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KMSU assists flood victims

Cassie Neuharth Staff Writer

The 13th annual KMSU Auction, "Beavers Rebuild" fundraiser, aired live Dec. 6, 2011, on Channel 19.

Organizers announced the recipients of the Beavers Rebuild fundraiser the night of the auction, awarding funds of \$5,500 each to Kathy Larson, Sandra Larson, Ashley Leigh and Diana Olson, Ward County flood survivors, who submitted videos telling their stories. Other entrants received \$100 each. Organizers followed a rubric for submissions, and distributed funds based on

need.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to help the community at a difficult time," Janna McKechnie, KMSU Auction coordinator said. "To have such a big impact, coming from Minot State University, is important to us as a class."

The MSU communications class gathered more than \$42,000 in donations for the QVC-style auction of 89 packages from area businesses.

Minot Chrysler Center, the corporate sponsor of the Beavers Rebuild fundraiser, matched donations up to \$10,000.

Music students play on to regional competition

Bekka Ryan Staff Writer

Minot State University students Rachel Harvey and Ivan Luza represented the state of North Dakota Jan. 13-15 at the West Central regional Music Teachers National Association. The University of Colorado at Boulder in Boulder, Colo. hosted the competition.

Both musicians earned the right to attend by winning their North Dakota state competitions. Officials recognized both MSU students for their hard work and perseverance in the art of music.

Harvey, a freshman at MSU majoring in music education, competed in the woodwind division for saxophone. She received an Honorable Mention in the regional competition.

"The competition allowed me the opportunity to listen to many other talented players, and made me even more hungry to grow as a saxophonist," Harvey said. As the daughter of two musicians, Harvey has always loved to play the saxophone, which she started as a fifth grader.

Luza, a freshman music major at Minot State, competed in the strings division. Placing second in his category, he is the alternate for nationals in his division. Always striving for more, Luza has been practicing as much after the competition as before to perfect his playing skills and fulfill his need to grow as an instrumentalist.

Both musicians share their accomplishments with their fellow students through performances in groups on campus. One of the groups Luza is involved in is the DCM Quartet, a string group on campus which tours to schools to spread the joy of string music to younger students. One of the groups Harvey is involved with is the saxophone quintet on

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English Club 'bound' for New Orleans



Photo by Bryce Berginski

MSU English Club members Lauren Wood (left) and Corbin Zerr (right) pose next to Joe Davis, who is willingly bound by duct tape to a wall in Memorial Hall. The event was a fundraiser for the club's trip to the 2012 Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society) convention in New Orleans next month.

Students get involved at NDSA

Bekka Ryan Staff Writer

Six students from Minot State University attended the January meeting of the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) in Wahpeton, N.D. NDSA includes representatives from all 11 North Dakota University System colleges and universities.

Kelsey MacNaughton, Tanya Borho, Lindsey Nelson, Mike Doran, Juan Vadell and Bekka Ryan represented MSU. The students volunteered to be delegates for Minot State's student body.

They participated in a business dinner, two general assembly meetings and a committee meeting.

Kelsey MacNaughton and Lindsey Nelson attented the Constitution Committee meeting, discussing the use of technology for future meetings. The association looked at the use of interactive communication devices, such as Skype, to cut down on travel costs incurred by the monthly meetings.

"For my first NDSA meeting, I can say that this trip sparked a real interest in the organization for me," Nelson said.

Mike Doran attended the Special Consortium Committee. They discussed preventative

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Voices on Campus

"Who is your favorite Republican candidate, and why?"

Comm 281



Breanna Benson Special Ed./Elementary Ed. "I don't like picking favorite Republican candidates because I prefer to pick winners based on their beliefs rather than their party."



Suzannah Miller Music/Chemistry "Rick Santorum seems really conservative, and so far I like what I heard about him."



Danae Lawson History "Probably Mitt Romney, but I want Obama to win."



Sulaimon Hassan Energy Economics and Finance "I just moved to the U.S. last year and I haven't been fol-

lowing American politics"



tial with the candidates, but I've heard the most about Mitt Romney. I suppose with a bit of research, I would go with him."



Andrew Walker Education "I don't really have a favorite. I'm going to wait until the election to figure out who my favorite is."

News in brief

'Terrific' test-taking workshop today

Today, from 1 to 1:50 p.m., Lisa Borden-King will conduct a workshop in the Conference Center, 3rd Floor Student Center titled, "Top 10 Tips for Terrific Test Taking." The workshop, sponsored by the POWER Center, will cover strategies for studying, taking exams and easing test anxiety.

'Who I Am' performs tomorrow

On Friday, Jan. 27, "Who I Am," a Christian rock band from Williston, N.D., will perform from noon to 1 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. There will be free food for all students.

Zumba classes every Thurday night

Zumba lessons will be taught every Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

in the Swain Hall pedagogy lab. Lessons are free and open to all students, faculty and staff. Please bring an MSU ID and a clean pair of shoes.

Double feature to run tomorrow

MSU After Dark will screen a double feature on Friday, Jan. 27. The action-thriller film "Abduction" and romance fantasy, "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1." The movies will start at 7:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

Blood drive Tuesday

The Mu Sigma Tau Fraternity is sponsoring a blood drive Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Conference Center, third floor, Student Center. Walk-ins are welcome pending availability. To schedule a specific appointment contact Aaron Hughes at 858.3987.

Square Dance lessons Mondays

The Minot Magic Squares will offer square dance lessons on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 6. All lessons will be held at the Minot Moose Lodge, 400 9th St SW. "Doc" Brooks, a professional square dance caller, will teach the lessons. Cost is \$2 per person. For more information, call 839-0755.

