

Celebrating 100 cultures



Photo by Ayman AlQasem

Chiraz Moussa, an MSU student from Tunisia, displays samples of her culture's cuisine. Various student organizations, community organizations and individuals shared their own or other cultures last week in the Student Center. MSU Diversity Council sponsored Celebrating 100 Cultures, a Power of 100 project.

KMSU show looks back

by Zac DeMers
Staff Writer

KMSU, the student campus television station, will air a live show looking back at the history of Minot State University on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5 p.m. in lieu of its weekly television show. The 30-minute program will air on MidContinent Cable Channel 19.

The style will be the same, however. The students who work on the show will present news, interviews and weathercasts. These segments

will focus on the past 100 years. Students will produce package stories using old photographs with voiceovers to tell about important events of the last 25, 50, 75 and 100 years.

Garnett Cox is slated to be a guest on the show. Cox became the dean of women at Minot State Teacher's College in 1963 and retired in 1996 as the dean of students at Minot State University.

"Garnett Cox is a riot of a woman; she's so much fun," Mariah

Zaback, an MSU junior and producer for the campus television show said. "I'm really looking forward to what she has to say."

Still in the planning stages, the program will also feature guests reminiscing about sports and Greek life on campus, as well as guests to be announced.

The production will replay Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 8, at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Channel 19. It will also be posted on the show's Facebook and YouTube pages.

Wellness Fair coming Nov. 7

by Ayman AlQasem
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Wellness Committee will hold the annual MSU Wellness Fair on Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Student Center atrium from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Representatives from both the MSU Student Health and the Wellness Centers will be present to answer questions and provide advice. In addition, nursing students will perform cholesterol checks for those interested. Cholesterol test-takers are required to fast for 12 hours before the test. The Student Health Center will also provide flu shots during the fair.

The Wellness Center will take advantage of this event to connect with the community.

"We will take requests of what people would like to see us offer here because we are constantly trying to develop what it is we do ... and to serve the campus better," Karina Stander, MSU Wellness Committee co-chair said.

"The fair is an opportunity to bring in health professionals from the Minot community - dietitians, doctors, chiroprac-

tors and fitness professionals from local gyms," Stander said.

This will be a great connecting opportunity, particularly



for newcomers to Minot. The fair will also feature representatives from local grocery stores who will display the healthy food items they have available on their shelves.

Fair planners have not only considered human health. Souris Valley Animal Shelter, and possibly other animal shelters will be present to discuss volunteer opportunities for the MSU community.

"If you look at the hustle and bustle of being a college student when you are not feeling like yourself and you want to feel better, this is an opportunity."
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Midnight showing tonight of 'The Rocky Horror Picture Show'

Campus Players will host a midnight showing of the wild cult classic, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" Oct. 31 in Aleshire Theater. Doors open at 11:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Audience participation and costumes are strongly encouraged.

There will be a brief information session before the start of the movie to encourage the audience to participate. Participation packages will be available for \$5, or \$3 if in costume.

Due to the mature themes, mature audiences are advised (18 years or older).

News in Brief

Wellness Center costume climbing event

Creepy crawlies are welcome to crawl the Student Wellness Center rock wall on Halloween between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. The most creative costume wearer will win a \$50 gift card to the MSU bookstore! The event is free and exclusive for MSU students with a current MSU ID.

Community Halloween Party for children

The MSU Student Council for Exceptional Children, along with the Optimist Club of Minot, will host a community Halloween party for youth through eighth grade from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Dome. The event provides a safe and comfortable environment to trick or treat. Use the northeast

door of the Dome to access the booths on the third floor.

Halloween dance Nov. 1

Don't pack away those costumes yet. The Halloween Dance with DJ Benno is your chance to dance off those candy calories! The dance starts at 10:30 p.m. at the Grand Hotel, and is free for all students with a current MSU ID. MSU Life sponsors the event.

International Film Series Nov. 4

The Canadian film, "Inch'Allah," that was scheduled to run Oct. 21, will be shown Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. The event is free and open to the public and includes door prizes for attendees. The foreign language program sponsors the series.

NAC lecture by Anderson Nov. 5

Eric Anderson, associate music professor at Minot State, will explore "the story behind the story" of Schubert's classic "The Erlkonig" in a presentation for the Northwest Art Center lecture series Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Aleshire Theater. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Anderson will use "The Erlkonig" to illustrate how musical language and symbolism can enhance the drama of a story.

