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## Roadside saliva drug test

Counties launch cannabis, drug check to deter impaired drivers

By Jackie Jahfeton  
editor-in-chief

People who smoke marijuana, use opiates and other drugs will need to be mindful when getting behind the wheel due to a new roadside drug test.

The expanded Oral Fluid Roadside Analysis Pilot Program launched on Oct. 1 and will run through Sept. 30, 2020. The instrument tests saliva for the presence of amphetamines, benzodiazepines, cannabis, cocaine, methamphetamines and opiates, according to a Michigan State Police press release.

Although Marquette County has not seen a case yet, Marquette County Prosecuting Attorney Matt Wiese said he anticipates that the county will be seeing a "significant number of these cases" in the future.

"Approximately half of our operating-while-under-the-influence cases involve controlled substances other than alcohol, and a large percentage of these cases involve marijuana," Wiese said. "Although marijuana use,

like alcohol is legal, it is still illegal to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. This new roadside testing will allow law enforcement to protect Michigan drivers by providing enforcement tools to reduce the number of intoxicated drivers on the road."

This testing differs from the standard field sobriety for alcohol, Wiese noted. The new roadside testing kits have proven reliable in the field, meaning police will no longer need a blood test and the crime lab will not need to do testing of blood samples. It often takes months to complete due to the "heavy backlog and volume" of cases, he added.

Cases can now be processed more quickly, Wiese said. However, the "science" behind the mouth swab testing needs to be proven effective to the state of Michigan, he added.

"This new process is not an issue. We adapt and change our procedures in both law enforcement continually with the ever changing science and technology," Wiese said. "The key is that we have to be prepared to prove

that the science behind any new technology is reliable according to contemporary scientific standards."

Michigan State Police Trooper and Drug Recognition Expert Andrew Peterson said this program will be effective in assisting other officers in the field. In 2017, 246 people died in drug-impaired crashes, which is a 151% increase from 2007 so this new testing is important, Peterson said.

Impaired drivers usually show signs of lack of coordination, slurred speech and "watery-bloodshot eyes," Peterson said. But each drug showcases different symptoms, that's why this new program will help crack down on intoxicated drivers, Peterson said.

"This is going to help get impaired drivers off the road and I think that's important for every body," Peterson said. "There's enough bad things out there today in this world where a 40-year-old mother driving her two kids to practice shouldn't have to worry about somebody being impaired, driving and killing her and her family. This is going to take dangerous drivers off the road and that's what the ultimate goal is."

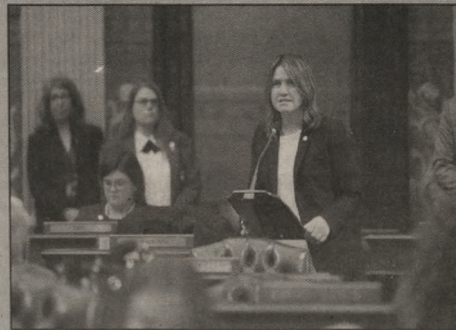


Photo courtesy of House Democrats

SAVING DA LAKES—State Rep. Sara Cambensy (D-Marquette) testifies in favor of her House Resolution 160 before the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism in Lansing on Oct. 10, 2019.

## House passes Great Lakes bill, heads to Senate

By Denali Drake  
copy editor

A resolution that aims to protect Michigan's most vulnerable lakes, ecosystem and people has been passed unanimously by the House and will move forward to Congress.

House Resolution 160 was proposed by State Rep. Sarah Cambensy (D-Marquette) in hopes of preserving and funding the delicate Soo Locks infrastructure. The resolution is a part of a larger package that supports Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Great Lakes 2020 agenda, and Cambensy's proposal is the first to be passed out.

"It is calling upon Congress to keep approving funding and outlining our support for building the new Soo Lock, using local labor, making sure we don't have any disruption in our economy," Cambensy said.

There is hope that, as it was a unanimous vote forward, Congress will take note and continue funding the Great Lakes and economically important structures like the Soo Locks, Cambensy noted. This large iron ore mining dock is located in Sault Ste. Marie and

is responsible for the entirety of ore mined in the United States.

"Living in a community like Marquette where we do mine and we have the ore ports and we do see a lot of transport, a lot of people think it is just the jobs on the ore boat that move the freight. But the supply chain of what it takes to get the ore to the harbor creates a domino effect," Cambensy said. "If the end product, which is our ore boats that haul, were to be stopped simply by our locks failing, to accommodate our 1,000-foot freighters. We've been operating on one large lock for the past 30 years, so it is the time to say, before we have a catastrophe, 'Let's take care of this now and get it done.'"

The Soo Locks ore dock impacts over 11 million people's jobs and produces \$500 billion annually, Cambensy said. This makes it important for all of Michigan, and this is why the Great Lakes 2020 agenda is attempting to promote to such a large audience.

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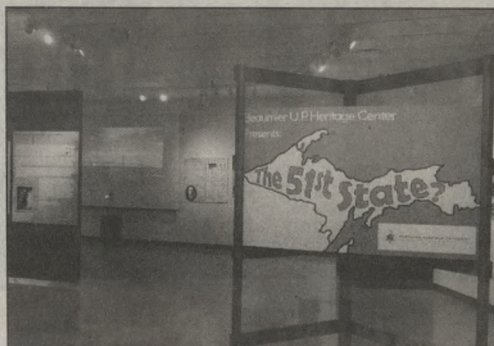
## Yah 51st state, eh?

By Akasha Khalsa  
news editor

The Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center (BUPHC) unveiled their new public exhibit on Oct. 11, displaying a historical reference to the U.P.'s effort to separation from the lower peninsula.

"The 51st State?" will be open to visitors through the academic year. The exhibit is located in Gries Hall and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

BUPHC Director and Curator Daniel Truckey said he wants stu-



Akasha Khalsa/NW

ONLY IN DA U.P., EH—A small exhibit titled "The 51st State?" showcases U.P. artifacts and historical information for visitors at the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center. The exhibit is located in Gries Hall.

dents to be aware that the exhibit, which follows the history of the creation of the state of Michigan and the relationship between the upper and lower peninsulas that make up the state, is completely free to visitors.

"The 51st State?" has been in the works for approximately six

months, during which time the research materials were gathered and installation took place. Truckey and the BUPHC's staff were mainly involved in its creation.

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# Election Day on its way, voting one ballot away

Local attorney, former professor Robert Anderson explains new Michigan voter rights, why students should exercise their 'sacred right' on Nov. 5

By Jackie Jahfelson  
editor-in-chief

## Q: How can students register to vote?

A: Thanks to the passage of Proposal Three last year and thanks to the lawsuit that was settled by the current secretary of state, we have more opportunities and choices for college students to register to vote wherever they want, including their campus address.

If a student wishes to vote at a college address, he or she will need to satisfy Michigan's legal definition of "residency" which defines residency as "that place at which the person habitually sleeps, keeps his or her personal effects, and has a regular place of lodging."

Be aware that registering to vote at a college address which is different than the address on a Michigan driver's license (DL) or personal ID card will automatically cause the Michigan Secretary of State (SOS) to change the DL/personal ID address to match the new voting address. This is required by Michigan law.

Keep in mind that the right to

vote is a sacred right and the duty to vote is an important responsibility. When a college student resides in a college town on Election Day (ED), being able to vote locally in the college town can increase the chances the student will exercise this sacred right and fulfill this important duty.

## Q: How can citizens register 15 days or more prior to an election?

A: All individuals registering to vote, including students, need to state in the one-page application that they will have resided in Michigan and at their college town for 30 days or more prior to ED.

Through the 15th day prior to an election, a student can register in a variety of ways: in person at the city/township clerk's office where they live, through a voter registration drive, by mailing the application to the city/township clerk or in person at a SOS branch. The application may also be filled out and submitted online to the SOS. If the application is mailed, it must be postmarked at least 15 days before ED.

If a student registers to vote in person at a city/township clerk's

office, the student may be asked to present a photo ID. If a student has moved from another Michigan town to attend college, the student will need to disclose his or her Michigan driver's license number (DLN) or personal ID number on the application; if the student has no driver license (DL) or personal ID card, the student will need to disclose the last four digits of his or her social security number.

## Q: How are people able to vote within the 14-day period prior to ED?

A: Prop. Three provides for the right to register and vote up to and including ED. However, from the 14th day before an election through ED, the application may not be mailed in or delivered by someone other than the voter.

Instead, a student must personally deliver the application to the clerk or fill one out at the clerk's office. Also, the student must provide adequate proof of residency at the college address.

Unfortunately, the student's driver's license which lists an address different from the college address will not suffice. Instead, Michigan law allows the student

to provide any one of the following documents which must contain the student's name and college address: a current utility bill, a current bank statement, a current paycheck or government check or "other government document."

A letter from a public university's registrar confirming the student's name and college address might suffice as a government document. Verification of residency can be electronically disclosed, such as via cell phone.

## Q: Explain college registration projects and how it might be beneficial to students?

A: Third-party groups or individuals wishing to offer a voter registration projects do not need authorization from a city/township clerk.

However, it is best to notify the city/township clerk in advance of the project as a courtesy and to obtain the official registration applications and applications to vote an absent voter ballot.

## Q: How can people vote early?

A: Since absentee ballots are available 45 days before ED, registered voters can vote early by absentee ballot by requesting such a ballot from the clerk. A student who has changed his or her voting registration to a college town, can vote by absentee ballot. A student

can either mail the ballot back to the clerk or visit the clerk's office, obtain the absentee ballot and vote at the clerk's office or return it later any time before ED.