Open swim every weekday

The Student Center pool is open for use by all students, faculty and staff every weekday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please bring MSU ID.

This month in the NAC galleries

Works entered into the

Northwest Art Center's "Americas 2012: Paperworks competition will be on display in the Hartnett Hall gallery until Feb. 22. The Hartnett Hall gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and by special arrangement.

Paintings and crafts created by Lauren Good Day Frank, an Arikara, Hidatsa, Blackfeet and Plains Cree artist from Bismarck. N.D., will be on display in the Library gallery until Feb. 8. The gallery is open regular library hours.

Body Attack Tuesdays

"Body Attack" is a high-intensity total body fitness class that combines aspects of strength, agility and cardio exercise. A class is taught for all students, faculty, and staff every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Swain Hall pedagogy lab. Please bring an MSU ID and a clean pair of shoes.

Today in History

- 1838 Tennessee becomes the first state to prohibit alcohol.
- 1913 Jim Thorpe relinquishes his 1912 Olympic medals.
- 1926 The television is demonstrated for the first time.
- 1948 Segregation in the U.S. Armed Forces ends.
- 1962 The "Twist" song and dance is banned in all New York Catholic schools.
- 1971 Charles Manson is convicted of murder.
- 1998 President Clinton states "... I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

2010 – "Avatar" becomes the highest-grossing film ever. (Courtesy of Brainhistory.com)

News

Student Spotlight Kelsey Eaton

Anthony Anderson Editor

Some people search their whole lives to find what they are truly passionate about. Kelsey Eaton found her passion early on, and has been engaged in it ever since. An addiction studies major, Eaton is fascinated by the sciences of addiction and psychology.

As Vice-President of the Psychology and Addiction Studies Club (PASC), Eaton helped to organize the club's Angel Tree project this December. The group collected more than 35 bags of Christmas decorations and distributed them to Minot families displaced by the flood. Eaton is also active in the Honors Society and has presented her work at the National Collegiate Honors Conference.

Eaton currently works at the Dakota Boys Ranch, an organization dedicated to helping at-risk youth. As a residential treatment advisor, she works in one of the ranch's residential units, called cottages, with a group of adolescent girls.

"Mostly, I'm there as direct care services," she says. "I take them places, structure their time, help with them with things ... it's very rewarding. I love my job."

Other than excelling in her academic and professional environments, Eaton fills most of her time with a steady stream of research projects.

She recently completed a project studying pain, depression and coping skills. Working with a local pain clinic, Eaton reviewed data on the number of coping skills they reported using, and the resulting impact



"I take them places, structure their time, help them with things ... it's very rewarding." – Kelsey Eaton

on pain and depression. Beginning the project, Eaton predicted that the pain levels experienced by clients would escalate along with the levels of depression experienced.

Eaton said her research findings were spot on with her original hypothesis.

"I did expect to find that high depression scores change how pain levels are rated," she said. She recently presented her findings at the Northern Lights Conference in Fargo, N.D.

"From start to finish, working on the project was hugely rewarding," she said.

Eaton is currently working on a second major research project. Working with instructor Paul Markel, she is researching aspects of haptics, or touch memory. It's a project that has been very demanding at times.

"It took a year to set up the whole thing, because it is so structured," she says.

Because the project is still ongoing, Eaton said she can't talk much about the specifics. She is still searching for research participants, though. Any interested individuals should contact her at kelsey.eaton@my.minotstateu.edu.



continued from page 1 measures on campus.

"We went over problems that were found on campuses involving alcohol and drugs along with drug paraphernalia," Doran said. "State statistics will be distributed at the next NDSA meeting which include survey results from all campuses. We have high hopes of using this information to alleviate problems involving alcohol and drug use on campus."

Tanya Borho and Bekka Ryan participated in the State Legislative Affairs committee meeting. Topics included housing shortages, campus security, retaining a high level of staff and campus lighting.

"I feel that through this meeting we were able to shed light to the other institutions in our state on issues that are currently happening on our campus," Borho said. "We spoke about the high concentration of females on campus and what this means for security. We spoke about how we have been holding self-defense classes on campus recently. I really enjoyed this meeting and feel like we were able to bring to light a lot of major issues that are going on in the Western North Dakota area," Borho said.

Juan Vadell said the Student Affairs Committee discussed student health care, the prices of textbooks, academic advising issues, and communication and issues related to some university student governments and the new NDSA website.

"I strongly encourage other students to get involved," Doran said. "The meetings are informative, and there were many fun aspects including debates and socializing. It was a very mature scene and I like it!"

Students interested in representing MSU at the next NDSA meeting should contact Rebecca Ryan in the SGA office, outside of the Beaver Dam. Students with limited exposure to Parly Pro may attend the meetings.

Minot State University will host the next meeting Feb. 17 and 18 in Bismarck.



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If you have any questions, please contact the Alumni Office at 858-3234.

Opinion

R&G Opinion

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Deciding the future

A law known as "Measure 2" is set to appear on the ballot in the June elections. If passed, it will completely eliminate income tax in the state of North Dakota. Cities, counties and schools rely on this tax - without it, they will have to apply to the legislature to allocate the money they need to provide their citizens with services. (Much as Minot State must.) There are potent arguments both for and against Measure 2, but no one can deny that it will hugely change the shape of government in North Dakota.

Two pieces of legislation, the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act, also known as the PROTECT IP ACT (PIPA) are currently pending in Congress. Advocated by the entertainment industry and derided by the technology firms of Silicon Valley, PIPA and SOPA would have huge ramifications if passed. Sites like Wikipedia, YouTube and Google, sites that have almost become part of the "critical infrastructure" of modern life, would be strikingly different if both pass.

