy said.

"If you don't have to park on the street when we're going through a snow event, it certainly helps us out tremendously," he added.

Over on campus, the NMU Grounds Department is busy plowing over 20 miles of sidewalks, 16 miles of road and 70 acres of parking lots and driveways, Grounds Supervisor Andy Smith said.

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Recently appointed trustee dies

By Tim Eggert
editor-in-chief

NMU administrators are mourning the loss of a recently appointed Board of Trustees (BOT) member.

Travis Weber, 33, died unexpectedly Monday, according to his obituary.

"The Northern Michigan University community is heartbroken at the sad news of Travis Weber's passing," NMU President Fritz Erickson said in a university statement. "We had only begun to get to know this talented and engaging man, but it was obvious that Travis would have brought a lot to the NMU Board of Trustees, and I know he had a strong desire to help NMU students. Our deepest sym-



Weber

pathies go to his family, friends and associates for their loss."

The former chief legal counsel for the Executive Office of Gov. Snyder was appointed by Snyder in October to an eight-year term beginning Jan. 1 to replace former Trustee Richard Popp.

"It is with great sadness and grief for our Board members to learn of Travis' passing," BOT Chairman Robert Mahaney said in the statement.

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Students assist psych professor during stroke

By Kelsii Kyto
news editor

Two students are being praised for their assistance after a normal psychology class began to go awry when the professor started to have a stroke.

Psychology professor Paul Andronis was teaching his class the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 6, when, with just 10 minutes left of the period, he began to experience symptoms of a stroke. Two students, junior psychology major Bridgett Gorman and senior psy-

chology and biology major Dana Shove jumped into action.

"I had noticed that [Andronis] had started talking a little bit slower, but I didn't really think anything of it," Gorman said. "Then he stopped mid-sentence and said he felt dizzy, and we asked him if he was okay and he said he thought he was having a stroke. At that point, myself and a couple of other students decided we needed to take action. I ran and got help from a few staff members while another student stayed in the classroom and an-



Andronis

other called for help."

Gorman also noticed that Andronis had stopped talking with his hands as he usually would, and he began slurring his words. After mentioning he thought he was having a stroke, he smiled and the side of his face began to droop, she added.

Shove got her training from being a lifeguard in the past, and she said she's kept the certification up to date since switching jobs. Currently, she works in the FitZone.

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Journalist speaks on authoritarianism

By *Kelsii Kyto*
news editor

For the second World Affairs Council Lecture, a full classroom of students and community members listened as freelance journalist Carol Schaeffer spoke about the rise of authoritarianism and far-right movements in Eastern Europe.

Schaeffer began the lecture by speaking about her definition of the far-right.

"The far-right has a preoccupation with race, ethnicity and genetic purity. These are things that signal the far-right versus the right way," Schaeffer explained.

The threat of the far-left is not equivocal to the threat of the far-right, Schaeffer said. There is no such thing as the alt-left, she added, because the left funda-

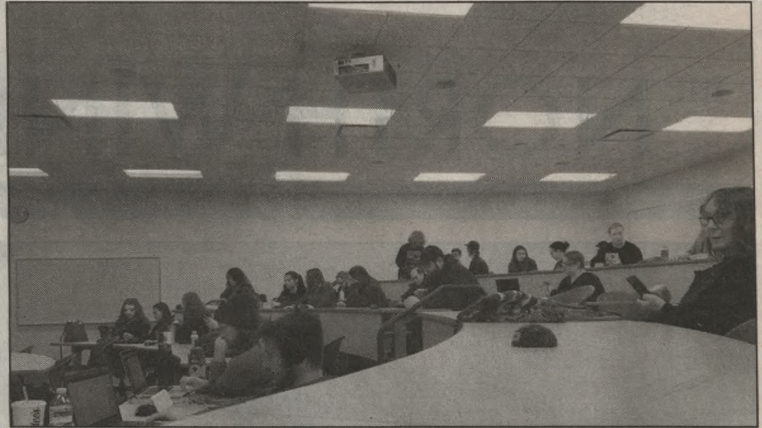
mentally believes in democracy.

Schaeffer used her experiences living in Eastern Europe to share insight on the state of Eastern Europe.

In Hungary, she stressed how far-right Prime Minister Viktor Orban instills fear into citizens by saying that democracy in Hungary would be a form of Western colonialism. The authoritarianism of Hungary stands as a large threat to the concept of Europe and its values, she added.

"Orbanism is being repeated and spread out throughout the world in a number of populist authoritarian leaders. Of course across Eastern Europe, but a number of people have made comparisons between Donald Trump and [Orban]," she said.

Schaeffer additionally stressed that the hostility in Eastern Europe toward journalists is



Kelsii Kyto/NW

Students prepare to listen to Carol Schaeffer, a freelance journalist. Schaeffer has spent much of her time in Eastern Europe, learning about the far-right systems in countries like Hungary.

The politicians make a concerted effort to buy up or take control of the media [in Hungary].

— Carol Schaeffer
freelance journalist

"very extreme."

After the CEO of Arktos, a Hungarian publishing company invited Schaeffer to a party of his in Budapest, she got to see his social cohort and the real reason why he invited her.

"It was great for my reporting, but he took it as an opportunity to humiliate me, to insult me, to assault me in the end," Schaeffer said.

Schaeffer also lived in Serbia, where she said journalists are

also frequently intimidated.

"The politicians make a concerted effort to buy up or take control of the media there. There's practically no free press in Hungary," Schaeffer said.

The fake news rhetoric perpetuated by President Trump and other world leaders also contributes to hostility toward journalists, she said.

"Hostility toward journalists is something that's been around in authoritarian leaders for a long

time," she said.

Schaeffer also criticized the international media for not taking the time to cover and legitimize the opposition that citizens have against their prime ministers, like in Hungary. Schaeffer doesn't see much hope for the protests happening in Hungary, and the international media doesn't care, she said.

"There's just Trump TV all the time," she said. "And it's really a shame."

Chief strategist for Whitmer to address new administration

NMU alumnus will visit campus to discuss Gov. Whitmer's vision

By *Jackie Jahfeton*
copy editor

Chief strategist for Gov. Whitmer will visit NMU today to discuss some of the governor's initiatives addressed previously in Tuesday's State of the State, and underline some of the issues the new administration intends to focus on and what the people of Michigan can expect to come.

Mark Burton, who graduated from NMU in 1999 with a bachelor degree in public administration, will give a campus presentation from 3 to 4:30 p.m. today in the Mead Auditorium of the West Science Building. Recently appointed

as Whitmer's chief strategist in January, Burton helped formulate the vision for the new governor's office and will discuss those strategies in more detail, followed by a reception in the atrium.

Accepting the invitation from NMU's Political Science Department, Burton is not only a successful alum for fellow students to look at, but he has years of experience on the political line, NMU political science professor Steve Nelson said.

"It's really nice to have someone from the U.P. that close to the decision maker, and in this case, the governor. So I think that's an excellent thing for us, for Northern," Nelson said. "I don't expect that we're gon-

The thing that's always impressed me about him is he seems to have a lot of common sense.

— Steve Nelson
professor, political science department

na get millions of dollars thrown at us but at the same time, it's nice that we will be on the agenda and won't be left off. He's still a Yooper."

Fellow political science professor Brian Cherry has worked with Burton on education matters and thought it would be a great idea to bring him in to provide students and the Marquette community with a chance to hear what's happening in the capital, Nelson continued. Nelson, who was Burton's adviser during his time at NMU, said the Champion native is a bright and pleasant individual, adding he is probably one of the nicest people you'll ever meet.

"The thing that's always impressed me about him is he seems to have a lot of common sense. He's able to look at things and make

some practical, pragmatic decisions," Nelson said.

Previously serving as chief of staff for Whitmer when she was Michigan's Senate Democratic leader, Burton knows how things get done and understands what he needs to do to see them through, Nelson said. With his level of expertise and his law degree from Michigan State University, Burton has that "Yooper work ethic" and will give people another chance to look at what Whitmer will address, he added.

"What we expect him to talk about is this idea [of] what does a new administration mean? What are we going to see different? We kind of want him to reiterate some of the things that Whitmer said in her State of the State," Nelson said.

"We'll want to hear about infrastructure, education and skills programs that are going to be offered. We'd also like to hear how does this impact us? Because we're a rural community, how are things going to be different for the U.P. versus downstate."

For students, Burton's presentation is an opportunity to see a relatively young person who's interested in politics, went onto law school and worked in the political arena for years. Burton is a great example of a success story, Nelson said, adding, this is a way to see whether the new administration will take a different approach and provide some insight.

Michigan faces several challenges including water problems, continuing issues with diverting freshwater, environmental concerns and an education system and infrastructure that need attention. Regardless of his age, Burton has the experience to help us better understand these concerns, he said.

"You definitely want someone who understands the political process. He's been involved in a number of different things so I think he brings an older person's level of experience and sort of a younger person's creativity and ability to look at the big picture," Nelson said.

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— Steve Nelson
professor, political science department

STUDENT ORG SPOTLIGHT



To say that hockey is a staple part of Marquette's culture is an understatement. With games being held at the Berry Events Center and Marquette being declared Kraft Hockeyville USA in 2018, the sport has a great hold here in the U.P. However, when Nathan Hansen came up here last year, he was very surprised to find there was no pond hockey club at NMU. Wanting to continue a favored activity of his from Illinois, he was determined to start up the pond hockey club.

Hansen, a sophomore accounting major, has given the club an identity and goal of simply having fun. The game is much simpler than indoor ice hockey, where there is no checking nor goaltending and the objective is to put the puck into an empty net. The club normally does not keep score, and rather focuses on being friends sharing common interest in a sport.

"All you need is a pair of skates and a stick and you can come out and play with us," Hansen said.

