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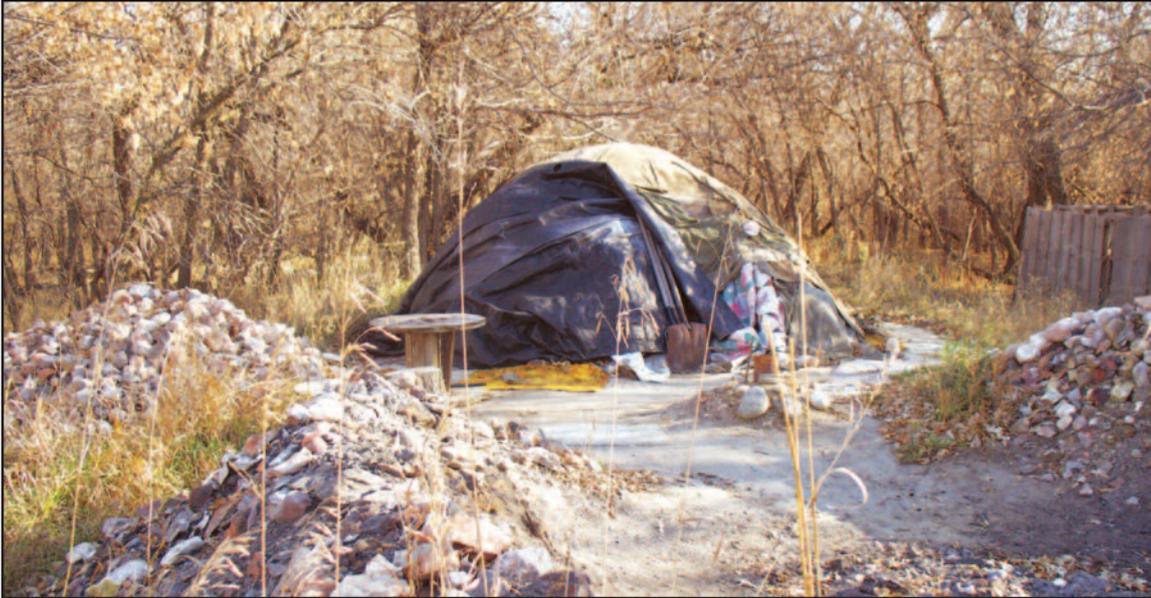


Photo by Penny Lipsey

This sweat lodge, where Inipi ceremonies take place in the Minot area, is near the KOA campground.

Sacred Lakota ceremony takes place near Minot

Amy Engleson
Comm 281

Sweat lodge ceremonies take place almost every week in a lodge built right outside of town near the KOA Campground. Different people use the lodge all year around, and it's open to anyone who has a genuine interest.

The Lakota people have handed down sweat lodge or "Inipi" ceremonies for generations to help people with healing, prayers and purification. The Lakota consider them one of their seven sacred cere-

monies.

People attend an Inipi ceremony for healing and self-reflection. Individuals can go without fear that whatever they say will be repeated outside. It is a place where people can talk to themselves and/or others and feel equal, no matter what their cultural or ethnic backgrounds.

This ceremony combines the elements of fire, wood, water and stone within a dome-like tent made from fresh-cut willow branches and covered with hides and blan-

kets. There is always a leader, or teacher, and a fire keeper, a person with many different responsibilities.

The fire keeper brings pre-heated rocks to the leader, who places them in a round pit dug in the center. With the door to the sweat lodge always closed, the interior heats up like a sauna.

The ceremony consists of four rounds of prayers, spiritual songs, and drumming while the leader throws water and herbs on the heated rocks. An

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Keeping the beat



Photo by Bryce Berginski

Duane McGillis (far left) and Grover Yellowbird (far right), members of the Missouri River Drum Group, play drums to open Native American Awareness Week activities Monday in the Conference Center.

Greek life movement gains momentum

Anthony Anderson
Staff Writer

The recent drive to relaunch the Mu Sigma Tau fraternity and the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority is continuing to push forward. The dedicated group behind this project is continuing to gain ground towards reviving Greek life at Minot State.

A reunion of Mu Sigma Tau alumni during Homecoming planted the seeds of this movement. Organizers expected three or four dozen Mu Sigs; one hundred and fifty came.

"The reunion this fall proves how well [Greek life] works...after forty years apart, the bonds were still there," said Ron Boen, a Minot State alum and Mu Sig.

