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Art Club to showcase 'Kryption'

by Upile Maliro
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Art Club is collaborating with the MSU Theatre and Broadcasting departments to produce "Kryption," a movie about a government operation designed for human control (particularly between college students). Matthew Maldonado, MSU junior majoring in Multimedia Studies, produced and directed the film.

The cast includes MSU students Eric Thoemke, James Jacobson, Austin Zorn, Jade Danyluk, Taylor Grihorash, Christine Morse and William Russell, along with Andrea Donovan, MSU assistant art and humanities professor.

"The inspiration for making this film started as a fundraiser," Maldonado said, "but because I love film-making, I wanted this to be something new and fresh to bring to the school. This is how I want to leave my mark on the school, to be remembered by when I'm gone. Josh Duhamel was a huge inspiration for me because he is from here, yet he went on to be big and still supports this community and others around him. That's what I strive for and hope to accomplish with this film.

"We also plan on submitting this film to many film festivals, including the Sundance, CANS, Fargo Film Festival and more," Maldonado said.

The film will debut in Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall April 25 at 9 p.m. Admission will be free with goodwill donations encouraged to the Art Club. Maldonado also said a selection of food and

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Science Department celebrates Darwin Day

RIGHT: MSU biology major Jessica Rosin (in blue) talks about the brain to students as part of Darwin Day on campus.

BELOW: A birthday cake for Charles Darwin sits in the Science Center.

Photos by Upile Maliro



NAC lecture remembers US-Dakota Wars

by Amanda Nixon
Comm 281

Aaron Barth, historian at North Dakota State University, will present "Remembering US - Dakota Wars on the Northern Great Plains" Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall.

For the past 150 years, different groups have interpreted the US-Dakota Wars of 1862 and 1864 in various ways, influencing how they are remembered.

[The reason for this is that]

"each generation brings a different cultural lens to a historical event. I am particularly interested in not just a topic in history, but how that topic has been remembered," Barth said.

His presentation will evaluate the monuments erected to commemorate those wars' important events and the viewpoint of the people who erected them.

Because of the population increase due to the oil boom, understanding this historical

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Torgunrud speaks at Math Talk today

by Amanda Nixon
Comm 281

Minot State University chemistry major Jordan Torgunrud will present the next of the math talk series, "Reaction-Advection-Dispersion Equation in Modeling Groundwater Pollution" today at 5 p.m. in Model Hall 330. The seminar will last about an hour.

Narayan Thapa, MSU assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, created and directs Math Talk, an undergraduate program that allows

math majors to present math in a social setting.

"There will be four or five talks throughout the school year," Thapa said.

These talks describe how the topic affects our every day lives.

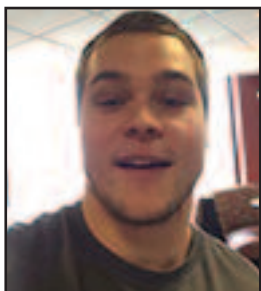
Thapa believes that the students and the instructor should learn simultaneously from each other.

"My biggest vision is to help empower students and help them to progress in their future," he said.

Voices on Campus

“What is your favorite centennial event so far?”

Emmanuel Okorie
Comm 281



Grant Jansen
Criminal Justice
“I enjoyed the comedian (Adam Grabowski) that played in the theater.”



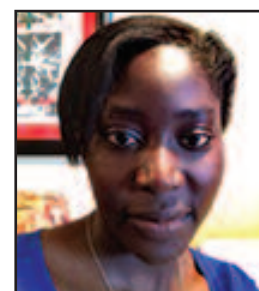
Kayla Wakelin
Elementary Education
“I loved the MSU Centennial Celebration community block party.”



Farai Madungwe
Management Information Systems
“I loved being part of the 100 years presentation at the Homecoming game.”



Hunter Borud
Business Management
“I enjoyed the lazer tag event in front of Old Main.”



Hannibel Brock
Chemistry
“I enjoyed the Homecoming parade.”



Samuel Stange
Marketing
“I enjoyed our first home football game. We won!”

