

Participants pied at penny carnival



Student Government Association members (from the left) Lisa Brule, Kelsey MacNaughton, Eric Zitter, Bekka Ryan, Cassie Neuharth, Amy Olson and Tess Foley pose at the Pennies for Patients carnival last week. The carnival raised \$268 to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in our tri-state area.

Photo by Amber Penrose

'Sweeney Todd' debuts tonight

Jamie Council
Staff Writer

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is coming to Minot State University tonight.

The musical, a Campus Players production, is about a barber whose customers are about to get a haircut to die for. It is a twisted story for mature audiences. The press release describes it as "a tale of love lost and found, murder and revenge."

Sweeney Todd, the aforementioned "demon barber," plots his vengeance against Judge Turpin

for ruining his family. He carries out his plan with Mrs. Lovett, a pie-maker.

Brett Olson

Olson has taken on the task of producing this horror-musical for his senior project. Chris Stroschein is directing.

The play runs March 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre in Hartnett Hall. Tickets are \$10.

For reservations, call 701-858-3172.



19 laptops stolen from Old Main

Police Department investigating

Jamie Council
Staff Writer

On Jan. 26, 2012, 19 Apple laptop computers were reported missing from a locked cabinet in room 216 of Old Main. Bill Chew, Minot State University head of security, responded and filled out a report to the Minot Police Department, which is now conducting an investigation.

The university owned the electronic devices, having purchased them more than a year ago. Since they were always kept in room 216, many students, faculty and staff have become familiar with the area.

The room had a master lock, while the cabinet was locked

by a combination lock. Neither had been opened in two to three weeks prior to the disappearance, and both were locked when the loss was discovered.

"Personally, I just think this is unfortunate and unfair for students," Chew said. "It inhibits their learning, and I am hoping they can be recovered."

Chew strongly urges any student that has any information on the crime to report it to either himself or the Minot Police Department. All reports will be kept confidential. Chew's office is in Facilities Management or e-mail him at William.chew@my.minotstateu.edu.

Collegiate DECA sweeps competition

Club members qualify for competition in Salt Lake City



Submitted photo

Six members of Minot State University's Collegiate DECA chapter won awards at the 2012 State Career Development Conference in Fargo last month. They are (from the left) Danielle Cook, Trey Welstad, Jennifer Lock, Ben Berg, McKenna Larson and Eric Zitter. Cook took second place in fashion merchandising, and third with her teammate, Lock, in sports and entertainment marketing. Welstad took first in website design. Lock took third in restaurant and food service management. Berg and Larson took first in business-to-business marketing. Zitter took second in the hotel and lodging business simulation. They qualified to compete at the International Career Development Conference (IDIC) in Salt Lake City in April.

Voices on Campus

"What are you doing for Spring Break?"

Anthony Anderson
Editor



Paige Wells
Psychology

"I'm going home to work, spend time with my family, and catch up with homework."



Trey Thibodeaux
Social Work

"I'm touring North Dakota with the POWER program."



Lindsey Nelson
Communication Disorders

"I'm going home to spend time with my family."



Mandy Redfern
Developmental Disabilities

"I'm going on a mission trip with Cru to Central Asia to teach English."



Tyler Flatland
Biology

"I'm actually going home to go ice fishing."



Josh Sandy
Undecided

"I'm going to play lots of Mario Kart [for Wii] with my little brother and catch up on beauty sleep."

News in brief

Registration for classes opens soon

Registration for summer and fall classes opens March 20 and 21. Students must pay all fees and fines before registration. Register at your appointed time since May 1 is the cancellation date for classes with low enrollments.

Highlighter dance

The Student Activities Committee is hosting a Highlighter Dance Thursday, March 22, at 10 p.m. in the Conference Center on third floor of the Student Center. Organizers will provide free T-shirts and highlighters.

In the Gallery

The Hartnett Hall Gallery will host an Art Faculty Biennial from now until April 4. The exhibit features the works of MSU instructors Andrea Donovan, Bill Harbort, Linda Olson, Walter Piehl, Patrick Sheldon, Avis

Veikley, Jim Bailey and Micah Bloom, among others.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by special arrangement.

VITA assistance for non-foreign students

The Minot State University Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will offer tax assistance sessions to non-foreign students on Mondays, March 19 and 26. These sessions are by appointment only. Please call 858-3122 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9:30 and 11 a.m. to schedule an appointment. Please have all necessary documentation available when calling.

Peer mentors needed for fall

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning is seeking applicants for peer mentor positions in the Fall 2012 First-Year Experience program. Peer men-

tors serve as co-instructors to an INT 110 class, helping guide classroom discussion, planning activities and helping each student individually. Interested students should visit www.minotstateu.edu/cetl/peer_mentor.shtml for more information.

RHA Survey

The Residence Hall Association is asking all students to complete a survey; the feedback will be used to improve RHA-student relationships. Please visit www.tinyurl.com/rhasurvey2012 and complete the survey by March 11. The survey takes less than five minutes to complete.

Pennies for Patients

The 2012 Pennies for Patients drive ends today, March 8. All funds raised will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

SGA candidacies due

The Student Government Association is seeking candidates to run for the offices of president, vice-president for finance, Secretary, and senators. Interested students should sign up outside the SGA office by the end of today, March 8.