A little closer to home, the Ward County Board of Commissioners and the Minot City Council have approved a set of policies to guide the acquisition of flooded homes. Meanwhile, a project known as the Lincoln Diversion Plan is moving forward. While this plan may protect the city of Minot from future floods, it would also force many citizens to relocate, including those with flooded houses that they have already rebuilt.

By publishing this column, we at the Red & Green are not trying to advocate for or against Measure 2, SOPA, PIPA or the Lincoln Diversion Project. We do, however, hope that you'll take the time to study these issues, form an opinion of your own and make your voice heard. It's up to us to decide the future.



Alex Nelson Columnist

Along with the New Year come new movies. "Contraband" helps start the year with a bang.

Baltasar Kormakur directs this American remake of the Icelandic film. The movie stars Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale, Ben Foster, Caleb Landry Jones and Giovanni Ribisi. The story follows an ex-smuggler, Chris Farraday (Wahlberg), who had turned over a new leaf for the safety of his wife, (Beckinsale), and his two sons.

Movies

'Contraband' - Finally, a movie we actually liked

Chris wants nothing to do with his old life, but is forced back into it after his young brother in-law, Andy (Jones), fails to deliver his stash of cocaine, dumping it in the sea to prevent being arrested.

Andy's boss, Tim Briggs (Ribisi), is furious and threatens to kill Andy and Chris's family if he does not receive his money in two weeks. To pay back the money, Chris has to run contraband. To do this he must board his father's old cargo ship that sails to Panama and smuggle in the money. His friend, Sebastian (Foster), helps get Chris on the cargo ship and works to make the crew willing to help Chris.

While on the ship, Chris must be cautious of his actions for the ship captain and the crew know his reputation as a former smuggler.

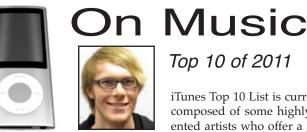
Despite some close calls, Chris believes that getting the money will be a piece of cake and his plan is fool proof. When the ship reaches Panama, he soon discovers that retrieving the money is harder than it looks, and when he gets back home, he discovers a tragic incident that means life and death to someone he cares for.

Before seeing this movie, I was hoping that it would be an action flick but, to my surprise, it had not much action in it. The

trailer misled people into thinking it would have explosions and gun fights. The movie had only a few action scenes; therefore, the film was more of a drama/thriller. This does not mean it was terrible, it just means that some people will be disappointed if they are hoping for another hard-core action film.

The plot, I noticed, is a bit similar to the movie "Gone in Sixty Seconds," where an excriminal is forced to come back to his life of crime to help save someone close to him. I thought the movie had some weak points, and a few parts that

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Ward Lamon Columnist

Welcome to a brand new semester here at the wondrous land of academia! While that might sound mildly akin to "Narnia" these places are not, in fact, the same. On an entirely different note [pun very much intended], the music of last year was a great set-up for another great year in music. You see, the

Top 10 of 2011 iTunes Top 10 List is currently composed of some highly talented artists who offer a great

variety in music as a whole. To begin, Bruno Mars has his song, "It Will Rain." This song originally was made for the album "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack." See? Already, we're off to a pretty good start.

After Bruno's spot is a song hailing all the way back from the end of last August, namely, Jessie I's single titled

"Domino." Jessie J totally surprised me last year. It was as if she jumped out from behind a curtain and said "BOO!" with the abrupt suddenness of her appearance.

Moving it up another notch, in the eighth position, comes the collaboration between Snoop Dogg, Wiz Khalifa, and Bruno Mars, "Young, Wild, & Free." It's really no wonder these two huge names in rap did way more than "pull this one off," especially with the help of Bruno laying down his nowusual hook.

Pulling up to 7[-Eleven®], one could possibly find Rihanna with her single "We Found Love" in the midst of this blatant advertising. This single took over her song "Cheers (Drink to That)" which happened to hold this same spot last semester.

Switching genres is Tyga with his legit rap song "Rack City. Last year also brought

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Opinion

SOPA and PIPA should not pass

Bryce Berginski Assistant Editor

The most controversial item on the Internet nowadays isn't a YouTube video or a blog post, but two bills that, as of this writing, both houses of Congress are trying to pass.

The House of Representatives released in late Oct. 2011 the "Stop Online Privacy Act," or SOPA. The Senate introduced its sister bill months earlier, the "Preventing Real Online Threats to Economic Creativity and Theft of Intellectual Property Act," or PIPA. While several legislators and organizations support the bills, other organizations and major websites do not. Even the White House said it would veto it. Why? What is it about these bills that would cause websites used by millions of people everyday to not support these pieces of legislation?

In addition to combating counterfeit drugs, SOPA and PIPA were designed to tackle the monster that is copyright infringement. The U.S. Attorney General, after receiving proof that a website was violating the rights on a work of art, literature or film, would supposedly go after foreign websites in which piracy and copyright infringement run rampant. Effectively they would shut those sites down after cutting off their flow of money and the ability for search engines to locate them.

Supposedly U.S. websites, like YouTube for example, wouldn't be affected. But where does one draw the line? Take YouTube again. People from around the world post videos on there, and yes, some of those videos should be taken off the site. But some post videos of themselves or their children or friends singing or playing songs. I know, I'm one of them.

An aide to Texas Rep. Lamar Smith (Rep.), the creator of the bill, said those videos wouldn't be subject to SOPA scrutiny. However, it only takes one person to find some way in which said videos can fall under the umbrella of copyright infringement.

