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Engagement Fair and Research Poster Session



Photo by Courtney Holman

MSU students, faculty and staff (including MSU President Fuller, center) gather in the Student Center to learn more about engagement activities students have taken part in and to view research projects from the last year.

Celebrations planned for President David Fuller

By Paola Montenegro
Comm 281

MSU faculty, staff and students are invited to a retirement celebration honoring President David and Nancy Fuller for 10 years of service to MSU.

The event is Tuesday, May 6, from 12:15 to 2 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. A short program and video presentation will take place at about 12:45 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

The event will include a number of speakers, such as the Faculty Senate president, Staff

Senate president and members of the Student Government Association.

A public retirement celebration will be held May 14. The festivities will run from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the McFarland Gallery on the second floor of Old Main. Small appetizers will be served.

"It's an opportunity for the public to show their appreciation for all that he has done and to wish him well on his retirement," Debra Wentz, Fuller's executive assistant, said.

Student government member Josh Sandy agreed.

"Celebration events for the Fullers are very important," he said. "Dr. Fuller and Nancy have put a lot of time and energy into Minot State, and we're very appreciative of that. It's important to show how appreciative we are."

The event is open to the public.

"In honor of Doctor and Mrs. Fuller, we invite the whole community to come and wish him well and tell him goodbye," Wentz said.

R&G exclusive interview with next president, Steven Shirley

By Courtney Holman
Assistant Editor

The State Board of Higher Education chose Dr. Steve Shirley as Minot State University's 11th president on Feb. 27. Shirley, currently Valley City State University president, will officially take office at MSU in July.

The Red & Green spoke with Shirley on the telephone and discussed his prospects and goals for MSU.



Shirley

the selection process?

Dr. Shirley: First off, I did two separate visits. The first on-campus visit was a pretty in-depth, full day of interviews, meetings and conversations with all sorts of folks on campus and in the community. I left that day fully energized, excited and optimistic about the possibilities with Minot State. I think you have a tremendous campus. I'm excited to get to be a part of it soon.

One of the highlights of the day was the noon luncheon with the students. It was a wonderful turnout of students. The students had some terrific questions and were very on top of things. I was impressed with some of the things they were thinking.

Red & Green: Have you always aspired to be a university president?

Dr. Shirley: When I was a student in college, I never thought about it at the time. You're not always sure where life will take you. Sometimes doors you don't think are significant at the time open up and lead to new possibilities and new pathways. I cannot say I ever thought about being a university president at the time, but it's been six years here at Valley City State. The time has flown by. It has been a wonderful experience.

I was a vice president at a university down in South Dakota for

Red & Green: What made you interested in shifting your presidency from Valley City State to Minot State?

Dr. Shirley: I'm a North Dakota native. I have some family history in Minot; specifically, my parents and grandparents are from Minot. I thought (Minot State) was a natural progression in my career. It is a larger institution with more academic programs. It looked like it fit my skill sets and abilities. I hope to have a real opportunity to try to do some good things up in Minot, so I'm excited to get started.

Red & Green: What were your thoughts about

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MSU student invited into Princeton University academic study

(MSU Public Information) — Chloe Ondracek, Minot State University mathematics major and member of an undergraduate research group advised by Narayan Thapa, assistant professor of mathematics, has been invited to participate in the 2014 Program for Women and Mathematics at the Institute for Advanced Study May 12-23 in Princeton, N.J.

"I am very honored to have been chosen," Ondracek said, "and excited too; hopeful to learn a lot and meet many people in the mathematical community."

During her stay in Princeton, Ondracek will participate in a

formal course for undergraduates, problem sessions and an interdisciplinary undergraduate seminar on women in science.

She also will share her current research on inverse problem for projectiles funded by NASA through the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium Undergraduate Fellowship.

Previously, the Minot native presented her research, "Identification Problem in Parabolic Partial Differential Equation," at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Baltimore.



Ondracek

Ondracek and Thapa submitted this research for publication as a co-authored paper.

