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Summer Theatre celebrates 50 years

Five favorite shows returning along with alumni cast

By **Zac Demers**
 Staff Writer

MSU Summer Theatre will celebrate a very special anniversary this summer season. The institution will celebrate its 50th season, bringing back five favorite shows.

"Nunsense" will run June 9-13, "Annie" June 17-21, "Greater Tuna" June 26-30, "Little Shop of Horrors" July 7-11, and "The Music Man" July 21-25.

Some former cast members will return to the Summer Theatre stage this summer. For example, Jeff Arlt, as Arles Struvie and John Wening, as Thurston Wheelis" are slated to

reprise their roles in "Greater Tuna." Kevin Neuharth, artistic director for Summer Theatre, will direct "Greater Tuna."

"Nunsense" will also see a return of original actors from the 2000 production. Conrad Davidson will return as director, as well. Sandra Nelson, Kari Files, Aili Smith, Kena Davidson and Nadine Nelson all will reprise their roles this summer.

Some current students will be involved in the 50th season, as well.

Joshua Snyder, a senior theater student, is expected to graduate in May. One of his

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Photo by Zac Demers

Kevin Neuharth relaxes in the new outdoor seating in the amphitheater. Summer Theatre kicks off its 50th season with "Nunsense" June 9-13.

Minot State to confer degrees May 15

Minot State University commencement for graduate and undergraduate students is May 15 at 10 a.m. in the Dome.

Commencement student speakers are senior business major Cameron McBeth and communication disorders graduate student Emily Gordon.

Westhope native Nathan Conway, CEO of Fortis Energy Services, will also speak.

More than 775 undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to walk through commencement exercises this year.



Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration

LeeAnn Counter, a sophomore art major and enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, dresses in native regalia at the 2015 Honor Dance and Powwow Celebration. The annual event honors all graduating students and includes the acknowledgement of achievements, competitive dancing, vendor and information booths and food.

Photo by Shalyssa DeBin

Hypnotist fills MSU with laughter



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Chris Jones tells hypnotized MSU students to act sexy as they are dancing. MSU Life sponsored the event last week.

M-Life events for May

By Marissa Choiniere
Comm 281

While the semester comes to an end, MSU Life has planned many fun events to help students relieve some of their pre-final stress.

On Friday, May 1, M-Life will host Headphone Disco. Students can join friends in the Gordon B. Olson Library at 10 p.m. for the silent party phenomenon where students can all dance to the same beat while wearing headphones.

Tuesday, May 5, will feature dinner and a movie in the Beaver Dam at 6 p.m. The following day, May 6, students can sing their hearts out and win a great prize as well as eat free food in the Beaver Dam from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To end the semester, students can take a study break and join friends in Beaver Creek Cafe on Monday, May 11, at 9 p.m. for a late-night finals breakfast.

All events are free for students with an MSU ID.

Find more information about M-Life at www.facebook.com/msulife.

Zombies invade campus May 4-8

By Richard Allen
Comm 281

Something is happening at Minot State University. A disease or virus is infecting students and turning them into flesh-eating monsters. No one knows the origin of this outbreak, and official sources are unable to comment on whether or not it's related to the T-Virus that destroyed Raccoon City years ago. One thing is for sure. Beavers are not going to take this lying down.

Participants are encouraged to register now through May 1 at the Beaver Dam from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 5 to 6:30 p.m. or at their residence hall.

If you or someone you know is willing to fight back at the walking deceased, here are some things you should know.

1. Wear your bandana. Humans wear green ones around their arms and the infected wear red on their head or neck.

2. Wrist band signifies you're fair game to the undead and, if the worst should happen, they get said wristband.

3. There is currently no known cure. Once you become a brain eater,

brain eater.

4. Balled up socks are the best and only means of defending yourself. If formerly living school friends try to eat you and you throw a balled-up sock at them, it freezes them for 30 seconds. On the flip side, they must physically tag you, not your back pack, in order to retrieve your wrist band.

5. Inside of buildings is safe. They're Z-words, not velociraptors. They can't open doors.

6. The most important rule of all – don't be a poor sport. If we can't all play fair and have fun, then there really is no point to saving humanity in the first place.

The event takes place May 4 through May 8, culminating with a block party afterwards on the 8th. For more information, contact Gemma Biasetto or the broadcasting department. Also, if you find yourself at the official Humans vs. Zombies website, please ask advice about any items from the website before you buy them. They may be provided or straight up not allowed.

