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Photo by Zac Demers

Cole Anderson, Krista Sipin, Hannah-Ruth Patterson, Megan Wolf and Amanda Kraft rehearse for their upcoming performance in "A Piece of My Heart." The play begins Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

## 'A Piece of My Heart' portrays a female perspective of the Vietnam War

By Zac Demers  
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Theatre Arts Program will present its mainstage production, "A Piece of My Heart," Tuesday, Feb. 24, through Saturday, Feb. 28, in Aleshire Theater, Hartnett Hall, with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Director Carlen Gilseth said the play focuses on six females and their involvement in the Vietnam conflict. Some of the characters are nurses, a member of the Red Cross Association and one is a USO entertainer. Originally, the play called for one male character to play various roles.

Because of auditions, Gilseth decided to cast more actors in these roles. The play comes full circle with the development of the characters. Act I focuses on the characters' lives before Vietnam and also during the conflict. Act II focuses on life after the conflict.

"It's about the female perspective," Gilseth said. "All of the jobs that the female had during that conflict (Vietnam)."

Gilseth believes there are many negative aspects of war, but "A Piece of My Heart" offers something different.

"I don't think this solved anything in the world (the

Vietnam Conflict)," he said. "I see it (the play) as an anti-war peace, because it shows it like it is, or like it was. It's a hope that we see these horrors and we will change as people."

Erin Kampen plays MaryJo, a USO entertainer during the war. One of her relatives served during the Vietnam conflict, so she has a personal connection to the role she plays.

"The most challenging part for me is dealing with the emotional baggage that I myself have brought to the character," Kampen said. "I share a lot of similarities with the character, particularly

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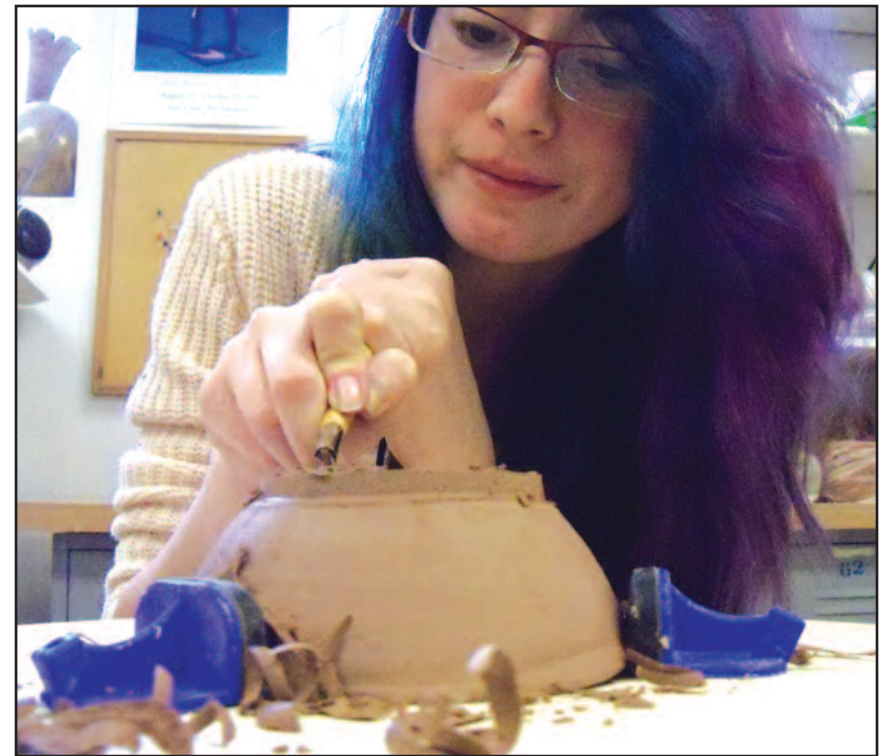


Photo by Shalyssa DeBin

MSU senior Rachel Alfaro trims the bottom of a bowl in the ceramics studio. Her bowl, along with others, will be donated to Soup It Up.

## Ceramics students make bowls to benefit local museum

By Kalyn Dewitt  
Comm 281

There are bowls everywhere in the Minot State University ceramics studio. That is because students are busy making the bowls to donate to the Taube Museum of Art's annual fundraiser, Soup it Up. The event is Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Atrium at the State Fair Center to raise money for the art community in Minot.

