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The new Jamrich Hall is expected to be completed by August 2014. The 136,000-square-foot building will cost \$33.4 million, 75 percent of which is being funded by the State of Michigan.

Construction begins for new Jamrich

By Amanda Monthei
news editor

The mobilization for a new, 136,000 square foot Jamrich building began on Monday, March 25, as contractors began fencing off the parking lot between the Learning Resource Center and Hedcock in preparation of construction.

According to Associate Director of Engineering and Planning Jim Thams, the university will start excavation of the site by the week of Monday, April 1, and the

project is expected to take around 15 months.

If everything goes as planned, the new Jamrich building will be open and ready for fall semester classes to begin in August 2014.

"This week (contractors) will begin to install construction fencing, deliver equipment and bring construction supplies on site in preparation of starting construction next week," Thams said. "Typically we wouldn't start a construction project of this size, especially in this location, before the summer break, but because of the size and complexity of

this project it is essential to start construction now to complete the new building for the start of the fall 2014 semester.

"It's 136,000 square feet and three stories out of the ground — it's big, and even, 15 months is an aggressive construction schedule."

Thams said the cost of the building is \$33.4 million, but the state is paying for \$25 million of the total cost through the recent capital outlay bill. The capital outlay bill, passed by Gov. Rick Snyder in June 2012, allocated \$300 million dollars to the pursuit

of establishing better facilities on college campuses statewide. Northern was one of 18 universities to receive such funding for construction projects.

"This is a state-funded project," Thams said. "There's a cost share (between NMU and the state) and it's a 25-75. So for every dollar, NMU pays 25 cents and the state pays 75 cents."

While the possibility of renovating the current Jamrich, which was built in 1969, it was found that rebuilding was the best option.

"One of the reasons we went

with the new building was because of some of the inefficiencies or limitations with the existing (Jamrich) building," he said. "Where do you go between classes in Jamrich? There are a whole bunch of people sitting on the floor or sitting on the limited benches that there are and the corridors are always jam packed. (The new Jamrich) will have classroom facilities, faculty and staff who will be teaching in the building are right there and you also have areas where students

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ASNMU board approves second ASNMUJ member

By Shalna James
editor in chief

The ASNMU meeting on Monday, March 25 had a rough start with three ASNMU Judiciary appointees turned down; however, it had a good turn around when Michael Dilay was appointed as the second ASNMUJ member.

Four people were appointed by ASNMU President Benjamin Stanley, but were not approved with three-fourths majority vote.

A few board members voiced their concern that the board had suggested people for ASNMUJ

and potential candidates weren't given an interview. Board members were also concerned they were not given the opportunity to meet with the people Stanley appointed ahead of time.

After the four candidates were turned down, College of Professional Studies Rep. John McGovern suggested Dilay would be a good appointee for ASNMUJ.

"As far as someone like Michael, I don't think I took a big gamble on," McGovern said. "I was thinking how little progress we were making with ASNMUJ and not electing candidates because they were biased and knew

Ben. He [Dilay] had no biases. He is a perfect example of what we needed."

Dilay's appointment then went into a vote and he was elected as the second ASNMUJ member with unanimous approval.

"It made me feel a little on the spot," Dilay, a senior education major, said. "I have considered the legislature for a brief moment, but I thought with all the time I had to devote to it next semester might be too much for me to handle that position. I think the judiciary position will be a

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can go — there's an informal learning component to this facility."

Thams said the way in which the current building was constructed made it ultimately impossible for renovation to be more efficient than simply rebuilding from the ground up.

"When we started looking at the renovation for the existing Jamrich, that whole first floor is tiered and it all comes down to the same location in a bowl," Thams said in reference to Jamrich rooms 102, 103 and 105. "All of those tiers are slab-on-grade concrete. What that means is if you were to bust out those floors to create a lower level, all of that dirt behind those tiers would have to be excavated out of there. There is no way to do that with the existing structure."

However, unlike other recently constructed buildings on campus such as New Science and West Science, the new Jamrich will not have a lower level. Instead, it will have three floors above ground, and, unlike the current building, will contain both classrooms and faculty office space. In fact, four full departments will be moving into the new Jamrich upon its completion in fall 2014 — sociology, criminal justice, math and computer science, and English.

The addition of the English department to the new Jamrich will also lead to the ultimate demolition of Gries Hall.

"Part of this project, one of the themes of this project, was efficiency and building what we need," Thams said. "The more space you have the more you have to fix, the more you have to heat and the more you have to clean — and that all comes with a price tag. We will actually reduce square footage on campus by about 36,000 square feet. That's equivalent to Whitman Hall, and that's 36000 square feet that we don't have to heat, we don't have to clean, we don't have to maintain."

"Operationally, it works out to about 180,000 per year. It's substantial."

According to Thams, the new building will provide students not only with more appropriately-sized classrooms, but also with substantial lounge and "soft seating" areas — areas that lend to the aforementioned "informal learning component," or places where students can converse and share ideas, of the building.

"The first floor is all classroom based with the addition of informal seating areas," he said. "On the second floor, there are areas where we have soft seating, so we have some lounge furniture like what's in the Starbucks lounge."

Thams said among the projected classroom areas in the new

building, there will be a 500-seat auditorium, two 40-seat case study classrooms, two 80-seat lecture halls and one 120-seat lecture hall, in addition to some smaller 30-seat classrooms. There will also be an open balcony on the second floor, as well as floor to ceiling windows on the exterior, which will provide the west-facing building substantial natural light in the afternoon.

In addition to the structural and site efficiencies of the new Jamrich, greater technological opportunities will also be available, according to NMU provost Paul Lang.

"(The current Jamrich) is very old and our structural and technological needs are different today than they were when the building was first built," Lang said. "Active learning is very important today and there is a lot of technology that is built into classrooms today that wasn't available many years ago. Most of the classrooms will be active learning classrooms so that the configuration will be very different from what you might be used to in the current Jamrich Hall. The tables will be more round or triangulated so the students can



Jim Thams, associate director of engineering and planning, looks over blueprints earlier this week.

Amanda Monthei/NW

look at each other and work with each other in teams."

Currently, NMU is mobilizing for bid package two, according to Thams, which will tackle the first phase of building construction and includes site work, footing, foundations and structural steel. Bid package three is

"The intent is to have both steel and block up — and the exterior of the building enclosed — by December (2013)," he said. "If we can do that, then we can work through the winter months on the inside of the building."

NMU has contracted with Miron Construction, of Wausau, Wisc., and will be working with many local businesses in the construction of the new Jamrich. Among these local businesses are Champion Inc. out of Iron Mountain, which will be doing steel work, JP Electric of Marquette doing all site electric work and Associated Constructors of Marquette managing all excavation and site work.