Students who prefer to maintain their registration at the town they moved from, can easily request an absentee ballot and submit it by mail to the clerk.

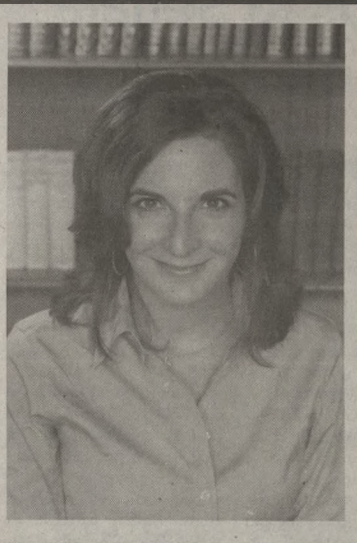
## Q: Did 18 to 20-year-old college students always have the right to vote?

A: The answer is no. Back when I was at the University of Michigan, the 18 to 20-year-old vote did not exist. We were being deprived of our right to vote but many of my friends were being drafted and sent to fight in the war in Vietnam.

So it was okay that they were being sent to fight in a war that was very unpopular but they couldn't vote.

College students of today should remember that young people of yesterday during this horrible conflict paid with their lives to allow students of today to exercise the right to vote. I'm hoping college students will take that right seriously, get out and exercise their rights to democracy.

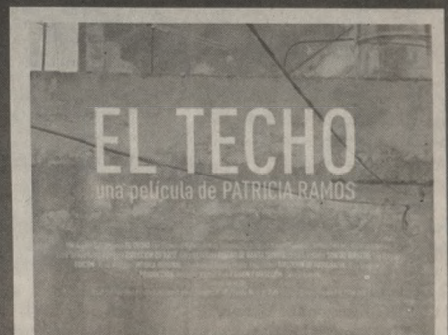
Marquette County City Clerk office is located at 300 W. Baraga Ave. For more information on voting registration, call 228-0430 or email the office at [clerk@marquettemi.gov](mailto:clerk@marquettemi.gov).



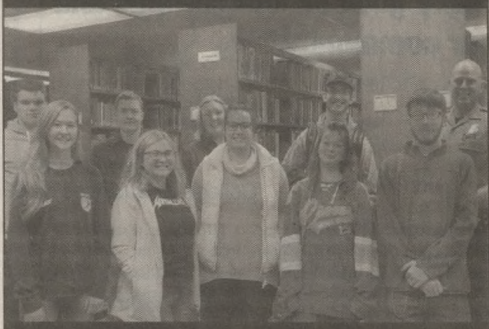
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## STUDENT ORG SPOTLIGHT



### Wildlife pre-professionals network

By Rayna Sherbinow

contributing writer

The Environmental and Conservation Law Club exists to introduce students to the careers available with degrees in wildlife policing, biology and fish and wildlife. The organization is designed to help members obtain certifications and strengthen their résumés and networking connections, club president Emily Kurian said.

"I feel this group is important because it helps students who aren't sure of what they want to do get a feel for potential career paths and meet people from different jobs that they might not have known about," Kurian said.

Several guest speakers are scheduled to present to club participants about various careers throughout the semester, and the club is planning to help members register for relevant classes and certification tests for the coming winter.

The Environmental and Conservation Law Club meets three to four times per month in Jamrich 3319.

Interested students can contact Kurian at emkurian@nmu.edu for more information.

Want to see your org. nominated for the spotlight? E-mail news.northwind@gmail.com.

## Poet finds art in current issues

By Jake Bekemeyer

contributing writer

A critically-acclaimed poet who tackles complex societal topics and has received several awards for his writing will visit NMU this week.

The NMU Visiting Writers series will host Jericho Brown at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17 in Jamrich 1100. Brown's most recent book of poems, "The Tradition," was a finalist for the 2019 National Book Award in poetry.

English associate professor and Visiting Writer Series Director Rachel May said that she was excited when Brown agreed to visit.

"I think that his writing is beautiful and powerful and is speaking to issues that the nation is grappling with right

now," May said.

Along with his writing, Brown is an associate professor and director of the creative writing program at Emory University in Atlanta. May said he is very in touch with the issues college students are dealing with and is great at encouraging students.

"[Brown is] a very warm spirit," May said. "He's great at making people feel like they can do this writing thing too."

Brown deals with difficult topics in his writing, along with real world issues such as black men being killed by police and systemic racism. May said this is the exact reason people should come watch him talk.

"It's important for us to think about those things together," May said.

Besides the National Book

Award, Brown has received many other honors for his poetry. His debut book, "Please," won an American Book Award in 2009. In 2011 he was awarded the National Endowment for the Arts and in 2016 the Guggenheim Fellowship.

May said she wants people to know that, despite these honors and the complex topics his writing deals with, he's not some stuffy poet.

"He's fun. He's very in touch with what's happening in pop culture and the news. He has really funny particular interests in art and music," May said. "He's really in touch with everyday struggles."

The event is free, and May said she thinks that there's something for everyone, not just people interested in poetry.



Photo courtesy of NMU Marketing

TACKLING THE NOW—Poet Jericho Brown, recipient of prestigious awards such as the National Book Award and a 2009 American Book Award, is scheduled to present at NMU.

## Pep band newly dubbed Twisted Whiskers

By Adan Mulaney

contributing writer

The NMU Pep Band has renamed themselves as The Twisted Whiskers this fall as part of a rebranding effort meant to draw more students to athletic events.

The pep band is an extracurricular instrumental group that plays pop, jazz and rock music in order to increase the energy at student sporting events. Student musicians involved in the band dedicate about seven to ten hours per week to practicing and three to four hours per week playing music at volleyball, hockey and basketball games.

The directive to change the name came from President Fritz Erickson, who was looking to rebrand the athletic pep band. Previously, the band was known as The Northern Sound Machine—a nod to the pop culture of the '80s.

"Erickson wanted the pep band to have a name that would cause more people to want to

**"Being a part of the Twisted Whiskers is great because it's literally the most energetic section at the hockey games. Sorry Knuckleheads."**

— Darren Hicks  
freshman, music education major

get involved in it. Twisted Whiskers is a name that came up in association to a Wildcat," music department head Jeffery Vickers said.

Twisted Whiskers member and freshman music education major Darren Hicks said that the new name created some excitement within the band. He hopes the name change brings a new sense of vitality to the band and to NMU's athletic events.

"Being a part of the Twisted Whiskers is great because it's literally the most energetic sec-

tion at the hockey games. Sorry Knuckleheads," Hicks said. "We get to play jazzy songs, the peppy songs, the rock 'n' roll songs, we even get to play some Latin tunes. It's fun."

Vickers also expressed his hope that the new name would give the band a new face in student life.

"We're trying to make sure that pep band is a visible element of game day activities. We want to increase the spirit and the awareness, and anything that we can do to help the



Jackie Jahfetson/NW

SMELLS LIKE TEAM SPIRIT—The rebranded Twisted Whiskers band peps up the audience at NMU's hockey game on Saturday, Oct. 12 against the Michigan State University Spartans.

teams," Vickers said.

Musicians participating in either Marching Band or Symphonic Band are eligible to par-

ticipate in the pep band and do not need to audition, but the Twisted Whiskers is not currently accepting new members.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## STATE NEWS

### Serial murderer released

Catherine Wood, one member of a convicted two-person team involved in a series of five nursing home murders which took place in Alpine Manor in Kent County, is set to be released following a court decision on Oct. 16. Families of the elderly murder victims killed in 1987 are now concerned for their own safety because they have opposed Wood's release. Wood and Gwendolyn Graham were co-workers and romantic partners during their murders. Graham is serving life in prison for smothering the victims.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Chicago teachers go on strike

Chicago teachers in the nation's third largest public school district have gone on strike as of Oct. 16. The strike came as a result of the city and the Chicago Teachers Union failing to come to an agreement on contract negotiations. This action has caused the cancellation of classes for over 300,000 students in the area. Far from being a relief that school has been cancelled, Chicago residents are struggling to find day care services for their students, and children who rely on the schools for meals must find other food.

## WORLD NEWS

### Hong Kong leader jeered off stage

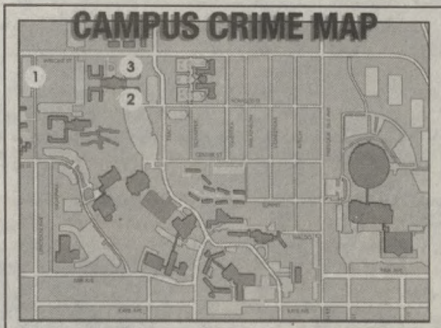
Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carry Lam was jeered off the podium twice during an annual policy address during which it was hoped that she would lay out a vision for the city in the coming year.

Due to recent democracy protests in the city, lawmakers greeted Lam with insults, audio clips of protests in the city and photoshopped pictures of Lam with blood on her hands. Lam twice attempted to make her address but eventually gave in and recorded her speech on video in a different location.

## WEIRD NEWS

### Florida man reports stolen weed

Deputy officers in Florida were amused when a man repeatedly called their station to report that his roommate had stolen \$20 worth of marijuana from him. Deputies called the distressed man and posted a #TweetAlong video on twitter to discourage the man from continuing to call them. Recreational marijuana is currently illegal in the state of Florida, but the man was not charged with anything for calling in the theft of his illegal drugs.