SGA names professors and adviser of the year

Minot State University's Student Government Association selected Naomi Winburn as Professor of the Year in the College of Arts and Sciences, Joan Houston in the College of Business and Paul Markell as Professor of the Year in the College of Education and Health Sciences. In addition to these selections, SGA also elected an Adviser of the Year to recognize superb academic advising. The award went to Tiffany Fyelling, POWER Center advising coordinator. Many nominations were submitted this year, and the SGA is grateful for all the work professors, staff and advisers do throughout the year.



Winburn



Houston



Markell



Fyelling

News in Brief

Red & Green and KMSU positions filled

The Student Media Board has announced its selections for the 2014-15 year.

For the Red & Green, they selected Courtney Holman, editor; Rachel Alfaro, assistant editor; Jamie Council and Jerusalem Tukura Nyizofo, sports editors; Joshua Jones, online editor; and Upile Maliro, circulation manager.

For KMSU managers, they selected Leon La Deaux, Elizabeth Hamm, Brigitte Lafontaine, Aundrey Livingston Jr., Paola Montenegro, Jesse Rostvedt and Mariah Zaback.

Students in Teacher Education honored

Minot State University seniors Kallie Holmen and Amy Lisner will be honored at this year's annual MSU Teacher Education spring recognition banquet.

Holmen will receive the Outstanding Student in Teacher Education award in elementary education. Lisner will receive the Outstanding Student in Teacher Education award in secondary

education (history).

Harrietta Summers will receive the Cooperating Teacher of the Year award. Summers is a first grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School in Minot.

The award ceremony and banquet are May 6 at 5:30 p.m. at Sevens Restaurant at the Vegas Motel.

MSU Jazz Ensemble

The Minot State University Jazz Ensemble will perform May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The program features senior saxophonist Daniel Johnson and vocalists Rachel Olson and Alex King. Devin Otto, assistant professor of music, directs the group. The concert is free and open to everyone.

Math Talk with

Samantha Christman

Samantha Christman, MSU criminal justice major and mathematics minor, will present "Creating a Markov Chain Model to Discover Real-World Probabilities of Criminal Tendencies" at this month's Math

Talk May 8, at 5 p.m. in Model Hall 330. This event is free and open to everyone.

Finals breakfast

Fuel your brain for finals week in the Beaver Creek Café Monday, May 12, at 9 p.m. This event is free to all students with a current MSU ID. MSU Life sponsors the event.

NAC ceramic exhibit: 'Out of the Fire'

The Northwest Art Center's Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery presents "Out of the Fire," ceramics by Linda Olson and MSU ceramics students, on display Monday, May 12, through June 4. The gallery is open regular library hours. For hours, call 858-3200. The gallery is free and open to the public.

NAC reception for 'Land, Sky, Water'

The Northwest Art Center's Hartnett Hall Gallery reception for "Land, Sky, Water," textiles work by Vicki Kessler and Donna Kjonaas from Fargo is Thursday, May 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The

exhibit is on display May 15 through June 13. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by special arrangement. The gallery is free and open to the public.

Maymester classes begin

Maymester classes begin Monday, May 19, and run through June 2. Summer classes begin May 27.

Banquets to recognize students of humanities and business

The annual Division of Humanities luncheon and College of Business banquet will honor students for their academic success in their respective fields. Scholarship donors and faculty will present scholarships and Outstanding Student Awards to students.

The College of Business banquet is May 2 at 5 p.m. The Division of Humanities luncheon is May 8 at noon. Both take place in the Conference Center, third floor, Student Center.

Today in History

1935: Canada's first silver dollar is circulated.

1935: The Boulder Dam is completed.

1939: Batman comics are first sold on public streets.

1940: The Olympic games are cancelled.

1952: Mr. Potato Head toy is introduced.

1961: Pulitzer prize awarded to Harper Lee for novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird."

1961: Fidel Castro announces there will be no more elections in Cuba.

1967: Elvis Presley and Priscilla Beaulieu wed.

1971: Amtrak Railroad begins operation.