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lot easier to handle, and I will do it a lot better."

A main concern of the ASNMU board members is that the ASNMU members stay impartial in all subjects. Dilay eased this concern.

"I am a teacher, I have to be very impartial when dealing with matters whenever a student breaks a rule," Dilay said. "You don't want to give anyone special treatment or else everyone will break the same rule. You have to set boundaries and I feel that also has to be the case with NMU students. They need to understand there are certain boundaries. I will try to look out for their rights too. If they feel they have been wronged, I will definitely look into it."

Dilay has been involved with ASNMU over the last semester, suggesting ideas and attending the majority of meetings.

"Last semester I suggested why not put some coffee and food with the 24 hour study lounge," Dilay said. "You know, make the students a little bit more comfortable while they study."

Dilay said the students are his main concern.

"Right now I can't really say what I will bring to ASNMU because it is still missing three members, but when we do finally get a judiciary I definitely plan to uphold the student code and the constitution of ASNMU," Dilay said.

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Relay for Life-rs get walking



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Relay for Life participants join for the 24-hour Walk-A-Thon, which started at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 22 and ran until 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. RFL raises funds for the treatment and prevention of cancer.

Students explore business ideas

By Sam Banks
staff writer

Six students will be competing on Thursday, April 4 for a chance to start a small business with \$9,000 in prize money from NMU's School of Business New Business Venture Competition.

The competition is designed to promote entrepreneurship by giving students an opportunity to start a new business and apply classroom experience to the real world, according to Jody Lindberg, the coordinator of the event. She is also the assistant dean at NMU's College of Business.

Finalists Lauren Lund, Anthony Plemmons, Sage Henning, Keegan Hitz and team of Matthew and Amanda Yadro are competing for the top prize of \$4,000 to start their business. According to Lindberg, the participants are coming from many different disciplines on campus.

Lund, a freshman, entered the competition hoping to help support her grandparent's orphanage in Nepal by selling headbands she creates from used fabrics.

"I've never taken a business class in my entire life," Lund said "I don't know anything about business; I just want to raise money for the kids."

First, the students had to submit a business proposal along with

a letter of intent that was screened by a faculty/staff committee. Out of the proposals received, seven were picked as finalists. Six now remain, according to Lindberg.

She added that after being selected to continue, the finalists had to submit a 20-page business plan and participate in various activities such as a trade fair where they will display prototypes of their products and information guides.

They will also make a 60 second pitch to the judges to propose their business persuasively in order to get financial backing. Finally, they will make a 20 minute presentation to the judges on their business.

Plemmons, an MBA student who has a business proposal for a health café called the Protein Palace, said it was difficult to juggle classes and his other responsibilities with the amount of work that he needed to put into the competition.

"It seems like it would be super simple but when you have classes you have to remember this is something that is an extra-curricular," Plemmons said. "It was challenging because I had to keep pushing it back. But as I got more time, I was able to focus more on it."

Plemmons spent time researching his intended industry

by looking at an industry analysis, studying Marquette's demographics and sizing up his competition to try to estimate his sales.

The six finalists will speak to six panelists, who are all experienced in the field of business. On the panel this year are Gina Thorsen, who is the vice president of marketing and sales at Stormy Kromer; Mike Skytta, who is involved with business development at Northern Michigan Bank; and Terry Dehring, owner of Quick Trophy.

"We get a variety of judges from different aspects of business so that they can critique a certain area," Lindberg said. "Also because they are all high in their field they can give an overall perspective of the business plan and different parts of the competition."

Also on the panel is Rich Tegge, president of the Wealth Strategy Group; Bob Jacquart, CEO of Jacquart Fabric Products; and Mark Kolesar, president of Mitchell Land and Kolesar Aviation.

"A lot of different degrees require some kind of business background," Lindberg said. "If you want to be a chef and open your own restaurant, there's still that management aspect. We're encouraging that knowledge throughout the campus."



Local News

Keep Michigan Wolves Protected presented 256,000 petition signatures to the Michigan Secretary of State on Wednesday, March 27, in an attempt to force a statewide referendum on the issue in November 2014.

For the referendum to be legitimate, 161,305 signatures were needed. The referendum would postpone the possibility of a grey wolf hunt in the Upper Peninsula, which has a grey wolf population of around, 700. The possibility for a wolf hunt was opened up in December, when Michigan legislators approved a bill that would give state wildlife regulators the ability to call a wolf hunt as soon as this fall.

Opponents of the bill assert that state law already allows the Department of Natural Resources to kill wolves that prey on livestock or pose a danger to humans.

Proponents of the bill feel that the wolf population is best left in the hands of the DNR and other wildlife regulators.

National News

Laws that prevent legally married same-sex couples from receiving federal benefits were examined on Wednesday, March 27, as nine Supreme Court justices decide on the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which defines marriage as being between a man and a woman, and Proposition 8, which outlawed gay marriage in California following 142 days of gay marriage being legalized.

The concern among the justices is that the law could infringe on the right of states to define marriage for themselves. Currently, nine states and the District of Columbia allow the marriage of same-sex couples.

The Supreme Court spent Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27 deliberating the issue, in front of an audience of about 400, many of whom had waited since Thursday, March 21 to get a seat in the hearing. The ruling on the constitutionality of DOMA and Proposition 8 is, however, not expected until June.

Currently, 30 states have constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage.

International News

Days after threatening both South Korea and the United States with a nuclear attack, North Korea has said it has cut all ties with its south-bordering neighbor, in preparation for a war that they say could break out at "any moment."

North Korea has grown increasingly hostile in its threats to South Korea and the U.S. in recent months, threats that resulted from the U.N. creation of new sanctions following North Korea's third nuclear test.

Technically, North and South Korea are still at war, following a civil conflict from 1950-53 which ended with an armistice instead of a treaty.

Weird News

Three males, a father and his two sons, were arrested at a nightclub in Pittsburgh, Pa., after the DJ refused to play a requested song and a fight broke out.

According to a local news source, Dion Daye Sr., 50, and his sons Dion Daye Jr., 29, and Dorian Daye, 25, were charged with aggravated assault and disorderly conduct after a DJ at the Savoy nightclub refused to play "Safety Dance" by Men Without Hats, or any songs by Billy Ocean. The men, who were celebrating Daye Jr.'s birthday, began hitting security guards and throwing glasses when their requests were not met, reports Huffington Post.