Upcoming Math Talks

By Marissa Choiniere
Comm 281

Suzannah Miller will present a math talk today entitled, "Newton & Kepler: The Math of Planetary Motion." She will explain how Newton was able to derive Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion mathematically.

"A lot of the concepts will look familiar to those who have taken some physics or calculus," she said.

This research was done as part of a project sponsored by a grant from the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium.

On Thursday, May 7, Kowan O'Keefe, Samuel Olson and Johanna Mayhew will give a joint presentation on their experiences doing undergraduate math research. The three are all graduating seniors who have done research with Narayan Thapa, assistant professor of mathematics, for a few years.

All Math Talks in the series are held in Model 330 at 5 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.

News in Brief

Red & Green and KMSU positions filled

The Student Media Board has announced its selections for the 2015-16 year. For the Red & Green, it selected Courtney Holman, editor; Rachel Alfaro, assistant editor; Jerusalem Tukura Nyizozo, sports editor; Joshua Jones, online editor and circulation manager.

KMSU managers are Keith Ailes, Alexis Arthur, Nolan Axten, Gemma Biasetto, Leif Bakken, Marcel Brinson, Elizabeth Hamm, Aundrey Livingston and Jonathan Jay Lurvey.

MSU LGBTQ presents day of speakers on sexual violence

April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month. The MSU LGBTQ club is sponsoring various events through May 1 to increase the campus community's knowledge of sexual and domestic vio-

lence issues, resources available and information regarding Title IX and its impact on this campus.

Today, April 30, there will be speakers in the Beaver Dam.

From noon to 12:30 p.m., Jessica Smestad, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning tutoring and mentoring coordinator, will discuss the MSU Advocacy Network.

At 1 p.m., Tara Bjornson, Domestic Violence Crisis Center assistant director, will discuss domestic violence against women and men within the LGBTQ community.

From 2 to 3 p.m., Det. Greg Johnson, Minot Police Department, will discuss sexual harassment and violence cases.

From 3 to 3:30 p.m., Shalyssa DeBin, MSU student, will share her experience as a sexual assault survivor and why it is important to get help.

Tomorrow, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Title IX and Keep

U Safe information booth will be located near the entrance of Beaver Creek Cafe.

For more information, contact Tiffany Fyelling at tiffany.fyelling@minotstateu.edu

Band concert tonight and Jazz concert May 5

The MSU Band, under the direction of Devin Otto, will present its final concert of the semester April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The Jazz Ensemble will perform its final concert of the semester May 5 at 7:30 p.m. Devin Otto directs the ensemble. Both concerts are in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, and admission is free.

Flat Tail Press hosts printmaking celebration

MSU Flat Tail Press will host a celebration of printmaking May 2 in Hartnett 215E from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. MSU students and faculty

will join printmakers from around the world to participate in the worldwide Print Day in May event. Focusing on the number 10, Flat Tail participants will create 10 unique print editions of 10 prints sized 10"x10" within 10 hours.

Students and faculty will print using a variety of processes from woodcuts and screen prints, to lithographs and alternative photographic processes to make the 10 editions. All are invited to attend.

Follow Flat Tail Press at www.facebook.com/FlatTailPress for progress posts throughout the day.

Contact Ryan Stander, 858-3297, or ryan.stander@minotstateu.edu for more information.

Hope for the Hungry Banquet proceeds to be presented May 7

Minot State University students from an Honors class, "Community Problem Solving,"

will present a check for more than \$2,000 from the Hope for the Hungry Community Banquet to the Minot Salvation Army's food pantry May 7 in the Honors Room, Model 208, at 10 a.m. The student-planned fundraiser had included a silent auction, catered dinner and live music. To wrap up their semester of work, students will also give a reflection on their learning experience. Everyone welcome.

Free finals breakfast for students May 11

You can't study on an empty stomach! Take a break, relax and eat a late-night breakfast on May 11 from 9 to 10 p.m. in the Beaver Creek Cafe. This event is free to all students with a current MSU ID. For more information, check out: www.facebook.com/msu.life.

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duties this summer will be lighting assistant for the productions. He is looking forward to having alumni come back for this celebratory season. This will be his seventh season with Summer Theatre.

Amanda Kraft will also participate this summer. She will serve as stage manager for "Greater Tuna." This will be her fifth season with Summer Theatre.

