

Students and community members raise money for local group



Submitted Photo

MSU students and community members sing at Dakota Square Mall during Christmas break. The group, led by MSU student Luke DeMers, raised over \$800 for the Angel Tree organization in town.

Music competition an enriching experience for MSU students

by Mara Hintz
Comm 281

Minot State University students Ivan Luza and Jasmine Massingill represented North Dakota at the Music Teacher's National Association regional competition at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 11-13.

Both Luza and Massingill participated in the young artist's division for students ages 19-26. Luza plays cello and Massingill is a pianist.

"It's more of a performance competition," Luza said, "because there were other people watching you, and the finals are open to everybody."

This is Luza's second time at the MTNA competition. His performance included music from

the Baroque, Romantic, and 21st Century periods. He memorized the entire performance, although memorization was not a requirement for the string division.

Luza has played cello for eight years. His interest in cello sparked from his cousin, a violin player. He said cello was on the list of instruments to select.

"I chose randomly, because I hadn't been involved with classical music before," Luza said.



Luza



Massingill

The cellist is largely self-taught, advancing his skills from videos on the internet until coming to MSU. He is no stranger to the stage. He has performed in concerto competition, the North Dakota and Florida All-State Orchestras, chamber orchestra, the Bismarck and Minot Symphonies and summer music festivals in Vermont, Virginia and New York.

Massingill's 45-minute memorized program included pieces from Beethoven, Liszt, Bartok, Debussy and Rachmaninoff. She enjoyed watching other pianists perform, especially younger competitors.

"The technique was perfect," Massingill said. "You could tell they had been practicing roughly
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Women's Appreciation Night

by Zac DeMers
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Cru, Minot State University's Campus Crusade for Christ, will hold its second annual Women's Appreciation Night Thursday, Jan. 31. The dessert and dance event will start at 7:15 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Center. A student ID is not required; there is no charge.

Students can find the event on Facebook. For mobile users, posters around campus list a qr code for the site.

"If possible, we would like people to say that they're coming on their Facebook event; just so we have a fairly good estimate on how much food to have and how many seats we need," Cru member and event organizer Alex Baker said.

Baker said that students are welcome to just show up, but he would prefer to have a rough estimate.

"It's going to start around 7:15, the dessert portion and then about 8, we'll transition into the dance portion, and that will go until about 10:30," he said.

For anyone looking for a different kind of date night, Women's Appreciation Night is the answer. Chivalry is the theme of the event, with participants practicing traditional roles. In other words, the man takes the lead.

"It's really cool because we get a chance to dress up," Cru member Gabby Garland said. "They (the men) pull out your chair for you and serve your dessert."

Since the event could be con-

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Students involved in Student Government Association (SGA) 2012-13 gather in Swain Hall.

New year, new goals

by Vanessa Bridgeford
Comm 281

The Minot State University Student Government Association (SGA) started off the year with a retreat, lots of enthusiasm and

incentives to continue past projects and to put new ones into practice.

This semester, the Student Senate is working to create an ath-
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Voices on Campus

"What did you do during winter break?"

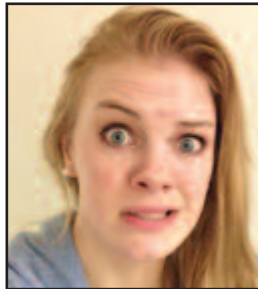
by Marissa Choiniere
Comm 281



Breanne Sherlock
Elementary and Special Education
"I fought a bear. Ask me about my scar."



Kirk Capdeville
Criminal Justice
"I reunited with high school friends and did track workouts."



Sarah Lester
Undeclared
"I found out that I am going to be an aunt! Then I reunited with my best friend from home."



Emily Medalen
Broadcasting
"I went to the lake and snowmobiled. I also overcame my fear of heights by climbing to the top of the rock wall."



Luke Leitner
Criminal Justice
"I blew up a TV with a Roman Candle."



Molly Willert
Elementary Education
"I went to Denver and got a second tattoo!"

News in Brief

Goal-setting Student Success Workshop Jan. 24

Tiffany Ziegler, assistant history instructor, invites MSU students to create goals that are both realistic and rewarding in all aspects of life and to share ideas in Old Main 218 today from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Free function is open to all MSU students. For more information, contact the Student Success Center at 858-3362.

Minot Symphony Orchestra Concert Lecture Jan. 26

Erik Anderson and special guests will present a preconcert lecture Saturday at 6:30 p.m. This inside look at the symphony program includes what to listen for during the performance. Free admission with a ticket to the symphony's evening performance. For more information, visit

<http://www.minotstateu.edu/symphony/> or contact Paulette Dailey at 858-4228.

Minot Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m.

The Minot Symphony Orchestra's 87th concert season begins Saturday following the lecture. Scott Seaton will conduct the MSO Family Concert, "A New Era!" General admission is \$5 - \$25, with season tickets also available. For more information, visit <http://www.minotstateu.edu/symphony/> or contact Paulette Dailey at 858-4228 or minotsymphony@minotstateu.edu.

Minimize Time ... Maximize Grades Student Success Workshop Jan. 30

Get a hands-on opportunity Wednesday to practice critical academic skills and learn about

resources that may increase your success in college. Free workshop for all MSU students will be from 11 to 11:50 a.m. in Old Main 312.

M-Life: Talent Show Jan. 30, 8 p.m.

Sing, dance or juggle your way to the top! Tap dancers, lip-syncers and impressionists are encouraged to compete in the Beaver Dam Wednesday at 8 p.m. Prizes for the top three performances to be announced closer to the event. Free to all students with a current MSU ID.