— Compiled from news sources

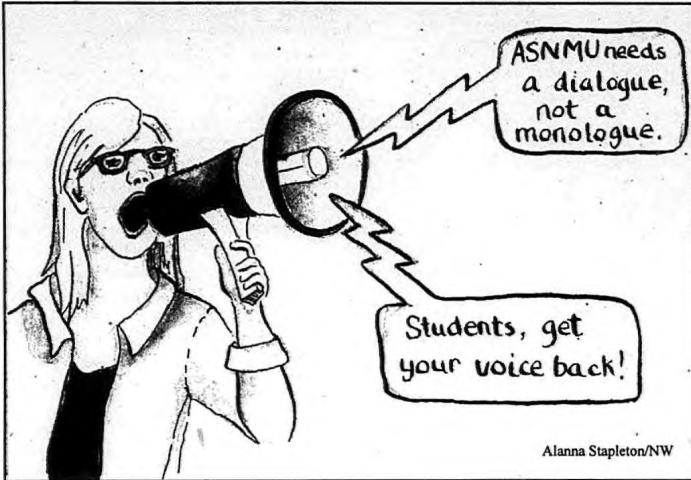
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CAMPUS CRIME MAP

1. At 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, an alcohol violation was issued in Spalding Hall.
2. At 12:12 a.m. on Sunday, March 24, an alcohol violation was issued in Van Antwerp Hall.
3. At 2:25 a.m. on Sunday, March 24, two MIPs were issued at the corner of Clark and Longyear.
4. Larceny of a parking permit was reported at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 25 in parking lot 11.
5. At 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, a violation of the controlled substance act was reported in Meyland Hall.



EDITORIAL



Alanna Stapleton/NW

Vote Lopota, Roche in election

ASNMU has been fraught with scandal, dissent and gridlock in the past year. The executive board was crippled by the ideological divide that emerged between ASNMU President Benjamin Stanley and former-Vice President Kelsey Hayes, even after Hayes resigned.

What's more, the ASNMU budget reflects an administration that has not spent any money on new projects but only maintained pre-existing programs such as Wildcat Wallet, a particular program that has been in decline.

Another year under Stanley's leadership would further rob NMU students from potential progress that can be had under the direction of a new ASNMU president and vice president.

Students need a voice that is respected by both the ASNMU General Assembly and NMU administrators. Students need an executive board with their finger on the campus pulse, a clear understanding of what is going on on campus and a vested interest in the university.

The North Wind staff is confident the candidates who fit the aforementioned credentials are ASNMU presidential candidate Amber Lopota and

vice presidential candidate Abby Roche.

Both women have shown a level of professionalism and tact during ASNMU meetings, something that the other candidates have been lacking. Lopota and Roche do not add to the antagonistic element present during ASNMU proceedings. Instead, they provide honest, sincere comments.

These two candidates can guide ASNMU toward a brighter future, one where representatives will go seek out student feedback by attending campus forums and functions.

Students cannot afford another year of ineffective government. Programs that enrich the college experience should not be impeded by personal grudges or petty conflict. After all, a democracy is for the people, not for the bruised egos of a few representatives.

Stanley's year-long soliloquy needs to come to an end. Help ASNMU heal, and bring back the voice of the students.

Vote Amber Lopota for ASNMU president and Abby Roche for vice president. This is your chance to usher in the democracy you deserve, NMU students.

Good intentions yield poor results



Professor's Corner

Dr. Gary McDonnell

Good intentions are a driving force behind many government policies. The proposal to increase the minimum wage is one example. The "stimulus bill," The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, passed in response to the recent recession is another.

Who could be against economic recovery, investment or America for that matter?

Increased incomes for the poor and promoting economic growth are certainly worthy goals.

While it's true that government spending on infrastructure — roads and bridges — may be worthwhile projects in themselves (perhaps not, though — "bridges to nowhere," anyone?), it is not necessarily true such spending will stimulate overall income and employment.

The stimulus bill increased spending on construction materials like steel, concrete, etc. Suppose a business person (say in Marquette) made plans to add on to her business, which will require steel, concrete, etc.

The increased demand by the government makes the price of concrete and steel higher, which now makes the project more expensive and perhaps unprofitable.

The project may be canceled. If she goes ahead with the project in spite of the higher price, she will have less to spend on other projects because of the higher cost.

Nevertheless, people may still argue that the government spending stimulated the economy because what will be "seen" is the increased employment of resources into the production of infrastructure — the roads and bridges.

What will be "unseen" is the decreased spending on other private projects as a result of the stimulus.

This argument, called the broken window fallacy, can be traced back to the nineteenth century French economist Frederic Bastiat, who pointed out that it would be a mistake (if not immoral) to argue that by breaking windows and stimulating the employment of window installers (glaziers), it would be possible to stimulate overall economic activity.

The unseen aspect of fixing broken windows would be the money not spent on other goods as a result

of spending money on repairing windows.

There is much more to this argument, but suffice to say that many people (including some economists) tend to regard only what is seen rather than the unseen when making the argument for policies, such as government stimulus spending.

What about regulation like the minimum wage? Doesn't that help the poor?

There are many reasons to believe it will make many of the poor worse off. No doubt, the higher wage will benefit some.

However, a low wage is an entry-level wage paid primarily to workers with little or no experience or few if any skills.

Such workers require more supervision and training than more skilled and experienced workers and are riskier to employ.

A higher minimum wage decreases the likelihood that the least skilled will be hired.

Furthermore, there are many jobs that may go unfilled if the minimum wage increases — the shopkeeper cleans up herself rather than hire a teen to mop the floor.

Many potential employers, facing higher costs, may not get their businesses off the ground or be able to expand if the minimum wage increases.

This effect goes largely unseen. Moreover, there is more to an entry level job than merely the wage paid to the worker.

An entry level job early in life tends to cultivate the basic skills and virtues necessary to have a higher income later in life.

Policies that make it more difficult to obtain an entry level job create a barrier to long-term employment, independence and the ability to contribute to the welfare of others.

To point out the possible disparity between goals and outcomes is not to argue against the intent behind a policy, but rather is to argue for more effective means of achieving particular goals.

Good policy requires consideration of the unintended consequences — the "unseen" as well as the "seen."

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Find out where candidates stand



Weekly Take Away

Lee McClelland

ASNMU elections are right around the corner, and students need to start researching the various candidates' positions on campus issues.

While I encourage you to study the ASNMU insert in this issue of The North Wind, simply reading candidates' statements will not suffice when forming an opinion about which candidate will work best to further your interests in student government.

Students must scour Facebook and discuss the various strengths and weaknesses of each candidate on the ballot.

Last year, NMU students elected an ASNMU board that resulted in two semesters of flim-flam discussions and frequent squabbling — the consequence was a year of zero-sum results. This cannot happen again.