"It's kind of fun every year just getting back into it and hanging out with Summer Theatre friends, building sets and acting," Kraft said.

The theater has a rich and extensive history. It started out as a tent theater and Summer Theatre found its permanent home on top of north hill in 1971.

The amphitheater was a big project the company took on five decades ago, and there have been projects throughout the years that have improved the theater. One recent project was the installation of complete outdoor seating.

A buy-a-chair campaign was held and the company was able to raise enough money to replace the seats. The old seats, which were yellow, came from the old McFarland Auditorium. The new seats are blue and were installed in Dec. 2014.

One of Summer Theatre's original founders and directors, Tom Turner, recently passed away. Kevin Neuharth is grateful that he

had an opportunity to have Turner as a mentor and feels that his passing is "a great loss to the community." Neuharth explained some of the qualities Turner possessed.

"Tom Turner was a character. He really was. He was one of those guys that was absolutely passionate about theater and its place in the world," Neuharth said. "He was the kind of guy that you want to sit down with and have lunch with because he could talk about anything. He was totally involved in whatever project he decided to take on."

Neuharth is looking forward to getting started for the season. He started out as a student at Minot State College in the early '70s and became a faculty member in 1976 at MSC. He has been artistic director for Summer Theatre since the early 1980s.

All shows begin at 8:30 p.m. in the amphitheater. For reservations, call 858-3228 after June 1.

For more information, contact Neuharth at kevin.neuharth@minot-stateu.edu or 858-3178. Interested in learning more about the history of the institution, visit the Digital Minot at <http://digitalminot.minot-stateu.edu/omeka/exhibits/show/msu/summer-theatre>.

Broadcasting students participate in journalism conference



Photo by Vanessa Bridgeford

MSU broadcasting students pose at the 2015 Midwest Journalism Conference earlier this month in Bloomington, Minn. Pictured are (front row, from the left) Paola Montenegro, Vanessa Bridgeford, Brigitte Lafontaine, Emily Medalen, Ashley Busoh and Rebecca Button, (second row, from the left) Aundrey Livingston Jr., Jesse Rostvedt, Nolan Axten, Lexi Klein, Elizabeth Hamm and instructor Derek Hackett. Rostvedt, Hamm and Axten received the Eric Sevareid Award of Merit.

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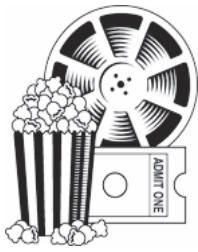
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On Movies



Summer films

By Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

Another semester is about finished, and summer is just around the corner. After finals, many of us will most likely relax from the homework and tests, perhaps lying on the beach or getting the much-needed sleep we missed.

Over the semester, we had plenty of interesting films. As of now, we still have "Unfriended" and "Furious 7." Summer coming means new movies are coming out, many of which appear to be very entertaining.

On May 1, Avengers assemble in "The Avengers: Age of Ultron," featuring Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner, James Spader and Samuel L. Jackson. The Avengers are the world's mightiest heroes. They have faced many foes, but this time are about to face off against their most deadly foe yet, Ultron. Ultron is an advanced A.I. robot that harbors a deep hatred for humanity and will stop at nothing to destroy us and the Avengers. Now Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Hulk, Black Widow and Hawkeye must band together to fight off Ultron.

On May 15, the world goes mad with "Mad Max: Fury Road" featuring Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron and Nickolas Hoult. In this post-apocalyptic thriller, the road warrior must cross a dangerous desert wasteland while escaping from a crazed population.

On June 5, "Spy" is a go featuring Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham, Rose Byrne and Jude Law. When the world is in danger, only one superagent can save us. No, it's not Bond, but a desk-bound analyst with no field experience.

On June 12, the Park opens in "Jurassic World," which features Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas

Howard as two employees of the officially opened Dinosaur Park. However, screams of joy will turn to screams of horror when a new breed of dinosaur is unleashed.

On July 1, he's ba-a-a-ack. "Terminator Genisys" features Arnold Schwarzenegger, Emilia Clarke, Jai Courtney and Jason Clarke. After a human resistance fighter from the future is sent to an alternate timeline, he must work with a machine that is protecting the mother of the future resistance leader.

On July 17, heroes come in all sizes, even ant size. "Ant-Man" stars Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly and Michael Douglas. Scott Lang,

a former petty thief, is offered to become something much more when an inventor gives him a special device that can cause him to shrink. With this new technology, he will become the Ant-Man, a protector of the innocent.