All students in ceramics classes at MSU are making the bowls. So far, they have crafted more than 150 bowls.

Rachel Alfaro, a senior in the ceram-

ics two class, says it has been fun.

"So far I've made more than 10 bowls," Alfaro said. "It has been fun, and I'm getting better and faster at making them as I go along. It's messy and a lot of work, but I know it is for a good cause."

Some of the other students making bowls are Tyler Loeffler, Cera Pignet, Ben Wilson, Takuma Abe, Kaylee Dokter and Kalyn Dewitt.

Linda Olson, chair of Humanities and head of the ceramics department, spearheads Minot State's participation in the Taube fundraiser.

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## Thakkar to present 'Mathematics and the Brain' at next Math Talk

By Richard Allen  
Comm 281

"It's an opportunity for anyone interested in mathematics and subjects related to mathematics to come together and meet one another," Minot State University math major Hriday Bharat Thakkar said in regards to his upcoming math talk on Feb. 26. The next in the monthly series is at 5 p.m. Thursday in room 330 of Model Hall.

Thakkar, who goes by Day, will speak on computational neuroscience, which is the study of brain functions in terms of the information processing properties of the structures that make up the nervous system.

More specifically, the MSU junior will describe how we can use artificial neural networks and other modeling tools to understand how the brain stores and computes information. Thakkar explained that it is a very broad subject and involves computer science, mathematical modeling, neural biology and how they all come together to solve problems in neural science and

artificial intelligence.

Narayan Thapa, mathematics and computer science instructor, started the series.

"Most of the talks are interdisciplinary," Thapa said, "math-related chemistry, biology, physics, and sometimes just math by itself. So it's pretty interesting stuff for general audiences."

This is the fourth year of the MSU Math Talks. Thapa believes one of the many reasons why they succeed here is because of the small class size with more opportunity for one-on-one interaction, so the faculty can have a huge impact on the students. Thapa encourages all students who are passionate about their area of study to come and observe the Math Monthly Talk Series to see how math can be a great research tool for them.

Thakkar said the broader goal of his Math Talk is to inspire as many people as he can to see the beauty in mathematics, and how we can use math to explain everything around us.

## Darwin Day celebrations



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura  
MSU Students watch the presentation, "At the Center of Never Enough," in Aleshire Theater. Aaron Coleman, a nationally acclaimed artist/printmaker from Chicago, presented the lecture as part of Darwin Day celebrations at MSU last week. The MSU Division of Science sponsored the event

## News in Brief

### Next Democracy Cafe held today

Minot State University will host a Democracy Cafe Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Beaver Brew Cafe in the Beaver Ridge Plaza.

Winnie Lazenko, executive director, National Survivor Network, will present "Incomprehensible: Human Trafficking in North Dakota." Democracy Cafe fosters nonpartisan discussion on important civic issues in the community and is part of MSU's commitment to the Democracy Project in conjunction with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Democracy Cafe is free and open to the public. For more information and a complete schedule of topics, contact Larshus at [Jynette.larshus@minostateu.edu](mailto:Jynette.larshus@minostateu.edu) or 858-4324.

### College of Business Spring Social today

All Minot State students, faculty and staff are invited to join the College of Business for its Spring Semester Student Social Feb. 19 from 11:30 to 2 p.m. in McFarland Lobby in front of Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, second floor of Old Main. Hamburgers, chips, cookies and hot-chocolate will be available! The first 100 students will receive a free CoB shirt. For more information, email: [college.business@minotstateu.edu](mailto:college.business@minotstateu.edu).

### Chemistry magic show will be held Feb. 24

The MSU Division of Science will host a chemistry magic show at 3 p.m. Feb. 24 in Hoffman Auditorium. Faculty and students will perform experiments developed by MSU classes that include things parents warned their children to never do — play with dangerous chemicals, fire and explo-

sives. The chemistry magic show starts at 3 p.m. and lasts approximately 40 minutes. It is free and open to the public. MSU students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

### MSU Jazz Ensemble concert on Feb. 24

Devin Otto, assistant professor of music, will lead the Minot State University Jazz Ensemble on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall in the ensemble's first concert of 2015.