Fitness classes

The Wellness Center offers two evening fitness classes for students, faculty and staff.

Body Attack, held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Swain Hall pedagogy lab, is a total-body fitness class that combines strength, cardio and agility training.

Zumba, held Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Swain Hall pedagogy lab, is an intense cardio class based in Latin dance.

Participants are required to bring clean shoes, an MSU ID, and water.

Today in History

1817: The New York Stock Exchange is founded.

1913: The Internal Revenue Service begins to collect taxes.

1917: Russian revolution erupts in Petrograd.

1930: Mahatma Gandhi starts civil disobedience in India.

1945: The first observance of International Women's Day.

1946: The first helicopter for commercial use is licensed.

1962: The Beatles make their TV debut.

1972: The Goodyear blimp debuts.

1979: The first extraterrestrial volcano is discovered on Jupiter's moon, Io.

1991: Troops and prisoners of war begin to arrive home from Iraq.

(Courtesy of Brainhistory.com and historyorb.com)

Science clubs to hold dodgeball fundraiser

Anthony Anderson
Editor

Minot State University's Club Biology, Augite and Science Clubs are once again partnering to host a benefit dodgeball tournament. The event will run from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 24, in the Swain Hall Pedagogy Lab. This year, tournament proceeds will go towards purchasing new science equipment for Erik Ramstad middle school, which was completely inundated by this summer's flood.

Markus Wilson, a senior majoring in biology and chemistry and president of Club Biology, is one of the organizers of the event.

"Ramstad lost almost all of their science equipment, including textbooks, microscopes, and lab equipment," he said. "People don't realize how expensive that stuff is, but the special calibration it needs, and the tools build to make it, really make it expensive."

Last year, the clubs donated the tournament proceeds to

defray the expenses of cancer patients at Trinity Health in Minot.

Senior Amanda Kraft, a chemistry major, is the secretary of Club Biology.

"Last year's tournament was a big hit, and we're hoping that this one will be bigger and better," she said. "Ramstad had their whole department destroyed and a lot of money lost."

The tournament is open to all MSU students and community members 18 years of age and up. Teams can register online at dodgeball.minotstateu.edu. Registration is \$5 per person or \$30 per team.

Kraft said the organizers encourage individuality among teams – including team names, themes, minor props and costumes.

Wilson said volunteers are still needed to work the day of the event. He asks interested students to contact him at markus.wilson@my.minotstateu.edu.

NDSA continues lobbying for student needs

Bekka Ryan
Staff Writer

The next North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) meeting is at Bismarck State College March 23 and 24. The organization is comprised of representatives from all 11 publicly funded institutions in North Dakota.

The group meets every month of the academic year. It aims to advocate for all students in the N. D. University System (NDUS), work with student governments on university system campuses to meet student needs, advocate for student issues that come before the N. D. State Legislature and

provide student perspectives to all NDUS councils. Every university provides delegates to the NDSA. Minot State University has seen an upswing in student involvement this year and sent 10 delegates to the last meeting.

"Being involved as an MSU delegate for NDSA has given me the opportunity to attend state meetings, insure that the voice of our student body is heard and provided me with leadership opportunities," MSU delegate Mike Doran said.

To become an NDSA delegate, students must be full time at

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Student Spotlight

Kelsey Ramos

Anthony Anderson
Editor

Kelsey Ramos was born in Minot, but moved to Tehachapi, Calif., when she was growing up. After graduating from high school, she felt the pull to return to her roots, and applied at Minot State.

"I had really good memories of when I was little," she said.

A psychology major, Ramos never dithered about choosing a career field.

"I've also known I wanted to be a psychologist," she said.

She intends to go on to grad school to study clinical psychology. She is especially interesting in working with individuals who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders.

"There's not enough help available for people [who suffer from PTSD]," Ramos said, "espe-



"I think all anybody wants is to make friends and have someone who will listen to them"

— Kelsey Ramos

cially individuals who have served in the armed forces."

She is also determined to change that.

Ramos is actively engaged on campus, holding a number of positions. She is an RA, and an officer of the Resident Hall Association (RHA) and also serves with the Student Government Association as a senator, representing the needs of students living on campus. Next

year, she will serve as the SGA Director of Public Information.

As vice-president of RHA, Ramos is currently helping organize the first "Mister & Miss MSU" pageant. She invites all students to enter the competition. The sign-up sheet is outside the Beaver Dam.

Candidates will be judged on categories including spiritwear, greenwear, a talent, and an opening number. The competition is

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Problem of the Month March 2012

Here is the MSU Problem of the Month. You are encouraged to solve it for prizes and glory!

Ten trees are planted in 5 straight lines each containing exactly 4 trees. How is this possible?

If you would like to discuss your approach to the solution, you may see Prof. Vang or Prof. Thapa after due date. Please ensure that your solution contains your name and email address. Please send solution by March 27, 2012, to:

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Solution to Problem of the Month February 2012

Let n = the number. We know that if we divide by 3, the remainder is 2, so $n = 3i + 2$ for some integer i . That is, n is in the sequence $\{2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, \dots\}$. Likewise, we know that $n = 5j + 3$ for some j and $n = 7k + 2$ for some integers k . So n is in the sequences $\{3, 8, 13, 18, 23, 28, \dots\}$ and $\{2, 9, 16, 23, 30, \dots\}$. Note that the smallest number belonging to all three sequences is 23.

