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Students march outside of Forest Roberts Theater on Martin Luther King Jr. day as part of a week of events dedicated to celebrating and honoring the work of MLK.

## Students remember MLK Jr.

By Kelsii Kyto  
news editor

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. day, NMU organizes a week chocked full of events to honor the civil rights activist and leader.

On Monday, Jan. 21, students marched to remember MLK and to bring awareness to modern racial inequalities.

And on Wednesday, students gathered in Jamrich room 1320 to listen to three motivational speakers in a talk called "Living Fearlessly."

Each of the three speakers had different topics. Donzell Dixon opened the event by having participants join in, singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson. Afterward, Dixon began the talk by speaking about leadership. Next, Elijah Kondeh spoke to finding one's purpose and to round out the event, Donte Curtis focused on liberation.

"In every aspect of your [life] there's going to be an opportunity where someone is going to see you as a leader. And that's going to happen even if you don't want it to," Dixon said.

Dixon noted that everyone is a natural born leader, but that fear is very real, and it also sets in for everyone. People are afraid of confrontation and disagreement, but one doesn't have to be

aggressive to get a point across, Dixon said. In honor of MLK, Dixon wanted to teach his audience about fearlessness and having courage. Fear only exists in the mind, Dixon noted later in his speech.

"Fear can cause you to not do something you are capable of doing," Dixon said. "It'll paralyze you."

It's important to live despite of the things that scare you, he added, and identify what you're afraid of. It's about how you respond to the things that scare you, like MLK, Dixon noted.

MLK went to jail 29 times, and still continued to fight for the rights of all African Americans, Dixon said, and this was something he didn't have to do, but chose to do. We all have a choice to stand up for what we believe in, Dixon said.

"MLK said there comes a time when one of us takes a position that is neither safe nor political nor popular, but you take it because you know it is the right thing to do," Dixon said.

After Dixon's speech, Kondeh spoke about the steps to finding your purpose.

Kondeh prefaced his speech by saying he was not telling audience members what to do, but rather giving them a new perspective to take with them into the future.

One of the most important things that must come before

finding your purpose is finding yourself, Kondeh said. Without knowing your identity, it's easy to get lost in not being true to yourself, he said.

"We end up doing things that have nothing to do with our calling. Our identity," Kondeh said.

"It's not all about popularity, either," Kondeh said, adding that you have to be by yourself to find and perfect yourself, and stop focusing on what other people want from you.

"This is the season of 'I.' You're taking yourself away from an environment of too much chaos and you're focusing on yourself," he said.

Kondeh also focused on purging the negative and toxic feelings you have toward yourself. Another step he mentioned was healing, which takes time and should never be rushed, he added.

Kondeh also stressed that everyone needs to search themselves for the gift and talent they have inside themselves and perfect it.

"Do not sell yourself short. That's so important, especially as college students. As soon as you put in an application someone might want to hire you, but if you know you have the gift to create something and they're underballing you, don't rush it. What's meant to be yours will be yours," Kondeh said.

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## Erickson gives update, answers questions at university forum

By Sophie Hillmeyer  
& Tim Eggert

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editor-in-chief

More than 100 administrators, faculty and students gathered in the University Center on Wednesday, Jan. 23 during a university forum with discussions and updates about the Strategic Resource Allocation (SRA) Implementation Task Force (ITF) Recommendations Report and the Campus Master Plan that were presented to the Board of Trustees in December.

The changes being proposed in these discussions are designed to benefit the students and the changes in the needs of higher education, NMU President Fritz Erickson said.

"I think it's important that we realize the last Campus Master Plan was done 10 years ago and if you look at today and what we've done on campus, it's really amazing how much of that plan is done," Erickson said.

tion with that funding to step back for a minute and begin to have a dialogue," Erickson said. "The challenge for us there is we have to have those discussions now because we have an obligation to the state."

There are also discussions on maintaining the integrity of historical buildings on campus, Erickson said.

"We have a long history of tearing down buildings and I think that we should avoid tearing down some of the more historic buildings," Erickson said in response to the future of buildings such as Lee Hall, which he said have their own identity on campus.

Erickson recommended a few options for reforming the academic programs and creating more flexibility for students in the changing needs of higher education within the SRA discussions.

"It's very important to understand that what we have is the beginnings of recommendations. We don't have decisions. We have ideas that need a full open and honest debate,"



Tim Eggert/NW

NMU President Fritz Erickson answers a question at Wednesday's university forum.

He added how the changes aren't exactly what the plan had laid out because of the changing vision of the university. The current priority is the plans for the Jacobetti Complex because of the capital outlay funding approval. The plans will explore options of renovation or relocation and there is pressure to begin these discussions, Erickson said.

"I think we have an obliga-

Erickson said. "We can do things differently than they do in Washington and we can explore ideas and see what might work."

Erickson presented the ideas of reconsidering major requirements to offer students more chance for diversity in their degrees and limiting the size of the major to 36 credits.

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# NMU asks for ideas to garner donations

By Kelsii Kyoto  
news editor

Next week, students will be able to share and shape their visions of the future of NMU through BIG IDEA Discovery Workshops in which students can brainstorm, discuss and further develop their BIG IDEAS that "will offer donors a clearly defined opportunity to have meaningful impact in an important way by choosing to invest in Northern," according to a statement by President Fritz Erickson on the NMU Foundation webpage. There will be a workshop from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to-

Whitman Commons.

According to the BIG IDEAS website, ideas should be innovative, distinctive, have the ability to leverage NMU's current academic strengths, encourage collaboration and have potential for high student impact.

This is the first time that a call for donor investment has been opened to the entire campus, Jane Surrell, co-chair of the internal planning committee said. The committee serves as an advisory group to facilitate the identification and collection of the BIG IDEAS, and will present a report to the NMU president and NMU Foundation CEO by May 2019,

transformational change for Northern, our students, the community, higher education or even societal and world issues," Surrell said.

It's important for the committee to get input from students as the committee plans for investments that will shape NMU's future, Surrell added.

"The workshop itself is a great learning opportunity to experience how an organization can encourage a creative and innovative thought process to help chart and transform its future," Surrell said.

On Jan. 23, ASNMU sent out a campus-wide email notifying the community of the workshop. The best ideas will receive expanded development, including dedicated funding and marketing and communication support.

"The idea behind the discovery workshop is to not only inform the NMU Community of the process, but also to allow our creative brains to come together to think of BIG IDEAS to innovate and distinguish our university," junior Cody Mayer said, majoring in economics and public administration and president of ASNMU.

**The goal of this process is to help campus generate ideas that demonstrate our ability to envision transformational change for Northern.**

— Jane Surrell  
internal planning committee co-chair

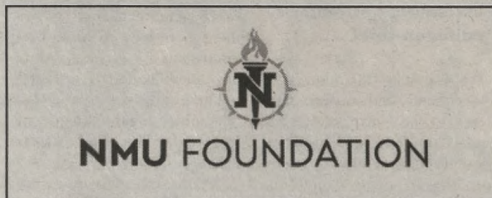
"All students can benefit from this, the bigger the ideas and the more opportunity for innovation that we as university community can produce, means that many more possible outcomes that could actually be created," Mayer said.

No idea is a bad idea, Mayer said, and the Internal Planning Committee will use the information from the workshops in accomplishing its goals.

If students aren't able to attend, they are still able to submit their ideas to [nmu.edu/BIGIDEA](http://nmu.edu/BIGIDEA), or reach out to any committee member listed on the BIG

IDEA website. Submissions must be sent out before March 31, to get "to get full consideration for inclusion in recommendations to the Leadership Team for discussion at the NMU Foundation Campus Leadership Retreat held in May," according to the ASNMU email sent to the student body. Anything submitted after March 31 will be considered for the future.

"Students should absolutely attend. If they can, having students team up with other members of the university like our faculty creates a fantastic opportunity to think big," Mayer said.



day at the Whitman Commons in Whitman Hall. The other workshop will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29, also in the

Surrell said.

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## MLK

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The temporary happiness from accepting this kind of work is not worth it, Kondeh added.

With all of the work that comes along in life, it's also important to relax, he said, and don't run yourself dry.

All of these steps will lead to fulfillment, Kondeh said, and you will find your purpose.

To wrap up the event, Donte Curtis talked about liberation and equity.

"I think a lot of us care about liberation," Curtis said to begin his speech.

**I want to challenge you to reignite that entrepreneur spirit in you. And I think it's in every last one of us.**

— Donte Curtis  
motivational speaker

A key term that Curtis began his speech with was "equity." Many people don't fully understand the term, he noted. Curtis said equity is about liberation, opportunity, having options and most importantly, having a choice.

Success focuses a lot on choice, Curtis said. When choosing different alternatives, life experiences change.

Curtis also focused much of his speech on entrepreneurship. The perseverance and creativity coming from entrepreneurs start when they're babies, Curtis said.

"It's naturally instinctive," he said.

So is hate, he noted. Hate is something that is taught. Babies will play with anybody if you have them there, he added. Everything people talk about as entrepreneurs, they were doing as toddlers, Curtis said.

"When we think about liberation, we have to think of entrepreneurship," Curtis said.

To achieve change, we have to do things ourselves, Curtis said. It doesn't have to be a big change, but even a personal change takes personal responsibility.