MSU Valentine's Day annual writing contest

True love is in the air—and at your fingertips! Elaborate your story in any format you fancy for a chance to win a cash prize. All pieces will be judged by English department faculty. Submit to Margaret Sherve via email by Feb. 1. For more information, con-

tact Sherve at margaret.sherve@minotstateu.edu.

DVCC Walkathon Saturday, Feb. 23

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center Walkathon will kick-start at 9 a.m. in the MSU Dome. Funds raised go to DVCC to assist victims of domestic violence. To sign up a walking group and get more information to begin raising funds, call 852-2258. Refreshments, entertainment, door prizes and kids' activities included.

Globetrotter Charity Basketball date changed to March 24

The Globetrotter Charity game in the Dome, noted in the last issue of the Red & Green, has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 24, at 4 p.m. For more information, call Gary Greeme, 1-800-253-5498.

Today in History

- 1839:** Charles Darwin elected member of Royal Society
- 1922:** Eskimo Pie patented by Christian K. Nelson of Iowa (ironically not an Eskimo)
- 1958:** After warming to 100,000,000 degrees, 2 light atoms are bashed together to create a heavier atom, resulting in 1st man-made nuclear fusion
- 1984:** Apple Computer unveils its Macintosh personal computer
- 2012:** State of the Union Address is delivered by President Barack Obama to U.S. Congress

(Courtesy of Brainyhistory.com)

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letic senator position.

Other goals are to promote the use of the new Wellness Center and to improve the way students receive grades. This will include paying close attention to the timing of the grades, the tools used to post them online and the time it takes for the reports to be posted.

SGA plans to use its welcoming office setting to encourage students' involvement in upcoming activities while striving for a professional setting.

"We, the SGA, want to make a difference for students on the MSU campus. We want to let the students know how they can make a difference themselves," student senator Emily Anderson said.

Ryan also emphasized the importance of the creation of an SGA logo to allow the branding of their work and the promotion of the Student Government Association among students at Minot State.

As part of the goals for this semester, the SGA would like to increase awareness of the Pathways to Student Success document, which the North Dakota

University System is implementing. Rebecca Ryan, SGA's Director of State Affairs, has expressed goals of working on the Pathways document to control student tuition increases, cap per-credit fees at 15, adjust the current inclusions under the waiver cap and promote the re-inclusion of remedial courses on campus at Minot State.

Anderson pointed out the ongoing Savings Club project, which had its beginning in spring 2012. The idea came about as an opportunity for students to enjoy the benefits that participating businesses are willing to give to those who are current students at MSU. As of now, 27 businesses participate in the savings club, and the SGA hopes that many more will join.

The SGA's newest senator, sophomore Kaitlyn Dahlberg, sought out businesses in the community which she knows students will use and enjoy.

"It's been really fun knowing I am helping students on campus through this initiative. I'm still in my first month of being an active senator, and this has been a great way to be engaged on campus," Dahlberg said.

The SGA office on the second floor of the Student Center features an open reception area. Members have built an inviting atmosphere so all students will feel comfortable about dropping in and contributing to the SGA by sharing concerns and suggestions.

More SGA information is on the newly launched web page: www.minotstateu.edu/sga/.

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seven hours a day. It was inspiring to watch someone that young with that much dedication."

Massingill started lessons on the piano 12 years ago. Her first teacher was her mother, who also sang opera while she was in college. Her father is musically inclined as well, singing in church choir. Massingill played for middle and high school choirs and church before attending MSU.

Massingill said the competition experience broadens not only physical expertise, but mental attitude as well.

"Don't get down after seeing other talent," she said. "Keep an open mind about that. Let it inspire you."

Spring 2013 intramural sports ready for players

by Emily Medalen
Comm 281

Now is the time to sign up for a Minot State University Intramural sport - basketball, volleyball, bowling and even a few floor hockey and ping pong tournaments. Each sport will include a men's and women's league, and bowling will be co-ed. Sign-up is at Imleagues.com/minotstate. The deadline for basketball is next week, but the bowling and volleyball sign-ups are ongoing.

Basketball and volleyball games will be in the Student Wellness Center on Wednesdays, with volleyball starting after spring break. Bowling will be at North Hill Bowl.

Josh Sandy, sophomore, is the head of Intramurals.

"We are trying to utilize the Student Wellness Center a lot

this semester to get students acquainted with it and show them all the opportunities they have over there," Sandy said.

He said this spring, depending on the weather, they would also like to incorporate a few outdoor Frisbee and softball tournaments.

Sandy believes all students should join the intramural sports.

"I think everyone should join because it's an opportunity to play the sports you love, stay fit and have fun with your friends in college," he said. "Intramurals are also a great way to meet other students and make new friends."

Sandy welcomes questions, suggestions, or feedback. He invites students to stop in the Student Government Association office and ask for either Josh or Jared.



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Scholarship deadline for the 2013-14 academic year is Feb. 15, 2013.

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

R&G Opinion

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Ring in the new year with new proposals

This year, Minot State University may see some of its long-awaited projects come to fruition.

The North Dakota State Legislative Branch has its bi-annual meeting with city and school representatives in Bismarck, where they will discuss proposals to fund various, unique projects. There will be much discourse amongst the 21 colleges and universities in the school system regarding future developments that pertain to their respective schools.

Our university has come up with its own plans to further improve the campus. David Fuller, MSU president, will propose funding for the following projects: the completion of the geothermal wells, adding the finishing touches to Herb Parker Stadium, building facilities for the nursing program and art department, implementing campus-wide eco-friendly activities and creating areas for track and field athletes (a competitive track with accommodations for all field events).