I have mentioned only a few of the films coming out this summer. Others include "Pitch Perfect 2," "Inside Out," "Poltergeist," "Fantastic Four" and more.

I hope everyone gets a chance to catch one or more of these movies. I also wish everyone luck on finals week. Hopefully everyone finishes this semester strong.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at the theaters.

Fight exam stress with these simple tips

By Shalyssa DeBin
Staff Writer

Exams cause stress. Big shocker. But how do you untangle that web of confusion that you call your brain in time for exams? The answer isn't simple, but the ways to do it are.

Some choices are physical activity, sleep, relaxation, diet, routine and herbal remedies. During the high-stress time of exam studying, make sure you take a good half hour doing yoga, or another light-intensity exercise. Anything high-intensity tends to

raise anxiety and doesn't do much for stress relief.

Sleep is something that everybody knows is important. Staying up all night cramming can actually do you more harm than good. What you should try doing is study every day coming up to exams, but the night before, don't study. You've already learned all you can. You can't force anything into that already big head of yours. So relax. Go to sleep.

Speaking of relaxation, you can calm any anxiety down before that big day by placing your

hands on your stomach and chest. Focus on your breathing. Try to hear your heart beating. (Don't do this if you're having a panic attack. It could rev you up!)

For the day of exams, try eating a bowl of oatmeal for breakfast. Add some milk and honey instead of other sugars to keep anxiety at bay. You can have a cup of green tea, which actually helps concentration better than coffee. Green tea actually improves mental alertness and focus.

Bananas, spinach and eggs are all foods that boost concentration

and aid in productivity. So instead of going for that bag of candy or Red Bull, have a banana and some dark chocolate. For those who enjoy herbal remedies, try having something lavender scented. This is extremely calming and improves mental clarity. And most of all, keep drinking water!

Good luck!

This information was gathered from the website, news.health.com/2014/07/21/10-foods-that-boost-concentration.

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MSU's Matthew Eddy produces 'A Bold Peace'

Film portrays Costa Rica's path of demilitarization

By Vanessa Bridgeford
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Matthew Eddy, assistant professor of social science at Minot State University, has co-produced and directed a film about non-violence and Costa Rica titled "A Bold Peace." He found that, years ago, Costa Rica became the only nation in the world without a military, giving it the opportunity to redirect national resources towards education, health and the environment. Thanks to this, Costa Rica has earned the number one spot in the Happy Planet Index, a ranking of countries based on measures of environmental protection and the happiness and health of its citizens. And the World Database of Happiness, with data on 149 nations compiled by a Dutch sociologist, lists Costa Rica as number one in self-reported happiness and number one in happy life years.

"How do people around the world think and feel about non-violence? Do they think conflicts should be solved with non-violence? Or do they think that military force is sometimes necessary? Do they think no-violence protest would work, usually work or often work or usually fail?"

These are the questions that came to Eddy when he started looking for a dissertation topic for his doctorate, guided by his interest in non-violence, partly inspired by his childhood.

"Growing up with my father," Eddy remembers, "from a very young age talking about Martin Luther King Jr. He had the good luck of spending a weekend with him, driving around town, sharing mealtimes. My father was in the march of Washington, where the famous speech was given. That was probably the thing my father was most proud of in his life, was being at that speech"

Eddy talks about how his whole life he grew up with the respect of traditional non violence and so, when he got to graduate school, he was looking for a topic for research.

"I thought, I am going to fall

into non-violence, and so I did," he said.

During his research he found some interesting facts.

"As I started to look at surveys that other people have done around the world," he said, "I realized that there were a few countries that were popping up as really strong believers in non-violence, and one of them was Costa Rica.

"That increased my interest in the culture and the history. What is it about Costa Rica that is so unique? Fascinating, complex, historical development that led them to eventually abolish their military and really to rely more on diplomacy and international law than most countries do because they do not have a military," he said.

Eddy and his team had the opportunity to interview the Nobel Peace Prize winner, Oscar Ariel, former Costa Rican president, along with a number of other important people of Costa Rica's history. The result is a compelling film.

"I'm convinced that the man that

abolished their military, his name is Jose Figueres Ferrer, is provably one of the most interesting Latin American leaders that people in the USA have never heard of," Eddy said.