In the wake of this success, Minot State University President David Fuller approached the alumni about the possibility of recapturing the excitement and camaraderie of Greek life back on campus. An association of interested alumni immediately got to work.

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A plethora of things to do

Anderson involved with government, clubs and charitable organizations

Hannah Rude
Assistant Editor

Anthony Anderson has only been at Minot State for a year and has already established a nationally recognized student organization on campus, the Rotaract club. He is a general studies senator for student government and works with the benefit concert, "Rock the Leaves."

The sophomore finance major graduated from Bishop Ryan in 2008 where he was a Rotary scholarship recipient. The Rotary Club of Minot approached him about starting a Rotaract chapter at Minot State. Anderson was happy to help and founded the Rotaract Club on campus last September.

Anderson described the Rotaract Club's purpose.

"We exist to make a difference. That is our biggest purpose and that is our mission," he said.

Last year, Rotarians worked with "Kids Against Hunger," which is based in Minnesota. "Kids Against Hunger" is a non-profit organization that provides nutritious meals to malnourished children. They have developed a meal that costs 98 cents to produce, and can feed a family of six. The meal is nutritionally balanced and contains all nine of the essential amino acids, as well as vitamins, carbohydrates,

and protein. The organization has production centers all across the country where volunteers come and package these meals.

Over spring break 2009, the



"We (Rotaract) exist to make a difference. That is our purpose and that is our mission."

— Anthony Anderson

MSU Rotaract club took a team to Park Rapids, Minn., the closest production center. The students packaged 6,546 meals for delivery to families in Haiti. They plan to make a return trip next semester to help "Kids Against Hunger."

The Rotaract Club also worked with the Domestic Violence Center last year, raising more than \$1000 to buy teddy bears for donation at Christmas.

Anderson said the Rotaract Club raises money by splitting into teams of two to three members who go out and work with corporate sponsors. These teams give presentations to businesses and/or individuals to gain donations.

The sophomore discussed the group's plans for this year. Rotaract hopes to be able to travel to Guatemala to spend five days with the Minot and Fargo Rotaries building a house. They may also go to

Agra, India to work in a polio vaccination clinic.

"It's in the very initial stages right now," Anderson said. "We're not even sure that this is going to happen. It's something that's going on and we would like to be a part of it and we're looking at that."

Elected last year as the general studies senator in Student Government, Anderson also serves as a representative at the faculty senate. Faculty senate is a group of faculty members who meet to discuss curriculum, faculty rights and how to make Minot State a better place for its students. A student government senator serves at faculty senate to give a student perspective on issues that come up in the meetings.

Paul Lepp, in his third year at faculty senate, describes Anderson.

"He's certainly thoughtful of whatever issues come up. He doesn't jump much into the fray of curriculum issues and things like that, but when it comes to issues that the students are working on, he gives his opinion and his perspective. He always has a very coherent position. Because of that, you respect his opinion," Lepp said.

Since November, Anderson has been involved with "Rock the Leaves," an annual benefit concert that features local tal-



File photo

Anderson (second from right) and members of the MSU Rotaract Club prepare meals in Park Rapids, Minn., to be shipped to Haiti. The students packaged 6,546 meals over Spring Break 2008.

ent. The concert raises money to help someone in the community. Anderson did all of the accounting for the shows, whose proceeds this year went to help a boy who has leukemia. He also helps with the fundraising.

"I was looking for someone to help with the financial part of 'Rock the Leaves' and Anderson was more than willing to help out," Dan Hansen, the concert coordinator, said. "I am excited to have him on board and hope to keep him around for as long as we do this." The concert raised \$7000 this year, \$1000 more than last year. Anderson will be a part of future events for "Rock the

Leaves."

"Anderson is a good man and I think he's going to do big things," Hansen said. "He's got vision and he is so determined. One day you will see him on a cover of a magazine."

Of Rotaract, Anderson said the club has 17 members and always welcomes new members. They meet every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Westlie Room.

"Any member of the Minot State student body is welcome to join; we're open to everybody," Anderson said.

Students can contact Anderson on his e-mail at Anthony.anderson@my.minotstate.edu.

Multicultural support services director to retire

Hannah Rude
Assistant Editor

The artwork of students he has worked with over the years covers the walls of Wylie Hammond's office. On a table a small card reads, "Happy retirement from N A C A C members. P.S. Please don't leave us."