1. Larceny was reported at 1:20 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in Lot 20.

2. Minor in possession was reported at 8:47 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13, in Magers Hall.

3. Larceny was reported at 11:49 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, in Meyland Hall.

# Business dean appointed

By Akasha Khalsa  
news editor

As of September, Carol Johnson has been appointed the new Dean for the college of business after acting in an interim capacity in the position for a year beforehand. She said she has several plans for how the college of business can move forward in the future.

Johnson's vision for the college of business going forward involves securing continued accreditation for the college, a labor-intensive process which she has begun recently. She said she also hopes to continually transform the business programs so that they remain relevant to students as the world changes. She mentioned an additional hope to bring an executive-in-residence to NMU to serve as a resource for students and faculty.

One special interest of Johnson's is acquiring a dedicated location for the college of business to reside. At the moment, the college's office is located on the third floor of the Cohodas building, and business classes take place at dispersed locations around the university. The college collaborated with many other programs around campus, including medicinal plant chemistry, music and fine arts and sports management. However, Johnson said she envisions a place where business students can gather to study, and where business professors can have dedicated classrooms for their programs.



Johnson

"Having a place where our students could gather would be really good for our campus and our community. It would be a place where we could host things and have a real home," Johnson said. "You know, we don't really have a home. And for students, we have places for them to gather, but not the way we wish that they did."

She said she would likely have to secure a great deal of fundraising for such a project to ever come to fruition, yet she still hopes to put something like it in motion.

Johnson's path to her position of dean has been winding. After graduating from NMU with a degree in accounting, she worked as an accountant for approximately 10 and a half years and also gained experience as a health care practice manager in Marquette. Johnson began teach-

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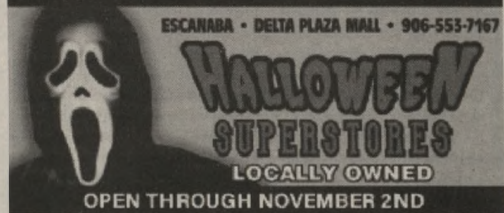
ing classes at NMU in 1998 in the associate program for health information and general business. When the previous business dean approached her and asked her to begin working on special projects, Johnson accepted. This led to her serving as interim dean for a year before filling the position officially.

Johnson said she usually offers students in the college of business the advice of, "You get out of an experience what you put in."

Johnson said she hopes business students will take every opportunity available to them during their college career.

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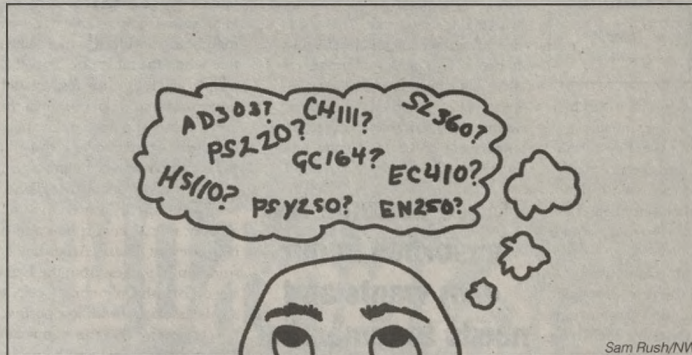
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## EDITORIAL



Sam Rush/NW

### Next semester courses

## Plan ahead, but don't fret

You may have noticed that NMU has released a list of courses with its dates and times that are available for next semester. If you haven't done so already, please take the time and save yourself the stress and plan your schedule out now.

Signing up for classes is not yet an option, but knowing what will be available now will set you on a better path when that time does come.

At that point, if you didn't already know, signing up for classes will go in order by credit hours, so seniors will be at the top of the list to schedule their classes first before the sophomores, for example.

However, if by the time you are able to register, a class is filled and is no longer available to you even if you were relying on that class and quickly jumped on the opportunity at the start of its opening, do not fret; your chance and timing will come. We all go through it and it happens to everyone.

Part of college is battling this very thing and managing time is something many people struggle with. It's not easy to do. But time does not get to dictate

your success. Society teaches us that a bachelor degree generally takes four years to complete, but that does not mean that you've failed for taking longer to graduate.

Everyone has a different pace they work at, and half the time, it's not even the student's fault.

So here's what you can do: Have a back-up plan. If a class falls through, don't wait until that moment to think of what else you could do. Think of that stuff before the course list even comes out.

Take advantage of your peers and advisor. They can help you decide, especially if your major or minor is undecided.

Of course, after many years, it is daunting and the expense can really stack up. But don't let this take hold of your capabilities and get your hopes down.

We're all here to finish. That's the goal. And sure, the amount of time it takes can eventually matter, but we're still young and taking longer to learn something will actually only benefit you in the long run. It will all be worth it.

## Bashing English majors hurts creativity



### Staff Column

Denali Drake

Choosing a major in college is easily one of the most stressful experiences that a young adult can face. Personally, I spent two years in nursing school before leaving and deciding to pursue a degree in political science and a minor in English.

This is quite possibly the most indirect route to a career in global affairs. However, I learned compassion and how to care for society's most vulnerable population, in a political philosophy course. This is where I realized I could still fight for human dignity, rights and protection, but through a different avenue of academics. I knew what I was giving up, which was essentially a promised career that would have a position waiting for me once I was qualified.

Modern technological advancements promise careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, otherwise known as STEM and offer unlimited opportunities in ever-evolving companies. Numbers are not for everyone, and when your path starts aiming toward the liberal arts, you are aware that you cannot just have hope. There has to be some semblance of assurance that you've got enough talent to guarantee yourself a paying job one day.

Writing can be a painfully beautiful experience, it provides an artistic outlet that transports, informs or validates readers. I am an avid reader, devouring essentially whatever I can get my hands on in my rarified free time. I love to listen to spoken words, podcasts and poetry. I also love to write. I love academic writing, where I am able to take complex academic theories and break them down, making them accessible to whoever wishes to learn.

Recently, I have found that I love writing satirical articles that allow me to use my humor and observance of the human experience to good use. I fell into writing for The North Wind, the current editor-in-chief pulled me into the office, put an Associated Press Stylebook in my hand and sent me on my way to an interview. Through this atmosphere of writing, I have found so much

self-worth, and have been able to grow in my thoughts.

Recently I had someone tell me that the job prospects for English majors were bleak. Their concerns outlined a severely competitive atmosphere, a decrease in profit from print and the increased accessibility of self-publishing. Competitive atmospheres in literature are no joke.

There are some amazing writers and the unique part about writing is that everyone is able to appreciate it differently. It's not like an equation, where there is a right or wrong; someone could write a poem that is absolutely grammatically correct and structured perfectly but people could still hate it.

Companies like Amazon have made self-publishing entirely possible which enables people who may not have the means to hire a publisher to still share their ideas and content. The mass publishing of books means that what you write has to stand out, or what you write is geared towards a niche following, and possibly that you are not writing to become the next Ernest Hemingway, but that you simply want to share your ideas.

As students, there has to be given time to grow in one's own writing style so that path can be forged naturally without the lingering pressure to create something so profound that you outsell "Moby Dick."

STEM majors aren't being told that they need to create new mathematical equations that should change the world. They are given time to learn and grow in their field so that when they finish their degree they feel comfortable enough to start creating. This must be true for the arts as well. Believe in your ability to create something profound, even if the audience is just you.

Here's the frustrating thing: people need to read. No matter what the platform may be, people have the desire to read. We are constantly consuming information, and no matter how it is distributed, there are people who are interested. What interests some might not interest others and that is why having a diverse group of writers in varying opinions and experiences is so important.

Take your time to grow as a writer, reader and artist. Understand that your work is just as valid and important as the work that makes rockets go up into space.

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## Listen for words, not the intent

I've always read *The North Wind* but have never bothered to respond before. But this issue is too important to ignore.

First, intent is subjective and we have no way of knowing what another's intent is. All we have are words, which is how we communicate. I think Jessica Parsons [in her article titled, "Listen for Intent, not Words"] is saying that Michael Knowles' "intent," in referring to Greta Thunberg as a "mentally-ill Swedish child who is being exploited by her parents and by the international Left," was just a poor choice of words on his part, and that what he really intended was to point out that she was being exploited, not that she was just mentally ill.

Well I don't know how Parsons knows what his intent was, but I think his words are a good indication of his intent. It was to undermine Thunberg's influence over millions of people who turned out to protest the lack of concern among politicians and business tycoons for the fact that business, as currently conducted, is destroying the future for children everywhere.

His words tell it all. The "climate-hysteria movement is not about science. If it were, it would be led by scientists."

**"Thunberg is not being exploited, she is simply doing what she can to help us fix the world."**

Notice the choice of words: "climate hysteria" implies that his intent is to dismiss the whole issue as merely hysterical rantings of some people. I personally have great anxiety myself about the climate. Not because I am mentally ill or a hysterical person, but because I have grandchildren and a great granddaughter-in-law, and they deserve a future.

I do wonder what

his intent really is. If it were to get at the truth he would investigate. Scientists have in fact been warning us about this for decades, but they speak at conferences and publish papers about it, they don't lead demonstrations (although there were plenty of scientists who showed up for the recent demonstrations). Thunberg is not being exploited, she is simply doing what she can to help us fix the world. Yes, she suffers from anxiety about the issue, like any sane person does, but her "super-power" due to her Asperger syndrome is that she can see the science without being distracted by the kind of local emotional turmoil that haunts most young teens.

