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Minot State Adds New Faculty to Theatre Program

Gage Yost COMM 281

The Division of Performing Arts of Minot State University has made a new and exciting addition to their team. Sarah Honerman has come aboard as an Assistant Professor of Theatre.

Sarah has enjoyed watching plays most of her life. Her father was involved in theatre from when she was very young. However, she did not gather the nerve to audition for anything until she was a sophomore in high school. Sarah said, "I was highly intimidated, because I attended a pretty large

high school... but I was happily surprised to see my name on the cast list." She enjoyed working both on stage and behind the scenes. And appreciates both roles of the production equally.

Sarah graduated from Northern State University with a bachelor's in education. She taught high school English and theatre for 7 years; 4 years in Groton, SD, and 3 years in Mankato, Minnesota. Working with these young talents a wonderful avenue to and helping them "hone achieve that." their skills" was part of her theatre teaching career. After teaching high school for several years, she went back to

school to attend Minnesota State University – Mankato, where she earned her Master of Fine Arts in Performance. During her time there, she worked with stage management, acting, and directed several productions. "Working on the degree really gave me the opportunity to learn more about what I want to achieve as an artist and educator. I have always known that I am an educator at my core, and theatre is such

Sarah is grateful to be at Minot State University and able to help rejuvenate the theatre program. She stated,

"Life without art is a dismal place. Theatre is a beautiful method to convey the human expe- and October 22nd at rience."

MSU's fall production is The Shape of

Things by Neil LaBute. The shows will be October 19-21 at 7:30 P.M. 2:00 P.M. MSU students get in free!



Sarah Honerman; new theatre professor Picture via MinotStateU.edu



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How Has War Affected Ukrainian Children's Education?

Mellie Wilson COMM 281

Ever since of the start if the war on Ukraine, Ukrainian children's ability to attend school regularly was hampered.

According to
UNICEF this fact is
concerning because it
puts many children's
lives and futures at risk
since they are not able
to get a regular education in safe spaces.

This organization says that 5.3 million children and their families face conflict when trying to resume normal life in the education system. This is because 2600 schools were damaged overall, with 400 destroyed, leaving limited space for a formal education setting. The ministry of education said that in Ukraine only 25% of schools offer normal school hours. Less than half of Ukrainian families had the ability

to put their 5-year-old children back to kindergarten or extracurricular activities which is pushing back their children's cognitive development which is a crucial part of raising healthy children.

Thankfully, UNICEF was able to rebuild bomb shelters, provide students with school supplies, and ended up helping 1.5 million children resume their education so far. The organization also provided children with leisure activities to aid their cognitive development and thousands of children with psychological support. For the students that are lucky enough to go back to school many of them were traditional clothing, called Vyshyvanka, which are embroidered tops for men and women. Many do this to show pride in their culture and support their soldiers.

This clothing's purpose is the represent their culture and to show that Russian and Ukrainian culture are different even though the world holds many misconceptions about the cultures and over generalize them both.

Noah Lyles 'World Champion' Controversy

Sophie Cronin Staff Writer

When many people

think of a world championship competition, they think of the world athletics championship, the FIFA world cup or even the Olympics. To achieve the title of world champion is a great feat. For American tracker and field sprinter Noah Lyles, achieving those titles is what he dedicated his whole career to. Lyles who just secured gold medals in the 100m & 200m at the 2023 Budapest world athletics championships last month, making him only the seventh man in world to hold that title, came under fire in the media for a comment made in a recent press conference. When referring to NBA players wearing hats the say 'World Champions' Lyles responded with "World Champions of what? The United States?" The comment

was received negatively across the NBA community and social media, with many NBA players speaking out against Lyles on twitter. Kevin Durant took to twitter to say, "somebody help this brother" and Aaron Gordan said "Whatever... I'm smoking buddy in the 200m" which is a wild statement to compare yourself to a world-class sprinter.

This "world Champion" debate could not have come at a better time. With USA basketball taking to the stage in the FIBA Basketball World Cup in these past few weeks. This was the time for players that spoke out against Lyles to prove themselves on an international stage. However, they could not back up their talk, instead losing into Lithuania in a group stage before eventually losing to their friendly northerly neighbor, Canada.

Since their exit from

the world cup, many people have gone back on their words. Lyles has been receiving apologies from public figures left-right and center. Is Lyles correct for making these statements? Should NBA players be allowed to refer to themselves as 'World Champions" after winning the NBA Finals? This also is a common trend across other American sports, form Superbowl champions have also be known to refer to themselves as world champions and the MLB named their championship competition the "World Series." Is it fair for these athletes to carry that title, when other athletes, such as Lyles, must beat out numerous competitors to even qualify for their said tournament?