Congratulation to Scott Jones, Jenessa Whitmore, Douglas Monson, and Margaret Sherve for solving the problem correctly and the winner is Douglas Monson.

R&G Opinion

This editorial may not necessarily reflect the views of MSU.

CSO changes are for the best

This year, the Student Government Association has really shaken up the way that its CSO (Clubs and Student Organizations) Committee allots student funds to student groups on campus.

In previous years, clubs could apply to CSO for funds and spend it almost on anything they wanted, within a few stipulations (such as no alcohol). Starting this year, the process is much more strict. CSO no longer funds trips by student organizations - the funds can only be used for on-campus projects that have the potential to benefit the entire campus community.

Furthermore, clubs don't get a per-head allotment anymore. In previous years, they would be distributed money simply for existing and having members. Now that extra cash goes to late-night programs.

As members of the organizations that have been affected by this change, we are a little disappointed. It means a lot more fundraising and hard work for us. But as students, students who pay to attend Minot State, we are quite pleased with it. When CSO distributes funds to clubs, that money is coming from student fees. It's our money. It's only fair it should be spent on activities and projects that benefit all of our campus.



On Movies



Alex Nelson
Columnist

I have never seen true war with my own eyes. I only know war through history books, movies, video games and television, which I know are not even close to the real thing. This movie gave me a little more insight into what Navy SEALs (Sea, Air and Land teams) do for a living.

The movie stars real-life Navy SEALs with the U.S. Navy Special Warfare Combatant Crewman,

'Act of Valor': Fictional movie, real Navy SEALs

whose identities remain anonymous. The movie also stars real actors Alex Veadov, Roselyn Sanchez and Jason Cottle. Mike McCoy and Scott Waugh directed.

The story follows a group of Navy SEALs who must complete various missions while trying to balance their dangerous profession with their family lives. Things get serious as the SEALs must save a kidnapped C.I.A. agent named Lisa Morales (Sanchez) from drug dealers who work for a cunning drug smuggler, code-named Christo (Veadov), who is working alongside a terrorist named Abu Shabal

(Cottle).

When the SEALs fulfill their mission and rescue Morales, they realize that the danger has only just begun as Abu Shabal's horrific plan is about to take effect. The Navy SEALs must now race against time to stop him and those who follow him before many innocent people die. The story in the film is fiction; however, the men who portray the Navy SEALs are very much real.

I didn't know what to expect from this movie, but I am glad that I went to see it. The action in this movie is intense, and the Navy SEALs have done well in

those action scenes. The firepower these men had in the movie was impressive, and it was unbelievable to see them use it. Their timing was amazing, along with the support they gave to one another. The SEALs' acting may not impress many people; I was wondering if lines were part of the script or were improvised.

True, their acting was not that great, but keep in mind these are real, trained soldiers, not actors, and the real acting from these guys was their movements during the firefight scenes.

Some people will probably
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On Music



Ward Lamon
Columnist

Brace yourselves, students of MSU and the surrounding areas. The music scene as you once knew it to be will cease to be the same in the near future. As far as Electronic Dance Music - hereby abbreviated EDM - is concerned, an historic event in the prosperous future of said scene will unfold before your very eyes [and ears] on March 17. I am, of course, referring to none other than the Electric Leprechaun

Spoiler Alert: Awesome-ness will occur!

event. Trust me when I tell you that this will, indeed, be one huge show!

Among those involved in making this event possible are Jonah Lantto, Al Amsbaugh and James McNamara. Lantto, the general manager of Minot's very own Gorilla Games, has massive things in store for EDM music and more. Below, he gives us more insight into his grandiose vision:

"Really, what it comes down to is a passion for music and helping to create something awesome that everyone can enjoy. I want to bring the atmosphere of a music festival dance tent to Minot. It's a complete-

ly uplifting, positive experience.

Promoting the extremely talented EDM artists residing in North Dakota is a critical part of my plan. I will always look at in-state talent first. I think Minot is ready, and this is their chance to prove it. We're going all out on the visual presentation of Electric Leprechaun. We want this to be the beginning of something wonderful. If everything goes as planned, this will be the first show of many for our production company Lost Leprechaun Productions."

Lantto adds a brief sneak peek at a few of many key features. Included are, "a killer sound sys-

tem, amazing light show, and a giant video screen synchronized with the sound."

You know; nothing too much or anything... NOT! That is really only a small snippet of the spectacle that will be the Electric Leprechaun show.

Big plans are being carried out not only for the overall aesthetics of the place, but also for filling the night with a stellar line-up of DJs. As seen below in the brief profile of each performer, you can expect a wide variety of EDM.

Tryptic Groove is a jam/electronica duo based in the

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Changes needed at Google

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Assistant Editor



Berginski

Last week, Google put into place changes in its privacy policy. The web giant made changes from top to bottom, replacing 60 old policies in the hope of making the new, all-encompassing one easier to understand. If someone were to have a Google account, the information from services he or she uses will be combined with information from other services.

