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Photo by Dayna Vanhouwe

Students and faculty discuss human trafficking in North Dakota. Human trafficking was the topic of last week's Democracy Cafe at the Beaver Brew Cafe.

Democracy Cafe discusses human trafficking

By Dayna Vanhouwe
Staff Writer

Human trafficking has become an immense issue within North Dakota, climbing in numbers of those being targeted and taken advantage of. The last Democracy Cafe's purpose was to raise awareness of the human trafficking in the State.

The Democracy Cafe, sponsored by MSU's Sociology Club, is an open conversation in which students, staff and public alike voice their concerns, learn more about an issue and discuss ways to address the problem.

"Overall, the goal is to have people involved beyond the Cafe, to have them doing more about this issue," Bob

Schwartz, student coordinator of the Democracy Cafe, said. "Eventually, we aren't going to be students, we are going to be civic leaders so we can make a positive impact and help them in the future."

"It's to facilitate community discussion about civic issues and to network, to go beyond that point," Jynette Larshus, Sociology Club adviser, said.

The Democracy Cafe is a growing series that is taking various civic issues and opening them up to the public for discussion, making connections between community members to facilitate conversation.

The topic of human trafficking came up because of all of the recent activity within the state of North Dakota and the

state's government starting to take action against it.

Project FUSE is a statewide anti-trafficking coalition in North Dakota, formed to end the trafficking of men, women, and children. For more on Project FUSE, refer to www.projectfuse.org/about.html.

The next Democracy Cafe takes place at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Beaver Brew Cafe in the Beaver Ridge Plaza. Guest speaker Dave Thompson, news director and political correspondent for Prairie Public Radio, will lead the discussion on "N.D. Legislative 'Flip Days': Mid-session Recap."

Democracy Cafe is free and open to the public.

VITA Program

MSU students offer free income tax preparation services

By Dayna Vanhouwe
Staff Writer

Students in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will provide income tax preparation services to the Minot community free of charge, Feb. 23-March 30, for anyone who qualifies. Eligibility requirements include: individuals making less than \$52,000 per year, the elderly, military personnel and taxpayers owning small businesses with no depreciable assets. The eight Minot State University students providing these accounting services here on campus have been fully trained through the accounting department.

The hours of operation are Mondays from 3:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. To make an appointment, clients should call 701-858-3122 during the times found on the campus website: www.minotstateu.edu/business/vita.shtml. If there is no answer, callers are to follow the voicemail instructions on the machine. Callers are asked to not leave messages.

Clients are reminded to bring all necessary documents to their appointment. The list of required documents is on the website through the link mentioned above.

The IRS originated and designed the program to help low-income taxpayers file for taxes and fill out the forms properly.

Carla Cabarle, VITA program director and MSU assistant professor, has been with the program for about 11 years. She said the school or facility hosting the program needs to apply and be accepted.

"I think it is terrific," she said. "They (students) can practice what they've learned in the classroom and apply it in the field. This program gives them a sense of satisfaction that they are helping the members of the community."

"It's pretty neat experience to get an insider's point of view of the work," accounting student Vanessa Thomas said. "It prepares us for our future clients. It's good."

Northwest Art Center lecture identifies Minot's sacred geography

By Caitlin Dupras
Comm 281

Jacob Sowers, Minot State University assistant professor of geography, will present "Minot's Sacred Geography" on Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

"The overall idea," Sowers said, "is trying to find, promote, defend and create everyday sacred spaces and places within Minot to help create a stable and productive sense of place and feeling of dwelling and community amidst a time of great change."

The spaces are not necessarily religious, but this is instead about finding the ordi-

nary places, that have special meaning, within our everyday lives.

Sowers said he hopes to examine places that are often taken for granted and support them in the process of becoming a part of our sacred geography.

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

The project is supported in part by a grant from the North Dakota Council on the Arts which receives funding from the state Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Music to flow through MSU halls

By Caitlin Dupras
Comm 281

The Minot State University Division of Music will host numerous concerts throughout the end of February and the beginning of March in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. All are free and open to the public.