The Future of Journalism and Multimedia

Marie Audet COMM 281

With technology constantly advancing, multimedia has had an enormous impact on journalism. Professor and co-founder of Multimedia Studies Degree at Minot State Bill Harbort gives his thoughts on how much work and skill sets have changed with multimedia constantly growing.

"Multimedia allows for journalists to communicate or tell stories with an abundance of options... illustrations, infographics, animations, audio, video, etc.... it also facilitates

immediate audience share... comments. polls, etc." He sees more augmented-dimensional experiences taking place along with more AI (Artificial Intelligence) content development. AI is another factor that is advancing media as it is starting to be more common than human-created content, Bill explains. How this is affecting journalists, and their everyday life and work skills has shifted over the years.

"There is less demand for long articles and traditional "read-

ing" ... there is more interaction... ie. like, of a reliance on audio, video, graphics, etc. Journalists will gather, investigate, and report and need to supervise and/or create content beyond a written "story." They will need to be multi-skilled." Harbort explains that in the early 2000s social media was barely present and is now seeing it grow and grow all the time. With multimedia becoming a big part of journalism, communication "schools" will have to expand so these different skills and resources can be available for students to learn

Professor at Minot State Neil Roberts also shared his thoughts on how important multimedia has become and how it ties in with iournalism.

"Everything is tied into multimedia nowadays, even things you do not really anticipate. So, I would say virtually every class in our curriculum is tied into multimedia that we teach whether it is off radio, or TV, video, audio, public relations, Graphic via AMUST.com social media, advertising, print journalism, you name it—it all ties back into the multime-

He went on to talk about why journalists should be educated in multimedia and how students in our department have the upper hand because of all the different skill sets that come along with multimedia.

dia."



"It's huge right now, so you guys can really write your own ticket which is really cool" Roberts states.

Being educated in these different areas just makes it easier for journalists to share their stories and connect with their audience more.

"Gets more readership or puts something on social media that's going to clickbait them back to their story."

The future is hard to predict how far technology will go as far as multimedia, but the professors in the Communications and Art department at Minot State have seen a huge change over the years and are excited yet to see where it goes.



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R&G Editorial

My Italian Summer

Kylie Koontz Editor

This summer I had the opportunity to study abroad in Florence Italy. Over the course of my month long stay I kept a small journal as a part of the study abroad requirement. The last journal entry topic was a reflection on how much I felt i grew as a person and artist.

I wasn't sure if I'd necessarily feel I growth within the time span of just a month, but the truth is, I think there was a lot of growth within that time.

Simply traveling alone will cause a ton of growth. In the form of confidence, independence and honestly basic adulting skills. I felt growth from that

portion of the experi- trauma. ence as well as others. I feel like I truly grew of this school year, I over the duration of this trip.

I have had a bad

habit of comparing my journey to the journey of others. Comparing my work, school, life, and goals to those of others. I think that the way one person lives the life I want is to do it exactly how they did. I wouldn't say I didn't like my life the way it was, or that I was unhappy but comparison to others has been something that I struggle with within the last year. I overcame the moment, not wora lot of difficulties in the years previous, and I think this obsession with comparison is the aftermath of that

Towards the end in terms of my mindset finally had this "ah-ha" moment when everything seemed to be falling into place. Job opportunities, contacts with people in my desired field, graduating early, and this trip coming to fruition. That was the beginning of the constant comparison coming to an end. Over the course of this trip, I really felt like I was doing it, I was living the life I wanted, I was doing things that brought me happiness and peace and I felt like I was finally living in ried about anyone else.

> I was able to use that feeling to create my final projects over the course of this month

proud of myself. So much goes into finally being able to feel this way, and it didn't come without challenges. I found myself stressed about money while in Italy but over the course of the month I realized that being able to save up to travel and then spending it on travel again is something I would love to do, the money I made is meant to be spent on experiences like this, and building my life around these types of experiences sounds like a life I am excited to live.

abroad and the final-

ized pieces make me

Just being able to feel self-discovery. like my life is coming together the way I always wanted, and to no longer feel the need to compare myself will set me up to continue to grow personally and professionally.

I think that from

this I will, of course, continue to travel, but more importantly continue to grow from these experiences.