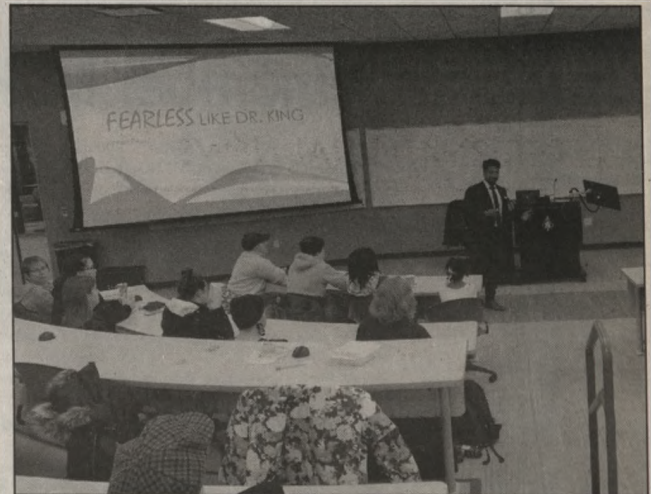
"I want to challenge you to re-

ignite that entrepreneur spirit in you," he said. "And I think it's in every last one of us."

Each of the speakers used the powerful traits of MLK to inspire their audience, many

times referencing MLK's personal experiences to ignite a fire in their listeners.

"You have the choice, you have the responsibility to change your life," Curtis said.



Sophie Hillmeyer/NW  
Dontell Dixon introduces the "Living Fearlessly" presentation to the audience. This event was part of NMU's MLK Day celebration and showcased his teachings.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## STATE NEWS

An Ishpeming mother has been arrested for leaving her 2-year-old daughter in a locked car that was not running, behind the Ishpeming Salvation Army around 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23. An employee observed the vehicle in the parking lot with an open door, they went out and closed the door not noticing the child, and locking the door. The employee heard crying and observed the child in the back seat and called the police. When officers arrived, they broke a window to gain access to the child and called EMS to the scene. Police say the child was "alert but cold" and she was transported in a warm vehicle to UPHS-Bell. The child was treated for exposure and turned over to Child Protective Services. The name of the mother has not been released and she is under review for abuse charges.

## NATIONAL NEWS

The government shutdown continues on day 34 and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi served notice that President Trump will not be allowed to deliver his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress on Tuesday. The president proposed this idea and said he planned to be at the House despite Democratic objections. A majority of Americans blame President Trump for this record-long shutdown and reject his rationale for the need of a U.S. border wall according to a poll that shows turmoil in Washington is dragging his approval rating to its lowest level. Voters are set in Senate Thursday with two competing proposals to end the shutdown. Neither is likely to pass.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A 30-year drought and excessive water pumping have parched the landscape of Iran's capital Tehran and the land has begun to sink dramatically. The damage can be seen on foot around the city and from a satellite. Officials warn the city that the land poses a great danger for the country where protests over water scarcity have already created violence. Tehran has grown rapidly in the last 100 years and is now a sprawling metropolitan area home to over 13 million people. The large population has put incredible pressure on water resources. Over the past decade, Iran has seen the most prolonged and severe drought in more than 30 years. This sinking has caused issues with the country's infrastructure and the land around the airport is sinking by around 2 inches per year. The water issues sparked an economic crisis leading President Trump to withdraw America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

## WEIRD NEWS

For a Pennsylvania man, emotional support animals aren't limited to cats and dogs. In this case, a 4-and-a-half foot alligator named Wally brings support to Joie Henney, who hosted a hunting and fishing show on ESPN Outdoors from 1989 to 2000. Wally is a registered Emotional Support Animal and he pays frequent visits to schools and senior centers to bring joy to both the young and the elderly. Henney encourages residents, students and staff to not be afraid of his large, destructive teeth. "He's just like a dog," Henney said. "He wants to be loved and petted." When he's not out socializing, Wally spends the bulk of his time in a 300-gallon tank in the living room watching TV and hiding in his cupboard.

—Compiled from news sources



Sophie Hillmeyer/NW

ASNMU President Cody Mayer stands outside of Peter White Public Library after announcing his run for city commissioner on Saturday, Jan. 19. Mayer's involvement in the community influenced his desire for the role.

## ASNMU pres. runs for office

By Sophie Hillmeyer

assistant news editor

More than 10 people gathered on the steps to the Peter White Public Library (PWPL) on Saturday, Jan. 19 to hear Cody Mayer, junior economics and public ad-

ministration major, announce his run for City Commissioner of Marquette.

of ASNMU and he said his time with the organization has prepared him for this role.

**I really think God's purpose for me was to help make other people's lives better.**

—Cody Mayer  
ASNMU president

ministration major, announce his run for City Commissioner of Marquette.

"I really think God's purpose for me was to help make other people's lives better and that's what I'm trying to do," Mayer said.

Mayer is the current president

in that aspect," Mayer said. "I definitely think it has prepared me for this."

The role of a city commissioner is to deal with local ordinances and laws for the city and with Marquette's demographic of youth and Mayer said he hopes to more adequately represent youth

in the city. During his time as ASNMU president, Mayer said he focused on four key areas in the NMU community including youth voice, helping NMU veterans, campus mental health and connecting students with the community as a whole.

"As a city commissioner, I would work to create jobs and opportunity here in Marquette, continue to upgrade and expand our infrastructure, work on affordable housing and maintain Marquette's natural beauty," Mayer said.

Mayer was born and raised in the U.P. and has been an enlisted soldier in the Michigan National Guard for over four years, he said.

According to his website, "Cody is committed to serving our community and is a youth leader who knows how to get things done. It is time for the next generation of leadership."

More information on his campaign can be found at [codymayer.com](http://codymayer.com).

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# MERC announces diversity common book

By Adrian Lucas

contributing writer

Each year the Diversity Common Reader Program (DCRP) hosts a free book distribution party in hopes to embrace diversity by exposing students to new cultural or ethnic ideas at a campus-wide level. The 2019 book selection is "Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love, and So Much More" by Janet Mock.

In honor of MLK Week, the Multicultural Education and Resource Center (MERC) and the Diversity Common Reader Program will host a book promotion from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 25 in the Hedgcock Atrium. There will also be free pizza and soda provided at the event.

"The selection committee for the Diversity Common Book considers several different books each

year. We try to choose a book that might not only help members of the NMU community think about diversity in new ways, but we also try to select a diverse range of books from year to year." Lynn Domina said, the DCRP committee co-chair and head of the NMU English department.



Domina

Janet Mock has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, made the covers of Paper and OUT magazines and has been profiled by The New York Times, Elle and Marie

Claire. Mock's memoir "Redefining Realness" was also on the best-seller's list.

"In the book, Mock describes her life as a child and young adult. She is a transgender woman who grew up in a multiracial family marked by poverty. Any one of these issues could have led to a remarkable memoir, but what Mock does best is reveal how the intersections of these experiences have influenced the person she has become," Domina said.

"Along with the book distribution, there will be several affiliated events throughout the semester, including films, presentations, discussion, and most excitingly, a visit by the author. Dates and times for these events will be announced soon," Domina said.

Shirley Brozzo, the coordinator for the MERC, is involved with the Diversity Common Reader events every year.

"This is a really cool event," Brozzo said. "All students need to do is show up, put down their name and email, and then they get the book."

Mock will visit NMU on Feb. 25 and speak about her new book. The event will be open to NMU students, staff and the community.

"It's always great when we can get the author here, so you don't want to miss it," Brozzo added.

— Shirley Brozzo  
MERC coordinator

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Janet Mock stands on the front cover of her book "Redefining Realness," the 2019 NMU diversity common book of 2019.

## New grad programs proposed

By Sophie Hillmeyer

assistant news editor

The Office of Graduate Education and Research has proposals for three new graduate programs that will help prepare students to enter the workforce and be a draw for incoming students, Lisa Eckert, Interim Dean of Graduate Education and Research said.

The three proposed programs are a Master's of Science (MS) in mathematics, revisions to a MS in applied behavioral analysis (ABA) and MS in speech-language pathology (SLP), Eckert said. Proposals must go through Academic Senate and get approval by both the Provost and the Board of Trustees.

As of last Friday, NMU has about 500 graduate students and those numbers are expected to rise when the proposed programs are approved, graduate admissions counselor Hayli Cox said.

"We are already seeing an increase in applicants," Cox said. "Most programs haven't made their admission decisions and won't until March, but a lot of our programs have capped and they are going to deny maybe even 100 students."

ABA and SLP programs require accreditation from deter-

mining bodies who set the standards, which can take extra time, Eckert said. Those two programs specifically help students become better prepared to enter the workforce because they have specific exams and clinical hours for students to participate in.

"[These programs] are very specifically adhering to standards for both of those fields," Eckert said. "We are very excited about the new programs."

The MS in mathematics has two different tracks for students to choose from either traditional mathematics the teaching or Ph.D track or actuarial science in the insurance field, Eckert said.

In addition to the three proposed programs, there are also newly approved graduate programs that have begun accepting applications, Eckert said. These programs include master of social work (MSW), MS in athletic training and an online Master's of Arts (MA) in Education.

"These are all professional degrees so for students to seek employment they usually have to have a master's degree so the master's is connected to the undergrad degree in preparing students for the clinical settings and working with patients and clients," Eckert said.

The MS in athletic training is an accelerated program that is referred to as a 3+2 program, which means that students come in as undergraduates then in their junior year they apply for the graduate program. Students spend their senior year and one more additional year as graduate students allowing them to complete their education in five years, Eckert said.

MSW has accelerated options but does not have the same 3+2 style so students must get their bachelor's degree in social work before continuing onto their master's in social work, Eckert said.

"We are very excited for this program," she said. "We have already admitted students for the first class and it's proven to be very, very popular. These are the only programs of their kind in northern Michigan and even into northern Wisconsin."

There are many components that go into creating these types of programs, Eckert said, adding, they have to meet specific rules and regulations in the field and the area must have clinical sites for students to get direct care hours.

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## Percussion instructor given excellence award

By Mary McDonough

contributing writer

Just as students finished finals and 2018 came to a close, an email was sent out to NMU faculty announcing the 2018-19 recipients of the Excellence in Scholarship award. This accolade recognizes two faculty members who have been nominated for having excellence within the field. One of those recognized was percussion instructor James Strain.

