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## Group hopes to resuscitate Greek life

#### **Anthony Anderson** Staff Writer

Beginning in the mid-1920's, Greek organizations were an integral part of life at Minot State. Many people believed sororities and fraternities added a richness of tradition and camaraderie, brightening the dynamic culture of campus life.

In the early 1980's, the Greek social organizaexperienced tions а decline.

Today, the various Greek academic organizations are the last scions of this proud legacy. A smattering of these

campus including Delta Epsilon Chi (affiliated with marketing), Sigma Tau Delta (affiliated with Omega (affiliated with music).

Movies and television portraying fraternities and sororities in an unfavorable light have long dominated the public perception of Greek life.

However, the primary focus of Greek life is not partying, but opportunities for leadership, engagement and friendship.

"The key [benefits]

groups is still active on were the lifelong friendships and the opportunity to become engaged members of the campus community," Dick English), and Alpha Phi Jenkins, vice president for student affairs, said.

Recently, a new interest in resurrecting Greek life on campus has arisen.

A coalition of sorority and fraternity alumni is working hard to reestablish the Greeks at Minot State, in particular the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sigma Tau fraternity.

Presently, the fate of Greek life on campus hinges on student inter-

est. Greek organizations will only activate if enough momentum builds up behind the project. Initially, members of the fraternities or sororities may group together into blocks within the residence halls, though in the future, after re-establishing Greek life, a studentalumni group may look into securing

off-campus housing.

For more information, sorority and the Mu contact Jenkins in the the student affairs office in the lower level of the Administration Building, Room 164.



#### **Amy Engelson** Comm 281

"Alpha Particles/Freshman 10" will give freshmen and sophomore theater students at Minot State University the opportunity to shine on stage. The plays begin at 7:30 pm on Nov. 12-14 in the Black Box Theater in Hartnett Hall.

Alpha Particles is a group of 10-minute plays written and directed by Minot State senior playwrights that features new students in the theatre department.

"This production is unique to MSU," Kevin Neuharth, director of theatre arts and associate communications arts instructor, said. "I don't know of anyone else that does this sort of thing specifically for freshmen and with student playwrights."

The name of the three-day production started out as Freshman 10 and has evolved to "Alpha Particles/Freshman 10" because of Alpha Psi Omega, the National Honorary Dramatic Fraternity of the students who write and direct the plays.

For more information regarding the production, con-Neuharth tact at kevin.neuharth@minotstateu.edu or 858-3878.





MSU students (from the left) Alex Barcomb, Kimberly Bennet and Kevin White pose with their award certificates from the English Department and Sigma Delta Tau's Ghost Story Writing Contest. Bennet's first-place story was featured in the Oct. 29 issue of the Red & Green and read on KMSU radio.

Photo by Jesse Kelly

# Climate change and our health

## Global warming and associated health risks are preventable

#### **Amber Widmayer** Senior Nursing Student

According to the National Wildlife Federation (2009), the world's average temperature has risen 1 degree Fahrenheit over the past 100 years and is increasing at a faster rate than ever before. In the Great Plains, which includes North Dakota, the temperature has risen 2 degrees Fahrenheit. In 2008, the Pew Center on Climate Change reported that Global Warming is greatly related to human activities, including man-made emissions, fossil fuel combustion. and changes in land use, such as deforestation. Even though this is an important issue, many individuals do not grasp what detrimental effect this will have on their health or what they can do about global warming.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggests that health effects of climate change on North Dakota may include: increasing heat stress and heat stroke, increasing demand for energy, greater physical discomfort, limiting outdoor activities and recreation, contaminating water and food supplies with associated gastrointestinal illnesses such as salmonella and giardia and increased exposure to carbon monoxide poisoning from portable generators.

Another condition related to global warming outlined by the National Wildlife Federation, could be an increase in the lifespan of mosquitoes carrying diseases like malaria and the West Nile virus. Both of these, as well as others men-

North Dakota is already a leader in producing wind and solar energy; however it is still imperative that individuals take steps on their own to reduce global warming. These steps may include: use compact fluorescent bulbs, fill the dishwasher full before running a cycle, use recycled paper, take shorter showers, install a low-flow showerhead, reduce garbage, buy a hybrid or fuel efficient car and don't idle, unplug unused electronics and bring cloth bags when shopping.

tioned above, can be deadly.