The film has a web page (<http://aboldpeace.com>) which explains that "A Bold Peace" collocates, or juxtaposes, the national policy of demilitarization in the years since 1948 and 1949, with the country's new focus on health, education and the environment. It features presidents, officials and scholars from the UN University for Peace, the University of Costa Rica, Costa Rican government officials and ambassadors, and leaders of major national co-operatives, as well as journalists and citizens of Costa Rica.

"It has been a rewarding process, and yes, non-violence is an important clause to non-violent resolution. It works. It is inspiring" Eddy said.

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Press box completed, tours Saturday

By Caitlin Dupras
Comm 281

Construction has wrapped up on Minot State University's new press box at Herb Parker Stadium. The press box is the final phase of stadium renovations that began in 2010 with the installation of new turf, video scoreboard, and new seating and lighting.

The \$4 million press box includes 11 suites, an indoor concession stand and bathrooms, room for TV and radio broadcaster, announcers and scorekeepers.

"I'm very excited for what the new press box could mean for future game day experience," MSU freshman Katie Wiggett said. "The indoor concession

stand and bathrooms will be a great addition to game day."

The press box grand opening is set for Saturday, coinciding with the annual spring football game. Tours of the facility begin at 4 p.m. with a ceremony and ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. Fans should congregate in the red, chair back seats in the center of the stadium for the ceremony. Following the ceremony, the MSU football team will sell food. Cost of the feed is \$5 per person with proceeds benefiting the football program.

The football team's spring practice season will conclude with a game at 6 p.m.

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Student Spotlight ...

Marina Carrillo Prieto

By Vanessa Bridgeford
Comm 281

Marina Carrillo Prieto has been living in Minot since December 2009, after moving to the Magic City because of work and family. She has since embraced her life with joy, understanding and patience.

Characterized by her drive, Carrillo Prieto tried her luck in the construction field by opening a small, family-owned construction company, but without success. She describes how hard it has been for her and her three children, Jonathan (14 years old), Anneka (12) and Bryce (8) to succeed in a country of opportunities.

Carrillo Prieto enrolled in a two-year program to become an administrative assistant at Dakota College at Bottineau after a year of looking for the right paperwork, document translations and making the wrong phone calls.

At Minot State, she has managed to not only earn the Who's Who Among American University Students award, but also was recognized this month for being the best student in her program.

With her charisma and hard work, Carrillo Prieto is the vice president of the Spanish Club and vice president of the Native American Cultural Awareness Club.

She participated in a trip to San Diego, Calif. and Mexico as a translator for 12 Minot State students over this year's Spring Break as the students learned

about immigration and border issues between Mexico and the United States.

"When I saw the team for the first time, I said, 'WOW!' to myself," Carrillo Prieto said. "The energy and the enthusiasm of this young crowd was overwhelming. They made me feel old and, with that said, I felt the need to protect them all along."

The Lutheran Campus Ministry sponsored the trip. According to Carrillo Prieto, its main goal was to learn hands-on from personal experiences about the places and people most affected by the continuous immigration issues and to hear the stories of children and their families who have been "broken apart" by the failing policies of the system.

The students spent an afternoon at the Lutheran Campus Ministry center at San Diego State University, where they heard the stories and struggles of undocumented students in the United States. Some of the issues the students shared were about the challenges they had to overcome when trying to get scholarships and financial aid assistance without the proper documentation.


"One of the questions that we were asking ourselves, I think it was, 'Where is God in all of this?' We wanted to simply understand," Carrillo Prieto said.

Carrillo Prieto said she strongly believes this was a life-changing experience for all of the MSU students on the trip.




Photo by Vanessa Bridgeford

Marina Carrillo Prieto works in the Native American Cultural Center. Besides her duties as vice president of the Native American Cultural Awareness Club, she is vice president of the Spanish Club. Her fluent Spanish landed her the job of interpreter for the Lutheran Campus Ministry mission trip to Mexico during Spring Break.



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Dick Jenkins retires on June 30 after 31 years at MSU.

Dick Jenkins to retire after 31 years at MSU

Harmon named new vice president for student affairs

By Jerusalem Tukura
Sports Editor

Kevin Harmon has been appointed vice president for student affairs by President Steven Shirley. Harmon, a Minot State University alumnus, has been a part of MSU for about seven years, since he was named the Dean of Admissions in 2008. After that, he became the Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management in 2011. Harmon will begin his new position on July 1.