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WEIRD NEWS

A Texas couple found a 56-year-old message in a bottle washed up on a beach along the South Padre National Seashore on Wednesday, Feb. 13. The couple lives near Corpus Christi and were out on their daily seaside stroll when they made the discovery. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), this bottle was one of over 7,800 released between Feb. 1962 and Dec. 1963 released by scientists on Cape Cod. The first of these bottles was discovered in 2013 by a biologist studying gray seals in Nova Scotia. "It's almost like finding a treasure in a way," the discoverer said. Although a note inside the glass said "BREAK BOTTLE," the couple decided to carefully extract the contents and keep the bottle intact. The bottle contained postcards and detailed instructions for whom the finder was to send the postcards to in exchange for a 50-cent reward. The main goal of releasing thousands of these bottles was somehow part of a study of water currents and freshwater shrimp in the Atlantic Ocean. It is unclear whether NOAA granted the couple the reward but the bottle will hold a place of honor with the rest of their seashore treasures. Although they may seem trivial and silly, they have been used to send distress messages, scientific studies of currents, memorial tributes or ways to carry letters to faraway lovers. It is not uncommon for these bottles to travel 100 miles per day, but only an estimated 3 percent of sent messages are ever discovered, which is why they are often sent out by the thousands.

Changes in legislature create new conversations

By *Sophie Hillmeyer*
assistant news editor

The election of a Democratic governor and a slim majority in the House and Senate for Republicans than previous years has initiated new conversations in the legislature about changes for NMU.

Hemmila serves as the principal liaison with the Executive Office, Michigan legislature and elected officials and policymakers, Board and Government Relations Executive Director Deanna Hemmila said. Her role is to maintain communication with these officials to effectively support university programs and changes at NMU. Hemmila travels to Lansing frequently to maintain these relationships, she said.

A number of members in this new legislature are holding their first position in office, Hemmila said, and added how that prompts new discussions about the importance of knowledge of higher education and NMU.

Gov. Whitmer has had extensive experience in the state legislature and has put higher education as a high priority in the past, so the success of students should be placed high on her priority list, Hemmila said.

"It's pretty early in the legislative process to have a complete understanding of how the change in leadership, both in the Executive Office and in the legislature, are going to affect higher education," Hemmila said. "Once the governor presents her budget in early March, the legislature starts its work in the budget process."

These legislative changes affect students through things such as tuition costs and NMU has made affordable tuition a top priority, Hemmila said.

"We educate new members on the importance of a college degree relative to the future success of today's young people in their professional career," Hemmila said. "We've been very fortunate that all our U.P. lawmakers, regardless of party, are strong advocates for higher education. They understand the important role it plays in the economy of Upper Michigan and statewide."

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Profs. to talk wealth

By *Riley Garland*
opinion editor

The NMU Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship (CEEE) is hosting two speakers later today as part of the Your Wealth Lecture Series, a program designed to introduce new economic ideas and promote financial and economic literacy. Howard Wall and Tawni Ferrarini will discuss the effects of tax cuts on the economy at both the federal and state level, and provide an overview of the fiscal health of Michigan.

The event is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. in Jamrich 1320.

Wall, a professor of economics in Plaster School of Business and Entrepreneurship at Lindenwood University, also directs the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise, which works to foster free enterprise and promote liberty through market-oriented approaches to both economic and social issues. Additionally, he is a senior research fellow in NMU's CEEE.

Wall has published more than 50 papers in scholarly journals, acted as a visiting scholar at the Bank of Japan and taught in both Uruguay and the United Kingdom. His main research interests are theoretical and empirical trade, as well as applied macroeconomics, urban

and regional economics.

Ferrarini is a Robert W. Plaster Professor of Economic Education and Senior Fellow at the Hammond Institute at Lindenwood University. She also serves as the Sam M. Cohodas Professor at NMU, and previously helped direct the CEEE.

Ferrarini served as the president of the National Association of Economic Educators in 2015, and serves as a faculty scholar for the Fraser Institute in Canada, Council on Economic Education in Japan, and Mackinac Center for Public Policy here in Michigan.

Ferrarini co-authored "Common Sense Economics: What Everyone Should Know About Wealth and Prosperity," "Economic Episodes in American History" and her latest work, "Teachers Can Be Millionaires, Too" which has yet to be released.

Ferrarini's accolades include the 2016 Upper Peninsula Economic Development Alliance Nonprofit Award, the 2012 Council on Economic Education's Albert Beekhuis Center Award, the 2010 Michigan Council on Economic Education's Award and the 2009 National Association of Economic Educators' Abbejean Kehler Technology Award.

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Invent@NMU hosts 'New Year, New Ideas'

New kiosk celebrated in the Lydia M. Olson Library to promote student inventions

By *Sophie Hillmeyer*
assistant news editor

A celebration of the installation of a new Invent@NMU kiosk, featuring a drawing to win an iPad, drew in students with an opportunity to bring their ideas to life, furthering its slogan "all ideas are worth exploring."

The "New Year, New Ideas" Kiosk launch event took place on Feb. 12 in the Lydia M. Olson Library. The event also promoted the kiosk that was installed during winter break and educated the NMU community about Invent@NMU and the services it offers, Invent@NMU Marketing Coordinator and NMU Alumna Kylie Bunting said.

Submissions are open to community members, NMU students, faculty and staff. As of now, most ideas submitted to Invent@NMU are from



Sophie Hillmeyer/NW

Students gather for refreshments and prizes during Invent@NMU's event to celebrate the installation of their kiosk. Attendees were given the opportunity to enter a drawing for a free iPad and spin a wheel to win swag.

community members who have already entered the workforce

and a goal of this kiosk is to increase student submissions, Bunting said.

"We're hoping now that we're able to connect with all these students during this launch event that we will start getting some ideas coming directly from the kiosk," Bunting said.

The kiosk on NMU's campus joins three other U.P. locations including Gogebic County, Calumet and Negaunee, which will launch next week.

"We want to get the NMU community involved and have them experience the services that Invent@nmu has to offer," Bunting said. "We want to hear all ideas, anything that might just be on your mind, or something you wrote down on a napkin one time, something like that. We want to hear about it and help you take those next steps."

The kiosk brings users to the Invent@NMU website idea submission form that requires basic

contact information and a blank box where people can describe their idea in as much detail as they need, Bunting said. After an idea is submitted, Invent@NMU does a "Quick Explore" and looks for any direct competition in the market and begin to determine the next steps for the idea, she said, adding that this first step is completely free to anyone who chooses to submit an idea.

"The thing about our process is we kind of work the way the client wants to work. If you're a full-time student and you're busy and you can't move that quickly, that's okay. If you're really excited about this idea and you want to move as quickly as possible, that's okay too," Bunting said. "We're here for support."

The Invent@NMU office is located next to Smoothie King, which isn't a place students frequently pass by so having the kiosk in a central location will help increase student involvement and many students are not aware of their services, Invent@NMU Marketing Assistant Joshua Gosseck, sophomore finance and risk management major said.

"We want to reach out to the student community more and I feel like this will be a really good way because it's bright, shiny and it attracts a lot of attention," Gosseck said.

We want to hear all ideas, anything that might just be on your mind.

— *Kylie Bunting*
marketing coordinator, Invent@NMU

Abortion to be debated

By *Kelsii Kytö*
news editor

An event coming to NMU will offer pro-life and pro-choice students to come together and discuss their stances on abortion in a healthy environment.

The event, called "Stump the Pro-Lifer," led by Trevor Pollo of Protect Life Michigan, will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Jamrich 1319.

The event is brought here by Protect Life at NMU, a group headed by junior outdoor recreation major Matthew Mahoney, the club's president. The event is a way for people to hear an opposing viewpoint, Mahoney said.

I think this gives [students] a really good chance to hear the other side.

— *Matt Mahoney*
president, Protect Life at NMU

"I see that there's a big split in the middle between pro-choice and pro-life, and hopefully this event will bring out a lot of pro-choice people," Mahoney said.

The goal of having a man speak instead of a woman is to get a man's viewpoint on the topic, Mahoney said.

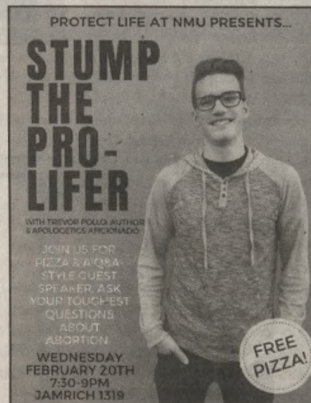
"I think this gives [students] a really good chance to hear the other side, so that they can get some clarity if they're unsure," Mahoney said.

As the president of Protect Life at NMU, Mahoney

couldn't think of a better way to advocate for something he believes is right and very purposeful to him, Mahoney said.

"I'm really shocked at how spread this is coming around campus," Mahoney said.

Mahoney noted that the location of the event might have to change if there is a large turnout. The event is free to all students.



Wildcat Wellness Fair returns

By *Adrian Lucas*
contributing writer

The Health Promotion Society (HPS) hosted its annual Wildcat Wellness Fair on Tuesday and offered various health screenings, healthy food samples, refreshments, prizes and a lot of take-home items and information on a wide variety of topics.

This year's fair took place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Great Lakes Room at the University Center. There were many exhibits put up by community organizations and businesses that offered information, provided tests and health screens, gift cards and other free giveaways that promote health in the Marquette community.

"Students should come and see what is offered in the community. Many students come in with preconceived notions of what health and healthy living is, but it's much broader than they realize. At the fair, they can see all the organizations that help students with their current health and even their health after college," management of health and fitness professor Matthew Kilgas said.

Any nonprofit organization

can come present at the fair, Kilgas said.

"Anywhere from the Marquette Health Department talking about suicide prevention and HIV testing, the Marquette Food Co-Op, the clinical injury care clinic screening for injuries, to therapy dogs, the YMCA and many more."

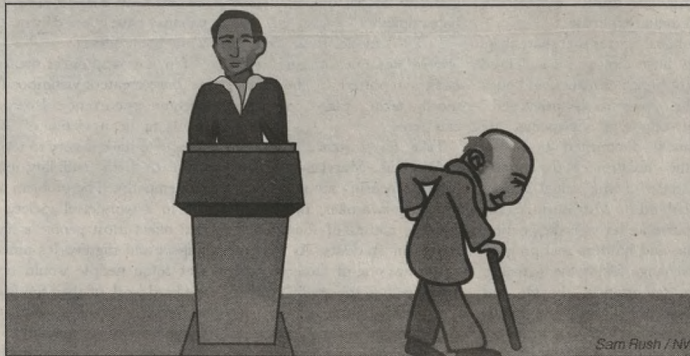
The HPS is an organization devoted to promoting health and wellness on NMU's campus and surrounding community.

"This year's Health Promotion Society is made up of 5 to 10 organized and committed students. They are a really dedicated group. They come to meetings every week and help organize and plan events. However, the actual Health Promotion Society is a much larger organization," Kilgas said.