The reality of global warming is scary, and in order to avoid the worst predicted outcomes of climate change, every individual needs to act now. Please make stopping global warming a priority in your life.

## **Voices on Campus**

What did you think of this year's NOTSTOCK? Susan Ewert

Staff Writer



Josh Gagne, Sr. Art

"It was fabulous. A great opportunity for artists and musicians to expose their work, and absorb visiting artists' work.



Dan Hansen, Sr. Public Relations/Adverstising "EPIC!"



Stephanie Heim, Sr. Math Education "NOTSTOCK had good exhibits, especially the skateboards."



Adam Pozgav, Jr. Broadcasting "It was a lot of fun and looked like it had a pretty good turnout.

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### News



#### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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# Student Government Assocation Senator of the Month

## Meet Bethany Tedford

#### Kevin Mehrer Comm 281

The Minot State University Student Government Association named Bethany Tedford its first senator of the month this year. Tedford is a freshman from Great Falls, Mont. She came to MSU to study communication disorders; she is also involved with other groups on campus such as National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association.

"Student Government Association has given me a great opportunity," Tedford said. "SGA lets me get involved and meet lots of awesome people."

The Senator of the Month award recognizes senators who exhibit numerous great qualities, including a great attitude, a constant willingness to help out, sitting in on committee meetings and going above and

For the current

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Tedford works in the SGA office.

beyond what their duties require.

Weight Management Club

The Student Government Association will honor Tedford at its next meeting on Nov. 9.



## Arts & Entertainment

## **Five Minutes Remaining**

A column by Tanner Larson, MSU sophomore

## The worst games of 2009

As the year nearly comes to a close, there have been hits and misses. I could give you a "top ten" from this year, but everyone does that. These five games fell flat on their faces and failed to deliver on...well, anything! Here are the top five games that were busts in 2009.

#5: "TMNT Turtles in Time Re-Shelled" (DLC). "Turtles in Time" for the Super Nintendo was one of the best beat-em-ups you could ever play. In fact, it still is to this day. However, when Ubisoft announced a remake for the classic game, how could it possibly go wrong? Well, put it in 3-D, make some of the controls a bit awkward to use, and there you have it. It's not the worst game ever, but a rerelease of the original game would be far better than playing a game that

As the year nearly comes to a tries too hard to be the original when se, there have been hits and misses. it just isn't.

#4: "Prototype" (PS3, 360). This game had a lot going behind it. There were commercials and advertisements galore for this game. Once you sat down to play it ... ugh. It just seemed to feel like a massive letdown. It's an all right game to just sit down and kind of focus on, but once you beat the game, there's almost no sense of completion. The story-line needed a bit more tacked onto it to make itself seem accomplished at least.

#3: "The Conduit" (Wii). Wii believers were anticipating this little gem to make FPS games look good on the Wii. It looked like a smash hit at E3, but that's E3. When it was released, almost no one cared. For good reason,

too, as the story was equal to that of "Perfect Dark: Zero." Awful and, at times, cheesy.

This would have been a lot higher on the list if these next two were not so dull.

#2: "Dead Space: Extraction." (Wii). Ah, yes, the "Dead Space" for the Wii. Seemed like a great idea at the time. Unfortunately, the scare factor wasn't there. Unlike "Dead Space" for the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3, this game was not scary at all. Being an on-rails shooter, the enemies were highly expected and making the game not so scary, but tedious. I'd like to enjoy this game, really I would! But if a scary game can't scare me, then I see it as a flop.



#1: "Afrika." (PS3). No, that's not spelled wrong. No, it's not very fun to play. No, don't even play this game. It reminded me of "Pokemon Snap" for the Nintendo 64. Only in an open world environment - and an endorsement for sleep. Seriously, the game is that boring! All you do (or at least all I could handle, anyway) is take pictures of animals in Africa and hope they don't run away. I think photography majors should be offended at this game because it makes their profession seem just terrible. Obviously I'm joking, but I think you understand my point.



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### **Art & Entertainment**

# Recycling is going well at Minot State

#### By Hannah Rude Assistant Editor

Data about the new recycling receptacles indicate that recycling at Minot State is going well so far.