Travel is so important for personal growth because of all of the things you'll experience, becoming more worldly and understanding and simply having more diverse experiences is the best form of self-help, self-love, and personal growth someone can ask for.

I am so grateful I was able to make my dreams of studying abroad a reality and I cannot wait to continue my life of travel and personal growth and

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A Look Forward to Minot State Homecoming

Carly Johnson COMM 281

Get ready all you
Beavers, you know what
time it is! It is now
officially football season
meaning homecoming
is just around the corner
now that they've moved
it up!

September 16 is the big day where we will have our traditional homecoming parade and game! This year, we're kicking it old school and paying tribute to the Beavers of the 80s with this year's homecoming theme:

Best of the 80s! Everyone is getting their floats and groups ready to look their grooviest for this year's line up!

We are looking forward to all the school spirit this year, speaking of spirit- it's no secret that MSU has school pride! Ranging from the 80's to now,

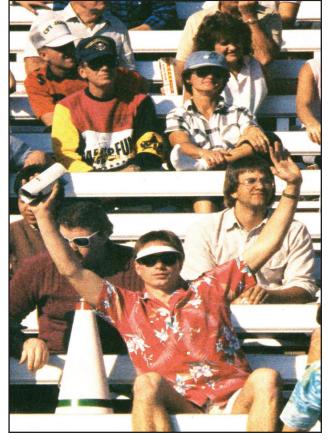
Minot Fans remain the biggest supporters of Beaver-Ball! Check out some of these photos from the days of the 80's at MSU!

Although some of those uniforms may have faded over time, the Beaver spirit stands strong. When asking current students what they were most excited for about homecoming, most were in very similar spirit of cheering on our team and excited to bring together a community of all ages, Hannah Foss, cheer captain, had this to say,

"I am most excited for all the fun activities on campus during the week and cheering at the homecoming football game!" She also expresses, "The 80's theme this year is fun, I am definitely excited to see how it's incorporated into the floats and all of the events of the week!"

I think we can all agree with her and say, bring on the homecoming festivities and bring home the gold.

Red, Green, and White- Fight Minot Fight! Roll Beavs!





MSU in the 80's Photo submitted by Carly Johnson





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Recent News Update On The Canadian Wildfires

Trevyn Badger COMM 281

Wildfires raging from Quebec to Ontario have caused havoc across Western Canada. These fires are caused by lightning strikes, warmer than average temperatures and drought conditions that begin towards the end of March 2023.

Nearly 6 months later, the forests continue to burn, and action has been taken. Authorities have implored tens of thousands of people to evacuate and warned of difficult days ahead. The evacuation has even reached British Columbia, on the Eastern side of the country.

For residents and students of Minot, concern for our neighbors to the North is not what it should be. For those who get news from social media outlets, it may be difficult to find information on what has been going on. The company Meta, which encompasses both Facebook and Instagram, has blocked posts from news sites covering vital information during wildfires. This problem has arisen due to a law that requires the company to pay news businesses on content that they put out on their social media

sites. They have refused and since blocked any information from Canadian news.

The lack of awareness for this issue has shown to be a problem for Minot and other states in the United States. Smoke from these fires has been tracked to northern states and caused unhealthy air quality. Parts of North Dakota, including Minot, have seen smoke and haze conditions throughout the summer that have lingered into the upcoming fall season.

One student, Ashton Erickson, said this about the unhealthy conditions,

"Some days are worse than others, if I'm outside for too long at times, it can be difficult to breathe."

High pollution and poor air quality from wildfires can cause harm to people, especially those with respiratory conditions. The air quality for Minot has been reported at moderate but can become worse at any moment.

It is important for Minot State students to become aware of this issue, and hope for the best in the next months to come.



Firefighters in Canada Photo via reuters.com



Fires raging in Canada Photo via theguardian.com

India Hosts the 2023 G20 Summit

Saif Khan Staff Writer

The 18 G20 Summit will be held in Delhi, India this year with 18 heads of state attending including President of the United States, Joe Biden.

It will take place on the 9-10 of September. The main theme of the summit is sustainable

development, and the international issues. following issues are expected to be discussed: Climate change, Debt, Currency regulation, Food and Energy Security, Geopolitical issues, and International time and welcoming Relations.

G20 is a group of 20 largest economies in the arms. world who come together as one and solve

The 20 countries rotate amongst each other to come up with the host country annually.