We at Red & Green cross our fingers in anticipation of seeing these ideas become reality.



On Movies



'The Hobbit'

by Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

In 2000, Peter Jackson gave us "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," which became a hit along with its sequels, "The Two Towers" and "The Return of the King."

Peter Jackson also directs "The Hobbit: an Unexpected Journey," starring Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage, Hugo Weaving, Cate Blanchett, and Andy Serkis. The movie is based on the J. R. R. Tolkien book which, while popular, was not Tolkien's first book.

The film takes place years before the forming of the fellowship and the journey to destroy the ring begin. Here we meet a young hobbit known as Bilbo Baggins (Freeman) who is enjoying his life at the Shire. His peaceful life is about to be interrupted as the wise wizard Gandalf the Grey (McKellen) asks him to join him on an adventure. Bilbo would rather stay at home and refuses. This is not meant to be, as Gandalf sends 13 dwarves to his house: Balin, Dwalin, Fili, Kili, Dori, Nori, Ori, Oin, Gloin, Bifur, Bofur, Bombur and their leader, the prince of Lonely Mountain, Thorin (Armitage).

The evil dragon, Smaug, has taken their home away from

them, and Gandalf believes that their salvation lies in Bilbo's hands. Bilbo at first wants nothing to do with the group, but then decides to help them.

On their journey they will meet many who wish to destroy them but, in the process, they will get help from allies such as the Elven Lord Elrond (Weaving) and the Lady of the Galadhrim Galadriel (Blanchett). Unknown to Bilbo, he will meet Gollum, who carries the one thing that will affect Bilbo for the rest of his life.

I will be honest that I am much of a "Lord of the Rings" fan. I didn't think I would like "The Hobbit." However, in the end, this movie satisfied me. To

start, they picked the right people for the parts from Freeman and Armitage as Bilbo and Thorin who both played their parts well. It was good to see returning cast members from the "Lord of the Rings:" McKellen, Weaving, Blanchett, Lee, Holm and Wood.

It was also a thrill to see the disturbed creature known as Gollum, played wonderfully by Serkis. I also thought the actors who played the 12 dwarfs did a good job. I liked that they each have a different personality and look, but wished that I could have seen more interaction with some of them. Then again, this is the first part of a trilogy and we

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On Horticulture



Cut-Leaved Nightshade

by Bryan Lynch
Staff Writer

Every once and a while in this part of the state, while weeding your garden, you may wind up uprooting a stinky-smelling, wiry little plant that has little green berries that look like very tiny tomatoes. This plant is known as "Cut-Leaved Nightshade", or *Solanum triflorum* Nutt. Native

Americans used this plant in times of famine, though the plant can sometimes cause poisoning and death.

According to the 1912 book, "Flora of North Dakota" by Herbert F. Bergman, Ph.D., the weed is found in "fields and waste ground." It generally has toothed, jagged leaves, white flowers (sometimes they are purple) and tiny berries that ripen from light green to dark green. The plant has an annual life cycle and was used as a food (mostly

in times of famine) by the Acoma, the Keres Western, the Laguna and the Zuni tribes, according to "Native American Food Plants, An Ethnobotanical Dictionary" by Daniel E. Moerman.

Most of the nightshades, however, can cause serious illness and even death when used improperly, due to the poisonous alkaloids in many of the nightshade plants. Tomato plants and many other plants in the nightshade family contain many toxic and deadly chemicals that drive

away insects and other predators. In fact, nicotine extracted from tobacco leaves is sometimes used as an insecticide in agriculture. Tobacco is one of the most famous and deadly of all the nightshades.

The insecticidal quality of many of the nightshade plants may be the reason that Cut-Leaved Nightshade smells so bad when its leaves are bruised. According to the "Handbook of North Dakota Plants" by O.A.

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Remember the Fallen

by **Frankie Jean-Pierre**
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I'm a history fanatic. I love to read about it, discover it and I hope to be a part of it in a big way someday. The term "Renaissance Man" refers to someone who was skilled in multiple art forms; from culinary, to martial, to literary. These art forms, however, co-existed for many years before that term came to be.

Knights learned the art of combat as well as the art of writing, singing, dancing and painting. In ancient China, both warriors and generals alike would study warfare, music and poetry. In fact, some of the greatest literary works of art were written by those warriors and affect us still today.

Back then those men (and few women) were known throughout

their respective countries/territories for their deeds on and off the field of battle. As time has gone on, those things have been broken up and are separate careers for people to choose from. Times have changed and evolved. Some writers, for example, get plenty of recognition.

Look at the authors of the "Twilight" and "Harry Potter" series. People love them for their works of art. Musicians receive enormous amounts of publicity and praise for their talents as well and, believe it or not, there are people out there who would do anything for their favorite author or singer/band.

Names like Lil Wayne and J.K. Rowling are household names, but names like Charles G. Abrell and Robert J. Miller are unknown to, I'm sure, 98 percent of the peo-

ple who read this.

Let me tell you why those two names, among hundreds of others, should be remembered, and loved for all time. Corporal Charles G. Abrell served in the USMC in Vietnam. During an assault, he and his comrades were pinned down by an enemy fortified position. Abrell rushed the enemy position alone and threw himself into the bunker, but not before pulling the pin on the grenade in his hand. The blast killed Abrell as well as the enemy, but he saved the lives of those with him that day.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller served in the US Army, stationed in Afghanistan. He and a squad of soldiers were ambushed while checking a location that was the site of a recent attack. When they got there, they came under fire

from about 100 insurgents. Miller had the lead out front and told his men to get back and take cover – but he did not. The sergeant rushed the enemy head on, causing a distraction and drawing fire away from his troops. Shot in the chest, Miller continued his assault until he suffered a mortal wound from which he would not recover, but not before killing 10 insurgents and injuring numerous others. Most importantly, he saved the lives of 22 men that night.

