



**Summer Theatre cast members performed for a sold-out crowd last year. This year's 46th season begins June 14 and ends July 23.**

Submitted Photo

## Summer Theatre auditions set for April 1

**Cassie Neuharth**  
*Editor*

Minot State University Summer Theatre will begin its 46th season with open auditions April 1. Sign-up times are between 4 and 7 p.m.

Auditions should be no longer than four minutes and should show singing ability, with a song from a musical, and acting ability, with a short comic monologue or scene. Auditions are open to everyone.

Sign up on the sheet on the blue door outside the Black Box Theatre in Hartnett Hall, or send an e-mail to [kevin.neuharth@minotstateu.edu](mailto:kevin.neuharth@minotstateu.edu) and request a time. Those

who cannot make the April 1 auditions may send a DVD showing singing and acting talent to Kevin Neuharth, Artistic Director of Summer Theatre, Minot State University, Minot, N.D., 58707.

According to Neuharth, the company is looking to grow off the energy of a very successful Season 45. For the past several years, the Summer Theatre season has included three musicals and one farce. This season will be no different.

"We are fairly confident Season 46 will begin with the newly released Broadway smash hit, 'The Drowsy Chaperone,'" Neuharth said. "After that, the final selection

of productions will depend upon the auditions."

Following "The Drowsy Chaperone," the company will produce a smaller-cast musical, possibly "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" or "The Sound of Plaid," which is the "Glee" version of the very popular "Forever Plaid" show the company produced a few summers ago.

The farce will be the third production. "Don't Dress for Dinner" is leading the list of options in that category.

"The final show of the summer is always the big Broadway-style musical," Neuharth said.

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## MSU signs agreement with Briercrest College

**Boma Brown**  
*Staff Writer*

Students of Briercrest College, a small liberal arts college in Canada, will soon be able to complete a bachelor of science in education degree at Minot State University. A private Christian school, Briercrest College and Seminary is in Caronport, Saskatchewan, 13 miles from Moose Jaw.

The recent agreement allows Briercrest students to spend their first three years in Briercrest and the last two years at MSU finishing up their degrees. The students will earn two degrees — a bachelor of arts from Briercrest and a bachelor of science in education from MSU.

MSU President David Fuller and Neil Nordquist, dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences, participated in the official signing Feb. 7 at Briercrest.

"Our faculty worked on it with Briercrest faculty," Nordquist said, "and have an agreement to help students in five teaching areas — physical education, history, elementary ed, music and English."

Nordquist said that some Briercrest courses will transfer into the MSU program,

and some MSU courses will transfer into the Briercrest College program.

"When the students are done with the two degrees, they will be ready to go back and teach in Canada," Nordquist said. "For both of us, the big advantage will be ending up with more students. Briercrest hopes that the partnership with MSU, and the program of study set up, will bring in a whole cohort of students. They are hoping to see 20 to 30 students entering into the program."

The first group of Briercrest students in the program will begin next fall; that first group will study at MSU three years from now.

More than 60 students attended an information session at Briercrest. Some students expressed an interest in beginning their MSU education immediately.

Nordquist spoke of plans for future partnerships. An agreement with Lethbridge College in Alberta is in the works. Kristin Wood of Enrollment Services, and Kevin Harmon, dean of Admissions, are in charge of the project.

"This helps us grow our program, and gets us known  
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# Legislative bills hit Higher Education

**Cassie Neuharth**  
Editor

"I don't understand higher education. I don't understand its unwillingness to change and adapt to today's society," District 2 Rep. Bob Skarphol said. Skarphol, R-Tioga, is chairman of a North Dakota House Appropriations Committee that reviewed the higher education budget.

The House Appropriations (HA) Committee introduced House Bill 1003 in early February. HB1003's purpose is to provide funding for the North Dakota University System. The appropriations bill went to the house committee, then to a subcommittee, which reviewed the bill and proposed amendments to it.