What does that mean? Say, for example, you wanted to find out how to make a "Bloody Mary." Under the new privacy policy, if you're logged into your Google account to do this search, that information is collected and used in a different way. If you have a YouTube account as well, they could push free videos on how to make other cocktails to you, because Google also owns YouTube.

That part has made some Internet users wary of the new privacy policy. They have a right to be wary, too, because there's always the possibility of you getting something you weren't looking for. However, I think some who are wary of these changes still have SOPA and PIPA (and, to a lesser extent, their European cousin, ACTA) on their minds.

I've seen Google's old privacy policy and terms of use. I saw both documents when I created my Gmail and my YouTube accounts. They were massive, clunky, repetitive and hard to understand, much less read. They needed some changes.

I'm not a paid shill for Google, but I'm going to give these changes a chance. If I don't like them, I can always opt out. If someone doesn't like that Google has made changes, they can always use another search engine.

Bringing sororities back

Zac Demers
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Minot State University is trying to bring back a sorority to the campus. Beta-Theta was active on campus a number of years ago. Some former members give their reasons why students should join.

"I would have been involved four years in college," Holly Eidsness said. Eidsness also was an active advisor to the sorority for about six years after she graduated from MSU.

But why bring the sorority back now?

"Greek life is an important part of Minot State's history," Linda Benson, MSU Public Information office and MSU graduate said.

Shan Haarsager, a former Beta-Theta and MSU alumnus said being in any social campus club brings people together. A sorority

or a fraternity is no different.

"The networking is huge; you're building a circle of friends outside of your major or your career, making these connections."

Eidsness said that she has made "wonderful friendships" as a result of being in a sorority. She also said that she has made lifelong friends.

"We had social activities with other sororities; we also had community activities," Eidsness said.

The former sorority members agree that being in a sorority advances a student's knowledge on campus, but participation also increases community involvement. It can give a person a good feeling.

"We spent a number of years sending 'Meals on Wheels' to the elderly," Eidsness said.

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Letters to the Editor

Weeds of exile

It's a hot summer day outside in early September, and I'm out just sort of drifting across the sun-baked pavement, looking for something exciting to break me from my trance of monotony. I come across an overgrown baseball field that I used to play baseball on as a young kid. It's much more overgrown now, mostly with spurge, ragweed and dandelions. I do not even recall being able to see the bases. These weeds of exile, I guess, have found a home where they can finally grow, live and bear children that will put roots into the soil after they wilt.

Most people hate weeds, and

special products are developed to help kill them. I see them as something to be admired though, because they are strong-willed, adaptable and not able to be tamed or dominated by anyone. Such as these are good qualities in a plant, they would also make good qualities in a person. I've always had a distain for how society in general always has to control everything, and weeds teach me how to rebel in a nonviolent, yet effective way.

In walking around the old baseball field, I also found a certain kind of weedy grass with big, hard seeds that grew flat and

trailed along the ground in a mat. It gave off a wild sort of pungent vibe, having a really intense energy that seemed eternal and timeless. The dandelion flowers were a sort of glowing yellow against the grayish sand of the field, and they were just enjoying the sun with their little blooms. Horsetweed, a scraggly plant with pointed hairy leaves, was even making an appearance in that field.

It was a fun experience, and those little plants taught me a great deal about not giving in to authority.

Bryan Lynch
Sophomore, English

Social work student holds prom dress drive

Anthony Anderson
Editor

Trina Moser, a social work senior from Estevan, SK, is organizing a prom-dress drive to help give area high school girls a prom night they will never forget. She is organizing the drive as part of a class, Social Work 427, which is all about working with communities and organizations.

"A few years ago, I heard of a website, donatemy-

dress.org," Moser said. "Fast forward, I couldn't think of an idea for this class. Finally, it hit me. Same project, different scale."



Moser

Moser invites all MSU students

and community members to donate their old prom dresses. Donors can drop off their dresses on a clothing rack in the Student Social Work Organization office (Memorial 226). Moser will collect the dresses until Wednesday, March 21. She encourages students to take advantage of Spring Break to bring their high school prom dresses back with them from home.

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Tuesday
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Free soup lunch for MSU students

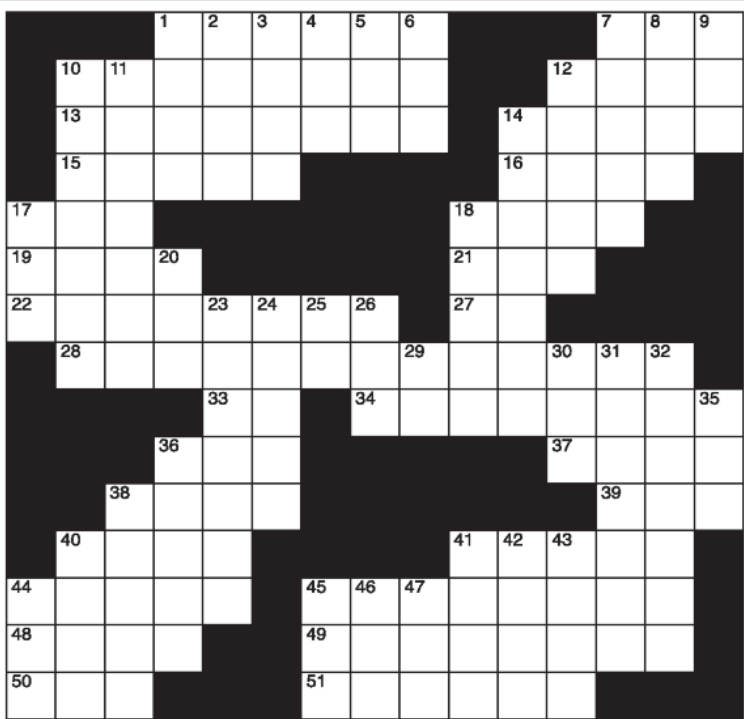
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by Temple Grandin