Hammond

Wylie Hammond came to work at Minot State University in 1992 as the multicultural counselor. After 17 years, Hammond is leaving on a phased-retirement as the director of multi-cultural support services.

From early on, Hammond focused on the recruitment of Native Americans, as well as their transition to university life. During the 1990's, there were fewer recruiters than now; Hammond volunteered to help on the condition that

he could stop at the tribal colleges while he was recruiting in Montana. Then-President Erik Shaar allowed Hammond the extra time he needed.

Hammond had recognized that Native Americans are the largest minority group in North Dakota. He thought it was important to appeal to that group specifically. Today, Minot State has one of the largest percentages of Native American students of any university in North Dakota.

In his time at MSU, Hammond developed a Native American Culture Center to offer a place for Native American students to accustom themselves to the university lifestyle.

"The quicker you adjust and learn the ins and outs of college life, the better you are able to direct your attention to what you are here for," Hammond said.

The first Native American Culture Center, built in 1996, was located on the first floor of Old Main where the computers and seating area are now. It

held computers, printers and a fax machine. The center offered tutoring and assistance for parents with finding child care. It moved to the third floor of the student center during the remodeling of Anne Nicole Nelson Hall in Old Main.

"I was nervous initially," Hammond said of the move.

At their location in Old Main, a lot of traffic came by the center's door, and sometimes people dropped in out of curiosity. Hammond was worried that they would lose that at the new location. He said the amount of traffic coming by the door in its new location near the Westlie Room has been a pleasant surprise.

Hammond credits President Shaar and President David



Fuller with the creation and continued success of the Native American Culture Center.

"I've been lucky that both of the administrators that I was under were supportive of my efforts with the Native American center," he said. "Things don't get done unless you have the top dog on your side. None of this would have

been possible without the support of Dr. Shaar and Dr. Fuller."

Hammond decided to pursue a phased retirement in order to spend more time with his family. His wife accepted a position and now works as a minister in Des Lacs. Their work schedules made it hard for them to spend time together. Also, two of his children who live out of state are

expecting children of their own and Hammond would like to be able to travel to see them.

In his phased retirement, Hammond will still recruit while training his replacement, Dennis Parisien. Hammond will instruct Parisien in how the center runs as well as introduce him

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Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Minot State University believes there are many deserving students on campus who are eligible for nomination to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." For more than 70 years, this national program has honored outstanding campus leaders annually for their scholastic achievements and community activities.

Selection for this award is based on the following criteria:

- Student must have attended MSU full-time for four consecutive terms, including the current fall term (excluding summer sessions)
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- Student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Student must not have received Who's Who recognition in the past
- Student must not have received a previous degree

If you feel you meet all of the above criteria, pick up a nomination form to nominate yourself at the Student Affairs Office, Admin. 164, or at the Student Activities Office on the second floor of the Student Center. Nomination forms should be turned in at the Student Affairs Office by Dec. 11, 2009, or may be mailed to:

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During this holiday season, Lutheran Campus Ministry is partnering with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center of Minot to help families in need right here in the Minot area.

The Minot State University community is invited to help with this project by picking up an Angel ornament off the tree and purchasing a gift.

The Angel Tree will be up starting Monday, Nov. 23, outside the bookstore.

Listed on the Angel ornaments will be gifts to be purchased. Purchase and wrap a gift that is on the tag, tape the Angel tag onto the gift and bring the gift back to the bookstore.

The gifts will be stored at the bookstore until we deliver the gifts to the Crisis center on Friday, Dec. 11.

Thank you in advance for being an Angel and for your generosity.

God Bless,

Campus Pastor Kari Williamson,
Lutheran Campus Ministry.

For further information, e-mail Pastor Williamson at kari.williamson@minotstateu.edu.

Column by the editor

Replacing band members should be done at a certain time

Bryce Berginski
Editor

I recently saw a rumor in the headlines of MSN.com and Ultimate Guitar.com that Steven Tyler, the front man of one of rock music's most famous bands, is leaving Aerosmith.

In contrast, according to the Marquee Blog on CNN entertainment, he appeared with his band mates in NYC to say that he wasn't leaving, even though the lead guitarist of his band tweeted that they are "looking for a new lead singer."

I found nothing in the articles that told me if the internal relations with the band were going sour. All it said was that he wasn't in contact with the band, and he pulled out of a tour.