Like Temple Grandin, another genius with Asperger syndrome, she is not distracted by some of the emotions that distract most of us, so she can stay focused on practical scientific interventions. No one exploited her by telling her to sit outside the Swedish parliament for a year with her signs asking for action on climate change. She chose to do it because something had to be done, and her protests galvanized millions of concerned young people around the globe.

This is not about two people who just happen to have different opinions as Parsons suggests when she says, "an opinion is an opinion, which we are more than allowed to share."

The issue is about reality, and scientific research and data are required to get at the truth of reality. Two-year-olds have opinions, but that does not mean their opinions are just as valid as adult opinions.

You need critical thinking skills to check out the facts that are used to judge opinions. Yes, this is my opinion on this topic, and my intent is to say "you go girl," and help us give my grandchildren a future.

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## Trade kindness for better living



Guest  
Column

Hannah  
Jones

Everyday, we interact with hundreds of faces, many just in passing. We often times pay no mind to the person behind the face that is the barista who took your order at Starbucks, and behind them, the four other baristas who made your drink.

We don't even stop to think that the teen working the drive-through window at McDonald's this morning, who forgot your third egg McMuffin, has been working that job for three years to save up money to pay for college tuition without having to take out a loan or burden their already struggling parents.

It doesn't even cross our minds that the car that pulled out in front of us last night, then proceeded to drive a steady 45 mph down a 55 mph road could be an older man who avoids driving at night. Perhaps his vision isn't what it used to be, and his wife needed to be picked up from the hospital, and even though he could have waited until morning, he knows how badly she wanted to go home. So he decided to go get her anyways.

We are all individuals fighting our

own individual battles. It is important for us to be compassionate and considerate of the people we interact with in day-to-day life. Everyday as students we interact briefly and in depth with peers and professors alike, but often times I believe we become too absorbed in our own wants and needs to remember the importance of being compassionate to others.

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So why is it important to be kind to others? As discussed earlier, you never know what someone else is going through.

Even simple acts of kindness, such as saying "thank you," or "hi" to someone you recognize from class can make a world of difference in the quality of someone else's day. When we remember to say "please"

and "thank you," people notice. When we are understanding of others' mistakes and confront them in an understanding manner, rather than being hostile, it is more likely that when the tables are flipped, people will return the respect and understanding we have shown them.

For those who need motivation beyond the other, there is something to be gained personally from being kind. For an example, being kind has been scientifically proven to reduce anxiety, release endorphins and even help prevent illness. According to a study on happiness from the University of British Columbia, "social anxiety is associated with low positive affect, a factor that can significantly affect psychological well-being and adaptive functioning." Positive affect refers to an individual's experience of positive moods. For example, joy, happiness and alertness.

Treating others how you want to be treated may be a cliché, but they are also tried and true words to live by.

If we can give kindness to those we interact with, we are more likely to receive kindness in return, creating an environment of compassion and kindness.

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English writing major.*

## Conservatism grows with age



Opinion  
Editor

Jessica  
Parsons

There's a new "divisive era" in politics that's not just hitting America, but impacting the world. People are afraid to talk and act a certain way because of many drastic changes that are quickly making their way into the game. We college students are arguably the most important puzzle piece.

We're the next generation. We're growing older, graduating and becoming something. We're finding ourselves and who we're capable of being by those around us who allow us to show that potential.

Since President Trump took office, the political game has forced people to show who they are, and though "clumping" many people into one category will never suffice, it's still a generally accepted way of expressing an idea of morality that we have created, and you can disagree with me, but I argue that disagreeing is an ignorant perspective because it contradicts what's going on around us.

I believe that, in general, there are two large ideas that engulf the majority of Americans. If you haven't already guessed, I'm referring to the ideas within the Republican and Democratic parties. More specifically,

the liberals and the conservatives.

Whether it's deemed unfortunate or not, what used to be a category one would fall under to represent their political agenda, the world has migrated into extremism, so, arguably, it seems as though the middle man does not exist and there is only far left and far right. Sure, this is my opinion, and yes, as I said, it is not possible to clump a ton of people into one category at the end of the day; we all think differently to some degree. But this idea of two large dominating agendas waving their arms to "pick me," and "whose side are you on" is noticed by many, including those that refuse to believe it. The old way of America has passed, and a new, diverse one, is shoving its way in.

I'm not going to sit here and write about which "side" of the political spectrum is correct; that would be a waste of time. Instead, I want to touch on something I believe we are starting to see in today's world.

As one grows older, they experience more and gain responsibility in more areas. Perhaps this is why, statistically, we see a pattern in conservatives dominating an older age. On the other hand, the younger "requires" more assistance. They are not able to do as much because of age, experience and money. They rely on their their parents or the government for money and other things to get by until they gain their own support system over time and able to "wipe their own ass," so

to speak. In other words, the younger generation tends to lean Left because all of the things mentioned above (like wanting government interference) falls on that side of the political spectrum, if you didn't already know.

There's a famous quote, often misquoted by Winston Churchill, that is similar to, "If you aren't a liberal at the age of 20, you have no heart. If you aren't a conservative by the age of 40, you have no brain." After seeing this quote, it got me thinking, and I result: The younger generation of liberals are more selfish than conservatives simply because they have to think more for themselves before they think of someone else's needs. But hang on, if this is you, of course you're not selfish. Right? I mean, you're just looking out for yourself. America's society, the new one, has taught us that we need to fend for ourselves and put ourselves first if we want to "succeed." Let me clarify, I am not saying that liberals are selfish. What I am saying is that they are more selfish than conservatives because, for an example, the 22-year-old college student who lives on government funding needs to put themselves first in the scenario over a 42-year-old conservative who has, say, three kids to look out for. The older generation, in this specific scenario, does not have the luxury of living selfishly like young liberals do, because they must do all in their power to remain as unselfish as possible for others and their children.



Graphic courtesy of Sarah Schollmeyer

**COMING OUT**—This year was the first attempt at creating an annual event in the Marquette community aided by the NMU Allies and organizations around town that provide helpful resources. This event was created to offer a space and time for those looking to tell themselves and supporters their true sexuality.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Schollmeyer

**JOINING IN SUPPORT**—Marquette Comes Out co-coordinators senior public relations major Sarah Schollmeyer and event founder Jamie Vanenkevort sport shirts that help raise money for the Allies Scholarship Fund.

## Marquette gathers in support of LGBTQIA+

*Community organizations, allies, people express true sexuality at MQT Comes Out event*

By Denali Drake  
copy editor

Rainbow merchandise lined the walls of the Ore Dock Brewing Co. preparing for an emotional, empowering and exciting night of acceptance. Marquette Comes Out was designed as an open event for the community to come and share who they really are.

Senior public relations major Sarah Schollmeyer was the co-coordinator of the event and was astonished by the outpouring of emotion and support from the community. An estimated 100 people came in support, enjoying free rainbow swag from local organizations and enjoying the local music.

"It was great to have a safe and welcoming space for the members of the LGBTQIA+ and allies to congregate and see the support rather than just hearing about it," Schollmeyer said.

Hear they did, with people feeling brave and comfortable enough to come out to the community on stage. Several people shared their sexuality with the crowd, with some saying it was the first time they have ever said

admitted it, even to themselves. Senior public relations major Allison Opheim, who was involved in coordinating the organizations for the event, said it was crucial to have all of these supporters in one room as they already do so much for the community.

"Organizations like Planned Parenthood that people know offer resources were attending and it's such a great representation of who is supporting Marquette," Opheim said. "You could feel the energy in the room, it was a very welcoming space it didn't matter if you were an ally, a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, or someone who hasn't come out yet, there was enough validation and support for everyone."

T-shirts were sold in hopes to raise money for the Allies Scholarship Fund and the support flowed in for students. The purple aesthetic of the shirts was meant to be the most inclusive color on the LGBTQIA+ rainbow. Each sexuality identifies with an individualized flag, and with inclusivity being a key point, no detail was left out. Over \$320 was raised and will

go directly into the fund, Schollmeyer said. There are hopes that the event will return in some capacity next year, however, there are no plans in place as of right now.

"I think it exceeded my expectations in every way, I didn't expect to be moved, I still have goose bumps today," Schollmeyer said.

Free Mom Hugs were offered for all those who wanted comfort, and many obliged. The organization emphasizes the physical acceptance of people who may have been rejected by their families and are seeking validation. Individuals shared stories of triumph, fear and isolation. There was a palpable vibe in the room as individuals went up to the microphone one by one to come out as members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Complete strangers listened with open hearts, to emotional confessions of admittance, welcoming them into the community.

This event was sponsored by the NMU school of education, leadership and public service who worked tirelessly to achieve such an important event for Marquette.



Mary McDonough/NW

**EMBRACING LOVE**—Free Mom Hugs was one of the many organizations with a booth set up during Marquette Comes Out at the Ore Dock on Friday, Oct. 11.

# BIG MONTY LIGHTS UP FOREST ROBERTS THEATER

Story by Mary McDonough | Photo courtesy of Kat Torreano

Over half the seats were filled with an audience buzzing with curiosity and anticipation. Blocked by the long red curtain, people were left to simply wait for what was in store. There was no way to predict what came next.

Filled with catchy, fast paced music and a lines of dark, brutally honest humor, the story follows six unemployed steelworkers in Buffalo, New York. Struggling to make money and hold their lives together, one of the steelworkers stumbles into a strip joint and realizes how much money they can make for a comeback.