"I've worked with students for about 26 years," Harmon said, "as an elementary school teacher and then a principal in K-12. I see it as a natural transition to where I'm helping students with the issues that they face

daily, as well as to try to create an environment that allows them to succeed."

Harmon's predecessor, Dick Jenkins, will retire June 30 after 31 years at MSU. He and his wife are both retiring and will move to their new lake cabin in Minnesota.

"MSU has been a great place to work," Jenkins said. "I'll miss my colleagues, the contact with students, and the mental challenge of being able to deal with different issues and problems, but at the same time, I'm looking forward to retirement. I hope I helped students and colleagues along the way, and helped make Minot State a better place."

Harmon believes that one of the major issues that needs attention is stu-

dents' accessibility to information and advice. An all-round support is needed by students — medical, financial, academic, and even personal, and Harmon believes that all these categories need to be equally sustained.

"It's my job to be an advocate for the students. I'm hoping to get out and visit with a lot of students — be very visible," Harmon said.

Harmon practices an open-door policy and said he will be more than happy to receive students who have questions, need advice or simply want to chat.



Harmon

MSU sweeps javelin, 400 hurdles at Al Cassell Relays

(MSU Sports Information) — A sweep in the javelin highlighted a solid day by Minot State University throwers at the Al Cassell Relays hosted by the University of Jamestown Saturday.

MSU's Kayla Lewis (Fr.) won the women's javelin with a toss of 125-foot-9, and Cody Schmidt (Fr.) topped teammate Phillip Streccius (Sr.) to win the men's event with a throw of 193-foot-3. Streccius threw 168-foot-11 for second.

"It was a pretty good day in the gray, cool weather," head coach Stu Melby said. "We have several people beat up or sick so we were a little shorthanded, but everyone came through."

MSU also had a steady day in the field part of the event. Kira Gilbreath (Fr.) finished third in the javelin with a throw of 110-foot-9. She also finished sixth in the shot (39-5) — a personal best throw — and 20th in the hammer throw (106-11).

Shayla Christensen (Fr.) placed eighth in the hammer (134-4), 10th in the discus (109-5) and 12th in the shot put (36-5½). Brilee McWilliams (Jr.) added 11th place finishes in the discus (109-1) and the hammer (129-3) for the Beaver women. The men throwers, Tanner Gust (Fr.) took seventh in the hammer (124-3) and eighth in the discus (120-11) and Kevin Hodges (Fr.) was ninth in the hammer (130-1) and 12th in the disc (105-2).

"We continue to show improvements across the board so it's exciting," Melby said. "We look forward to nicer weather and fresher legs and arms for the next two weeks."

In track, Glyn Borel (Sr.) had his best overall day in a Beavers' uniform winning the men's 100-meter-dash in 11.03 seconds, a personal

best. He finished fifth in the 200-meters with a 23.16.

Tyler Flatland (Sr.) continued an outstanding season with a title in the men's 400 hurdles, just missing an NCAA Division II Provisional mark with a 53.49, and DelRay Audet (Jr.) gained a personal best in

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Sarah Nicks takes a swing in a game against St. Cloud State University.

Softball team out of post-season play

By Vanessa Christiuk
Sports Writer

Last week, the Minot State softball team looked to keep their post-season dreams alive. The two games were must-wins to keep the conference tournament in sight. Playing Bemidji State at the South Hill complex, it was the battle of the Beavers. In game one, Jordan Grant managed to get around the bases twice, scoring two runs. Ashley Hill hit two sac flies, one of them scoring Melissa Bell, and Minot State won 3-1.

The second game went a little smoother for the MSU Beavers, as Mindy Lorimor kept in the circle for a second game. The first inning started hot as Rachel Burdette drove in two runs. The bats continued to roll as Melissa Bell and Ali Cygan both hit triples. In the bottom of the 6th inning, Ashley Hill ended the game in dramatic fashion. With the bases loaded, Hill launched a ball over the center-field fence. The four-run shot put Minot up 10-2, and the game was ended early due to the eight-run rule.

With four games left in the regular season, the Beavers needed to win 3-4 of the games in their last road trip for a spot in the conference tournament. The first opponent of the weekend was the St. Cloud State Huskies. The first game was a close one. With Mindy Lorimor in the circle, the Beavers

managed to keep the game low-scoring. Ashley Hill and Rachel Burdette each launched solo home runs to get the Beavers on the board. Unfortunately, the Huskies managed to put up a 3 spot, and the Beavers lost 3-2.