Legislators decided in the subcommittee to go against the governor's budget and make major cuts to higher education funding.

North Dakota's 62nd Legislative session began in January. It consists of 47 senators and 94 representatives from around the state.

Mary Christian, Minot State University student, Student Government Association Director of State Affairs and lobbyist for the North Dakota Student Association, is very involved with this bill, trying to make the legislative members realize what they are taking away from the institutions in N.D.

"This is a really big concern among the students that we are not going to get all this money back from the Senate," Christian said.

So what does this all really mean? Christian explained that this means that the HA

subcommittee went against the governor's proposed budget and raised tuition up to 4.5 percent at North Dakota's four-year institutions and took away the freeze at two-year institutions. In the last legislative session, the members decided to cap four-year institution tuition raises at 4 percent and freeze tuition at two-year institutions across the

The HA subcommittee also proposes dropping two major capital projects — the Dickinson State University Stoxen Library and the Valley City State University Rhoades Science Center.

Christian said some of the legislators don't understand the need for out-of-state students and international students to come to universities

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**MSU Student Government Association Director of State Affairs and lobbyist for the North Dakota Student Association**

board.

This session, the governor proposed a budget to cap tuition at four-year institutions at 2.5 percent and freeze tuition at two-year institutions completely. The HA subcommittee feels that the students of North Dakota need to pay more for their tuition and not rely as much on the taxpayers. Overall, the Legislature is cutting higher education funding, with the amendments proposed, by almost \$32.8 million from the governor's proposed higher education budget. This includes equity funding, allocated for institutional needs, such as major building projects. Also, the cuts would take away scholarship and grant funding, teacher education and STEM (Science Technology Energy and Mathematics) loan forgiveness programs and doctoral programs in the state.

in North Dakota. Legislators also are trying to keep North Dakota students in the state after graduation.

On February 21, 2011, the NDSA held a press conference to express to legislators that students are very concerned about the cuts being made to institutions around the state.

"Legislators should care about the future of our state and our students," Christian said. "Our students contribute significantly throughout the year to the community and the state. With the proposed cuts to higher education funding this legislative session, students feel the decisions made are short-sighted and unwarranted, considering the success of our institutions and the current positive state of our economy."

The Senate has already heard the bill. A strong student

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# Carraher to present at Oxford

**Bryce Berginski**  
Staff Writer

A document co-written by a Minot State University student and an MSU instructor's father is going across the pond.

Anthony Anderson, a junior majoring in finance, co-wrote a paper with Charles E. Carraher, Jr., a chemistry and biochemistry instructor at Florida Atlantic University. Carraher, the father of Shawn Carraher, MSU business administration instructor and Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director, will present the paper at Oxford, England, March 29.

On March 30, a multi-disciplinary conference known as Oxford Roundtables, will hear 30-minute presentations. Richard Margrave from Cambridge University will facilitate the conference, and Yehia Khalil from Yale will start the presentations. MSU's presentation, which starts at 3:30 p.m., is about ABAXIS (a medical device company owned by Clint Severson, MSU alumnus, and founder of the Entrepreneurship Academy) and environmental change. The authors used the company in the paper as an example.

The subject of the paper is change, specifically three kinds of it. It discusses alpha, beta and gamma change with regard to climate, the environment and psychology.

Alpha change is change to the reality that we see everyday. Beta change goes into scale recalibration, while gamma change is a change in what defines constructs. However, cycles and other fac-

tors that require consideration often come into play.

Currently, the paper's length is 30 pages. They will complete a full version by July 1.

"It's in the process of revision right now," Carraher said.

Carraher also said there is the possibility of publishing the paper, depending on the results from the Oxford Roundtable's discussion. A hard copy may be available by the end of 2011.

Many students this and last semester have co-authored papers with members of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy. Last semester, six student papers went to a conference in Malaysia. This semester, three papers are going to Cambridge, and another four are going to Harvard. Carraher co-authored the papers going to Harvard.