The energy of "Full Monty" opening show still hung around like something electric in the Forest Roberts Theater

(FRT) Oct. 12. For Director Keli Crawford-Truckey the work began over the summer, searching for young men that would feel comfortable and confident enough to be vulnerable and undressed during a number of different moments in the show.

But besides casting, there also came a technical aspect to keep the show moving. In order to keep Crawford-Truckey's desire for non-stop action, Set Designer Lex van Blommestein built platforms on wheels.

"This production has specific requirements, there are types you really have to fill. For example, we have to have one guy who is pretty big and another who's a little bit mousy," Crawford-Truckey said. "The script itself is very

cinematic, it moves quickly and changes locations very quickly. All the set pieces and furnishings come in on these units."

As far as dance goes, Choreographer Jill Grundstrom was learning along with the six male actors. The different movements between men and women posed a challenge, but not one too hard to overcome. Grundstrom said this production is an opportunity to showcase local men in theater.

"It's been awesome and kind of crazy. I've never choreographed for a group of just men before so this has been different but exciting," Grundstrom said. "To have such a great, strong group of men performers is really great for us."

"I just want them to have fun and find hope. You can be down and out, stuck in a box then come up with a crazy idea like taking your clothes off when you're physically average and that can give you what you need."

- Director Keli Crawford-Truckey

Lead character Jerry Lukowski, played by NMU alumnus Brady Skewis, instigates the idea of stripping in order to quickly pay off his child support payments and continue seeing his young son. Skewis' character starts to undress throughout the show until the very last second during the strip routine when all the "Hot Metal" strip members go out on a ledge and end the routine entirely naked. The idea, though intimidating, was handled carefully throughout rehearsals, Skewis said. Much of the confidence to stand on stage and take that leap came from shared experience with the rest of the "Hot Metal" actors, Skewis said.

"Obviously being in this moment and building through

the whole show to expose myself in front of a live audience is pretty crazy," Skewis said. "The process was honestly such a great one. The guys that we're working with are just incredible and I couldn't have done it with a different group of guys. I really couldn't have."

Each man in "Hot Metal" deals with his own personal crisis that comes with being unemployed and trying to rediscover himself. Freshman theatre major Will Smith opened his first FRT production playing buttoned-up, proper business man Harold Nichols. But this show was a bit overwhelming in terms of exposure, Smith said.

"In my first month it was like, 'Here's a lead role but also you have to get naked on stage.' But everything happens for a reason. I'm glad it happened," Smith said.

Such a tight-knit bond is something that another "Hot Metal" member and sophomore fisheries and wildlife management major Marcus Bechek, sees among the entire cast.

"It's been amazing working with everybody. We've become a family," Bechek said.

Learning and taking risks is something that not only the actors have gone through during this experience, but part of the creative team as well. Sophomore secondary music education and Musical Director Caitlin Palomaki only had experience working with the youth theatre before taking on "Full Monty." Being able to take on the music for an entire production is what Palomaki describes as great lessons.

"It's been such a learning experience, getting hands on work is amazing," Palomaki said. "I've learned so much from the actors and faculty."

It's been nearly 20 years since "Full Monty" first hit the theatre world and when it comes to some secrets of longevity, Palomaki said she sees a lot of that in the music and where the comedy comes out, allowing the actors to try all kinds of new things.

"It's just the beat, you want to dance along to it and of course it's all just a joke," Palomaki said. "The cast comes up with the most creative things every night."

From a different perspective, Crawford-Truckey said the message of the show is the core of what has made this

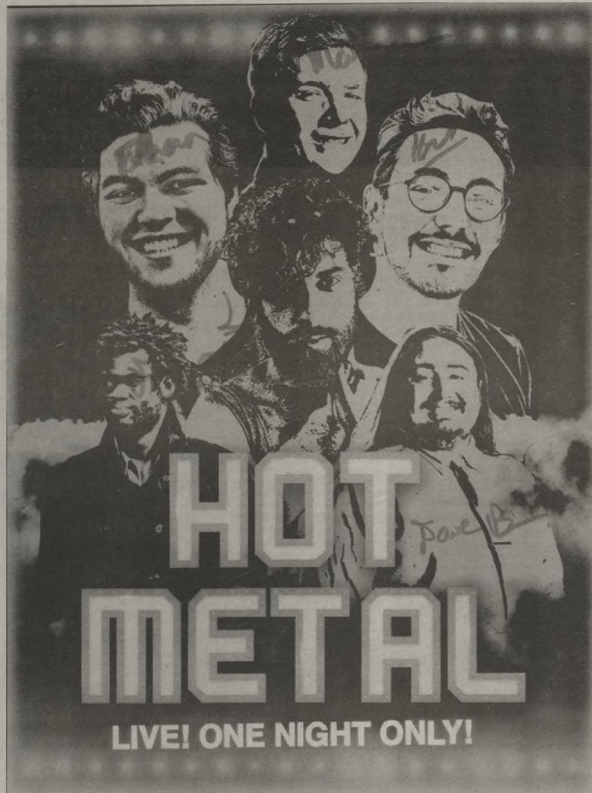
production last. This is the second time "Full Monty" has taken the FRT stage. While casts and concepts are different, there is one thing that remains.

"I think that a man's search for himself in the world and the roles he fills be it, a father, provider, or caregiver are universal and timeless, which makes this a really good show because of that," Crawford-Truckey said. "You can do it and it's relevant always."

For those who feel drawn to see the remaining performances of "Full Monty," Crawford-Truckey wants audience members to walk away with one thought from the fearless example of "Hot Metal."

"I just want them to have fun and find hope. You can be down and out, stuck in a box then come up with a crazy idea like taking your clothes off when you're physically average and that can give you what you need," Crawford-Truckey said. "We all get stuck once and a while and need to get out of the box."

Performances are at 7:30 p.m from Thursday, Oct. 17 to Sunday, Oct. 19.



**HOT METAL**—The poster that covers Buffalo, New York for a one-night only chance to see all six men of the strip act "Hot Metal." This 20-year-old production is now running at Forest Roberts Theater (FRT) from Thursday, Oct. 17 to Sunday, Oct. 19.



**AN AWKWARD ENCOUNTER**—Jerry, played by NMU alumnus Brady Skewis (middle) talks with his ex-wife Pam, son Nathan and part-time lover Estelle, during the second act of "Full Monty."



# Fresh Coast Film Festival to play across town

Over a 100 documentaries go on screen in the community, four produced by students

By Isabelle Tavares  
contributing writer

Those who attend the fourth annual Fresh Coast Film Fest (FCFF) won't be greeted with a fancy red carpet. But if there was a carpet, it would be hunter orange and muddy, FCFF Co-Founder Buggy Sailor said. The festival stays true to its identity: showcasing the films that illustrate what the outdoor lifestyle in the Great Lakes Region has to offer.

The FCFF offers over 120 documentary-style films and nine outdoor tours starting Thursday, Oct. 17 until Sunday, Oct. 20 at eight venues across Marquette. Zooming out from this year's theme of sustainability and climate, the FCFF highlights the larger narrative of Great Lakes storytelling.

"Michigan is often seen as fly-over territory to get out West, but we want to make the point that you can do just about anything in the Midwest," Sailor said. "You can go for an awesome hike or paddle in the same day and get the full four seasons. It's not just about watching films, it's about getting out to see Marquette, to go for a hike or see Superior."

And this is exactly what the outdoor tours encourage. Inspiration is another pillar of the FCFF, and Sailor said the festivals' good storytelling inspires anyone—abilities or experience aside—to get exploring in the outdoors. This year will be senior nursing major Abby Laurencelle's third time attending.

"I love it. It's such a unique way to perpetuate film and sports and Marquette. Being an

outdoor based environment, it's such a beautiful way to bring the community together," Laurencelle said. "It's such a stoke. It creates this environment that it doesn't matter who you are, what you do, what your limitations are, what your ability is—get outside and have fun."

Sailor, one of the people behind the magic, said he hopes to make you cry, laugh and feel. The Middle English translation of inspiration is divine guidance, so maybe these films are telling a story that's larger than a 4-by-3 movie screen.

"I want to make no small impact on this community. I'm just a small part of the festival but Fresh Coast is what made me feel like I belong here and I can make a community impact through this work," Sailor said.

The FCFF grows each year and the number of volunteers involved has been an incredible amount, Sailor said. In addition, family programming has expanded and they're doing more partnerships with NMU students with the creation of an internship program. This sustained scholarship allows Wildcats to lead outdoor tours and host a Q&A for filmmakers on campus.

Sailor said they have "only scratched the surface of the type of opportunities" that they can come up with.

A few of the sponsors include NMU, Blackrocks Brewery, the Ore Dock Brewing Co., Travel Marquette, The Delft and Downwind Sports. Sailor said the partnership with NMU has been incredible, because the FCFF showcases what Marquette has to offer to future or new students

and in turn, NMU provides a talent pool. Four of the 120 films this year were created by NMU students or alum, and Sailor said the film selection committee is "loose on requirements."

Staying true to its name, about 50% of the content is from the Great Lakes region, or directed or produced from someone in the region. The FCFF is "so happy" to showcase an NMU student film as a part of their culture of good storytelling through filmmaking, Sailor added.