Wednesday, March 21
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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| 13. Flowed over completely | 39. Times past |
| 14. He had a golden touch | 40. Bird of the family Cracidae |
| 15. Blocks | 41. Metric linear unit |
| 16. Muslim call to prayer | 44. Father of Psychology Wilhelm |
| 17. A fashionable hotel | 45. Commonly encountered |
| 18. Greek god of war | 48. Swiss river |
| 19. Rended | 49. Heavy unglazed drapery fabric |
| 21. Box (abbr.) | 50. Community Relations Officer (abbr.) |
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| 6. Communist color | 32. Furniture with open shelves |
| 7. Partners with mamas | 35. Yeddo |
| 8. Arabian gulf & sultanate | 36. Union general at Gettysburg |
| 9. Cony | 38. Moons of Jupiter author Alice |
| 10. Plunder | 40. Plant that makes gum |
| 11. Make bigger | 41. Acarine |
| 12. Dress up garishly | 42. University in N. Carolina |
| 14. Gin with dry vermouth | 43. The quality of a given color |
| 17. Opposite of LTM | 44. WW2 female grunts |
| 18. Feels ongoing dull pain | 45. Licenses TV stations |
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| 23. Unsusceptible to persuasion | 47. The 13th Hebrew letter |
| 24. Norwegian playwright Henrik | |

Book Talk: 'How animals make us human'

Anthony Anderson
Editor

The Brown Bag Book Talk series will continue on Wednesday, March 21, when Paula Lindekugel-Willis, MSU communication arts instructor, discusses the book, "Animals Make Us Human: Creating the Best Life for Animals," by Temple Grandin. The talk will begin at noon in the Gordon B. Olson Library.

Lindekugel-Willis said she bought the book shortly before leaving Minot this summer - her home was in the flood zone, and she was temporarily relocating to Max, ND. During that stressful, uncertain time in her life, Lindekugel-Willis said her pets were an immeasurable comfort.

"My dogs are only about seven pounds each," she said, "but that seven pounds has carried me through so much. I've always had animals since I left home. I can't imagine not having them."

"Animals Make Us Human" focuses on the different dynamics that animals have between different individuals, species and breeds, and the dynamics between humans and animals, ranging from household pets to livestock. Grandin specifically

writes on how to understand the psychological and emotional needs and wants of animals, and how humans can accommodate them.

Lindekugel-Willis explains the book's message.

"She (Grandin) is basically telling humans how to look at an animal, how to see their life and communication systems. It's not like 'how do you train them?' It's 'how do they exist?'"

Grandin is well-known for her work in animal care, especially in creating humane environments in stockyards and slaughterhouses that will minimize the stress of the animals before they are killed. The author, who suffers from autism, is also known for her theories that the emotions of animals in these situations are very similar to the discomfort and confusion of people who suffer from autism in certain situations.

"It has perhaps broadened my idea of what an animal can give me, or give us," Lindekugel-Willis said. "I like the idea of communication. As a human being, if I stop and listen to a human being, I may hear a message I wasn't able to hear before. If we communicate with animals, we may also learn something new."

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Beta-Theta plans on doing the same type of activities when it starts up again.

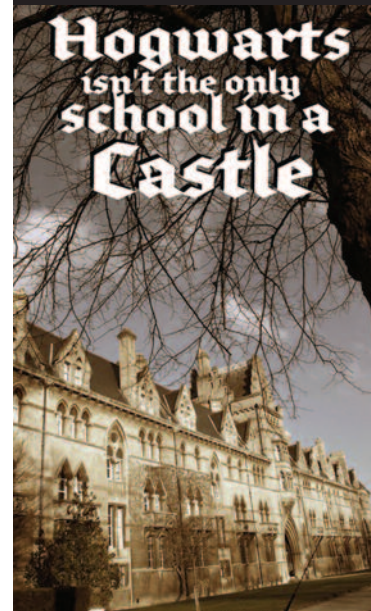
"The sorority plans to participate in probably some social activities of their own; probably getting together with the fraternity," Haarsager said.

MSU currently has one fraternity and no sororities. There will, however, be an initial fee to pledge.

The Beta-Theta sorority is set to start next fall. Anyone interested in joining can come to an information meeting tonight in the Jones Room in the Administration Building.