(Courtesy of Brainyhistory.com)

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four years prior to that. I certainly started to get my feet wet, so to speak, with the administrative responsibilities and roles. Prior to that, I was a faculty member for seven years at the University of Minnesota-Crookston. I've had some time in the classroom, teaching students, advising and doing those sorts of things.

Red & Green: What do you enjoy most about being a university president?

Dr. Shirley: One word — variety. Every day is something different, and I think that's one of the things that makes it such a unique position. You have the ability to be involved in so many different activities, events, decisions and initiatives on campus, in the community and in the state. Second, I love campus life; I love university life. There is just something about the university experience that is so alive and so exciting and thriving. It's fun to have that special privilege to come to work every day on a university campus.

Red & Green: Do you have any programs that you would like to establish or departments you would like to emphasize at MSU?

Dr. Shirley: I have done some of the homework, but it's going to be a whole lot different once I get on campus and have the opportunity to start meeting with faculty,

staff and students and really learning more about the university. I'll take some time and assess what we have there and then try to see where I think there might be some other opportunities or new possibilities to serve the state, to serve our students.

One of my real passions is study abroad programming. I spent a lot of time working in that field, and I am truly committed to those internationalizing kinds of opportunities that exist for students.

Red & Green: Now that you will be living closer to the oil boom, how do you think this will impact your presidency?

Dr. Shirley: North Dakota right now is such an exciting, changing place. Every day there are new people coming to this state looking for opportunities, and there are new opportunities being created for our own citizens that were never here before. There are new opportunities for us as a campus to get out there and to meet with those new companies, those new businesses, those individuals who are new to North Dakota and make sure they know about Minot State University and about what we provide and the ways we could partner or work together.

Red & Green: How do you think MSU will change under your leadership?

Dr. Shirley: I don't expect

things to change radically overnight, certainly it's not my mindset coming into an excellent, outstanding university that's in good shape. I'm going to go in there, do the best I can and look for new opportunities. I'm looking forward to continuing on with all

of those good things that have been built up over the last century and see where we might be able to provide a few new opportunities.

Red & Green: What do you think your leadership style is?

Dr. Shirley: I think very, very

open door. I really like the variety that comes with university life, and part of that variety is getting out and attending events and activities. I like to be open and have conversations and try to learn from others, and I think that is part of my management style.



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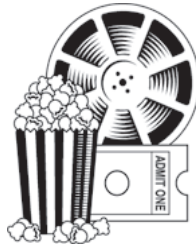
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Goodbye 100 years, hello future

With this issue of Red & Green, we draw a close to a multitude of remarkable events from this year. We will soon finish Minot State University's 100th academic school year; MSU President Dr. David Fuller's tenth and last year of presidency; the dozens of Centennial celebratory and charity events; the Power of 100 community service challenge; the retirement of a handful of amazing faculty and staff members; ex-chancellor Hamid Shirvani's buyout from the State Board of Higher Education; 11th Avenue construction finally finished; a commemorative beaver statue standing proudly by the Dome.

This bittersweet end does not warrant a lack of high hopes, however, for our campus is also glistening with a bright future. Dr. Steven Shirley, selected as MSU's eleventh president; Herb Parker Stadium's press box construction nearing completion; plant services' move to North Hill and the Art Department expanding to the current plant services location; the geothermal project hopefully to be finished by the end of next year.

With many more projects and plans underway for students and the campus, what is there not to look forward to?



On Movies



by Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

It is that time again, where final exams fall upon us and most of us will enjoy the freedom of summer (Most of us). Right now we have some interesting films showing, "Transcendence" and "Heaven is For Real." However, instead of giving a movie review for the final issue for this semester of the Red and Green, I decided to list some films that are coming out this summer.

For comedy fans, Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum reunite on June 13 for "22 Jump Street," the

Summer movies on the way

sequel to the 2012 film, "21 Jump Street."

On July 11, the ape leader, Caesar, played by Andy Serkis, who we saw in the 2011 "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," will go head-to-head against humans Gary Oldman and Jason Clarke in "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes."