Three receptacles are available to everyone on campus - in the Student Center, Hartnett Hall and Cvril Moore Science Center. These three receptacles, known as Mobius units can store office paper, magazines and other slick paper, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans. The University purchased the unit from a Web site, www.fibrexgroup.com. The unit has two compartments that hold 25-gallon bags and two that hold 20-gallon bags for recyclables.

To properly use the receptacles, place only items in the bins listed on the signs. The plastic-bottle bin applies to soda bottles, water bottles, and juice/Gatorade bottles, but no glass, plastic bags, yogurt containers, or plastic sandwich boxes. Remove lids from the bottles, empty and rinse them.

The office-paper bin holds white paper, pastel-colored paper, junk mail, and envelopes. Construction paper, bright-colored paper, newspaper or magazines should not go in this bin.

The magazine/slickpaper bin applies to magazines, catalogs, and other glossy paper. It does not include newspaper, tissue paper, hard-bound books and wax-lined paper.

The aluminum-can bin collects soda cans, juice cans and other aluminum cans,

but no foil food wrappers and steel or tin cans.

Sustainability committee members, Linda Olson, Pam Hopkins, and Paul Lepp, serve as monitors. They keep tally sheets on the various bins to record emptying times, amount of items recycled and extraneous materials.

Linda Olson, humanities instructor and sustainability committee president, monitors the receptacle on the west side of the first floor in Hartnett Hall. Workers emptied all the bins twice in one week. The first time, the plastic-bottle bin was full with three black, five-gallon bags in addition. The second time, it was only half-full.

Olson found that people generally are doing a good job of rinsing out bottles, but found a few lids in the bin. The white office-paper was half-full both times workers emptied it, as was the slickpaper bin.

The bin for aluminum cans was half-full the first time, and a quarter-full the second. Except for the lids, the bins contained only the listed items.

Pam Hopkins, bookstore employee, monitors the receptacle in the atrium outside the bookstore in the student center. Workers emptied the plastic-bottle bin and aluminum-can bin once and the slick- and office-paper bins twice each. The bins for the aluminum cans and the plastic bottles were both a quarterfull. The bins for the white paper as well as the slickpaper bin were full both



Photo by Hannah Rude The Mobius Recycling Receptacle by the Bookstore

times. Hopkins reported that all of the bins contained only the proper materials.

Paul Lepp, biology instructor, monitors the receptacle in Cyril Moore. Workers only emptied all of the bins once. The plasticbottle, aluminum-can and slick-paper bins were less than a quarter-full. However, there are other recycling receptacles around Cyril Moore for aluminum cans. The office-paper bin was half-full, with a few glossy flyers.

Olson also collected data about the paper usage on campus from paper purchase invoices. She and the sustainability committee recognized the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities for their drastic reduction in paper use. The center used almost 4,200 reams in 2007-2008 and reduced it to a little more than 500 reams in 2008-2009. They saved a difference of about 3,700 reams total, or about two million sheets of paper. A ream contains 500 sheets.

For additional information on the recycling program, contact the MSU Sustainability Committee at: www.minotstateu.edu/sustain.



### **Sports**

## Lady Beavers pass century mark



Photo by Jesse Kelly A Morningside player tries to stop Ari Hendrix from scoring in Friday's game in the Dome. The Beavers defeated the preseason No.1 and defending NAIA national champion Mustangs, 103-94, in overtime.

## **Beavers chew up Cougars**



Photo by Jesse Kelly Shaun Johnson (No. 32) takes the ball to the hoop during Friday's game in the Dome. Johnson scored 11 points in the 100-76 win over the University of Regina.

## Women's club hockey falls to Bison



Ashley Goudy attempts to score during the Halloween women's hockey game at the MAYSA Arena against North Dakota State University. The Bison won, 6-4.

Photo by Jesse Kelly.



#### News

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## Horizons Unlimited: Peru



(From the left) Instructor Kemerly Moorhouse, Kristina Mader, Whitney Loftesnes, and Jessica Revelee listen as MacKenzie Mack recounts her experiences in Peru during an NAC lecture in Aleshire Theater.