News in Brief

Deadline for Creative Writing Contest Feb. 28

The English Club Spring Creative Writing Contest is open to MSU students until Feb. 28. The top three contestants will win cash prizes: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. The winning piece will be printed in the Red & Green, and the author will have the option of reading it live on KMSU.

Creative pieces can contain up to 1500 words and must include a cover page with the title, student's name, phone number, email address and major. Send entries to margaret.sherve@minotstateu.edu.

Three finalists named in presidential search

The MSU Presidential Search Committee named three finalists for the position of president.

They are Lorrie Clemo, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the State University of New York at Oswego; Steve Shirley, president of Valley City State University; and Martin Slann, dean of the College of Arts

and Sciences at the University of Texas in Tyler.

The State Board of Higher Education will interview the candidates Feb. 27 in Minot and make its decision.

Poetry Slam tomorrow in Beaver Brew Cafe

Slam Poet Lauren Zuniga will perform Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Brew Cafe in the Beaver Ridge Plaza.

Zuniga is a three-time national slam finalist and author of "The Smell of Good Mud" and "The Nickel Tour." The event is free and open to the public.

Be in the Know: Music Extravaganza tomorrow

The MSU Division of Music will feature MSU student instrumental and vocal performances Feb. 21 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 2 p.m. in the next Be in the Know event.

The program gives a free preview of the talent that will be showcased in upcoming concerts.

Swing Dance lesson by MSCOPE is Feb. 24

Minot State Club of Physical Educators is sponsoring the last swing dance lesson Monday, Feb. 24, in Swain Hall, second floor, from 6 to 7 p.m. Learn to swing dance, have fun and raise funds for American Council on Exercise and YogaFit certification.

The cost is \$15 per person. Sign up at the door or call 340-2127.

MSU Jazz Ensemble concert Feb. 25

Devin Otto, assistant professor of music, will direct the MSU Jazz Ensemble Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Benefit lunch for Rumney family Feb. 26

The campus is invited to a soup and bread benefit for Lynne Rumney and her family in the Administration Building 158 from 11 am to 1 pm. Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Lynne Rumney began her second bout with breast cancer in

September after four years of remission. She is a member of the Minot Symphony Orchestra, as well as a former English and music instructor and Honor's Program director.

Freewill donations for medical expenses are appreciated.

Black History Month Movie: 'Glory'

The University Diversity Committee will show the movie "Glory" in Aleshire Theater Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. as part of Black History Month. The movie takes place during the American Civil War and covers the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the first African-American unit of the U.S.

The showing is free and open to the public.

Magician Daniel Martin works his magic Feb. 27

Magician Daniel Martin will take the stage in the Beaver Dam Feb. 27 at 8 p.m.

Martin has been featured on CBS, VH1 and ESPN. The event is free to students with MSU ID.

MSU to host NDSA meeting Feb. 21 and 22

by Emily Anderson
Staff Writer

The North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) bimonthly meeting will take place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21 and 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the convention center, third floor of the Student Center at Minot State University. For several years, MSU has been hosting its meeting at Bismarck State College because of inadequate hotel space in Minot.

Guest speakers will be David Fuller, current MSU president, and Karen Krebsbach, a North Dakota legislator for District 40 (Minot).

The NDSA, an organization consisting of the student governing bodies within the 11 public institutions in the North Dakota University System, advocates for the 48,000+ college students in North Dakota.

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data will prove to be vital to preserve the monuments that still exist from the Wars.

It will also prove helpful to educate new residents arriving in

North Dakota about the wealth of historical events of the State.

An informal reception will follow the program. The Northwest Art Center lecture is free and open to the public.

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activities will be available at the showing.

"We will reveal more when the film gets closer to premiere," he said.

Maldonado is constantly looking for volunteers. He invites anyone interested to email him at 41matthew.maldonado41@gmail.com.

"We want this to be a fun and exciting opportunity," he said.

"Very seldom have I seen anything like this done near here, so I want to give the community something different and an experience they won't forget."