Alan Jermiason will perform his senior music recital on the trumpet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

March 8 will feature both a woodwind and a percussion recital. James Fusik directs the woodwind ensemble at 3 p.m., and Avis Veikley will direct the percus-

sion ensemble at 7:30 p.m.

The MSU Symphonic Band, under the direction of Devin Otto, will present its first concert of the semester on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. Carter Pann, an internationally renowned composer, is the featured guest. He will speak about his music before the band performs his works.

The concert choir and the women's chorus will perform on March 10, also at 7:30 p.m. Kenneth Bowles directs the concert choir, and Lukas Graf directs the women's chorus.

News in Brief

Math Talk presentation today

Hriday "Day" Thakkar, junior, will present "Mathematics and the Brain: Some Cool Neurobiologically-Inspired Algorithms in Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence" today, Feb. 26, in Model 330 at 5 p.m. The mathematics major's presentation is part of the monthly Math Talk Series.

Motivational speaker Kostas Voutsas will speak to students and staff about diversity

The North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD) and the MSU Diversity Committee will host free training to all MSU students, faculty, staff and administrators Thursday, Feb. 26. Kostas Voutsas, motivational speaker and Dickinson State University business assistant professor, will present his seminar, "North Dakota Cookbook: Building Diverse Relationships One Pot at a Time." Voutsas will offer simple solutions to manage regional, cultural and generational differences and increase communication in North Dakota's workforce. He will explore strategies to make cultural diversity work.

Two sessions will be offered in the MSU Conference Center. The first is from 10 a.m. to noon with one-on-one visits/brown bag discussion to follow. The second session is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. with one-on-one visits/brown bag discussion to follow.

MSU cookbook now on sale

Minot State University Staff Senate is excited to announce that the 2015 Staff Senate Cookbook, "Buckshot's Best Bites," is now available in the Student Activities Office located inside the Student Success Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cookbooks are \$15 each; cash and check are accepted.

'Souls of Silver' exhibit on display in library

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, visit www.minotstateu.edu/nac.

Jackie McElroy's screen prints on display in Hartnett

The Northwest Art Center's Hartnett Hall Gallery presents screen prints by Jackie McElroy from March 5-27. McElroy was a longtime art professor at University of North Dakota. Now retired, she lives in Green Valley, Ariz. The show is an overview of approximately 30 of her prairie-inspired screen prints produced between 1975 and 1998. The prints were recently donated by McElroy to the Minot State

Permanent Art Collection. After showing at the Northwest Art Center, the exhibit will tour to member galleries of the N.D. Art Gallery Assoc. through 2016. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by special arrangement.

Ceramics studio open Tuesdays in March

A clay open studio with Linda Olson, chair, MSU Division of Humanities, will be held Tuesday evenings, March 3, 10, 24 and 31 from 6 to 9 p.m., Pioneer Hall, back

door. Faculty will work with participants depending on their needs to learn and grow in clay. The price, assessed per session, is \$20 for adults, \$10 for Minot State University students, faculty and staff, and \$5 for children. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The proceeds from the Open Studio directly funds scholarships for ceramics students. Please RSVP linda.a.olson@minotstateu.edu indicating interest, so that instructors can prepare and arrange for additional helpers if needed, but walk-ins are welcome.

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Students collecting books for Reading for Rugrats

By Marissa Choiniere
Comm 281

The community relations class at Minot State University is collecting children's books for ages three to 10 for a community service project, Reading For Rugrats. This second annual MSU project benefits children whose parents may be deployed or on temporary duty assignment from the Minot Air Force Base.

"This service learning project comes from the idea of partnering broadcasting students with community needs," Audra Myerchin, the class instructor, said.

Students will set up designated collection drop-off boxes around town and on base. Then they will record military parents at the Minot Air Force Base reading a storybook. The recording will be given to them on a CD along with the book, so their child may listen and follow along whenever their

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Laughter fills the Dam during comedian Cloe Hillard's performance



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Comedian Cloe Hillard makes students laugh in the Beaver Dam. MSU-Life sponsored the event last week.