These two soldiers are among hundreds of Medal of Honor recipients who, in the past, would have been written about in the history books, songs would have been sung of their acts of valor and grand memorials would have been built in their honor.

Today these people get two minutes on the news if they are

lucky and it's generally because they survived. But what of the thousands who didn't make it?

When did the people who write stories of love and sing about getting so drunk that they don't remember what they did the night before become more important than the brave souls who have died so that those songs and stories could exist and we could continue to live our lives?

Yes, times have changed since then, and not every warrior can write a poem or sing a tune, but they still dedicate their lives to protecting the things they hold dear and are willing to risk their lives to keep those things safe. Those men and women deserve so much more than a quick "15 seconds of fame" on the news – much more.

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On Music



A testament to Rick Astley

by **Ward Lamon**
Staff Writer

...Down. Alright, I've done it now; I've completely outdone myself here. I don't see where I could possibly go from here, now that I have completed such a masterminded accomplishment. Here's where my efforts come full circle: it involves taking a look back at the previous semester's columns. If you go back and locate each column of mine and select the respective first words from each of those, it all culminates in this column. I won't make you do that, unless you'd like to actually check for yourself, but you, my friend, have been

epically rickrolled.

It all began in 2007, when late-80's artist Rick Astley became the subject of a widespread internet meme. As for a dictionary definition, a meme is simply, "an idea, behavior, style, or usage that spreads from person to person within a culture." When applied to the internet, such spreading can occur quite rapidly. Such was the case with Rick Astley and one of his music videos.

The basic concept of rickrolling derives from a bait-and-switch tactic that uses a featured link to lure an Internet user to follow that link. This link then redirects the user to, in this case, the music video of Rick Astley's song, "Never Going to Give You Up." Whether the link claims to have some exclusive sneak peeks at an upcoming movie/song or some

sort of additional material on a subject related to the link's site, the bait works to usher users to the video and get rickrolled.

The meme saw an explosion of popularity with rickrolls being taken to larger and larger scales. For instance, in February of 2008, protesters of the Church of Scientology used it carrying boom boxes blasting the song. The song and this specific usage of it was then later referred to in a pre-game "interruption" of a basketball game, where the song was staged with someone dressed as Rick Astley and themed signs in the stands made reference to signs that may have been used at the protests the previous month.

It also appeared in the world of sports when, in April of the same year, it was voted up by numerous web communities to become the

eighth inning sing-along song in a contest put on by the New York Mets. The contest included the following songs, listed here in descending order: Bon Jovi, "Living on a Prayer;" The Monkees, "I'm a Believer;" Billy Joel, "Movin' Out;" Neil Diamond, "Sweet Caroline" and The Foundations, "Build Me Up Buttercup." These songs racked up considerable votes themselves, but none came close to Astley's total votes which numbered more than 5,000,000.

The rickrolling phenomena saw even greater uses when major sites like YouTube got involved. For April Fools' Day, 2008, YouTube made every featured video on its site redirect to Astley's video.

When it comes to the song itself, it began in a much different

light than "that song that angers people for not being what they were originally looking for." Astley released the song in 1987, and it sprang to the top of at least nine different charts around the world, including countries like the UK, Sweden, Australia, Norway, New Zealand, the US and Canada. In addition, it even held the top spot of Billboard's Hot Dance Club Play chart.

It then gave way to music of the 1990's, and people largely forgot about it, save the occasional time when they'd stumble upon it whilst casually browsing the web and fall prey to its troll-some trap.

I'll be sure to post the video on the Minot State Red & Green Facebook page in case you are just being introduced to this concept

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Dear Mandy



by Mandy Redfern
Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

I just started university here at Minot. I am a really shy person and rarely talk to anyone, even my one and only friend. I'm scared of talking, public speaking, and I can barely even talk to my teachers. I get anxiety when I speak because I'm scared of humiliation, how I look, making mistakes and failure. How can I make friends and talk to teachers? Please help.

-Shy Student in Second Semester

Dear Shy,

I completely understand! I was once that shy student myself, so I have some great tips for you! First off, don't be afraid of joining a new club or activity! Think of it as your gateway to friends. Pick a club or intramural to join (maybe

with your one friend) and then work on meeting one new person each time you attend a club meeting or play a game. Second, smile at people when you walk to class. It will help you get over your fear of talking to new people and also it will help with public speaking. Lastly, try to set up a meeting with each of your instructors throughout the semester. Not only will it help you feel less embarrassed to talk to them in class, but you might be able to make some great connections that can help your academic career!

Until next time,
Mandy

If you have a question for Mandy, email askredgreen@yahoo.com. For office purposes only, include your name and year in school.

Lampshade Brigade makes best of improv



Left: Young lovers Jordan (Christopher Allen Pitner) and Taylor (Brittany Armstrong) entangle aboard in Daniel Johnson's "Resplendent Vessel."

Photo by Krys Zorbaugh

Below: United Vessels of the New World Colonies President, Krys Zorbaugh, addresses resplendent Vessel 23 hooligan, Brittany Armstrong, in Daniel Johnson's short play "Resplendent Vessel."



Sigma Tau Delta inductees



Photo by Michelle Holman

MSU English Club and MSU Sigma Tau Delta Club students accepted into the International English Honor Society pose on Jan. 17. Since Margaret Sherve became the adviser in Fall 2008, 37 students have joined the International English Honor Society. Pictured are (from the left) adviser Sherve, students Angelia Muha, Kristina Byer, Joe Davis, Sam Gores and Gretchen Collier. Not pictured are April Lowther and Lisa de Oca Montes.