The language of the bills is another problem. The language is not clear, and is in some ways hypocritical, as it condones some pling attacks from hackers. Currently there are no breaks in the chain between a customer of Bremer Bank, for example, and its website, under DNSSEC. With

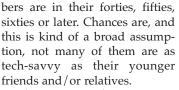
"While the idea of stopping piracy is memorable, it shouldn't be done at the expense of freedom and function." — Bryce Berginski

behaviors and makes others illegal. Some organizations believe that the bills will black-list websites and fail because those sites could easily come back again, in the same form or another, on the same IP address.

Some have also pointed out the bill will impact cyber-security negatively in ways it doesn't realize. One of the things it may do is negatively interact with DNSSEC, security extensions to a Domain Name Server, the domain name server and the security improvements made to it. They're designed to prevent users from going to spoof websites created by schemers, as well as prevent cripSOPA, some believe breaks will happen, and they will clash with how the Internet functions.

There's a third problem: who's pushing for it to be passed, and who's going to pass or fail it? By and large those pushing for its passing are lobbyists from the entertainment industry, specifically the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA).

These industries are behind the times in that they still rely on tangible media and concert ticket sales for profit. And for those in Congress, a majority of its mem-



The Internet should be an open forum for people from around the world to interact with each other. SOPA and PIPA will in some way stifle that. Some countries hate us because they think the U.S. is inclined to police the world. Those countries may hate us even more because SOPA and PIPA will give our government power to police the Internet.

While the idea of stopping piracy is memorable, it shouldn't be done at the expense of freedom and function. SOPA and PIPA should not only fail in Congress, but both need serious overhauls or a return to the drawing board.

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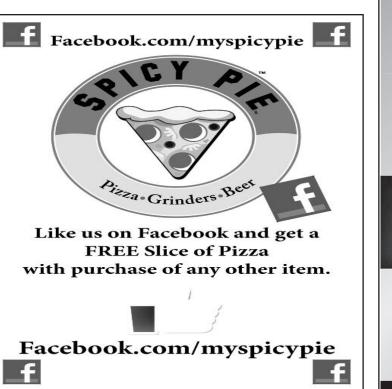
seem silly, but I truly believe that this strong cast makes up for some of those weaknesses in the storyline.

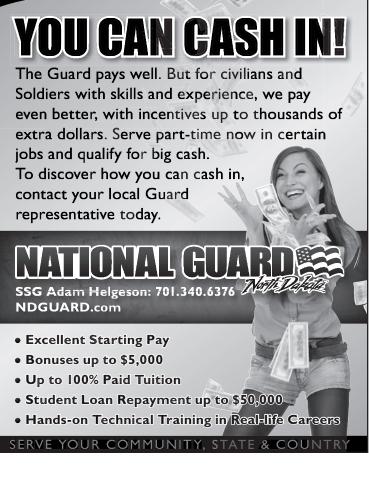
I enjoyed watching Mark Wahlberg's performance in this movie, as I did the other cast members. As for Mark's performance, I saw that he had done a terrific job with his role. In the scenes that featured Giovanni Ribisi, I personally thought that he was terrifying.

I heard that some people were disappointed that there was not some sort of final fight scene with Mark and Giovanni, but once again, this is not an action movie.

Despite the cons of this movie I believe the film is worth seeing. The acting is worth seeing, if not the story, and I hope people will give this movie a chance.

I personally rate "Contraband" 4 out of 5 beavers.





Tanner Larson

Columnist

and unpredictable year for the

video game industry. There was

the summer drought, the over-

loading holiday season and anoth-

er strong start to the year that set

choose from in 2011, it was very

difficult to cut this to a top ten list.

I had to decide from what seemed

like fifty games. Fifty! 2011 was

mentions that didn't quite make it,

but are still excellent in my eyes:

"LittleBigPlanet 2," "White Knight

Chronicles El Shaddai: Ascension

of the Metatron," "Bulletstorm"

good, but they couldn't trump the

Adventure" — Even though this

is a game that is meant to be

played with an accessory that eas-

ily can be lost sometimes, along

with the other toys it requires,

Skylanders was an intuitive reju-

venation that the Spyro series des-

perately needed. Feeling the

"Crash Bandicoot" effect, where

various different developers take

over the series for a year or so,

Spyro was getting stale quickly.

However, "Toys For Bob" and

"Vicarious Visions" did a fantastic

job in bringing Spyro back to the value he once had in 1998.

9. "Dead Space 2" - I'm not

known as the biggest survival hor-

ror fan, but this was probably one

of the few cases where the sequel

delivered above and beyond what

the original gave gamers in this

genre. The atmosphere of the first

game was scary enough so that

you couldn't tell when or where

an enemy would pop up while

going through it for the first time.

The sequel improved in the areas

where it needed to most, such as

the inventory menus, as well as

unpredictability in enemy loca-

tions. Just remember: in space, no

Welcome back, Spyro!

top ten, which is as follows:

Those five games are all very

10. "Skylanders: Spyro's

Here are just a few honorable

With such an elite list to

the bar very high.

that good of a year.

and "Dragon Age 2."

2011 was a wild, unexpected,

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quite a few upcoming rappers who continued to climb their way up the ladder of success with one solid album after another.

Nextly, which is totally a word by the way, we come to LMFAO's "Sexy and I Know It." This song replaces another big single of theirs from last semester's Top Ten list, "Party Rock Anthem." Basically, we all know this song is just awesome; c'mon, admit it.

Um, Kelly Clarkson is also on this list. Having not heard this song at all before, "What Doesn't Kill You (Stronger)," I gave it a quick listen just for this article. I literally just listened to it in between this sentence and the one before this. I must say, up until the two sentences prior, I had always pegged her as a country artist. It was a strange surprise to discover she is actually just a pop/pop-rock artist. You learn new things everyday!