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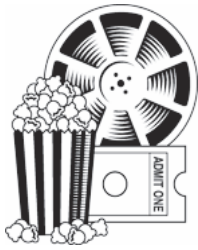
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On Movies



by Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

When the world is threatened, only one group of spies can save us from certain annihilation, and they will do it with finesse.

"Kingsman: The Secret Service" stars Colin Firth, Taron Egerton, Samuel L. Jackson, Mark Strong, Sophia Cookson, Sofia Boutella and Michael Caine. It is directed by Mathew Vaughn and based on the graphic novel, "The Secret Service," by Mark Miller and Dave Gibbons. It is rated "R" for strong language, violence, and some sexual content.

Eggsy (Egerton) is a young British youth who is full of poten-

'Kingsman: The Secret Service'

tial, yet it seems that he does not act on it or see it as useful. That is about to change when Harry Hart (Firth) comes to him and offers a chance in a lifetime. Eggsy is introduced to the Kingsman, which is a secret agency that many are not aware of. Led by Arthur (Caine), they have been protecting the world for years. Eggsy and a group of young adults, including Roxy (Cookson), are to be trained by Merlin (Strong) in order to become secret agents. However, an evil plot is afoot as the billionaire Richmond Valentine (Jackson) and his deadly assistant (Gazelle) have plans that may lead to the destruction of the world. It would be up to the Kingsman to help save the day.

Originally, this was supposed

to be shown in 2014, but since it is now here, I can say that the wait was worth it. I should say there are obvious differences between the graphic novel and the movie, but this does not mean the movie is bad. Quite the opposite, really, as this movie kept my interest from beginning to end. The action scenes were very impressive and I couldn't get enough of them. Of course the action is only one important part of the sequence, as this movie is nothing without the actors.

The actors did very well in this movie and many of them did a very impressive job. Firth, who is widely known for his Oscar-winning role in "The King's Speech" and many other dramas, does a splendid job portraying a spy who

is a well-mannered gentleman, yet at the same time manages to bring the hurt to all who oppose him. There is one particular scene (which I cannot say) where he practically steals the show.

Egerton also holds his own, playing a troubled youth whose background differs when compared to Firth's character, but still manages to come out on top. Despite their differences, these two characters get along great, not to mention their portrayals make you want to cheer these two on as the film goes on.

Of course, a good hero is nothing without some good villains as Jackson's portrayal of a man who appears to be hardly a threat, but in reality is a cunning and psychotic villain, is both impressive

and interesting. His assistant, played by Boutella, is very deadly, especially in the scenes where she uses her bladed prosthetic legs to cut down her enemies.

There is much blood and violence in this movie, some might even say over the top. That is just to warn people who are sensitive to violence on screen as this may not be your cup of tea. The film also makes plenty of references to classic spy films such as the "007" series and others similar to it, so keep your eye open for them.

Overall, while the violence featured in the film may be a bit too much, the characters and the action sequences are very well done and worth checking out.

I rate "Kingsman: The Secret Service" 4.5 out of 5 Beavers.



Simple Microwaveable Foods



By Dayna Vanhouwe
Staff Writer

Microwaveable potato chips: A simple, less expensive, and healthier way to make potato chips for college students looking to save a little money and have a little bit more healthy lifestyle. Instead of the long list of ingredients on a

Potato Chips

regular bag of chips, there are only three ingredients and you will know all of them: potatoes, olive oil and salt.

Ingredients and Materials

5 lb. bag of potatoes – either red or gold, unpeeled and scrubbed
2 tsp of olive oil – can add extra if you feel necessary
½ tsp salt
Cooking spray
Microwaveable plate

Steps to Deliciousness

1. Slice potatoes, 1/8" inch
2. Place slices in a bowl with the oil and salt. Toss until lightly coated.
3. Coat large plate with cooking spray.
4. Arrange potato slices in a single layer on the plate. Cover.
5. Place the covered plate of slices in the microwave.
6. Microwave on High for two to three minutes or until they start

to brown. Timing may vary depending on the thickness of the potatoes and the microwave's power.