### NAC Library Gallery will host 'Souls of Silver'

The Northwest Art Center's Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery presents "Souls of Silver" by Shane Balkowitsch of Bismarck, N.D., on display through March 12. The "Souls of Silver" closing reception is March 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The gallery is open regular library hours. For hours, call 858-3200. For more information, contact Avis Veikley at 701-858-3264.

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- 1881:** Kansas becomes first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.
- 1953:** Georgia approves first U.S. literature censorship board.
- 1985:** Canned and bottled Cherry Coke introduced by Coca-Cola.
- 1987:** Minnesota sheriff's office arrests FBI most wanted, Thomas G. Harrelson.
- 1998:** U.S. hockey team destroys their rooms at Olympic village in Japan.
- 2013:** NASA loses communication with the International Space Station for three hours as a result of updating the station's command and control software.

(Courtesy of Brainyhistory.com)



## MSU's version of Silent Library held on campus



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

In the challenge, "Polly want a cracker," Chaneil Morin feeds carrots to blind-folded Kevin Gilgallon. Morin won the challenge.



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Amber Anderson and Kortni Plorin watch MSU's Silent Library, broadcast live in the Beaver Dam. M-Life sponsored the event.



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## Ask a pastor

*Remember that you are dust*

By **Christopher Schmidt**  
MSU Campus Pastor

Q: So, what's the deal with Ash Wednesday?

R: Did you happen to see anyone on campus with a black cross on their forehead yesterday? If so, you saw a Christian who received the ashes of Ash Wednesday. Perhaps you saw politicians or others on television with ash crosses. Last year, remarkably, Stephen Colbert kept his ashes on his forehead for his Ash Wednesday "Colbert Report." Talk about a public profession of faith!

At Ash Wednesday services around the world, worshippers come forward to receive ashes. While imposing the ashes, the leader will say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" – a way to both celebrate and remind Christians of their earthly mortality.

Ash Wednesday arose out of biblical passages that reference the significance of ashes. The practice can be traced back to at least the 6th century AD, when ashes would be sprinkled on the foreheads of gravely ill Christians as part of their death preparations. Soon, Ash Wednesday came to signify the beginning of Lent – 46 days of fasting, prayer and reflection leading up to Easter.

So why has the marking of Ash Wednesday survived for so long? Why is it still a meaningful practice? Perhaps it's because we know that it's important to remember

our mortality. Deep down, we sense the profound brevity of life.

The cold truth is that you and I are going to die, and everyone we know is going to die. Death is real, and looming wherever we look. We're really good, however, of convincing ourselves that death isn't real. We do this when we live with a sense of invincibility, taking risks and treating our bodies as if they're going to live forever. We do this when we participate in unhealthy activities or relationships. And we do it when we tell ourselves that "there's always tomorrow," despite the fact that tomorrow is never guaranteed.

The reality of death is something we don't like to think about. It's much easier to distract ourselves with trivial activities that aren't very important. But when we do this, we risk waking up one day and regretting how we've failed to prioritize or misspent our time, money and energy.

This is why Ash Wednesday is important. It's not meant to make us depressed, but rather to remind us that the gift of our lives is only temporary. Our bodies are given to us on loan, so we should harbor no illusions that we live with all the time in the world. Once we accept the sheer reality of our death, we can then (and only then) begin to truly live.

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Pastor Schmidt  
Lutheran Campus Ministry  
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Photo by Rachel Alfaro

Dozens of bowls line the table in the ceramics studio in Pioneer Hall. The bowls will be donated to Soup it Up, a fundraiser for the Taube Museum of Art in Minot.

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"Not only is it fun, but it provides important awareness for students that there is a need for volunteers," she said.

Besides donating bowls, they will volunteer their time at the Soup It Up event this weekend, working and manning tables.

Tickets can be purchased at the Taube Museum of Art for \$12 for MSU students and those with a Taube museum membership and \$16 for nonmembers. Participants can save \$1 on their ticket price by contributing a can of soup for a local food pantry. With the purchase of the ticket,

the first 200 individuals will receive a hand-crafted ceramic bowl to take home. Hi-Performance Ceramics and students in Minot High School ceramics classes are also making bowls.