And I cannot wholly blame those ASNMU members whose performance has been less than exemplary. NMU students have

not done enough to voice their support or objection to student government proceedings.

During ASNMU meetings, there are a handful of students watching their government function in real time. This is troubling.

If students want to be heard and have their wants considered or made known to the administrators on campus, then students need to voice their opinions to ASNMU representatives.

Many candidates have utilized social media. All of the presidential candidates have Facebook pages that state their campaign promises and goals for the next year, granted they are elected to office.

One way to get informed about the presidential and vice presidential candidates is by going to the debates that will take place on Friday, March 29 in Jamrich 102 starting at 6 p.m. This forum will allow students to hear where the candidates stand on student issues, and students will have the opportunity to see exactly whom they are electing to office.

In the past few years, NMU student voting trends show a poor voting record. In 2010,

2,308 students voted in ASNMU elections. In 2011, 837 students voted; in 2012, a slightly higher number of 917 students voted.

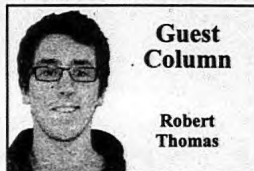
With an average student population on campus of more 9,100 students, between nine and 10 percent of students have decided the outcome of ASNMU elections in the past two years.

ASNMU represents 100 percent of the student population on campus, and voting for student representatives is crucial. Student government can be a great agent of change, but students have been so lazy as to neglect their voting rights, even though ballots are filled out online.

Put aside the apathy. Get out and vote in the 2013 ASNMU election. There is much to be done on campus, and ASNMU needs the support of students. Find out which candidate will best represent you. Don't sit on the sidelines anymore.

If students elect another contentious administration, they will have no one but themselves to blame. Decide whether or not you want your government to be a campus-wide joke or an organization that speaks and acts for students. ASNMU's future is in your hands.

TSA policy change harmless



Guest Column

Robert Thomas

The Sept. 11 attacks ushered in an era of drastic change in the manner in which Americans travel.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) soon became the frequent flyer's worst nightmare as the list of items prohibited from carry-on baggage grew longer and the process of clearing security became unnecessarily tedious.

The TSA has recently unveiled a change in policy which allows small knives through security checkpoints and allowed inside the cabins of commercial passenger airplanes.

While continually defended by TSA representatives, this relaxing of policy has sparked yet another debate within the public spectrum.

Political and business officials have also effectively weighed in, including Delta Air Lines CEO Richard Anderson, who stated in a letter to the TSA "these items have been banned for more than 11 years and will add little value to the customer security process flow in relation to the additional risk for our cabin staff and customers."

Similar to the fiscal cliff, sequester, gay marriage, gun control or any other scary, intimate social issue, the alleviation of restrictions granted by the TSA is becoming a media spectacle with citizens worrying about unrealistic terror plots and influential people concerned about potential gains rather than public interest.

For example: almost two months after the villainous attack on American soil on Sept. 11, a devout follower of Osama Bin Laden by the name of Richard Reid boarded an American Airlines flight with martyrdom on his mind.

His shoes had been secretly retrofitted with explosives and an ignition.

On a flight destined for Miami, Reid was fully intending on taking the 197 lives aboard the flight including his own with the simple detona-

tion of his shoe. Reid was subdued and dispensed safely to authorities by passengers. Rightfully, the TSA issued strict policies mandating shoe screening at security checkpoints for people of all ages.

Anybody accustomed to flying will testify to the time-intensive process that is the act of removing one's shoes while feverishly trying to catch a flight.

Compounding the potential for shoe bombings, the TSA has increased the risk of flying by allowing citizens 75 and older to also travel through security stations without a thorough screening of their shoes and light jackets.

It has yet to be seen, but the amount of terror plots executed through footwear explosives will most likely remain low even with the increased number of kids and elderly people with un-scanned shoes and light jackets onboard airplanes.

Including other previously banned items, the change in policy allows for passengers to carry onto airplanes knives with non-fixed, non-locking blades that measure no longer than six centimeters and no more than a half-an-inch wide.

John Pistole, administrator of the TSA, realized there are much bigger and more legitimate threats than small knives. In a statement to ABC News, Pistole indicated "I have to make sure that TSA's focus is on those things that are most destructive to the aircraft. It is not pocket knives. It is those non-metallic improvised explosive devices, bombs that are very small. They are concealable and they are well designed."

Allowing children, the elderly and those with small knives on planes is not dangerous.

Neither reversal in policy poses any clear and present danger to air travel.

Aside from a few select cases used to quell the public into conformity, the threat of a terrorist attack executed with only a pocket knife is not worthy of concern from the public, any politician or the media.

If American policy were designed to prevent every potential threat to public safety, we would be living in a disarrayed mess of zealous politics with little-to-no personal freedoms.

Sound Off

What should ASNMU be spending their money on?

compiled by Justin Key



Sara Al-Azem
sophomore, undeclared

"Free hotdogs for all students on the last day of school."



Sam Branz
senior, elementary education

"I don't know. I don't know what they spend it on now."



Kristina Mazic
junior, nursing

"I believe the PEIF recreation pass should be included in tuition."



Peter Martell
senior, economics

"Lowering the cost of parking passes for students."



Morgan Raether
senior, secondary education

"Anything to further help student advocacy."

NMU Celebrates 17 Years of Wildcat Jazz



Photo courtesy of Kathy Kosins

BY BOBBY TIMMONS
Arranged by MARK TAYLOR

Vocalist Kathy Kosins (left) and saxophonist Jim Snidero (right) are the featured musicians at the 17th Annual NMU Jazz Festival. Below: Director of the NMU jazz band Mark Flaherty conducts the group during rehearsal.



Photo courtesy of Jim Snidero



Kristen Koehler/NW
Members of the NMU jazz band's trumpet section practicing material for the festival.



Kristen Koehler/NW
The brass section of a traditional big band includes alto, tenor and baritone saxophones.

By Nolan Krebs
features editor

Jazz bands from around the region will be coming together to celebrate one of America's original art forms on Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12 for the 17th Annual NMU Jazz Festival.

The event will feature performances from not only the NMU jazz band and jazz combo, but also middle and high school bands from the region.

Junior music education major Nathan Selfridge, who plays tenor saxophone in the NMU jazz band, said there is a considerable amount of preparation from both the ensembles and organizers.

"The student organization NMU Friends of Jazz and [jazz band conductor] Mark Flaherty start preparing for the jazz festival almost a

year in advance," Selfridge said. "We started rehearsal in January this year."

Selfridge said the NMU jazz band will be performing several blues standards, as well as collaborating with this year's guest musicians, saxophonist Jim Snidero and vocalist Kathy Kosins.