Being among such a list of people who have taken part in large projects and publications is something that Strain sees as a great surprise and privilege which may also allow people to see the amount of work that has taken place.

"If you look at the list of people and the things that they do, the entire faculty body and student at NMU they just do incredibly highly developed research and publications," Strain said. "A lot of times I just don't think most people are aware of that until someone gets an award."

Music is something that has been a constant in Strain's life from a young age, but

percussion didn't become a serious career consideration until much later. Even though Strain was involved with band since middle school, the thought of a musical career first appeared during a high school play with the Amarillo Symphony.

"You play music, they clap and yell at you then on Thursday you get a check in the mail. I thought, 'this might actually be pretty fun. I could do this for a job,'" Strain said. "After a few weeks of majoring in music, I thought 'this is what I wanna do.'"

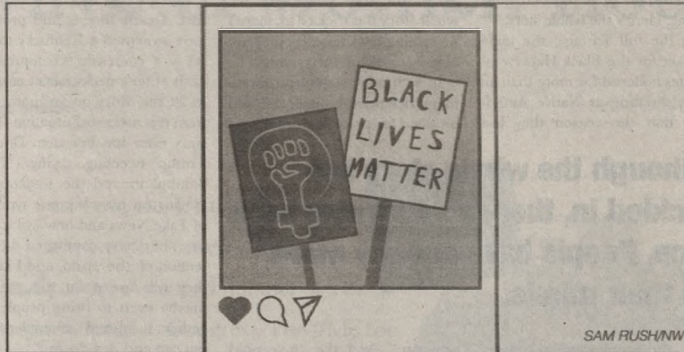
It was that passion that pushed Strain to pursue a bachelor's in music education from Arkansas State University. But it didn't stop there—Strain went on to earn a master's in percussion performance from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and then a doctorate in that same field from Eastman School of Music.

While working at NMU, Strain published a book entitled "A dictionary for the Modern Percussionist and Drummer."

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## EDITORIAL



### March for rights, not likes

Sometimes it can feel as though we're living in an era of activism. Frequently, people are taking to the streets to show their support for various political causes. This is in part due to social media increasing the degree to which people feel connected to each other. With the stroke of a finger, you can let all your friends know about the latest march happening and invite them to come show support. While this may seem like a catalyst for change, we're concerned that some people aren't marching for the right reasons.

Obsession with social media has become commonplace. People spend a lot of time trying to portray themselves in a certain way, and often go out of their way to do things for the sole purpose of posting it on social media. Political activism is not immune to this, and may even be especially susceptible.

What we end up with is marches riddled with uneducated people who are only there to be a part of the trend. When people who are participating in marches haven't taken basic steps like calling their representatives, volunteering or even educating themselves on the topic, it seems less likely they're

marching to fulfill their civic duty and more likely they're just trying to portray themselves as "woke."

Change doesn't work unless you do. In truth, if someone can't answer a simple question like, "why are you marching?" intelligently, they have no business being there. In fact, they even threaten the credibility of the march with their presence, because if they do get asked a question by a news reporter or counterprotester that they can't answer, it's likely to end up in a YouTube compilation ridiculing them.

People have no right to criticize what they don't understand. Whether it's interpersonal conversations or in a march through Washington, fighting for or against others when you aren't educated on the issue is irresponsible and ignorant. Sit down and spend some time learning about the issues before you take to the streets.

As millennials, it can seem like there's a lot of pressure to be involved, especially when it's constantly circulated on social media. However, that doesn't excuse irresponsibility. Civic engagement is a privilege and a duty, not something to post on Instagram for likes.

## Safety shuts down government



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America has faced consequences from illegal immigration for too long. President after president have looked into ways of decreasing the number of illegal immigrants that don't see a problem flooding into our country, assaulting border patrol officers and leaving law-abiding citizens in the dust. American citizens are at risk from this, but the fingers should be pointing at a society we've created: one that accepts intolerance and doesn't fight back when the law is being broken.

Legal immigration is beneficial to and healthy for this country. And although, surprisingly, the number of illegal immigrants have been reportedly decreasing throughout the years, 10 million is not zero.

For many months, there have been caravans formed in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. They flee their countries from possible danger and poverty to seek asylum here, not realizing the danger is hiding and traveling with them.

Illegal immigration has met its arch nemesis, currently sitting in the White House—and he has had enough. After fulfilling other campaign promises (like ridding us of Obamacare and creating low unemployment), there has been little to show toward building Trump's promised wall. This promise in his campaign was what drew out many supporters to vote for him, as they resonate with Trump's idea of putting America first and keeping it safe. The pattern of U.S. citizens dying under the criminal act of an illegal has been recognized by his supporters, and they have placed this problem in the hands of President Trump to put an end to it. However, it's January 2019, and unless he is re-elected in 2020, he is running out of time.

Before Trump took office, there already stood a barrier on the southern border, stretching 654 miles long. Specifically, there are 354 miles of barriers to stop pedestrian entrance, and 300 miles of anti-vehicle fencing.

Congress has so far approved \$1.7 billion in funding for a new replacement barrier

of 124 miles, but Trump demands more. He is asking for \$5.7 billion in addition to the \$1.7 billion for new and replacement borders, and to apply steel opposed to concrete.

In order to receive the funding that Trump needs, the Democratic Party needs to be on the same page, but there are not enough votes. Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer have made it very clear that they do not, and will not, support a wall that they believe is too expensive and inefficient.

Because of the current offer that fails to be agreed upon, Trump has threatened and succeeded in partially shutting down the government. Currently ongoing, this is the longest-lasting government shut down in the history of the United States.

It is no surprise that every American, in some way, is affected by this decision, as this is the most impacting and eye-catching attempt to work with Congress and the Democratic Party toward making the wall a reality.

Hundreds of thousands of federal employees are being forced to work with suspended pay. Families are suffering because of this. Admiral Karl Schultz from the U.S. Coast Guard tweeted, "I find it unacceptable that @USCG members must rely on food pantries and donations to get through day-to-day life."

Nonetheless, slowly and surely Trump will lose supporters due to this record-breaking shut down, but then why isn't he giving up? Hasn't this lasted long enough? Is it possible his decision was just an outrage at the Democratic Party, or is he just stubborn?

Days ago, Trump tweeted out a thank you to all the people who are working hard for the country and not getting paid, referring to them as "great patriots."

The truth is that Trump believes that building a wall is a safe option for his people and believes lives will be saved. As we've seen, he will do everything within his power to put the safety of the American people first.

As hard as it is to swallow, the safety of the American people in the long run is more important to our president than the day-to-day income. Because of that, if a wall soon becomes a possibility, for our sake, it better be worth it.

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# Don't judge a smirk taken out of context



## Staff Column

Jackie Jahfelson

The recent viral video of the face-off, or rather stare-down, between a white teenage boy wearing a MAGA hat and a Native American activist in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. sparked a wave of reactions across all social media platforms and a call for action.

Nick Sandmann, a junior from the Kentucky Covington Catholic High School, stood in front of Vietnam veteran Nathan Phillips, glaring into his eyes and gesturing, to what many asserted as a disrespectful smirk. Phillips, who chanted and beat his drum, was surrounded by the group of teenagers who appeared to be mocking and laughing at him. Phillips, who's an elder of the Omaha Nation, was in D.C. to participate in the Indigenous Peoples March, and decided to intervene. "There was that mo-

ment when I realized I've put myself between beast and prey," he told the Detroit Free Press, part of the USA TODAY Network. "These young men were beastly and these old black individuals was their prey, and I stood in between them and so they needed their pounds of flesh and they were looking at me for that." And it only took three minutes and 44 seconds for the world to condemn this behavior of both Sandmann and the entire Covington Catholic school, spreading a wildfire of reactions on the left that demanded an apology from the teenage boy, as well as his expulsion from Covington.

What came next was a series of events that could have been avoided had the media and people simply watched the raw footage that came to light on Sunday.

The missing piece to this heated story is the third party group in this situation, the Black Hebrew Israelites. With both the March for Life and Indigenous Peoples March in the nation's capital, several groups took to the streets and exercised their First Amendment right, rightfully so. However, five

protestors are to blame for the backlash of a viral video gone wrong. Here's the whole story.

In the full footage, the main speaker for the Black Hebrew Israelites hollered for more than an hour, shouting at Native Americans that the reason they lost

three-minute video, they already assume the worst. And though the whole story has trickled in, there's no turning back time. People have already made up their minds.

In a Sunday statement, Sandmann defended himself and said he stood in place to "diffuse the

Thursday morning, but each side is trying to say they were taunted first. Death threats and protests have swarmed a Kentucky town. It's as if each side is compressing each other's necks, never ceasing to let this story go and move on from this awkward situation. This story even has President Donald Trump tweeting saying, "Nick Sandmann and the students of Covington have become symbols of Fake News and how evil it can be. They have captivated the attention of the world, and I know they will use it for the good—maybe even to bring people together. It started off unpleasant, but can end in a dream!"

Though most people want to disagree with Trump, I think a peaceful resolution is necessary in taming the aggression on both sides. And instead of blaming one group or the other, let's learn to get along and respect each person's right to freedom of speech. One of my favorite political commentators, Trevor Noah from The Daily Show, couldn't have said it better when he spoke of the story, saying "everyone played the victim card a little too hard."

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their land was because they worshipped the wrong god. And then he attacked the Catholic teenagers with offensive remarks, even calling them "crackers."