In addition to co-authoring papers, the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy is also working with the Norsk Høstfest in fundraising efforts. They are helping design the master plan for the Høstfest Forever project, with the goal of having \$10 million in the event that a hard freeze cripples attendance to the point where it would take years to recover.

The academy also hopes more students and maybe even instructors from other departments will co-author more papers, which the academy will present at more conferences in the future.

For more information about this paper or presentation, contact Carraher at shawn.carraher@minotstateu.edu.



## Northwest Art Center lecture views 18th century women

(Northwest Art Center) — The lives and labors of non-elite white and racially mixed women of the eighteenth-century West Indies are the subject of a talk by visiting scholar Natalie Zacek, at the Northwest Art Center lecture series, Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in Minot State University's Aleshire Theater.

"While we have learned a good deal about the lives of non-elite women in the American colonies, images of women in England's Caribbean settlements have been limited to white 'ladies' and black slaves," Zacek wrote. "The story of women's

lives in these settlements is much more complicated, and interesting, than assumed."

Zacek's lecture, "Neither Ladies Nor Slaves: Women and Work in the English Caribbean," traces the lives of women who worked as barmaids, ran genteel hotels, or even administered complex shipping networks, making independent lives for themselves in a situation in which non-elite single women were significantly socially disadvantaged.

Zacek is a lecturer in American Studies at the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. She is a

scholar of the social and cultural histories of colonial and early national America and the Atlantic world, with particular focus on the Caribbean.

The lecture is free and open to the public. An informal reception will follow the presentation.

The Northwest Art Center lecture series is funded in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts, which receives funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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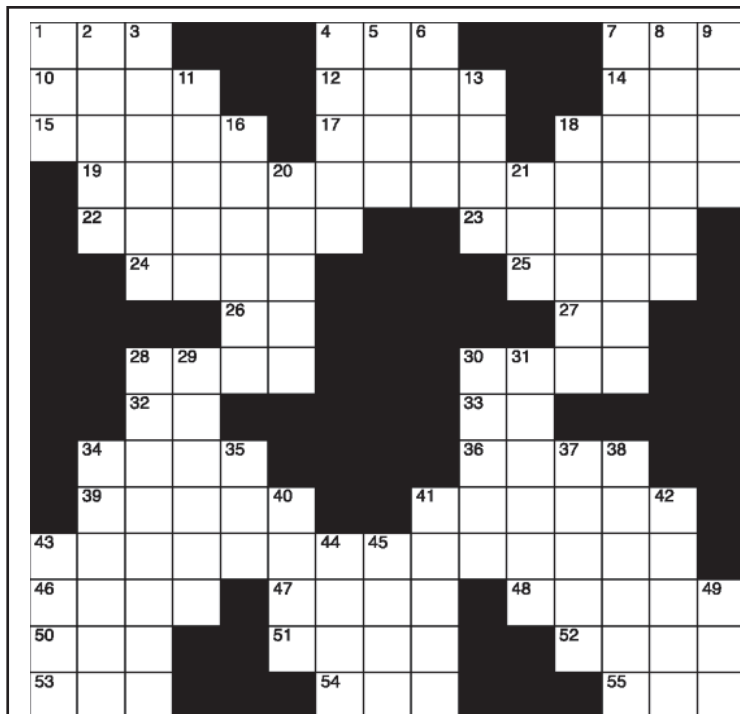


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| 17. Swiss river                | 43. Bedroom bureau             |
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| 19. Exterior arch support      | 47. Scottish hillside          |
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| 23. Luxuriant dark brown fur   | 50. Put into service           |
| 24. Chinese dynasty 960 - 1279 | 51. Without (French)           |
| 25. Fishing lure               | 52. Fire iron                  |
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### CLUES DOWN

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## R&G Opinion

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### Tablet PC Review

*A column by Anthony Anderson*

I remember the day I first saw the iPad; I could barely contain my excitement. It was almost indistinguishable from the handheld tablets used on Star Trek. We finally made it. Humanity had arrived.