Even if the rumor were true, who would they replace him with? And if they did replace him with someone who can sing the songs note-for-note, would it still have the same feeling, or even the

same chemistry? I may not have been in a band, so I don't know band dynamics, but my opinion is no, it wouldn't be the same.

The notion of replacing a singer, guitarist, bassist, drummer, or anyone in a band who plays an instrument seems like it should be a last resort; one that should've been enacted before a band had its big break rather than decades into its existence. One that should've been enacted in extreme circumstances, such as the death of a band member or (pre-big break) in the event there was no chemistry between one member and the rest of the band.

The new guy or girl, in the event a replacement is found, knows the lyrics of all the songs down to the letter. The replacement can play the songs note-for-note on his or her instrument. So what? The replacement can't replicate the same feel those songs had when they were first penned. If he or she is replacing some-

one who had his or her job for years and gained fame and notoriety in that position, then he or she is going to have big shoes to fill. It is left to the fans to decide whether or not they appreciate this.

There are fans out there that prefer certain line-ups of their favorite bands and know the feelings they get when they hear a different era or line-up. If they like it, they like it. If they hate it, they can't be swayed to like it.

If a person in a band is going to be replaced, it should've been done beforehand. If it is announced that a member was leaving, there should be plainly stated reasons why he or she is doing so. Seeking a replacement at a point where the band is famous at its current lineup shouldn't be done, nor should it have even been thought of.

At that point, a band should hang it up (as tragic as it is to say), because the feel, the chemistry that fans detect wouldn't be there.

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to his contacts at the different universities he has worked with.

"I am glad to see him come back," Hammond said of Parisien.

Parisien, a Minot State graduate, was president of the Native American Club for three years as a student here. After graduation, he worked for Minot State as a recruiter for three years.

The Native American Culture Center is open to everyone. Hammond invites everyone to come in and welcome Dennis Parisien back to Minot State and view the collection of Native American artifacts. The center is located on the third floor of the student center next to the Red and Green office, across from the Westlie Room.

Hammond is proud of his time at Minot State.

"I think the institution has made great strides in exposing our students to different ethnic populations," he said.

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For 60 years, fraternities and sororities were very active, and contributed much to campus life. Every Tuesday night was Greek night, when fraternities and sororities met across campus. Fraternities and sororities crossed academic and extracurricular lines to bring young men and women together in friendship.

"The whole point is the brotherhood, the sisterhood, the growing up," Boen said. "My professors helped me grow scholastically. My fraternity helped me grow up as a man."

Unlike many Greek organizations, the Mu Sig fraternity did not link itself to any national organization.

"We're glad we didn't ... one hundred percent of our history is here at Minot State," Boen said.

"Of course, a fraternity is nothing without a sorority," claims Boen. The push to resurrect sororities on campus is gaining movement as well.

Doris Slaaten was a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, and later served as the group's faculty advisor while she taught in the College of Business. She is now

spearheading the movement to reinstate the Tri-Sig sorority on the Minot State campus.

"They were very active and contributed a lot...students got a lot of information that is valuable for a lifetime," Slaaten said.

A chapter of the national Tri-Sig organization, the Minot Tri-Sig never broke official ties with the national organization. The Tri-Sig alumni are currently setting up an advisory board for "recolonizing" Minot State, that is, renewing interest in Greek life and laying the groundwork to reactivate the sorority.

The sorority alumni chapter will meet today to discuss the recolonizing effort.

"It's going to be a big addition to campus. Hopefully we can encourage the other sororities to reinstate as well," Slaaten said.

Organizers will hold a meeting at noon on Friday, Nov. 20, in the Audubon Room, third floor in the Student Center. Open to all students interested in becoming a part of the MSU Greek experience, the meeting will include free pizza.

"We just want to talk to interested students about Greek life and what it takes to get organized. This thing cannot work without students," Boen said.

Making public history public

Anthony Anderson
Staff Writer

Minot State University students in the Introduction to Public History class (History 299) have been delving into the history of Minot and the surrounding area. The students prepared reports on their respective topics working with public records, newspapers and interviews with eyewitnesses.

They will present their papers to the public Thursday, Dec. 3, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., in the Westlie Room, third floor Student Center.

"This is about making public history available to the public," history instructor Bethany Andreasen said. Project topics include the history of Roosevelt Park, aspects of the history of Minot State and history of rural schoolhouses in the area.

These are not the first public history projects for MSU students. Over the last few years, public history has been a popular topic for projects in the history department.