Coming in a close third is Flo

Rida with "Good Feeling." This should, in fact, actually be Avicii with the song, "Levels," but for some reason Flo Rida just had to take Avicii's work of genius and just had to add a verse or two in it to try and make it "his" song. However, anyone who knows anything about electronic dance music is not easily fooled, and knows who owns the real props for the song.

Claiming the runner-up spot, David Guetta appears with the help of Nicki Minaj. Guetta is, hands down, one awesome

first music column, she was on top of the charts with "Someone Like You." Well, she hasn't yet left come this semester, as she still sits perched at the peak, this time with her single "Set Fire to the Rain." In that she also holds the top album spot, I'd say she's there to stay for a while longer.

The following songs compose today's top ten songs on iTunes' "Top Charts."

1. Adele - "Set Fire To The Rain"; Nov. 21, 2011.

2. David Guetta - "Turn Me On" (Ft. Nicki Minaj); Dec. 14, 2011.

3. Flo Rida – "Good Feeling"; Aug. 29, 2011.

4. Kelly Clarkson - "What Doesn't Kill You (Stronger)"; Jan. 16, 2012.

5. LMFAO - "Sexy and I Know It"; Sept. 16, 2011.

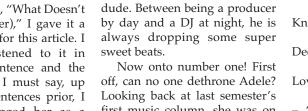
6. Tyga – "Rack City"; December 2, 2011.

7. Rihanna – "We Found Love"; Sept. 22, 2011.

8. Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa - "Young, Wild, & Free" (Ft. Bruno Mars); Oct. 11, 2011.

9. Jessie J - "Domino;" Aug. 29, 2011.

10. Bruno Mars - "It Will Rain;" Sept. 27, 2011.



ered are simply brilliant and creative, drawing the player into the world of Caelondia. If you haven't at least downloaded the trial, you're really doing yourself a dis-

6. "Rocksmith" — It's time to throw away the old, plastic Guitar Hero/Rock Band guitar and buy a real guitar. Why? Because that's your controller for this game. "Rocksmith" is the next definitive step in instructional learning for guitar players, or to-be guitar players in this case, because it uses either an electric guitar or acoustic guitar with an amplifier jack. If you thought Guitar Hero was "too easy" and are looking for a real challenge in your playing abilities, pick up "Rocksmith." I wasn't disappointed by it, and I'm sure you won't be either.

5. "Gears of War 3" -- All's well that ends well, isn't it? Epic See Games — Page 9

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one can hear you scream.

Top 10 games of 2011

8. "Minecraft" — I remember playing with Legos as a kid, and I always wondered how a video game with a world of Legos would work. While there have been games licensed by Lego in the past, none are quite like the building-block-like world of "Minecraft." With a fully customizable experience, this roleplaying game allows the player, or players, to make everything up as they see fit. When I say everything, I mean everything. "Minecraft" is on this list because of the way it presents itself and its nearly automatic playability from the get-go. I, as well as many others, look forward to what the future holds for "Minecraft."

7. "Bastion" — To me, this is the downloadable game of the year. "Bastion" is a fun and unique RPG that creates new paths up from under your feet - literally. You play as a protagonist simply named "The Kid," as the story is being told by Rucks, one of the main characters, in the third-person perspective as if the event had already occurred. This game's looks, sounds and how the story is delivservice as a gamer.



Sacarra Molina drives against South Dakota School of Mines Jan. 13. The Beavers knocked off the Hardrockers, 70-67, giving Sheila Green Gerding her 300th coaching victory.

Photo by Max Patzner

Beavers beat BHSU

one steal

Jordan Gilmour Sports Writer

The Minot State University Beavers men's basketball team went through the month of December achieving one win out of nine games.

MSU headed up north to Anchorage Alaska Dec. 1, 2 and 3 to take part in the AT&T Jamboree at the Wells Fargo Sports Complex. Minot State first faced off against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, losing by six points, 77-83. Yonas Behre led the Beavers in scoring with 23 points in a total of 33 minutes played in the contest. He also racked up six assists and

Next the Beavers took on the University of Alaska-Anchorage, and fell to a 40-82 loss. Josh Johnson scored nine points with one assist, two steals and two blocks on defence, to lead MSU in scoring.

Behre was named to the Dixie State Classic team. He became the second Beaver to be named to an All-tournament after Jonas Pollard.

On Dec. 7, the Beavers headed east to Moorhead, Minn. to face off with the Minnesota State University-Moorhead Dragons. The Beavers were again on the

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Lady Beavers cruising through season

Jordan Gilmour Sports Writer

the month During of December, the Minot State University Lady Beavers played six games, but only two here at the Dome.

They started in Moorhead, Minn. on the 7th, falling to the MSU-Moorhead Dragons 55-71. The Lady Beavers shot for a total of 33.9 percent in field-goal range, 27.8 percent beyond the arc and 62.5 percent free throws. Sacarra Molina led Minot State in scoring with 13 points and a total of 34 minutes.

On Dec. 11, the team faced off against the Valley City State University Vikings, taking the W, 66-52. The Lady Beavers shot 41.1 percent for the field goal, 38.1 percent from the behind the threepoint line and 60 percent from the free-throw line. Sophomore Christina Boag led the team in scoring, when all was said and done, with 21 points and seven assists.

Soon after, MSU hit the road west to the MSU-Northern Holiday Classic hosted by the Montana State University-Northern Skylights. The Lady Beavers recorded one win and two losses in the invitational; a 52-47 win over Carroll College, 63-66 loss to the University of Great Falls and a loss to host MSU-Northern, 61-69.

The return to the Dome has been a great one as the Lady Beavers netted three straight wins. They took the first over Jamestown College by a romping score of 96-74. Australian native Carly Boag led MSU with 22 points, four assists and 25 minutes of playing time.