Since the iPad was released, a slew of competitors and look-alikes have made it to market. Each has its own pros and cons. Manufacturers herald that the tablets are here to stay and are fast replacing traditional laptop computers. I personally refuse to comment on this, but I believe we can all agree that they are cool! Unfortunately, there are so many different makes and models flooding the market now, navigating it can be a bit daunting. For my benefit, as well as yours, I did some research on some of the frontrunners.

For brevity (and because of my own personal tastes!), this review will be a study of slate-form tablet computers only, that is, tablets that have no dedicated keyboard. We will be excluding convertible-form tablets, which have a hinged keyboard that

can rotate back and behind the screen and fold into itself, and hybrid-form tablets, which have a detachable keyboard. I am also excluding other related devices, such as Kindle and Nook readers, as they are too purpose-driven.

Specifically, I looked at the specifications, advantages and costs of the Apple iPad 2, Motorola Xoom, Samsung Galaxy Tab and the Asus Eee Slate.

The iPad 2 comes in two flavors, Wi-Fi and Wi-Fi + 3G. The basic Wi-Fi version starts at \$499. The 3G version, which isn't dependent on the local wireless network, retails at \$629 and upwards.

The Xoom retails at \$599 with a plan, and \$799 without one.

The Samsung Galaxy Tab retails at \$749.99.

The Asus Eee has several models, the most affordable retailing at \$969.03.

On a cost basis, the iPad 2 is the clear frontrunner in the tablet market, and this is no accident. The iPad was

the first mainstream tablet to hit the market, and before its release, Apple spent years locking up the supply chain. It holds exclusive manufacturing rights with suppliers of screens, processors and boards, and scores of patents that make it very difficult for competitors to get a cost-effective device to market. Apple holds a clear first-mover advantage and is the measuring stick for the industry. Whenever someone introduces a competing tablet, the media still refers to it as a possible "iPad killer."

Technically, the iPad is one of the most attractive tablets on the market. It's one of the lightest (1.3 pounds), the thinnest, one of the fastest (.9 GHz), has great battery life (10 hours), and is in the top bracket for screen resolution (1024x768). In my opinion, it's also the perfect size, with a 9.7 inch screen.

Functionally, though, the iPad 2 is not a clear winner. Apple has also been very, very proprietary with its products. They want you playing with their toys and no one else's, and this

attitude really stands out in the iPad. The iPad will only run applications from the App Store, which has been known to ban programs without any clear cause or explanation, such as Google Voice. This, in my eyes, is a huge limitation. The iPad also has no external connectors. It needs an adapter for everything, even USB. It won't even accept regular headphones; users must buy special iPad headphones.

The Motorola Xoom, at 1.6 pounds, weighs just slightly more than the iPad. It also has a higher resolution, 1280x800, is slightly faster with a 1.0 GHz processor, and has comparable 10-hour battery life. It also has access to the full Android ecosystem of Apps, not just a pre-approved selection. The Xoom has ports and connectors that the iPad lacks, such as USB ports, an HDMI port and an SD card slot. It has a functional leg up on the iPad 2 in some respects but lacks the "cool factor" that an iPad has and just doesn't have a very ergonomic feel to it.

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The Samsung Galaxy Tab is lighter still (.84 pounds), but the 7-inch screen is a bit too small to use comfortably. It's the same speed as the Xoom, 1.0 GHz, but has a significantly shorter battery life — 7 hours. Despite being the first Android-based tablet to market, the Galaxy Tab still has a lot of issues. Certain apps cannot be uninstalled, without any explanation. It has problems running some applications due to its small screen and has difficulty browsing the web. Because of these inherent technical shortcomings, I would not recommend the Galaxy Tab at all.