7. Turn slices every two to three minutes. CAUTION, they will be hot so careful when using your fingers. Using a fork is always best.
8. Continue until slices begin to crisp and turn more of a golden brown color. Check frequently.
9. Rearrange slices as needed to

prevent scorching.

10. When cooked remove from plate onto another plate to allow slices to completely cool. Slices will continue to crisp as they cool.

Repeat the process with remaining slices for the desired amount.

Chips can be stored in an airtight container for up to three days.

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Ask a pastor

Lenten disciplines

By Christoph Schmidt
MSU Campus Pastor

Q: So, what are you giving up for Lent?

R: The short answer to this question, for me, is nothing. I'm not giving up anything for Lent this year. But I am adding something...

But let's back up a bit. Maybe you're wondering, "What is Lent? Is that what I pull out of the dryer vent after my clothes are dry?"

Well, no.

For Christians, Lent is the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, not counting Sundays. In the early church, Lent was a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving (giving offering to the poor). It was also a time of learning, a time when new Christians prepared for their baptisms and initiation into the church.

Today, many Christians mark Lent by attending mid-week services or by taking on a "Lenten discipline." These practices are meant to deny our desires, lead us to repentance, and bring ourselves into closer relationship with God. Traditionally, people "give something up for Lent." Oftentimes, these are dietary restrictions, like not consuming meat or sweets or alcohol. Perhaps you've tried this by giving up chocolate or

some other vice.

These restrictions, however, can go beyond diet. Some Christians give up swearing for Lent. Others try their best to give up judging or unfairly criticizing others. I even had a friend who tried to give up sarcasm one year for his discipline.

A Lenten discipline doesn't have to be a restriction – it can also be something that is added to one's daily routine. Examples would be daily prayer, meditation or bible reading. I've heard of people writing a letter or card (like, with pen to paper!) each day of Lent to a friend or loved one. Others have sent a small donation each day to a charity.

Personally, I haven't always practiced a Lenten discipline. I've tried giving up things like sugar or coffee, and I've tried adding things like daily prayer and exercise. Some years I do well, other years not so much. This year, my Lenten discipline is to intentionally practice mindfulness – to be more aware and fully present in each moment.

It's important to remember that Lenten disciplines are not intended to be religiously endorsed New Year's resolutions. They're not meant to be just one more self-help device. If the primary goal of your Lenten discipline is to lose weight or improve your looks, you've missed the point!

The whole idea behind the practice of Lenten disciplines is to reconnect to the ongoing presence of God. Through prayer, repentance (changing your ways), or some other practice, we consciously strive to strip ourselves of the things that distance us from God.

So, what are the wants and desires that are keeping you from experiencing a fuller relationship with God? How can Lent this year be a time of change and renewal for you and your faith life? What are God's deepest desires for you?

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parents aren't there to read to them.

"We want to continue to give those children a sense of comfort when they hear their parent's voice while they're away from home," Ashley Busch, a student in the class,

said.

In addition to helping military parents record their voices for their children, the students will look for alternative recording opportunities with elementary children and nursing homes.

Book collection will end on March 13. Collection locations are at the

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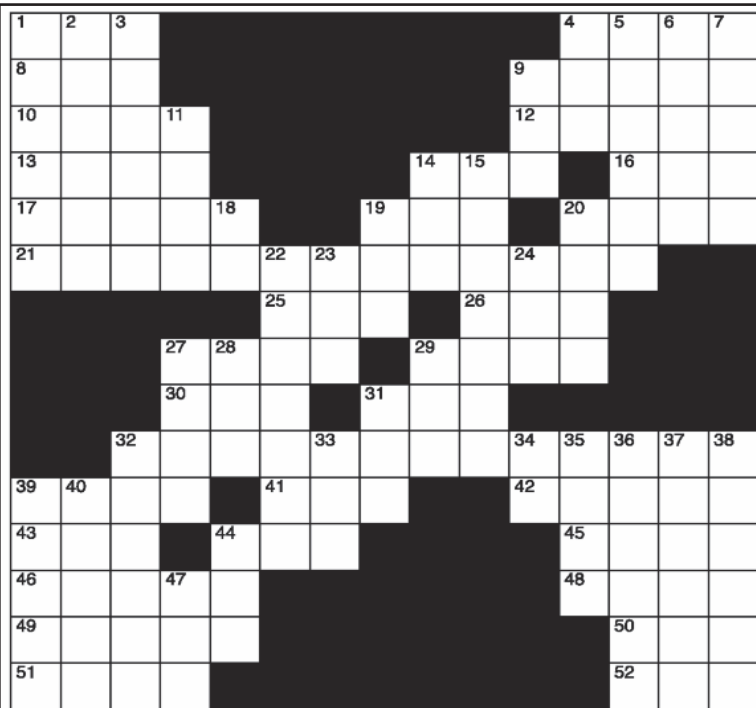
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| 4. Small argument | 30. Word element meaning ear |
| 8. Latin for "hail" | 31. Hill (Celtic) |
| 9. Semicircular headdress | 32. "Dangerous Liaisons" actor |
| 10. Hole plug | 39. Space between 2 points |
| 12. Primp | 41. Arbitrageur |
| 13. A spontaneous motivation | 42. 3rd or 4th Islamic month |
| 14. Don't know when yet | 43. Assistance |
| 16. Portable computer screen material | 44. Manuscripts (abbr.) |
| 17. Conform | 45. In a way, soaks |
| 19. Yoruba | 46. Synovial knee syndrome |
| 20. Wings | 48. 2nd cervical vertebra |
| 21. Tar Hill State | 49. State of sudden fright |
| 25. Hard, durable wood | 50. Snakelike fish |
| 26. Pallid | 51. Each of 4 Hindu ages |
| 27. Pabir language | 52. Point midway between S and SE |

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| 1. Relating to New Guinea | 24. 007's creator |
| 2. Carry to excess | 27. A timely blessing |
| 3. Alms solicitor | 28. UTHHealth (abbr.) |
| 4. Title of respect | 29. Roman Helios |
| 5. Spanish saffron dish | 31. Check |
| 6. Betel palm genus | 32. Making of a worn-out vicious horse |
| 7. Petter _____, Nordic combined skier | 33. Wife |
| 9. Yearly tonnage (abbr.) | 34. An alternative |
| 11. Clan division | 35. Spanish unit of length |
| 14. Referee declares | 36. Wild goats |
| 15. Rampart | 37. Municipalities |
| 18. "Big" actor's initials | 38. Bother or harass |
| 19. Noah's boat | 39. Excessively sentimental |
| 20. Diarist ___ Frank | 40. Middle Eastern dish |
| 22. Luminous celestial ring | 44. Waterproof raincoat |
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Zern recalls his Team USA experience

By Jamie Council
Staff Writer

Junior Nick Zern of the Minot State University hockey team, recently returned from Granada, Spain. It marked the completion of the Beaver defenseman's experience taking the ice as part of Team USA for the University World Games.



Zern

Team USA went 4-3 and placed seventh in the international competition. In addition to his big-bodied play in the back half, Zern was able to contribute four points on offense with two goals and two assists. Three of those points came from the 21-1 Korea game and one being a game-tying goal against Sweden in the second period to advance to the quarter-final game. Team USA went on to win that game

4-1, but lost 4-0 to Canada in the quarter-finals.

The Russian Federation took goal, Kazakhstan seized the silver, while our neighbors to the North secured the Bronze for the final tournament results.

Contrary to previous press releases, Zern will not take to the ice this weekend against Liberty. While Grenada provided the student-athlete world-class hockey competition, it failed in the Wi-Fi category, leaving the MSU student two weeks behind in his studies.

Sleep-deprived, jet-lagged and with a mountain of school work, Zern took a couple of minutes to speak about his experiences in Spain in a quick Q&A:

What was the time difference?

