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Campus Players presents 'It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play'

(MSU Public Information Office) — Minot State University's Campus Players presents "It's a Wonderful Life: a Live Radio Play" Thursday – Saturday, Dec. 11-13, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. in the Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall. A toured performance of the production will be held for the students of TGU Granville School on Friday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m.

It's Christmas Eve on the radio broadcasting set of WBFR in New York City in this beloved

American holiday classic. "It's a Wonderful Life; a Live Radio Play," was adapted by Joe Landry from the screenplay by Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, Frank Capra and Jo Swerling, directed by MSU junior, Jason Gaarder and presented by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc.

"It's engaging to watch this hilarious and clever holiday classic transform onstage from a feel-good radio station telling a beautiful story to something a bit more,"

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Amanda Kraft (center) and (clockwise from the left) Erin Kampen, Topher Hodgson, Connor Donovan, Josh Synder, Madison Thompson and Allyssa LaRose rehearse for their upcoming performance of "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." The play begins tonight a 7:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Broadcasting holds annual fundraiser auction



Proceeds benefit broadcasting program, local animal shelter

By Jamie Council
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Broadcasting Department raised more than \$11,000 in its annual KMSU Auction. This fundraiser is a QVC-type show that airs over the department's TV channel (Channel 19).

Ten percent of the proceeds will go to the Souris Valley Animal Shelter, 10 percent toward scholarships and the rest directly to the department for conventions, equipment and other departmental needs.

A three-credit class was in charge of the actual organization and planning of the event, but the

See KMSU Auction — Page 3

Members of this year's KMSU Auction pose in the KMSU studio. The annual auction raised more than \$11,000.

Photo by Jamie Council

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Gaarder said. "My wish is that the audience connects with the highs and lows of every character and walks away from the production happier because of it."

The production is a salute to the broadcast performances of live radio shows from the 1940s, complete with live commercials. An ensemble cast brings to life a few dozen characters as the story of an American dreamer, George Bailey (Joshua Snyder,) unfolds one fateful Christmas Eve. The production is complimented by a sound effects artist (Branden Evans) who blends everything from door slams, to car horns and ringing bells to accentuate the action on stage.

George Bailey is a man who has given up on his own dreams in order to help others, and just when he stands at the precipice of throwing in the towel on

everything in life, his guardian angel, Clarence (Annika Kraft,) in a bid to get her wings, intervenes. It's up to Clarence to show Bailey how very different life would in Bedford Falls if he had never been born; reminding Bailey, "...no man is a failure who has friends."

A special "benefit night" will be held on Sat., Dec. 13, with donation proceeds going to the Homeless Coalition of Minot. Donations of non-perishable canned goods will be collected at the door and will be redeemable for a discounted \$3 ticket on Saturday night. However, in the spirit of the season, we will be collecting donations throughout the run of the production.

For tickets, contact the Aleshire Theater box office at 858-3172. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students under 18. Reservations are encouraged.

Students make tie blankets



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura
Brittna Gregory, Miles Knudsvig and Emilee Gregory make a tie blanket in the Student Center. MSU Life provided the materials for participating students to make blankets to keep.

News in Brief

MSU wrestlers' bus hits ice; two injured

Two Minot State wrestlers suffered concussion-like symptoms when the team's bus skidded on ice while returning home from competition in Great Falls, Mont. On Saturday evening near Dodson, Mont., the Northland bus hit a patch of ice and two bridge guard rails, and then slid down the highway backward before coming to a stop in a ditch. A.J. Patterson and Dimitri Grivas were hospitalized overnight. No other injuries were reported. The team returned home Sunday.

Gamas, Markel and Willoughby fill positions

Warren Gamas, associate professor of teacher education and human performance, and Paul Markel, psychology professor, have been appointed as co-interim deans of College of Education and Health Sciences. Neil Nordquist, current dean, is retiring this

month. A search is underway to fill the dean position.

Lori Willoughby, chair and professor within the Department of Business Information Technology, has also been appointed the assistant dean of the Graduate School. Nordquist also held this position.