Karaoke in the Dam Nov. 6

Keep calm and karaoke on! (Oh, and win a great prize!) The event, which runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 6, is free for all students with a current MSU ID.

MSU Life sponsors the event.

Double-showing movie night Nov. 6

Chase away the Hump Day blues with back-to-back movies! The movie begins at 7:05 p.m. and a second showing will begin immediately following in Aleshire Theater, Hartnett Hall. This event is free for all students with a current MSU ID.

Battle of the Bands Nov. 7

Rock out with MSU during the Battle of the Bands in the Beaver Dam Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. Comedienne Tracey Ashely will emcee the event.

Bands will compete for the first place prize, \$500, second place, \$300 and third place, \$200.

Bands must sign up electronically by Friday, Nov. 1, at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BADA72AA7F85-battle.

MSU Life sponsors the event. It is free to all students with a current MSU ID.

NAC galleries to feature 'Best of the Best'

Artists who have earned the distinction of Best of Show in the annual Northwest Art Center's Americas 2000 All Media and Paperworks competitions over the past decade will showcase their works in honor of MSU's Centennial Celebration. The show runs Nov. 7 through Dec. 19 in both Hartnett Hall Gallery and Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery.

The opening reception is Thursday, Nov. 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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to feel better, this is an opportunity to come and learn about the resources in the community and on-campus and the latest studies that can help you.

"With animal shelters represen-

tatives being there, students can learn how to volunteer and get connected that way. This will help students with their emotional wellness if they are missing their family pet, and their social wellness of being able to get out there and volunteer," Stander said.

MSU Wellness Center hours and events,
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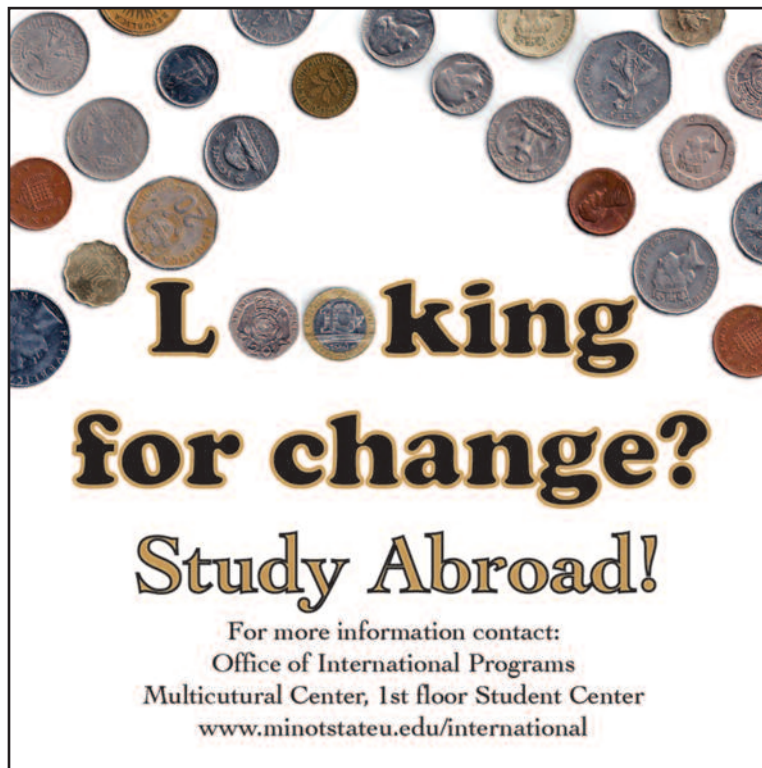


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Halloween Scary Story Contest winner 'Unexpected' by Misty Neumiller

In this issue, we have featured the first-place story submitted to the English Department for the annual Scary Story Writing Contest.

Misty Neumiller is a senior majoring in English.

Unexpected

by Misty Neumiller

Jesse had just come off his shift at the hospital and he was exhausted. He yawned wide and rubbed his eyes with the back of his hand trying to wipe the sleep from them. He had somehow been wrangled in to working a double in the ER and it had been a busy night. The foggy weather had resulted in two car accidents on the highway that he was driving down this very moment. He shuddered as he thought about the mangled bodies of those that survived and the lifeless eyes of those that didn't. Reaching down, he turned the radio up and, to his delight, they were playing his favorite song.