And that's when Phillips threw himself into the situation, hoping to calm the tension between the two groups. The drum was a peace symbol, Phillips stated in interviews. But for many, the MAGA hats represent a certain attitude and behavior that encourages violence and hatred. And so, when people see that

situation." And the 16-year-old argued it was Phillips who got in his face; he was just standing his ground and exercising his freedoms. "My position is that I was not disrespectful to Mr. Phillips. I respect him. I'd like to talk to him," he said in a TODAY show interview. "I mean, in hindsight, I wish we could've walked away and avoided the whole thing. But I can't say that I'm sorry for listening to him and standing there."

Phillips agreed to sit down with TODAY for an interview on

## Intellectual arrogance divides



## Opinion Editor

Riley Garland

During the 2016 election cycle, Trump made a habit of posing himself as the common man's champion against what is commonly referred to as "the elite." This group is seen as being composed of the rich, politicians, the media and academia. His election to office should make anyone

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concerned with societal cohesion realize the dangerous growing divide between these two classes of people.

One of the greatest contributors to this deep partition is academic arrogance. To offer definition, it is the self-perceived superiority many professors and other academics indulge. Universities are replete with these people, who are blinded by illusions of grandeur and sense of moral superiority.

This attitude is usually evident immediately to those they speak with, who usually end up captive to long monologues, while

the arrogant enjoys the sound of his or her own voice. To be clear, most professors and academics do not suffer from this delusion. My own experience at Northern specifically has been overwhelmingly positive, with most professors very open-minded, genuine and down-to-earth. Only a select few fit the bill, which tend to be the most outspoken, as their confidence in their superiority is left unshaken.

It may be convenient for these intellectuals, looking at a world they believe has gone astray, to think average people are stupid

or beneath them. They detest the masses, thinking themselves gifted with the intelligence to think in a capacity unknown to the common man. It's true, in universities reside some of the most intelligent people on this planet. However, being intelligent is simply a trait, just like being artistic or creative or strong. It doesn't offer superiority, or even innate usefulness.

The Simpsons' comic book guy is a perfect portrayal of that which I'm describing. He's completely useless with an IQ of about 200. Being intelligent does not make someone by default an attribute to society, and it certainly doesn't

make them superior to the average person. So quickly, these people forget that it is upon the labor of the masses that they are afforded the luxury of living a life brooding. They make their living thinking, while others strike iron. One produces ideas, the other produces steel. From one we get a book, from another a skyscraper. You tell me, who is superior? The one who can tell you where food comes from and describe our relationship to it, or the one who puts it on the table?

Lastly, intellectual capability and wisdom have no correlation. Those academics that believe they ought to dictate what is and isn't, enjoy a moral superiority that is fictitious. Intelligent people have been responsible for both the best and worst of humanity. Several Nazi leaders possessed genius-level IQs, as psychological testing during the Nuremberg Trials proved. That very obviously didn't correlate with a good moral compass by any standard.

My intent is not to put down academia, but instead propose a vision of the world where they do not enjoy the superiority some envision them in. If society is a car, politicians are the drivers, academics are the navigators and the masses are the engine. It's only through unified belief in shared value that we drive the car forward. Until we recognize that our fate as a nation is bound together, we will continue to live in a world divided.

## NMU REVIEWS

### Wildcat Den thriving

Without a doubt, the Wildcat Den is a staple of Northern Michigan University. Having been open since the 1950s, you would have difficulty finding a current student, staff member or alumni that hasn't eaten within its walls.

Walking into the Den, the view from the main dining area is decent at all times of the year. The long northwest wall holds glass panes spanning from floor to ceiling, overlooking the courtyard, providing a wealth of natural light as you sit down for a quick bite to eat.

The Den offers many stations within, including a grill, a main entrée, a sandwich station, a full

salad bar as well as other food options. Since the beginning of the fall semester, however, the grill has lost some of its appeal.

It's made-to-order system including a variety of items has been changed to a single option system offering only one kind of grill item, depending on the day. Last year, the Den was also partially opened on the weekends offering sandwiches to go, a greatly missed feature by those of us that live on campus.

Overall, the Den is a good atmosphere with food that is far superior in quality to its counterpart, Northern Lights Dining making it the dining hall of choice for many.



By Joseph Living

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# Wave of women floods Marquette

By Isabelle Tavares  
features editor

Last year, the United States saw a wave of women coming into power. A record number of 127 women were elected to Congress. The #MeToo movement brought forth over 150 women to testify against former U.S. Olympic Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, who sexually abused young girls for years. And Saturday's Women's March was another mark in the fight for equality with nearly ev-

ery major city in the country marching for the support and celebration of women's rights.

Over 1,000 women, men, children and even dogs marched in the third Marquette Women's March. Marchers gathered at the Marquette Commons for assemblance. Various community groups had informational booths inside the warm walls of the Commons to provide education about women's resources. Chants and singing could be heard from the crowd outside, preparing to begin the march to the post office one block away. Cars honked their horns in support of the march's mission and some joined in on the chanting.

The mission of the Women's March is to harness the political power of diverse women to create transformative change,

as stated on the official website, [womensmarch.com](http://womensmarch.com)

Karlyn Rapport, 83, keynote speaker for the Marquette Women's March and founder of the Women's Center, said women's rights are human rights. Rapport's weathered, yet strong voice rippled out over the crowd of pink hats on three main issues: equal pay, Betsy DeVos' Title IX rollback and reproductive freedom.

"Women's rights go forward a couple of paces and then we're pushed back," Rapport said. "I'm trying to point to where we're making progress and where we need to protect ourselves. I'm thrilled that there are so many women elected to Congress."

An issue Rapport spoke on was equal pay. The Paycheck Fairness Act, a proposed labor law that would address the gender pay gap in the United States, will be

brought before Congress that will prevent discrimination on the basis of gender, she said.

"What people need to understand is that men make 80 cents on the dollar, but if you were a woman of color it would be 60 cents," Rapport said. "It will be 40 years until we get pay equity, so we have to push forward on this."

She also spoke on the rollback on Title IX, a federal civil rights law which requires schools to respond to reports of sexual harassment and violence against students. The rollback would essentially make it harder for survivors of sexual violence and harassment to come forward, Rapport said.

"This is a disgrace. It's making campuses, universities and public schools less safe," Rapport said. "There's a public comment period till Jan. 28 at the Department

of Education and I'm hoping that they'll be a flood of letters telling Betsy DeVos that we can't come back."

Following Rapport's speech, she "passed the wave" to two high school students who performed powerful slam poetry that spoke fervently on women's rights. One of four key coordinators for the march and 1976 NMU graduate Judy Kitchen spoke as well. Kitchen said the march is a celebration of women's successes and what's yet to come.

Women like Kitchen and Rapport have long since been the pillars for women's advocacy in Marquette, senior public relations major Chloe Gerthary said, who was one of the key coordinators for the march.

"The best part has been meeting the women of the community and getting to work with people

like Judy Kitchen," Gerthary said. "These women know Marquette and are pillars of this community. They understand the problems that women face here and the strides that women have made."

Women's rights was put on the front burner of Gerthary's mind with her emerging identity in the LGBTQ community. She said coming out was "eye opening" to see those intersections of femininity and queerness," and has affected the way that she walks through the world.

"It's really important for me to live in a place that values those intersections of identity and recognizes the steps that need to be taken to bring equity to all those identities," Gerthary said. "Marquette is one of the only places I've lived to make such an effort to reach that equity."

Over 1,000 people marched in support and celebration of the strides women have made in 2018 at the third Marquette Women's March, held in conjunction with the march on Washington, D.C.

Photo courtesy of Rachel Haggerty



## Third Women's March on Washington D.C. brings smaller crowds, higher energy

By Tim Eggert  
editor-in-chief

Trash cans overflowed with discarded signs from the previous day's March for Life events, the National Guard parked barrier vehicles and the U.S. Capitol watched silently over Pennsylvania Avenue from behind a blanket of fog as we stepped off the bus Saturday morning.

Moving down the sidewalk toward Freedom Plaza, my partner Amelia and I met more hawkers peddling T-shirts and buttons than marchers, but as the morning progressed and the fog lifted, the marble plaza filled with throngs of women holding signs that read "Women's Wave 2020" and "The Future is Female."

"They weren't ready for it,"

Amelia said of the Women's March on Washington she attended in 2017. "It was beautiful and so overwhelming."

This year she was joined by me, a tag-along journalist already covered in goosebumps, and although this year's march had started, we weren't moving. Drummers from an Indigenous women group were setting a pace for stationary bodies and the anxiety of adding literal motion to a 170-year-old movement was building.

As we finally broke forward, passing Trump International Hotel barricaded with mobile fences and police officers, the anxiety changed into action. Marchers shouted insults and stepped out of the pack to take photos of their middle fingers pointing at the building.

"Just look at their faces," Amelia

said of the all-male line of police officers. "How can they not react to this?"

Some smiled in our direction, others stared straight ahead, expressionless.

We turned off 11th Street onto E Street led by chants of "My body, my choice," belted out in response to the counter protest claims of pro-life groups stationed on the sidewalk. They had the same right to demonstrate as we did. No one interacted through violence, but we later witnessed someone spit in the space of one of the pro-life protesters.

The echo of these voices gave me chills and the realization that although the women's movement had recently produced change in Congress, it would have to continue challenging the pillars of pa-



Tim Eggert/NW

Marchers gather on Pennsylvania Avenue for the third Women's March.

trarchy and power, brought me to tears more than once.

Manifestations of identity and intersectionality surrounded us the whole march. Jewish women of color marched next to white women, Muslim women held the same signs as trans women and older women chanted in rhythm with younger women.

The women we talked with said

they marched for many reasons, but they all shared the same mission of empowerment, and their energy was potent.

"2017 had power in numbers, but this march has power in voices and diversity," Amelia said. "When people see powerful, angry women in the streets, it tells them everywhere that something is going on, that they need to listen."