"This is part of an early step in establishing a public history minor and certificate program [at Minot State]," Andreasen said.

The presentations are free, and everyone is welcome to attend.

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MSU freshman takes photo seen around the world

Cassandra Neuharth
Comm 281

Minot State University freshman Sydney Ruest's 2008 Christmas vacation was like any other holiday except that she happened to be in Florida. As Ruest and her family roamed around Universal Studios Park in Orlando, Ruest took photos of her trip. One picture in particular, of the ride "The Hulk," is a constant reminder of her family holiday.

As a long-time enthusiast of Jones Soda, Ruest always had a fascination for the variety of photos on each bottle. As she was enjoying one of her favorite flavors she noticed a statement on the bottle that read, "Send us your photo. If we like it, we will put it on our label."

Ruest said she jumped onto her computer to check out the Jones Soda Web page. As she read details about photo submission, she decided to send in six photos. Three months later, the company sent her an e-mail saying that the staff had chosen one of her pictures.

As the summer months went on, Ruest got caught up in work and preparing for university in the fall. In September, she received an excited message from her sister who read a letter to her on the telephone from the Jones Soda Company. The letter explained that one of Ruest's photos had been placed on bottles around the world. Along with the letter, Ruest



Photo by Sydney Ruest

Sydney Ruest holds a bottle that has her photo on the label. Ruest took the photo during Christmas vacation at Universal Studios in Orlando.

received seven copies of the label that would be on the bottles, but she wanted to find one for herself. Ruest and her family began to hunt for the bottles.

Ruest went home to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada for Canadian Thanksgiving. While wandering through a local grocery store, Ruest spotted one label in the soda machine. It was her picture of the ride, "The Hulk,"

on the blue bubblegum flavor of Jones Soda. She said she and her mother could not contain their excitement and kept looking for more bottles. They left the store with five bottles with her photo on them. Her friends soon started to find them, as well.

"There was no prize," Ruest said. "Just that my photo is now on Jones Soda all around the world. I think that is a prize enough!"

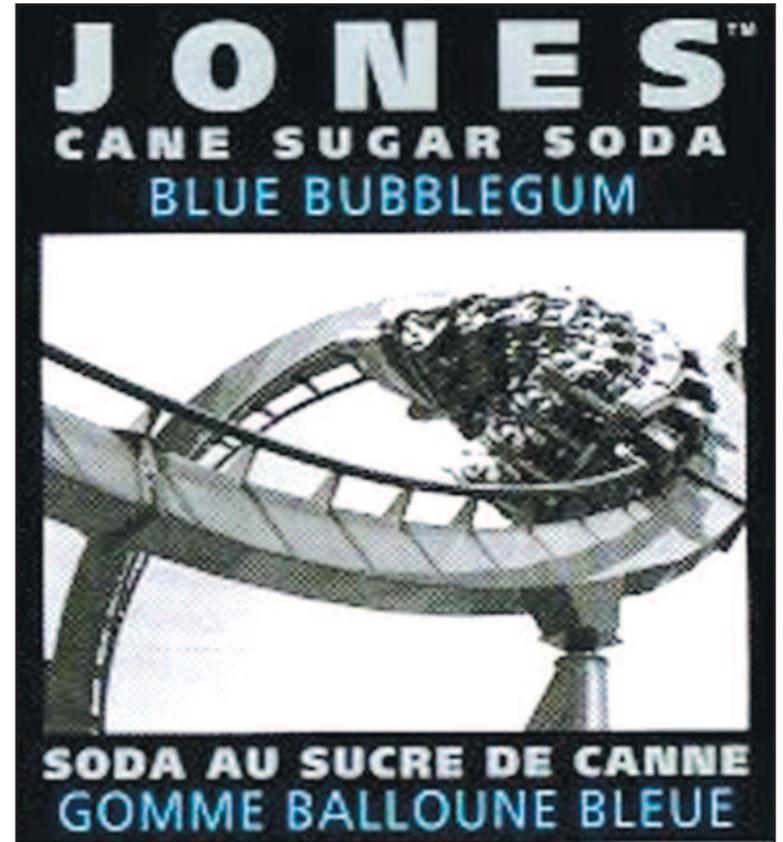


Photo by Sydney Ruest

Ruest's photo of "The Hulk" roller coaster was picked to be on the Blue Bubblegum label.

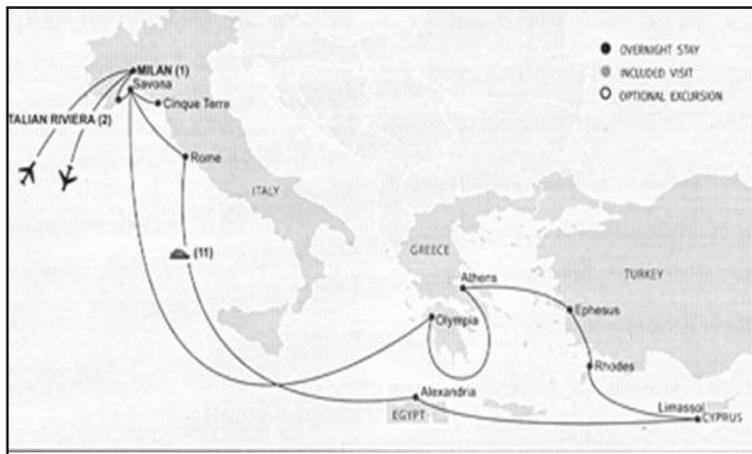
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A map showing the tour's route through three countries.

NAC lecture to discuss Mexican workers

vin Mehrer
Comm 281

Minot State University plays host to Jim Norris, North Dakota State University history professor, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Norris will speak on Mexican migrant workers in

North Dakota. Norris' specialty is Mexican history; he is especially interested in their presence in North Dakota and Minnesota.

The lecture will discuss the Mexican work in the Red River valley with sugar beets. Other topics to be discussed

will be questions concerning, why Mexican workers chose to come to North Dakota, why some became permanent residents, and more.

Norris has written several articles on the history of Mexican migrant workers in **See Workers — Page 10**

Donovan to lead cruise

Susan Ewert
Staff Writer

Are you looking for an exciting summer adventure? If so, the study tour of Italy and the Mediterranean could be just the right thing for you.

Minot State University humanities instructor Andrea Donovan will lead the-16 day cruise June 5 through June 20, 2010. The tour, by Go Ahead Tours, is the first for Minot State.

The cost of the study cruise tour is currently in flux, but the organizers require a \$500 reservation fee by Tuesday, Dec. 1.

The 16 day tour includes:

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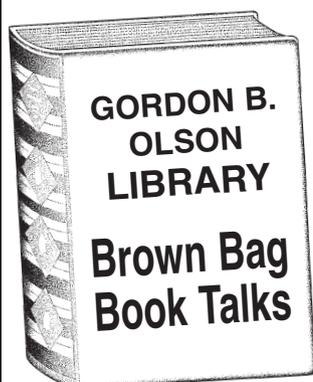
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"You can pay later and might still have a chance to get in on the tour, but additional

costs may be added after the first," Donovan said. "If more than ten students sign up for the tour, a second advisor will be asked to come along."

Prerequisites to go on the cruise tour include signing up for Humanities 496 over the summer. Students should contact Donovan to make other arrangements, such as taking Art 420 or an Independent Study course.

In addition to sightseeing, students who take the class will keep a journal, write a short paper and do a presentation in September as their final project.

To sign up, pick up an application from Libby Claerbout in the Administration office. The applications will also be available online on the Minot State

Web site.

Participants will need to have a Typhoid shot and a passport. Students can pick up a passport on campus during the third annual passport drive in the Multicultural Center on Thursday, Nov. 19, between 3 and 6:30 p.m.

Organizers said the highlight of the tour is the beautiful sea-and landscape of Cinque Terre. The Cinque Terre means "Five Lands" because it is comprised of five small coastal villages, Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso. Visits to two of these villages will be on the schedule. Weather permitting, students will be able to explore this area by boat.

For more details, contact Donovan's office in Hartnett Hall, 140 W.

How the tour will proceed

Day 1: Begin your journey with an overnight flight on a major airline to Italy.

Day 2: A Go Ahead representative greets you at the airport after you clear customs and helps you transfer to the Italian Riviera, where you'll check into your hotel.

Day 3: Your tour director introduces you to Cinque Terre; you will explore this area on boat, then visit two of the villages that make up The Cinque.

Day 4: Spend the morning exploring the Italian Riviera, then board your cruise ship.

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Day 10: Spend the day in Rhodes, Greece.

Day 11: Arrive and explore Ephesus, Turkey.

Day 12: Discover Athens and wander among the ruins of the Acropolis.

Day 13: Visit the site of the ancient Olympic Games, Olympia, Greece.