The Asus Eee is a true

workhorse of a computer. It is the fastest tablet on the market, with a 1.33 GHz processor. Battery life is sacrificed for speed though; the Eee slate only lasts 4.5 hours on battery. It is also, however, quite heavy compared to the others, weighing a full 2.6 pounds. It's also slightly bigger, with a 12.1 inch screen. Asus compensates for this, though, by upping the screen resolution to 1280x800. The Eee slate runs a full version of Windows 7 and can do almost anything a full laptop or netbook can. It also has USB 2.0 ports an HDMI mini port, and a flash card reader.

My final verdict on tablet PCs is a two-fold one: On a cost basis, the iPad 2 is the

clear winner and will be for a while, despite its shortcomings. It's also the most comfortable to use. On a functional basis, the Asus Eee takes the cake. It has no accessibility limitations and is the closest to being able to replace traditional computers. All in all, you get what you pay for!

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"Last summer, the company closed with "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," and this summer there are three still in the running: "My Fair Lady," "State Fair" and "Camelot."

Neuharth also said there are paid work positions avail-

able for those interested in set construction or costume construction in addition to performing.

As a final note, the director said, "There is no better way to spend a beautiful summer evening than with the company of MSU Summer Theatre at the Amphitheatre."

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# Campus Players host speech meet



**Left: MSU music major and Campus Players member Katie Langemo (right) helps a high school student at the Campus Players Invitational Speech Meet the MSU organization sponsored last week on the MSU campus.**

**Below: MSU elementary education major and Campus Players member Peg Morris (bottom right) judges high school student Mya Erickson in the "Serious Prose" category at the speech meet.**



Photos by Cassie Neuharth

# MSU honors 'Who's Who' students

Minot State University will honor students who have been selected to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" at an award ceremony in the Conference Center April 6.

This year, 18 MSU juniors and seniors were selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition. A campus nomination committee and editors of the annual directory chose the students based on their academic achievement, community service and extracurricular-activity leadership.

MSU students named this year are: Anthony Anderson, finance; Bethany Armstrong, marketing and theatre arts; Mary Christian, broadcasting (public relations); Shari Dueck,

communication disorders; Kelsey Eaton, addiction studies; Melissa Elker, psychology; Ethan Fritel, energy economics and finance; Gary Heitkamp, chemistry and biology; Annamaria Holt, special education and elementary education; Sara King, broadcasting (public relations); Britney Kruk, communication disorders; Tara Kuntz, elementary education; Tara Love, special education and elementary education; Halee Namanny, chemistry and corporate fitness; Jacey Peterson, business education; Tyson Snelling, international business, management and marketing; Danielle Wangler, special education and elementary education; and Nathan Zochert, English.

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turnout from many institutions expressed to the members their adamant opposition to the proposed cuts.

The bill is not on the legislative calendar yet for a vote in the Senate. It will likely be voted on near the end of the legislative session.

Another bill regarding higher education this session is HB 1444. Christian said this would have mandated a minimum tuition for all out-of-state and international students, which would take away the MSU philosophy to provide in-state tuition to every student. She believes this bill would also reduce diversity in North Dakota institutions and decrease the number of out-of-state-students. She said this bill had the potential to defeat some institutional programming and cultural awareness in the future had it passed.

"Although the House did not pass the bill," Christian said, "this mindset from our legislators is the struggle that students and institutions face now, and will continue to face in the future if we do not work to change the animosity toward higher education as a whole from our state legislators.

"I think it is necessary to provide incentives for people to stay in North Dakota to combat the increasing amount of students leaving the state to find employment after graduation," Christian said. "I do not think that taking these incentives away, like much of the legislation has shown during the current legislative session, will benefit students in any way. Our institutions are not going to continue to grow and expand without an effort to provide incentives, such as loan forgiveness programs, from our state."

Christian advises students to prepare for the changes that will occur within the next few years if they do not take action against the cuts being made toward higher education funding.