For all of you horror and thriller fans, "The Purge: Anarchy," the sequel to the 2013 film "The Purge," begins on July 18.

For all of you comic and Marvel fans out there we first have "The Amazing Spiderman 2" coming on May 2, featuring Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx and Dane DeHaan.

Spiderman this time faces some of his most deadly foes, including Electro, Rhino and Green Goblin.

On May 23, X-Men unite as Huge Jackman, James McAvoy, Jennifer Lawrence, Michael Fassbender, Ian Mckellen and Patrick Stewart return. At this time, the future X-Men must work together with their younger selves to prevent a dark future.

On August 1, "Guardians of the Galaxy" stars Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Bradley Cooper and Vin Diesel as different types of alien species who must band together to save our universe – that is if they don't kill each other first.

For all the giant monster fans

out there, this might be the one for you. On May 16, The King of Monsters, "Godzilla," returns to the big screen. Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ken Watanabe, Elizabeth Olson, Juliette Binoche, Sally Hawkins, David Strathairn and "Breaking Bad" star Bryan Cranston play the human beings who must work together to survive the mighty creature's destruction.

I have mentioned just a few films; there are most likely going to be more movies coming out during the summer.

Good luck on the last few weeks of school, and have a great summer.



Not Just Paranoia



by Bryan Lynch
Staff Writer

I read a pretty disturbing ABC News article last night titled, "U.S. Military Wanted to Provoke War With Cuba," by David Ruppe. It told of how, during the 60s, high-ups in the military were dis-

Operation Northwoods

cussing launching terror attacks on U.S. cities and doing other illegal activities that could be blamed on Cuba in order to get the American people to want to go to war against Cuba. This plan was called Operation Northwoods.

While the plans never came to fruition, this revealed to me a particularly dark side of the United States Government. They

consider things in private that go against the interest of the people and even hurt or kill people. What kind of a government do we have if they do this?

It doesn't seem like a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people" to me! It seems like our government has turned into a separate, self-serving entity that just uses us, the people, as a means to an

end in their own world-political agendas.

I'll be honest; I'm sick and tired of it. Just the fact that our military was planning stuff in secret against the American people like that just signals that there is something very wrong going on. We need to find out how deep the lies go and get back to having our government be on the level.

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Student Spotlight ...

King Dizzy

By Paola Montenegro
Comm 281

AJ Winston, aka King Dizzy, is a man of many talents. Dizzy is a rapper, a promoter, a producer, a Photoshop expert, a graphic designer, a photographer and a video editor. And he is only 19 years old. King Dizzy is a freshman at Minot State University majoring in public relations.

Although he has been moving around all his life, he tries to make the best of it.

"I'm really loving the city of Minot, and I really see this place as being my home because this is the place where I found the most growth in my personal development and career," he said.

Dizzy is extremely passionate about music, and usually spends his nights composing and recording new songs. But he is also passionate about other things. He loves clothes, for example.

"In my freshman year, I would always buy clothes. I literally had a new outfit for every day, which was stupid in my opinion, but I love dressing up."

His interest in clothes doesn't stop there. He has decided to work on his clothing line. He developed his brand while being part of a rap group called "Real Life." The logo of his brand is the thumb and the index finger shaped into an L.

"I think my brand explains itself. Most people associate the 'L' with loser, but I turned that negative into a positive by making the



King Dizzy

'L' stand for life. That's what it's all about: living life."

Dizzy collaborates and works with other creative MSU students.

"We're all friends who plan on being successful. We like to dream



"That's what it's all about: living life."

— King Dizzy

big and make that dream a reality. We're all working to achieve the visions that we see in our head," he said.

The team is dedicated to sending a positive message through their work. This summer, King Dizzy will tour with Eric Thoemke, his music partner, and an MSU student. Some of their plans include traveling to Dickinson, Fargo and possibly returning to Miami, Florida.

The public relations major expects to graduate in four years. While he is in Minot, he plans to remain very active in the student and music scenes.

To keep up-to-date with King Dizzy, check him out on Twitter at twitter.com/KingDizzy or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KINGDIZZY.