The second game of the day was a marathon. With the score tied at four apiece after seven innings of play, the teams headed into the eighth. It wasn't until the ninth inning that Vanessa Christiuk drove in a run from a fielder's choice and the Beavers led 5-4 in the top of the inning. St. Cloud battled back and the game continued into the 10th. Ali Cygan drove in the winning run for the Beavers, as Alyssa Cornejo struck out the next three Husky batters. Minot won, 6-5.

Living to play another day, the Beavers headed out to Duluth to take on the Bulldogs. The bats that had been so hot for so long started to cool down. The Beavers dropped game one, 3-0. Game two was a different matter, however. With the bases loaded, Alyssa Cornejo hit a rocket over the fence for a grand slam. Then, later in the game, Jordan Grant hit a double to score Rylee Cygan, Mindy Lorimor, and Jenn Spencer. With a rally like that, it seemed like nothing could stop them. However, the Beavers lost 9-8.

Losing the sweep knocked the Beavers from post-season play.

MSU takes on St. Cloud

By Kurt Miller
Sports Writer

The Minot State baseball team had its hands full over the weekend against No. 2 St. Cloud State, and the Huskies proved why they're one of the best Division II teams in the country.

The Beavers scored just one run as they fell to SCSU in the first two games, 6-0 and 11-1.

MSU was unable to get going offensively against SCSU's Gregory Reese in game one. They didn't have a base runner reach third until the sixth inning and then weren't able to cash in.

Reese threw a complete game, surrendering seven hits and striking out 10.

St. Cloud scored two runs in the first inning, one more in the third, two in the fourth and another in the fifth.

Nicholas Hammerl (Sr., SS/2B) led the way offensively for MSU, going 2-for-4. Hammerl was the only Beaver to record multiple hits in game one.

In game two, SCSU jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one, and added six more runs in the next two innings before Minot State scored its first run in the fourth.

St. Cloud added two runs in the fifth and one in the seventh to end the game in seven innings.

Micah Holmen (Jr., 1B/3B) recorded the Beavers' lone RBI

in the fourth inning. Jared Young (Fr., 2B), Austin Berntson (Jr., OF) and Hammerl each recorded two hits in game two.

Minot State head coach Brock Wepler acknowledged the well-played games by St. Cloud State, but noted where MSU needs to improve going forward.

"We've got to get ahead in the count," he said. "We want to start getting guys swinging at our pitches rather than putting ourselves in 3-1 and 3-2 counts and having the guys not worried about walking them."

St. Cloud was propelled to a game-one win Sunday afternoon, much in part due to starting pitcher Miks Shledon.

Sheldon limited Minot State to just two hits. Hammerl and Jared Young (Fr., 2B) both singled in the top of the first inning.

Sunday's game two produced the Beavers' first lead in the series as MSU went up 2-1 in the top of the third, but the lead was short-lived. St. Cloud countered in the bottom of the third with two runs of its own, for a 3-2 lead.

With five more runs in the bottom of the fourth, SCSU was on its way to win, 12-2.

Young recorded the Beavers' only multi-hit game, going 2-for-4 in game two. Paul Vogelsang

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MSU hires Forde as head wrestling coach

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State University announced Evan Forde as the Beavers' head wrestling coach Wednesday.

Forde, a Fargo native, becomes the eighth coach in MSU history and the second since the Beavers reinstated the program and moved from Forde NAIA to NCAA Division II.



"We're very excited to welcome Evan Forde as our new head wrestling coach," MSU Assistant Athletic Director and head of the wrestling coach search committee Steven Swenson said. "His already-established connections throughout North Dakota and our region will greatly benefit both our wrestling program and our surrounding community."

Forde has been associated for five of the past eight seasons with Minnesota State University Moorhead where he served as the Dragons' top assistant coach in 2014-15 and was a standout wrestler for MSUM from 2006-11.

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MSU's Kowan O'Keefe named 2015 Britton Scholar-Athlete Award winner

Honored as NSIC Male Honor Student-Athlete of the Year

(MSU Sports Information) — The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) announced Minot State University's Kowan O'Keefe as the 2015 William Britton Scholar-Athlete Award winner. The Britton Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence recognizes the NSIC's top male student-athlete. The award was created in 1985 in honor of William Britton, a longtime faculty representative at Bemidji State.