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Hot coffee, cold justice

by **Frankie Jean-Pierre**
Staff Writer

The documentary titled "Hot Coffee" started off with the story about the elderly woman who several years ago filed a lawsuit against McDonald's because their coffee was too hot and had allegedly caused serious burns to her. The whole overtone of the documentary, however, was really talking about civil law suits, their processes and the new rules and regulations that were put in place to prevent people from abusing their

constitutional right to bring those who harmed them to justice.

The documentary started off by dispelling the many misconceptions that people had [including myself] about the story of Stella Liebeck and how she got burned by McDonald's coffee. Many people assumed that Stella was just a careless old woman who spilt 'obviously' hot coffee on herself while driving, but that wasn't the case at all. After seeing the photos of her burns, the temperatures of the coffee and the multiple complaints filed against McDonald's

prior to the incident, people changed their tones about the whole story and it became obvious that the media had spun the whole story on its head to help defend the big business mogul.

At first glance, the movie seemed as though it would be quite boring to spend over an hour on this one case, but they took the opportunity to reveal the horrors of the civil, state and federal court systems. Personally, I was irate to say the least to see how deep greed and corruption runs in our court systems, all to push and pro-

tect the agendas of court officials and big businesses. A regulation like mandatory arbitration clauses, caps on damages and "tort reform" laws are, in my mind, unconstitutional, immoral and disgraceful and shows the weakness of our court officials. Those people who are supposed to be held to the highest of moral standards and stand for justice are so weak willed it is pathetic. The Chamber of Commerce is also of no help as it is one of the many "loopholes" people talk about that big businesses have found out

about and now abuse themselves through the court systems.

Corruption runs deeper than blood and although I suspected it had breached some courts I didn't think it had reached so high. The documentary opened my eyes up to a whole other issue that our country faces, and this one directly impacts the people. I highly recommend that people watch this; it's powerful, informative and will make you think about reading your contracts when you apply for a job.



Not Just Paranoia

Censorship, lawsuits and hot coffee...OUCH!



by **Bryan Lynch**
Staff Writer

It seems as though America is fast becoming the land of censorship, warning labels and lawsuits. Whether it's banning certain things from being shown on TV or putting warning labels on cups of hot coffee because of lawsuits, America, for many reasons, just doesn't seem like the same old free, open, fun place it used to be.

Certain episodes of television shows that portray dangerous activities have been banned, because they have been blamed for inciting deadly behavior

among the young.

This isn't a recent phenomenon, as a number of "Beavis and Butthead" episodes were banned back in the day because they were blamed for influencing teenagers to do dangerous, stupid and moronic things.

Episodes of Beavis and Butthead where they were smoking cigarettes and blowing stuff up were banned, because kids apparently thought it'd be a good idea to imitate Beavis and Butthead.

In the case of Beavis and Butthead and other such incidents, the TV show wasn't the culprit—at least I don't think it was. Too often people want to blame

their own problems, misfortunes or wrongful actions on something or someone else. Blaming television and censoring it as a protective measure is actually more dangerous than the TV shows themselves, because it kills artistic freedom and silences the artist.

If parents are worried about their kids being influenced by a TV program, whether it's an old show or a new show, then the parents should take the actions necessary to prevent their kids from being influenced by the TV programs and not expect the entertainment industry to play the part of the parents.

I'm also sure many of you out there remember why McDonalds

and other restaurants have had to put warning labels on cups of coffee saying that the coffee is hot. The story goes that those labels are on the coffee cups because people would spill hot coffee on themselves, burn themselves and then file a lawsuit against the restaurant. (It's actually kind of hilarious when you think about it).

What is the real danger in all this? It isn't kids smoking and blowing stuff up or clumsy people burning themselves with hot coffee and making money off the lawsuits. The danger is this censorship and "nanny state" type behavior that conditions people to feel like they can't take care of

themselves, or that too much freedom is somehow a health hazard. That's the real danger.

How many restrictions are we willing to put up with? Will there come a time when we just get sick of it and decide that government does not always know best? I hope so, because I want America to be fun and interesting again.

I want to be able to drink a cup of coffee and burn myself in peace without the warning label, and I want to see television be a bad influence again, because part of true freedom is the risk of personal injury and death that comes with it.