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complain that this movie's intent is to portray the religion, Islam, and Arab people in a negative light. However, the enemies shown in this movie are drug runners, criminals, along with the private security for Christo and jihadists. There was not one

Arabian person in this film. Even the main villain, Abu Shabal, is actually from someplace in Russia and part Jewish. His followers are Philipinos, not Arabs.

The movie's creators probably did this to show people that terrorists come from many different countries and ethnic groups. True, the main villain's religion in this movie is Islam, but his acts of ter-

rorism are more based off of anger and hatred than the religion itself. Even the followers who were shown to be scared and weak were easily convinced by Shabal that doing these deeds will get them into heaven.

Some viewers might complain that the film only appeals to Navy SEALs. However, after watching this film, I realize this was not

meant to be. True, this movie is about the SEALs, but it can easily relate to the other branches of the military, whether Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force or National Guard. It also can appeal to civilian life, as we have to look out for one another just like the men in this movie. Most, hopefully, may never see the horrors of war, but that does not mean we cannot look

out for one another.

This film is not meant to win Oscars or any kind of awards, but to remind everyone that we are still free; even though we face tough times, we can get through them.

As the SEALs' motto says: "The Only Easy Day Was Yesterday."

I give "Act of Valor" 4 out of 5 Beavers.

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Student Government Association minutes

From the Feb. 27, 2012, meeting

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

Roll was taken.

Absent: Jordan Kluck, Juan Vadell, Desmond Ho,

Excused: Patrick Cronin.

Minutes from the 2-13-12 meeting were reviewed. President Max Buchholz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Amy Olson moved to amend the minutes and approve as corrected, Cassie Neuharth seconded. Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Trey Welstad reported that the Student Government Association account has \$49,876.59; Student Activities account has \$56,438.39. Intramurals currently has \$-3422.14

Secretary Lisa Brule reported that she is heading a booth for Thursday's Pennies for Patients carnival. She would like participants and volunteers to attend the event.

Co-Directors of Intramurals Jared Schumaier and Wyatt Urbanski reported on upcoming sports including basketball leagues and co-ed soccer league.

Director of State Affairs Rebecca Ryan was unable to attend. On her behalf Lisa Brule reported that the next NSDA will be in Bismarck March 23 and 24. The last NDSA in Bismarck was discussed and the senate watched a video about NDSA.

Director of Public Relations Bethany Leyrer reported that she has cards for senator recognition.

Co-Directors of Entertainment Camilla Oliveira and Breanna

Benson reported about the upcoming events on campus.

Vice President Stetson Sannes reported that club funding proposals were reviewed by CSO. Lindsey Nelson entertained a motion to approve funding as allocated, Cassie Neuharth seconded. Motion passed.

President Max Buchholz congratulated the new directors of SGA for the upcoming year. He also spoke about the open forums we have been invited to by President Fuller. An email will be sent out to the senate. Officer elections will be March 26th and 27th, the last day to declare candidacy is March 8th.

Staff Senate Representative Linda Benson reported that scholarships were given out at the last staff senate meeting.

Advisor Leon Perzinski reported that Beaver hockey will be playing in Ohio Saturday night; the game will be broadcast on the big screen in the Beaver Dam.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee — Cassie Neuharth reported that the English department is making revisions to their classes and curriculum.

Student Rights — Anthony Anderson reported that he attended.

Student Welfare — Tess Foley reported that she attended.

Faculty Senate — Max Buchholz reported that the committee met. The SGA proposal for regular grade updating was presented. The senate agreed there was a problem. Grade reporting will not be mandated, but SGA has ensured that all classes will require a blackboard shelf for the fall semester.

Professor of the Semester Awards — Max Buchholz spoke about nominating professors for an award that shows their dedication and interests in concerns like grades and students. Nominations can be made on our SGA Facebook page.

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MSU Advocacy Network — brought a proposal to the senate that will serve to educate and inform students about the experiences and issues of minority members of our campus. Their services will provide faculty, staff and students with help, support and information. Lindsey Nelson moved to table the issue until the next scheduled meeting. Cassie Neuharth seconded.

Reassignment of Officers — Max Buchholz reported that due to changes in Officer Positions and budget constraints we will be creating a reassigned officer position by combining the Vice President position with the Treasurer's job into a position labeled Vice President of Finance. Cassie Neuharth motioned to support the proposal to combine the Treasurer and Vice President positions into a combined position Vice president of Finance. Lisa Brule seconded. Motion passed.

Honor Cords — Lisa Brule discussed that the new committee would be meeting Tuesday to discuss the issues December graduates face in regards to attending the May commencement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Brule
SGA Secretary

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limited to the first ten males and ten females to enter. Pageant winners will be awarded sashes, crowns and other prizes; all participants will receive a free shirt.

Ramos has been an RA in Cook Hall for the last two years. The story of how she brought her residents together to inspire and organize them sounds like something out of a movie.

"I turned fifth floor into this really cool environment," she

said. "We call it 'the Penthouse.' It's a really close environment — we usually take first in any competition we enter."

The junior describes her mission as an RA as trying to get her freshmen residents to open up and to learn to make the best of their time at MSU.

"I think all anybody wants is to make friends and have someone who will listen to them," she said. "After high school, it's kind of hard to leave your friends, but you can build relationships anywhere."