2014 Leadership Project a group success

By Alexis Klein
Comm 281

The Minot State University Leadership program community project for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC) has wrapped up for the year.

The group had set a goal of raising \$6,000 to fill the DVCC's safe home with essential items for daily use. They were able to meet that goal through donations and money the group raised.

Addie Weeks, a member of the leadership group, explained their project.

"At the end of fall semester we met with a few groups from the community who asked for our help," she said. "Our group felt that the DVCC would be a great cause to contribute to and figured the project would be very challenging and rewarding."

Weeks said raising money can be a challenge.

"The biggest challenge for us was trying to find a time that everyone would be free to go ask for donations, and go buy the

items we needed once the money was received," she said.

The group believes the hard work and challenges they faced were all worth it in the end, when they were able to fill the house.

"I think I can say that we all feel grateful to have the opportunity to give back to the community and would gladly do it again or help with any other community projects that were asked of us," Weeks said. "I would like to give credit and thanks to Dena Filler and all of the other members of the DVCC and how much they give to the women and children in our community every day! Also to advisors Andy Bertsch and Deanna Klein and the rest of our group, Ashley Brink, April Bender, Thomas Konchan and Tyler Reiner, for all of their hard work."

The leadership group project followed the MSU Centennial Committee's "Power of 100" theme for the university's centennial year. The committee

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Student Social Work Organization Spring Symposium



Photo by Courtney Holman
Conference attendees gather at Minot State University's annual Student Social Work Organization Spring Symposium. This year's topic was "Beyond Cultural Competence: Skills for Creating More Just and Inclusive Community Service, with guest speakers Phyllis May-Muchanda and Amy Phillips. The conference allowed participants to look at oppression from a multicultural framework, including how it impacts our practice, how we can transform our practice and how we can move beyond just awareness. In addition, participants engaged in active learning to not only increase cultural competence but be moved beyond understanding to integration. MSU senior and SSWO president Kelly Knudson helped organize the event.



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Grand debut for student film 'Kryption'



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MSU cast and crew (from the left) Matthew Maldonado, Chris Reinemann, Andrea Donovan, Christine Morse, Ciara Peterson, Jerrica Rommel and Eric Thoemke discuss the MSU student-made film, "Kryption," at the film's debut last week in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

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MSU-Life event: Cupcake Wars



Photo by Courtney Holman
MSU students Melissa Podruchny and Jordan Crawford decorate cupcakes with an Easter theme during the Cupcake Wars.



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MSU students Jeremy Toles, Kris Merrill, Keyona Walker and A.J. Patterson create personalized pastries revolving around an animals theme at the Cupcake Wars event.



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A Minot State University-themed cupcake collection is on display during the Cupcake Wars event.

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Carly Boag named to 2 more All-America teams

(MSU Sports Information) – Minot State University senior Carly Boag was named to the 2014 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America Second Team and the Women's Basketball Division II Bulletin (WDIIB) All-America



Boag

Fourth Team following an outstanding season.

Boag, the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Player of the Year and a member of the WBCA All-America Honorable Mention team, earned her second honor from Daktronics as she also earned the 2013 Daktronics All-America Team award.

During her senior campaign, Boag set numerous school and conference records, averaging 22.1 points and 11.0 rebounds per game. She broke the school's all-time scoring and rebounding marks, becoming the first Minot State men's or women's player to finish with 1,500 points and 1,000 rebounds. She set the conference record for points in a season and points in a tournament game as well as Minot State's single-game scoring record.

She was named to the Daktronics All-Central Region Team earlier this year.

Track and field raises the bar for school and meet records

by Michelle Holman
Editor

This outdoor track and field season, Minot State University has consistently challenged the record books and raised the bar for future events. At the Gustavus Adolphus College Drake Alternative Meet this past weekend, hammer thrower Adedamola Sobande (Sr.) made his mark on MSU's scoreboard, and 400-meter sprinter Sienna Dailey (Jr.) set an all-time low meet time for the women.