Well I remember, I remember don't worry

How could I ever forget, it's the first time, the last time we ever met

But I know the reason why you keep your silence up, no you don't fool me

The hurt doesn't show; but the pain still grows

It's no stranger to you or me

Jesse sang along to the lyrics, thrumming his fingers on the dash and bobbing his head. He was so into his performance that he nearly didn't see the person walking along the side of the road as he rounded a corner. He managed to stop a few

feet in front of her. Putting the car in park, Jesse hopped out and walked over to her. The girl was clearly freezing. It was a cool night and the fog still lingered, her breath puffing in the air as she breathed out shakily. She was only wearing a thin black T-shirt with the iconic Rolling Stones logo on it, scarlet leggings, and a short denim mini skirt. She only had flip flops on her feet. Jesse approached her slowly.

"Hey. Hey! You OK?" He asked cautiously. "You are freezing. Can I give you a lift? It's late and this road has been treacherous before and this fog makes it worse."

She just looked at him with wide eyes and clutched her arms around herself in an attempt to warm up. Slowly she nodded to him. Jesse led her back to the car and held the door while she got in. Once she was situated, he shut the door and jogged around to the driver's side and got in.

"Let me warm it up in here." He said as he cranked the heat up and shifted the car into drive. He glanced over at the girl and couldn't help but notice how her long auburn hair seemed to glow like the embers of a dying fire in the pale light of the dashboard. The curls tumbled down around her shoulders framing her pale face. "So, my name is Jesse. And you are?"

At first Jesse didn't think she was going to answer, but then she turned to look at him and said through chattering teeth, "Marnie."

"OK, Marnie. Nice to meet you." He flashed her a nervous smile. "What are you doing out walking on this road so late, in such

shitty weather?"

"I was at a party." Marnie began, her teeth no longer clacking together. She seemed to be getting warmer and relaxing into the seat. She paused for a bit before continuing. "My boyfriend and I got in a fight. I found him with his tongue down my best friend's throat. So I took off. Didn't really think it through." She threw him a weak shrug and laid her head back against the seat and sighed. They drove for a bit in silence, the only sound was the radio playing quietly. Marnie could make out the soft strains of classic 80's rock and it soothed her.

"I love this song. Mind if I turn it up?" She asked leaning forward and not waiting for him to answer before twisting the knob.

Her friends are so jealous
You know how bad girls get
Sometimes it's not so easy
To be the teacher's pet
Temptation, frustration
So bad it makes him cry
Wet bus stop, she's waiting
His car is warm and dry

The irony of that line was not lost on either of them. They both laughed, the ice broken, and sang along to the next few lines together. Marnie smiled warmly at Jesse as the song ended.

"So," he licked his lips nervously, "Where am I taking you? Might be good to know." He chuckled.

"Oh, that makes sense." She grinned again. "I live on Landon Court, just past the old mill. Number 42."

"Really? I live just around the corner on Jefferson. Small world,

huh?"

"Must be fate." Marnie was leaning closer to him unconsciously. She caught herself and sat up. She looked around the car as they drove on. "I just have to say, I love your car. Nothing beats a 1967 Impala." She said appreciatively.

"You like Impalas? Wait, you know the make AND year?" Jesse exclaimed, clearly impressed. "Marry me!" Marnie laughed at that.

"I think I deserve at least dinner first." Her smile was bright and wide. Jesse's breath hitched in his throat as he smiled back. This was turning into a better night than he could have imagined. He realized he hadn't looked at the road in a while and jerked his head back, sad to realize they were almost there.

Marnie had noticed their location as well and her smile faded. She had not expected to meet someone like Jesse. Her boyfriend had been a dick to her from the start, always obsessed with crap music and telling her to dress sluttier, bleach her hair, and, in general, not be herself. Maybe, just maybe, Jesse would be different. She sighed again when she felt the car roll to a gentle stop and looked up to see her house looming in the shadows of the trees in front of them. She looked over at Jesse, her eyes sad.