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After the drive ends, she will donate them to Community Closet, a nonprofit in Minot that distributes clothing to anyone in need. She plans to organize an

evening at Community Closet where high school students can come and pick out a dress.

Along with donating dresses, Moser hopes that she can assemble prom-night packages for students, also. She will raise donations from local businesses, and

she has more in mind.

"If students would be willing to help with hair, doing nails, taking photos - anything that could help a girl's prom night," Moser asks that they contact her at trina.moser@my.minotstateu.edu.

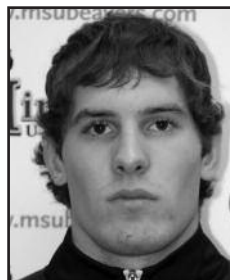
Five wrestlers advance to nationals

NWCA National Championships start today

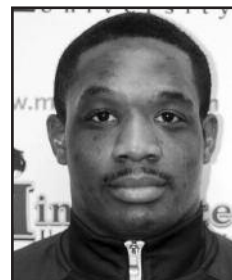
Jamie Council
Staff Writer

Freshman Marcus Bausman (157) also qualified with a third-place finish. Bausman leads the team with 22 wins, earning a record of 22-4. Along with George, he co-leads the Beavers with seven falls and comes in a close second to George in team points at 24.

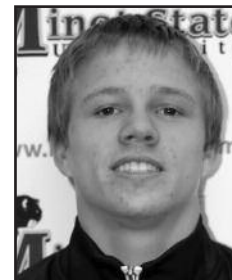
Freshmen Josh Douglas (125) and Jaymes Stanley (165) along with senior Deon Buhl (141) also qualified for the NCWA Nationals. Douglas is fourth on the team with 18 team points and second in falls with six while Buhl is fourth in total wins with 16. The top seven spots in each weight class qualify. Douglas and Stanley finished fifth while Buhl just slipped in with a seventh place finish.



Bausman



Buhl



Douglas



George



Stanley

These five Beaver wrestlers will compete in the NCWA National Championships March 8-10 in Daytona, Fla. For more information on Beaver wrestling, visit www.msubeavers.com.

KMSU

KMSU is seeking applicants for paid positions for the 2012-13 school year. Applications available in HH 123.

Deadline to apply is Thursday, April 5

Baseball team on the road again

Jamie Council
Sports Writer

Cloud University, ranked 19th.

MSU's men's baseball team is kicking off its season without a field. Last summer's flood left the Beavers practicing in the dome and on the turf. However, they are optimistic.

"The closest field we'll be playing at will be in Harvey, N. D., which is about 70 miles away. It won't be easy, but the guys have been real good about it. We're fortunate enough to have the turf," Weppler said.

According to the coach, key returning players look to be senior shortstop Ryne Hornecker, senior first baseman and designated hitter Scott Peters, sophomore catcher Connor Moughtin and junior third baseman Mitch Olson.

Other non-freshman additions to the roster promising to be an influential part of the program are junior college transfers; junior infielder Doug Richter and freshman centerfielder Mike Turcotte.

"Lineup-wise defensively, we're going to be pretty solid," Weppler said. "I think it's going to be as strong as it ever has been."

Besides being a transitional year, another new factor is the sheer age of the team. It's a very young team. On the mound, in addition to red-shirting two seniors, eight of the 11 pitchers are freshmen. This year will be aimed at building the program, including helping all the new players find their role on the team.

"Each one of those young guys will have a game or two where they may get hit around and not do very well," Weppler said. "Then they'll also have games where they look pretty good, so it's a matter of them getting their feet wet and getting used to the level of competition."

For more information about men's Beaver baseball, visit www.msubeavers.com.

The Minot State University baseball team is starting its season on different footing than most. It's their independent year, making the transition from the NAIA to the NCAA. This transitional year has a different feel to it compared to last year.

"Last year, at the beginning of the season, we had a bunch of things go wrong," head coach Brock Weppler said. "Toward about the middle of the season, we started to click, and finished the season placing third in the conference tournament. We had a good run at it in the end."

The level of competition on the schedule this year compared to last year is considerably higher. The Beavers have a current record of 1-11, with a win against William Jewel College (Mo.). Their competition has been stiff, playing Minnesota State at Mankato, ranked fifth, and St.

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Program name overhaul

Use of term 'mentally retarded' is now over

Anthony Anderson
Editor

Until this year, the Minot State University offered a major titled, "Education of the Mentally Retarded." The university has now changed the name of the program to "Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities/Autism."

The change is a result of a federal law that was passed," Alan Ekblad, chair of the department of Special Education said. "This is an attempt to be sensitive to persons with disabilities. It actually better meets the population we serve."

Congress passed Rosa's Law Sept. 22, 2010, and President Obama signed it on Oct. 5, 2010. It orders that the words "mentally retarded" be struck and replaced with "intellectual disabilities" in all government and federally-funded agencies.

Thanks to the "r-word" campaign and other organizations, the term "mentally retarded" has been considered offensive for some time

now. However, the name at Minot State didn't change because the Special Education department wanted to be in line with the state of North Dakota, which still used the term.

Lori Garnes, instructor of special education, said the law was "really originally sponsored by parents and advocates. Finally, they were heard."

According to Garnes, students in the program have been receptive to the change.