132nd Annual

# Suicide Hill Ski Jump

By Jessica Parsons

Photos by Isabelle Tavares



A line of cars swarmed the remaining parking spots, leading up the snowy drive of Negaunee's Suicide Bowl Road. Charging \$20 per person, tailgators and attendees knew that whatever was ahead of them was worth paying for. Up ahead was a tall ski hill, bordered with bright lights that ripped down through the night sky like a giant pinball game. An orange hue lit up the city's sky as two large bonfires whipped around, providing a warm welcome to tailgators and huddlers in their best winter apparel.

Skis slapping snow, the slip of kid's snow pants sliding down snow mounds and tailgators cracking open another beer are all familiar sounds surrounding a ski jumping tournament. Fireworks bursted an SOS signaling a job-well-done and another safe, celebratory tournament all in the backyard of the chilly Negaunee.

From 6 to 9 p.m. ski jumpers, club members and the community gathered to attend the 132nd Annual Suicide Hill Ski Jump Tournament on Tuesday. Hosted by the Ishpeming Ski Club, the tournament was promoted by Mike Liagre, owner of 613 Studios, a custom art business that ran a tent at the tournament. He encouraged everyone to come watch United States and International ski jumpers "defy gravity as they soar off of the historic 90-meter, Suicide Hill."

Liagre grew up in Detroit, but now that Negaunee is his home, he has taken the unique sport in stride. "There's so many of these in the entire country and it's in our backyard," Liagre said. "I think this is something that everybody living up here should absolutely, 100 percent, cherish. For the folks that put this on, there's a lot of sweat-equity that makes this

work. This sport is just as Red Bull as it gets. They were jumping out here in the late 1800's. It's pretty honorable."

A Norwegian military officer, Olaf Rye, was the first known ski jumper who, in 1808, jumped 9.5 meters in front of an audience of soldiers. Since then, the sport grew to aspiring jumpers and competitors, adapting their own technique and style.

Perhaps one of the most noticeable traits of ski jumping that differentiates itself from others is a technique showing the skis in a "V" shape while flying through the air. But why have jumpers adopted this unique trait and what makes it so special?

This wasn't always the technique used, and many others were attempted before this stance. In 1885, Swedish jumper Jan Bokloev spread his skis shaping into a "V" instead of remaining parallel, proving to be a stronger and more efficient way of jumping. Though Bokloev was made fun of at first, his technique became so successful that every jumper was eager to adopt it. As far as competing, ski jumping has been a sport included in the Winter Olympics since 1924. Its first olympic appearance was in Chamonix, France.

Tuesday's event brought many jumpers, including American Ski Jumper Michael Glasder, who competed at the recent PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games.

Another vendor selling merchandise was Kim Larson from Negaunee. Standing in the cold is part of the U.P. culture, but "hand warmers are a wonderful invention," Larson laughed.

Though not as crowded as Tuesday's event, Larson travels with her son, Isaac, to junior tournaments with competitors from various states close by. Larson's son will compete on the big ramp in a few years, and said he's nervous but thinks "it will be fun to fly in the air."

Ski jumper Gwyrith Paavola is a member of USA Nordic, as well as a member of U.S. Ski and Snowboard. This is her first year competing as she participates in both skate skiing and ski jumping events. This combination is called "Nordic Combined."

They build points every time they attend to jump at these events, which is a nice incentive," Emily Paavola said, Gwyneth's mother. "The first several years, it was putting the equipment on and going there and going down the hill, but this year [she] has been more competitive and getting ribbons."

Paavola explained that her daughter would love to go down-hill skiing more often, but between jumping and cross-country skiing, those types of skiing is what takes precedent.

"We just drive here and put on the skis," Paavola said. "It's an enjoyable work out and [she] gets to have fun with the club too."

Surrounded by ski hills, Paavola explained that there are cross-country trails used by jumpers that practice skate skiing. Likewise, the parents that come to these practices will ski on the trails as well.

"I like to get my work out in, skiing the trails while [she] does her jumping," Paavola said. "I wish I had the opportunity when I was younger, so it's nice to participate in this stuff with Gwyneth."

"I think this is something that everybody living up here should absolutely, 100 percent, cherish."

When traveling to competitions in different states, there are collections of little clubs, Paavola explained. The numbers don't compare to those of hockey and other similar sports.

Sometimes the Larsons and Paavolas will see each other around two to three times a week, and Paavola explained that practicing can get busy, adding school into the mix.

"People know each other within these events and there are usually familiar faces that come to compete," she said, adding that aside from the competition, "It's very friendly."





# First premier ballet at FRT takes a risk

*"East of the Sun, West of the Moon" embodies a new level of performing*

By Jackie Jahfjetson  
copy editor

Which lies "east of the sun and west of the moon?" The land of the trolls, they say. A place where an evil queen resides and where a prince remains trapped in the imprisonment of her lair. The White Bear, or prince, suffers from the enchantment casted upon him and he only assumes his human identity during a full moon. With only witches and four winds, will a girl risk it all to find the kingdom and save her prince from the wicked Troll Queen?

In an original ballet production called "East of the Sun, West of the Moon," the Scandinavian story will pirouette this weekend at the Forest Roberts Theatre (FRT).

Adapted from the Norwegian fairy tale collected by Peter Christen Asbjornsen and Jorgen Moe, the production is the first full-length ballet to take the FRT stage starting at 7:30 p.m. tonight. The ballet, directed and choreographed by NMU Instructor and Dance Minor Program Director Jill Grundstrom, will feature original music composed by local composer Griffin Candey. Grundstrom and Candey have been "harvesting" the idea for five years, and it's finally about to take flight, Grundstrom said.

"It has this lovely heroine who meets adversity in her path and powers through and I think it's such a lovely story for right now of course. But at the end of the day [with] all of the characters

in the story, it's about taking a risk," Grundstrom said. "It was the same kind of idea for Griffin and I. This was a risk. [But] it presented itself as a wonderful opportunity."

With over an hour of music to fill, it was a "big endeavor" for this piece to be as flawless as possible, Grundstrom said. Actors are used to having their words, but ballet uses pantomime which generates actions through the accompaniment of music, alone. At the moment, NMU does not have a class that teaches this, so this production presented itself with a lot of "firsts," Grundstrom said. This was a challenge for the cast because not only were the actors stripped of their words, the essence of time was no longer at their disposal, she said. The movements have to stay with the music in order to keep the storyline moving forward, she noted.

Though rehearsals began at the end of October, the holiday break put a damper on things, she said. The entire cast of 34 dancers, the chamber orchestra of 12 musicians and the rest of the crew had only 12 days to put this together, Grundstrom said.

But this production is the "full package," she continued. There's nothing more complete than how live music and dance can complement each other and what that experience can deliver to an audience, she said, adding, theatrical technology was another component to this process and it shows what the FRT is capable of doing.



KNILL

"Because it is in fact a world premiere and the heritage of the story ties back in very strongly to a lot of the culture in the Upper Peninsula. And also that idea of being strong and persevering here in this disastrous weather. I mean it takes a strong kind of person to want to be here, right?" Grundstrom chuckled. "The fact that it's original live music and dance, that's something we don't get every day. So I think that's an outstanding opportunity."

For junior Sadie Knill, majoring in neuroscience and double minoring in dance and chemistry, playing the role as "The Girl," Grundstrom was paramount considering her years of experience and artistic abilities as a choreographer. From the age of three, dancing has always been a part of Knill's life and has been involved with ballet since 10th grade.

It was obvious to Knill that dancing would continue when she came to Northern when she signed up for a beginning ballet class taught by Grundstrom. And after doing shows

together over the past two years, Grundstrom brought the idea of doing a ballet, and Knill was right on board. Even though Knill had years of ballet experience, this production presented new obstacles.

"I think the biggest challenge for me has been working with the live orchestra pit which is super unique. But it's very different because the music sounds a little bit different from the tracks we're used to rehearsing with. We've been rehearsing so long, and we just got to start with the pit on Sunday," Knill said. "So we only get a few days with them before we open the show which is kind of tough getting the tempo set and everything."

This story is about taking a risk and seeing it pay off, and that's what this production is about, she said. After months of rehearsals and now finally putting on the costumes and makeup for dress rehearsals, it's really something special, Knill said.

Saturday afternoon will showcase a "Theatre for All" performance, and through a generous

grant by Wells Fargo, tickets for families who have sensory issues have been paid for, Grundstrom said. The FRT began this initiative last year to create a more accessible theatre for individuals who fall under the autism spectrum by adjusting the sounds and lights of the performance.

"With Tarzan last year, it was cool to see families and how it impacted them," Knill said, adding, people should go not only because it is the first ballet production with a sensory-free performance, but its roots run locally.

"The story is very unique. The music was written by someone local from Marquette and performed by local Marquette artists. Everybody that's in it is from around here. It's just a really big community coming together and putting on an amazing event that everybody can love," she said.

The ballet will begin at 7:30 p.m. from tonight until Sunday, with a 1 p.m. Theatre for All performance on Saturday, Jan. 26. Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for students and \$5 for NMU students.

## A collection of collectors

*The NMU Vinyl and Record club hosts an event*

By Jessica Parsons  
copy editor

Vinyl junkies, unique collectors and artists spun in and out of Whitman Hall on Saturday in search of that one piece that makes them whole. Of course, there's always room for more in the closet, garage or up on the wall, but it's the chatter from the community that attracts people to the event once again.

Classic rock, jazz, country, classical, you name it. There was something for everyone. Some are in search of cover art, while others are in search of that one song. Some are after a good deal, while another trades their "trash" for another's "treasure." But there weren't just vinyl records and boxed-up music.

To NMU's Vinyl and Record

Club Advisor Jon Teichman, "This is the best show ever."

The club hosted an event that was sure to have something for everyone, he said. Kids found Superman, and begged for just one more video game.