NMU Dining Services provided desserts, and many of the exhibits gave out healthy snacks and drinks. Along with free food, gift cards to Amazon, Meijer and Starbucks, lanyards, Frisbees, pens, bags and other knick knacks and prizes were also available at the event. The HPS has other upcoming events, such as "It's On Us," a talk about sexual assault.



EDITORIAL



Young candidates call for excitement and caution

In November of this year, Marquette will elect two new city commissioners. There are currently three declared candidates, and they're all less than 30 years old. This is a stark contrast to the current commission, which tends to lean toward the older end of the age spectrum.

The support for young people in politics seems to have been amplified in recent years. In 2018, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York became the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. After the newly-elected officials from the 2018 elections were sworn in, the average age of Congress dropped by a full 10 years.

This is evident of a building demand for younger representation in office. Officials should match the demographics of their constituents, but representation for young people continues to be a problem.

There are a multitude of benefits from having younger office holders. For one, they seem to have more motivation when it comes to social issues, which can seem left behind by older politicians. They also have no

attachment to outdated policies that have demonstrably failed to work, and are more probable to seek new solutions. Most importantly, though, they understand the issues young people face in the modern age.

However, there is reason to be apprehensive about electing a flood of young people to government. For one, especially in local politics, the candidate should know the city, and that can only be accomplished with time. Somebody who has lived in Marquette for 20 years is going to have a much better grasp and broader understanding of the community than someone who arrived a year or two ago.

Additionally, it takes time to develop the skills and relationships it takes to truly get things done. One has to be competent, experienced and well connected to be effective, and that simply doesn't happen overnight.

To those young people who want to change our community, we cheer you on. However, we should ensure that those candidates are truly equipped and prepared to handle our government.

Recognize the arts: STEAM not STEM



Staff Column
Jessica Parsons

All of my friends are engineers. Me? A writing major, I say. Not an English major. Actually, the academic reason I transferred to Northern was because they offer not only an English major, but an English writing major. From the people I've met here, it seems to be a pretty popular major.

My closest friends are studying to become engineers and are close to finishing up their last semester in college. My boyfriend attends Michigan Tech for computer engineering. His friend at Tech studies mechanical engineering. Another friend of ours also studies mechanical engineering at CMU. And a friend further downstate at Kettering University studies electrical engineering.

So why is it that I'm the outcast of the group, yet still manage to fit in somehow? It's not that they need me, right? Through jokes and judgement, they've brainwashed me to believe it's next to impossible to become successful in anything outside of

though, to find that fine line between what you love doing and the best way to go about it financially. I'm not saying my friends listed above don't want to study those fields, I'm sure they do. Their eyes light up when they talk about carburetors, circuits or combustion engines.

Frankly, I think it's fascinating, and I only wish math and science are what I could align my brain with. I've tried, but I can never seem to hold onto it, memorize it or apply it to what I enjoy.

I love writing. I have a keen eye for grammar and punctuation, even when it's not necessary to point out, like a text or a silly tweet. What I want to write about later, and what industry I will go into is still undecided. They say who you hang out with reflects who you are. But I'm not an engineer and don't think I will ever have the knowledge to become one. But I suppose it's possible I'll be working alongside them, hopefully helping the average person like myself understand the way they think and communicate.

The builder of an ink pen needs a writer to use it. The builder of a PC needs an artist to build a video game with it, or a writer to type with it. I started to notice that I'm the one

The builder of an ink pen needs a writer to use it. The builder of a PC needs an artist to build a video game with it, or a writer to type with it.

STEM. Sure, they support me going to college, at least studying something. The lucrative field of technical writing I've chosen to focus on sometimes seems to make up for being outside of STEM. But they're the ones I'll be referring to later: The Subject Matter Experts (SME), unless I can explain the components of an engine or know how to build a PC.

Here's how I see it: money doesn't matter. And that's a bold statement that carries a cliché light. But, if you're going into a field for the money, you won't make it. It's important,

my friends come to before they submit their thesis, a project or presentation.

It's ridiculous what little effort is put toward adding an "A" (for the arts) to STEM, making STEAM a possibility, and this needs to be changed. We all need each other, and success does not depend on a category. Robin Williams offered a piece of wisdom in a meme I saw recently, saying, "Medicine, law, business, engineering, those are noble pursuits, and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for."

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Sympathy for victims hijacked for status



Opinion Editor

Riley Garland

When I was younger, my little sister told some of her friends that my father was abusive. This was an absolute falsehood; he's one of the kindest people I have ever known and always treats us with love. When my parents found out, my mother scolded her, questioning why she would ever say something like that. My sister, through her tears, replied that all her friends have some hardship in their life, and she had to make something up to feel like they accepted her.

Today, status is everything. We aren't judged simply by how we behave, but also where we've come from and what we've had to endure. While maybe a century ago people tried to hide their struggles to avoid being mocked, today they wear them on their sleeve, with the expectation of

receiving empathy, and above all, being validated.

This was initially a good move for society. Nobody should ever be mocked or belittled for their conditions, past or current. In fact, we should have more respect for people who overcome hardship through strength, for it's far nobler to earn what you have than have it handed to you. However, the paradigm shift has gone further than it should, to the point where victimhood is not only acknowledged and respected, but revered and incentivized.

Victimhood status awards many benefits to individuals. Suddenly, their opinions and ideas become valid, and those who challenge them are deemed insensitive or hateful. This is especially observed in the context of politics. In the last few years, there has arisen what's been deemed by critics as a "victimhood hierarchy," where members of groups traditionally discriminated against, such as African Americans, LGBTQ folk, women and others, are elevated and prioritized. By virtue of their experiences, they're treated as

experts on all subjects related to their identity group, regardless of their actual expertise.

Political figures that share these traits have almost unchallenged weight in related issues, and often scathe opponents as "privileged." Now, opposing viewpoints are routinely discounted by virtue of the mouthpiece that spouts it, instead of the actual reasoning behind it. This degrades the discourse we have in the political arena, and hinders real progress in exchange for virtue signaling. More importantly, though, this offers a special sort of empowerment to those who can attain position in the hierarchy, and thus provides incentive for people to be victims.

In recent years, this has been observed as true. People seem to work in their past grievances any way they can into a conversation. The expectation is empathy and respect from those who listen. This is problematic for people who don't experience hardship, who feel they can never attain the same status as individuals who are truly victims. Consequent-

ly, they begin fabricating, even going so far as to commit hoax hate crimes.

In 2018 alone, there were an absurd amount of hate crime hoaxes reported in the media, mostly taking place on college campuses.

Take for instance Goucher College in Maryland. Graffiti began appearing around campus featuring swastikas, the n-word and the names of four African American students. As it turns out, it was one of those very students creating the graffiti in an effort to obtain sympathy.

In another instance, a Kansas State student found a note on her apartment door that read, "Beware N***** Live Here! Knock at Your Own Risk," and proceeded to post it on social media, urging others to vote against racism in the polls the next day. As it turns out, she's the one who wrote the note.

At Ohio University, a student claimed she received three anti-gay letters threatening her, and touted her strength for enduring this when sharing the story. She

then used it to build her status in the university's student senate. As you may have guessed by now, she wrote them herself.

This is a symptom of the reality we have created; victimhood has become a currency. Everybody wants to be a victim of something—to have a story to tell that will earn them credibility, respect and empathy. The problem is we live in a wonderful society, one that offers most people a life of respect and dignity. It's amazing that some people would betray the hard work of their forefathers to obtain a fictitious status as a victim, just to feel validated.

Instead of being thankful for the blessings offered to us in life, we have begun to desire hardship and grievance.

It's truly unfortunate for those who legitimately experience grievances, because they now must face skepticism that shouldn't have ever needed to exist. Now that the victim hierarchy is flooded with individuals feigning victimhood to validate themselves, all they've really done is invalidated everyone.

The paradox of tolerance



Guest Column

Gabriel Skunda

Most people consider themselves tolerant, but do you really accept everyone else's beliefs to a fault? Or, if someone is threatening your beliefs, and your way of life, do you fight back? Most people defend their points of view if they feel reasonably threatened, but by definition, that makes them intolerant.

We live in a society entrapped in this paradox. According to the paradox of tolerance, society must accept the hateful and narrow-minded, for if they don't, they themselves are bigoted. However, accepting the views of intolerant groups blindly would erode rights and liberties, and threaten life as we know it. We as a society cannot tolerate the intolerant. If we do, society will tear itself apart.

Philosopher John Rawls outlined this paradox in his book, "A Theory of Justice." The paradox goes as such: a society must accept the intolerant and unjust, for if they did not, they themselves would be unjust.

As an example, say you really love pineapple on your pizza. No harm, no foul, you're just an eccentric individual. However, a group of pineapple-pizza haters disagrees with you, and proceeds to assault you on sight, and burns

down any pizzeria that offers pineapple on pizza. If you were to fight back against the oppression, you would be just as bigoted as the group burning down pizzerias. That is the paradox in a nutshell. Society as a whole must accept any hateful, vitriolic group, or society is intolerant. However, in accepting intolerance, they put their very society at risk.

In Karl Popper's work, "The Open Society and Its Enemies," it states, "unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance." What Popper means here is if we are completely, unflinchingly tolerant of injustices perpetrated in our society, that tolerance, as a whole, will become a thing of the past. This is another part of the paradox, and the most concerning part of it. Relating this to our earlier example, if the pineapple haters continued to hurt the cause of pineapple-pizza, and nobody did anything to stop it for fear of being narrow-minded themselves, pineapple on pizza would cease to exist. If society, as a whole, is fine with intolerant persons or groups of people, rights and liberties will be eroded.

We should not, as a society or as individuals, tolerate the intolerant. We have a right to self-preservation, and if us or our ideals are threatened, we should fight back. If someone is attacking you physically for the way you decide to live your life, that is horribly unjust and should never be accepted. When truly threatened, we mustn't worry about being in-

tolerant. This is where the script flips, and we should become the intolerant in this moment, to defend the ideals we live for.

As a society, we cannot allow our rights and liberties to be torn down by the unjust. When a group is trying to infringe upon our rights, we need to speak out. People should be able to live the life they want, as long as they aren't infringing upon others' rights to do the same.