CORRECTION

In the Dec. 6, 2012, issue of *Red & Green*, the names in the above photo were misidentified. The caption should have read: MSU students (from the left) Jason Gaardner, Cole Anderson, Christopher Pitner, Daniel Johnson and Lindsay Williams rehearse for the upcoming Campus Players production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever."

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of rickrolling for the first time, or recognize the song title, but weren't aware of the song's association with the Internet meme surrounding it. I will, however, do it in a straight-forward manner so no worries about being duped by it at all. Also, there will be an additional video that blends clips of the original video along with him performing the song at a more recent date. It's definitely worth viewing; as Rick Astley eventually grew to match the overly mature voice that seemed to precede the then 21-year-old.

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sidered old-fashioned, what kind of music will be played? "For the most part, it (the dance) will be more modern," Baker said. Ward Lamon will serve as DJ. Garland and Baker said a country song or a waltz could be a possibility. This may be a different experience for most MSU students who

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may see more. Yes folks, this is another trilogy. The graphics, to me, were incredible. While there were times I noticed that some scenes felt a bit rushed, I thought it did not harm the film in any way. I have not read "The Hobbit," but a friend of mine told me the movie had a few changes from the book. That is not unknown to me, as filmmakers who make movies based on books tend to do this. Some people might not have a clue what is going on, or understand some of the "Lord of the Rings" references. In a way, this film and

the other two that will be coming out, act as a prequel to the series. While the book may be better, and even if you had not seen "The Lord of the Rings," I think Peter Jackson once again gives us a good show. I rate "The Hobbit: an Unexpected Journey" 4 out of 5 Beavers.

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I honor and love those warriors. A warrior's spirit never dies, it just waits for the next battle and, you can guarantee, I'll be there standing alongside the warriors of old and new.

could gain knowledge about how to treat their dates with courtesy and respect. "From a guy's perspective, it's always refreshing to be able to practice just being chivalrous and especially for single guys, we're all hoping for eventually having a relationship," Baker said. "At least from a girl's perspective, you get to go to an event where you get to be treated with a guy escorting you to your seat. It's

a time where you can feel appreciated," Garland said. "It's just an opportunity to come together and appreciate the women in our lives 'cause that's something that's kind of neglected, I feel, in society in general. So it's a time for men to do that and women to be thanked for all that they do," Baker added. Contact Baker at alexander.baker@my.minotstateu.edu for more information.

Beta Rush events '13

By Courtney Spencer
Guest Writer

The Betas started this new semester with a rush by holding many new events to showcase our Sorority and invite new members. Before the dance on Jan. 10, the members hosted a beauty queen hair salon to help freshman women in Cook Hall look great for the first dance of the semester. The following Tuesday, Jan. 16, the Betas set up in Cook Hall to pamper the freshmen with manicures, facials and pedicures. To beat the cold, the Betas brought out our competitive side by running around on a campus-wide scavenger hunt. For the final events for rush, the Betas welcomed all prospective pledges to the Beaver Dam on Jan. 17.

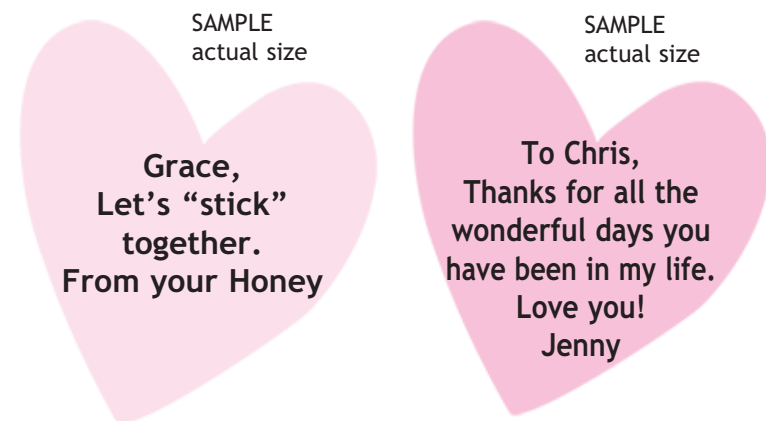


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Stevens, the berries of the plant taste horrible.

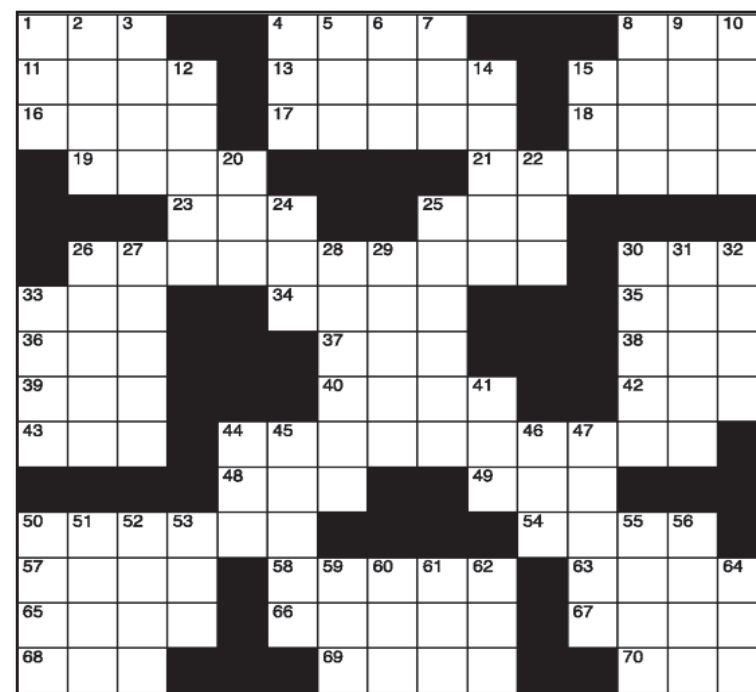
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The plant is plentiful in the summer months, and I actually