Nursing students to present research

Minot State's Department of Nursing will hold its semi-annual Nursing Scholarship Day Dec. 12 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Nursing students will showcase their fall semester research. The event runs from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and is free and open to everyone.

Miller to present today's Math Talk

Suzannah Miller, MSU chemistry major, will present "Comparison of Numerical Procedures in Water Pollutant Transport Modeling" at the Dec.

11 Math Talk in Model Hall 330 at 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Free finals breakfast for students

You can't study on an empty stomach! Take a break, relax and eat a late-night breakfast!

This event is free to all students with a current MSU ID. Breakfast will be served at the Beaver Creek Cafe in the Student Center Dec. 15 from 9 to 10 p.m. For more information, contact Aaron Hughes, 858-3987.

Spring semester club fair set for Jan. 14

Whether you're a math whiz or like to dabble in French -- there is a club for you at Minot State! Check out the various club booths set up in the Student Center Jan. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and maybe even walk away with free (and awesome!) items! There are many great opportunities as an MSU student to become engaged

on campus! Free food while supplies last, and karaoke. Free to all students with a current MSU ID. For more information, contact Aaron Hughes, 858-3987.

Preston Pugmire back on campus Jan. 14

He's back! Preston Pugmire was a hit last year with his performance. He uses a machine to record himself, play it back and then turn it into music! Sound confusing? Check him out Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam and see what it all means! Free to all students with a current MSU ID. For more information, contact Aaron Hughes, 858-3987.

Back-to-school dance planned for Jan. 15

It's that time of year again, and it needs no description: the first dance of the spring semester! This event is Jan. 15 at 10 p.m. at the N.D. State Fairgrounds and is free to students with MSU ID.

Today in History

- 1909:** Colored moving pictures demonstrated at Madison Square Garden, New York City.
- 1930:** Bank of the United States opens in New York City.
- 1951:** Joe DiMaggio announces his baseball retirement.
- 1978:** Six masked men bind 10 employees at Lufthansa cargo area at New York City's JFK International Airport and make off with \$5.8 M in cash and jewelry.
- 1990:** U.S. 69th manned space mission, STS-35 (Columbia 11), returns from space.
- 1995:** Thomas O. Hicks buys NHL Dallas Stars for \$84 million.
- 2013:** Pope Francis is named Time magazine's Person of the Year.

(Courtesy of Brainyhistory.com)

THE COUP is coming!

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

The MSU art and literary publication, The Coup, is seeking submissions for its next issue, to be published spring 2015! This annual student designed, student edited journal features MSU student words and pictures. If you are an aspiring writer or artist, prepare to submit your work to The Coup early spring semester. For guidelines for written submissions, email patti.kurtz@minotstateu.edu, and for art submissions, email bill.harbort@minotstateu.edu.

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whole department came together to make it happen. It is organized and produced solely by students.

The class collected donations from local businesses to make the "packages." Local businesses are

always willing to help out, and it also gives them a chance to get some recognition. The auctioneers talk about the businesses that donated specific items as they are being auctioned off.

It is a great experience for students, an opportunity for busi-

nesses to get their name out in the community and a great bargain for Christmas shopping. Products this year ranged from gift cards to car starters to a \$1,000 MSU tuition waiver.

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On Movies



by Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

A revolution has started and the symbol is the Mocking Jay. "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" stars Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Woody Harrelson, Elizabeth Banks, Julianne Moore, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Jeffery Wright, Stanley Tucci and Donald Sutherland. It is directed by Francis Lawrence and based on the book series by Suzanne Collins. It is rated PG-13 for violence and some disturbing images.

After escaping from the capital during the 75th hunger games, Katniss Everdeen (Lawrence) learns from Gail (Hemsworth) that District 12 has been destroyed. She has arrived in the location known

'The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1'

as District 13, which everyone thought was destroyed years ago. She also learns that District 13, led by President Coin (Moore), is planning a revolt against President Snow (Sutherland) and the Capitol. They are not alone as many districts have been slowly, but surely, rising against the Capitol.