This year India is the host for the very first heads of state, guests, and delegates with open



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R&G Sports Editorial

Pac-12 Farewell Tour: **Saved The Best For Last**

Philip Green Sports Editor

Big changes are coming to college football in the coming seasons, and none is bigger than conference realignment. What use to be the Power 5 conferences is heading towards 4 super conferences and the death of the PAC 12. As of right now 10 of the 12 teams in the PAC 12 intend to leave the conference next season, leaving Washington State and Oregon State left standing

in the ruble of what use to be known as the Conference of Champions.

The leadership within the PAC 12 refuses to accept its fate, claiming they will remain strong and add teams from the Mountain West and other Group of 5 conferences to stay afloat. The lack of television and media deals ultimately crumbled the PAC 12. Teams are leaving in college football. the conference for the BIG 10, BIG 12, or the ACC because of the financial op-

portunities available to them in their new conferences.

Despite all the turmoil that the conference is enduring, this may be the most Most recently, one exciting year in PAC 12 college football history. After University of Colorado's (CU) upset of National Runner-Up, Texas Christian University (TCU), there are 6 PAC 12 teams ranked in the top 25 Not only does the conference have half of its teams ranked nationally, but these

with star studded coaching staffs and players. Lincoln Riley, head coach at the University of Southern California (USC), has been one son, Sheduer Sandof the faces of college ers who threw for football for the last several years. All he seasons is coach half of the Heisman Trophy winning players. of those Heisman winners, Caleb Williams, the favorite to be the top Quarterback drafted come April, is looking to make it 2 Heisman Trophies in as many years. Williams and Riley aren't the only dynamic coach and Heisman candidate duo in the conference. NFL Hall of

Famer and newly

named head coach at Colorado, Deion Sanders, has two potential Heisman candidates on his revamped roster. Whether its Sanders a record breaking 510 yards in his CU has done in the last 6 debut, or former top recruit in the country, phenom Travis Hunter who played over 120 snaps on both offense and defense last week. What Sanders has done already in his short tenure is the talk of college football. The conference isn't done just yet, Michael Penix Jr. from the University of Washington, Bo Nix from the Uni-

versity of Oregon,

and Cam Redding

from the Univer-

sity of Utah are all Heisman dark horses looking to make a statement. The PAC 12 has often been overlooked by East Coast bias, but in its finale there is too much to ignore, the entire college football world will be watching to see what unfolds.

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MSU Boys Soccer Team Starts Off Conference with Thrilling Victory

Saif Khan Staff Writer

On September 2, a scorching Saturday afternoon, the MSU boys' soccer team set the soccer pitch on fire with a stunning victory over the eight-time champions, NDSU (North Dakota State University). In an incredibly tough contest that ended 3-2 in favor of MSU, this win was nothing short of spectacular, providing the team with an inspiring start to the season and getting them pumped up for the rest of the season.

What makes this victory even more remarkable is the great chemistry within the MSU boys soccer club. Billy, a team member of the MSU boys' soccer club, said this about the team, "The boys soccer club has a good team, the chemistry is

great, and we all have fun anytime we have a game or scrimmage." The commitment to the team coupled with great chemistry was the

reason why they were able to pull off this great victory. Billy also added, saying, "We also practiced hard over the break and took every

opportunity to better ourselves". The victory over NDSU underscores the team's tireless off-season training and unwavering commitment to the sport. Their efforts have paid off well in the opening

game, setting the stage for an exciting thrilling season filled with more unforgettable moments and victories for the team.

To conclude, the MSU boys started off their season with

a great victory over NDSU who were the 8-time champions in the conference. Their hard work and dedication to the team and the sport drove them towards victory.



Photo from MSU Men's Soccer's Instagram Minot State's newest club sport team, MSU Men's Soccer, debuted this fall at Herb Parker Stadium.



Photo from MSU Women's Hockey's Twitter MSU Women's Hockey begins its campaign an for ACHA Title on September 25th.



Photo from MSU Women's Soccer's Twitter MSU Women's Soccer earns a 1-0 Victory over MSU-Billings.



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Defending the Title

Hannah Gray COMM 281

March 21, 2023, will be a day in Boston, MA that no beaver fan will ever forget. After going 31-3-0 during the 2022-2023 season, the Minot State Men's Hockey team ended their season with their biggest win of the year by clenching the 2023 National Championship.

"Standing on that bench I didn't do much coaching that weekend, the boys did it all and knew what they needed to accomplish in order to get that championship" states head coach Wyatt Waselenchuk whenever he thinks about that unforgettable weekend. Having the parents at the rink, the women's hockey team there supporting that weekend, and all the fans back home supporting them, they knew that they were not only winning the championship for themselves but for their supporters.