The only way to avoid this paradox is to consciously avoid becoming so intolerant to one another that we all become unjust. To disagree should be to have a discussion. Disagreements on the way people decide to live are all too common, and shouldn't necessarily be frowned upon. Discussion is the best way to find common ground. Everyone should be open to criticism and be willing to voice their opinions with one another. Nobody infringes upon the rights of others by having a good talk.

Problems only start happening when violence is incited. Then, in response, others become justly defensive, and the whole well is poisoned. Avoid all of this by unabashedly discussing your differences.

We as a society should only allow narrow-mindedness to a point. Debate and heated discussion should be welcomed to settle disagreements. Violence, or the threat of, is where the line is drawn. It isn't intolerant to stand up for what you believe in.

NMU REVIEWS

Hedgcock impressive, burdened by interior

The Hedgcock building is a classic piece of NMU history.

Standing firmly in the center of campus, the building was erected in 1956 as the Hedgcock Field House. Formerly the home of some of NMU's sports teams, it now is a multipurpose space holding different student services, the Reynolds Recital Hall and the fast-food joint, Melted.

Its architecture remains stunning, with the large glass windows pouring light into the relatively open floor plan. The high vaulted ceilings give the impression that you are in a cathedral, rather than a collegiate building.

Hedgcock's inner structures, however, leave much to be de-

sired. Because the building was never originally designed for its current use, offices have been forced to adapt to the structure and the floor plan seems slightly unnatural.

The exterior walls of the offices on the second floor don't continue to that wonderful vaulted ceiling, but stop abruptly, giving the impression that someone simply placed a building inside another building.

The structure that is the Hedgcock building is a landmark on NMU's campus, but the inside doesn't live up to what you would expect. Its historical value is underrepresented in the minds of students, but the way it is currently being used is a necessity.



By Joseph Living



Photo courtesy of Scott Crady

NMU alum Joe Thill climbs Bridal Veil Falls in Munising, Michigan. A mixture of sandstone seepages, below freezing temperatures and crashing waves create the perfect storm for unique and highly climbable ice formations. The Michigan Ice Fest started on Wednesday, Feb. 13 and extends until Sunday, Feb. 17.

ICY ENDEAVORS

Ice climbers return to Michigan Ice Fest for five days of experience

By Isabelle Tavares
features editor

Nearly 30 years ago, a group of ice climbers gathered friends, community members and fellow ice climbers for the first Michigan Ice Fest. The weeklong festival in Munising, Michigan, celebrates what the frigid U.P. has to offer — some of the country's most outstanding ice climbing that no one knows about, professional ice climber Conrad Anker said.

Spanning from Wednesday, Feb. 13, to Sunday, Feb. 17, Ice Fest includes courses and clinics, presentations from world-class ice climbers, a gear raffle and an after-party. If swinging a pick into frozen ice while suspended in mid-air isn't your thing, the staff and volunteers from Down Wind Sports (DWS) got you covered, literally. Staff and volunteers from the hosting store will be belaying climbers and managing the demo room and wall, where participants can try out ice axes, crampons, boots and harnesses. Co-owner of DWS Todd King said Ice Fest is for the "never-ever's," people who have never ice climbed.

"It's amazing to see people that have never tried it before. I give them a lot of credit. It can be extremely intimidating but they get after it anyway," King said. "We see a lot of 'I can, not I can't.' Success is not making it to the top. All the big mountain climbers will tell you that the finish line is at the bottom."

The surging interest in Ice Fest began with a 71-minute documentary titled *Michigan Ice* created by local filmmaker Aaron Peterson. Expansive shots of 90-foot tall ice climbing routes along the shore of



Sam Rush/NW

This map indicates the eight countries that Ice Fest attendees will travel from: Canada, Italy, New Zealand, Slovakia, Sweden, England, Australia and Germany. Around 1,000 people are registered to experience what Ice Fest has to offer: courses and clinics, presentations from world-class ice-climbers, a gear raffle and after party.

Grand Island piqued the attention of IMAX filmmakers. They packed their bags and headed to Munising with professional climber Anker in tow. Brands such as Patagonia and The North Face caught wind of the spectacular sturdy ice formations and are now current Ice Fest sponsors.

"They're all calling us up to see how they can get involved in the Ice Fest. It's like, I don't know we've only asked you for 20 [expletive] years," King said. "It's cool to see the industry give us a big hug. We've been telling them for a long time that if you're going to grow the sport of ice climbing, you're going to do it in the Midwest."

Four athletes from Patagonia, The North Face and six from Black Diamond were sent to teach

classes and give presentations. Since then, Ice Fest participants have grown from 200 to over 1,000 in a number of years, King said.

These world-class athletes travel from remote pockets of the world to be a part of what is thought to be the oldest ice festival in the country. King, mimicking a professional climber, "Yeah, I'm flying into Munising but I'm coming from Patagonia," the sparsely populated mountain region in South America. In addition to athletes, beginning to advanced ice climbers are pre-registered from eight different countries.

King said DWS tries to cultivate a climbing community to get people to not just climb, but to become climbers. This includes spending their time, funds and en-

ergy on the activity.

"[Climbing is] a great lifestyle. We have participants ages nine to 70 years old," King said.

This event is one of the only festivals that caters to the "never ever's," King said, as well as the youth population that has ice formations in their backyard that are begging to be climbed. Two years in the making, the Pictured Rocks Climbing Academy is an initiative to get youth in the Pictured Rocks area to climb in their backyard, King said.

Ice Fest couldn't happen without volunteers, King said, adding, they have been fortunate for the organic growth. If one person likes it, they're going to grab three buddies. DWS is trying to get involvement from NMU as well as

the local Marquette and Munising communities.

"It's tough because when these students are really involved, they graduate and then we have to turn our attention to new freshman who want to buy everything online. It's a cycle of trying to create and foster this community when new students just need to open their eyes," King said.

Now, DWS promotes Ice Fest through Michigan college outdoor education programs, King said, noting, Central Michigan University and Michigan State University send about 15 to 20 students each year. Once students start ice climbing, they're hooked, King said.

"You start seeing these connections and same people year after year. When they're not climbing they're talking about climbing or looking forward to the next time that they're climbing," King said.

Despite the smaller population, the Michigan Ice Fest sees more participants than the premier Ouray Ice Festival in Colorado. Another difference is that the Ouray fest "farms" their ice, meaning, sprinkler heads feed the ice formations. Whereas in Munising, the climbs are "homegrown" and naturally formed ice from seepages of water through the sandstone rock.

"Everytime you climb, a certain feature it's different — how it forms, how it breaks off. So you can climb at the same location but it's different every year," King said. "Ice gets banged up over the weekend but it heals. It rains and gets cold and ice forms, things move and shift and all of a sudden things are different."

Complete information on the events schedule, courses and clinics, current athletes, festival tips and more can be found at www.michiganicefest.com.

Dancing Kings and Queens Strut on Stage

By Isabelle Tavares/ Features Editor
Photos by Isabelle Tavares

A city made up of over 21,000 people, Marquette is known for its seemingly endless list of outdoor recreation activities, hearty pasties and thriving small businesses. A lesser known community sparkles in the shadows: the vibrant and inclusive community of drag queens and kings.

The 23rd annual Drag Show took place last Friday in the Vandament Arena on NMU's campus. Eight drag queens and kings stole the stage and captivated the hearts of audience members, where only standing room remained. The event was put on by NMU student organization Queers & Allies (Q&A). Q&A Vice President and freshman Parker Anderson said that being in that role has been a life changing opportunity. Anderson said they have learned a lot about who they are as a person through the LGBTQA+ community.

Seeing the show come to life is something that Anderson finds fascinating after months of preparation.

"It's so much fun getting to know the kings and queens, I'm kind of starstruck and it's just a really awesome, exciting opportunity," Anderson said.

The process is incredibly thorough, Anderson said, adding Q&A organizers start planning in May of the year before and spend the entire semester getting logistics straightened out.

"I constantly have to get in

contact with people and make sure that the stages are set up correctly, performers are getting their contracts in on time, getting the budget to bring them here and [arranging] vehicles," Anderson explained. "Thankfully we have Aurora Gasmic who helps us find new performers as well."

Marquette native, Aurora Gasmic, is a "fashion-forward drag queen" and who's all about "big hair, beautiful clothes and a stunning face," as stated in her bio description on the Facebook events page. Gasmic now lives in Chicago doing full-time drag, but makes an annual appearance at the NMU Drag Show to pay homage to their home base.

The trek from Chicago to the snow-ridden streets of Marquette was not a stage that was easily strutable. Sophomore philosophy and archaeology major Sam Holmes, said he's grateful that the performers braved the weather.

"I respect them so much, I'm so happy that they made the journey up here to come and have a drag show for the U.P.," Holmes said. "It's very out of the way but there's a drag community up here that's not recognized and they stipulate the drag community, I love it, I love it so much."

Out of the 21,000 people who contribute to the culture of Marquette, the drag queens and kings who reside here might be the loudest and proudest.



Pictured on the left is Chicago-based queen O'laysia. On the right is Marquette native Aurora Gozmic.

Junior nursing major and earth science minor Alecia Soto said the show is a great impact to the community, enhances the LGBTQA+ community and is a great way to show off the queens and their talents. Soto, donned in a faux fur coat the size of a bear cub and lavish heels, was inspired by the elaborate outfits of the strutting queens.

"[Our outfits are] inspired by our fellow drag queens, we try to keep up and make something pop and notice. We gotta get noticed with our outfits as well," Soto said. "I love it, [the show] makes me feel so good and that we're supporting these queens. This is what they love to do, it's their dream and legacy."

Entirely based out of Chicago, the queens and kings to grace the stage were Aurora Gasmic, Tenderoni, O'laysia, Lucy Stoolie, Aunty Chan, Mick Douch and Sigourney Beaver. A new king entered the stage for the first time as well, NAME, and is based out of Marquette. Many of the performing kings and queens made their sassy way into the audience, interacting with seated and standing individuals, some with surprise and others with hopeful expectation.

One of the queens singled out audience member Anna McBride with the Anna Sun Foundation, for a spontaneous dance encounter. McBride said the dance was empowering and fun.

"This is my third year going to the drag show and it's just super fun, everyone's having a great time and dancing and being themselves, everyone's loving the environment," McBride said. "I'm also hoping to connect with someone from the LGBTQA+ community to be a part of my foundation, the Anna Sun Foundation that will provide massage therapy to people who have endured sexual and physical harm trauma."