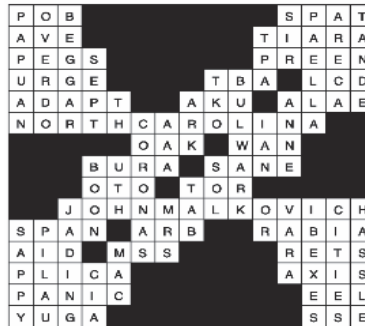
Between here, Spain is seven hours ahead. The first couple nights I was up until like 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning and I'd have to be up

around 9:00 every day. So the time difference was really hard.

What was the schedule like?

By the coaching staff, it was considered a business trip. Right when you wake up, you are on a set schedule. We landed, drove five and had to play a game. It was a good test, but we ended up winning 12-1.

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Beavers travel to Utah to open season

By Kurt Miller
Sports Writer

Beavers Opening Day spoiled in Utah

Opening Day is always a special day for baseball teams around the country, but unfortunately for the Minot State University baseball team, its first day of games didn't go as planned.

The Beavers played their first two games of the season Saturday afternoon in St. George, Utah, falling in each game despite having a chance late in both.



In the first game of the day, Minot State found itself on the wrong end of things in a 7-6 extra inning thriller against Montana State Billings. After falling behind 2-0 through the first two innings, Keith Ailes (Jr., OF/1B) got the Beavers on the board with a solo home run.

While Billings got a run back in the 5th to extend its lead to 3-1, Minot State's Austin Berntson (Jr., OF/P) hit the Beavers' second long ball of the game, this time a two-run shot, to tie the game at three.

Jordan Schulz (So., OF) provided the power the following inning giving Minot State its first lead of the day with a two-run triple. After tacking on an insurance run in the top of the ninth, bringing the score to 6-4, Minot State was just three outs away from winning.

Billings cut the lead to just one and a fielding error allowed the tying run to cross the plate in the bottom of the ninth.

Following a bases-loaded threat with two outs in the top of the 10th from the Beavers, Billings ended the game in the bottom of the inning with a walk-off single up the middle.

"The first game I thought we competed," Minot State head baseball coach Brock Wepler said. "We swung it pretty well for our first time out. Zorn on the bump made some adjustments—didn't have his best stuff—but got better as the game went on. It

was a little rough defensively but first time out you're going to expect some of that."

Austin Zorn (Sr., P) was credited with a no-decision in the loss. Berntson led the way offensively

going 3-for-4 with two RBIs. Kyle Williamson (Fr., OF) and Hammerl (Sr., 2B/SS) each ended the game with two hits while seven other Beavers recorded

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base-hits in the game.

Following a brief break the Beavers took the field again, this time squaring off against Dixie State in a game with a drastically different dynamic.

After recording 14 hits in the game against MSU Billings, Minot State was held to just five hits in a 9-0 loss to the Red Storm.

Despite the lopsided score, Minot State was in the game until Dixie State got to the Beavers' bullpen in the seventh and eighth innings.

Berntson, who started the game for Minot State, tossed six innings of three-hit ball, giving the Beavers a shot down the stretch.

"I thought Bernie on the mound in that second game was outstanding," Weppler said. "He had very good stuff — he attacked the zone, got ahead in the count and kept them off balance."

But the Dixie State pitchers proved to be too much for Minot State as they pitched nine shutout innings with eight strikeouts.

Five Beavers collected hits in the game. Paul Vogelsang's (So., C) double was the Beavers' lone extra-base hit.

Yellowjackets pitching stymies Beavers

On Sunday, the Beavers fell to Montana State Billings, 15-1, in St. George, Utah.

The Minot State bats remained quiet as they managed to score only one run on seven hits. Kyle Williamson (Fr., OF) did what he could to jumpstart the offense from the leadoff spot recording three hits, but the freshman out-

fielder never found his way around the base path.

Jesse Goertzen (Jr., P/1B) took the hill for the Beavers to start the game and had success early on giving up just one hit through the first two innings.