Richard Wilder, a vendor and aspiring writer, noted that the amount of attending women has increased, expressing their musical interest and quirky collections. Wilder explained these events in the past "have been very seldom for women," but their appearance has changed throughout the years, not only coming to buy, but sell as well.

Wilder emphasized the importance of individuals continuing to pursue their hobby, like collecting, and to simply do what they enjoy doing. Especially for the students studying at NMU,

"Do whatever it is that you want to do," he said. He explained it's a decision like that which encourages a healthy lifestyle. Wilder's message is central to the high attendance and of students that continue to come to this event.

Kai Johnson, or as she likes to refer to herself, "The Vinyl Junky's Wife," expressed her gratitude for the recognition and coverage of these shows and how important they are to the community. Johnson and her husband, Ed, do not mind traveling a far distance to attend these buy, sell and trade events, as they have much to show within their collection.

Some attendees travel great distances, all working together in the longevity of art and music.

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# Skiers travel cross-country for marathon

The Noquemanon Ski Marathon celebrates its 21st year with top snow conditions

By Sophie Hillmeyer

assistant news editor

Perfect U.P. snow conditions will draw in athletes from across the nation who will ski into the 21st annual Noquemanon Ski Marathon this weekend. This three-day race attracts over 1,500 cross country skiers each year and is one of the top three largest ski marathons in the nation, Jason Rolling, director of the Noquemanon Ski Marathon said. The funds raised from the ski marathon will pool toward the Noquemanon Trail Network (NTN), which is a nonprofit organization that builds and maintains trails for hiking, biking, running, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

"The conditions are pretty amazing this year," Rolling said. "Most of the Midwest has been struggling with snow, we haven't had that problem, it's probably one of the best race courses we've ever had."

On average, this event attracts 1,500 to 1,700 of some of the best cross country skiing athletes from across the nation, he said.

Rolling, an NMU alumnus and skier for the Olympic Training Site, is the second person to be the director of the race after the former director created it more than two decades ago.

The marathon, traversing on the Noquemanon trails, begins in Ishpeming and ends in



Photo courtesy of Andy Gregg at MQT Photo  
Cross-country skiers forge up a steep slope at last year's Noquemanon Ski Marathon. This three-day event attracts over 1,500 cross-country skiers each year and is one of the top three largest in the nation.

Marquette, making it a point-to-point race with true marathon distances.

"A couple years ago we had a bad snow year and we had to focus on a lot more trails in Forestville," Rolling said. "We thought that was going to be a bummer, but it turns out that people digged it and wanted to keep it going. What we've done now is we incorporated Forestville trails into the marathon to add some more challenge and diversity to the race course."

The weekend begins with junior Noque races, which are shorter races for children with

waves for ages under 7 up to 19 on Friday, Jan. 24. On Saturday, Jan. 25, there are men and women's skate and classical races with distances of 50k Marathon, 24k Half Noque, Noque 12k and a 15-mile snowshoe race. Lastly, Sunday, Jan. 26 is "the wild side of the Noque," Rolling said, with the Animoosh Skijor 10k, a race where harnesses, trained dogs pulls the skier. Sunday will also host a 20k snow bike race and 5k and 10k snowshoe races.

"It's a very busy weekend," Rolling said.

Although it is technically a clas-

sical race, meaning prize money will only be awarded to those who choose to classic ski, Rolling said that there is a good mix of classic and skate skiers participating in the event.

This event is not only beneficial to the NTN but the Marquette community as a whole, Rolling said. This event brings in about 5,000 to 7,000 people who stay in the community for the weekend and stay in hotels and visit restaurants and shops.

"The trails entice people to move here because they want that lifestyle, I think that overall

this has a lot to do with Marquette as a whole," Rolling said. "It makes it cool, you know?"

This race would not happen without participation from other businesses and people in the community, Rolling said. Over 600 volunteers and hundreds of businesses donate their time, product or money, he added.

"It takes an entire village," Rolling said. "There is a lot of community support and we are so thankful for that."

NMU is also involved in this event, Rolling noted. NMU athletic training and nursing students help out and dozens of other organizations donate volunteers, and NMU's contribution has been instrumental for this event, he said.

There are so many small details of pieces that need to come together to make this event possible and Rolling said he most looks forward to the time when everyone has crossed the finish line and left the course feeling happy and healthy.

"That fulfillment of being completely exhausted but knowing that you put everything into it and making sure that people get what they paid for and they came here to enjoy an event and they can do that," he said. "To me, that's a big deal."

For questions about racing or other ways to get involved, call (906) 225-6861 or email noquenetwork@gmail.com.

## Environmental literature meets film

NMU English department hosts welcome back party with a showing of "Ode to Muir"

By Isabelle Tavares

features editor

Most people are on the world, not in it, wrote John Muir, the environmental writer, co-founder of The Sierra Club and a proponent of Yosemite National Park. His work speaks about how the wilderness gives life to those who seek it.

"Ode To Muir," a human-powered backcountry snowboard film that celebrates and honors Muir, will be shown on campus tonight at 6 p.m. in Jamrich 1100.

The film by Teton Gravity Research (TGR) documents the journey of professional snowboarders Jeremy Jones and Elena Hight's trek through the John Muir Wilderness in California's Eastern Sierra. The directors of the film describe it as a journey that balances the hardships of winter camping and grueling ascents up some of the Sierra's tallest mountains. TGR highlights the film's "aesthetic first descents



Photo courtesy of Teton Gravity Research  
Ode to Muir, a film directed by Teton Gravity Research, will be shown tonight at 6 p.m. in Jamrich 1100 for the English department's welcome back party to kick off the new semester.

with personal reflections on the importance of the natural world." The English department hopes

this film showing will be an opportunity for students to socially connect on environmental lit-

erature by meeting outside of the classroom.

"We thought it would be fun to show this film because there's a relationship to literature: something that we often don't think of immediately," English Department Head Lynn Domina said. "It will appeal to students of language and of all kinds of interests in the outdoors and the environment."

Established in 1964, the John Muir Wilderness spans 581,000 acres and is located between Kings Canyon National Park to the south and Yosemite National Park to the north. The mountainous region is known for world-class climbing and mountaineering, and holds different wonders than the densely forested Upper Peninsula. Although there are differences in the landscapes, Domina said she thinks the participants' attitudes toward the environment is similar to that of the U.P. population.

The department hopes to host

more events similar to this, and is doing a lot of brainstorming to bring other literary concerns and ideas into the bigger culture, Domina said. Students involved in extracurricular activities, such as interning at Passages North, the Creative Writing Club and the English honor society Sigma Tau Delta are a part of that culture, Domina said. This event will bring students of all majors together in celebration of a new semester, with a special reenactment of John Muir's relationship with the environment playing in the forefront, Domina said.

"I think it will appeal to a lot of different people and whoever comes will really enjoy it. It's certainly open to the entire university and we're hoping English students come," Domina said. "We want to help [students] create a culture within the department among themselves to help them get to know each other through activities outside of the classroom."





## Women 'hoopers slide into first place in GLIAC

By Levi Erkila  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University Women's Basketball team swept a pair of home games this past weekend. A strong second half in Thursday's game against the Davenport University (DU) Panthers propelled the Wildcats to a 69-61 victory. The 'Cats then defeated the No. 9 nationally ranked Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Lakers Saturday 56-43 to move into a tie for first place in the GLIAC.

In Thursday's game, sophomore guard Lexi Smith led NMU with 16 points and contributed nine rebounds. Junior center Jessica Schultz added 15 points while senior guards Sydney Dillinger and Tess Weatherly both made four three-pointers for 12 points each. Senior guard Darby Youngstrom dished out a career-high of eight assists and notched a team-best of 10 rebounds.

The Wildcats took an 8-3 lead before Davenport opened up the scoring to jump ahead 12-10 with a minute to go in the first quarter. DU extended their lead before the end of the first period and Northern trailed 16-12 entering the second quarter.

The Panthers pushed their lead to 21-14 early in the second quarter. With under two minutes to play in the half, the Panther's offense opened up and took the largest lead of the game, 32-21. The Wildcats entered halftime with a 32-23 deficit.

To start the second half DU scored six unanswered points to build their lead to 15 points.

NMU went on a clawed back before embarking on a 10-0 run, making it a two-point game, 43-41 with 3:34 left to play in the third quarter. The teams entered the fourth quarter with DU leading NMU 48-45.

The Wildcats made two three-pointers to open the final quarter to take the lead 51-48. With six minutes remaining, NMU cut a 56-51 lead. The Panthers cut Northern's lead to three, 61-57 with 2:16 remaining. NMU outscored DU 8-4 in the final minutes sealing the victory 69-61.

Head coach Troy Mattson acknowledged the hard work the team put in to overcome their slow first-half start.

"The girls responded extremely well in the second half after making some adjustment defensively and some people had to step up and make some plays offensively, which we didn't do in the first half," Mattson said. "Tess goes four-for-four from the three-point line and Darby has eight assists in the game and that's part of toughness."

The impressive second half showed the team what they can overcome.

"The comeback really showed that our team has some heart and toughness," Youngstrom said.

The Wildcats entered Saturday's game facing the top-ranked team in the GLIAC, GVSU.

NMU shut down the Laker offense allowing only 43 total points and 15.4 percent shooting from behind the three-point line and 35.4 percent from the field. Smith led the 'Cats with 21 points.

"We had the confidence going



NMU players on the bench jump up in excitement after converting a key basket against Davenport University. Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

into the game that we knew we could win," Youngstrom said.

Five minutes in the game, NMU had an 8-4 lead. Northern closed out the quarter on a 5-0 run and took a 13-8 lead in the second frame.

The Wildcat lead was 19-12 minutes into the second quarter. NMU went on a 10-2 run and with less than a minute left in the half, the Northern lead was 29-14. GVSU answered with a five-point run sending Northern into the break with a 29-19 advantage.