"Marnie?" Jesse whispered into the stillness. She didn't let him finish. Quickly closing the distance between them, she captured his mouth in a tender kiss, his hand coming up to tangle in her curls. They kissed as the music filled the space around them.

I long to see the sunlight in your hair

And tell you time and time again
How much I care

Sometimes I feel my heart will overflow

Hello!

I've just got to let you know
'cause I wonder where you are
And I wonder what you do
Are you somewhere feeling lonely?

Or is someone loving you?

Tell me how to win your heart

For I haven't got a clue

But let me start by saying I love you

Eventually they broke apart. Jesse gave his number to Marnie on a small strip of paper, an old receipt from the 7Eleven down at the end of the road. He walked her to her house and kissed her one last time. When she walked around to the back of the house, Jesse got back into his car and pulled away sadly. He hoped she would call him. He shut off the radio and drove in silence the few blocks to his place. He knew who his dreams would be filled with that night as he turned off the rumble of the engine. With the ghost of a smile on his face, Jesse drifted off.

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The sun was high in the sky by the time Marnie felt she was ready enough to call Jesse. After calling her, now ex-boyfriend, she had sat staring at the tiny piece of paper that held her possible future, written in small slanted numbers. Finally she pressed the number into her cell and waited for it to ring.

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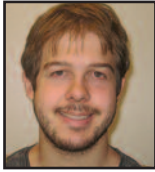
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On Movies



'Carrie'

by Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

Happy Halloween everyone. It wouldn't be Halloween without a horror movie, especially the classic 1976 movie, "Carrie." A remake has been made and, with perfect timing, is now showing.

"Carrie" stars Chloe Grace Moretz, Julianne Moore, Gabriella Wilde, Portia Doubleday, Ansel Elgort, Alex Russell and Judy Greer. Kimberly Peirce directs the movie based on the book by Stephen King. It is rated "R" for language, bloody violence and some sexual content.

The film is about teenager

Carrie White (Moretz), a school outcast taunted by many students including Chris (Doubleday) and Sue (Wilde). Living at home is no walk in the park either as Carrie's mother, Margaret (Moore), is a religious fanatic with signs of mental illness. Carrie, however, is not a normal teenager as she has powerful telekinesis abilities. Popular athlete Tommy (Elgort) is asked by his girlfriend, Sue, to take Carrie to the prom because Sue feels guilty for picking on Carrie. Carrie, encouraged by gym teacher Rita (Greer), accepts.

Carrie is excited about the prom, as she has never had anything nice happen to her. However, a few students, including Chris and her boyfriend Billy

(Russell) have other plans for her. What they don't know though is that Carrie is not who everyone believes her to be, and at prom night everyone will know her name.

Usually, remakes on horror movies do not outdo the original, and this movie is no exception, but it is enjoyable. In the original movie, Sissy Spacek and Piper Laurie played Carrie and her mother respectively, wonderfully. Their replacements, Moretz and Moore, actually do a good job in their roles. Moretz, most notably known for playing the deadly vigilante hit girl from "Kick-Ass," does a great job portraying the meek and shy Carrie. I felt sad when the other students picked on

Carrie. Moore also does a good job as the unstable mother. Both of these actresses give strong performances and that makes watching the film enjoyable.

Honestly though, with a few exceptional moments, I was not exactly scared or frightened. I believe that the original version is much scarier. There are definitely creepy moments in the remake, especially the moments that she uses her telekinesis. However, it is not exactly sleep-with-the-lights-on scary. There is a lot of blood in "Carrie," hence "R" rating.

One reason the film seemed less scary is because I saw the original movie and knew what was going to happen. The prom scene still sticks in my mind,

although I felt that it was a bit shorter than the original scene. Those who have seen the original may notice changes in the remake, but these are not drastic changes and do not alter the film that much. I guess in some ways, "Carrie" could be seen as more of a tragedy than a horror film when compared to the original.

For those who want to be truly scared to the point that you have nightmares, this may not be the film for you. Despite the lack of scary moments, I found "Carrie" enjoyable and worth watching. For scare factor, I rate the film 3 out of 5 Beavers. For the overall film; I rate it 4 out of 5 Beavers.

I hope you have a happy and safe Halloween.

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"The number you are trying to reach is no longer in service." Marnie frowned down at the phone before remembering that he had said he lived on Jefferson. She hopped up and grabbed her coat before heading out the door. The walk was short but helped to calm her nerves. She saw the sleek Impala in the driveway before she got there. It seemed dirtier than she remembered, but figured it must have been the fog and tiredness making her remember it differently. With a deep breath, she approached the door and rang the bell. A middle aged woman opened the door. She looked questioningly at Marnie.

"Yes? Can I help you?" She asked warily.

"Hi. My name is Marnie and I was hoping Jesse was home?"

"Is this a joke? Who sent you?" The woman answered angrily.

"What? Why would I be joking?" Marnie was confused. She looked at the woman and behind her she could see a picture of Jesse on the wall. "Jesse. I met him last

night. He gave me a ride home. He even gave me his number." She held the slip up for the woman to see. The woman looked at it and flipped it over, scanning the number and the receipt, before handing it back to Marnie.

"My son is dead. I think you need to leave." The woman said stiffly. She stepped back and slammed the door in Marnie's face, the force nearly pushing her back off the steps.

Marnie retreated quickly in disbelief. She walked up to the car and saw that there was a thick layer of dust on it and swallowed thickly. She looked down at the paper with his number scrawled on it and turned it over just as his mother had. She read it and gasped in surprise. The receipt was from a convenience store that had been torn down last summer to make way for a strip mall. Her shaky legs carried her swiftly home and as soon as she got to her room she crumpled to the floor. Breathing heavily, Marnie pulled her laptop over and did a search for Jesse. It didn't take long for the newspaper article to be

pulled up in front of her, his picture smiling back at her. She scanned the article. It seemed that Jesse had been driving home late one night after work. He had stopped to help

a young woman who was walking home and, due to the fog, a drunk driver barreled around the corner and hit them. Neither survived. Marnie softly snapped her laptop

shut and set it aside. She began to rock back and forth and that is how her mother found her later that day, muttering about being in love with a dead man.



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Student Spotlight ...

Lauren Burress-Ryan

by Ayman Alaqasem
Staff Writer

Lauren Burress-Ryan, the 2011 Junior Women's Freestyle Kayaking World Champion, entered Minot State University this fall to major in psychology.

Thanks to her father, who is also a kayaking enthusiast, Burress-Ryan started training when she was only six years old. In addition to this early start, living close to Colorado rivers helped her compete against the world's most talented kayakers - and win!

"We used to live in an RV," Burress-Ryan said, "and I was by the river all the time, and it was really nice."

As a member of the U.S. Team, she won the World Championship in Freestyle Kayaking in Germany in 2011. She said winning this championship is the most prestigious title any kayaker in the world can dream of. It was not easy for her to compete this time,

let alone win the championship.

"One thing that was really hard, my dad was not able to come," Burress-Ryan said, "so it was just me and my mom. And my dad is my coach."

Additionally, although she had many sponsors, her family provid-



"We used to live in an RV, and I was by the river all the time."

— Lauren Burress-Ryan

ed the main funding for her trip.

When you meet Burress-Ryan, it is hard to realize she is only 17 years old. She is already a world-class, highly-achieved athlete, a part-time worker and happily married to her husband, Klæe, whom she met in North Dakota after moving here in 2010.

Burress-Ryan said her only reason for attending MSU was to stay close to her family. She didn't expect to be able to pursue her athletic ambitions during her



Submitted Photo

Lauren Burress-Ryan does a Space Godzilla at the World Championships in Bryson City, N.C.

study years. But she found that MSU offers more reasons to stay.

"I really like it here in Minot State University. All my teachers

are very helpful. And the gym is extremely nice. I started going to the gym," the World Champion kayaker said, "and I absolutely

love it. It is very clean, not crowded and the hours work great with my schedule."

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Lauren Burress-Ryan competes in the World Cup in Bryson City, N.C.

Beavers drop to No. 2 but remain undefeated

by Jamie Council
Staff Writer

The Minot State Hockey team swept Colorado State last weekend at the Maysa Arena. In addition to the games, the Beavers raised \$700 to donate to the Colorado flood relief fund through the American Red Cross.

The Beavers are ranked number two in the nation in the latest ACHA poll behind the Arizona State University Sundevils. Even with a spotless 6-0 league record, MSU forfeited the number one spot due to a new computer rankings system.

Friday night's game started off as a close game. By the end of the first period, the Beavers were up by one due to a goal by sophomore Brett Nespor with eight seconds left on the clock. Freshman Jeremy Johnson kept the Beavers afloat with the two first goals of the game.

The Beavers and Rams battled it out until the Rams let up in the third allowing MSU to pile on the goals to put the final score at 9-4.

Junior captain Michael Jordan (5 assists) and junior Logan Herauf (1 goal, 4 assists) led the

Beavers with five points. Johnson tallied a hat trick plus an assist for an outstanding effort.

The win showed the depth of the Beaver roster with 11 players tallying points. Senior goaltender Wyatt Waselenchuk stood in net making 34 saves on the night.

Saturday night's game showed composure from both teams, especially on the defensive end. The total goals in the game were less than the goal mark for the first period Friday night. The Beavers ground out a 4-0 shutout win.

The game remained scoreless until the second period when junior Dwight Lee netted a pass from junior defenseman Mitch Peeke. The lone goal in the second period was followed by three Beaver goals in the third period. Johnson netted two and freshman Sean Delwo tallied the other goals in the effort. Senior Jared McIntosh led MSU in points with three assists.

The Beavers host rival Williston State at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the Maysa Arena.



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MSU sophomore Brett Nespor (No. 19) takes a shot against Colorado State in the Maysa Arena. MSU swept both games, 9-4 on Friday and 4-0 Saturday.

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MSU junior Jen Dixon (No. 4) spikes the ball for a kill against Minnesota State Mankato in the Dome Saturday. Dixon had 14 kills and the Beavers defeated Mankato, 3-0.

Women finish season strong

By Jamie Council
Staff Writer

The Minot State University women's golf team finished up the fall portion of their season tenth in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. They will be back in full swing next spring.

The team competed in the NSIC Fall Championships at Madden's Resort on Oct. 5-6 to clinch 10th place. The Beavers were able to knock off 11 strokes from round one to round two on this tough course, shooting a 387 on day one and a 376 on day two of the event. That gave the Beavers a total par of 763. Concordia-St. Paul and Augustana College are tied for first place in the NSIC with 656.

Freshman Kayla Barke led the Lady Beavers with a 91 in round one and 86 in round two for a total of 177. She is tied for 23rd overall individually in the NSIC. Senior Rebecca Heintz

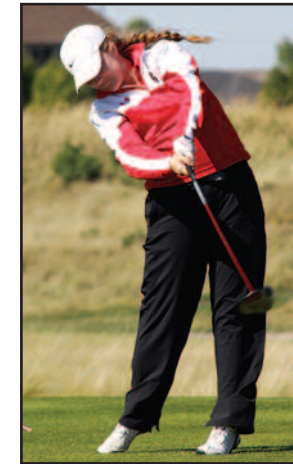
shot a 188, sophomore Danielle Foster shot a 198 and senior Mackenzie Nagel shot a 201. Freshman Samantha Cottingham and sophomore Kayla Palczewski didn't compete in the Fall Championships, but are the final two additions to the roster for the women's golf team.

Prior to the Fall Championships, the Beavers traveled to Marshall, Minn. to compete in the 16th annual Southwest Minnesota State Mustang Invite at the Marshall Golf Club. MSU finished seventh overall out of a total of 14 teams, 10 of which are in the NSIC. Barke and Nagel finished in the top 20 individually at the event.

The MSU women's golf team may have packed away their clubs for the winter, but they pull them back out next spring to finish their 2013-14 season in the second portion of the season.



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ABOVE:
Kayla Barke.

LEFT: Danielle Foster

Volleyball splits at home

Beavers fall to No. 1 ranked Concordia, sweep Minnesota State

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

Coming off two impressive road wins, the Minot State Volleyball team looked to continue its tournament push during a pair of tough home matches last weekend at the MSU Dome.

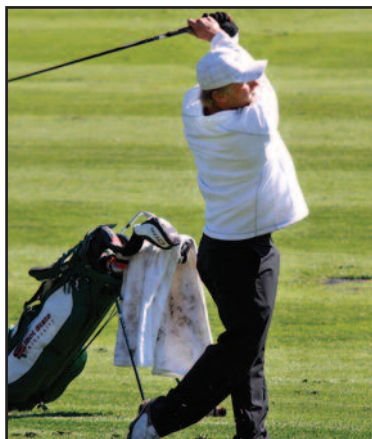
The team managed to split the weekend set, dropping a 3-1 decision Friday night against national powerhouse Concordia State before bouncing back for a commanding 3-0 victory over Minnesota State Mankato the following day. The Beavers (9-13 overall, 5-8 NSIC) continued to show their evolution and growth as a team, and remain within

striking distance of the eighth and final entry into the NSIC conference tournament.

The Beavers knew it would be tough Friday night, facing off against a Concordia State squad ranked as the number one NCAA Division II program in the nation. Even after being overwhelmed 25-17 in the first set, the Beavers fought valiantly and pushed the Golden Bears in sets two and three.

Minot actually seemed poised to capture the second set, at one point holding a 23-17 advantage. The Beavers couldn't close it out, however, and dropped the set 26-24. To

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Beavers finish fall tied for 6th

By Jamie Council
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The Minot State men's golf team completed the fall section of its 2013-14 season earlier this month. Golf is the only varsity sport at MSU to compete in Northern Sun Intercollegiate College play in more than one given "season." The Beavers will swing back into action next spring.

Minot State competed at the NSIC Fall Championships at The Classic at Madden's Resort on Sept. 30-Oct. 1. The second half of this event takes place on April 11-12, 2014. The Beavers currently hold the sixth spot with a 643, along with three other teams in the conference.

Two brothers led the team in this match. Junior Kowan O'Keefe led the way with a 157, just 13 over par. Younger brother and freshman

Karson finished one stroke behind. Senior Casey Gleich finished the event 17 over par at 161 and senior Cody Duchscherer finished his fall session at 167.

Earlier in the fall session, the Beaver golfers competed at the same course for the NSIC Fall Preview on Sept. 10-11. At the end of the first day, the Beavers were in ninth place, but moved up one in the final day of play to end up in the eighth spot.

The fall session of golf has wrapped up just in time for the colder weather. The men of MSU golf will continue their season in the spring.



Kowan O'Keefe

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Upper Left: Karson O'Keefe. Left: Nicholas Liebel

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let down, and emerged victorious in a hard-fought 25-23 third set win. MSU burst out to a 6-1 advantage in set four, before Concordia regained control by hitting .421 in the final frame to cruise to a 25-15 victory.

Jen Dixon and Mallory Sall each had 14 kills for the Beavers, while Tarah Dabovich also reached double digits with ten. Setter Emily Byrne contributed 44 assists while Ashley Heavenor continued her strong play with 15 defensive digs.

The Beavers bounced back into the win column Saturday, sweeping Minnesota Mankato 3-0 (25-20, 25-20, 26-24) in a match that was much tighter than the score suggests.

Minot had to play comeback after getting off to slow starts in all three sets. The Beavers trailed, 11-5, in set one and 9-5, in set two, but were able to refocus and eliminate errors on their way to victory.

Byrne contributed another 44 assists in the winning effort, while Dixon took control in the second set, finishing with a match-high 14 kills. Sall chipped in with another 11 kills, while Shaunessy Dauwalder contributed eight. Dabovich also hit an impressive .471 for the match.

Head coach Travis Ward was happy with the adjustments his team was able to make early on in

the match, eliminating errors and making smarter decisions.

"We've talked a lot about the decisions that we make and the errors that we have been making," Ward told MSU Sports Information. "It wasn't (Mankato's) match that they were controlling, but it was us making errors. The girls came out of that (second set) time out and made much better decisions and we just stayed the course and pretty soon we started to chip away one point at a time at their lead."

Minot State is on the road for the next two weekends, beginning with Upper Iowa and Winona State this Friday and Saturday. The team sits in a three-way tie for ninth place in the NSIC standings, one game back of Minnesota Crookston and MSU Moorhead for the final NSIC tournament birth.

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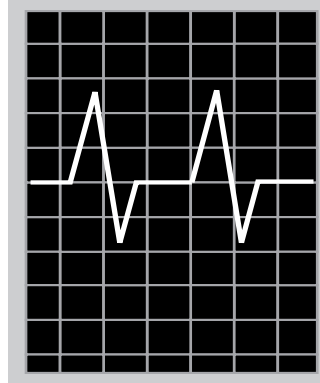
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