Films will be shown at Ampersand Coworking, Blackrocks Brewery, Kaufman Auditorium, Marquette Commons, Masonic Building, Ore Dock Brewing Co., Peter White Public Library, Spring Street Parking Lot and the Delft Bistro. Tickets can be found online at [freshcoast-filmfest.com](http://freshcoast-filmfest.com) or at Ampersand Coworking located at 132 W. Washington St.

"The idea of a film fest is a little foreign to people. So even if you're not into the outdoors, the stories are often so good that it doesn't matter. My parents come each year and they're not into action sports," Sailor said. "So when I see them connect with a film that's outside of their world, that's so cool."

One can have all the fancy filmmaking gear in the world, but at the end of the day, all that's needed is a good story, he said. As the FCFF identity evolves, Sailor strives for approachability to be weaved into that. So this weekend, keep that in mind while strutting down that fictional muddy, hunter orange carpet.



Photo courtesy of Fresh Coast Film Festival  
FILMING NATURE—J.J. Kelly from National Geographic speaks at the 2018 Fresh Coast Film Festival in Kaufman Auditorium. The festival was found on the celebration of the outdoors, water-abundant environments and the Great Lakes, U.P. and Midwestern culture.

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**RUCKING TO VICTORY**—ROTC cadets Anden Armbruster(left) from the participating nine-man team, Ally Wasinski from the 2nd place five-man team and Quinten DeMyer also on the nine-man team compete in the weekend long event.

## ROTC competes in Task Force Ranger Challenge

By Maggie Duly  
features editor

It's 30 degree weather with sleet, snow and 20 mph winds gusting at the cadets' faces as they march a 22.31 mile course around Fort McCoy in Wisconsin with 35 pounds of supplies in their rucksacks to complete in seven challenges along the way.

In hopes of moving on to the Brigade Task Force challenge, 27 NMU Reserved Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) cadets participated in the Task Force Ranger Challenge on Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 13.

Military Science Instructor Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Ingram ran one of the seven challenge lanes along the trail on Saturday, Oct. 12. Ingram's lane was the call for fire lane and he had seven NMU cadet volunteers helping him. The competing cadets got scored on their performance at each lane which went into their final placing score.

"It gets them physically ready for the army at least on the combat side, but it also teaches them the key components of the army which is working together as a team and being able to lead somebody," Ingram said. "Being in ROTC, we're training them to become officers."

NMU ROTC sent two different nine-man teams and one five-man team to compete with 18 total teams from other ROTC programs in their Task Force which includes Michigan Tech and universities from Wisconsin. NMU's five-man team came in second place and the senior nine-man team came in third place.

The first day all the cadets arrived at Fort McCoy, the 18 teams

competed in a relay race, and the place they got in the race determined who got to pick their starting time for the 22.31 mile challenge first for the following day.

"What I learned was resilience. It takes a lot out of you and it's hard sometimes, but knowing that everyone's going through the same thing and everyone's pushing through the same thing, just stick together, work as a team and build off each other in order to meet the end goal," junior multimedia journalism major Nate Jacobs said. "It's just really rewarding and it helps you learn by working as a team and believing in your own strengths you can accomplish anything."

Each task force in the nation does these ranger challenge events. Each first place team then moves on to their respective brigade headquarters to compete in a similar challenge to qualify for a national Task Force competition at West Point.

"It kind of like a bracket in sports, this is our varsity event," Ingram said. "So every time you win in each bracket you move onto the next level of competition with Sand Hearse being the culmination at West Point."

The cadets ended with an 18-part obstacle course and two mystery challenges including team push-ups and a mental memory exercise on Oct. 12.

The cadets will continue to train for similar events like the Northern Warfare Challenge where they demonstrate arctic survival skills which will take place in the winter semester. At these events NMU ROTC cadets are able to exhibit their strengths as the smallest program in the regional Task Force.

## Netflix actress talks about issues with ICE, family separation

By Calista Rockwell  
contributing writer

The community came together in the Northern Center Tuesday, Oct. 15, to welcome actress, author and advocate Diane Guerrero to NMU. Guerrero, known for her roles in "Orange Is the New Black," "Jane the Virgin," and for her book entitled "In the Country We Love: My Family Divided," which shared her personal story of losing her parents to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). It also discusses her journey of activism: she is working to bring light to the injustice that plagues our immigration system today.

"It's one thing to read about our immigration system, but to actually hear someone tell their story: it makes this real," senior sociology major Eve McCowen said.

Throughout her book, Guerrero writes about the hardships and trauma deportation had on her mental health as an adolescent. Guerrero discussed the horror she experienced as she watched her mother and father be taken away in the ICE van, leaving her orphaned at the age of 14.

"There is a lot of shame with being a daughter of deported parents. It messed me up," Guerrero said. "I tried for a long time to not talk about it, but this affected my mental health."

Guerrero explained how she began to fall into depression, ultimately fearing taking her own life. She expressed for the Latinx community especially, the importance of mental health, considering the trauma and horror many undocumented people are facing and the heavy weight of secrecy they carry.

"I needed to find something that made me happy after that event, something that connected family, culture and connected me to myself," Guerrero said. "And that was the arts. It was my outlet."

Guerrero began to express herself through her acting. After moving to New York, she landed the role of Maritza Ramos on the Netflix Original, "Orange is the New Black." The show was freeing and meaningful to Guerrero as it tackled immigration, among many other social issues and injustices.

"The show was raw. It had the power to reach and educate the public," Guerrero said.

This holds value to Guerrero, as she shared that from an early age she never fully comprehended what the immigration system was, it's history, or how it affected the people around her, until it directly affected her family.

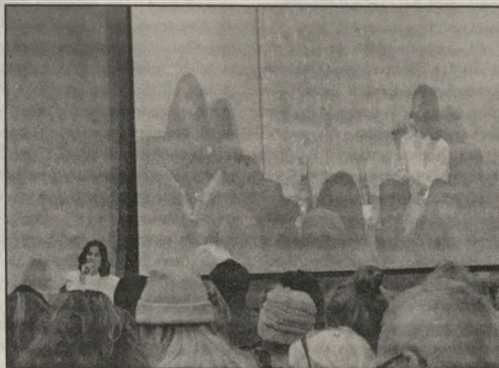
"I never heard stories like mine," Guerrero said. "It's so important to share my story with the youth, so they can be educated on this system that is ripping families apart."

Guerrero also addressed that our current president's campaign stemmed on the "demonization of the Latinx community" is what jump started her into activism.

She began working to make change alongside the Immigrant Legal Resource Center—an organization specializing in providing legal services to immigrants—which taught Guerrero how to exercise her political voice and help represent the oftentimes misrepresented.

"I learned the importance of mobilizing my community to vote to elect representatives that are going to make decisions in their best interest," Guerrero said. "I hope to show people we come from a community that is hard working, also not perfect, but certainly not the demons some would have you believe."

This event was put together through the hard work and dedication of Platform Personalities, the Student Finance Committee and Gotham Artists, to educate the public of the adversities the Latinx community face in the immigration system today.



Calista Rockwell/NW

**TIME TO REFLECT**—Netflix actress discusses her book in Northern Center Ballroom Tuesday, Oct. 15. It focuses on her personal strife when her parents were taken away by ICE when she was 14.

## Professor to speak on Cuban media distribution

By Justin Van't Hof  
contributing writer

Michelle Farrell, Ph.D., an associate professor of Spanish at Fairfield University, Connecticut is holding a talk with help from the department of languages, literatures and international studies as well as the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. "Is Havana Isolated or is Washington? Media, Internet, Film, Distribution and Cuba Today" will focus on the relationship between Cuban media and entertainment and the United States.

Farrell is scheduled to speak at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 and 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 in Jamrich 1311.

"To reveal the connectedness of Cuba she will share what information circulates on the island, how people get their news, entertainment and films without Netflix, and the role of the Cuban state in the controversial topic of censorship," Spanish and Latin American culture, literature and film Professor Lupe Arenillas said.

The event will evaluate the effects of the U.S. embargo of Cuba since 1960 and what that has meant for the Cuban people and governments consumption of media and entertainment.

"At the department of languages, literatures and international studies we seek to promote dialogue, intercultural exchanges and our passion for Latin American," Arenillas said. "That's why I worked with Professor Amy Orf, who leads a trip to Cuba for NMU, to bring Farrell to campus with the support of the Office of Diversity of Inclusion."

The department of languages, literatures and international studies and hopes that the talk allows for a better understanding of how Cuban media and entertainment functions and how the United States has played a role in this.

"Outside of presidential elections and sound bites, there is a disinformation campaign about the island in the U.S. press and we need to talk about what the embargo has meant for the Cuban people and government," Arenillas said.



## Skaters split opening series with Michigan State

NMU notches win in second game, heads to Boston for two-game tilt



Jackie Jahfetsen/NW

**MOVING FORWARD**—Luke Voltin prepares for the referee to drop the puck for the face-off on Saturday, Oct. 12, the second game of the home opener as Garrett Lee looks on. The 'Cats are now 1-1 on the season after splitting with the Spartans. NMU has a quick turn-around before that travel to Boston to take on the Boston University (BU) Terriers this weekend.

By *Travis Nelson*  
sports editor

Two nights in a row, the Michigan State University (MSU) Spartans and NMU Wildcats battled it out inside the confines of the Berry Events Center, and both walked out with a win apiece. MSU won the series opener 5-3 on Friday, Oct. 11, and the Wildcats responded with a 2-0 shutout win in the finale on Saturday, Oct. 12 to improve to 1-1 on the year.