have come to like the scent of its stinky leaves, which smell like they were dunked in pure gasoline.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Point that is one point E of due S
- 4. Slithered
- 8. Brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
- 11. Direct the steering of a ship
- 13. Chops with irregular blows
- 15. Plural of hilum
- 16. Incline from vertical (geo.)
- 17. Simple word forms
- 18. Paddles
- 19. Roman garment
- 21. Meat skewers
- 23. Ethiopia (abbr.)
- 25. The cry made by sheep
- 26. Beatty-Benning movie
- 30. Concealed
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. High rock piles (Old English)
- 35. Scottish county (abbr.)
- 36. Goat and camel hair fabric
- 37. A very large body of water
- 38. Fabric stain
- 39. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 40. Shoe's underside
- 42. Military legal corps
- 43. Patti Hearst's captors
- 44. Undecided
- 48. '___ death do us part
- 49. Supervises flying
- 50. Many headed monsters
- 54. Literary language of Pakistan
- 57. Halo
- 58. Hawaiian hello
- 63. Lubricants
- 65. Mild exclamation
- 66. Greek fresh-water nymph
- 67. Nickname for grandmother
- 68. A restaurant bill
- 69. Automaker Ransom E.
- 70. A young man

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Singular cardinals hypothesis (abbr.)
- 2. Small water craft
- 3. Opposite of ecto
- 4. The woman
- 5. Skeletal muscle
- 6. Devoid of warmth and cordiality
- 7. Decameter
- 8. Italian goodbye
- 9. Mediation council
- 10. Impudence
- 12. A desert in S Israel
- 14. Japanese seaport
- 15. Nob or goblin
- 20. Ingested
- 22. Swiss river
- 24. Protects head from weather
- 25. Lava rock
- 26. Designer identifier
- 27. 34470 FL
- 28. Petrified ancient animal
- 29. Gas used in refrigeration
- 30. Journeys to Mecca
- 31. 8th month, Jewish calendar
- 32. Small indefinite quantity
- 33. Taps
- 41. Extremely high frequency
- 44. Iguanidae genus
- 45. From the Leaning Tower's city
- 46. Cologne
- 47. Moses' elder brother (Bible)
- 50. A minute amount (Scott)
- 51. Hindu name for 4 epochs
- 52. Faded and dull
- 53. Radioactivity unit
- 55. The face of a clock
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Men are busy Beavers in basketball

by Jordan Gilmour
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Beavers men's basketball team was a busy team over the Christmas break as it was Minnesota bound for four tough matchups against top contenders in the NSIC.

On Dec. 14, the Beavers were in Crookston, to take on the University of Minnesota-Crookston Golden Eagles. The Beavers (2-6 overall, 1-3 NSIC) held Minnesota (3-5 overall, 0-4 NSIC) to just 47 total points and 36.4 percent shooting to earn head coach Matt Murken and the program's first Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference men's basketball win, topping the Golden Eagles, 55-47, at Lysaker Gymnasium.

The following evening, MSU Beavers faced off against the other Beavers in the NSIC from Bemidji State University. Although riding high from the big conference win the previous night, Minot State fell by a score of 73-63. Long-range shooting allowed Bemidji State (6-3 overall, 4-1 NSIC), the defending NSIC champion, to pull away from MSU (2-7, 1-4) down the stretch.

"We have to really guard to win basketball games; have to have sustained energy and focus on the defensive end of the ball," Murken said. "We aren't a great offensive team, don't have great shooters and are undersized. That means we really have to

work harder than the other teams in order to get baskets."

After a short layoff for Christmas and New Year's, the Beavers headed back to Minnesota to challenge the University of Minnesota-Duluth and No.19 ranked St. Cloud State University. The MSU Beavers defense looked tougher and tougher as they held a solid, offensive UMD squad to only 55 points to knock them off, 62-55, at Romano Gym.

The Beavers flexed their defensive muscles, holding Minnesota Duluth to just 34.5 percent shooting and forced 17 turnovers to earn their second Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference road win.

"Getting road wins is never easy, so we are very happy," Murken said. "I like where we are right now. If we defend like that, we can win some games. We really guarded well, held them to just 55, and we can hang our hat on that."

But if the Beavers thought that the next evening was going to be a cake walk, they were wrong. They were about to stand up against a nationally ranked St. Cloud State University team. Once again, the MSU (4-7 overall, 3-4 NSIC) defense rose to the occasion as they upset an outstandingly offensive St. Cloud team, 68-62. SCSU (9-2 overall, 5-2 NSIC) was held to 32 percent shooting and 18

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MSU Wrestling starts 2013 season with stiff competition

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

While a 1-9 record may not command a great deal of respect, the weak statistical performance of the Minot State University Wrestling team doesn't tell the complete story. The Beavers (1-9 overall, 0-2 NSIC) knew that tougher opposition awaited as they entered their first season of NCAA Division II competition. The Northern Sun Conference is home to four nationally ranked teams and considered by many as the strongest Division II conference in the nation.

So far, the Beavers have struggled to keep pace. They dropped both NSIC conference duals against rival University of Mary and third-ranked St. Cloud State, with their lone win on the season coming against non-con-

ference opponent University of Regina. While the losing isn't easy to take, head coach Robin Ersland has seen enough positive signs that leave him confident the program has a bright future ahead.