High-pitched shrieks of joy erupted from many crowd members as the performers swayed their hips, lip-sang and sashayed through the crowd. One of the more vocal audience members, Alesia Burgard, junior medicinal plant chemistry major said her favorite part was how much the performers get into it.

"I love everything about it, it's so phenomenal. Everyone is so hype, you're hype, it's really fun," Burgard said.

"It's important that people come to the show] to see that you can be whoever you want, no matter what anyone says. There shouldn't be anything stopping you from what you want to do."

The closing act of the show echoed off from Burgard's statement, as the final song was "Black or White" by Michael Jackson. During the last minutes of the show, all eight drag queens and kings joined forces on the stage. Former Q&A President and NMU alumnus, Erika Kraus, said the final act is the best part of the show.

"Some years, the songs have made me cry because I'm just so happy that everything turned out perfectly," Kraus said. "We always try to incorporate a lot of diversity, it really lets people know that we are a diverse group of people, we don't just have queens of all one race or color here."



Lucy Stoolie takes a break from hosting the show to give their own performance.

Dashing dogs to return to the UP 200 race

By Joseph Living
contributing writer

Last year was my first winter in the Upper Peninsula and it surprised me. Coming from the very metropolitan area of Lansing, I was worried not only about the amount of snow the U.P. got but what kind of effect that would have on the people that lived here. Would that slow down business and everyday activities? What I found was that winters in the U.P. are completely manageable. The wicked cold opens up a world of outdoor recreation that I thought was reserved for that of the northernmost parts of the world. Things like skiing and snowshoeing are commonplace, but what was most surprising, was the dog sled race my friends dragged me downtown for on a cold February night of last year.

I found a massive group of people cheering happily surrounding the downtown area. Dog sled use was vital in some parts of North America in the past but now is generally a recreational activity



A team of eager huskies enter last year's race at the UP 200 Sled Dog Championships during the Midnight Run segment. This event draws over 700 volunteers and thousands of spectators.

with competitions held all over the country. The UP 200, Midnight Run and Jack Pine 30 are a series of notable dog sledding competitions that take place in the U.P. every winter.

The UP 200, the largest of the

competitions spanning a distance of 238 miles, is notable due to its starting and finishing location of downtown Marquette. This year's UP 200 will feature 12 unique dog sled teams and will take place from Feb. 15 to the 17.

Founded in the late 1980's, the UP 200 was the brainchild of several Marquette families who originally put together the race as well as acquire the necessary funding and support. Since its founding, the race has been going strong and is a qualifying race for the Iditarod dog sled race that takes place in Alaska.

Secretary of the UP 200 for 29 years, Pam Forsberg, said her favorite part of being involved with the race is forming and sustaining relationships with the mushers and volunteers.

"You become friends with a lot

of the mushers and volunteers that return every year and form close relationship with the sponsors," Forsberg said. "It is such a wonderful winter event that draws many people downtown."

The mushers, must complete the race that spans from Marquette to Grand Marais and back in record time while stopping at checkpoints along the way. The mushers make their way through various trail sys-

tems proving their abilities over the cold U.P. country side. The race isn't just exciting for those who are in it, however.

The race draws in thousands of people from all over the Midwest as well as the country that want to come see the event. The downtown portion of Washington Street is completely blocked off, and contrary to every other day of the year, is willfully piled up with snow.

"Climate change, eh? I hope that it's a safe one for everyone," Forsberg said with a laugh.

The polar vortex could be an issue, Forsberg said, but mushers train in all sorts of weather and are used to adapting to a variety of weather conditions. Large influxes of snow creates a deep base which makes for a slower race, Forsberg said. In her 29 years of being secretary and treasurer of the race, she said it's one of the only free events that attracts an impressive amount of spectators and volunteers. Last year's volunteer count totaled to around 800, and Forsberg said this year should live up to those expectations.

Spectators can see up close as the dog sled teams go off one by one into the cold winter night.

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— Pam Forsberg
UP 200 secretary

Resting race dogs



A team of typically restless sled-dogs take a moment to curl up and rest their furry bodies for their upcoming race.

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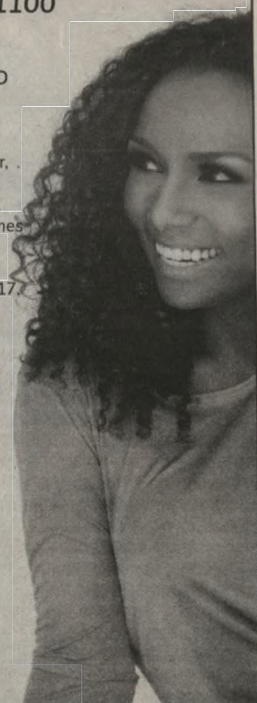
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A Promise Remembered: Love Story Unfolds

NMU alum gets ready for the release of her first novel

By Jackie Jahfjetson
copy editor

Returning home may feel like a passage to bliss and forgiveness. But no matter how far or how long people stay away, time doesn't sew up the wounds, nor does it erase the scars. In a place called Chi-Noodin Falls, William Kauffman returns back to his Michigan hometown and runs into many of the things he left behind, including his high school sweetheart, Annie Curtis. Years without a single explanation as to where he went and why he left, a story about love reunites old flames and offers two people a second chance at happiness.

This is "A Promise Remembered," a romance novel by NMU alumnus Elizabeth Mowers.

The novel, which will be released on March 1, comes as the first book to be published by Mowers. The novel takes place in Chi-Noodin Falls and is a "wholesome love story," Mowers said, noting, it's about how two people, who've made mistakes, are granted another shot and fall in love in the process. Chi-Noodin refers to the Ojibwe meaning of "big winds," and this story includes Native American culture and many things that relate to the city of Marquette while also tying in issues like city council and corruption, Mowers said.

"I always wanted to write a romance [novel] because they are uplifting. When I had to select a location as my romantic backdrop, I turned to the place where I first

met and fell in love with my husband," Mowers said.

Though Mowers had initially set out to describe the setting in her book exactly like Marquette, she ran into some challenges and knew she had to make some adjustments. For Mowers needed roads that didn't exist in "real life" and needed to create places "integral" to the storyline, she said. But there are connections that correlate to the naturalistic setting of Marquette, she added.

"Anyone who has watched a steam liner pull away from the ore dock or dipped their fingers into the frigid waters of Lake Superior will know Marquette inspired much of this book," Mowers said.

Writing for the heartwarming line of Harlequin Books, Mowers said she enjoys reading and writing about romance, family and community and this line of work is right up her alley. When setting out to write "A Promise Remembered," Mowers wanted to incorporate a storyline of a kind of community that could help her hero and heroine overcome adversity and so, she tied in characteristics of her own friends who in her words, are like family.

"I wanted to write about a love that is sacrificial to its core: maternal love. I wanted to imagine what lengths a mother would go to in order to protect her child. I wanted my hero to feel a tension between what he wants and what others need from him. Sacrificing for another person, whether relative, friend or beloved, was a theme I wanted to explore," Mow-

ers explained, adding, "Once I had my basic concepts and plot in place, the ideas began to flow."

After Mowers began writing "A Promise Remembered" in Jan. 2016, nine months down the road she finished it. Operating on a deadline was one of the "great things" the Master of Art's in the English program at NMU that helped her writing style, she said. Pending graduation in 2007, deadlines were no longer a necessity but Mowers forced herself to sit down and continue putting words on a page every day. However, between raising two young children and being a stay-at-home mom, finding the time to write is sparse. Her first book attempt took four years, the second took three. And then she began setting deadlines for herself again, making them end on her birthday.

"What better way to celebrate a new age than by basking in the joy of a new accomplishment, right?" Mowers noted.

Finally receiving word from Harlequin that they wanted to publish it, Mowers said she's more than excited to hold her own book in her hands and hopes for more to come. Though she's faced rejection, Mowers recalled that she once heard a writer talk about his process and said the first book will always be horrible and you shouldn't show it to anybody. You can give yourself a pat on the back for finishing it, but set it aside and write the next one. For that one will be your first book. Though that advice may not apply to every writer, it applied to her, she said.



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Mowers

NMU alum Elizabeth Mowers celebrates her first published novel about two old flames being reunited.

When Mowers first moved here from Ohio to begin the master's program, she said she was so nervous to write alongside other writers and doubted she was even cut out for it when no one had read her stories before, and she "cringed" at the thought. But her first workshop reassured her faith in her journey as an author.

"The first time my professors invited me to be a part of their private writing and critique group, I decided that maybe, just maybe, I had what it took to be an author. If they were willing to invest their

time on my writing outside of the classroom, I knew I needed to keep working as if I was worthy of being there. I credit my experiences in the NMU Master's Program as helping me become an author," she added.

To preorder Mower's novel, visit amazon.com. Mower's upcoming work includes a series centered around a fictional lakeside town in Wisconsin and for more information on the release date, sign up for her newsletter at her website elizabethmowers.com or follow her on her Facebook page.

Investigative podcast impresses

By Jackie Jahfjetson
copy editor

"Cold," the KSL podcast narrated by investigative journalist Dave Cawley, reshines light on the story that shocked the nation: the disappearance of Susan Powell. Cawley revisits the case files on Susan who disappeared in her home of Dec. 2009, by walking the listener through the case and exposing details that were kept hidden from the media at the time.

After trying to find a good podcast to listen to, I came across this one: Cold. It was December and I thought, "why not give it a listen?" And boy, that was the best decision I made. Tuning in each Wednesday always leaves me surprised and in shock at the amount of evidence and mystery surrounding Susan's case. The story of a Mormon wife and mother of two young boys is a shivering tale of domestic violence and will give you goosebumps and you'll cringe at the surprising details and evidence nailed

upon Susan's estranged husband, Josh Powell. The wicked acts of Susan's father-in-law, Steve Powell, will terrify your soul and leave you puzzled.

The podcast focuses around three central themes. First, Susan's journal writings show she was trapped in an abusive marriage. Though she tirelessly reached out to family and friends, she could not escape it. Second, the amount of circumstantial evidence suggests Josh was responsible for her disappearance; and the missed opportunities to arrest Josh could have prevented the final outcome. And finally, the podcast reveals how Josh came to be such a psychotic, and bipolar-like individual, who dealt with so many issues as a child, which further controlled and influenced the way he treated his wife and his family. And the source to that influence came from Josh's father, Steve, who had a way to manipulate people and lived a despicable life.