As you may guess from the name, soup will be served. This year the list of soup providers is longer than ever before. It includes Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Sweet & Flour Patisserie, Starving Rooster, 10 North Main, Delisimo Cafe, Souris River Brewery, Angelo's Pizza and Teri Tingley. Along with soup the menu includes bread, desert and beverages. Food will be served

from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Soup It Up has been held at the Taube Museum in the past, but this year they wanted to host it somewhere with a little more space. The event will feature booths by local artists, a family painting party, and a children's art activity center. The painting party cost is \$20 a canvas for ages 6 and older. The children's art center is \$8 per activity for ages five and under. A silent auction will be open to all who attend. A portion of the auction proceeds will benefit the MSU pottery scholarship fund. The Book of Poems band will provide live music!

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# Grapplers lose close one

By Kurt Miller  
Sports Writer

In the final dual of the career of seniors Jon Wilson (174, Colorado Springs, Colo.) and Kobina Henriques (184, Miami, Fla.), Minnesota State Moorhead, came away with a close 25-15 victory in the Minot State Dome on Thursday, Feb. 12.

With the dual beginning in the 141 weight class, the Beavers got off to a quick start courtesy of Tanner Crissler (Fr., 141, Belcourt, N.D.). Crissler's 7-4 decision along with Cody Haugen's (Fr., 149, Minot, N.D.) 11-6 decision gave the Beavers a 6-0 lead after the first two matches.

After losing the next two matches, Wilson pinned Moorhead's Michael Joseph in

his final dual match as a Beaver.

"It was just fun," Wilson said. "My very first dual here I did the exact same move and pinned a kid so it was kind of cool I got to do the exact same thing in my last match."

Coming out of the intermission, Minot State looked to keep the momentum going from Wilson's pin, but Henriques was unable to get a victory in his final dual. He fell in an 8-2 decision.

The Dragons took three of the next four matches, two by fall, to end the match 25-15. Mitchell Eull (So., HWT, Buffalo, Minn.) was the lone Beaver to pick up a win in the final stretch.

"Out of 165, 184 and 194, we needed to win two of those since we lost at 157," Minot State head

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with what happens to her in the show, and it's been really difficult for me to deal with that and also to allow my past to influence the character."

Hannah-Ruth Patterson plays a nurse (Sissy) in the production. She knows that veterans and oth-

ers who were involved with the war are still enduring long-term effects.

"I was just talking to a man and he was in Vietnam and he still was talking about it and how he still suffers from it (PTSD)," Patterson said. "So I think that it's educational to see what they went through and how they still deal with it."

The play is recommended for high school and older because of thematic content and language. Gun shots and extensive lighting will be utilized during performances, as well.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. All MSU students, faculty and staff are free with a current ID.

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MSU's Tanner Crissler, a freshman, attempts to take down Moorhead's Philippe Walker. Crissler won, 7-4.

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coach Robin Erslund said. "Now if we'd won 157, we could have won one of those and still probably be in the meet, but we had good close matches and just didn't get it done."

With the loss, Minot State ends the regular season with an overall record of 5-14 and a conference record of 2-6.

Over the next two weeks the Beavers will prepare for the NCAA Super Region III championships in Mankato, Minn. The regional is set to begin Feb. 28 at 10 a.m.

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## Beavers get 2 big wins at home

By Jerusalem Tukura  
Sports Editor

The Minot State University women's basketball team hustled for two glorious wins against Minnesota State University Crookston on Friday and Bemidji State University on Saturday in NSIC play.

MSU took on Crookston and defeated the Golden Eagles, 75-69, thanks to key efforts from MSU's seniors Christina Boag (F), Katie Hardy (F) and Morgan Klose (G) who put in 15 points, 10 points and another 10 points, respectively. They ended their home stand on a good note.

The Beavers had a bit of a slow start but played a lot harder in the second half after a pep talk by the coaches in the locker room during half time.

"The coaches said that we kind of looked a little tired and we needed to come out with more energy," Boag said. "I thought we came out with a lot of energy, more than in the first half. It's good that we did that. It obviously did us well."

The Beavers fought hard until the end of the game, having a draw at 62-all with six minutes left of play. Diondra Denton (So., G, Great Falls, Mont.) broke the tie with a two-pointer. Denton con-

tributed a total of 13 points to the game.

"I thought tonight there was a really different feel in the second half," coach Sheila Green Gerding said. "We talked about it at half time —defending our home court and kind of having an attitude, being a little grittier and a little stingier defensively."

It was an exciting weekend for the Beavers as they defeated their longtime rivals, MSU Crookston.