Three minutes into the second half the Lakers cut the lead to 31-26. The Wildcats followed with a 10-0 run extending their lead to 41-26. Northern ended the third quarter with four points to take a 45-30 lead in the final quarter.

GVSU managed to cut the lead down to 49-40 halfway through

the quarter. The Wildcats were able to weather the Lakers storm in the final minutes and hold their heads high with a 56-43 win.

From the very beginning of the game, NMU's defense was able to set the tone and facilitate and drive their play-style throughout the game.

"I'm really proud of how we were able to handle ourselves throughout the game," Mattson said. "They made a couple of small runs at us and we were able to hold them off and make some big plays and, again, that's all showing our maturity and toughness, we're starting to take form and we've got a ways to go but at least it's going in the right direction."

NMU looks to extend their winning streak to five games next week as they host rival Michigan

Technological University. The Huskies are two games behind NMU for first place in the GLIAC North standings with a record of 7-3 in conference, 11-7 overall, coming off a victory against DU.

"[This is a] huge rival game. We get their best, they get our best," said Youngstrom. "[It's] always a good crowd both here and there and it's something that we look forward to every year."

Saturday's game will feature a White Out theme with all fans encouraged to wear white in support of the Wildcats. The first 50 students to meet Wildcat Willy and sit courtside will receive a free "Beat Tech" white shirt. The first 250 fans will receive a free Rally Towel upon entry to the Berry Events Center.

Tipoff is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26.

## Tolvanen missing one key piece of hardware

By Nate Bellville  
contributing writer

Through all the honors and achievements earned in his tenure with the Northern Michigan University Men's Hockey team, senior goaltender Atte Tolvanen is on track to graduate as one of the most decorated Wildcat players of all-time.

"I knew I had the talent to be really good, but I had to work on my game," Tolvanen said. "It's always been a goal for me to play professional hockey and that's why I'm down here."

Last season, Tolvanen was awarded WCHA Goaltender of the Year after tallying 17 wins, a .773 win percentage and a .917 save percentage. As of this year, his 2.44 goals-allowed-average (GAA) ranks third in program history. He is currently tied with Craig Kowalski (2000-04) for most career shutouts (12) in Wildcat history, a feat he

achieved at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks on Jan. 4.

"There's been a lot of great goalies and great teams here and seeing from the banners hung from the rafters, it's very humbling to be part of it," Tolvanen said.

With the growing list of accolades to his profile, Tolvanen attributes his team for helping him reach his full potential.

"To me, it's always about the team and the coaching staff here has done a great job," Tolvanen said.

Majoring in business management, the Vihti, Finland native has started in every game this season, totaling 579 saves, a 2.06 GAA and three points. One of those points came right before the winter break when he notched his first career goal after launching the puck from his own crease into rival Michigan Tech University's goal, sending the sold-out Berry Events Center

crowd and the internet into a frenzy.

"I looked up and saw that there's no one by their net, so I decided to give it a try and was lucky enough that it went in," Tolvanen said on the goal. "It was pretty awesome having all



Tolvanen

the guys go nuts and have all of the building go nuts; it was an awesome feeling."

Tolvanen said that he wants to play professional hockey after

graduating, hoping to join his brothers Joona and Eeli. Before enrolling at Northern, Tolvanen gained experience in junior hockey, playing for the NAHL's Minot Minotauros in North Dakota and the Minnesota Magicians. His older brother Joona plays forward in Poland with the Podhale Nowy Targ hockey club, while his younger brother Eeli plays forward for the AHL's Milwaukee Admirals, an affiliate team for the NHL's Nashville Predators.

In his spare time, Tolvanen is active in the Marquette community such as handing out tickets to fans and helping out at children's hockey camps.

As his senior season closes, Tolvanen is hoping he can live up to his personal goals and team goals. He was selected to the WCHA All-Academic Team last year and was recently nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, an award given out to the Division

I collegiate hockey player who displays best in performance, integrity and character.

"Personally, being an All-American would be a great honor along with being in the top 10 for the Hobey Baker Award too," Tolvanen said. "Going forward as a team, we want to win our league. That's our main goal."

Tolvanen identifies the team's goal as winning the regular season conference title to securing home-ice throughout the WCHA playoffs.

"Obviously, we're trying to finish strong and win the trophy. That way if we clinch the regular season, we could have the Berry rocking again in the playoffs," Tolvanen said.

The star goaltender is on pace to reach records for career save percentage, career total saves and possibly, career wins. With 12 games left, all signs point toward Tolvanen smashing more records in NMU hockey history.



# SPORTS BRIEFS

## Track & Field

The Northern Michigan University Track and Field team hosted their lone home meet of the season last weekend, the Northern Challenge, and picked up 10 victories along the way.

In the 300-meter dash, senior Shayla Huebner crossed the finish line in 40.86 which put her in the record book as the fastest Wildcat in the event. Not far behind her was fellow senior Paige Dutcher who finished in 41.80 to place her as the second-fastest time in Wildcat history.

Senior Michelle Juergen picked up two victories in the meet in the high jump and long jump events. In the high jump, her mark of 5 feet, 6 inches set her above the rest of the competition which also matched her season-best.

In the 600-meter dash, junior Paige Du Bois finished in 1:38.83 to place first. Her time now puts her at second-fastest in Wildcat history.

Other victories include sophomore Izabelle Peterson in the 200-meter dash and 55-meter hurdles.

Freshman Alyssa Rivest tossed first place in the weight throw while fellow freshman Anna Kelley took first in the mile event.

NMU next takes the track with a roadtrip to Saginaw Valley State University for the Jet's Pizza Invitational this Friday and Saturday.

## Football

The Northern Michigan University Football team will present their 2019 Signing Class by hosting a signing day event at The Delft Bistro Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

Head Coach Kyle Nystrom and his assistant coaches will show video highlights while discussing each incoming player who signed a National Letter of Intent to play for NMU starting in the 2019 season.

### Wildcat of the week



Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Helping to snap a six-game losing streak, senior guard Naba Echols had a standout week. Averaging 19.5 points-per-game while shooting 50 percent from behind the three-point line, Echols stood out as a game manager and clutch finisher. He dished out seven assists in two games last week while shooting a perfect 10-10 from the free-throw line.



## Six-game skid snapped

Photo courtesy of NMU athletics

Senior guard Naba Echols drives the ball into the paint against Grand Valley State University. Echols led the Wildcats in scoring with 26 points while also grabbing eight rebounds.

By Nate Bellville  
contributing writer

The Northern Michigan University Men's basketball team snapped a six-game losing streak and earned a conference weekend home sweep as they beat the Davenport University (DU) Panthers 77-63 and the Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Lakers 70-61.

"We're getting back on the right track," head coach Bill Sall said. "Energy and defense were the two things we needed to come out with and I was particularly happy with the way we played."

By earning two wins at the season's halfway mark, senior guard Naba Echols said the victories can either make or break their season.

"We've seen how quickly things can turn on us, like that losing streak we had, and it taught us a very valuable lesson," Echols said.

Last Thursday, a layup by redshirt-freshman forward/center Troy Summers and a three by junior center Myles Howard brought NMU up to a 9-2 lead in the first half. The Wildcats defense held the DU offense in check as they pulled out to a 20-9 lead after another layup by Summers. The Panthers salvaged a steady run, but a free throw from senior guard/forward Isaiah Johnson helped NMU take a 31-18 lead into halftime.

DU came out hot in the second half as the Panthers took a 39-38 lead, but a three by junior guard Marcus Matelski put NMU on top 41-39. The Wildcats defense wouldn't let DU get any closer than 10 points as a late steal and dunk by sophomore guard Alec Fruin would help NMU snap their losing slide with a 77-63 win.

Johnson paced NMU with 25 points, with Echols contributing 13 points.

GVSU started Saturday's game with a 5-0 run, but NMU took a 7-5 lead due to shots from Echols, Summers and Johnson. The game remained close in the first half until a layup by Summers stretched the Wildcats lead to 20-12. The Wildcats continued their offensive attack as threes from Fruin and Echols helped secure a 42-31 lead into halftime.

NMU's cold shooting at the start of the second half helped the Lakers trim their trail to four points. After a dunk from GVSU's Jake Van Tubbergen, Echols scored four straight points to make it 46-40 NMU with 14:20 remaining. With five minutes remaining, the Wildcats pulled away after Howard's free throw and a Taylor three made it 58-47 NMU. The Wildcat defense would hold GVSU to nine points late as they cruised to a 70-61 victory.

Echols led in scoring with a game-high of 26 points, with

Johnson adding 18 points. Both players also finished perfect from the free-throw line, going 6-for-6.

Echols's efforts lauded him GIIAC Player of the Week for the second time this season. He's happy about earning the award, but feels it should've went to a teammate more deserving.

"I wish, somehow as a team, we vote for 'Player of the Week' to go to [Myles Howard]," Echols said. "For putting the work in every week and helping us out on the court, he doesn't get enough credit."

The Wildcats are now in fourth place in the GIIAC North and the two recent wins should provide a boost as they host their archrivals, the Michigan Tech University Huskies on Saturday Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. to wrap up their homestand.

With the team home for the rivalry game and a "White Out" scheduled, Echols said the home-court crowd should help the team.

"As a player, it feels like the energy and excitement around the [Berry] is different than the past because we have been winning," Echols said. "You can tell the energy from the crowd and it helps us out a lot."

Sall said this game is important for both the GIIAC standings and the rivalry standpoint.

"There are certain games that you have circled red on your calendar and this is one of them," Sall said.

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# Swimming and diving honor 2019 senior class

By Travis Nelson  
contributing writer

The Northern Michigan University Swim and Dive team held their annual intrasquad skins meet this past Saturday, as they honored 24 seniors between both teams on Senior Day.