Defense was the story for the 'Cats on the weekend, giving up only 21 and 15 shots respectively in the two contests. On Friday night, NMU took the loss despite winning in faceoffs, shots on goal and on the power play. The Wildcats went 2-4 on the power play, while holding MSU to just 2-6. The Spartans took a 2-1 lead and never gave it back. MSU put it in the dagger with 33 seconds remaining when Brody Stevens knocked in the empty net goal to make the score 5-3. The goalscorers for NMU were Griffin Loughran, Vincent De Mey and Grant Loven. Nolan Kent was solid in goal with 16 saves.

The script flipped entirely on Saturday night, as NMU goalie John Hawthorne pitched a shutout in the team's 2-0 win with 15 saves. Hawthorne talked about his first game as an NMU Wildcat.

"I think I was seeing the puck okay, I was feeling pretty good

but the guys only gave up 15 shots. They did a really good job clearing rebounds and keeping things to the outside for the most part," Hawthorne said. "Every shutout is a team shutout and I think tonight was a pretty good example of that."

Loughran scored his second goal of the season to give the Wildcats the 1-0 in the first period. That would be the score for most of the game until De Mey flipped one in from the blue line over the glove of MSU goalie Drew DeRidder with less than two minutes remaining to ice it. The impressive defensive performance of the weekend continued with forward Ty Readman's line. Readman also added an assist on Loughran's goal, and he said he liked how his team performed.

"I think that was one of our goals for the weekend, was to keep them below 20 shots," Readman said. "It was a team goal for us and we achieved it and everyone played a part in that. So yeah, perfect game plan."

Head Coach Grant Potulny was pleased with his team's performance over the course of the two games, and thought his team was a little too excited for Friday's game. However on Saturday, Potulny's feelings were different.

"I think sometimes as a coach you can tell four or five minutes into a game if your team's really dialed in, and I had that feeling tonight," Potulny said. "Even

though it was a one-goal game the whole time, I felt confident. I felt like we were keeping people to the outside, and I think a big part of that low number of shots is that our forwards did a much better job getting into shooting lanes."

The schedule doesn't get any easier, as next the Wildcats travel to Boston to challenge the Boston University (BU) Terriers. BU is 1-0 on the young season after defeating Union College 7-3. The Terriers are a fast team that has been historically good over the years, so Potulny knows what they will bring to the opposing bench.

Winning becomes contagious, and losing can also become contagious, so for us to come out and change that outcome that we had from last night [Saturday, Oct. 12] was really important," Potulny said. "It's going to be a little bit of a different game, because it'll be a smaller sheet, they're probably faster but probably not as big. We'll have to adjust to some things in practice to get ready for their speed, but as a player you're excited to play those games. You circle these in the summer, and you want to go out and play against the best teams."

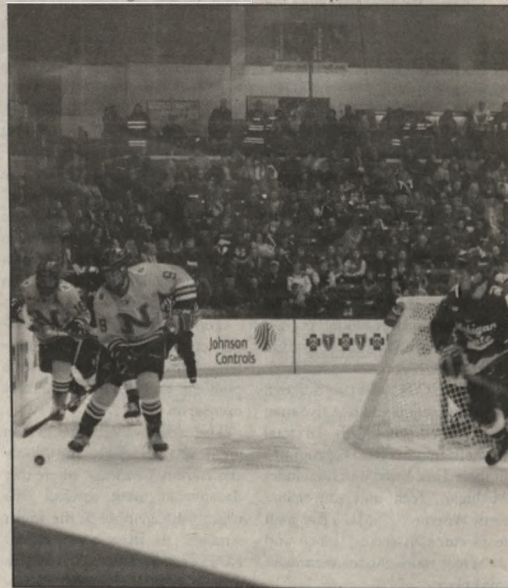
BU's home ice is smaller than NMU's, so the Wildcats will be practicing at Lakeview Arena this week to try and adjust, Potulny said. This is a great experience for this Wildcat team, and hopefully it is one that will

benefit them during the tough conference season. The team's dials are high after playing efficiently against MSU, and they will need that confidence to show to defeat a quality team like BU.

"We're feeling really good, I think last night [Friday, Oct. 11] was a good effort. We didn't finish the way we wanted to obviously but to split with a Big Ten team like Michigan State, that's

really good for our confidence," Readman said. "Going into Boston we're feeling good, and with a win on Saturday, very good weekend overall."

Opening face-off of the first game of the doubleheader will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 from BU's Agganis Arena between the Wildcats and Terriers. The second and final game of the series will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19.



Jackie Jahfetsen/NW

**CLAWING AHEAD**—NMU is looking to get a winning streak going as the WCHA slate looms ahead. Boston will give the Wildcats a challenge.

# SPORTS BRIEFS



## Women's Soccer

After beating rival Michigan Tech 3-2 on Sunday, the NMU Women's Soccer team looks to keep up its winning ways. The victory puts the Wildcats at 3-7 on the season, and they now have four home games in a row in the next two weeks. This weekend, they take on Grand Valley State University (GVSU) on Friday, Oct. 18 and Davenport University (DU) on Sunday, Oct. 20. The following week, the 'Cats host Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) on Friday, Oct. 25 and Ashland University (AU) on Sunday, Oct. 27. The team is in the thick of the GLIAC schedule, but having four consecutive home matches hopefully can leap the Wildcats back into contention. Jamie Montgomery leads the team in goals with three, and Caroline Halonen leads the team in points with seven, including two goals and three assists.

Kickoff between NMU and GVSU is at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 from the NMU Outdoor Soccer Fields.

## Women's Volleyball

The NMU Women's Volleyball team won two of its last four games, and they are now at 7-10 on the campaign. The Wildcats are in sixth place out of 12 teams in the GLIAC standings. After losing four straight games, Northern has calmed the storm by winning two of its last three. Those wins were both 3-0 victories over Northwood University (NU) and Wayne State University (WSU). This weekend, the team travels to Indianapolis to compete in the Conference Crossover Tournament at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 when they play University of Missouri-St. Louis. The 'Cats will match-up at 10 a.m. against University of Illinois-Springfield and at 4 p.m. against Cedarville University on Saturday, Oct. 19. The Wildcats get a much needed week off from the GLIAC schedule, however they return to conference action on Friday, Oct. 25 when they travel to Purdue-Northwest University to take on the Pride.

## Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

**TREADING WATER**—Rachel Helm has quite the trophy case, as she is perhaps the most decorated NMU athlete in years. The senior swimmer took home the GLIAC Women's Swim and Dive Athlete of the Week, her sixth time winning it in her career. Helm won six individual events in the team's win over Findlay this past weekend. She also got two NCAA B cuts in the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes.

## Decade of despair

# Wildcats fall to Tech 24-20



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

**UNDERDOG STORY**—Running back Tyshon King dodges past Husky defenders during Saturday's 24-20 loss to Michigan Tech. King paced the Wildcats with 189 total yards and two touchdowns in the game. The Wildcats lost its 10th straight game to Michigan Tech on Saturday.

By *Travis Nelson*  
sports editor

Snow came down for the first time this year on Saturday, and it felt like just another year in the U.P. It was the same feeling for the NMU Football team as well as they lost 24-20 to the Michigan Technological University (MTU) Huskies for the 10th season in a row. The Miner's Cup will sit in Houghton for another year after the Wildcats missed out on an opportunity to win.

Tech fumbled six times, and NMU recovered five of them. MTU lost the turnover battle by four, but like the past decade, found a way to win this rivalry game.

NMU stumbled to 1-5 on the season while MTU improved to 3-2. If you ask Head Coach Kyle Nystrom what the difference in the game was, he'll give you one answer.

"The game where we lost our edge was in the passing game on both sides of the ball. We couldn't handle Jacob Wenzlick and Ben Hartley, their two senior receivers, when we needed to handle them," Nystrom said. "We weren't good in the passing game when we needed to be good in the passing game. Our rhythm was off, our throws weren't where we needed them to be, that was the difference in the game."

MTU quarterback Will Ark went 21-30 for 347 yards and had three touchdowns. Wenzlick and Hartley did a lot of damage for the Huskies, combining for 270 receiving yards and three touchdowns. Wildcats quarterback Ryan Johnson couldn't get it going however, as

**"We weren't good in the passing game when we needed to be good in the passing game. Our rhythm was off, our throws weren't where we needed them to be."**

—*Kyle Nystrom*  
head coach, football

he finished 6-17 for 158 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. All together, Tech outgained Northern 467-276 in total offense and outscored the 'Cats 14-7 in the second half.

Running back Tyshon King was the biggest bright spot of the day for NMU, tallying 25 carries for 114 yards and a touchdown. He also was NMU's leading receiver with a 75-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter.

"I feel Tyshon [King] did a nice job, a true freshman out there. He's a little bit nicked still, but he almost willed us to a win," Nystrom said. "He did a fantastic job running the ball."

Although it was a disappointing game for the Wildcats, they have a new opportunity this weekend to make a statement when host the 17th ranked Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Lakers. GVSU is 5-1 on the season, with its only loss coming on Oct. 5 against Ashland University (AU) 20-17 on a last second touchdown pass. Nystrom said that this is a transition year for them in some spots, but the challenge hasn't changed one bit.

"It's Grand Valley, I expect what I always expect from them.

They're going through a little transition at quarterback, but it's still Grand Valley and they still have elite players," Nystrom said. "They always have great personnel there, so offensively they'll keep us busy, and we're going to have to do a good job with the run game and not give up the big plays."