What's so impressive and riveting about this podcast is the level

of honesty of truth it unfolds. And it's a story we don't hear too often. Sometimes we all wonder why women would stay in an abusive relationship, and sometimes we blame them as partially guilty because they could've walked away. This podcast, however, shows you that sometimes walking away is not the easiest thing to do. People can manipulate you into believing you deserve the brutal treatment or frighten you with death threats that you think there is no place to run or to hide. And that's exactly what happened to Susan. She was a fighter, yet her husband controlled her every move, literally. Josh was like a dictating supervisor who needed to know everything that Susan did during the day time, where she went and how much money she spent. Josh was a fanatic and even required Susan to scan receipts into files stored on one of several of Josh's computers, which were confiscated by authorities later on.

But it wasn't always like that. As Cawley begins the story, Josh



used to be different, and was more affectionate and loving, and a previous Mormon follower. But then after he married Susan, things changed, and there was no room for redemption. Only treachery.

Through each episode, Cawley tells the untold story of what happened to a devoted wife and mother, explaining the exhausted efforts of authorities who tried endlessly to gather enough evidence to arrest Josh. But on Feb. 5 2012, they

were too late. In a murder-suicide, Josh killed his two sons, Charles and Braden, and left many questions unanswered to this day. Though the ending doesn't have a sun shining over a rainbow, this podcast is 100 percent worth listening to. If you know someone or if you, yourself, are in an abusive relationship, this podcast may help you. I believe Susan's story has the power to change people and give others the strength to escape from abuse.



Men's icers gear up for crucial three weeks

By Ryan Spitz
staff writer

You might call it a mixed bag of results for the Northern Michigan University Hockey team on its trip to Alabama last weekend.

Despite outshooting the six-win University of Alabama-Huntsville (UAH) Chargers 43-24, the Wildcats skated to a 2-2 tie with the Chargers before losing in double overtime, giving UAH the extra WCHA point on Friday.

Saturday's result was a better one for NMU, earning a 6-3 win behind six different goal scorers.

With the results over the weekend, the Wildcats are now 15-13-1 overall and 14-7-1 in WCHA play, moving into a tie for second place with 43 points with Bowling Green State University (BGSU).

First place Minnesota State-Mankato has put a stranglehold on the rest of the league, pulling away with 59 points. Behind Northern and BGSU sits Lake Superior State with 41 points, Bemidji State with 39 and Michigan Tech with 37, which are the three teams the Wildcats have remaining on the regular season schedule.

In Friday's game versus the Chargers, NMU found itself quickly down 2-0 after two second period goals from UAH's Jack Jeffers and Brandon Salerno came 2:21 apart.

Later in the second period, NMU senior forward Troy Loggins notched his thirteenth goal of the season on the power play with assists coming from fellow senior Adam Rockwood and junior Darien Craighead to cut the Chargers lead in half.

With just under six minutes to play in the third, the Wildcats tallied another power play goal, this one from freshman forward Ty Readman for his third of the season. Junior defenseman Philip Beaulieu notched his 20th assist of the season on the goal and sophomore Joseph Nardi also picked up his fifth assist of the year.

The Wildcats seemingly scored with 1:15 remaining in regulation when senior captain Denver Pierce shot the puck from the slot, which beat UAH goaltender Mark Sinclair and appeared to sneak just inside the right post.

The officials immediately signaled no goal and play continued. Officials reviewed the play at the next stoppage which came with seven seconds remaining in the game. Despite appearing to be in the net, the goal was subject to a review where it was determined by officials that the puck never fully crossed the goal line, thus the goal was waved off and the game went to overtime.

With 26 seconds left in the first overtime, freshman Griffin Loughran found the back of the



Junior forward Luke Voltin [left] fights off two Bemidji State forwards trying to put the puck past senior goaltender Atte Tolvanen.

Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

net, seemingly giving the Wildcats the win.

Officials reviewed that play as well, and waved it off due to goaltender interference. The last 26 seconds wound down, resulting in an official NCAA tie and one point in league play for each team, while the teams went to a second overtime session, which featured three-on-three play rather than typical five-on-five action as demonstrated in both the first overtime session and regulation play to decide who gets the extra WCHA point.

Cam Knight scored in the second overtime for the Chargers, beating NMU senior goaltender Atte Tolvanen on a breakaway.

Tolvanen stopped 22 UAH shots while Sinclair backstopped 41 from NMU.

In Saturday's contest, the Wildcats were in a hole once again, with Connor James scoring for UAH six minutes in to give the Chargers a 1-0 lead.

NMU responded with the next two goals, the first on the power play from freshman forward Vincent de Mey to even the score at 1-1 after one period, and the second coming from Loughran to give the Wildcats the lead in the second period.

UAH quickly tied things up two minutes later with a goal from Hans Gorowsky for his ninth of the year. NMU scored two more after that to go up 4-2 after two

periods. Senior defenseman Tony Bretzman found the back of the net on the third goal while freshman Jarrett Lee scored his second of the year, which stood as the game winner.

Pierce and Loggins added third period goals, with Loggins getting the empty-netter to salvage the tie-loss the previous night.

Beaulieu had three assists in the game for a four-point weekend while Rockwood and Nardi each had two assists. Readman, sophomore Caleb Schroer and senior defenseman Ryan Black all added an assist.

Final shots on Saturday were 40-27 in favor of the Wildcats. Tolvanen stopped 24 while UAH netminder Jake Theut stopped 34.

NMU was 4-of-11 on the power play for the weekend, while killing off 8-of-10 Chargers opportunities.

The Wildcats continue their four-game road trip visiting Bemidji State Beavers (14-12-4, 12-8-2

WCHA) this weekend.

The two teams met at the Berry Events Center in Marquette on Oct. 26-27 in each team's WCHA opener. The Wildcats took a 3-0 win on Friday before falling in a 2-1 heartbreaker on Saturday on an Aaron Miller goal with three seconds left in the third period, after the Wildcats had a late goal of their own waved off due to goaltender interference.

Miller will be suspended for the first game of this weekend's series

after a checking-from-behind penalty he received in the Beavers last series versus Ferris State last weekend. The call happened at 8:22 of the second period, and Miller was issued a five-minute major and game misconduct. The WCHA decided that the suspension was warranted upon review in a news release this week.

Puck drop from the Sanford Center in Bemidji, Minnesota is set for 8:07 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16.



Junior forward Darien Craighead looks to pass across to fellow Wildcat teammate, sophomore forward Mitchell Slattery in a previous contest this season against Bemidji State.

Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

SPORTS BRIEFS

Track and Field

Northern Michigan University Cross Country and Track & Field Head will host their annual Dome Dash 5K on Sunday, Feb. 17, inside the Superior Dome. The event is sponsored by Queen City Running Co. and Downtown Eye Care.

One of the only 5K's happening in the Upper Peninsula during the month of February, this event will give runners and walkers of all ages the unique opportunity to race inside the world's largest wooden dome.

The event is a fundraiser for NMU Cross Country and Track & Field with all proceeds going toward travel and equipment expenses for the teams.

Information on sign-up can be found at www.regonline.com, with different pre-race and race day ticket prices listed.

Awards to the top three male and female participants in both the overall 5k and one-mile race will be handed out.

T-shirts will be provided with the entry fee.

Nordic Skiing

The Northern Michigan University Men's and Women's Nordic Skiing team is set to compete at the CCSA Championships in Minneapolis, Minnesota this weekend in a one of a kind racing experience.

"It's a unique venue because you're right in the middle of the city looking at sky scrapers instead of white pines," NMU nordic skiing coach Sten Fjeldheim said. "It's a great recruiting opportunity, it'll be very competitive."

The CCSA Championships last two days with the top competitors moving into the National Championships.

Wildcat of the Week

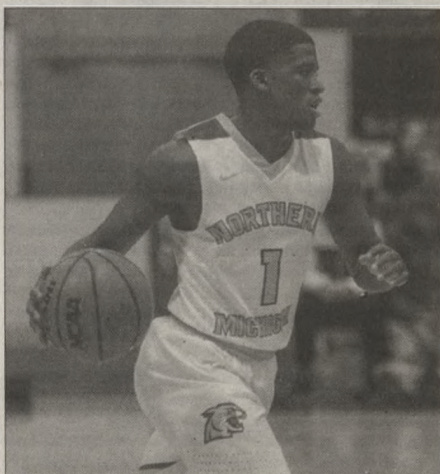


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In the final two home games home of the regular season, senior guard Naba Echols from the Men's Basketball team made it a weekend to remember. Against Saginaw Valley State, Echols exploded for 22 points while also contributing on the box score with two rebounds and six assists. Saturday against Northwood University, Echols bested his weekend point total by scoring 25 points behind shooting 50 percent from the field while shooting 42.9 percent from 3-point range.



Men's hoopers fight for playoffs

Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

Senior guard Naba Echols made an impactful final impression on his last days on the Berry Events Center court. Echols recorded over 20 points in his final two games as the 'Cats won both matchups.

By Nate Bellville

contributing writer

The Northern Michigan University Men's Basketball team celebrated Senior Weekend with a homestand sweep and earned their 10th home win of the season as they topped the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals (SVSU) 87-73 and the Northwood University Timberwolves (NU) 72-60.

"We're defending really well, it was also good to see a few shots go in," head coach Bill Sall said. "I feel we're still trying to find consistency, but it's great to see our seniors and few other players putting in good contributions for us."

Sophomore guard Alec Fruin said last weekend's wins were big for the team, especially with their playoff push coming to play.

"They were two big wins, especially with how the [GLIAC] conference is right now," Fruin said. "After the [first] Ferris game, we just turned everything around, played a whole lot better and we're continuing on that path."

Hot shooting fueled SVSU up on a 12-7 run last Thursday. A dunk from junior center Myles Howard and threes from senior guard/forward Isaiah Johnson ignited NMU to take a 17-16 lead. The game would stay close, with NMU reclaiming a 30-29 lead after an "and-one" play from redshirt-freshman Troy Summers and a pair of Howard free throws. Senior guard Naba Echols's late back-to-back threes sent NMU to halftime up 38-29.