After making the breakthrough in the third inning with two runs off Goertzen, Billings never looked back as they scored runs in the next three innings, including a six-run sixth inning. The Yellowjackets added two more runs in the 9th inning.

Minot State's lone run of the game came in the bottom of the ninth as Caleb Fornshell (Fr., SS/2B) drove in Trevor Gust (Sr., C) on an RBI single.

Jared Young (Fr., UTL/P) went 2-for-3 for the Beavers and recorded the team's lone extra-base hit with a double in the fourth inning. Micah Holmen (Jr., 1B/3B) was the only other Beaver to record a hit in the game.

Doug Rolfson (Jr., P) recorded 4 strikeouts and gave up 0 runs in 2.1 innings.

Despite the loss, Weppler was pleased with the play of two key newcomers, Williamson and Young.

"I think we were really excited about them coming into the season and they're showing why," Weppler said. "They're two guys that go about their business the right way. They work hard and they're willing to learn and listen. They're flat out good ball players and they're two guys that are going to continue to get better."

Due to weather conditions, the second game of the double header and Monday's games were canceled.

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What was your favorite part?

My favorite part was playing so many different countries in actual games — just being able to see what their game style is and how they like to play the game and bringing the American style overseas and competing against essentially pros that play in Europe.

What was the biggest cultural shock?

I'd have to say the food. The food was a lot different. Where we were, they had a lot of fish. They had one type of fish every day at lunch, and at dinner there would be three to four different types every single meal. It was a lot of salad and French fries for me.

What was the team dynamic like?

The guys seemed pretty loose the whole time. It was a business trip, but the mood was always light, always fun. As far as being around the coaching staff, they were pretty strict. When it came down to it, everybody was there for the same reason, and everybody wanted to play, and everybody wanted to win.

How did it feel scoring a crucial goal against Sweden?

It was really exciting, obviously — playing in an elimination game against Sweden. We played really well, but the first couple games we couldn't get our forwards going, scoring, and putting points up like they could. Just being able to score

to get the guys up from the bench, get the life up, and get everyone going, it was unbelievable. I wish I could have had more points, but that's not how it happened.

How do you feel about the seventh place finish for Team USA?

It's disappointing. We played a lot better than what we got placed at the end. We had an extremely tough draw for games with Japan. They were an extremely well-coached and disciplined team. Having a tough loss with them right off the bat and then going and playing Kazakhstan, we knew that we needed to win in regulation to try to seed ourselves in the right way. It just so happened we got that unfortunate bounce that they tied it with less than a minute left, so it was tough, especially seeing them in the gold medal game knowing that we should have beat them.

Did you do any sightseeing?

We went out a couple times. One of the big trips we took was supposedly a man-made, hand-built castle. It took us like three hours and we only got to see half of it. It was awesome. It was up in the mountains and it oversaw the city, so it was a very cool trip. We also got to go downtown a couple times and see what it was like in the city.

Anything else you want to add?

Just glad to be back in America. That was the most intense hockey I've ever experienced. It was 17 days of pure intensity. WELL WORTH IT, but I'm glad I'm home.

Women's basketball finish regular season with a win

The Minot State women's basketball team finished regular season play over the weekend.

In a tough loss on Friday, St. Cloud State defeated the Beavers, 65-66.

On Saturday, MSU rebounded with a 77-56 win over Minnesota Duluth.

The Beavers, the NSIC North Division No. 7 seed, traveled to South Division No. 2 seed Minnesota State-Mankato yesterday for the first round of the NSIC conference tournament. Results were not known at press time.

Men's basketball finishes regular season with loss

The Minot State men's basketball team hoped to keep their two-game winning streak alive over the weekend but were unsuccessful. The Beavers fell to St. Cloud State, 85-93 on Friday.

On Saturday, the men lost in overtime, 80-83, to Minnesota Duluth.

The Beavers, the NSIC North Division fifth seed, traveled Wednesday to Upper Iowa for the first round of the NSIC Sanford Health Men's Basketball Tournament. Game results were not known at press time.

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