It has been tough sledding thus far for the 'Cats, but this weekend presents another chance to pull off a big win for the program. The Lakers come in averaging 27.1 points per game, so the Northern defense has a big target on its back. Even with the negatives that a 1-5 season brings, there are still positives awaiting this 2019 team.

"It's fun, we have fun with our players. The games are frustrating that we don't win but there are things to build on, there are things to feel good about," Nystrom said. "You have to fix the things that let you down, and you keep progressing with what is good."

The ranked Lakers and Wildcats will kick off at 1 p.m. in the Superior Dome on Saturday, Oct. 19.

# Wildcats swim past Findlay in dual meet

Men, women clean up pool in first meet, up next: North Dakota

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contributing writer  
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The Wildcats showed no sign of weakness in its first official meet, as the NMU Women's Swim and Dive team defeated the University of Findlay (UF) Oilers for the fourth time in a row with the score of 199-92 with four B cuts as well. The Men's Swim and Dive team defeated UF with a similar score of 190-91. Head Coach Heidi Voigt talked about if she likes what her team has done thus far.

"I really do, we didn't know quite what to expect. But half our team graduated last year, 12 women and 12 men," Voigt said. "We brought in 14 women and eight men and they're young, great energy on deck and in practice, so I'm really excited to see them get good races in."

Voigt said Friday night was more sprint focused and kind of a fun, while Saturday was the first time they would get to do the events that they will do later in the season in the conference and hopefully national championships.

Divers sophomore Mary Grossman and freshman Amanda Baird both got their B cuts for the women's team in the 1-meter board. Baird also got a B cut for 3-meter board. Freshman Maria Arakelian won the 500-yard freestyle and 1000-yard freestyle with times of 5:12.09 and 10:44.34 respectively. Freshman Pilar Perello won the 200 and 100-yard freestyle with times of 1:56.28 and 54.64.

Defending national champion in the 200-yard and 100-yard backstrokes Rachel Helm showed no sign of slowing down. The senior won both events with times of 56.41 and 2:02.50 which earned her a B cut. Freshman Michaela Nelson won both of her events as well, finishing the 50-yard freestyle in 24.91 and 200-yard individual medley with a winning time of 2:13.16. Freshman Meritxell Font Cantarero ended up winning both of her events. She finished 200-yard butterfly with 2:08.15 and 100 yard butterfly with 58.42. The Wildcats won 15 out of 16 events total over the course of the two-day meet.

The men also had a good showing, as four Wildcats ended

up winning both of their individual events. Senior Lajos Budai won the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events with the times of 21.54 and 47.78. Junior Ondrej Zach won his first events as a Wildcat in the 1000-yard and 500-yard freestyle events with winning times of 9:45.62 and 4:45.64. Freshman Roberto Camera won the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke, crossing the line with times of 57.54 and 2:09.58. Freshmen diver Micah Currie capped off NMU's successful weekend when he won both of the boards as well.

The Wildcats better have enjoyed the home meet, because it is one of few this season. NMU heads on the road this weekend for a multi-dual meet against South Dakota University (SDU) and St. Cloud State University (SCSU) on the men's side. For the women's team, they will face off against SCSU, SDU and host Minnesota State University-Moorhead (MSMU). Voigt knows that it's just one of those years having a tough schedule with a lot of road meets.

"It's kind of one of those years, a travel year," Voigt said. "So it's just kind of one of those years



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

**POOL PARTY**—The Wildcats are on a roll as of late, dating back to the last couple of years. NMU will get its next chance for success in North Dakota this weekend.

that you're not home as much." NMU travels to West Fargo, North Dakota to compete this weekend, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 from the Hulbert

Aquatic Center. The two-day meet will finish off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19.

# Wildcats vie for U.P. title against Tech

Running rivalry heats up before biggest meets of season



Photo courtesy of NMU Athletics

**RUNNING FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS**—The Wildcats will host Michigan Tech for the cross country U.P. championship. The teams faced off in a scrimmage in the preseason.

By *Sadie Brink*  
contributing writer

After finishing in 16th place of the 36 NCAA Division II teams at the Conference Cross-over in Romeoville, Illinois, the NMU Women's Cross Country team looks ahead to the U.P. Championships. The meet will be held on Friday, Oct. 18 at home at the NMU Golf Course. The team will be squaring against Michigan Tech, a team that the Wildcats scrimmaged in the preseason. Head Coach Jennifer Ryan talked about the upcoming meet.

"The U.P. Championship is a race to prep for the GLIAC Championship and the Midwest Regionals. We are looking to run a fast race," Ryan said.

The 'Cats have been hard at work preparing for this important race, Ryan described what kind of preparation that the team is doing to get ready.

"The preparations include doing some intervals to prepare for the race course and also still getting in some volume to prepare for the races coming up," Ryan said.

Ryan also talked about some of the precautions that they are taking with this week's race. A few of the top runners will not be racing to stay fresh for the upcoming big meets, Ryan added.

Ryan mentioned some of the runners who she expects to do well such as, sophomores Anna Kelley and Katrina Salmen. Them along with a big group of freshmen including Meghan Langworthy, Kim Carviou, Caroline Vegeberg, Emily Sterling and Morgan Lyon is who Ryan mentioned. This season has gone pretty well for the Wildcats, as they have finished towards the top in most meets including taking sixth in the Spartan Invite.

"It has been a good season so far, but I feel we still have some great things ahead," Ryan said. "We haven't yet had our best day, but have been solid throughout."

After going to tough meets such as the Roy Griak Invitational and Conference Cross-over, Ryan knows of the lessons her team has had to learn, including adversity.

"The last two meets (Griak and Crossover) were respectable, but with so many runners we got boxed in and we were not able to run up to our ability," Ryan said. "We learned some things in each of those races."

The team has continued to get better over the course of the year, but Ryan is looking for it all to come to fruition in beating Tech this weekend.

"The team is training hard through the first part of the year and learning from all the races. There is a great atmosphere on the team and a great culture of hard work and positive attitudes," Ryan said. "The results have been solid and we look to continue to move up and forward."

Ryan said she believes heavily in what this team can do in the next coming races to warm up for the two biggest races in the season on the horizon.

NMU's last and only home meet of the season against Michigan Tech begins at 3 p.m. from the NMU Golf Course.

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Congress now has the decision on whether to allocate the funds toward a new Soo Lock that would promise the continuation of ore processing there for many years to come.

Michigan has invested already, with \$52 million allocated by former Gov. Rick Snyder toward the \$1 billion

Soo Lock project. This impacts more than the bureaucrats who work on the bill, it also impacts the residents of areas supported by mining and the industries who utilize the materials. The locks are a mega economic gain for the United States, making their maintenance absolutely crucial to the economy, Cambensy said.

Young people are encouraged to get involved as well, as the more people who write

to political bodies, the more attention the issue is given and the more chance that there will result a raise in funding, Cambensy added.

"I would encourage Northern students to petition their student bodies and send a resolution on behalf of students to Congress, state government, Senate and the House. The more you can do to help me stand behind a project like this, the better," Cambensy said. "I know a lot

of students who come from all over the state of Michigan who would be impacted, whether it's the through car industry or supplier parts industry, who really would have a stake in this."

The Great Lakes 2020 agenda will continue to be discussed at the local, state and national levels, with hopes that people will continue to take note of the crucial work that the Great Lakes do for the entirety of the nation.

INSPIRATIONS

"I know what his wife looks like," Jim Denali's Boston plan ORAL FLUID

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The museum's video and photographic displays, as well as the write-ups on various events through U.P. history, were prepared by researchers and designers at the university and aided by student assistants. The BUPHC often involves students in designing, marketing and researching exhibits for the museum.

"The mission of the heritage center is to celebrate the history and heritage of the U.P. so part of our mission is to be a laboratory for students, not only

to learn history and culture of the region but to also be involved and work with us," Truckey said.

"There's opportunities for students to get real life experience. We see that as a really important part of our mission, is being not just a museum of sorts but helping students get the experience they want."

Truckey said he is pleased that "The 51st State?" exhibit has so far garnered a great deal of interest from the community, and he hopes it will increase as time goes on.

Throughout time, there have been many who wanted to separate the

two peninsulas, and this tension is what the exhibit seeks to spread awareness on, Truckey said.

"The 51st State?" looks into the various identity differences between Yoopers and lower peninsula residents which fueled such tensions, as well as the various treaties signed to acquire the lands of the U.P. from the Anishinaabe people, Truckey added.

"Ever since that time there have been efforts to separate the U.P. from Michigan," Truckey said. "Most people don't know why the U.P. is part of Michigan."

Some events which are

explained in the display include the Washington Treaty of 1836, the "Battle" of Philips Corners, the Toledo "War," the Frost-bitten Convention and "The Big Game" between the University of Michigan and Ohio State University.

"[The exhibit] covers a lot of different ground," Truckey added.

Several images of "inaccurate maps" that fail to show any regard for the U.P.'s geological shape are displayed at the rear of the exhibit, as well as some maps in which the U.P. is entirely missing from the United States. Another hu-

morous component of the display is a collection of "Say yah to da U.P., eh!" bumper stickers in various iterations, Truckey noted.

The BUPHC plans to unveil its next exhibit in April and it will center around work done by NMU professor Scott Demel, who has been working for several years with students on an archaeological dig on Mount Marquette, Truckey said. It will be a more of a student-driven exhibit than "The 51st State?" Truckey said, explaining, students in Demel's class next semester will develop the exhibit as an academic project.

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