Day 14: Enjoy your final day onboard your cruise ship.

Day 15: Disembark and travel to Milan, the fashion capital of the world.

Day 16: Board your flights home.

Student government's pass saves MSU students cash

Kevin Mehrer
Comm 281

Most students know that the Student Government Association (SGA) puts on dances, comedians, musicians and an array of intramural activities that range from ping pong to flag football. A little deeper look shows that those things are only a small portion of what SGA does.

"We try to make life better for students on campus," said SGA President Sarah Perry. "We have provided the Beaver Bus Pass, and the Student Savings Club to give students more opportunities to save money in the community."

The Beaver Bus Pass is a card



which students can present to the taxi cab driver for a discounted ride of \$4. Students can find the cards in the SGA office on the third floor of the Student Center. Some stipulations include: rides are only provided within Minot city limits, no rides from business to business, and hours range from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and

Thursday through Saturday, the pass is good until 3 a.m.

"The pass is to encourage safe driving," Perry said. "Also the Beaver Bus Pass provides rides for students to the grocery store, or to go shopping at the mall."

The Beaver Bus Pass is only good for the Taxi 9000 company. Student must have a valid MSU student ID and a Beaver Bus Pass to be eligible for the discount.

The Student Savings Club (SSC) is another opportunity the SGA provides for students. The SSC is multiple businesses around the Minot community that have agreed to give Minot State students

various discounts on products and services.

Participating businesses include: Applebee's, Ruby Tuesday, Beautiful U Day Spa, The Computer Store, Barnes & Noble, Coldstone Creamery, Dominos and many more.

Students must show their MSU student ID at participating business. Some businesses require students to print out a

coupon, as well. For a full list of businesses and for links to coupons go to www.studentsavingsclub.com, scroll down to North Dakota, then Click on Minot State University.

Perry and the SGA are always looking for ways to improve life for students.

"My door is always open," she said.



Women's club hockey



Photo by Susan Ewert

The women's club hockey team takes to the ice during Saturday's game against the Rainy River Community College Voyageurs at the MAYSA Arena.



Photo by Jesse Kelly

Minot State's Brit Buch settles the puck in the offensive zone during Sunday's game at the MAYSA arena. The Rainy River Voyageurs won both Saturday and Sunday's games.

Football team advances to playoffs

The Minot State University football team heads to the NAIA championship playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Sanford Health Sports Complex in Sioux Falls, S. D.

The Beavers will take on the University of Sioux Falls Cougars in first-round play beginning at 1 p.m.

The Beavers (8-2) hold the No. 14 slot in the final NAIA coaches' poll. Sioux Falls (11-0) ranks No. 1, and goes into Saturday's game with a 25-

game win streak.

MSU tied Dickinson State University in the DAC conference with a 7-1 record, but DSU won the conference title on a tiebreaker by defeating the Beavers head-to-head, 28-13.

Of particular interest is that both MSU and USF are in their first season of transition to NCAA Division II and both have submitted application to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

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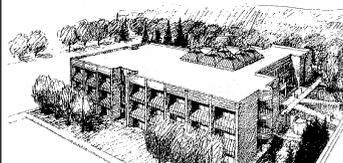
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Five Minutes Remaining

A column by Tanner Larson, MSU sophomore

Review of 'Borderlands'

If you're unfamiliar with the word "sleeper," it means something that is not expected to do well, but somehow does. This could be said about "Borderlands," made by Gearbox Software. Gearbox is also known for making the Brothers In Arms franchise. The game was published by 2K Games, known for the smash-hit "Bioshock."

"Borderlands" starts off with four characters, each with a unique and special ability, riding in a bus en route to a place called Fyrestone on the planet Pandora. Your character is customizable, but not with a lot of options. The options are changing your character's name and appearance colors. You'll get better, and much more powerful weapons, later on as you progress

through the game, as well as tougher missions.

I chose Mordecai, skilled in pistols and sniper rifles, with an ability to send his pet hawk, "Bloodwing," against his enemies.

The difficulty in this game is going to strain and test new players, or even skilled players, at that. You will struggle and get frustrated with beginning missions. I know I did. But there's a gamers creed to follow on this. The creed goes, "Even though a game is hard, it doesn't mean it stinks." This saying can be exempted from a few games, but that's beside the point. The point is the game, simply, is really hard unless you play with a friend who has some experience with the game.