Echols's nine points and Howard's second dunk of the night highlighted NMU's strong second half start. An "and-one" play from Sebastiano Lamanato helped trim SVSU's deficit to six, but two threes from Fruin extend-

ed NMU's lead to '12. Despite a technical foul assessed to the team, the Cardinals didn't back down as they rallied back to within five. The Wildcats would pull away late to win 87-73 after free throws from Echols and Johnson iced the game.

Echols led NMU scorers with 25 points, and Johnson notched his first double-double this year, accounting for 18 points and 10 rebounds.

"Any team that you're gonna have, you need your big players to play," Sall said. "We're going to

As long as we handle our business and get two wins, we'll be sitting fine in the standings.

— Alec Fruin
guard, sophomore

Four players eclipsed double figures as Johnson led NMU with 23 points with Echols following up with 22.

On Senior Day against NU, Echols, Johnson and senior center Max Prendergast all scored in the opening minutes, but NU raced out to 18-14 lead. At 9:39 remaining in the first half, NMU took a 19-18 lead after a three from junior guard Marcus Matelski. Both teams would swap leads until one minute remaining when Johnson's four point run and an Echols's buzzer-beating three propelled NMU to a 38-28 lead heading into halftime.

The Timberwolves started the second half strong as a David Jelenik layup made it 40-36 NMU. And-ones from Johnson and Fruin along with Matelski's second three extended NMU's lead to 56-45. Shots from senior guard Kenton Mack and junior guard Sam Taylor made it 60-49, but NU raced back to within two. However, the Wildcats regrouped and would win 72-60 after a Johnson layup and two free throws each from Taylor and Summers.

have good contributions and that is team basketball. But big players in big moments have to step up."

NMU embarks on their season-ending road stint, starting at the Ferris State University (FSU) Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, in Big Rapids, and then at the Lake Superior State University (LSSU) Lakers at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, in Sault Ste. Marie.

The 'Cats (14-8, 9-6 GLIAC) currently sit in a three-way tie for fourth place overall, while also in another three-way tie for second place in the GLIAC North Division, both with FSU and LSSU.

Fruin said that he's still unpleasant about the last losses against both teams, but believes there'll be a revenge factor in the next games, especially with conference implications.

"We still have feelings from that loss at the buzzer [against FSU] and we didn't play well at all against LSSU, so we hope to get big wins there," Fruin said. "As long as we handle our business and get two wins, we'll be sitting fine in the standings."

One last victory at home

By Levi Erkkila
staff writer

In the final home games of the regular season, the Northern Michigan Women's Basketball team recorded a weekend sweep. The Wildcats defeated the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals (SVSU) Thursday and on Saturday the 'Cats celebrated Senior Day with a win against the Northwood University (NU) Timberwolves. NMU finished with a 10-3 home record.

"[The players] have to be tough on both ends of the court," assistant coach Casey Thousand said. "They have to believe in themselves to do it."

Senior guard Darby Youngstrom led the way with 18 points and added six rebounds. Senior center Taylor Hodell finished with 10 points and five rebounds. Junior forward Erin Honkala finished with a team best of 12 rebounds and tallied three blocked shots. Junior center Jessica Schultz chipped in with four assists.

Thursday's game was the fifth time this season NMU held an opponent under 40 points. SVSU shot just 24.5 percent shooting from the field and 22 percent from behind the three-point arc.

The Wildcats opened the game with an impressive conversion of their shots and led 17-10 at the end of the first quarter fueled in large part by a 9-4 run midway through the quarter.

Halfway through the second quarter, the Wildcat advantage remained at seven, 23-16. With three minutes left in the half NMU extended their lead to 30-21. The teams went into the break with the Wildcats leading 32-22.

To start the second half Northern went on a 15-0 run lasting over eight minutes to take a commanding 42-22 lead. With under two minutes left to play in the third quarter, SVSU scored their first points of the second half. NMU held a 48-25 lead as the teams headed into the fourth quarter.

The Cardinals pushed back in the final frame, cutting the deficit to 50-34 three minutes in. NMU extended the lead back up to 20, 54-35 with five minutes remaining in the game. The lead was too much to overcome for the Cardinals and the Wildcats cruised to a 56-38 win.

The defense shined yet again for NMU Saturday as the 'Cats held an opponent to under 50 points for the ninth time during the season.

Youngstrom led the Wildcats in scoring, finishing with 17 points and 11 rebounds for her second double-double of the season. Honkala tied her season-high of 14 points and contributed with six rebounds. Sophomore guard Lexi Smith finished with six rebounds and added six points.

"One of the big things we have had all year is our depth," Thousand said. "We have been able to go five-in-five out."

The Timberwolves started the game on a 9-0 run and put NMU into an early scoring hole. The Wildcats scored two baskets while keeping NU off the board during a 2:23 stretch. NMU added another basket, sending Northwood into the second quarter with a 9-6 lead.

The Wildcats continued their rally into the second quarter and took an 11-9 lead under two min-

utes into the second frame. With five minutes left in the half Northern extended their lead to 17-11. The half time score was 23-18 in favor of NMU.

The teams traded scores to start the second half and the Wildcat advantage was 28-23 with 7:13 on the clock. NU tied the game at 28-28 but the 'Cats would go on to score seven unanswered points and take a 35-28 lead with 2:15 to go into the quarter. The teams entered the fourth quarter with NMU clinging onto a 38-33 lead.

The fourth quarter opened with NU pulling within just a single basket. NMU went on another 7-0 run to take a 45-37 lead with six minutes to play in the game. The Wildcat defense held strong which helped the offense pull away and with under a minute on the clock and close out a closed a 54-43 victory.

At the conclusion of the game, the team honored their five seniors for their contributions to the program: guard Chloe Tompkins, guard Tess Weatherly, guard Sydney Dillinger, Hodell and Youngstrom.

The Wildcats improve to 17-6 on the season and are now 12-3 in the GIIAC.

"We don't really look at [the standings], we are looking at our next game because anything can happen," Thousand said. "You take it one game at a time."

NMU will now hit the road for their final five games of the season, beginning with a road trip to Ferris State University, tipoff at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14 and closing the weekend at Lake Superior State University for a 1 p.m. matchup on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Runners and jumpers shine at the Big Meet

By Travis Nelson
contributing writer

The Northern Michigan Wildcats Women's Track and Field team traveled to Grand Valley State University for the Big Meet Invitational this past weekend, as they took eighth place out of 35 total teams, setting three provisional marks along the way. NMU is on a collision course with the GIIAC Championships in a couple weeks, and coach Jenny Ryan likes the progression of the team throughout the year.

"We've definitely had some good results and some good performances [this season]," Ryan said. "[We've] definitely [had] some great competition, so it was good to see where everybody stacked up against some of the other teams. [We] had a lot of personal records and a couple provisional marks. So I was really happy to see the direction we're going and it's looking good for conference."

On Friday, Michelle Juergen took home NMU's only first place victory in the long jump with a winning jump of 18 feet, 8.75 inches. Juergen also placed third in the high jump, with a jump of 5 feet, 6.5 inches, with both jumps setting her provisional marks. Sophomore Dunja Drobac finished in seventh place in the triple jump with a distance of 36 feet, 5.75 inches.

Senior Shayla Huebner finished in 10th place in the 800-meter run, with a time of 2:11.93 and a provisional mark. Huebner was also a part of the 4x400 team along with junior Sydney McPeters, junior Paige Du Bois and senior Paige Dutcher, as they finished in seventh place with a time of 3:51.54. Dutcher would also go on to place ninth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.45 seconds.

In the 60-meter hurdles, sophomore Nina Augsten posted 13th place with a time of 9.10 seconds. Sophomore Izabelle Peterson also captured a 13th place finish, as she had a time of 25.34 in the 200-meter dash.

The Wildcats continued to have success into Saturday, the second and final meet of the weekend. Juergen placed second in the both the high jump and triple jump, earning leaps of 5 feet, 4.5 inches and 38

feet, 1.25 inches respectively. Drobac took eighth in the triple jump with a jump of 34 feet, .9 inches. In the 4x400 relay, the team of freshman Hannah Jones, senior Lynsey Collins, junior Megan Martin and freshman Sydney Ormsbee posted a time of 4:10.09, which earned them tenth place. In the 60-meter dash, Peterson crossed the line with a time of 7.90 seconds to finish in eighth place in the preliminary race. McPeters had a good showing as well, as she placed 14th overall with a time of 7.98 seconds.

Multiple NMU runners would go on to place in the top 20 as well, as Saturday proved to be another successful day for the 'Cats. Collins took 19th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.82 seconds, as did Jones, as she recorded a time of 2:21.02 in the 800-meter run.

Augsten took home 19th place in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.52 seconds, while the team of Du Bois, Dutcher, Huebner and sophomore Elise Longley posted a time of 12:35.75 in the Distance Medley, good for an 18th place finish. Freshman Alyssa Rivest had a throw of 37 feet, 7 inches in the shot put to finish in 20th place.

The Wildcats finished in eighth place overall finish with 16 points as NMU finished second among GIIAC schools, trailing only Grand Valley State University, and finished fifth among NCAA Division II schools.

The team returns to action this weekend as they compete in the Titan Challenge, hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. This is the Wildcats final meet before the GIIAC Championships, and it gives athletes one last chance to earn provisional marks to qualify for the National Championships.

"This meet we are not bringing the whole team, only a few of the top [athletes]," Ryan said. "We're bringing the 4x400 [team], a couple of 800-meter runners, Michelle [Juergen] to do high and long jumps, and just the kids that are close to hitting a national mark just to give them one more opportunity. Then everyone [else] can just stay and rest, and prepare for the conference championships."

WILDCAT SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY
FEB.
14**

Women's Basketball @ Ferris State
5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball @ Ferris State
7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY
FEB.
15**

Men's Ice Hockey @ Bemidji State
8 p.m.

**SATURDAY
FEB.
16**

Women's Track and Field @ Titan Challenge

Nordic Skiing @ CCSA Championships

Women's Basketball @ Lake Superior State
1 p.m.

Men's Basketball @ Lake Superior State
3 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey @ Bemidji State
8 p.m.

**SUNDAY
FEB.
17**

Nordic Skiing @ CCSA Championships

LIFE

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Shove said that time was like a blur during the situation.

“One second I was sitting down and the next I was on the ground with [Andronis] trying to keep everything



Shove

calm,” Shove said.

Shove was thanked by a bystander classmate later for keeping the class calm.

“That was really humbling. I’ve never had to deal with anyone who’s had a stroke before,” Shove said.