Sobande hurled the hammer 163 feet and 8 inches, topping the Beaver record books and placing third at the meet. He also threw the discus 130 feet and 8 inches, earning him 10th place and a personal best distance.

Dailey blasted the previous 400-meter record, set by Alyssa Christianson last year, with her time of 56.86 seconds. She also garnered second place in the 200-

meter dash with her 26.56 second sprint.

Overall, the MSU women ended the successful day with four personal bests and four season bests, while the men earned eight personal bests and two season bests.

On the women's side, a handful of running athletes placed in the top ten of their respective events. The MSU 4x400 meter relay team won its event with a time of 4:04.62. Allison Windish (Fr.) finished the 5,000 meter dash in 18:46.49, and fellow freshman Samantha Huether ran a personal best of 11:42.71 in the 3,000 meter steeplechase, both placing second. Erica Clark finished third in the 800 meters in 2:20.67. Hurdler Breanne Sherlock (So.) finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with her time of 1:08.46. Sophomore Dijah Nash took ninth place in the 400 meters in 1:00.77.

A few MSU female field athletes also stood out with their top-ten finishes. Senior Kamilah Vanterpool nabbed fifth in the hammer throw at 154 feet and 11 inches. Allie Helterbran (Sr.) landed in seventh place in the triple jump with her distance of 35 feet, .84 inches, with Mary Roy two places behind her at 32' and 11.25". L'Tanya Flyth (Jr.) leapt to eighth in the long jump with her distance of 16 feet and 1.5 inches.

The men's side showed impressive performances on the track. Tyler Bates (Sr.) dashed to second place in the 400 in 49.48 seconds and placed third in the 200 with his time of 22.86 seconds. Distance runner Clay Armstrong (Sr.) finished the 1,500 meter race in 4:10.20. Sophomore Farai Madungwe ran the 200 meter to seventh place in 23.46. Freshman Dylan Harvey got ninth in the 400-meter hurdles with his 1:00.52

finish. Max Boeckel (Jr.) also placed ninth in his event, the 5,000 meters, with his time of 16:17.96; Joel Cartwright (Fr.) was just behind Boeckel with a time of 16:22.63.

Representing MSU's top ten field event finishers, juniors Kirk Capedeville took on the pole vault competition with his second place height of 15 feet and .25 inches and Phillip Streccius struck fifth place with his javelin throw of 165 feet and two inches, followed closely by Anthony Almeida's heave of 153 feet and 10 inches, earning him seventh place.

The Beavers will carry on their victorious streak this Saturday at the Ron Masanz Open, hosted by Minnesota State University Moorhead. They will compete in the NSIC Championships May 9-10 in Winona, Minn.

Friday Night Lights spring game set for Friday

(MSU Sports Information) — The Minot State University football team will hold the annual Spring Football Game to end the 2014 Spring season.

Over the past month, the Beavers have held 15 organized practices at Herb Parker Stadium to prepare for the 2014 season. Under a brand new coaching staff and head coach, Tyler Hughes, Minot State football is ready to show the public what they have been working on so far this year.

The Friday Night Lights spring game is Friday May 2 at Herb Parker Stadium with the offense versus defense style scrimmage starting at 7 p.m.

However, the event will start long before the game as Minot State Athletics has partnered with a variety of sponsors and campus organizations to hold a tailgate party beginning at 5 p.m. in the East

Dome parking lot (Lot L). Free food, including Man Cave Craft Meats and various Pepsi products will be provided (while supplies last) to all that attended the tailgate.

Entertainment at the tailgate will include bouncy houses for children as well as music and tailgate games. Entertainment and promotion of the game is provided by the Minot State Alumni Association and various Public Relations and Broadcasting classes at Minot State.

Fans will flow from the parking lot to Herb Parker Stadium to cheer on the Beavers in an inter-squad scrimmage that will last roughly one hour. The Beavers will battle offense versus defense for the majority of the scrimmage with special teams also appearing in various spots.