"The students of North Dakota need to take a stand and let legislative members know how this change is affecting them," she said.

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# Learning about informed consent

**Silvia Arifin**

*Senior nursing student*

What is informed consent?

It's March. You have just made the final touches to your Spring Break itinerary and suddenly you find yourself in the emergency room once again, waiting in anticipation. The doctor comes, explains a few things and leaves. Just as quickly, the nurse comes and soon after, you begin signing away consent forms. Spring Break's over and you are still hospitalized due to complications. You realize your nightmare is far from over when you receive your medical invoices. You think about pursuing the matter in court. Can you? After all, you did sign the informed consent forms.

You wonder, "What exactly have I signed?"

An informed consent is legally valid only when a competent person makes independent, voluntary decisions after a complete disclosure of pertinent information. This refers to a person's ability to comprehend the nature of his/her conditions and available treatment options with the associated benefits, risks and potential complications and the probability of success, prior to making voluntary decisions of accepting or rejecting the proposed treatments. It is important to remember that you retain the right to withdraw any previously signed consent.

You may ask, "Why do I need to know all these?" A Moulton and King research study showed "a consistent pattern of inadequate information of disclosure and low patient comprehension and

retention [and that] in the absence of complete information, individuals frequently opt for procedures they would not otherwise choose." This can result in unnecessary suffering and costly expenses. On the contrary, active participation in your own medical care has been shown to improve health outcomes.

Not all procedures require informed consent. When a person is admitted to the facility, he/she may sign a general consent for treatments, which includes all aspects of nursing care. In general, additional consents are required when invasive procedures or treatments such as surgery or chemotherapy are needed. Consents may also be applied to a series of similar procedures with similar risks and benefits such as a series of blood transfusions.

In cases of emergencies where the patient's competency is questionable, family members or the durable power of attorney may assume the responsibility of signing the consent. However, providers may proceed without consent when immediate interventions are necessary and no representatives are present to provide consent. Therefore, it is important that both you and your family understand the process of obtaining an informed consent.

You may say, "Well, this doesn't affect me. I am as healthy as I can be." The principles of informed consent apply not only to clinical medicine but also to research studies involving human subjects as well as requests for release of protected health information (PHI). You may also be asked

to sign informed consent on behalf of someone else, such as in cases where you are the legal guardian of a minor or an incompetent adult.

Have you ever been asked to participate in research or to request release of PHI for insurance purposes? Regardless of your current situation, sooner or later you or your loved ones will come across informed consent.

Informed consent is a legal document developed to protect your rights. However, it does carry the potential to be your "death trap," as portrayed in the above scenario, should you choose to remain ignorant of all that it entails.

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better in Alberta," Nordquist said. "We are well known in Alberta, but only for speech

pathology. If we want to be a premier university, we have to have outreach and be known in many other places."

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## Folven, Loftesnes named NAIA Scholar-Athletes

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State University seniors Caroline Folven (C,) and Whitney Loftesnes (G,) were named to the 2011 Daktronics-NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete team Monday.

It was the second straight award for both players.

The duo was among 219 student-athletes from across the country named to the team. Folven and Loftesnes

were two of 18 players named from Dakota Athletic Conference institutions. Davenport (Mich.) led all institutions with nine members.

To win the award, Folven and Loftesnes both had

to be nominated by the school's head coach, maintain a minimum grade point

average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and have achieved a junior academic status.



Folven



Loftesnes

Photo courtesy of MSU Public Information webcam

A dirt hill is all that remains after the bleachers, press box, concessions and restrooms were removed from Herb Parker Stadium. New bleachers, with seating capacity of 3,500, will be complete for football and soccer games this fall.

## Phase 2 of Herb Parker Stadium project started

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State University's Herb Parker Stadium project officially entered Phase 2 of a three-part plan beginning last week.

Crews from Veit Construction started demolition of the existing bleacher seats and the press box at the stadium site. The completion of Phase 2 is set for the end of summer 2011.