Coin and Plutarch Heavensbee (Hoffman) want Katniss to help by becoming the mocking jay, a symbol of hope and freedom. Katniss is reluctant at first to join, but realizes that Peeta (Hutcherson) is a prisoner to the Capitol and they are using him to tell many Districts to surrender and accept peace. In order to save him, she becomes the mocking jay.

Now, along with her allies, Gail, Haymitch (Harrelson) and Effie (Banks) Beetee (Wright), she will do everything she can to

spread the word against the propaganda used by President Snow and talkshow host Caesar Flickerman (Tucci). At the same time, she must do everything she can to save Peeta from Capitol's hold. Let the Revolution begin.

I should state that the movie was really good. The interactions between the actors and their characters were really well done. The beginning was a bit slow to me, yet it would pick up the pace as it continued on. For those who enjoyed the fighting from previous films, don't expect that much. There are a few action scenes, but very little compared to the first two films. This film is more drama, which is not bad and it is enjoyable. Most likely the main action will come in Part 2, which will come out sometime next year.

Of course, the question of why do they make it a two-part film for

a single book remains. I was very annoyed when I heard there were going to be two parts. After seeing it, part of me still thinks they could have made it into one film, while the other half can understand why they did so. They added some details from the book in this part which I thought they wouldn't talk about or even mention.

Overall everyone has their own opinion on the film and its issue, making it into two parts. Some could even see this as a big preview for the final part. Aside from this debate, it was a really good movie. To me, the characters and the interaction made this film enjoyable, despite the lack of action or fight sequences. Then again, the Hunger Games series was never simply about the fighting, but more of what is right and what is wrong and what is real and what is fake. I give "The Hunger Games:

Mockingjay, Part 1" 4 out of 5 Beavers, and now all we have to do is wait for the last part.

Since this is the last review for the semester, I would like to bring the readers' attention to some films that are coming out this Christmas break. "The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies" opens Dec. 17 and is the final chapter in the J.R.R. Tolkien series.

The classic tale of "Annie" comes out Dec. 18.

"Paddington," based on the Paddington Bear by Michael Bond, arrives Dec. 25.

The musical "Into the Woods," also comes out Dec. 25, along with the comedy, "The Interview." These are only a few of the new movies coming out soon.

I wish everyone the best of luck on finals and ending this semester strong. Finally, I wish the reader and everyone a happy holiday.



Not Just Paranoia



by Bryan Lynch
Staff Writer

While I am personally for the legalization of marijuana, I also have to say that I think that, as a whole, the drug culture is bad news for citizens and good news for the

The Dangers of The Drug Culture

totalitarians in our government.

According to pages 129 and 130 of Phillip Abbott Luce's 1971 book "The New Left Today: America's Trojan Horse," one of the motives behind the creation of the drug culture is to increase government involvement in our personal lives by getting us hooked on drugs.

Fast-forward from 1971 to

today and the War on Drugs is out of control. Mexico is dangerous to even travel to. Drug testing is everywhere in the workplace. We pay large sums of tax money to government agencies like the Drug Enforcement Administration to do everything from spraying wild hemp weeds in ditches to busting large drug rings.

We live in a very violent society, because the demand for illegal drugs invites criminal groups to sell drugs and get rich off the profits. The violence and organized crime associated with the illegal drug trade create a need for a large and militarized police force that we would not need otherwise.

While I agree with the libertari-

an "to each his own" philosophy, that people should theoretically be able to take drugs if they wish, I have to agree with Luce. Using hard drugs just gives government agencies an excuse to get involved in our lives. That is why the drug culture, as Luce points out, is a good way to wind up in chains and not liberated.

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Pennies for Patients Carnival

By Caitlin Dupras
Comm 281

MSU Life will host a Pennies for Patients Carnival Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dome. The Penny Carnival is an annual event to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Organizers say all proceeds will be donated to this society, and the goal for this year is to raise around \$5,500.