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On Movies



by Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

Lego has been around since 1949 and has become very popular over the years in TV shows, video games and now a full-length feature film. "The Lego Movie" stars Chris Pratt, Will Ferrell, Elizabeth Banks, Will Arnett, Liam Neeson, and Morgan Freeman. Phil Lord and Chris Miller direct; it is rated PG for mild action and rude humor.

The film takes place in a world where Lego is everywhere and its citizens are actual Lego figurines. Emmet (Pratt) is a construction worker who has no creative abilities and simply does the same thing every day. While at work, he finds a mysterious object known as the piece of resistance. After interacting with the object, he is captured by Bad Cop (Neeson) who works for President Business (Ferrell). President Business is a powerful figure who plans on controlling the whole land and making everything the way he wants it to be.

Emmet would be saved by a master builder (those who can create anything) known as Wyldstyle (Banks) who tells him that he is the chosen one who will become a master builder and stop President Business. Now it is up to Emmet along with Wyldstyle and a few

'The Lego Movie'

other master builders, such as the wizard Vitruvius (Freeman) and Batman (Arnett), to stop President Business and save the world.

I will admit that I never played with Lego toys that much while growing up and seeing the trailer for this film didn't catch my interest. In the end, I decided to give this movie a shot and I am glad that I did. The story seemed simple enough – an average, everyday guy has to save the world, but this Lego universe puts a nice little spin on it. The film definitely made me laugh at the jokes in it. The humor was family friendly that both children and adults could understand and possibly enjoy.

There are many references to popular culture that the Legos based some of their products on, but I had a feeling that some children might not understand some of the references that were made. I personally enjoyed how they made the film, as it looked like each detail was made out of a Lego piece. From the tallest building in the sky to the bottom of the ocean, everything was practically a Lego piece.

The voice cast was perfect as it felt that the actors chosen for this

movie for their voice fit well with each character they portrayed. The characters were enjoyable and fun to watch, and each of them had their moment at certain times. I didn't really have any problems with this movie. The movie most likely has its flaws, but I do not see them personally.

However, I would have to say that some people might view it as one big advertisement scheme from LEGO. It could be viewed as such; I personally am not a fan of the Legos series so I don't personally see this film as a big advertisement. Then again, it is just on how you look at it. Overall I enjoyed the characters, the humor, the style and the movie in general. I don't believe a sequel is necessary, as this film definitely was fun to watch and was done very well. In my opinion, it isn't made for a certain age and can be viewed by young and old.

I personally rate "The Lego Movie" 5 out of 5 Beavers.

Security grant no longer needs approval from SBHE

By Michelle Holman
Editor

More recent information from the State Board of Higher Education indicates Minot State University will only be required to present the blue light security system plan to the interim budget section of the legislature to review the costs.

"No further approval for the project will be needed in this case, since [interim Chancellor Larry Skogen] has already approved it," MSU President David Fuller, said.

Since the entire legislative staff meets once every two years, interim groups or individuals represent and act on behalf of the larger committee during the biennium. The current interim budget section is comprised of 45 house representatives and senators.

Skogen, on behalf of the

North Dakota University System, gave the thumbs-up to MSU's blue light proposal earlier this year.

"We will meet with the budget section mid-March to show the scope of this plan," said Fuller. "Of course, we will also thank the state for the grant; we couldn't have gone ahead with this plan without them."

MSU was one of several schools to receive state funding as a direct result of the rising crime rate from the oil impact in western North Dakota. The Board of Lands allocated \$1 million to MSU to increase campus security measures.

"Now we can actually prepare bids and move this project much quicker than we initially anticipated," Fuller said. "This is a very exciting time for us."

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Severson Entrepreneurship Academy to expand

(MSU Public Information) — New academic enhancements are on the horizon for Minot State University's Severson Entrepreneurship Academy. This expansion will empower entrepreneurs and regional business leaders to discover new opportunities, such as MSU students used to create Minot's Beaver Brew Café.

Clint Severson, 1973 MSU graduate, and Conni Ahart gave a \$500,000 gift and the Higher Ed Challenge Grant, supported by legislators, provided a \$250,000 grant for the project.