The game has a unique feature that,

once you are downed, may get a "second wind" and get a little bit of a health boost and allow you to continue on with a mission or something. However, if you run out of health when you are downed, you will respawn at the nearest checkpoint, but not for free.

Yes, it will cost you money in the game to respawn. The more money you have, the more expensive it is to respawn. Money in the game isn't difficult to come by, however, as you can sell weapons and shields you will not need.

The game is heavily based around a co-op, or cooperative, experience with



up to three other friends either on the same console, or online. I recommend you play with some friends before you play the game by yourself. Overall, the game is a renter. If you like the game once you have rented it, go out and buy it. I think you'll like the "Fallout" style of the game. If I had to choose between playing "Fallout 3" and "Borderlands," I would choose to play "Borderlands" because it feels more open world than "Fallout." You can find the game on the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360.

Date set for KMSU auction

The Minot State University Broadcasting Department will host its 11th Annual KMSU Auction on Thursday, Dec. 3. The pre-show airs at 5:30 p.m. that evening; the auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

The event serves as a fundraiser. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to Lynne

Rumney, MSU Honors Program Director, and ten percent will go to scholarships for incoming freshmen.

The department will raise funds from the sale of donated goods and services from businesses around the Minot area, North Dakota and from professional athletic teams.

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the region, and the Minnesota Historical Society. Earlier this year Norris published his book, "North for the Harvest: Mexican Workers, Growers, and the Sugar

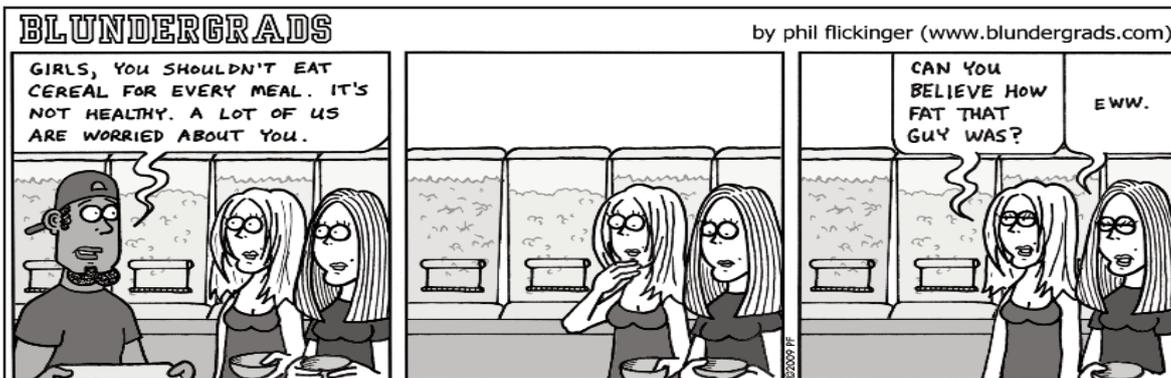
Beet industry."

"Migrant workers have been a part of agriculture since (the beginning) of agriculture," Northwest Art Center Director Avis Viegly said. "Jim Norris will discuss issues concerning the Red River. The lecture will also address this region of

North Dakota."

Directly following the lecture there will be an informal reception. Norris will be present to answer questions, and for further discussion.

The lecture is a part of Minot State's commitment to cultural diversity.



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expression often heard describing the sweat lodge is that participants emerge "feeling like a new born baby."

Many common practices define these Inipi ceremonies. It is important to bring a towel, wear loose clothing, drink plenty of fluids beforehand and bring water to drink during the ceremony. Leaders discourage eating a heavy meal beforehand, wearing jewelry or participating if you are

fearful or uncomfortable.

These ceremonies have been getting somewhat of a bad rap lately because of some injuries and deaths recently reported in a make-shift sweat lodge event in Arizona. According to Harry Hoffman, MSU associate of sociology instructor, irresponsibility and an ill-understanding of the ceremonies caused this unfortunate event.

"It's not something to be trifled with, and I think that's one of the reasons why there is somewhat of an uproar about

it," Hoffman said. He explained that people should not perform these ceremonies without having a proper understanding of them. It takes a long time to achieve the

knowledge to properly perform an Inipi ceremony. He said people must take the traditional healing seriously and the people that attend need to believe in the strength and

power of the ceremony.

For more information on Inipi ceremonies or to learn how to participate, contact Hoffman at 858-3284 or harry.hoffman@minotstateu.edu.

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