Shooting 53.6 percent as a team, MSU got back over .500 for the second time this year. Following the former NAIA showdown, coach Green-Gerding's squad took on the Hardrockers of the South Dakota School Of Mines and Technology. Senior guard April Nakatani sealed the 70-67 win with a last second three pointer.

The Lady Beavers ended their three-game home stint with a destruction of the Black Hills State University Yellow Jackets 83-47. In the win, 6-2 forward Carly Boag led once again with a 23- point night. She also was perfect from the free-throw line, going 7-7 on the night.

Last Tuesday, the Minot State women's team was in Aberdeen South Dakota for an NCAA D II showdown with Northern State University. NSU started the game on a 19-8 run and did not look back, topping MSU 81-61 at Wachs Arena. Nakatani led the team in scoring with 15 points in the loss. The Lady Beavers' season record is 10 wins and 8 losses.

The Lady Beavers take on the University of Sioux Falls tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in the Dome during Military Appreciation Night and Saturday at 4 p.m.

Coach Green Gerding achieves 300 wins

The weekend of Jan. 13 and 14 was pretty special for the

Minot State University Women's Basketball team and its head coach Sheila



Green Green Gerding Gerding.

With a win over South Dakota Mines on Jan. 13, Green Gerding picked up career-win No. 300.

The women's team earned the 500th win in the program's history, beating Black Hills State University Jan. 14.

Green Gerding has been with the MSU program 17 years.

Minot State

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President Fuller Announces Spring 2012 Office Hours for Students

Tuesday, Jan. 31 3 - 4:30 р.м.

Thursday, Feb. 9 9 - 10:30 а.м.

Monday, March 5 3 - 4:30 р.м.

Wednesday, April 4 9 - 10:30 а.м.

Friday, May 4 **1 – 2:30** р.м.

Students are encouraged to stop by the President's office, located on the 2nd floor of the Administration building, during the times listed and visit with the President about substantive issues that affect them and the University. No appointment is necessary.

Posted times are subject to change and will be updated if needed.



Sports



Photo by Max Patzner Chris East (No. 11) dunks the ball during the Jan. 14 game in the Dome. MSU defeated Black Hills State, 73-66.

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losing end, falling 60-68. Minot State led at half time 29-26, but couldn't hold on. Johnson led the Beavers in scoring, potting 19 points with five rebounds and two steals. Adam Randall was close behind Johnson scoring 17 points and adding four rebounds to his statistics.

Next was the Westminster College Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Beavers played host Westminster College on Dec. 16, falling short 74-87. The big man, Johnson, scored 19 points with one block and one steal to lead Minot State on the scoring side of things.

The next night, MSU faced off against Rocky Mountain College. RMC stole the game with 18 seconds left, 66-68. Behre and Chris East both led the Beavers in scoring, tallying 14 points apiece.

The 2011 Wesmen Classic Dec. 28 – 30 was north of the border in Winnipeg, Manitoba. There Minot State faced off against British Columbia-Okanagan, the University of Northern British Columbia and Keyano College. MSU lost 61-64 and 52-70 respectively, and then won big, 105-75.

Upon the Beavers' return to Minot on Jan. 13, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology waited for them at the Dome. MSU fell by 13, 60-73. On this night, Jonas Pollard led the Beavs in scoring by cashing 14 points with one assist in 37 minutes of playing time.

The next night, MSU got back to winning ways as they defeated Black Hills State University by a score of 73-66.

Again, Pollard led the team in scoring (14), followed very closely by Johnson who scored 13 points. Five players ended out the night in double-figures.

The next action for men's basketball is tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Dome, as they take on the University of Sioux Falls.

MSU runners on 'track' Indoor Track and Field season underway

Michelle Walling Sports Writer

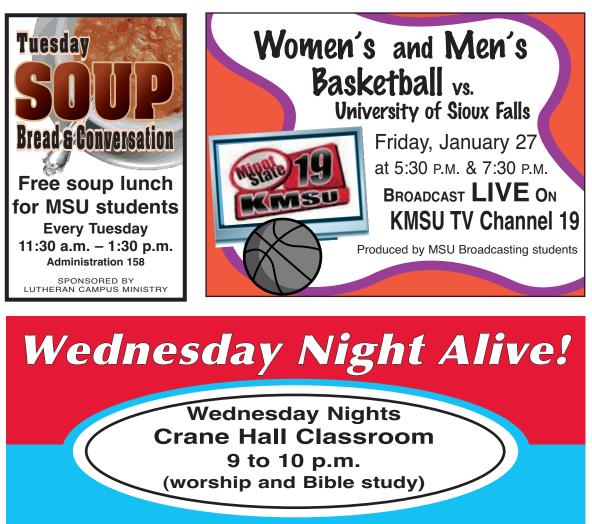
These past two track and field meets have put Minot State University's athletes in great positions for the spring 2012 season. Although only two of five meets have taken place so far, it is fair to say that MSU is already becoming a team that no one should overlook.

This season began with the Super 8 Invitational in Bemidji, Minn., hosted by rival Beavers on Jan. 14. There MSU took first place in five events, second place four times, and third place in three events. Ten of our athletes beat their previous best marks that day as well.

"We are steadily improving," MSU head coach Stu Melby noted. "We will need to keep doing that as we go forward, but this was a good start." The next meet took place on Jan. 21 in Aberdeen, S.D. The Northern State University Triangular proved extremely victorious for MSU, including 17 personal records beaten and three new season bests attained. Sophomore Courtney Schall (distance) ran a personal best of 10:04:87, shattering the stadium's former record, set at 10:19:20 by Jessie Palczewski of Black Hills State in 2003. Schall thus raised the bar for future 3K competitors at Bartnett Stadium.