The stadium will have a new bleacher section. When completed, the bleacher section on the north end of the stadium will seat around 3,500, an increase of about 700-800 seats.

Phase 3 of construction is still in the planning stage and

does not have a specific timetable at this point. Phase 3 has plans for a new press box, enclosed concessions and merchandise sales areas, bathrooms and club rooms.

Minot State University completed Phase 1 of the project in the fall of 2010. Phase 1 included the addition of an industry-standard FieldTurf playing surface, state-of-the-art lighting standards that could accommodate football and soccer configurations and an earthen berm along the west and south ends of the field.

For a live view of the Herb Parker Stadium construction project, log on to [www.minotstateu.edu/pio/ca/m2.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/pio/ca/m2.shtml).

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# Beavers rally for a little revenge

(MSU Sports Information) — On Saturday, the Minot State University baseball team beat Dickinson State University, 8-1; however, they fell 7-6 to Benedictine University-Springfield (Ill.) Bulldogs.

This time it was the Beavers' turn to rally against the Bulldogs. MSU fell behind 4-0 after two innings. The Beavers scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to snap a 4-4 tie and enact a little revenge by taking a 6-4 win Sunday.

"We wanted to come out and get a win in the last one down here," MSU head coach Brock Wepler said. "It would have been a long trip home if we didn't. We had a couple errors early that put us behind the eight ball, but we battled. It could have been ugly, but we battled back."

Against Benedictine, MSU used four pitchers to hold Benedictine to just six hits and one earned run over nine innings. Paul Thompson (Jr., P) pitched the final 2 2/3 innings to earn his first win of the season. Thompson was perfect over the final two-plus innings, striking out four batters. All



three of the M S U relievers - Thompson, B r y a n K r a h l e r (Sr., P) and B r o d y P i n k e r t o n (Sr., P) - c a m e through in big situations.

"We got great relief work from three guys in big jams," Wepler said. "Krahler got a big double play ball, Pinkerton came in and got a fly ball with second and third on two outs and Paul came in with first and second with one out and got two fly balls.

"Paul was very good for us; this was a confidence booster. He spotted up and kept the ball low in the zone. He also got his curve ball in for a strike. It was good to see from him and from our pitching staff," Wepler said.

It was nearly all or nothing for the MSU hitters as five of the seven Beaver players who got hits in the game finished with multiple hits. Kory Houston (Sr., OF) and Levi Kerns (Fr., 1B/DH) led the

way, each going 3-for-4 with a double at the plate. Houston knocked in a run and scored a run, while Kerns scored two runs. Jordan Gilmour (So., OF), Scott Peters (Jr., 1B/DH) and Jaret Chatwood (Sr., C/Util.) all had two hits. Gilmour finished with two runs and batted in a double, while Peters and Chatwood added an RBI each.

MSU pounded out 14 hits in the game.

"It was a little different lineup, and while some of the names were the same from guys who have been coming through for us, it also seems like we have a new guy every game come up big," Wepler said. "I have confidence in 15-16 guys who can all come in and hit the ball. We put Levi in at first and he had a big day."

The Beavers finished the Spring Break tournament with a 7-4 record and improved to 7-8 overall on the season.

MSU is off until the weekend when the Beavers travel to Rapid City, S.D. to take part in the Dakota Athletic Conference Preconference Tournament, where they will play four times in two days.

## Beavers end trip with two big wins

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State University softball finished its trip to the 2011 Tucson Invitational with a pair of wins Friday, finishing with a 12-2 record.

The Beavers topped the University of Saint Mary (Kan.) 7-2 in the first game and finished off Mount Marty (S.D.) 11-3 in the sixth inning of the second game.

MSU rode the right arm of Jen Dixon (Fr., OF/P) against Saint Mary. Dixon pitched a complete game for her third win of the season. She ran her record to 3-0, giving up just six runs in nine appearances.