"We always go to Crookston every year and we just play terrible down there. We wanted to kind of get revenge on them," Klose said.

And the Beavers succeeded at doing just that.

Saturday's game was even bet-

ter for the Beavers as they finished with a wider score gap of 27 points, defeating Bemidji State, 77-50.

Once again, the women had a better second half. MSU played harder offensively and had a great shooting percentage of 54 in the second half.

Denton was unstoppable during the game. She rolled in 19 points and seven rebounds which helped keep Minot State on top.

MSU's final conference games are Friday at St. Cloud State University and Saturday at University of Minnesota-Duluth.

The Beavers could move up in the NSIC North if MSU wins both and the University of Mary falls twice.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Sophomore guard Diondra Denton goes for a layup during Friday's game against Minnesota State University-Crookston at the Dome. The Beavers won, 75-69.



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# Beavers come away with weekend sweep

*Freshman Tyler Rudolph scores double-double, 22 points, 10 rebounds*

By Jerusalem Tukura  
Sports Editor

The MSU men's basketball team swept the home finale weekend leaving a great mark for Beaver fans. On Friday, the Beavers defeated Minnesota State University Crookston, 69-52.

Minot State was able to stay on top with only a few lead changes throughout the game. The MSU Crookston Golden Eagles put up a few quick three pointers, which almost threw the Beavers off, but MSU bounced back with good plays from Everett Robinson (Sr., G) who put in 17 points and seven rebounds, Lamont Prosser (Sr., F) 14 points and nine rebounds, and Tyler Rudolph (Fr., F) 10 points and seven rebounds.

"It's always good to get a win," head basketball Coach Matt Murken said. "I felt like we started a little slow, but were able to increase our energy level as the game progressed. Once we did that, we were able to stretch out a big lead and control the game."

By the second half, the Beavers had a huge score gap and were capable of ending the game with at least a 20-point lead, but they loosened up a bit, and Minnesota Crookston had more possessions.

"Every time Minnesota Crookston made a run we were able to make plays to stop their momentum," Murken said. "It wasn't a perfect game, but we competed well and did enough to

win comfortably."

Saturday's game against Bemidji State University brought another win, 84-76. The first half was a bit of a struggle for the Beavers, but their performance improved as the game progressed. Minot State had its first lead five minutes into the second half with a lay-up by Robinson bringing the score from 45-46 to 47-46. From then on, the Beavers continued to press harder, changing the tide of the game in their favor.

"In the first half, I thought they definitely played harder than us," Murken said. "We didn't compete as hard as we needed to to win in this league. Second half, I thought we out-competed them for the most part. We just played a little

bit harder. We're not a team that's good enough to just go out there and float around. We've got to play a little bit mean and play a little bit nasty."

Rudolph was key to the game as he made 22 points and 10 rebounds. Prosser scored 15 points, Nathan Mertens contributed 10 points and four rebounds, and Thomas Korf made 14 points.

MSU's last games of the season are at St. Cloud State University on Friday and at the University of Minnesota-Duluth on Saturday.

The Beavers would need to win both and have UMD go 0-2 on the weekend to earn the fourth spot in the NSIC North.

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Sophomore guard Nathan  
Mertens makes a basket during  
Saturday's game with Bemidji  
State University at the Dome.  
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## Beavers continue to rack up personal bests

### Track and field competes at South Dakota State Classic

(MSU Sports Information) – Minot State University had six personal bests on day one of the South Dakota State Classic Friday in Brookings, S.D.

Sienna Dailey (Sr., sprints) turned in MSU's best finish on the women's side, taking 21st place in the 200-meter out of 137 runners. MSU had two personal bests – Dailey's time of 25.80 seconds and Dijah Nash (Jr., sprints), who finished one place behind teammate DelRay Audet (Jr., hurdles), with a 27.15 – and a season best for Erica Clark (Sr., mid-distance,) at 27.73.

Kaleb Kirby (Fr., pole vault) cleared 4.20 meters for 19th place to lead the men.

Tyler Bates (So., sprints) ran a 22.63 and Tyler Flatland (Sr., hurdles) clocked in at 22.92 in the men's 200-meters. Glyn Borel (Sr., sprints) ran a time of 22.98 and Darin Malafa (Sr., hurdles) brought in a time of 23.62, personal bests for both. Farai Madungwe (Jr., jumps/sprints) and Wayne Peters (Jr., sprints) added season bests: Madungwe ran a solid 22.95 and Peterson clocked a 24.67.