"We really were looking for improvements in the marks and we got that," Melby said of MSU's outstanding performance. "Everyone worked hard and has a great attitude, and there is some excitement with the kids and that showed today."

MSU will compete again Saturday at the Concordia College Open in Moorhead, Minn.



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Flashback

This article was published on May 22, 1963 (Volume 42, Number 11). At that time, the utility tunnels underneath campus were open for student use. Minot State was "Minot State Teacher's College," and Model Hall was "Campus School," a working high school for student teachers. Note that even then, Main was known as "Old" Main.

Neither Snow nor Sleet ...

Students ask shelter from sleet and snow in the tunnels at MSTC. This underground network joins buildings such as Campus School, Old Main, Pioneer Hall and Dakota Hall. These tunnels serve various purposes.

Take a rainy day for instance; these heated halls are ideal. A good puddle jumper can reach Campus School as quickly as he

Jamie Council

Staff Writer

Minot State University may have

seen shirts that read "Epic Fail"

and don't get the joke. Don't

worry about it. It's an MSU

History Club thing. Many people

don't know that Minot State even

has a history club, or what it

does. For one, they built a replica

of a medieval death machine, a

trebuchet.

Many students or staff at

would by running outside. If he is adept at dodging drops from the leaky ceiling, he'll even arrive dry.

How many schools have sunken steambaths? That often is the feeling one gets in the tunnel when the water-filled pipes heat the damp air. Besides amply heating the tunnels, these huge pipes heat all the campus buildings.

Underground pathways meet the needs of people who don't bother with coats. Their solution is simply to submerge in to this lower level. A dorm resident could go an entire winter without wearing a coat to class.

"Spooky," exclaimed senior Cleo Krapp when reminded of the tunnels. Cleo relates her experience of travelling the cemented path from Campus School to Old Main, loaded with books. Cleo, unaccustomed to tunnel travel, was bewildered when a little rascal turned out the lights. Feeling her way along the walls and pipes seemed hopeless. Finally, a friend found Cleo and led her by the hand through the unfamiliar blackness.

"A gas mask is what you need in the tunnel when its being cleaned," remarked sophomore Paul Schneider. The dusty fog results from sweeping of upper level dirt.

Crickets chirp, too! The tunnels also house these noisy insects which annoy or amuse a passer-by, depending upon his mood.

One could say these various things add color to the campus tunnels. They may be hot, steamy, and leaky, but nobody complains about these handy hallways on blizzard days.

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Games' highly-violent trilogy comes to a close with Delta Squad as the main focus in the story. It seems as if everything about this game was improved, from explaining certain plot questions to multiplayer issues. A new variety of weapons to choose from doesn't hurt either, so take a look at what you have in your arsenal before taking it to the Locust for one more round. If the Gears franchise has taught me anything, "it never ends." Look for a new installment sometime within the next two or three years. However, just expect some new faces.

4. "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3" — Now, before anyone calls me a hypocrite after playing and bashing "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2," let me say this: MW2 left us with a cliffhanger ending, which I have nothing against, but there were so many plot holes and bugs with the game, that it felt virtually unplayable. MW3 explained some of those story questions that I had, while providing a fun, exhilarating experience similar to that of a Michael Bay film. Maybe I was just thinking too much about the first installment last time around, that I put it too much in perspective. Either way, it's a great game to just pick up and play after a long day.

3. "L.A. Noire" — Rockstar Games didn't quite hit this one out of the park, but that doesn't stop it from getting a nod into the top ten. The missions and story are very thorough and well-planned out, much like its counterparts "Red Dead Redemption" and "Grand Theft Auto," both made by Rockstar Games, as well. While being more tame than RDR and GTA, the focus is more on upholding the law and uncovering different mysteries and murders that have taken place. For the first game to be shown at the Tribeca Film Festival, this shows a lot of promise for the future of the industry.

2. "The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim" — At first, I hated how I was constantly bombarded by fellow fans of the Elder Scrolls series on how monumental the release will be. Once I got my hands on it, I saw how much hype this game was getting. However, this is not the game of the year because of the dreaded, awful word that developers hate to hear: bugs. The game was buggy at points, but strangely, it did not hurt the experience I had overall. In fact, it kind of improved it for some reason.

If you fancy yourself to be an adventurer or are a fan of fantasy games, don't question yourself on making a purchase and take Nike's advice: Just Do It.

1. "Batman: Arkham City" — "Batman: Arkham Asylum" was a lot of fun. I mean, almost game of the year fun, but it was too ... short. Enter the sequel, "Batman: Arkham City." There's more to do, the story lasts a lot longer, and there are more side-quests and riddles to endure in. Not to mention the great tie-in to the Catwoman subplot, where you're performing heists at different times in the main plot. The combat doesn't seems to be as slow as "Arkham Asylum" was either, where you are constantly outnumbered and out-gunned by the city's insane inhabitants. "Arkham City" may have been Mark Hamill's last performance as The Joker, but that won't stop me from playing the story over and over again.

Ladies and gentlemen, "Batman: Arkham City" is the Red & Green's Game of 2011.

"We wanted to build one just for us because we thought it would be cool for the History Department to have a trebuchet. It has a lot of historical significance," history club co-president Leah Ronholdt said. "But then we also want to incorporate it into Homecoming Week, mixing history with homecoming. We also plan on using it for our upcoming After Dark event."

History Club builds medieval catapult

The history club hopes to use it as a symbol of the club and another strange addition to the resources of MSU.

But what exactly is a trebuchet? This French medieval death machine is what evolved from the ancient catapult. It was the prime weapon of choice in the 1300s to bring down a fortress.