Against Mount Marty, Deanna Mitchell (Jr., 1B/OF) paced MSU, connecting on her third home run of the season. Mitchell is the Beavers' leading hitter with a .460 average and the leading run producer with

17 RBIs.

Tiffany Friesen (So., P/DP) got the win to improve to 4-0 on the season. She pitched four innings, while Mandy Greenberg (So., P) finished off the final two innings.

The Beavers have two weeks off before playing a nonconference double header against NCAA Division II University of Mary March 30 in Bismarck. MSU gets Dakota Athletic Conference play going April 2 at home against rival Dickinson State.

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## Triplett reaches 100th career win



(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State University softball head coach Bill Triplett reached 100 career wins with a 7-0 defeat of the University of Saint Mary (Kan.) late Monday night at the Tucson Invitational.

Triplett, a 1980 graduate of Minot State, is 100-47 in his

fourth season as the Beavers' head coach. The Beavers have won at least 25 games in each of his first four seasons, and went 34-14 last season, qualifying for the NAIA National Softball Tournament.

This season, MSU is off to a 10-3 start with five games remaining in the Arizona trip.



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# The Land of J.K. Rowling

**Jack Fowler**  
Columnist

This past week was a colossal one for the muggle world or, at least, for my muggle friend Carter and me. He came to visit over spring break and we decided to follow in J.K. Rowling's footsteps throughout England and see where she got her inspiration.

We travelled to a city called Exeter located in the south of England, about an hour away from Plymouth. This is where Rowling attended the University of Exeter and got a lot of ideas for her books.

We got off the train at a normal platform that consisted of a whole number and started walking towards the university. A sign stated the university was "19 minutes" away. Once we converted that into American we figured it would take about 8 minutes to get there, and we were right (Americans walk faster). We went right to the university shop, so we could buy anything that Rowling might have bought while she was there. After buying key chains, shirts, lanyards pens and notebooks we were satisfied. We looked like the most school-spirited University of Exeter students. I don't even own that much MSU memorabilia.

As we left, we took the Illuminated Path through university grounds. It looked so much like the Forbidden Forest and all the trees looked like Womping Willows! Next we headed towards Gandy Street passing Exeter Castle along the way. Gandy Street is the street Rowling based Diagon Alley off of. Before even spotting the street sign, Carter said, "I think this is it!" It looked exactly how

she described it. It was very narrow with a lot of small shops and possibly witches and wizards.

After leaving, we headed down a deserted street with nobody around. Ahead I saw a stroller on the sidewalk. As we approached it I looked down. There was a baby inside but nobody was there! Not knowing what to do, we kept walking. About 15 seconds later we looked back and the baby was gone but the stroller was still there. It must have disappeared! However, we started seeing an abundant supply of babies in strollers soon after. A man was pushing a baby in a similar-looking stroller down the street and a colored woman was pushing a Caucasian baby in a stroller. I'm not saying those babies were kidnapped, but I know neither of them could have birthed those babies themselves! Maybe they were babysitters.

We arrived at The Old

Firehouse pub, which is the pub Rowling based the Leaky Cauldron off of. Again, it looked very wizard-like. Dark red walls with lanterns hanging from the ceiling, dim strings of lights and shrivelled up flowers surrounded the tops of the walls and the bar. After eating our food and not seeing Hagrid, we headed back to the university to see a play.

We walked into the Northcott Theatre, the theatre that J.K. Rowling was very active with during her university years. The play didn't seem to be aimed towards our generation as most of the audience had white hair and was about 80 years old. It looked like we were at the Republican National Convention. By intermission, we were losing interest and decided to leave. But what can you expect? When we're used to seeing great plays directed by MSU's Kevin Neuharth, we've got high expectations!




Jack Fowler (left) and Carter Hill stand in Gandy Street in Exeter, England, last week. Author J.K. Rowling used this street as the inspiration for Diagon Alley in the Harry Potter books.



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