Everyone in the Minot community is encouraged to attend the event. There is no admission fee, but guests are encouraged to bring spare change and cash for games and food. Games range in price from 25 cents to \$1. Games and activities will include life-size Connect Four and Jenga, face-painting and ring toss, to provide something for all ages.

MSU Life encourages any clubs, organizations, or departments interested in hosting a booth to sign up. Please contact Aaron Hughes at aaron.hughes@minot-stateu.edu for more information.



Ask a pastor

Why does God allow bad things to happen?

By Christoph Schmidt
MSU Campus Pastor

Q: "Why does God allow bad things to happen?"

R: On Aug. 8, 2005 I got a call that no one wants to get. My best friend Bergie and his wife, Dinah, had been killed in a car accident. They had been driving home outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming when their car collided head-on with a pickup truck in a construction zone. Bergie died instantly; Dinah was pulled off of life-support later that night.

I was shocked and devastated. Why did they have to die? They were young, healthy and a blessing to everyone they met. And they were looking to start a family that fall. Surely, God could have used them in so many ways. Along with their families and many friends, I struggled to figure out why God had let this happen.

Maybe you have asked these or similar questions. Perhaps you've been terribly hurt by someone. Maybe you've lost a loved one unexpectedly to cancer or some other disease. And in the world at large, people die from starvation, war and natural disasters every day. Why would an all-powerful, loving God not intervene to stop these things from happening?

In philosophy and religion, this question is called, "The Problem of Evil." It's a question that's been pondered for as long as humans have searched for meaning. But so far, no single religion or theory has been able to put this question to rest.

Perhaps it's obvious, but it would be impossible for me to adequately address this question in a 300-word response. I could talk about how the Problem of Evil can be understood as a natural consequence of our free will – that evil exists separate from God as a force in the world, and that our thoughts, words and choices are corrupted by this evil. I could

talk about how "God's ways are not our ways," or how, like Adam and Eve, we crave this knowledge but have a limited capacity to understand such things.

I could go on, giving you lots of other "answers" by citing Scripture and quoting theologians, all in an attempt to try to explain away all the evil in the world. But in the end, none of these answers would satisfy. No matter what you or I or anyone else says, nothing will bring Bergie and Dinah back from the dead.

What I do know, however, is that God was working through the first responders and the nurses and doctors who tried to save Bergie and Dinah's lives. And no one can tell me that God wasn't present when we all leaned on each other, cried together and mourned their loss. And I know that my faith and that of many others grew through the love and support that came out of this terrible tragedy.

So, what are YOUR questions? What questions do you have about God, the Bible, church or religion in general? What questions do you have about world religions or how religion and politics interact? What problems do you have with organized religion or God? Email or text your questions – no matter how seemingly small – and I will do my best to respond to them here. Your name will be kept confidential.

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Multicultural Festival celebrates diversity



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Ben Brainard (left) talks to Yoshikazu Tashiro and Yoshika Ando, who are representing Japan during the Multicultural Festival. MSU's University Diversity Council sponsored the event to broaden understanding of other cultures, languages and social issues.



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Jerusalem Tukura from Nigeria, dressed in native attire, shows jewelry from her home country at the Multicultural Festival.

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Student Spotlight ...

Kurt Miller

By Anthony Jones
Comm 281

Like the typical student, Kurt Miller, a graduate student at Minot State University, is one busy guy, juggling school and work.

Miller is earning a master's degree in management and is a graduate assistant in the Athletic Department, working in sports information, marketing and promotions.

"My position at Minot State mostly involves statistics, game-day operations and providing media outlets with information about our athletic programs and athletes," Miller said.

He earned his bachelor's degree in communication studies and economics and management from Albion College in Michigan.

"I have always been interested in media," Miller said, "and I had an internship with the

Detroit ABC affiliate. I was working in the sports department and got to cover Detroit sports for the summer. Also, I worked in sports information for three years at Albion. I took a few classes in economics my freshman year and liked it; so, if I could get a double major, then go for it."

Miller will finish his master's degree by July.