Snidero, a bandleader and recording artist, is known for performing with popular icons such as Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, as well as renowned jazz musicians Frank Wess and Toshiko Akiyoshi.

According to the festival website, Snidero is also an adjunct faculty member at the New School and New Jersey City University, and wrote three "Jazz Conception" textbooks that are widely used today.

Kosins, a Detroit native, is the past recipient of The Michigan Council for the Arts Jazz Composer of the Year Award. Kosins also

teaches clinics and workshops for independent artists, including performance skills and business strategies.

According to alto saxophone player Abbie Beekman, performing with Snidero and Kosins is a welcome opportunity for the NMU jazz band.

"Having guest artists is a really cool thing," Beekman said. "Getting to play with a professional and see their take on things is always a good experience."

Director of the NMU jazz band Mark Flaherty said both the big band and the jazz combo are working on music that will feature the guest artists.

"The big band will be performing Bob Brookmeyer's arrangement of the Hoagy Carmichael tune 'Skylark,'" Flaherty said. "It has some quirky moments and dark, dissonant passages."

Flaherty said the big

band is also working on a tune called "I Was There," which will feature Kosins and flaunts an Afro-Cuban groove.

According to the music department's website, the festival officially began in 1998, when the student organization NMU Friends of Jazz invited musician Clark Terry to perform with the NMU jazz band.

In addition to the performances, local high school bands held clinics and a large volume of positive responses led to the creation of an annual event.

"It's a great way to celebrate jazz," Flaherty said.

The inclusion of the middle and high school bands is one of the festival's highlights, Selfridge said.

"That's always really exciting to see these high school and middle school level musicians performing at the clinics," Selfridge said. "It's a cool learning

experience for them and it's good to see them enjoying themselves and trying to get better."

Selfridge said the festival itself is something of a rare opportunity for people in the area.

"It's a unique experience here in the U.P., where you don't have opportunities to see really good jazz band," Selfridge said. "It's a chance to hear some really good jazz music."

Beekman agreed the festival is something that both new and longtime jazz fans should check out.

"[The festival] is definitely something that students should try and come see," Beekman said. "There's a lot of energy and we play all different kinds of music — there's something to take away for everybody."

For more information about the NMU Jazz Festival, call the music department at (906) 227-2563.



Kevin Johnson photo courtesy of Mark Flaherty

Senior capstone projects take center stage

By Crystal Nutt
staff writer

Two one-act plays will be featured as part of the winter Lab Show series from Wednesday, April 3 through Saturday, April 6 at the James A. Panowski Black Box Theatre.

The plays are directed by senior theatre and electronic journalism double major Pierce Huxtable and senior theatre major Jackie Wiles as part of their senior capstone project.

Huxtable is directing "How He Lied to Her Husband" written by George Bernard Shaw. According to the Forest Roberts Theatre website, the play features "British humor, satire and confusion abound in this fast-paced comedy that's sure to leave you laughing."

Huxtable said this is the first time he has directed anything of this size.

"There are three actors, myself and a costume designer," Huxtable said. "One of the challenges is that the director is in charge of more things."

Huxtable said although the cast has only been practicing for two weeks, it will be a quality production.

"Everybody brings something different to the table," Huxtable said.

Senior theatre major Jacob Barbot, who is playing the role of "He," said it is fun to be producing a comedy.

"It is a play of hilarity and fun, and the audience will love it," Barbot said.

Junior theatre major Shane Vincent, who plays the role of "Her Husband" agreed. Vincent also said this is the group's first time working with a dialect, which has been a challenge.

"It's hilarious, funny and smart in that sense...it's a perfect length for a one act," Vincent said. "I'll be using a Devon accent."

According to Huxtable, "How He Lied to Her Husband" is about 20 to 25 minutes long.

Following "How He Lied to her Husband," Wiles will direct "Sorry, Wrong Number," written by Lucille Fletcher. The play was originally a radio program and is a murder mystery, according to Wiles.

"It's different from what I usually direct," Wiles said.

Wiles' cast is slightly larger than Huxtable's, but she said it is smaller than what the play called for.

"There are about six people cast in my show, and two of them have almost no theatre experience at all," Wiles said. "This is the first one act play I've directed...[the play is about 25 minutes long.]"

Huxtable and Wiles have been in the same department since they were freshmen, according to Wiles.

"We came in at the same time," Wiles said. "Pierce and I have gotten really close."

Both Huxtable and Wiles said they would like to have a large audience.

"It's cheap, for college students especially," Huxtable said.

Wiles agreed and said more students should come to the Lab Shows.

"I expect a large audience...I hope a lot of students will make up that audience," Wiles said. "I strongly urge everyone to come to the Lab Shows, there will be a lot of laughs, a lot of hilarity and mystery."

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box theatre. Tickets are \$1 for students and the general public and can be purchased at any NMU ticket outlet on campus.

For more information about the winter Lab Show series, call the Forest Roberts Theatre Box Office at (906) 227-2553 or email frt-box@gmail.com



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All plays for the winter Lab Show series will be held in the James A. Panowski Black Box Theatre. The plays are the capstone projects of Pierce Huxtable and Jackie Wiles.

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Season brings football back to NMU

Wildcats gear up for spring season with scrimmages at the Dome

By Georgette Breen-Naylor
contributing writer

The Wildcats football team is getting ready to start their spring season, which will consist of 15 practices during the last week of March and up until the third week of April.

The 'Cats held the first spring ball practice in the Superior Dome on Monday, March 25. Last season, the 'Cats finished the season with a 4-7 overall record.

The 'Cats will hold meetings and have practices which are open to the public. After winning only three conference games last year, head coach Chris Ostrowsky said the first goal is to win a conference title.

"Our expectations are, and always will be, to be first in the

conference," Ostrowsky said. "The second goal is to become a playoff team."

The 'Cats are looking to turn things around this season. Senior wide receiver Christian Jessie said he's excited for the chance to get better this spring. The 'Cats have not had a record above 50 percent since 2009, when they went six and four. Jesse was selected to the Daktonics Inc. All-Super Region Four first team in 2012. He also led the team in receiving with 501 yards and 33 catches.

"I'm excited about the chance to get better as a team and individually," Jessie said. "It's a good time for us to build chemistry."

Jessie was also the team's return specialist and received the Player of the Week in the GLIAC conference in November after

a 99-yard kickoff return against Ferris State. Senior and captain of the team, defensive back Brandon Parson said there is an urge to get better.

"I'm excited to get back on the field," Parson said. "Especially since we started to see some success toward the end of last season."

Parson said the defense needs to become a better tackling unit and they must really understand the playbook. On the other side of the ball, freshman running back Keon Collier saw time last season in the 'Cats backfield and will be the main ball carrier for the 'Cats this upcoming season after senior running back Prince Young graduated.

"We just need to get healthy," Collier said. "If we can have a healthy team, we can achieve any goal."

The 'Cats will also be adding depth to their roster at the quarterback position this spring season. Sophomore Dustin Thomas from Villanova University transferred in for his first season with the 'Cats.

Redshirt freshman Ryan Morley started last season as quarterback before suffering an injury and junior Cody Scepanski finished the season for the 'Cats.

Thomas said he is excited about the new opportunity here at Northern with the Wildcats.

"It's been such a crazy ride to get to this point in my career,"



Justin Key/NW
The NMU football team ended their regular season on Saturday, Nov. 10 against Ferris State University. The 'Cats averaged 320 yards of offense.

Thomas said. "I just want to do whatever I can to help this team win a national championship."

Thomas started several games for Villanova before separating his shoulder.

The 'Cats will have 15 practices to do as much work as possible before the end of the semester. Jessie said in order for NMU to become a playoff team this year they must play more consistent.

"I think we need to play more consistent as a whole before we can think about becoming a playoff team," Jessie said. "Focusing on the details this spring would be a good start for us."

The 'Cats will also be adding some more players to the roster after spring ball. Ostrowsky said the 'Cats have signed 27 student

athletes. They also have signed four mid-year transfers, including Thomas.

"It all starts with a great commitment to recruiting," Ostrowsky said. "Understanding the philosophy and structure in which you go about recruiting is critical."

The 'Cats will have 15 practices during this year's spring season. Ostrowsky said he wants to make sure the 'Cats work on the overall team tempo.

"Everything has to be done faster with a greater understanding of fundamentals," Ostrowsky said.

The 'Cats will conclude their spring season with a final game at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, in the Superior Dome.



Justin Key/NW
Junior defensive back Brandon Parson (31) started playing for the Wildcats in the fall 2011 season. Parson recorded 41 overall tackles that year.

First tournament brings win versus host

By Katie Bultman
staff writer

The Wildcats took to the road on Saturday, March 23 for their first tournament of the spring volleyball season to finish with a solid three split matches and one victory match over host, Eastern Michigan University.

Junior middle hitter Sarah Hamilton said the team started off well.

"We had a good first spring tournament," Hamilton said. "We came out and played well. In practice now we've been working on defense finding our spots and closing the gaps."

Due to time limits, the women did not get a chance to play the traditional three sets that make up a match against all of the teams in the tournament. The women's volleyball team played Oakland in two sets to split 1-1. The 'Cats followed with a match against Madonna to split 1-1 in two sets.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said the team did a great job overall, continuing what they had been working on in the Fall 2012 season.

"We had a good opening weekend," Yoder said. "We played

very well at times offensively and blocking. Our floor defense is still progressing."

Following the first two matches, NMU faced the Eastern Michigan Alumni team to split the match 1-1, as time only allowed for two sets to be played.

Yoder said the team came together well as a group throughout the tournament, something that the girls have been solid with over the past seasons.

"They have always done an excellent job of working together as a team, being one of the best groups I have ever had," Yoder said. "As a team they are very strong, we just lack a couple individual consistent performances that we are working on to improve."

The team was able to play a full three-set match against host Eastern Michigan, which resulted in a win for the Wildcats. Northern Michigan took the 2-1 game advantage over EMU in the match.

The team was not able to get statistics for the weekend tournament games, but the Wildcats went 5-4 overall on Saturday.

The 'Cats move forward to play in a weekend tournament

hosted by Oakland on Saturday, March 30 in Rochester, Mich.

Yoder said the team has its focus on some goals and priorities for the upcoming tournament games, particularly on the defensive end.

"[We want to work on] better team and individual floor defense and more consistent attacking across our front line and overall complete team performance from beginning of sets until end," Yoder said.

The upcoming tournament games will hold some Division I teams that Yoder and assistant coach Inga Kurgonaitė said they expect to find competitive. Yoder said he expects the team to find a challenge in Saturday's tournament at Oakland University, where there will be some very strong teams.

Freshman middle hitter Alex Nelson said the team has been working hard in practice to continue to improve in upcoming tournaments.

"Overall, we stuck together as a team to carry over from where we were in the fall," Nelson said. "We're working on things we need to fix for this weekend, like communicating."



Justin Key/NW
Senior setter Kellisha Harley contributed 1,290 assists last season, ranking 10th in Northern history.



Justin Key/NW
Sophomore left side Alex Berger recorded over 200 digs for the 'Cats during the fall 2012 season.

Second Wildcat goes pro after season

Jones seizes opportunity to play in the National Lacrosse League

By Cody Boyer
sports editor

With one Wildcat potentially heading toward a career with the NHL, another member of the Northern Michigan University hockey team is gearing up for a summer away from Green and Gold ice.

Following the conclusion of the team's involvement in the CCHA at the end of the 2012-13 season, sophomore defenseman Mitch Jones began playing for the Washington Stealth, a professional lacrosse team that is part of National Lacrosse League (NLL). Jones first played with the team on Saturday, March 16 following his selection in the fall.

Jones said his first appearance with the team helped to solidify his choice of maintaining two sports that take place in two different types of arenas.

"We lost to Minnesota in my debut, but it was a good learning experience for me," Jones said. "I had limited shifts, but was able to get used to the speed and talent level in the league. I am looking to make a bigger impact now that I am more comfortable in Washington this weekend."

Previously, the 21-year-old



Kristen Koehler/NW

Sophomore defenseman Mitch Jones (74) played three years of junior lacrosse in Orangeville, Ontario prior to signing a contract with the Stealth.

British Columbia native finished three years of playing junior lacrosse in Orangeville, Ontario when he was selected in the 2012 draft, No. 21 overall.

Jones said he signed a deal with the Stealth, but that will not stop him from competing next season with the Wildcat hockey team as they enter their first year in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA).

"All of the best lacrosse players in the world play in the NLL," Jones said. "Washington signed

me to a contract, agreeing to wait until my college hockey season was over for me to be able to play."

Jones said he will be able to effectively play for the team due to their schedule and the ability to travel to the games on the weekends.

"The league has all games scheduled on weekends partly because the majority of the guys have other jobs," Jones said. "That works well with my school and allows me to fly out on week-

ends to play in the games."

With the Stealth having upcoming games on Saturday, April 6, Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, April 20, Jones has the chance to appear in five games during the NLL regular season. Jones will also have the opportunity to make an appearance in the NLL postseason, depending on the Stealth's performance.