The men were recognized first, as they honored seniors: Renars Bundzis, Joshua Cosgrove, Grantas Dapkus, Kyle Flickinger, Esteban Gutierrez, Arnoldo Herrera, Ryan Leonard, Benjamin Lindberg, David Miranda, Curran Moffit, Janne Roovers and Nathan Rotundo. Herrera was one of three Wildcats to break a pool record in the skins meet. He broke the pool record in the 200-yard, breaststroke with a time of 2:03.91, as well as finishing in first place in the 50-yard breaststroke. Leonard would also pick up two victories in the 100-yard individual medley (IM) and 400-yard IM. Bundzis took home the skins race on the men's side.

Head coach Heidi Voigt had

high praise of the men's senior class and their leadership.

"It's [their leadership] been really important, especially on the men's side," Voigt said. "This senior class is the class that started the men's program up again, so they have seen it all the way through. They really established the culture of the team, and culture of excellence in the classroom, in the pool and in everything they do, which is huge when we're bringing people in. They've really been there to guide them and set that tone."

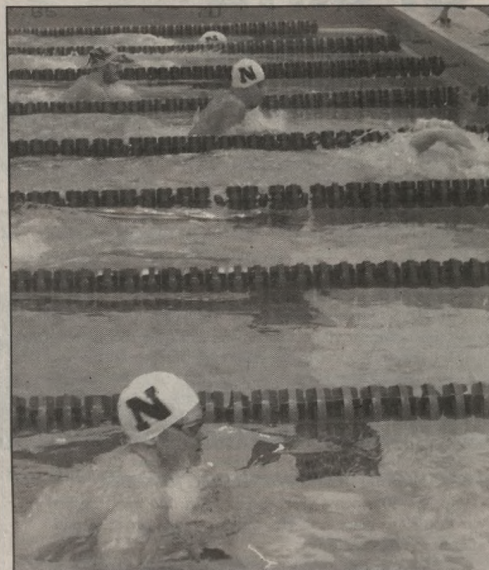
On the women's side, the seniors recognized were Becca Arakelian, Carolina Artacho, Emily Bell, Samantha Dickie, Sara Foucault, Regan Kilburn, Mackenzie Mentel, Angela Probstfeld, Savanna Saunders, Dana Stroven and Taylor Sousa. Artacho took home the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 31.36. Two juniors for the Wildcats women broke pool records with Rachel Helm, shattering records in the 50-yard breaststroke and 100-yard butterfly, with times

of 29.44 and 56.22 respectively. Madelyn Ireland set a new record time in the 50-yard butterfly with a time of 25.58.

With the return of the men's team, coach Voigt commemorates the women's team's accepting attitude.

"The women are our first women's group to be a part of a co-ed team which is a different dynamic for sure," Voigt said. "I've always been a believer that you really need to have three team identities: the women need to have bonded and have their own identity, and the men as well, but then they also have to be able to come together. There's a lot that goes on in that culture and team bonding."

Not only is this a great senior class for the Wildcats in the pool, but their leadership and togetherness is also truly what has made this season a success so far. The seniors look to finish their careers and season strong, as they travel to Cleveland, Ohio on Feb. 20, to compete at the GLIAC championships.



Travis Nelson/NW

Members of the men's swimming team emerge from the water during a butterfly event during last weekend's intrasquad meet.

# Hockey gears up for a first-place showdown

By Ryan Spitz  
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University Hockey team looks to add to its recent win streak through the weekend, hosting league-leading and No. 7 ranked Minnesota State-Mankato in a critical WCHA series at the Berry Events Center.

The Wildcats (13-10-0, 12-4-0 WCHA) sit third place in the WCHA standings, one point

behind Bowling Green (BGSU) and six points behind Minnesota State (MSU) after NMU was idle last weekend.

Northern is riding a six-game winning streak dating back to Dec. 14 and have won 10 of its last 13 contests.

NMU head coach Grant Potulny said he sees several similarities among this weekend's opponent to his team.

"I think they're very similar to us," Potulny said. "They have

some high-end players, they have some depth and a great goaltender. They can play anyway they want. If they want to play a speed game, they can. They've got some heaviness to them so they can play tough too. I expect two very good games."

MSU (19-6-1, 14-4-0 WCHA) split with Lake Superior State (LSSU) last weekend, winning 5-3 on Friday before a 1-0 loss on Saturday to end the Mavericks' five-game win streak. LSSU also

handed the Mavericks their first home loss of the season, holding a 12-0 home streak before that.

The Lakers' victory Saturday means that the Mavericks are within striking distance for first place going into this weekend's series. Two wins for the Wildcats would put them and the Mavericks into a tie at 42 points, with NMU winning the head-to-head tiebreaker.

BGSU sits between MSU and NMU in second place however, and will also be looking to gain some ground as they host a struggling Ferris State team this weekend. The Falcons currently sit at 37 points in the league standings.

Potulny said practice has been significantly improving over the last several weeks, and his team knows what's at stake.

"The way we practice has been a 10 every day," he said. "You don't see that very often. I think the guys are dialed in and I'm excited for another tough chapter in our schedule. Every chapter has a challenge. The four games in Alaska were challenging for their own reasons. Now coming home with a chance to play for first place is something that gets every athlete's attention."

One of those athletes is Philip Beaulieu. The junior defenseman has recorded four goals and 17 assists this season, good for second in overall league scoring.

Beaulieu said he and his teammates used the winter break to rejuvenate and are now riding high into the second half.

"After the break, everything's

been really good and solid so far," Beaulieu said. "It was huge to sweep Ferris State going into Christmas break. Everyone had a chance to go home and forget about the rough first half and regenerate. Then we go up to Alaska against two lower teams in our conference who you still can't take lightly. I'm just proud of what our team has done so far and it's encouraging to go into the second half like that."

Beaulieu added that team chemistry is starting to click, which will be a big part going into the weekend.

"We've had a lot of confidence lately," he said. "We've had some big guys step up, freshmen and people that are finally starting to fill roles. We're feeling good."

Potulny added that he won't prepare any differently for good teams like MSU, since his Wildcats have already played several.

"We're not doing anything special to prepare for them," he said. "We've seen the best team in college hockey. We've seen St. Cloud, we've seen Michigan State and we've seen Notre Dame. I think we're prepared to play a good hockey team. That's part of the value of going through that tough stretch to start the year. A lot of those games were on the road too. Now we have our confidence and we play well at home. We're looking forward to having some really good teams in our building."

Puck drop versus Minnesota State-Mankato at the Berry Events Center is set for 7:07 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

## Wildcat Sports Schedule

Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27
Women's Track & Field at Jet's Pizza Invitational	Nordic Skiing at UW-Green Bay CCSA Race	Nordic Skiing at UW-Green Bay CCSA Race
Men's Ice Hockey vs Minnesota State 7 p.m.	Women's Track & Field at Jet's Pizza Invitational	
	Women's Basketball vs Michigan Tech 11 a.m.	
	Men's Basketball vs Michigan Tech 1 p.m.	
	Men's Ice Hockey vs Minnesota State 7 p.m.	



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"This is really exciting because it will also allow Northern to reach out and help the U.P. and the regional communities because these professionals will be out there working with members of the community who are in need of these services," Eckert said. "So it is a win-win situation for Northern, for the students and for the regional communities."

As of last Friday, NMU has about 500 graduate students and those numbers are expected to rise when the proposed programs are approved, graduate admissions counselor Hayli Cox said.

"We are already seeing an increase in applicants," Cox said. "Most programs haven't made their admission decisions and won't until March, but a lot of our programs have capped and they are going to deny maybe even 100 students."

**AWARD**

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Aside from publishing works, Strain has also been able to present at National and International conferences including the Percussive Art Society International convention, International Trombone Association Conference and at the Music Teachers National Association Convention, something that comes as an honor to Strain with a fair amount of pressure.

"I've never really applied or been invited without something very, very specific I want to share with the worldwide community," Strain said.

With over 22 years of teaching here in Marquette, Strain still has favorite moments with the music majors that come to learn about percussion and all its aspects.

"I still see that wide-eyed enthusiasm the first time they experience a piece of music I experienced at their age. It never gets old," Strain said. "As a professor I get to see that over and over."

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Larger credit hour degrees make it more difficult for students to explore different options in their interest areas, Erickson said.

"The 150-year history of higher education is dedicated to preparing people to do one thing. That one thing is called a major," Erickson said. "Our culture is built around the concept of a major and doing one thing. It's so ingrained in who we are."

The academic transformations will be done with the students in mind and provide enough time for them to transition with the larger structural changes, Erickson said. He added that they will need input when making these decisions and task force committees will be necessary.

Following the SRA ITF Recommendations Report update, Erickson opened the forum to audience comments and questions, most of which concerned the changes in major requirements.

Physics Department Head David Donovan suggested some majors have "hidden prerequisites" that would break the 36 credit major model, resulting in

a lack of transparency with students in the major.

Center for Native American Studies Director April Lindala read a six-page prepared statement tracing NMU's success and limitations in developing Indigenous studies programs.

"What if NMU's next steps were to practice what we teach to critically think about the future we are leaving the seven generations to follow in our footsteps," Lindala said. "I plead with the leadership of NMU to recognize the validity of ancient ways of being in these modern times."

Instead of merely of the status quo where Indigenous Studies might survive, why can't Indigenous studies and disciplines like it be given what they need to thrive."

Other questions and comments addressed the timeline of the implementation process and whether funding was a consideration in the SRA review process.

"We didn't go into this process to cut budgets or to eliminate positions, that's not what this is about," Erickson said. "This is about making sure that we can build the university of the future. We have the opportunity to really lead a transformation in public higher education that very few institutions have."

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