"I tell them it's about effort more than results, because total effort will eventually lead to better results," Ersland recently told MSU Sports Information. "We're improving and that's a positive."

Minot kicked off the year by competing in the Grand Canyon Duals in Phoenix, Ariz. Three of the Beaver's four opponents were nationally ranked, including sixth ranked Grand Canyon and seventeenth ranked Colorado Mesa University. The stiff competition as well as key injuries plagued the

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Photo by William Russell

MSU freshman guard Amanda Sansaver shoots the ball. The women were victorious, 78-63, against Upper Iowa University earlier this month.

Women's Basketball in action

by Jordan Gilmour
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Beavers basketball team was in action over Christmas break and had seen better days on the court. Over a span of six games, they women went 2-4 and of those six games, 0-4 on NSIC matchups.

They started by traveling to the University of Minnesota-Crookston and to Bemidji State University, where they took on the Golden Eagles and the (other) Beavers respectively. Once all was said and done, the Lady Beavers (4-2 overall, 1-3 NSIC) lost to UM-C (4-4 overall, 1-3 NSIC) 66-46. Minot State hit just four first-half field goals and trailed 41-15 at halftime, as the Golden Eagles drilled 14 of 33 shots and four 3-pointers.

The next evening saw much of the same. The Lady Beavers raced out to a 29-19 halftime lead, holding Bemidji

State to just eight first-half field goals, but struggled for just six of its own in the second half. Bemidji rallied in the second, outscoring Minot State 44-22, to give Bemidji a 63-51 win in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Saturday at the BSU Gymnasium.

After that tough road trip, the Beavers were glad to get back to the Dome where they took on Midland University of Fremont, Neb. in a non-conference showdown. The team found its touch, defeating MU by a score of 77-64. The Beavers opened with an 8-0 run and closed the game with an even more important 17-5 spurt to defeat the Warriors.

After the Christmas break, the Beavers took on Brandon University (Manitoba) in another non-conference duel at the Dome. The Beavers had no mercy for the visitors from BU, romping

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over their opponents from the north, 92-42. Minot State (6-3 overall) forced BU (1-11) into 39 turnovers and finished with a season-high 20 steals in the win.

"It was good for us to get going, get into game speed and play again," MSU head coach Sheila Green Gerding said. "The bottom line was for us to accomplish what we wanted to and I think we did that. We needed to get in a game situation, get up and down the court and get some kids some playing time."

After these wins versus non-conference squads, the Beavers headed back out on the road, traveling to Duluth and St. Cloud, Minn., to face off against the Bulldogs and Huskies. But yet again, the Beavers failed to put together a positive result as they fell to UM-D, 62-49 and to SCSU, 67-60.

Minot State (6-4 overall, 2-4

NSIC) trailed the Bulldogs by just six at halftime, despite hitting only five field goals in the half. MSU kept in the game by hitting 10 of 11 free throws.

"It's frustrating," Green Gerding said. "We wanted to come out and get some things going and get up and down a little and instead, we pretty much just stood around and watched early on. We did a better job of moving at times in the second half and at times did what we wanted to do defensively, but we gave up too many rebounds and turned over the ball too many times."

Against the Huskies, the Beavers trailed by 12 with 12 minutes to play, but cut it to five four times in the second half before time ran out. SCSU (10-1, 6-1) won from the free-throw line, outscoring Minot State 16-7 from the charity stripe, taking 12 more free throws. MSU outshot SCSU 49-39 percent from the floor, hitting two more field goals in the game. Minot State's Sacarra Molina (Sr.,

G) led all scorers with 15 points and added five assists and three steals. Francesca DeAngelis (Sr., G) scored 12 off the bench and Carly Boag (Jr., F) added 11 points and nine rebounds in the loss.

Beaver basketball at the Dome greeted the students back for the spring semester, as both the Lady Beavers and the men took on Upper Iowa University and Winona State University. The tides turned for the Lady Beavers in conference play as they took the Peacocks by a score of 78-63. DeAngelis scored a season-high 18 points, Boag netted 37 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Molina was steady with 12 points and four assists as Minot State pulled away from Upper Iowa 78-63 in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play. Carly Boag tied a women's school scoring record with 37 points.

The next evening, the Lady Beavers showed all of their magic, winning their second straight NSIC conference game by a close

score of 59-57. The Beavers built a 14-point second-half lead with just under 10 minutes to play, but needed every point of it.

"They (Winona) are a good deal and they weren't going to just roll over and die," Green Gerding said. "They kept battling, and they have the offensive power to do that. I think defensively we played with a great intensity all weekend, and that's why we went 2-0."

Like the men's team, the Lady Beavers had the 15th of January heavily circled on their calendars. They silenced the University of Mary fans when they stole their match-up earlier this season by a score of 74-73. But on this rivalry day, the Lady Marauders got the best of it. U Mary never relinquished the lead in the second half and pulled away down the stretch, topping Minot State 70-58 in NSIC play in front of 1,167 fans in the Minot State Dome.

"It's a disappointing way to play after coming off such a good weekend at home," Green

Gerding said. "We thought we had some advantages on the offensive end of the floor but we just couldn't execute when we needed to. On the defensive side, we need to give a better effort."

The Beavers (8-6 overall, 4-6 NSIC) shot just 25.8 percent for the game and hit 1 of 19 3-pointers in the loss. What kept Minot State in the game was free-throw shooting as MSU hit 23 of 28 from the foul line.