Jones said the coaching staff with the NMU hockey team has been nothing but supportive of his lacrosse endeavors.

"I have been playing both sports since I was about five years old and I am lucky enough to be able to continue doing that," Jones said. "Coach Walt Kyle has been a huge help in supporting me and allowing me to do this, as well as the Washington organization being patient and supportive of my school athletics. They have played big roles in helping me reach my goals."

The Washington Stealth lost to the Minnesota Swarm on Saturday, March 16 at Saint Paul, Minn., falling with a final score of 12-5. The team fell to 7-5 on the season and

hold a half-game lead in the West NLL conference. Jones contributed an assist for the Stealth and two shots on goal.

According to the Washington Stealth's website, head coach Chris Hall said Jones had a decent start with the team.

"I thought he was fine," Hall said. "He didn't get a ton of shifts, but he got his feet wet. He looked like he fit just fine."

The Stealth are set to take on the Calgary Roughnecks at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 30 in Everett, Wash.

Jones said he looks forward to continuing to play in each sport as he works towards completing his education at NMU.

"After my career at NMU, I hope to have both options open," Jones said. "I love playing both sports and they have each given me multiple opportunities thus far, so hopefully that continues."

All of the best lacrosse players in the world play in the NLL. Washington signed me to a contract, agreeing to wait until my college hockey season was over for me to be able to play.

— Mitch Jones
sophomore defenseman

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ASNMU debates set for Friday

By Shalna James
editor in chief

The ASNMU vice presidential and presidential debates will be at 6 p.m. Friday, March 29 in Jamrich 102.

With three candidates running for each position candidates and the voting committee said it is pivotal for students to attend in order to learn candidates' goals and viewpoints.

"There are three candidates and they all have very different opinions on how ASNMU as a whole should go for the students," said Chelsea Parrish, ASNMU director of public relations and off-campus representative. "Students aren't going to know who to vote for

presidential debate will start at 6 p.m. and

the presidential debate will start shortly after. There will be an open forum where students can ask questions and students can also submit debate questions through ASNMU's Facebook or by emailing Parrish at chparrish@nmu.edu.

"I think it is important for students to go because there are a lot of topics that address student issues on campus," said Brandon Zanon, student affairs chairman and presidential candidate.

Zanon also said it is important for student organizations to attend the debate and ask questions that directly relate to their organization.

"Being that we are on a university campus and we are all here to educate ourselves, what form of higher education could you pursue that wouldn't include informing yourself about who you are selecting to represent you as a student, as an individual, as a resident and

as a member of this community," said Amber Lopota, current vice president and presidential candidate.

Lopota said the decision is going to be made no matter what and if students don't vote and aren't informed their say in the matter will be thrown out.

"I think the debates are going to be pivotal because if we could see Jamrich 102 with all of those seats full on a Good Friday after the year ASNMU has had, you can't tell me this isn't going to be a banner year," Lopota said.

Abby Roche, current chairwoman of the assembly and vice presidential candidate, agrees with Lopota and said that students need to be informed about what our national government and our student government does.

"We have a voice, we are given this voice, why don't we use it?" Roche said. "If students can show up to this debate, it would be awesome and I think it would carry on over to a really positive next year."

President



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PRESIDENT



Amber Lapota
Senior
Independently created
program/PR

Reason for running: Leadership and group management history and experience makes me the most qualified to get results that can enhance student satisfaction in very little time.



Brandon Zanon
Junior
Biology

Reason for running: As a student I feel I was not represented by ASNMU very well this year. I think the organization needs someone with professional managerial experience as well as volunteer leadership. I can bring that to the table. I uniquely understand what is required to help organizations that are struggling to achieve their potential. I will change ASNMU so that the students of NMU come first, not the leadership.



Benjamin Stanley

Did not respond to questionnaire.

VICE PRESIDENT



Abby Roche
Sophomore
Public Relations

Reason for running: I believe ASNMU should be a dialogue, not a monologue. First a dialogue between students and ASNMU representatives, then between ASNMU representatives and administration.



Jonathon Brady
Sophomore
Finance and Risk Management

Reason for running: I feel that this past year has been filled with personal issues that caused a grid lock within ASNMU. The miscommunication within the assembly and with the administration has caused a gap between the students and their government. ASNMU is supposed to be the voice of the students and it has not been.



Wesley Reiber
Freshman
General Studies

Reason for running: I believe, there is an opportunity, right now, to do something great for NMU and its students, and I want to be a part of it.

OFF-CAMPUS REP



Justin Bis
Senior
Political Science/Pre Law

Reason for running: To provide analytical leadership and to fix ASNMU.



Jonathon Martin
Senior
International Studies

Reason for running: Ensure that tuition money is spent to the full benefit of the student body. Exemplify positivity and compromise as a member of ASNMU.



Chris Cline
Sophomore
Criminal Justice

Reason for running: I want to help get students more involved in ASNMU.

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GENERAL STUDIES REP.



Justin Abbott
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Business/Undeclared

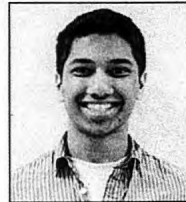
Reason for running: Trying to get some political experience, and represent for my people.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES REP.



Vito Giannola
Freshman
Political Science

Reason for running: Besides the personal benefit of joining student government, I believe I have the motivation and determination it takes to voice the student body to create and influence for ASNMU on campus.



Amer Mansoor
Freshman
Communication Studies

Reason for running: I believe I can help make a difference with our school and our community, I enjoy government and want NMU students to have a prosperous future.

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES REP.



James Sheff
Junior
Hospitality Management

Reason for running: Improve NMU's campus and community involvement by holding events, cooperating with charities, and working with student organizations.



Christine Hansen
Senior
Elementary Education

Reason for running: To help the student body find a voice and be an ear for my classmate's concerns; so that those concerns can be fixed.

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DID NOT FILL IN QUESTIONNAIRE:

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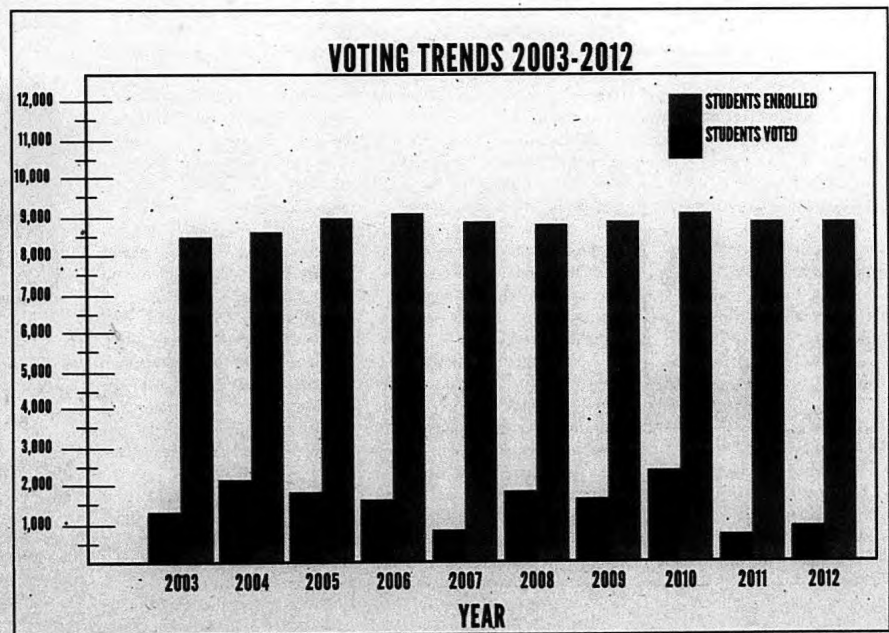
Voting for the 2013 ASNMU spring election begins at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 1 and ends at noon on Wednesday, April 3.

Voting will be held completely online this year. To vote, visit myweb.nmu.edu/vote.

The General Assembly is the legislative branch of ASNMU, responsible for both developing legislation and overseeing the progress of ASNMU initiatives. Out of the general assembly there are eight off-campus slots available and seven candidates running.

There is one up-campus spot available and one candidate running. There is one down-campus seat available and one candidate running. There are four college of arts and sciences seats and four candidates running. There is one general studies/undeclared available and one candidate running. There is one seat available for on-campus apartments, graduate studies and college of business and no candidates running. There is four college of professional studies seats available and four candidates running.

For more details contact Chelsea Parrish at chparris@nmu.edu or (906)360-1890.



Candidates emphasize campus transparency

By Amanda Monthei
news editor

The three ASNMU presidential candidates have been addressing past issues, establishing goals for the future and finding ways to relay those goals to students in preparation for the ASNMU elections, which will begin on Monday, April 1 at 8 p.m. and run through Wednesday, April 3 at noon, according to the ASNMU website.

Brandon Zanon, a junior biology and pre-med major, said the biggest obstacle he has experienced so far in his campaign has been just that — getting his message to students.

"The biggest obstacle is reaching out to students," Zanon said. "Too often, you find when you ask a student 'What do you want to see happen with ASNMU?', they turn around and look at you and go 'what is ASNMU?' So that's something that we've been trying really hard with our campaign to change — even if students choose not to vote for us, we want them to get out there and vote because student opinion is what matters most. We are your student government and we want to make sure that every student puts in their voice."

Three candidates — Zanon, Amber Lopota and current ASNMU President Ben Stanley — will be vying for the presidential position in the three others — John Brady, Abby Roche and Wesley Reiber — will be contending for the vice presidential position.

Because of the lack of face-to-face interaction with students over past semesters, both the presidential and vice presidential candidates are unanimously campaigning for ASNMU to establish a greater presence within the NMU student body.

"We want to make sure that line of communication opens back up," Zanon said. "If we can't communicate, we can't get anything done. I can have all the resources in the world, but if I don't communicate with somebody, I'm not going to get a project accomplished within ASNMU."

Among the similar goals outlined by Lopota, a senior with a double major in an individually created program and public relations, becoming more present and transparent not only amongst themselves but also within the greater university community, are

the most significant.

"The placement of ASNMU throughout campus is a huge (goal) for me," Lopota said. "Being present, being everywhere, having a representative present at every hall government [are some of our goals]. We should have someone available to be a resource for ever hall government meeting."

Additionally, Zanon said ease of communication needs to be addressed between the assembly and students.

"If you go to our website, you can leave comments, questions, concerns, but there's nothing asking you to put an email or anything like that," Zanon said. "There is no way to get back to you, there's no way to make sure we're opening a line of communication."

In terms of their respective campaigns, both Lopota and Zanon have made efforts to reach out to as many students as possible by way of campaign t-shirts, posters, handouts and informative table.

Stanley, who has also been campaigning for his second term in the presidential position, declined to comment for this story.

All three candidates have also been using social media to relay their ideas, goals and other important information to students via Facebook and Instagram.

"We're using social media to the fullest extent that we can," Zanon said. "We've also been doing a lot of footwork, we've been going around the dorms, we've been going to hall meetings, house meetings, things like that. We've been basically talking to everyone we can."

According to Lopota, she has been using similar means to get the word out about her campaign and goals for her presidency.

"I have been using Facebook to promote my platform points and encourage students to vote," she said. "More than anything I am trying to get students to inform themselves."

According to Stanley's Facebook page "Stanley/Reiber 2013," Stanley's goals include working towards getting a PEIF pass included in tuition, having Red-box movie rental kiosks on campus and revamping Winter-Fest for the winter 2014 semester.

Both Zanon and Lopota agree that simply getting students informed and encouraging them to vote, regardless of who for, has

been a common theme throughout their campaigns.

Furthermore, both Zanon and Lopota have attainable goals for the organization in general, regardless of who will be in the president's seat.

Zanon said he hopes ASNMU can become the organization on campus that will be used as a resource for other student organizations that are attempting to get off the ground.

He cited that a large number of NMU students are involved in these organizations, and creating a greater connection between them and ASNMU could be a mutually beneficial relationship.

Lopota said revamping the advising system — so less students will be surprised in their junior year to hear they won't be graduating within their expected timeframe — is one of her top goals.

She also said finding a way to hear off-campus students' concerns, via an off-campus forum or meeting, could give a large amount of students a voice that don't currently have one.

Both candidates' goals correlate with perhaps the strongest message that can be seen in both campaigns — a desire to inform, educate and empower students with a stronger ASNMU presence, unrestricted communication and a transparent way of going about things.

"We need to be present — I think we should be out there in the Academic Mall, speakers booming, yelling 'Hey, this is what's going on: ASNMU is going to be (meeting) on Friday, please come join us,'" Lopota said. "It should be about involving more people, it shouldn't be about us here in a room on Monday nights making hush decisions."

"I don't like that. I am not comfortable with that. I would love to see people on board and making decisions together."

According to Chelsea Parrish, off-campus representative and director of public relations in ASNMU, candidates who are not elected to the positions they applied for in the election will not be able to hold an elected position.

However, Parrish said they would have to fill out an application and be recommended to the assembly and approved by the board for any open positions.

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