"I'm taking four classes each semester and working 40 hours a week," he said.

Miller is originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan.

"I was torn between the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Albion College, a small liberal arts school in Michigan," he said, "I wanted to play soccer, so I went to Albion. It was cheaper for me to go there and turned out to be a fantastic decision. My final year in Albion, I became more interest-

ed in athletic administration. I just started applying to a bunch of graduate assistant programs all over the country. I applied to about 40 different colleges, and Minot State was the first to answer."

Minot State athletics has kept Miller busy.

"I do a lot of work for msubeavers.com," Miller said. "I recapped the volleyball and soccer games and recorded statistics for volleyball, soccer and football. Now I recap wrestling and sometimes men's and women's basketball. I also do statistics for wrestling and men's and women's basketball."

Miller also writes for the Red & Green student newspaper at Minot State.

Miller said that he wants to someday be a head coach of a soccer program. He noted that on Friday nights, students meet to play soccer in the gym.

A surprise bingo winner!



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU junior Upile Maliro (left) unwraps a stuffed Olaf she won at surprise bingo in the Beaver Dam. MSU Life sponsored the event.



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Music flows through MSU halls

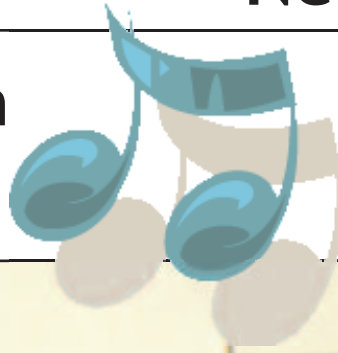


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Music instructor Brianna Schwan plays piano as MSU sophomore Rachel Olson plays alto saxophone. The performance was part of the MSU students' woodwind recital last month in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU students (from the left) Miranda Fenner and Rebekah Randash perform "Teasing Song" by Béla Bartók on the cello. The string ensemble performed Friday in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

The MSU Jazz Ensemble performs "Open Wide" by Don Ellis. Devin Otto directed the performance last week in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

Winning photos display global sights



Photo by Courtney Holman

Top entries in the Global Sights photo contest are displayed in the Student Center as part of International Education Week. The winning entries will be viewable at www.minotstateu.edu/international/photo_contest.

MSU videos holiday greeting



Photo by Courtney Holman

MSU students join President Steven Shirley singing "Let it Snow" in the filming of this year's MSU holiday video greeting. To view the greeting, visit MSU's homepage and select "Happy Holidays from MSU" on the right.

Beaver Boot Camp challenges



Photo by Courtney Holman

Jerusalem Tukura navigates varying platforms during Beaver Boot Camp. The challenges were inspired by the book, "The Hunger Games." Some of the obstacles included Katniss Archery Raises, Finnick Trident Triceps and Beetee Bicep Curls. The MSU Wellness Center sponsored the event.

Six Appeal entertains students



Photo by Courtney Holman

Vocal band Six Appeal sings to MSU freshman Baylee Fitzgerald. The group performed to a large crowd in Aleshire Theater earlier this month. MSU Life sponsored the event.

A victory yet again by the Beavers

By Jerusalem Tukura
Sports Editor

The Beavers defeated Presentation College, 78-56, Nov. 23 in the Dome. Although the game started out slow, with PC leading by 4-6 five minutes into the game, Minot State stepped up their game. Eight minutes in, MSU and PC were tied at 13-13, which was broken by two 3-pointers from Morgan Hunter (R-Fr.) and one from Alex Haley (So.) leading the Beavers to a nine-point lead of 22-13.

Both the coaches and the players could testify to the fact that the first half was a bit sluggish.

"First half, we were kind of lackadaisical and just going with the flow of things, but in the second half, we stepped it up and put in more energy," Katie Hardy said.

In the first six minutes of the second half, the score difference sky-rocketed to 21 points with MSU in the lead, 53-32. PC shot only 27 percent and made six field goals in the second half, thanks to hard defense by the Lady Beavers.

"I thought, defensively, we played harder than offense," Coach Sheila Green-Gerding said.

Haley contributed greatly to the game with 17 points; Diondra Denton (So., G.) added 15 points and four rebounds; Hardy (Sr., F.) scored 10 points and six rebounds; Sarah Lester (Jr., G.) put up nine points and eight rebounds; Hunter had eight points; Morgan Klose (Sr., G) seven points and three rebounds and Savana Kingsbury (Jr., F.) contributed five points and eight rebounds.

Before this game, the Lady Beavers were in Hawaii. They defeated Brigham Young University-Hawaii 84-75 Nov. 18 and the University of Hawaii at Hilo 69-58 on the 19th.

"It was a little tough getting off



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura
Caitlin McLachlan (No. 40) passes the ball while Morgan Klose (No. 21) defends. MSU defeated Presentation College, 78-56.

the plane, being in Hawaii and then coming back here," Hardy said. "My legs are a little dead, but it's more mental than anything. We played, for the most part, pretty good tonight. We could've come out with a little more energy, but other than that, we did alright."

The women suffered their first loss of the season Nov. 29 in the McDowell Activity Center in Bismarck, against University of Mary. U of M won by only one point, 57-56. The Beavers had fought through the entire game, having several one-point differences and even reaching a tie before Mary prevailed.

On Dec. 5, the MSU women went up against the Minnesota State University Moorhead Dragons, but ran into turnover and free throw trouble, losing 64-60 at Minnesota in the NSIC game.

Klose and Amanda Sansaver (Jr., G.) led the Beavers with 12 points each. Kingsbury put up 10 points and six rebounds and Denton had a team-leading seven rebounds and seven points.

The Beavers next faced No. 5 ranked Northern State in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play. The Wolves' (9-0, 3-0 NSIC) defense kept MSU (5-3, 0-3 NSIC) at bay, as they defeated MSU 61-49 in Aberdeen, S.D. Christina Boag and Hardy both put up 12 points while Denton and Klose added 11 points each in the loss. Kingsbury didn't score, but recorded a team-high 10 rebounds.

Next up, the Beavers host the University of Sioux Falls Friday at 6 p.m. and Southwest Minnesota State Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Dome.

LeDesma earns MSU's all-time best finish at NCAA Central Regional

By Jamie Council
Sports Editor

The Minot State cross country teams finished the season Nov. 22 at Central Regionals in Wayne, Neb.

Sophomore Catie LeDesma set a new Beaver record. She placed 32nd overall, the highest finish for MSU in its short time in the NSIC.

She finished the 6K course in a time of 22 minutes and 57.44 seconds and finished 55 places better than her freshman go-around.

As a team, MSU placed 20th out of 29 overall teams.

However, five of the teams sitting behind the Beavers were from the NSIC.

Other finishers for MSU included junior Allison Windish with a 24:39.95 for 104th, senior Erica Clark, 136th overall, freshman Patience Albertson, 147th, freshman Emily Westlake, 167th and sophomore Eyeieessa Darville in 174th.

Besides Clark, the Beavers will return all their runners in the young team. Windish will be next year's lone senior.

For more information about the women's cross country team, visit msubeavers.com.

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Nathan Mertens (right) dribbles around a Mayville State player while Everett Robinson blocks for him. MSU defeated Mayville, 74-57, in nonconference play last month in the Dome.

Beavers stay undefeated at home

By Jerusalem Tukura
Sports Editor

The Minot State men's basketball team won a nonconference NCAA Division II game against Mayville State University with a 17-point lead of 74-57 Nov. 23 at the Dome. The first half was key to the Beavers' win. They played hard defensively and offensively, allowing the Comets only five field goals and a shooting percentage of 39.2.

Minot State started the second half with the score at 30-20. The Beavers kept up hard defense and offense in the second half, resulting in a Beavers' 12-point lead, 39-27. With 23.8 seconds left on the clock, Minot State led by 20 points, 73-53.

Lamont Prosser (Sr., F.) played bold with lots of points from the paint contributing a total of 21

points; Dominique McDonald (Jr., G.) and Michael Pelo (Jr., G.) made 11 points each; Tyler Rudolf (Fr., F.) put up eight points; Nathan Mertens (So., G.), Thomas Korf (Sr., F.) and Everett Robinson (Sr., G.) added seven points apiece.

The following Tuesday, Nov. 25, the Beavers defeated Dickinson State University, 83-76. Once again they started out strong in the first half, but slowed the pace of their game in the second half, resulting in a closer point difference of seven by the end of the game.

Advantageous to the Blue Hawks was their ability to switch from man-to-man defense to zone defense and back, resulting in the least margin throughout the game of four points.

Seven minutes to the end of the game, the score difference was at a

healthy 10 with the score at 68-58. In the final two minutes, the Beavers added five points from free throws and a three-pointer from Korf. Korf had an outstanding contribution of 25 points, mostly from 3-point lobs. Winston Williams (Jr., F.), McDonald, and Pelo contributed 13 points apiece.

Prior to these two home games, the MSU men's basketball team was in Puerto Rico for the 2014 Puerto Rico Tournament.

"The most difficult challenge thus far has been our travel schedule," MSU head basketball coach Matthew Murken said. "We have a lot of young and inexperienced



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Rebello named All-Region in soccer

(MSU Sports Information) – MSU's Emilie Rebello (Jr., D, Sacramento, Calif.) was named to the 2014 NSCAA/Continental Tire NCAA Division II Women's All-Central Region Second Team last week.

Rebello, who was earlier named an All-NSIC First Team, was not only an effective defender but was quite involved in the team's set pieces this year. Her five goals, all off set pieces, were the second-most goals scored by any Beaver this season.

She scored two free kick goals against Minnesota-Duluth to propel Minot State ahead of the Bulldogs in NSIC standings.



Rebello

Robinson named NSIC North Player of the Week

(MSU Sports Information) – MSU senior Everett Robinson (G, Grand Junction, Colo.) was named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference North Division Player of the Week, following a pair of wins, including the NSIC opener, the league announced last week.



Robinson

Robinson did a little bit of everything for the Beavers as MSU knocked off rivals University of Mary and Dickinson State the last week of November. He averaged 15.5 points, 10.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in the wins.

Robinson finished with a game-high 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting from the field in the win at U-Mary – the Beavers' fourth-straight over the rival to the south. That followed up a 12-point, 14-rebound performance against Dickinson State.

Seven Beavers named to All-NSIC North FB team

(MSU Sports Information Office) – Minot State University football had seven players named to the All-NSIC North Division football team including three first-team selections.

MSU's Thomas Bryson (Jr., DL, Layton, Utah), Levi Freidt (Sr., LB, Minot, N.D.) and Aaron La Deaux (So., P/K, Port Orchard, Wash.) were named to the first team.

Leon La Deaux (Sr., WR, Port Orchard, Wash.) was MSU's lone second-team All-NSIC North selection, while Randel Barber (Jr., DB, Maricopa, Ariz.), Aaron James (Jr., LB, Oklahoma City, Okla.) and Chad Sickles (Jr., OL, Missoula, Mont.) were named honorable mention.

Bryson and Freidt were one of the top defensive tandems in the league as Bryson was tied for second overall in the NSIC in sacks with 10.5 and finished with 68 total tackles, 33rd in the NSIC and second overall among defensive linemen. Freidt was third in tackles with 124 – an 11.3 average per game – and finished with three sacks and an interception.

Aaron La Deaux led the NSIC North in punting average, booting an average of 37.6 yards per kick. He was four overall in the NSIC. La Deaux had a massive 72-yard punt on the season, the top kick of any punter in the NSIC top 10.

Leon La Deaux paced the Beavers with 48 catches for 715 yards and scored three touchdowns. He was the Beavers' primary return man on kickoffs, helping the senior to the seventh best 117.1 yards per game in all-purpose



Bryson



Freidt



A. LaDeaux



L. LaDeaux



Barber



James

yards.

Barber's move from running back to defensive back was a success as the junior finished with 51 tackles, four pass breakups and two blocked punts.

James was second on the team in total tackles with 85 and had 11.0 tackles for a loss, 2.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and two interceptions.

Sickles was the anchor of the offensive line that helped MSU to the league's 11th best passing offense at 213 yards per game.



Sickles

Wrestling underway

By Kurt Miller
Staff Writer

The Minot State University wrestling schedule is in full swing with the season beginning just over a month ago.

The Beavers opened their season with two dual meets, the first being the Daktronics Open at South Dakota State, with the team traveling to the North Dakota State Open a week later on Nov. 8.

Sophomore Mitchell Eull led the way for Minot State at the Opens. Eull placed 6th in the heavyweight division at the Daktronics Open and finished in 4th in the heavyweight division at the North Dakota State Open.

After a two-week period to get healthy, the Beavers were back on the road for a couple of dual meets at the University of Jamestown Nov. 21. In the first meet of the day, the Beavers recorded a 35-15 win over the Jimmies. Josh Douglas, Tanner Crissler, Cody Haugen, Devin Combs, Ricard Avakovs, Dimitri Grivas and Mitchell Eull all recorded wins in the first dual.

In the second dual of the day, the Beavers were tested by Waldorf College but came away with a 33-18 team win to

improve to 2-0 on the season. Jason Huger, Zachary Cummings and Tobias Baker all recorded their first dual meet wins of the season.

After competing in the Cobber Open at Concordia College the following day, the Beavers took a long Thanksgiving break before heading to the Argo Duals and the Battle of the Rockies this past weekend in Great Falls, Mont.

The Beavers' early dual success came to an abrupt halt on Friday, Dec. 5, when they lost all three of their duals to Chadron State, Northwest College and McKendree University. Eull proved to be the lone bright spot as he went 3-0 and carried his momentum into the following day at the Battle of the Rockies.

Eull placed third in the heavyweight division Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Battle of the Rockies while three other Beavers, all freshmen, came in sixth place in their respective classes.

After a full month to prepare for NSIC action, the Beavers are set to open up with a dual against the University of Mary today. The dual begins at 7 p.m. in the Dome.

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players and they have done a great job of staying focused on the road. We have traveled a lot of miles and that can take its toll on the body."

In Puerto Rico, the Beavers lost, 52-59, to the University of Puerto Rico-Bayamon on Nov. 16, but won their second game, 67-62, against the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras on Nov. 17.

In a big game to open conference play, the Beavers defeated the University of Mary, 66-61, on Nov. 29 in Bismarck.

"I am happy with the way that we have started this season," Murken said. "We have won two difficult games on the road and are undefeated at home. We will continue to play better teams as the season moves on, so we have to stay hungry for improvement."

On the road Dec. 6 and 7, Minot State played Minnesota State University Moorhead and Northern State University, respectively. MSU lost both games by a score of 99-64 against MSU Moorhead, and 83-72 to Northern State.

The Beavers' (5-3 overall, 1-2 NSIC) next game is Friday when they host the University of Sioux Falls in the Dome at 8 p.m. They host Southwest Minnesota State Saturday at 6 p.m.



Photo by Vanessa Christiuk
Goalie Kayla Wakelin stops a shot by an Assiniboine Community College Cougar. The Beavers lost, 9-0.

Women's hockey off to an icy start

By Vanessa Christiuk
Staff Writer

The weekend came with a rocky start on the ice for the Minot State University women's club hockey team. Assiniboine Community College came out strong, scoring nine in the contest on Saturday afternoon. The Beavers couldn't find the back of the net, so the final score was 9-0.

Looking for a second chance on Sunday, the Beavers came out with more fire than the previous day. With the ACC Cougars up 1-0 in the first, MaKayla Sandvold scored the Beavers' only goal to tie the game. Unfortunately, MSU fell short, dropping the game 4-1. The Beavers next see ice time at the All Seasons Arena Jan. 24 and 25.

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