Boag scored 16 points and added 15 rebounds in the loss for Minot State. DeAngelis added 14 points and Alisha "Speedy" Jones (Jr., G) scored 13.

On the road last weekend, the Beavers lost to Wayne State College, 51-44, and to Augustana College, 94-66.

The Lady Beavers are back in action this weekend against St. Cloud State University and University of Minnesota-Duluth at 6 p.m. on Friday and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Boag named NSIC player of the week

Officials from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference announced last week that Minot State University junior forward Carly Boag was named the NSIC Women's Basketball Player of the Week.

Boag averaged 22.5 points and 11.5 rebounds as the Beavers earned a sweep topping Upper Iowa and Winona State at the MSU Dome two week ago. Boag recorded her fourth double-double of the year and tied an MSU school record with 37 points in the 78-63 win over Upper Iowa, going an efficient 15 for 18 from the floor and 7 for 8 on free throws. She also had a game high 12 rebounds in the win over UIU.

MSU upset Winona State 59-57 behind eight points and 11 rebounds from Boag. For the week she also combined for six assists, three blocks and three steals while only turning the ball over twice. This marks the second time this season Boag has earned NSIC Player of the Week honors.



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points under its league-leading 80.2 average.

As students and faculty returned to Minot State for the '13 spring semester, they were able to enjoy some home basketball as the men returned to the Dome to confront the Upper Iowa University Peacocks and the Winona State University Warriors. But fans were disappointed as MSU ran into two of the strongest – and deepest – teams in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference and were not able to seal the deal with a couple of wins. They fell to UIU (10-4 overall, 6-2 NSIC), 84-56, and 84-55 to WSU (13-3 overall, 7-2 NSIC).

"The biggest challenge in this league is that there are no easy nights," Murken said. "You are going to be tested every weekend. Sometimes you play a good team on Friday night, and turn around and have to face an equally tough team Saturday. That's what we ran into this weekend. So against competition like this, you can't take plays off and if you do, you

get beat badly."

E.J. Williams (Jr., G) finished with 15 points and five rebounds to lead Minot State. Kelvin Fraser (Sr., F) added 11 points and pulled down three offensive rebounds and Dominique McDonald (Fr., G) finished with 10 points and three assists for Minot State.

But for the Beavers, the Jan. 15 confrontation was one that they had circled on their calendars since November. In-state rivals, the University of Mary Marauders, were at the Dome to test them.

Earlier in the season, the Beavers traveled to Bismarck to face the Marauders in their first-ever NSIC game. They came out of that match with a loss, 77-65, so they had their chance to even up the rivalry series. The game started off very heated as MSU's E.J. Williams and U Mary's Jalen Jaspers got into a face-to-face discussion which resulted in both players getting a technical foul and the officials having to speak to both coaches. After all was said and done, the MSU Beavers (5-8 overall, 4-6 NSIC) came out victorious, holding off the U Mary

Marauders (3-10 overall, 2-8 NSIC) 49-48.

And who better to provide a big defensive stop than Minot State's all-time block-shots leader Kelvin Fraser (Sr., F)? Fraser's fifth block of the game negated a potential game-winning shot by U Mary's Alex Dorr with four seconds remaining. Josh Johnson (Sr., F) had a solid return to the line-up with 12 points and six rebounds in 22 minutes. He pulled down four offensive rebounds and hit two three-pointers. Fraser added five rebounds to his five blocks and Thomas Korf (So., F) knocked down two three-pointers for six points.

"We can't outscore teams, we make teams take tough shots and rebound," Murken said. "We can run a little and get an easy bucket here and there. It is as simple as this. We game-plan to take away teams' strengths on their offensive and if we don't do that, we don't win. If we do, we win."

On the road last weekend, MSU defeated Wayne State College, 64-61 and lost to Augustana College, 70-72, in NSIC play.



Photo By William Russell

MSU senior E.J. Williams moves the ball downcourt against Upper Iowa University last week in the Dome. The Peacocks won, 84-56.

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Beavers, as they fell in all four matches.

Sophomore Marcus Polak managed to pick up three wins on the day, and narrowly missed a fourth when he lost a 7-5 decision to Colorado Mesa's Jon Gappmaier in overtime. The Beavers' other Marcus, senior Marcus Wilson, also picked up three wins, including a tight 3-2 decision over Brandon Montoya of Western State. Junior Matt Fetterley was the only other Beaver to pick up a win at the duals, winning two of his four matches.

The Beavers next travelled to Springfield, Ill. to participate in the prestigious NWCA Duals. While the team once again failed to take home a win, they showed vast improvement and gave the program renewed optimism for a

strong end to the season.

After a blowout 44-0 loss at the hands of No. 3 University of Central Oklahoma, Minot rebounded with a hard-fought 28-17 defeat of Limestone College. Polak, Fetterley, senior Cody George and sophomore Bobby Bartz all won their respective match-ups, with Polak pinning his opponent at 4:20 and Bartz pinning his at 4:21. The Beavers finished the duals with a tough 39-15 loss at the hands of thirteenth ranked Augustana College.

Fetterley and sophomore Joshua Douglas each scored wins in the defeat, while Bartz won his match by forfeit.

Ersland was pleased with the performance despite the losses.

"I thought we battled hard, we wrestled tough and gave a much better effort. I felt much better about today than I have so far this year. In fact, in a lot of ways, I felt

like today was one of our best performances of the season," he said.

The Beavers resume NSIC duals for the rest of the season. They travelled to ninth ranked Mankato last Saturday and ventured south for a match against fifth ranked Upper Iowa University on Sunday. Results were unavailable at press time, but can be viewed at www.msubeavers.com.

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