The expanded Severson Entrepreneurship Academy:

1) Will research business opportunities in western North Dakota through surveys and interviews performed by students to assist area businesses in planning for new business ventures. A faculty advisor and the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director will supervise, as well as the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy student leader. Faculty will assist with research methodology and analysis.

2) Keep data collected in a data repository and technology incubator to: provide data for area businesses, students, faculty and staff exploring business opportunities in the Bakken; train and teach students; develop online entrepreneurial opportunities. The College of Business will maintain the repository in a classroom redesigned to become a technology center.

3) Provide student scholarships to motivate and attract College of Business students to entrepreneurship. It will award scholarships to students active in the

Severson Entrepreneurship Academy and who plan their future careers as entrepreneurs.

"The Severson Entrepreneurship Academy's Challenge Grant will enable the MSU College of Business to not only help students, faculty and staff but the community as a whole," Chuck Barney, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director, said. "Surveying the Bakken will help businesses and entrepreneurs identify opportunities and promote new business growth."



Photos by Courtney Holman

LEFT: Clint Severson, 1973 MSU graduate, and Conni Ahart listen to Chuck Barney, Severson Entrepreneurship Academy director, at a press conference in Old Main.

RIGHT: Barney speaks to students and faculty at a press conference. Barney detailed how the Severson Academy's growth would benefit future College of Business faculty and students.



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CRAZY OLYMPICS

Crazy Olympics featured a multitude of challenges designed to test memory, physical skills and endurance. The MSU Wellness Center sponsored the event last week in the Wellness Center.



Photos by Courtney Holman
Lindsay Williams matches different objects in less than a minute in a memory challenge.



Photo by Courtney Holman
Junior Gemma Biasetto and sophomore Kelli Creese balance on one foot while trying to grab a brown paper bag with their mouths.

Men's hockey sweeps U of A Wildcats



Photo by Vanessa Christiuk
Sean Delwo works the puck, looking for a teammate in front of the net, at the Maysa Arena on Saturday. The Beavers dominated the Wildcats, 8-1.

By Jamie Council
Staff Writer

The #12 MSU men's hockey team swept the #14 University of

Arizona (17-21-0) last weekend. Friday night's game resulted in a 3-0 shutout and Saturday night's

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MSU plays ball with Dream Catchers



Photo by Courtney Holman
MSU's Austin Zorn helps a member of the Dream Catchers team bat as Austin Berntson (No. 16) pitches to her in the baseball team's Day at the Dome on Saturday. The team played ball with the special needs league, encouraging team spirit and personal development.



Photo by Courtney Holman

Junior Thomas Korf looks to pass the ball against a University of Sioux Falls player in the Dome. The Cougars won, 83-72.

Men's hoops closes out home schedule

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

Playing out the final two home games of the season, the Minot State men's basketball team dropped a pair of close contests last weekend, losing 83-72 to the University of Sioux Falls and 75-72 to Southwest Minnesota State.

A dry spell to start the second half doomed the Beavers in their loss to Sioux Falls on Friday. The Cougars went on an 8-0 run in the first two minutes of the half and never looked back. The game had been closely contested up until

that point, but a technical foul and a pair of buckets from beyond the arc pushed the game out of the Beavers' reach.

Dominique McDonald led the Beavers with 17 points, followed by senior Chris East who scored 14 points in addition to nine rebounds. E.J. Williams and Samuel Johnson also had solid offensive games, dropping 12 and nine points respectively.

Head Coach Matt Murken expressed disappointment with the loss and thought his team missed some prime opportunities

throughout the game.

"We had a stretch in the end of the first half where we were up by about six and we had a few wasted possessions," Murken told MSU Sports Information. "But, I thought we had some good looks that we just didn't finish as well. We missed some shots that we usually make while they converted on their opportunities, and that results in about a 10-point swing headed into halftime, which hurt our momentum."

The Beavers then had a valiant
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Photo by Courtney Holman

Guard Sarah Lester scans the court for an open teammate in NSIC play against the University of Sioux Falls in the Dome. MSU won the Friday game, 68-67.