The member institutions of the NSIC nominate one male student-athlete for the Britton Award. The nominees must meet the following criteria: a grade point average of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale); evidence of academic excellence beyond the minimum grade point average (scholarship prizes and other academic recognition); evidence of participation in the life of the institution, and evidence of participation in at least two-thirds of the varsity events of the individual's primary sport.

O'Keefe will be honored as the NSIC Male Honor Student-Athlete of the Year at Minot State. He will also be recognized at the NSIC Hall of Fame Banquet in Minnesota in July and will receive a \$2,500 post-graduate scholarship.

O'Keefe, a native of Creston, British Columbia, is a senior double-majoring in chemistry and mathematics. He holds a 3.949 GPA while excelling in men's golf for the Beavers. O'Keefe is the first student-athlete from MSU to earn the Britton Award.

O'Keefe was named the Outstanding Senior Organic Chemistry Student at Minot State in 2014 and placed in the 100th percentile in the United States on the American Chemical Society Standardized Organic Chemistry Examination in May of 2012. He is an NCAA Division II Athletic Director's Association Academic Achievement Award winner and was featured in the 2013-2014 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in 2014.

Under MSU professor Mikhail Bobylev, O'Keefe has been investigating the mechanism of the Leuckart reaction and its application to the selective synthesis of novel benzylformamide fungicides. During this time, he has given 13 presentations at national, state and local conferences, including three times at the national meetings of the American Chemical Society, and at Posters on the Hill in Washington, D.C., where he was one of 60 students selected from across the United States to present research to members of Congress on Capitol Hill.

O'Keefe also was chosen as a Non-Governmental Observer at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Lima, Peru in 2014.



O'Keefe

O'Keefe is an NSIC All-Academic Team member and a recipient of the prestigious Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award presented this past spring.

On campus, O'Keefe is a chemistry tutor and a member of many clubs and organizations, including the Minot State Student Athlete Advisory Committee, the Math Club and the MISU Science Club. In September of 2015, O'Keefe will attend the University of Toronto to begin his doctorate degree in organic chemistry.

On the course, O'Keefe was a team captain for the Beavers and had four top-four finishes and five top-10 finishes in his senior campaign, including a second place finish at the NSIC/US Bank Men's Golf Championships. O'Keefe shot 9-over-par during the four rounds to finish one stroke off the lead and earn NSIC All-Tournament Team honors. He ranks sixth in the NSIC with a 75.1 stroke average with a low round score of 71 on the season and a career low round of 66. O'Keefe is also a two-time Capital One Academic All-American, a three-time All-NSIC performer and was named the NSIC Golfer of the Year for the 2012-13 season.

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Mark La Croix pitches against St. Cloud State University on Saturday. MSU lost both games.

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(So., C) and Holmen each hit RBIs.

Minot State (11-28, 8-20) headed to Minnesota-Crookston Wednesday for its final road series of the season. Results were not

available at press time.

They close the season at home with a four-game series against Minnesota-Duluth Friday and Saturday and will honor their five seniors between the games on Saturday.

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the women's 400-hurdles with 1:03.81 and the title. Distance specialist Allison Windish (Jr.) took her second straight title, winning the women's 5,000 with an 18:56.17.

Audet was also a runner up Saturday, taking second in the women's 100 hurdles, finishing with a 15.66 and joined Wayne Peters (Jr.) as a runner up in the short hurdles event as Peters took second in the men's 110-meter hurdles with a 15.80. Kaleb Kirby (Fr.) cleared 14-foot-1 for second place in the pole vault.

MSU's Breanne Sherlock (Jr.) took third in the 400 hurdles

(1:07.99). Dijah Silva (Jr.) was fourth in the 400 with a PR time of 1:00.70 and fifth in the 200 (26.86). Randii Widmer (Fr.) placed fourth in the triple jump (30-0¼) and Mary Roy (So.) was fifth in the long jump (16-7).

Josh Sandy (Sr.) ran a personal best 50.99 in the men's 400 and Chigozie Anaukwu (So.) went 11.39 in the 100 as both finished fourth. Alex Cundiff (Jr.) was fifth in the 100 (11.51), while Joel Cartwright (Jr.) was fifth in the 1,500 (4'16.92).

The Beavers finish the regular season at Minnesota State Moorhead Saturday and the NSIC Outdoor Championships May 8-9 in Sioux Falls, S.D.

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