All fans and Minot State students in attendance will have chances to win great prizes by either handing in post cards received for the event or tweeting trivia answers to the Minot State

Athletics twitter account (@MSUBeavers) when prompted. Fans can win prizes up to \$100 in value, including gift certificates to Target, Spicy Pie and Applebee's as well as a range of Minot State gear.

After the game is complete, fans of all ages are invited to come on the turf of Herb Parker Stadium for a meet & greet and autograph session with Minot State players and

coaches. Paper and pens will be provided.

Admission to the tailgate and the game is free for all fans, students and children. Lot L will open at 4:45 p.m.

For all inquiries regarding the tailgate party and Friday Night Lights spring game, contact the Minot State Athletic Department at 701-858-3041.

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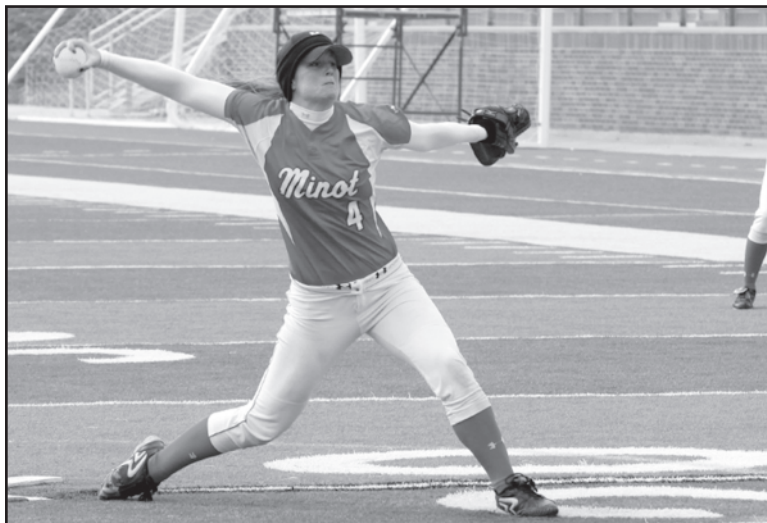


Photo courtesy of MSU Sports Information
Senior Jen Dixon pitches to rival Wayne State College in NSIC play at home at Herb Parker Stadium.

Softball starts conference tourney today

By Vanessa Christiuk
Staff Writer

The Beavers earned the No. 8 seed entering the 2014 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Tournament. The Beavers (28-18) face No. 9 Upper Iowa (20-26) today in first-round play. The winner takes on either No. 1 seed Minnesota State (41-9) or No. 2 seed Winona State (40-6).

Last weekend, the Beavers finished their regular season play at home on the turf of Herb Parker Stadium. The Beavers fell to Augustana College, 9-4 and 11-2, on Friday. Jen Dixon and Darlene Truong each went 2-for-4 in game one as Dixon finished with a run scored and an RBI. Katie Backes

had the other hit for MSU. In game two, Backes had two hits for the Beavers and Melissa Bell and Stacy Fournier knocked in runs for MSU.

On Saturday, Wayne State College swept a pair of NSIC games against the Beaver, 5-1 and 8-3. In game one, Backes finished with team's only RBI and Dixon went 2-for-3. In game two, MSU got two hits from Fournier and Backes and a 3-ror-4 performance from Bell.

The weekend before at Herb Parker Stadium, the Beaver softball team needed to add some games to the win column to stay in the race to make it into the conference tournament. The weekend started with the University of Minnesota - Duluth Bulldogs on Friday afternoon.

Game one was a close one, tied at 2 apiece going into the 6th inning. Things went awry with some mental mistakes, and the Bulldogs pulled ahead. The Beavers couldn't get a rally going, and lost the game, 6-3.

The second game of the day had the same fate, one inning of chaos and a losing battle of 7-2.

On Saturday things took a better turn against the St. Cloud State Huskies. Getting back to the hard-hitting intensity that the Beaver softball program is known for, Minot State swept the Huskies. With the eight-run mercy rule in effect in both games, the Beavers were victorious once again 10-1 and 11-3.

Beavers sweep rival Mary

By Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

In case there was any doubt, the Minot State and University of Mary rivalry is alive and well.

With both teams in a similar position battling for the NSIC's final playoff position, the Minot State Beavers Men's Baseball team entered last weekend's pivotal series knowing nothing less than a sweep of their rivals would be acceptable.

Consider it mission accomplished.

The Beavers played their best all-around baseball of the season and won all four games in a tense, and often chippy, series. The wins not only mathematically eliminated Mary from playoff contention, but also allowed Minot to control its own destiny with six games remaining in the season.

Game one on Friday belonged to junior starter Austin Zorn, who picked up his team-leading fifth win by hurling a complete-game six hitter. He surrendered just one earned run in a 4-2 victory. Minot's balanced offensive

attack scored single runs in each of the first four innings, with RBIs from AJ Begay, Tyler Stevenson, Connor Moughtin and Nick Hammerl.

Minot then completed the Friday sweep with a tense 8-6 comeback in game two. A huge four run seventh inning helped the Beavers overcome a 4-3 deficit, and they were able to keep the Marauders at bay the rest of the way.

Austin Berntson started and kept the Beavers in the game, hurling 5 2/3 innings while giving up four runs on seven hits. Senior Jamin Heller picked up his first win of the season with an inning and a third of relief, while Alec Grothe continued his stellar campaign by picking up his second save of the season.

With the Beavers clinging to a one-run lead, AJ Begay hit a towering homer in the ninth inning for a crucial insurance run. The Beavers balanced offense also included two RBIs from Andrew Roach, with Moughtin, Stevenson and Sean Arbaut picking up single RBIs.

Saturday's game featured an improbable comeback and a statement blowout as the Beavers

finished off their first ever NSIC four-game sweep.

In game three, the Beavers had clung to a 2-1 lead before Mary exploded for four runs in the fifth. Showing trademark resilience, Minot battled back for three runs in the next inning, highlighted by Conner Oliver's clutch two-out, two-RBI single. Jesse Goertzen made the 6-5 lead hold up, picking up his third win of the season with two scoreless innings of relief.

The Beavers then capped off the weekend with a dominating 13-4 victory. Arbaut had himself a day, going 4 for 5 with four RBIs, with Oliver, Moughtin and Begay all collecting three hits apiece. Begay added another home run, while Moughtin added two majestic moonshots of his own. Brock McCashland was the recipient of the run support, going nine innings and allowing four runs on eleven hits.

The Beavers will now head to Bemidji State for their final series of the season.

The weekend has large playoff implications. Stay updated on the action by following @MISUBaseball on twitter.

Women's golf finishes 10th at conference

By Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

Difficult weather conditions wreaked havoc during the final round of the NSIC Championships in Brainerd, Minnesota last weekend, where the Minot State Women's Golf team wrapped up its season with a tenth-place finish.

The Beavers shot a 365 in round three and a 379 in terrible conditions during the final round. The tournament was a learning experience for the intrepid young Beaver squad, and head coach Whitney Aberle said the showing gives plenty of reason for optimism next year.

"It was tough to score today, but the girls fought through the weather," Aberle told MSU sports information. "We wanted to move up, but that wasn't the case Sunday. We played a good tournament and have a good base to

build on heading into next season."

Freshman Kayla Barke had an outstanding finish to her first NSIC tournament, placing 22nd overall after shooting an overall 356. Senior Rebecca Heinitz finished her MSU career with a 33rd place finish after shooting a 374, while Danielle Foster finished 40th. Senior McKenzie Nagel placed 42nd in her final tournament.

Aberle was impressed with Barke's performance, and was also very proud of her seniors.

"Kayla was very consistent in the tournament, and we are extremely proud of how she played in her first conference tournament of her career," Aberle said. "She has the ability to really move up as we go forward and as she gets more and more comfortable playing the longer courses at the DII level. Becca and Mackenzie did a great job representing Minot State the past four years and we will miss them next year."



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encouraged people and groups to complete projects based on that theme, with a goal of 100 projects finished by April or May.

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