"They were concerned that their degrees would read 'Education of the Mentally Retarded,'" Garnes said.

Breanna Benson, an Elementary Education and IDD/A double-major, said that the change is a positive and much-needed one.

"It's not about being politically correct," she said. "It's about respecting others."

"Hopefully, the only 'MR' you find now will be in historical references," Ekblad said.

Rotaract Club to host short film festival

Anthony Anderson
Editor

The Minot State University Rotaract Club, known for its philanthropic and charitable projects, is trying a new way to give back - hosting a film festival.

"We've done a couple different service projects this year, like doing flood cleanup in the community, or raising money for a disaster relief kit," Brandyn Hansen, Rotaract Club president said. "We were brainstorming our next project, and we decided we wanted to do something on campus and something kind of creative or light-hearted. Eventually, we settled on this."

The event is open to all MSU students. Organizers encourage students to form their own teams of four or more. Those interested in participating in the festival should come to a meeting Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in the Westlie Room, third floor of the Student Center.

"At that meeting, we'll explain the rules, and

then pass around a hat. Each team will draw a card, and on it will be three things: a quote, a prop and a genre," Hansen said.

After that first meeting, the team will have a week to make a five-to-ten minute film.

"They can make the film however they want," Hansen said, "as long as it meets the three requirements they drew, such as 'I'm so bored!', 'calendar,' and 'musical.'"

Organizers will screen the films at a second event on Friday, March 30, at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

"Everyone is invited to come watch the films," Hansen said. "We'll have some faculty members there to judge the films, and we're working with the Student Government Association to get the winning teams a prize."

Hansen invites all students interested in competing in the film festival to contact him at brandyn.hansen@my.minotstateu.edu.

FAFSA help available

Bekka Ryan
Staff Writer

College Goal Sunday is a national event held every year to help students and parents with the process of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) report. This event provides free, on-site professional assistance in completing the FAFSA.

The event takes place Sunday, March 25, from 1 to 3 p.m., in computer lab 316 of Old Main.

Kathy Nelson, MSU financial aid counselor, encourages filling out a FAFSA report to help ease the stress of paying for college. MSU's own financial aid support team is available to answer students' questions.

This year's FAFSA deadline is April 15. College Goal Sunday on campus gives students the opportunity to get their reports in as soon

as possible.

College Goal Sunday takes place at 11 different locations around the state as a way to help students and families through the sometimes daunting task of filling out the FAFSA report.

"Students should bring with them their Social Security number, alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen), 2011 Federal Tax Return and W2 (both student's and parents'), 2011 untaxed income records (veteran non-education benefits, child support, workers compensation, etc.), driver's license and most recent information on savings, investments, business assets and farm assets (if applicable)," Nelson said.

This year, as a bonus, all students will receive a free flash drive for attending. Applicant's names will go into a drawing for scholarships or a free laptop.

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The March meeting will focus on upcoming elections for association offices. Positions open include: president, vice president, administrative assistant, student activities committee chair, state and legislative affairs chair, internal affairs

committee chair, special consortium committee chair, state board of higher education student member, Webmaster, public relations officer, state technology affairs representative, state academic affairs representative, NDHECSAP representative and lobbyist.

For more information on any of these positions contact Rebecca Ryan, MSU Student Government Association (SGA) director of state affairs, in the SGA office by the Beaver Dam. The NDSA fee every student in the NDUS pays funds all meeting expenses.

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Fargo-Moorhead area! Consisting of Mike Fettig and Benjamin Roembach-Clark, this duo creates improvised grooves, beats and melodies on a custom Ableton Live-based setup that allows them to loop and layer sounds in a way that will allow the jam to move in any direction at will, resulting in sets that vary from dubstep to house and jam and even experimental electronica, all without stopping the music! Every note is written, played, looped and warped live for a totally unique experience every single time!

ReKtify is a dubstep producer originally from Vancouver, WA, which is an epicenter for electronic music. He's now a student at the University of North Dakota. His style is influenced by Lazy Rich, Mord Fustang, Vodge Diper, Porter Robinson, Skrillex, Far Too Loud, Rabbit Killer, Spencer and Hill, Flux Pavillion and many more. He could potentially have the best set at Electric Leprechaun.

Star IV is an old school DJ from the time of scratching records. A survivor, Star IV has evolved his

style to meet the standards of today's complex electronic scene. He is a big promoter and weekly DJ for KNDS Radio in Fargo, where he helps to promote non-commercial music.

DJ Dusty J will continue the night with his solid electronic/house sound. Where he might not specialize too much overall in some of the smaller subgenres out there that compose EDM, he definitely has a strongly based musical platform set firmly in place for an all-around pure electronic-based set.

Lastly, DJ Petey Lee will perform for the night. Obviously well known here in his hometown of Minot, he'll be rocking his house with the signature parties of his we've come to love. Basically, as he says himself:

"If you haven't been to a dance party of DJ Petey Lee's, you have been missing out!"

When and where will we need to be to experience this magical night? Here are the details once more. The St. Patrick's Day Electronic Dance Party is March 17 at the Holiday Inn Coliseum starting at 6 p.m. For more information, check out the Red & Green Facebook page for direct access to the event link.

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