Women sweep weekend

Carly Boag breaks all-time scoring and game records

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

It was a huge weekend in more ways than one for the Minot State Beavers Women's Basketball team. The Beavers not only clinched a home playoff date with a pair of crucial victories, they also witnessed senior forward Carly Boag break a pair of school records in impressive fashion. She was also named NSIC women's basketball player of the week.



Boag

Friday night featured a nail-biting finish as the Beavers barely held on for a 68-67 victory over the University of Sioux Falls. The


Cougars came within inches of tying the game after a buzzer-beating shot went in off the hands of Alicia Boe. The bucket went under review and was deemed a two-point shot, marking a Beaver victory by the narrowest of margins.

Carly Boag went 11 for 19 from the floor and led all scorers with 28 points, paving the way for her record-breaking performance the following night. Katie Hardy also carried the Beavers offensively by pounding in 20 points of her own,

including going a perfect 6 for 6 from the line.

The game was tightly contested throughout, with Minot State holding no more than a six-point lead for most of the match. The Cougars battled back and actually took a one-point advantage with under a minute to play, but Hardy was able to knock down a pair of crucial late free throws, something that was not lost on head coach Sheila Green Gerding.

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game ended 8-1 in favor of the Beavers. These games were crucial to get the best possible seed going into the national tournament final rankings. This sweep brings their overall record to 19-8-4.

The Beavers scored a goal in each period in Friday's victory. Freshmen Cole Olson and Jeremy Johnson got a goal and an assist apiece, sophomore Bob Pond netted a goal and junior Michael Jordan and senior Josh Rutherford each had an assist.

A total of 22 penalties were called. Beaver forwards senior Will Kinsman and freshman Brett

McNevin were disqualified for fighting and had to sit out Saturday night to serve their one-game suspension.

Junior goaltender Riley Hengen guarded the pipes, recording 20 saves and posting a shutout. Carpet Garage sponsored Friday's game.

A puck drop by Pepsi of Minot started the game on Saturday night. Scoring was lopsided, with six total goals scored in the first period, three in the second, and no goals but plenty of penalties called in the third. Junior Mitch Peeke scored from senior Cam McGeough in the first minute of play. Jordan, Rutherford, Pond and Johnson had MSU's other first

period goals with assists from sophomore Brett Nespor (2), Jordan, freshman Sean Delwo and junior Brad Olynyk. The Wildcats scored the third goal of the game just five minutes into the period.

The Beavers added three more goals in the second period to put the final score at 8-1. Johnson scored, assisted by Peeke and McGeough and Jordan scored unassisted.

A total of 36 penalties were committed in the game: nine in the first period, 10 in the second period and 17 in the third period with a total 17 on MSU and 19 on UA. When the final buzzer sounded, a fight broke out resulting in multiple penalties, including a game

disqualification for sophomore Ryan Curzon and the opposing Wildcat player.

Hengen stood between the pipes, recording 19 saves and allowing one goal.

The Beavers are in home action the weekend of Feb. 28. NDSU is coming to the Maysa arena for the final games of the regular season. The puck drops at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Saturday is senior night for six players: Kyle Stevens, Jared McIntosh, Wyatt Waselenchuk, Cam McGeough, Will Kinsman and Josh Rutherford.

For more information, check out the Beaver Hockey website at msubeavershockey.com.

Wrestling ends season with victories

by **Jamie Council**
Staff Writer

Minot State's wrestling team (3-12 overall, 2-6 NSIC) finished the season on a high note, winning its last two duals against the University of Mary Marauders on the road, and against the Northern State Wolves in the dome last Wednesday. Wednesday's 21-19 victory over the Wolves marked the end of college wrestling for seniors Bobby Bartz (Hwt), Matt Fetterley (184), and Donovan Williams (165).

Fetterley won by forfeit and Bartz ended his career with a pin in 4:03. Bartz also played football for Minot State. Convinced to join the team due to the lack of a heavyweight wrestler on the roster, Bartz started wrestling for Minot State nearly two years after his high school wrestling days were over. He only had to avoid a pin to hand the Beavers a win against Northern, but went out in style by pinning his opponent.