With arms of up to 50 feet in length, the trebuchet can throw a projectile of 300 pounds distances of up to 350 yards. It is complete with a sling at the end of the arm where users place the

projectile. Without the sling, the projectile would only achieve half the distance.

"Ours is about six feet tall, and six or seven feet long. It's too big for us to have on campus," Ronholdt said. "It's huge. It weighs about 600 pounds. It can throw an object about the length of the football field."

However, they don't plan on using it for evil, such as destroying Hartnett Hall. There are many other functions of the trebuchet, such as launching t-shirts or other prizes at events.

For their upcoming MSU After Dark event, the history club plans to launch small pumpkins.

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"I was very nervous about the trip because it was my first big competition," Luza said. "There were so many good musicians that I made a deal with myself to show the judges how much I care for, love the music and enjoy playing. I am glad that went through to the judges because my meanings were commented on in the notes I got back."

News and Sports

Student Government Association minutes

From the Dec. 5, 2011, meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll was taken. Absent: Patrick Cronin, Desmond Ho, Phillip Streccius Excused:

Minutes from the 11-21-11 meeting were reviewed. President Max Buchholz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Trey Welstad moved to approve the minutes. Lindsey Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Trey Welstad reported that the Student Government Association account has \$10,545.80, Student Activities account has \$26,725.03, and Intramurals currently has \$7,401.42

Secretary Lisa Brule reported that an email will be sent out to senators who have missed two or more meetings. If you know you will be absent please send a proxy; please send a proxy to your committee meetings as well.

Co-Directors of Intramurals Jerad Schumaier and Wyatt Urbanski did not have anything to report. Director of State Affairs Rebecca Ryan reported the next NDSA is Jan. 20 and 21. Please attend if you are able to so we have a full delegation.

Director of Public Relations Bethany Leyrer reported that the Christmas card is almost finished. She is also looking for snowflake making helpers.

Co-Directors of Entertainment Aaron Hughes and Camilla Oliveira reported there is karaoke this week. Volunteers will also be needed Wednesday night to prepare for tie blankets.

Vice president Stetson Sannes reported that he is looking at jackets for the senators. This year we will look for a new color for the jackets.

President Max Buchholz congratulated Breanna Benson on the intern position for entertainment. A constitution meeting has been set up for the end of Christmas break. The constitution will be reformatted for relevancy and utility.

Staff Senate Representative Linda Benson reported that judging for the holiday decorating will be next week.

Adviser Leon Perzinski reported that the company who does the MSU branding will be on campus next week. Anyone who has input is invited to attend the meeting

Thursday at 1:30 p.m. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning and Budgeting — Cassie Neuharth reported that the organization talked about vision 2013 and what the next vision will look like. The group discussed what we are looking for as an institution. The committee is also requesting that SGA be more involved in this committee and promote awareness of our schools vision.

Assessment Committee — Amber Penrose reported that the committee is currently looking for a new chair. Assessment day has been moved to March 6 from March 8.

Sustainability Committee — Lisa Brule reported that there will be a Green Out January 14th at the men and women's basketball game. The theme will be sustainability through recycling plastic bottles and the paper programs. SGA representatives are being asked to volunteer to help with recycling.

Finance Committee — Trey reported that they were introduced to fees and discussed fee changes. There will be another meeting next week to approve or deny the new fee changes.

Focus group for advising — Anthony Anderson reported



about the positive progress that was made at the meeting.

Dean meeting — Allyson Parrill met with the dean of Education and Health sciences.

Grade Consortium — Amy Olson reported that the committee met last week and discussed the technological side of posting grades online, the question of using blackboard or campus connection is the main point of discussion. There will be another meeting Friday morning at 11 a.m.

Parking Consortium — Jordan Kluck reported that a special guest came in to discuss parking issues. Parking ramps and extra parking spots were discussed.

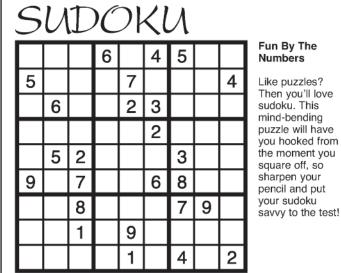
UNFINISHED BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

Winter Parking — It was discussed to have a date chosen to have parking lots emptied so plant can do proper snow removal. Camilla Oliveira will discuss a date for snow removal with Roger Kluck.

Senator of the Month — The senator of the month for November is Cassie Neuharth. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Office decorating and the Christmas party will be after the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Brule SGA Secretary



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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Public Notice

On February 16 and 17, 2012, the Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) will visit the Department of Communication Disorders at Minot State University to review the master's program in Speech-Language Pathology.

A consumer meeting will be held at 4:15 p.m., Feb. 16, in Memorial Hall 114 in which the public is invited to meet with the Site Team to give comments about the program.

Written comments also can be submitted at least two weeks before the meeting to Accreditation Public Comment, Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), 2200 Research Boulevard #310, Rockville, MD, 20850. Electronic comments can be sent to accreditation@asha.org or faxed to 301-296-8570.

A copy of the CAA's Policy on Public Comment may be obtained at the above address or by calling ASHA's Action Center at 800-498-2071. The policy is also available at the following website: http://asha.org/about/crede ntialing/accreditation/.

Local inquiries about the process can be directed to Ms. Leisa Harmon, Minot State University, Dept. of Communication Disorders, Memorial Hall 116, Minot N.D. 58707, or by calling 701-858-3057.

'The Vagina Monologues' Feb. 2-4 Black Box Theatre \$10



AN ENERGETIC MASH UP OF LATIN. REGGAE. & HIP/HOP THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND AT 7:00 PM IN THE MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY BEAVER DAM FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC