



Photo by Max Patzner

Brittany Armstrong as 20-year-old Molly (left), Daniel Johnson as Jake (center) and Khristy Anderson as 12-year-old Molly rehearse for their upcoming performance of "Jake's Women." The play begins tonight at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

'Jake's Women' premieres tonight

Michelle Walling
Staff Writer

Our Minot State University campus presents some of the community's best and favorite plays. Paula Lindekugel-Willis, MSU communication arts instructor, looks forward to adding to our school's theater repertoire with this year's rendition of Neil Simon's "Jake's Women."

At the beginning of the play, we see Jake, the main protagonist, a talented man and writer. His current wife suddenly accuses him of not being able to let go of his deceased wife. By the end of the first act, we realize that he has lost control of his life. However, as Act 2 draws to a close, Jake finally finds answers. He is growing increasingly introspective and beginning to realize things that he had previously overlooked.

Originally written by playwright Simon in the early 1990s, the play takes place in New York from 1962 to 1991. Scenes alternate between Jake's office and living room. Despite the limited scenery, and with help from the sporadic time period, Jake's story of self-discovery "is a unique mix between fantasy, memory and reality," Lindekugel-Willis said.

"Many times the main character breaks through what we call the 'fourth wall' (the imaginary wall between the actors and audience). He does this by talking directly to the audience members, conversing with them or asking them questions ... although not a verbal exchange. It makes for an interesting and at times humorous experience," she said.

Lindekugel-Willis noted Jake's character development.

"You can identify very easily with him, both physically and emotionally."

The play's all-star cast consists of Daniel Johnson as Jake, Jill Bechtold as Jake's wife, Maggie, Penny Lipsey as Jake's sister, Karen, Khristy Anderson as 12-year-old Molly and Brittany Armstrong as 20-year-old Molly, Tiffany Tooley as Jake's therapist, Edith, Jenny Castro as Julie (Jake's deceased wife) and Kelsey MacNaughton as Sheila, Jake's current and on-the-side girlfriend.

The show opens in Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall tonight. It runs through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free with a current school ID for MSU students, faculty and staff. To reserve a ticket, call 858-3172.



Photo by Amber Penrose

MSU students (from the left) Martin Adamu-Koto, Glenn Clarke, Sharonda Fudge, Joe Davis, Tina Blackmon and Rodriguez Blackmon participate in a discussion panel last week as part of Black History Month. Students discussed black cultural experiences.

MSU celebrates history with Black Jubilation

Anthony Anderson
Editor

The Black Student Association's celebration of Black History Month will conclude Feb. 25 with a Black History Month Jubilation in Old Main's Nelson Hall at 6 p.m.

According to Joe Davis, Minot State University BSA president, Black History Month is about "recognizing the accomplishments of blacks throughout history, all over the world."

The event began in 1926 as Negro History Week and expanded to Black History Month in 1976 under the leadership of President Gerald R. Ford.

The BSA has held events all through February in recognition of Black History Month, including a student panel in the Beaver Dam, musical performances, poetry readings and screenings of films such as "The Color Purple," "Blood Diamond," "American

History X" and "Precious."

The final event will cap off the month by recognizing the spectrum of cultures and colors represented at Minot State University.

Speakers at the Jubilation will include MSU senior Fernando Montenegro, originally from Bolivia, MSU instructors Rick Watson and Daniel Ngugi, and Mac McLeod, director of the Minot Area Homeless Coalition.

"Mac was there doing the first experiences of the civil rights movement," Davis said. "The riots, segregation, he was right there in the middle of it."

Davis stresses that even though the event is a Black History Month Jubilation, everyone should feel welcome to attend.

"It's for everyone," he said. "It's not just black history or white history, it's just history ... (This event) really exemplifies the multi-cultural nature of our campus and our community."

Voices on Campus

“What do you like to read in the Red & Green?”

Amber Penrose
Photographer



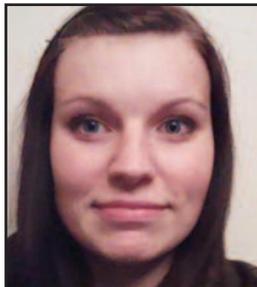
Brandyn Hansen
Marketing, International Business

“The movie reviews! I hear one of the columnists is like a genius or something.”



Breanna Benson
Elementary Education

“I like to read the reviews for movies, music and theater. I also enjoy reading the student spotlight each week”



Kelsey MacNaughton
Accounting, Finance, International Business

“I look forward to the student spotlight in each issue because I like to read about what current students are doing to make a difference.”



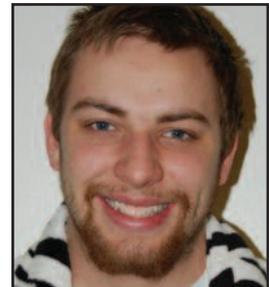
Jeremy Johnston
Elementary Education

“Voices on Campus, because I like to see what everyone's opinion is on the topic for that week. I also like the sports pages to see how MSU is competing with other schools.”



Corinne Gautron
Athletic Training

“I look forward to the sports pages each week because it provides me with the highlights from games I missed”



Roger Herrmann
Aerospace Engineering

“The first thing I look for each week is the letters to the editor.”

News in brief

TRIO awareness luncheon tomorrow

The POWER Center invites all MSU students, faculty and staff to attend a TRIO Awareness Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. During the luncheon, POWER Center staff will discuss their program and its mission.

New bachelor degree presentations

The Marketing Office will host “Be in the Know - New Bachelor's Degree Programs” on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. in Aleshire Theater. The event will feature presentations by three MSU instructors on three new majors at Minot State – Paul Lepp on bioinformatics, Frank Moseley on energy economics and finance, and Clarine Sandstrom on early childhood education.

Comedic motivational speaker to perform

Elaine Williams, a comedic motivational speaker, will perform in the Aleshire Theater on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. Williams, a victim of emotional and sexual abuse, was once a bulimic who abused her body with food and substances. She turned her life around and today spreads her message through comedy, showing that food and drugs are not the way to happiness.

Ensemble concerts Feb. 27 and 28

The MSU Music Department will present a small ensembles concert on Monday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall. The musical families represented will include strings, woodwinds and brass.

The MSU Percussion Ensemble will perform Tuesday, Feb. 28, at

7:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall. The event will feature the percussion ensemble, the marimba ensemble and a special guest appearance by the Minot High School Magi Drum Line.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

Paris faculty lecture

Eric Furuseth, MSU humanities instructor, will present a lecture titled “Midnight and Noon in Paris: Brother Eric returns to the City of Light” on Wednesday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. The lecture will explore Furuseth's 2011 sojourn to Paris, his first visit to the city since 1972.

Ceramics workshop

Guillermo Guardia, an artist from Grand Forks, N.D., will host a ceramics demonstration and workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 29, at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Pioneer Hall ceramics studio.

Résumé clinic

The Student Success Center is sponsoring a “Résumé Check-up Clinic” on Thursday, March 1 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. All students are invited to come and learn the basics of getting and keeping a résumé up to scratch.

Nelly's Echo to perform next week

Nelson “Nelly” Emokpae, a musical artist from Nigeria, will perform on Thursday, March 1, in the Beaver Dam at noon. Emokpae's performance is a unique blend of soul, reggae and blues. Sometimes compared to Seal and Sting, with a dash of John Mayer, Emokpae fuses calypso, Afro-beat and soul into an unforgettable musical experience.

Today in History

- 303:** The Roman Emperor Diocletian orders the general persecution of Christians.
- 1886:** The first classified ad is published in the London Times.
- 1892:** The first college student government association is formed at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania.
- 1896:** The tootsie roll debuts.
- 1904:** The U.S. buys control of the Panama Canal for \$10 million.
- 1945:** Marines raise the flag on Iwo Jima.
- 1954:** The first mass inoculation using the Salk polio vaccine.
- 1997:** Scientists announce the successful cloning of an adult female sheep, Dolly.

(Courtesy of brainyhistory.com)

Student Spotlight

Rachelle Brown

Anthony Anderson
Editor

Everyone has a mission in life – to teach, to write, to do or create or build. Minot State University sophomore Rachelle Brown describes her mission as “helping others.”

Not surprisingly, Brown is a nursing major.

“I love helping people,” she said. “Saving lives is probably the best way to do that.”

Though she is certain that she wants to be a nurse, Brown isn’t sure of what specialty to pursue. She is wavering between pediatrics and maternity nursing.

“Out of all the spectrum of people, kids are the most hopeful and happy. I just like being around them,” she said.

Brown said that outside of academics, she also spends most of her free time on campus in one capacity or another. She’s an RA in Lura Manor, serves with the Resident Hall Association, and works in the Office of Enrollment Services as a student ambassador

“It all goes back to helping people...”

– Rachelle Brown

and a recruiter’s assistant.

Though being an RA is admittedly not without its challenges, Brown said she thoroughly enjoys it.

“It’s something I like to do. I guess I just like being around people and helping people.”

As vice-president of the Residence Hall Association, Brown is deeply involved in planning many different events on campus. She recently attended MACURH, the Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, in Nebraska.

“It was a lot of fun,” she said of the conference. “We got to meet with people from all over the region, and learn about how they are handling the same problems we have, and what kinds of things they are doing (in their residence



halls).”

As a student ambassador and a recruiter’s assistant, Brown has a variety of duties.

“I give tours, call perspective students, get packets ready for the recruiters ... I actually had a student email me with a question the other day! It was very exciting.”

Through the student ambassadors, Brown gets involved with an assortment of events and programs, both on and off campus. She has volunteered at countless events, ranging from the MSU Gala, to the North Dakota Pheasants for the Future banquet.

“It all goes back to helping people,” the sophomore said. “I like to make an effort in the community to make a difference.”

Student fees to increase by \$44/year

Roy Whyte
Staff Writer

Student fees for next year are set to increase. Minot State University students will pay \$22 more per semester; \$44 more per year.

Brian Foisy, vice president for administration and finance, answered some of the questions most students will have.

“When we raise student fees, we are only allowed to raise them a certain amount,” Foisy said. “We have a cap on fee increases, and if we pass the amount, we are not allowed to keep all of the increases.” This was the case this year.

There are many reasons why or why not to give increases to all the areas that request one.

“It depends on whether or not students utilize the area and, if they don’t, then maybe student

fees aren’t the best place to get the money,” Foisy said. “There could also be more money left in the area, or there could just be a more necessary area to increase. Not every area that asks for more money always gets it.”

Increasing student fees is a long process that starts with a student service or activity writing up a proposal and submitting it to the MSU Finance Committee. That committee consists of four student representatives and four faculty members. The faculty members are Foisy, Lenore Koczon, vice president for academic affairs, Rick Hedberg, athletic director and Dick Jenkins, vice president for student affairs. The students and faculty have equal votes at these meetings.

The Student Government

Association approved the fee increases at its Jan. 23 meeting.

The last step is, the North Dakota State Board of Education has to approve all changes. At any point during this process, the changes could be turned down and that would be the end of that request.

MSU student fees for next year increased in three major areas. The largest one is the Student Wellness Center fee. The center is not open yet, but officials and students are already working on ways to pay for it.

“It’s a big center and they are just not certain about how much it’s going to need to operate, so they would like to have some money built up before it even opens,” Foisy said.

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CoB students raise money for flood relief

Zac Demers
Comm 281

The College of Business leadership class is launching a project related to the flood called Students supporting Students, or SOS. The team responsible for the project consists of business students Camila Van Dyke, Ellen Fenner, Aaron Cummings and Deanna Mitchell, and is under the guidance of Business instructor Jay Wahlund.

The group decided to take on the project after realizing how devastating the 2011 flood was to community members and MSU students in particular. They also recognize that, because of recent increases in the area, some students need help more than ever.

The program will offer assistance to students affected by the flood — but, before the business class can help, students directly harmed by the flood need to send in an e-mail explaining how the flood impacted them.

“We want to help students affected by the flood,” Fenner said. “The reason for the story is to prove they were actually students affected by the flood. We

hope to distribute funds to everyone who tells us what happened to them.”

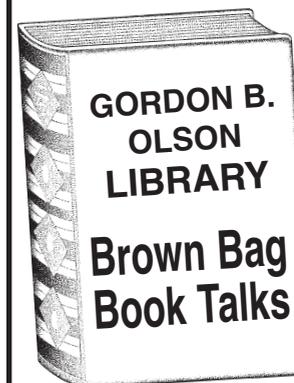
In addition to the main goal of helping students rebuild after the flood, this project is also building leadership qualities.

“It’s important as leaders to do our best to help (others),” Van Dyke said.

“We wanted to continue that support and awareness and keep that assistance for them available,” Fenner said.

According to Cummings, the SOS team hopes that local businesses and individuals will be generous in giving to the project. The funds will go towards purchasing grocery gift cards, which will be awarded in a presentation in the spring. The group hopes that they will be able to raise enough donations to provide help to every student that applies.

The SOS team encourages all students impacted by the flood to contact them at sos@minotstateu.edu. Students should submit their name, address, phone number and a brief explanation of their situation in the email.



Brown Bag Book Talk

Featuring
Draza Markovic,
Physics
discussing the book
“Civilization: The West and the Rest”
by Niall Ferguson

Friday, Feb. 24

12–12:45 p.m., Olson Library, lower level

You do not need to read the book in order to attend. Feel free to bring your lunch. All students, faculty and staff are invited.

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Accountability is the name of the game

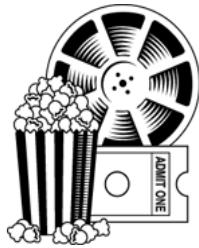
A recent audit at Dickinson State University revealed that hundreds of international students were awarded degrees for which they did not meet the requirements.

In recent days, certain, messier complications have also started to appear, particularly the suicide of Douglas LaPlante, the university's dean of education, business and applied sciences. (DSU claims that he did not know of the audit before he committed suicide.)

First of all, we must offer our condolences to the students, staff and faculty of DSU. Secondly, we must state our solidarity with them - these incidents have cast an unfortunate light over a very high-caliber institution. The words "diploma mill" have been attached to the story in the news - this is very unfortunate and really not the case.

Thirdly, we must insist upon accountability for those who may have done more than make human mistakes. We hope this is not the case, but if it is, then we can only hope the responsible parties will face the proper consequences.

Overall, this is an unfortunate black eye for a fine institution. It is critical to own up (if need be), and continue to move forward.

**On Movies**

Alex Nelson
Columnist

I almost had mixed emotions before the movie started to play, as part of me was excited and the other half of myself thought I was going to be bored and not impressed. In the end, I was impressed.

"Safe House" is an action thriller directed by Daniel Espinosa and filmed in Cape Town, South Africa. The movie stars Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds, Vera Farmiga, Brendan

'Safe House' (wasn't sold out this weekend)

Gleeson and Sam Shepard. The plot is about a rogue CIA agent named Tobin Frost (Washington) who has spent nine years selling the CIA's top secret information to the highest bidder. After buying a device that has a lot of information, he is hunted down by a hired gunman named Vargas and his men. To survive, he is forced to give himself up to the American embassy in Capetown.

Meanwhile a young CIA agent, Matt Weston (Reynolds), has the position of waiting for potential "guests" that come to the safe house. So far none has arrived, and Weston is becoming restless. He wants a transfer to Paris,

France, where his girlfriend resides. Due to Weston's limited field experience, his transfer is put on hold. He is about to get more experience as the "guest" that comes with armed CIA personnel is none other than Tobin Frost.

While agents interrogate Frost, the safe house comes under attack by Vargas and his group. The attack leaves Weston and Frost as the only two survivors. The two men manage to escape but, as Weston tries to get help, the CIA tells him to stay off the grid and go to the nearest safe house.

Back at Langley, three agents, David Barlow (Gleeson), Catharine Linklater (Farmiga) and

the CIA director Harlan Whitford try to figure out how to get Weston and Frost out of South Africa. As Weston is doing everything he can to protect Frost and bring him into custody, he realizes that Frost may be the only person he can truly trust.

I did not know what to expect from this film, as most movies that bring out a lot of hype tend not to be as good as people hoped. After seeing this, however, I felt that the film did live up at least to most of its expectations. I felt the acting was indeed good; everyone played their part well. You can't go wrong with

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**On Music**

Ward Lamon
Columnist

In earth's water cycle, particularly right before the process of precipitation, water droplets come together and form into larger drops. These drops, once formed, accumulate to bring about a downpour of rain. I mention all this because, similarly, I'm about to send a deluge of information on rock music your way. Consider this column one of those small, individual rain clouds in cartoons

This column rocks! ... no, literally

which suddenly appear from nowhere on a bright sunny day to just drench you with rain.

We'll start with Foxy Shazam, a band that took me by complete surprise with its newest album. Upon discovering them, I found out that each and every one of their albums had a completely different sound, having put out everything from experimental hardcore to pop/alt. rock, to an early rock sound, in no particular order. I did not see an 80s glam rock album coming my way. Nonetheless, in shocked awe, I found myself plunged into a nostalgic 80s mood.

Along with them, I next came

to find out about their current touring band, The Darkness, who I instantly recognized. Both of these bands have helped assure me beyond the shadow of a doubt that the signature 80s rock sound has by no means died. If you use the Spotify music player, be sure to check out this week's playlist as it will definitely include works from both these bands.

Next, I must give a shoutout to Attack Attack!'s new album. Their debut album, "Someday Came Suddenly" was/is my personal favorite, but their second, self-titled one didn't seem to compare in my books. I had more closely followed former vocalist Austin

Carlile over to Of Mice and Men, but then Attack Attack! took me by surprise with its release on Jan. 17. I still hold "Someday Came Suddenly" as my favorite, but their new one, "This Means War," comes right behind that album for me.

Moving right along to more local news, we will have Righteous Vendetta here in Minot at the Pangea House. They are playing only two days from now on Saturday, Feb. 25. Opening for them will be a band that hails from Ellendale, For the Few. Who I Am will also be playing in the midst of a busy touring schedule

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Letter to the editor:

Retiring Fighting Sioux name and logo is in UND's best interests

During a special meeting of the State Board of Higher Education held on February 13, 2012, the Board asked North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem to seek a declaratory opinion from the state Supreme Court as to the constitutionality of the law passed by the state legislature last April requiring that the University of North Dakota's official name and logo be the Fighting Sioux. Critics of the Board and the University System have suggested that the Board's action is a power grab intended to infringe upon the referral process and the voting rights of the people inherent in that process.

The State Board of Higher Education was constitutionally established in 1938 to remove the oversight of the state's universities and colleges from the political process and place them under the control of an appointed Board of Higher Education. The process of appropriating funds to operate the institutions remained with the legislature. Although this constitutionally established governance of higher education has resulted in periodic friction between the Board and the legislative and executive branches, it has produced a state university system that is recognized as one of the finest in the United States when compared to national metrics including efficient use of taxpayer dollars, affordability, access, student satisfaction, graduate satisfaction, workforce training, employers satisfaction, graduation/retention rates or student's performance on national exams.

The Board of Higher Education is appointed by the Governor to set governance and academic policy for North Dakota's 11 institutions. Once

appointed, Board members take an oath to uphold the state constitution. Just as a governor, legislator or other state official swears to follow the constitution in exercising their office, Board members are sworn to act in the best interest of our universities and colleges. Regarding the Fighting Sioux issue, our oath requires us to act in the best interest of UND, its athletic program and its student athletes. This means it is our duty as the Board of Higher Education to challenge the constitutionality of a law that damages UND, even if the result of such a challenge may negate a statewide vote.

Those who have carefully examined the arguments presented by both sides of the issue and specifically the NCAA sanctions and what effect they have and will have on UND's student athletes have concluded that the name and logo must be retired. This group now includes the Governor, a significant majority of the legislature, the attorney general, the Board of Higher Education, UND administration, the UND athletic department and all UND coaches, the UND alumni association, faculty, staff and students. In the coming months, you will hear these groups outline the reasons they believe it is necessary to retire the name and logo. Those who truly support UND, both its academics and its athletics, will listen carefully to these voices and measure them against those who have may have placed their affection for a beloved nickname and logo ahead of the institution itself and its student athletes.

Grant Shaft,
President,
State Board of Higher Education

Yes, it's probably for the best if the nickname is retired

Bryce Berginski
Assistant Editor



For more than 80 years, the University of North Dakota had a nickname, the Fighting Sioux. However, its nickname has been extremely controversial, and the issue of changing or keeping it even more so.

In the 1930's, UND changed its nickname from the seemingly less intimidating Flickertails (a type of squirrel) to the Fighting Sioux. For 40 years, critics have pointed out that the name is offensive to Native Americans, and the NCAA agrees.

In fact, in 2005, the NCAA was going to prevent not just the use of the name and logo in post-season games, but prevent UND from hosting championships in its own facilities (including the Ralph Engelstad arena, which has the name and logo in more than 2,000 places), because they deemed it "hostile and abusive." After the university sought legal action in 2006, N.D. Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem granted the university an injunction that would

prevent the NCAA from enforcing its rules.

In 2007, UND and the NCAA reached a settlement in which UND would have to gain support from the Standing Rock and the Spirit Lake Sioux tribes or else have to change. The Spirit Lake tribe gave its support, however, leaders of the Standing Rock tribe weren't exactly willing to go along.

Who exactly wants it to change? The NCAA, Native

A tradition of academic and athletic excellence can continue, nickname be damned.

– Bryce Berginski

American tribes, UND faculty members and student organizations and even the N.D. Board of Higher Education want the name to change. The board has changed the deadline for UND to change on numerous occasions, however, they've been stopped by people who want it to stay the same: UND administrators, athletes, sports officials, fans. Even the N.D. Senate put a law in place (it

was struck down in November) that would've forced UND to keep its name.

Ralph Engelstad put a stipulation in his donation to build the arena that UND keeps the Sioux nickname. This month, more than 17,000 residents signed a petition to put the issue to a statewide vote.

They are some who believe that UND doesn't need the NCAA and the Big Sky Conference, the NCAA and the Big Sky Conference needs UND. This belief is wrong on many levels. Two rival schools (the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin) have refused to play UND in hockey. What's to say more schools won't?

You know what? This bickering is becoming tiresome. Members of the UND staff, including the president, want to move on, and the school should. The bickering only hurts UND, it doesn't help it. A tradition of academic and athletic excellence can continue, nickname be damned.

UND should be allowed to change its nickname and prove itself again and again to the NCAA, to its fans, to everyone.

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for them. This show will most definitely rock your face off with the combined efforts of these three talented bands. However, if you just don't happen to get your fix of great music, then fear not!

The week after, on March 2, the annual Beardstock event is coming up again. Under the organization of Dan Hansen and Stefanie Engstrom, this event serves not only as a conglomerate of bands from all around North Dakota, but also as a miraculous fundraiser that has been able to donate around \$2,000 dollars to the Minot Area Homeless Coalition over the past few years. In case you haven't heard much about this event, Dan explains it more in depth on the

event's Facebook page:

"This year's Beardstock will consist of the usual ... free pizza, free music, and beard contests! We are asking for a \$5 suggested donation and that you bring non-perishable items because we will be collecting those as well. There will be prizes for the best beards and for whoever brings the most non-perishable items! We are happy to announce that we will be teaming with some of the campus ministries at Minot State to put on the best Beardstock thus far!"

Lastly, I would like to mention a handy rock/metal music website, Loudwire.com. One thing in particular I found especially neat, was the site's "Cage Matches" and "Death Matches" that I stumbled across whilst perusing Facebook

one day. Here I am, just seeing all these "What My Friends Think I Do" memes popping up all over creation, when all of a sudden some of my favorite bands were telling fans to vote for them in their match. Basically, it's a fan-created, fan-voted-upon contest where two bands are featured and whoever wins goes on to "compete" against another band. This continues until they win a total of four matches and are added to the site's "Hall of Fame" or lose and drop out. It was rather interesting!

If you'd like to check out more on any of these, I've so kindly simplified the "checking out" process for you by including links to everything I mention in the column on our Facebook page.

You're welcome.

Concert band returns from tour

Bekka Ryan
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Concert Band, known to many on campus as the “Pride of MSU,” took its Spring Semester Band Tour on the road Feb. 15 – 18. For those on the tour, this was not only an opportunity to spread the joy of music and perform for youngsters, but a time to bond with other band members.

“Thanks to my fellow MSU Band members for making the tour such a fun time!” Joel Wiedrich wrote in his news feeds to Minot Staters after the trip. Wiedrich is in his third year at Minot State and majoring in music. He and fellow students Angie Orluck (senior, music ed. major) and Alan Jermiason (freshman, music ed.) make up the MSU Trumpet Trio featured on the tour. The group performed “Bugler’s Holiday” for rapt students at each stop.

The concert tour included stops at schools in Devils Lake, Lakota and Castleton. The band’s repertoire showcased marches, concert collections and patriotic music.

In addition to performing for primary and secondary school students, the band traveled to Minneapolis to attend the Minnesota Music Educators Conference. This is one of the largest music conferences held annually in the United States. Junior Courtney Armstrong said she experienced a revitalized look



Photo by Bekka Ryan
Members of the concert band practice before leaving on tour.

at music through the conference.

“I have a bag full of great information from the conference,” she said. “I feel rejuvenated for my love of music. I was able to attend five workshops that will be applicable to my future as a music educator.”

“Had a great time on band tour! Thanks to everyone who made it the best!” Matthew Jermiason said after the tour was over. A music education major, freshman Matthew Jermiason plays trombone not only with MSU’s band, but also with the Minot City Band and the Brass Band of Minot.

The Spring Semester Band Tour provided an opportunity for the students to help recruit for MSU by showing what Minot State has to offer through its band program.

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The finance committee redirected the endowment fee, previously used to give out grants, to help with the center.

The Minot State Club Hockey team is an area that needs help getting re-established financially, so their budget increased by \$4.50. The hockey team is struggling because the flood damaged the All Seasons Arena and they had to relocate to the Maysa Arena. The

Maysa has less space for advertisements and their attendance is lower because the rink is smaller.

The Student Government Association (SGA) and Student Activities also saw increases in their allotments. SGA’s increase is to help pay for the new student position of co-director of activities.

All of these changes to the student budget are pending on the final decision of the State Board, which should be made today.

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Washington and with Reynolds. I was surprised that Reynolds did a terrific job, considering he is known mostly for being a comedian in his films.

I enjoyed the moments of chemistry between Washington and Ryan, because you get to see the tension between the two, the experienced CIA rogue and the inexperienced agent. I felt the action was dead on. I could feel the blood in my veins pumping, wondering what would happen next. The twists and turns make this film interesting in and of itself.

At the same time, I can see this as a problem as the plot sounds a bit similar to other movies. Some

could even compare this movie with “Training Day,” another Washington flick that has an experienced corrupted narc officer training a young narc officer. The plot sounds a bit predictable and some people will think that they already know what the ending is going to be.

I personally blame the trailer for this as it does give away some important moments. This movie may seem thin, and I will admit there may be a plot hole or two in it. However, despite some of these flaws, the movie’s plenty of gun fights, car chases and fight scenes along with the good acting by Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds, make this film worth seeing. I rate “Safe House” 4 out of 5 Beavers.

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Honors Society resurges on campus

Bekka Ryan
Staff Writer

Minot State University offers 18 separate divisions or departments on campus. Many of these have student-run organizations or clubs to accompany them. One of the interdisciplinary programs on campus, the MSU Honors Program in Engagement and Scholarship, offers a society to accompany the honors concentration that students can earn by completing the program.

The MSU Honors Society has seen a change in direction this academic year. Although the program has experienced the loss of a great department director with the resignation of Lynne Rumney this fall, the program and society have continued on. Through the support of active students in the society and program, support from honors faculty and the implementation of an interim director, Sarah Aleshire, students continue to reap the benefits of the program and society.

"I became aware of the honors program through scholarships. I was excited to meet Lynne Rumney and have her as an adviser," MSU sophomore Johannah Miller said. A chemistry major, Miller currently serves as the treasurer for the honors society.

"The honors society has been a major benefit to me--it's reassur-

ing to know that I am not facing the demanding honors requirements alone. Now that Lynne has resigned, I'm concerned about the future of our program and society for the students," she said.

Concerns about the lack of communication within the program this academic year have been weighing heavily on the minds of students completing the rigorous honors courses. Jordan Brown, an honors program student and vice president of the society, continues to stay optimistic about the re-vamping of the program.

"I receive the Great Plains scholarship, and it is a requirement that I be in the honors program, but I chose to be in the honors society," he said. "With Lynne leaving, this year has been a bit hectic, but I think things will work themselves out, and therefore the honors program and society will adjust accordingly," Brown said.

"Participation in the honors program is required for many students to continue to receive their scholarships, and many students are frustrated with the lack of communication from the university," Miller said. "Our temporary honors advisers are sometimes unfamiliar with the honors system, and some students are not even sure if they have an adviser right now. I hope that these issues

can be resolved soon and, in the interim, that the university will be considerate of our situation."

Why do students get involved in such a rigorous program? First year student Anna Barlet is studying international business at MSU.

"I am an honors student because I wanted to prove that I can complete the challenge of having what it takes to complete the program," Barlet said.

"The Society has definitely helped me to become a more diverse person and pushed my limits on being an exceptional student. I have met many wonderful people being involved in honors," Brown said.

This year the society has seen a boost in participation and active members due to the bonding created between students in this time of uncertainty. Last year the society only had seven active members, while this year's CSO report shows 25 active members.

"I think the future of our society and program within the university will help those who want to stand out and show off what they have to offer within our program and our society," Barlet said.

Through the growth of the society's member list, the club has also seen a rise in campus outreach this year. In the academic year thus far, the honors society has participated in a Community Clean-up Day



Photo by Bekka Ryan

Johannah Miller (left) and Elizabeth Meyer work at the Honors Society Valentine's Day bake sale.

helping muck out houses; the MSU Block Party, offering root beer floats and a trivia game on MSU facts; held a free babysitting night- which is an offering not provided for on campus; a Fall Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon; hosted the MSU After Dark event, Speed Dating, and had a Valentine's treat bake sale. The society now is cultivating ideas and strategies for the upcoming Pennies for Patients Carnival,

Tunnel of Oppression display, senior honor students awards ceremony and dessert night, along with a Spring Teacher's Appreciation luncheon.

"The honors coursework can be quite pressing, but it's nothing that student's can't handle. A nice bonus is early registration for classes!" Brown said.

Honors students say, no matter what happens with the program, it is on campus to stay.

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MSU hosts NDSA

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Staff Writer

Minot State University and Bismarck State College co-hosted the North Dakota Student Association Feb. 17/18 in Bismarck.

Max Buchholz, Mike Doran, Eric Zitter, Trey Welstad, Cassie Neuharth, Amy Olson, Lisa Brule and Kelsey MacNaughton made up the MSU delegation.

Bismarck City Commissioner Josh Askvig spoke to students Friday night about accountability. He urged students to live up to an acronym, STAND, in both their personal and professional lives. He said STAND represents five concepts to a healthy and honest life: Show up, Take initiative, Ask questions, Never stop learning and Do the right thing.

Minot State delegates described our current issues with between-report-card-grades and assignment reporting, and our ongoing education honor chord discussion.

Robert Vallie, State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) student member, addressed issues surrounding Dickinson State University and the on-going audit at Minot State concerning the tuition waiver system.

"The finance committee looked at the increasing the budget from three cents per credit hour to five cents, to be implemented in the coming academic year," Welstad said.

General assembly delegates tabled a resolution considering researching and developing options for a new accounting process.

Constitution committee delegates went over a resolution to allow electronic meetings between the monthly meetings.

A second resolution sought to combine the current constitution committee and the finance committee into one internal affairs committee, and separating the delegation into three official committees instead of four.

The last resolution concerned implementation of electing a core delegate to each of the committees for a one-year term. This would ensure a well-informed core group at every NDSA meeting. All resolutions passed.

The student activities committee (SAC) proposed supporting the SBHE document, "Maximizing Results

Through Efficiencies." The NDSA-supported efficiencies stated in this resolution are a system-wide Learning Management System for implementation in 2013, a system-wide lecture computer system, and reducing the number of admission exemptions and exceptions specific to institutional needs.

SAC proposed a resolution to support the use of abbreviated textbooks published to reduce costs. It also encourages campus bookstores to better advertise available options and encourages teachers to offer an e-book option.

SAC addressed supporting Dickinson State University (DSU) students at this trying time. DSU has suffered setbacks with the death of Dean Doug LaPlante of the college of education, business and applied science. NDSA also sympathizes with students who have learned they did not meet the necessary qualifications for their degrees. It asks all member schools and individual delegates to support DSU students during this difficult time. NDSA commends the leadership of the DSU Student Senate and President Deryl Matthew. All resolutions passed.

The State and legislative affairs committee discussed how the tremendous growth in western North Dakota is and will affect colleges in the region. The document discusses the consequences of this growth, including lack of security on campus, losses of staff and faculty to the oil patch and lack of housing for students and instructors. NDSA will lobby the NDUS and the executive branch to secure proper funding for these issues in the executive budget recommendations for the 63rd Legislative Assembly.

A second resolution concerned the search for a Commissioner of Higher Education (Chancellor) for the NDUS. The NDSA supports Tim Flakoll or Hamid Shirvani. Both resolutions passed.

The alcohol consortium discussed alcohol information each institution provided. They also discussed consortium-aided Late Night programs on state campuses. MSU's successful Tie Blanket event last semester received consortium funding.

SEA director search ends

Charles Barney heads Severson Entrepreneurship Academy

Bryan Howard
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The search for a new director of the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy has ended with the selection of Minot resident Charles Barney. He began his duties Jan. 9.

Originally from Brockport, N.Y., Barney graduated with an undergraduate degree in instructional technology from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a master's degree in instructional systems technology from Indiana University in Bloomington. From 1982 to 1984, Barney worked for Arthur Andersen & Co. in Chicago designing and developing self-study and instructor-based training programs for the Audit Division of the Professional Education Division.

Barney relocated to St. Louis to work for Maritz Communications Company from 1984 to 1991. While at Maritz, he designed, developed, produced and implemented training programs for a variety of clients such as Citicorp, Northern Telecom and IBM. He primarily worked with IBM to develop training on sales techniques and products for dealers and account representatives.

In 1991, Barney and his wife, Leslie, moved to Minot, where he has owned and operated several businesses over the last 20 years. In addition, he has successfully run for public office.

Elected to the first of three terms on the Minot City Council in 2000, Barney has served as the chairman of the Public Works and Safety Committee, chairman of the Finance and Improvements Committee and council president for four years.

"Serving on city council gave me a whole new perspective on government, business and economic development," Barney said of his experiences with the council. "I have been very active



Barney

with what the city could do to foster more business growth in Minot."

Barney said he spends much of his time currently working with the Entrepreneurship Club.

"We are in the process of developing the Beaver Brew café, which is going to be the coffee shop over at the Beaver Ridge," he said. "We are in the process of getting that off the ground right now."

"The space that we have is right next to Jimmy Johns, but it is undeveloped, so there are dirt floors in there. We have been working with architects."

Barney said the Entrepreneurship Club has bro-

ken into several committees to handle the workload: accounting and finance, marketing, human resources, merchandising and a fifth tasked with working with the architect and selecting a contractor.

"We are putting together a speaker series of entrepreneurs that are either in the committee or the community or that are visiting the community. We have some people that come in out the city that are first-rate developers in terms of putting together businesses, and we are also working with a number of students that are putting together their own business plans," he said.

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ABOVE: Beavers celebrate a goal against the Lumberjacks of Dakota College at Bottineau Saturday. The Beavers won, 6-3. **RIGHT:** Brett Fiddler (No. 14) and Eric Herbel (No. 16) scrabble for the puck with Dakota College of Bottineau skaters Saturday at the MAYSA Arena.

MSU takes WSC and DCB; win streak continues

Jamie Council
Staff Writer

Last weekend marked the end of the regular-season games for the Minot State University men's hockey club. The Beavers played Williston on Friday and Bottineau on Saturday at the Maysa Arena, defeating both teams to improve their winning streak to 19 games. Their record advanced to 26-5-2 heading into Nationals on March 1. MSU trounced Williston, 6-0.

After a week of rest, the Beavers came out ready to play. They led by 4-0 by the end of the first period.

The second period remained scoreless, and then MSU put two more in the net the third and final period. Josh Rutherford led the team with one goal and three assists, followed by Logan Herauf with one goal and two assists and Cam McGeough with one goal and one assist. Brad Olynyk, Eric Herbel, and Mike Jordan also

scored one goal apiece in the game. Garrett Ferguson, Laramie Davies, and goalie Wyatt Waselenchuk racked up assists in the game. Waselenchuk also held a shutout, making 42 saves in the effort.

The Beavers bested Bottineau 6-3 a day later. The Lumberjacks scored first, but MSU recovered to end the first period 2-1. The Beavers increased their lead by one, ending the third period 4-2,
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MSU has hard time in South Dakota

Jordan Gilmour
Staff Writer

The Minot State University men's basketball team was in Spearfish, S.D., to face off against Black Hills State University on Feb. 10. The Beavers lost to BHSU by a

score of 68-83. Josh Johnson was brightest spot for the Beavers with a tally of 29 points, one assist and one steal in 27 minutes of playing time. Thomas Korf followed with 12 points, one assist and two blocks in 35 minutes of time.

MSU was in Rapid City at South Dakota Mines on Saturday, Feb. 11. The Beavers fell by a score of 72-89 to the Hardrockers. Thomas Korf led MSU in scoring with a total of 23 points, four
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Lady Beavers fall to BHSU, Mines and USF

Jordan Gilmour
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Lady Beavers basketball team was in action facing Black Hills State University and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11.

Minot started with a loss against BHSU, 57-68. Christina Boag led MSU in scoring with 12 total points, one block and one steal. Three other Beavers, Sacarra Molina, Carly Boag and Lauren Safranski scored in double digits.

The following evening, MSU

was looking to bounce back to their winning ways against South Dakota Mines but fell short once again, losing 53-63. When all was said and done, Sacarra Molina led in scoring with an impressive 16 points and one steal in a total of 37 minutes on the court.

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English Club announces competition winners

The following story, "God's Love" by Jesse C. Willson, won first place in the English Club's Valentine's Day story contest.

Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. I forgive you your trespasses:

Born to a 15 year-old mother who failed to abort me, to be thrown into a moist dumpster riddled with harmful micro-organisms; I guess your love could be seen as the unlikely savior you sent me. She was the first beautiful creature I knew. She showed me love and kindness, comforted me when I was afraid; she was my mother. Some nights we'd lie atop discarded cardboard boxes and strain to see the stars through the pollution screen of the city. Soot covered our cold faces and we'd both smile with stained teeth while commenting on the beauty that you were so desperately trying to show us.

"Is that heaven?" I remember asking her once.

"I don't think heaven's meant for us to see, sweetheart."

Her name was Tabitha, and we loved each other. She recited the story about how she found me, countless times. The story would put knots in my throat and twist my stomach every time. She told it so beautifully, and I didn't want her to see that her beauty was my pain, so I endured. Her words still linger in my head; I could recite them as if she were next to me telling the story in synchronization:

"I was lonely, wandering pointlessly, wasting energy in each step to see if I could walk one more, to live one more. I was starving and feeling sorry for myself. I was ready to give up. I turned to the alley where I would sleep that night and there was a girl about fifteen years old wearing a beautiful, but severely bloodied dress. Her face was covered in tears, and her cheeks sullied with lines of cheap mascara, so I asked her if she was alright and if she needed any help

from the police or anything. She ignored me and walked away. Halfheartedly, but so bitterly tired I prepared a nest for myself to sleep. Suddenly I heard the most peculiar yet, strangely familiar sound. I searched the alley for the noise and was led to a filthy dumpster. I opened it and there you were, the most beautiful baby, suffering through the cold of winter inside the filth of that dumpster. You were my gift from heaven; a message to keep going. Since then I've probably put more steps under these old heels than there are stars in the sky."

Disease took her away from me... (Tears roll down his cheeks and saturate his hair as he stares blindly into darkness) ...you took her away from me I was so heartbroken that I wanted the stars to stop under my heels.

The Pastor finding me was not like Tabitha finding me at all. He meant well, – after all he took me in, and taught me about you – but he hurt me, even when I didn't do wrong. He was a furious drunk who looked for any reason to beat me bloody. The Pastor lived on a farm, and at night when he was asleep I would sneak out of the house, lie on the grass, and face the stars to talk to Tabitha. So much beauty, so many stars in heaven; I had no idea, Father. I would tell Tabitha the things that happened that day and that I missed her. In the morning I would be exhausted from talking to Tabitha, so the Pastor would beat me and call me lazy. Five years went by and I adapted to the Pastor's way of life.

One Sunday, – I was fifteen – just before church the Pastor was yelling at me for some arbitrary misdeed. I wouldn't look into his eyes while he was yelling so he punched me in the nose. "Look me in the eye, boy!" He said while gritting his teeth. The pain was immense but, I didn't want him to see that it hurt, so I looked into his eyes with blood running from my nose and tears rushing from my



Photo by Max Patzner
(From the left) Margaret Sherve, English Club adviser, Allison Kittleson, second place, Jesse Willson, first place and Lauren Wood, English Club president, pose at the ceremony recognizing the winners of the English Club's Valentine's Day writing competition.

eyes. I sat in my seat, blood still running from my nose and dripping onto the floor. I kept my eyes to the floor as the Pastor spoke his first few words, and then I felt a warm gentle touch on my upper back, and the voice of an angel whispered to me:

"Are you okay?" I looked up and saw the sweetest girl.

"Yeah, I was just being silly and had an accident."

"Well, let's get you cleaned up silly."

She pulled a white handkerchief from her blouse and started to clean the blood from my face; her finger delicately lifting my chin, dabbing lightly with the handkerchief, I couldn't help but notice how beautiful she was and the sweet intent in her eyes. When I got home that night I couldn't stop thinking about her, every second was torture. I wanted to see her again. I wanted to be with her, so I wrote her a poem in an attempt to pass the hours:

I was petrified.

I wish I could have told you how perfect you looked,

How happy you seemed; like a peaceful flower

Blowing lightly in the wind, blooming

Beautifully with each delicate petal, so precious,

So sensual without touching
Reaching up for the sun;
Giving the sun reason to shine
Burgundy gets compliment from your strands of life,

Polished sapphire couldn't contend with your inlays in perfect light

Fire couldn't burn hotter than the skin under your clothes.

Nothing seems to let up

I can't let go

With brilliant pearls of light

You paralyze my soul

Rendering me helpless

Then torturing me slow

The next Sunday she sat next to me again. I glanced at her, and she smiled gracefully. On impulse I gave her the piece of paper that I wrote the poem on and she opened it immediately. Her eyes turned to glass as she read, then shattered and turned to water. She was weeping. The moment was so heartbreakingly beautiful that I could relive it a thousand times more. Each tear was like a liquid diamond making a stream of life upon the most precious and rich, golden topography. She tore the poem in half, put one of the halves in her purse and wrote something on the blank side of the other half. Then gave it to me and left before the pastor began his sermon. The note said:

"Meet me out back ..."

Without hesitating I set my bible on the seat next to mine and excused myself. As I was leaving the Pastors words echoed behind me: "Angels are messengers of God, mere soulless carrier pigeons. They are not an embodiment of God's love, simply because they cannot love ..." his words fade as I exit the church.

When I got to the back side of the church no one was there, just the sound of birds singing in the trees and wisps of grass whispering in the light breeze. Disappointed, I turned around to go back inside and there she was. Before I could gasp, she pulled my face to hers. I embraced her petite body as her soft lips pressed to mine. I felt electricity shoot through my body as we kissed. It felt like waves of energy pushing into shore, then receding so rapidly the only thing I could do to keep from going with the tide was hold on to her. I placed my hands on the sides of her face and adroitly rubbed her cheeks, then her hair. She rested her forehead against mine and moved to my cheek. Then we kissed again.

She pulled her lips from mine and looked into my eyes, "I've never read anything so beautiful."

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and then increasing it by one more to end the game, 6-3. Jordan led the Beavers with two goals and two assists, followed by Brett Fiddler with one goal and one assist and Olynyk with two assists. Dan Lamb, Josh Dueck, and Mitch Peeke scored goals in the game with Kenny Lybeck, Rutherford, Herauf, and Zach Johnson recording assists. Goalie Riley Hengen recorded 29 saves in the victory.

Besides being the final home game and final regular season

game, Saturday night was senior night for the Beavers. The program said its farewells to captain Kenny Lybeck, Danny Urban and assistant captain, Nigel Dube. Nationals will be these players' last time as a part of the MSU Beaver Hockey Club.

Nationals take place in Cleveland, Ohio, March 2-7. The Beavers are going into the ACHA tournament ranked seventh. They play March 3 at 7 p.m. against 10th-ranked Robert Morris University.

Watch this game live at fasthockey.com or follow updates on MSU Hockey on Facebook.

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assists and two steals in 39 minutes.

This past weekend, MSU headed to Sioux Falls, S. D. to face off with the Cougars. MSU fell short 51-70 on Friday. Johnson led MSU again with a total of 14 points, one assist, one block and two steals in a total of 30 minutes of playing time. Chris East followed closely behind with a total of 13 points

and one steal in a total of 30 minutes on the floor. MSU was looking to bounce back against the Cougars on Saturday but fell short, losing 65-71. Three Beavers finished with double-digit scoring: Johnson with 19, Matt Yale with 17 and Korf with 13. With these losses, MSU falls to 3-21. The Beavers will be looking to bounce back when they head to Nevada to participate in the Las Vegas Showdown.

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This past weekend, the Beavers were in Sioux Falls to take on the University of South Dakota. The Cougars took both games, 36-79 and 58-62. Carly Boag's tally of 16 points with two blocks and one steal in 28 minutes of playing time provided the bright spot in Fridays.

On Saturday, she did it again netting 22 points with one assist, a block and two steals in 32 minutes on the court.

The Beavers fell to 10-14.

They hope to finish the season on a high with two games in Las Vegas against William Jewell College and McKendree University.

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"But you cried." I said.

She looked at me, smiled and said, "My names Arella, what's yours?"

"Malachi" I replied.

"Malachi ..." she said with promise, "... you're an angel."

For years Arella and I visited each other every day, making love, making promises of future bliss. But, as it's always been, whatever I love you take. We were making love in the upper level of the barn when the Pastor found us. He was furious, and beat my naked body with a shovel. Arella couldn't stand to see

me in pain so she interjected. The Pastor brushed her off of him with the back of the shovel hitting her in the nose and knocking her off the upper level of the barn, onto a discarded bale spike that was turned upright, impaling her. I will never touch the precious warmth of her body again. Your servant took my angel, Father! Is this your love? I can hear them throwing dirt atop the wood now. Heaven may not have been meant for me but, I snuck my way in, before the funeral. It wasn't hard since it was closed casket. I'm coming to see her, Father. Tonight the stars stop under my heels.

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