Freshman A.J. Patterson (125), junior Jon Wilson (149), sophomore Ricard Avakovs (157) and freshman Tiger Paasch (174) also picked up points for MSU. Patterson won by forfeit; Wilson won by a 12-4 major decision to tie up the

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Softball starts season at Vegas tournament

by **Vanessa Christiuk**
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The season started in Las Vegas for the Minot State University softball team at the Desert Stinger Tournament Feb. 7-9.

Coming out of the gate hot, the Beavers defeated Azusa Pacific from California 4-3 and, later that day, Western Oregon University, 5-4. The bats were on fire as Jen Dixon and Alyssa Cornejo left the yard. Everything seemed to be looking up and falling into place.

The next day MSU stepped up to the plate against the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Although Melissa Bell knocked one out, the bats just weren't lighting up. They dropped game one against Hilo, 8-3. The second game of the day, against Central Washington University, didn't go much better, as the Beavers lost 3-0.

The last day in Vegas had the Beavers facing off against the reigning national champions — the team that knocked them out of the post season last year, University of Central Oklahoma. Going into the 7th inning with a 2-0 lead, Minot State just couldn't keep a hold on it and fell to the



Photo by Vanessa Christiuk
MSU's Melissa Bell smashes a home run against the University of Hawaii at Hilo at the Desert Stinger Tournament in Las Vegas.

Bronchos, 3-2.

The Beavers return to the diamonds this weekend at the Duluth Invitational in St. Paul, Minn..

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"Katie is always going to make free throws," Green Gerding told MSU information. "She is really good at free throws and also the high post shot. She's got ice in her veins, and has hit big shots in big spots for us before, and she is just a mentally tough kid that isn't afraid of crunch time."

The following night became a record-breaking one for the ages as the Beavers picked up a 76-66 victory over Southwest Minnesota State. Carly entered the game needing 31 points to break the school scoring record previously

held by Kendra Meyer, who had collected 1710 points from 2004-2008.

Boag not only passed Meyer as the Beavers' all time leading scorer (1,718 points), but also did it in completely dominating fashion. She amassed a career high 39 points, which set a new single game Minot State record for points scored. In addition to the scoring record, she pulled down 18 rebounds, and helped secure the Beavers first NSIC home playoff game later this month.

After the game, Boag credited her teammates for helping her break the record, and said she was

just focusing on helping the team pick up a crucial victory in their final home game of the regular season.

"Breaking those records was a great achievement," Boag told MSU Sports Information, "but my goal for tonight was just to win and try to secure a home playoff game. Most of all I couldn't have been able to reach those marks without my teammates, and at the end of the day, I'm just glad we got the win."

Her teammates played a

huge part in the victory over the Mustangs. Hardy chipped in another 15 points, while Carly's sister, Christina, added in 10 of her own. Alisha Jones added eight points and dished out eight assists.

With a home playoff game secured, the Beavers will look to improve their positioning in the standings during their final two regular season games, traveling to Minnesota State Moorhead on Friday and Northern State on Saturday.

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score 10-10; Avakovs gave Minot a 13-10 lead with a 10-4 victory and Paasch pinned his opponent in 4:51 on a double-over hook back throw.

The Beavers end their dual season with a 3-12 overall record and a 2-6 mark in the NSIC. MISU will now prepare for the NCAA Division II Super Region Three Tournament on Feb. 28 in Edmund, Okla. For more information check out the Minot State Athletic web page at msubeavers.com.

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comeback effort denied the following evening, almost coming back from a 19-point second half deficit to eventually drop a 75-72 decision to SMSU.

Williams hit five three pointers and was a big part of a late 30-11 Beavers rally that helped MSU tie the game at 70 with just over two minutes remaining. SMSU had jumped out to a large early lead but Minot State was able to turn up the intensity late in the second half. Unfortunately for Minot, the

Mustangs were able to regain composure in the final minute and hit a pair of huge shots to secure the victory.

Williams ended up leading all scorers with 26 points, and was aided by teammates Thomas Korf, East and Johnson, who finished with 13, 12 and 10 points respectively.

The Beavers (4-16 NSIC) will finish out their season on the road next weekend, with games against Minnesota State Moorhead on Friday and Northern State on Saturday.



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