Shove has been trained on how to help stroke victims, but it wasn’t easy to simply recreate it in real time in a real-life situation, she said.

“It was terrifying. If you’ve ever met [Andronis], he’s a very calm and level-headed person. To hear him say to the class, ‘I think I’m having a stroke,’ and struggling and looking nervous, that definitely makes your hairs stand on end,” Shove said.

Shove noticed that a lot of students stayed calm but also had no idea what to do, and stressed the importance in staying educated in how to deal with medical situations. Teachers of certification classes want their students to be comfortable and confident in what they’re doing, she added, and the class is easier than people might think.

“It was definitely scary for me to see him like that, because I see him every day, and you never think that anything like that will happen in a class,” Gorman said.

Gorman added that NMU’s services got Andronis help very quickly, and it was helpful that there were nursing professors and staff close by.

“It was also extremely nice that a few members of the class worked together so we could make sure he didn’t get hurt and that he got medical attention,” Gorman said.

Jumping into action quickly is important because things can become much worse in a small amount of time, Gorman said.

Andronis emailed his classmates after the incident, saying he is at home, resting and eager to get back to teaching.

“I’m just glad he’s okay,” Shove said.

SNOW

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“Without any prolonged warm up, all the snow that we have received since mid-December has really stacked up on campus,” Smith said.

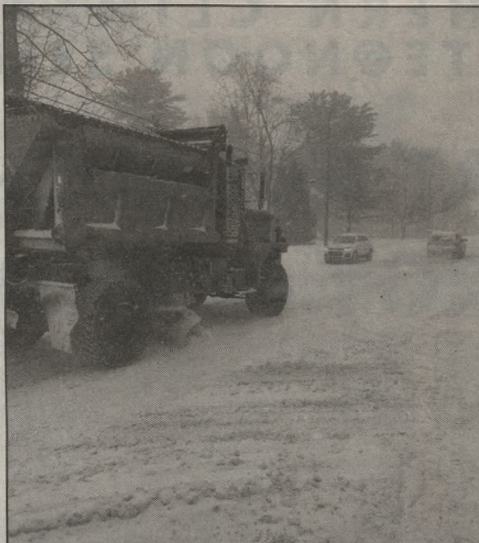
Smith and his team had to spend extra time pushing back snow piles to create room for the future high-volume snowstorms, he said. Storms that only bring 1 to 2 inches of snow require constant scraping, sanding and salting, Smith added. The bitter cold from the “polar vortex” inhibits the utility of salt, and windy conditions cause drifts, making it difficult for snow removal, he said.

“We need to have campus open by about 7:30 each morning. The crew starts at 4 a.m. and works non-stop until we are able to clear the roads, major parking lots and sidewalks,” Smith said. “After mid-morning, we work on cleaning up the rest of campus.”

So far, the grounds department has plowed over 100 inches of snow.

NMU has five loaders with plows, three plow trucks and a mini loader with either a plow or snowblower attachment. The department has a staff of eight operators to clear all of campus.

“The heavier the snow, the less



Kelsii Kyto/NW

An NMU Grounds Department plow begins to remove snow from Center Street as cars pass by during Winter Storm Maya.

of it we can plow in one pass. Five to six inches of heavy snow pushes the limit of some of our equipment,” Smith said.

In relation to other years, the grounds department has had an easier time removing snow from residential parking lots, because the work is getting out and stu-

dents are realizing the importance of moving their vehicles for a cleaner, safer parking lot, Smith said.

Smith gave a number of suggestions to students that make plowing campus easier. Pay attention to the residential lot plowing schedule, only park in designated parking spots and give snow removal crews plenty of room to work. Plow operators also appreciate a thank you, he added. Lastly, pedestrians need to walk carefully, Smith said.

“The recent ice storm followed by heavy snow and continued cold weather has left a hidden layer of ice below the snow, which is difficult to see and for us to scrape clean,” Smith said.

The crew starts at 4 a.m. and works non-stop until we are able to clear the roads.

— Andy Smith
supervisor, grounds department

BOT

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“Travis was a talented, engaging gentleman who was poised to contribute in many positive ways to the NMU Board and the entire NMU community.”

Weber sat on the board of advisors for the Michigan chapter of the Federalist Society, on the board of commissioners for the State Bar of Michigan and served as a committee member for the State Bar of Michigan District E Character and Fitness Committee.

Weber also served as deputy legal counsel and a senior policy advisor for the Michigan House of Representatives Republican Policy Office and earned a bach-

elor degree in political science from Michigan State University and a law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law.

Weber attended the December BOT meeting. He had completed his BOT orientation and was scheduled to participate in his first meeting as a trustee on Friday, according to the statement.

“In the short time that I had the opportunity to work with Travis, it was evident that he would have excelled as a trustee and become a valued member of the NMU family,” Mahaney said. “We deeply mourn the loss of Travis and extend our condolences and prayers to Travis’ family and friends during this incredibly difficult time.”

POND

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Next year, Hansen is planning on beginning tournaments if the membership

grows and even participating in tournaments in Minnesota or upper Wisconsin. The club is in its infancy, but Hansen plans on making this a priority.

The club normally plays at Trowbridge Park, but if they

play at any other location they let people know on their Instagram, @nmu_pond. Students are invited to come join their games.

“It’s not like any other sport, it’s so much fun,” Hansen said.

GOV

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NMU President Fritz Erickson will deliver his annual testimony to the House Appropriations subcommittee on Higher Education and Community Colleges on Thursday, Feb. 21, Hemmila said. She added that this gives NMU officials the opportunity to directly address the legislators who impact higher education budget discussions.

“With a large number of new legislators, many are not familiar, nor have visited our campus. We need to stress our priorities of access and affordability and the great hands-on education our students receive,” Hemmila said. “The state needs to continue to invest in higher education and it’s my job to make sure legislators know the value of that investment.”



Hemmila

Having first-time legislators in office brings new and innovative perspectives into office but also brings challenges when it comes to higher education and its funding, she said, noting that it is not an area of government many people have experience in.

“It’s important legislators who make decisions regarding higher education understand the operations of a university, the wide variety of issues facing today’s students and the importance of state investment in universities,” Hemmila said.

Gov. Whitmer is making her first official visit to the U.P. as the newly elected governor this weekend to enjoy the excitement of the UP 200 and will visit NMU, Hemmila said.

“We look forward to sharing with her all the exciting accomplishments NMU has seen in the past few years and finding ways we can collaborate and assist her administration with moving her goals forward,” she said.

“Even if you just learned how to skate, people will still have fun out there skating along, shooting the puck and having a good time with your buds.”

WEALTH

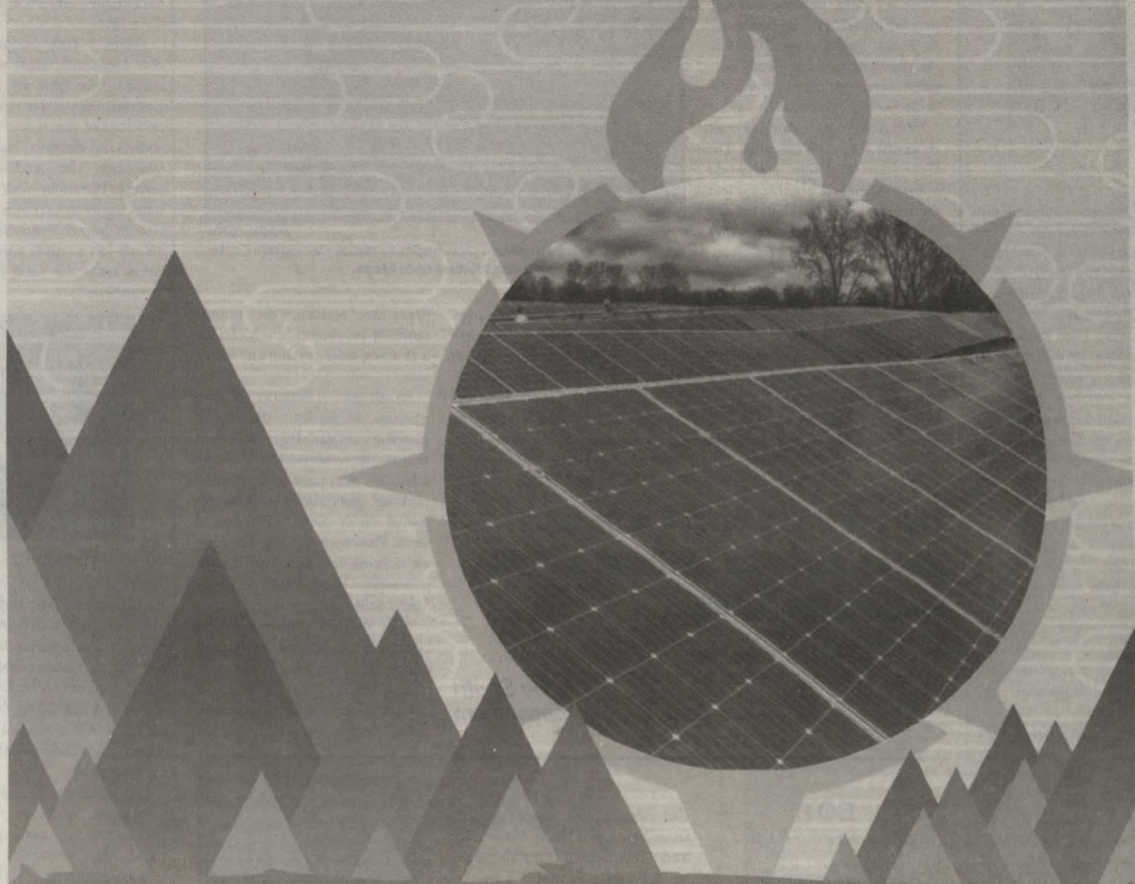
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She travels around the world at the request of universities, non-profits and national councils she speaks about developing programs and leads workshops. She holds a reputation as a dynamic, exciting speaker who applies economic principles to demonstrate how individuals can take concrete steps to live a more rewarding life.

“What happens in the economy impacts every aspect of our lives. To have knowledge about how economic events and the overall health of the economy allows you to identify opportunities to prosper and help others as well as how to avoid pitfalls that contribute to financial insecurity and general dissatisfaction,” Ferrarini said.

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Dr. John Kinch & Michael Larson Michigan Energy Options

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