Joel Cartwright (Jr., distance) finished 39th in the men's 5K with a season-best time of 15:50.81.

Breanne Sherlock (Jr., hurdles) finished 24th overall in the women's 600-meters in 1:42.07 and Catie LeDesma (So., distance) was 27th overall in the women's 5,000 with 18:43.52.

On day two of the Classic, Dailey finished in 13th place in the Elite Division in the women's 400 in 57.77 seconds. She has the second fastest time in the NSIC this season.

For the men, Flatland, also running in the Elite Division, came in at 50.04 for 17th overall in the men's 400. Bates powered his way to an eighth place finish in the open 400 with 49.61.

The three 400 runners capped a day where MSU had 12 personal-best finishes and 10 season-best results.

Patience Albertson (RFr., distance) started the PR parade off with a six-second personal best in the

mile, finishing with a 5:49.37.

Bates, Josh Drew (Fr., sprints), Dylan Harvey (So., hurdles) and Madungwe all clocked personal-best times in the 400, while Josh Sandy (Sr., jumps/sprints) added a season best for the men, 52.27, and Nash a season best for the women, 1:02.75 while Madungwe had a 51.74.

MSU throwers got into the PR mix as well as freshman Tanner Gust and junior Kevin Hodges tossed PRs

in the hammer and Gust earned a PR in the shot put.

The women's throwers got a PR from freshman Kira Gilbreath in the shot put.

Wayne Peters (Jr., sprints) placed 17th in the men's 60-hurdles, just ahead of teammate Malafa, who was 29th with an 8.98. Keeping with the short sprints, Glyn Borel (Sr.,) finished 21st (7.05), while Chigozie

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Photo by Jamie Council  
Freshman defender Eric Bollifer sends the puck into the offensive zone. The Beavers defeated the Lumberjacks, 12-3, Friday night.

## Beavers finish strong on senior night

By Jamie Council  
Sports Writer

The Minot State University Beavers (27-7-1) are in a good spot as the season is coming to an end. Moving up one to the #3 position in the ACHA rankings, the Beavers added another win to the tally heading into the final games before nationals. Saturday's 12-3 victory completes a 3-0 season sweep over the Dakota College at Bottineau Lumberjacks. Jeremy Johnson powered the Beavers with four goals to end his season on home ice on a high note.

MSU heads to Virginia next weekend to face the Liberty University Flames in Lynchburg. Liberty remains in the #13 spot in the latest ranking, and holds an 18-10-5 record.

Re-joining the Beavers will be defenseman Nick Zern, who has been MIA to join Team USA for the World University Games.

MSU was honored to have a representative of Beaver hockey overseas; the timing of the games couldn't have come at a better time.

The Beavers still hold that their fans in the Maysa Arena are the best fans in the ACHA. Saturday, those fans joined in one last recognition of the six 2015 seniors, Logan Herauf, Dwight Lee, Brad Olynik, Riley Hengen, Mitch Peeke and Rikard Lundin, as they played their final game at the Maysa.

The Beavers head to Nationals in Strongsville, Ohio, on March 5.

Games times and final seed are TBA, but the games will be streamed live in the Beaver Dam.

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Anaukwu (So.) picked up a PR with a 7.16.

### Roy finishes ninth at NSIC Pentathlon

(MSU Sports Information) - Mary Roy (So., jumps/sprints) scored 3,121 points to finish tied for ninth overall in the women's pentathlon at the NSIC Indoor Track & Field Championships Sunday in Mankato, Minn.

Roy started out slow with a 9.90 seconds in the 60-hurdles.

"This is her third pentathlon ever and our first ever competitor at the

NSIC Championships in the multis, so she did a fantastic job," head Coach Stu Melby said.

From there, Roy was excellent. She earned a PB in the remaining four events, leaping 17-feet-7 in the long jump, putting the shot 24-feet-2½, clearing 4-feet-11 ¾ in the high jump and racing 2:38.93 in the 800-meters.

Roy's 3,121 points were also a PR in the overall total and moved up one spot from her 10th place ranking coming into the NSIC Multis.

The rest of the NSIC Indoor Championships will be Feb. 26-27 in Mankato.

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