Going into this year, the men's hockey team not only has pressure on themselves to win another national championship but also pressure from other teams to still be number one in the country. With this pressure, Wyatt Waselenchuk states "We seem to

get the best out of every team, we tend to face a goalie that will stop all fifty shots we give them, but I don't see any more pressure us than there already has been in the past." Wyatt explained that normally teams playing them already give them a run for their money and they enjoy being able to compete against the best competition all over the country to fight for the trophy.

After losing key players such as Davis Sheldon, Drew Carter, Landyn Cochrane, and Connor Navrot, they still have returns that make impacts such as Carter Barley, Joey Moffatt, Jay Buchholz, and Jake Anthony. With recruiting this year,
Wyatt believes he has a promising rookie class such as Colby Joseph,
Ben Johnson, and a couple key Saskatchewan players. "This is a skilled class we have with points and numbers, there hasn't been a recruiting class like this in a long time."

Saskatchewan boys of the team, this will be tough competition of both teams as they a playing against player who have been previous does the men's team have these exhibition games but they have historical games in Mocket history by competing against NCAA Division of the team, this will be tough competition of both teams as they a playing against player who have been previous does the men's team have these exhibition games but they have historical games in Mocket history by competing against NCAA Division of the team, this will be tough competition of both teams as they a playing against player who have been previous does the men's team have these exhibition games but they have historical games in Mocket history by competing against NCAA Division of the team, this will be tough competition of both teams as they a playing against player who have been previous does the men's team have these exhibition games but they have historical games in Mocket history by competing against NCAA Division of the team, this will be tough competition of the tough competition of the tough competition of the tough competition of the team, this will be tough competition of the tough competition of the team, the tough competition of the tough competition of the team, this will be tough competition of the team, this will be tough competition of the team, this will be tough competition of the team of the team, the team, the team of the t

Minot State Men's team start their seasons with two exhibition games in Canada facing University of Regina and Briercrest College. Both teams are tough competitions with having great seasons in the past. Having a lot of

Saskatchewan boys on the team, this will be a tough competition for both teams as they are playing against players who have been previous teammates. Not only have these exhibition games but they have two historical games in Minot State men's hockey history by competing against NCAA Division 1 teams. The Minot State Beavers will face Colorado College and the University of Denver at the end of December. Wyatt Waselenchuk states that "This will be an experience to say the least, we will wake up earlier than them and

not look at the pretty lights but take in this moment that no other team gets to experience."

The Minot State Men's hockey team will be having their home opener on September 29th where they compete against Liberty University on that Friday and Saturday. During that weekend, the men's team will be having their 2023 National Championship banner raised. "By raising that banner in front of everyone will be such a special night not only for us but also for the fans."



Photo from MSU Men's Hockey's Twitter MSU Men's Hockey begin their title defense as reigning ACHA National Champions this fall.



Photo from MSU Football's Twitter MSU Football kicked off its new season under new Head Coach lan Shields under the lights in a hard fought 28-23 loss to Southwest Minnesota State University.

New Season, New Coach, New Beaver Football

Savanah Wilson COMM 281

The start of a new school year means the start of a new fall season for Minot State athletics.

While all sports are looking forward to beginning their respected seasons, for Beaver Football this season marks the start of something new with head coach Ian

Shields.

After being hired in the spring, Shields began to transform the Beaver Football program with a new coaching staff and recruited many fresh players for the team. When asked what he wanted to emphasize within his players and his staff in his first year at Minot State Coach

Shields states,

"It's been a lot of hard work from our staff and our team to get the culture established and there are a bunch of good guys here who really embraced our staff and each other and the new way of doing business".

Looking ahead into the season Coach Sheilds

believes the team has "quality internal leadership" from some of the veterans on the team along with "a lot of untapped potential" from the team in general.

Shields has been coaching football for 30 years, recently coming from University of Nevada Las Vegas as an assistant coach/analyst but has had other head coaching jobs in the past at Jacksonville University, Lenoir-Rhyne, and at Eastern Oregon University. Shields began his college football (and baseball) career as an Oregon State University Beaver, where he would go to be a graduate assistant coach after graduating.

After being a coach for the Dolphins, the Bears, and the Mountaineers, Shields says that being a Beaver again "feels surreal" and that once he received the call from Minot State athletic director, Kevin Forde, "something felt right about it."

Evan Lovett and teammate celebrating touchdown Photo by Sean Arbaut





