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Photo by Charles Wollschlager

Ralph Johnson, as an army corporal (left), and Monica Anderson, as Rasha Khalid, rehearse for their upcoming performance in "The Chalk Circle." The play runs April 18-21 in Aleshire Theater.

'The Chalk Circle' brings theater season to a close

By Charles Wollschlager
 Comm 281

The end of the school year is around the corner, bringing with it final tests, graduation and that relaxing summer break. As we finish another year of school, we also finish the Minot State University Theatre Arts Program spring season, ending another year of fantastic stories and excellent performances by MSU students. This will be the last show before they move on to their MSU Summer Theatre performances, which start in June.

This year's final play, "The Chalk Circle," will be performed April 18-21 at 7:30 p.m. each night in Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall.

Carlen Gilseth, assistant professor of com-

munication arts, is directing his own adaptation of the famous play, "The Caucasian Chalk Circle," written by Bertolt Brecht in 1944. This play was originally written about a peasant girl named Rasha who rescues a baby and, despite her struggles, becomes a better mother than the baby's biological parents, even though they are wealthier than she is. While Gilseth's adaptation has the same storyline, he is changing primary locations, such as moving the location of the prologue to North Dakota and the location of the war to Syria, as well as updating the script for today's audience.

While this play may seem like something not usually done at MSU, this past year the

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'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'



Photo by Koh EN Chze (Ariel)

MSU professor Kenneth Bowles, as Jacob (sitting), listens to his sons in a Western Plains Opera Company production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The show ran in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.



Photo by Koh En Chze (Ariel)

MSU sophomore Royce Brown plays Joseph in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

News in Brief

Math talk series continues today

Minot State University senior mathematics and bioinformatics major Amadou Diallo will present April 14 in Model 330 at 5 p.m.

Diallo will give a brief introduction on graph theory and discuss one of its applications. He will define graphs and trees generally, and how they apply to the specific example of chemical alkane enumeration.

The MSU Math Club continues its tradition of hosting the math talk series to bring together a community of students, faculty, staff

and the general public interested in learning about mathematical research. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Elaheh Gorgin, assistant professor of mathematics, at elaheh.gorgin@minotstateu.edu.

Woodwind quintet to perform Monday

Minot State students in the woodwind quintet, instructed by assistant professor James Fusik, will perform April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Free and open to everyone.

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theatre program has taken a new route with the plays they have performed, working the shows that aren't just to entertain an audience or show us history, but truly remind us of the creativity and hard work that goes into creating a show, and the beauty that can be seen once it has been performed.

"Bertolt Brecht was continually adapting his plays during his lifetime," Gilseth said. "He felt the world was always in a constant state of flux, so he had to be changing with it."

This is the kind of thing that the MSU program looks into when choosing a show; not if it will sell many seats, but what kind of message can be shown to an audience when they come to the event.

"By updating the script and placing the prologue in North Dakota, I hope that the audience will give more thought to the action of the play and the meaning of Brecht's words," Gilseth said.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students under 18. MSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with MSU ID. To reserve tickets, call the box office at 701-858-3172.

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Voices on Campus

“What is your favorite part of spring?”

Kaleiah Murchison
Comm 281



Alexis Henderson
Art Education

“My favorite part of spring is the sun, but there’s not a lot of it up here”



Dakota Brown
Biology

“I like two things about spring; the warmth of sunshine and the fresh smell that rain brings.”



Amber Hunsaker
Social Work

“My favorite part of spring is being able to go four-wheeling and being outside in general.”



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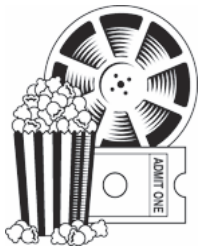
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On Movies



by Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

Ladies and Gentleman, Boys and Girls. Let's get ready to rumble!

"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" stars Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Jesse Eisenberg, Gal Gadot, Diane Lane, Laurence Fishburne, Holly Hunter and Jeremy Irons. It is directed by Zack Snyder and rated PG-13 for violence, language and some intense scenes.

Months after the battle in Metropolis, Clark Kent (Cavill) unknown to the public as Superman, has become a huge concern for many. He is supported by

'Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice'

his mother, Martha (Lane), and reporter Lois Lane (Adams), yet he is feared by many, such as Senator June Finch (Hunter) and CEO of LexCorp, Lex Luthor (Eisenberg). They are not the only ones who question the motives of the man of steel as Bruce Wayne (Affleck), who is secretly Batman, has been suspicious of Superman and what he is able to do.

Superman in turn is disturbed by Batman's brutal ways of fighting crime in Gotham City and, against the order of Editor-in-chief Perry White (Fishburne), Clark decides to investigate the lone vigilante. However, unknown forces are at work that will bring these two heroes against one another.

Despite the assistance from butler Alfred Pennyworth (Irons)

and a mysterious woman known as Diana Prince (Gadot), both Batman and Superman are about to come to blows in possibly one of the greatest battles in history.

It took me awhile to see this movie and, after the wait, I have to say that it was worth it. What I really liked about the film was that it wasn't simply just constant fighting between the two heroes, but more conflict on how they fight crime, and ideals. Superman is viewed as a symbol of hope, yet he is also feared for not being human and for his powers. Batman uses fear when dealing with criminals, however his methods are sometimes viewed as extreme, and he doesn't trust many people.

Superman tends to see the

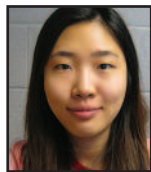
good in the world while Batman only sees the darkness in the world. We get a viewpoint of both of these characters and see what keeps them going throughout the film. The action sequences featured were enjoyable to watch, and I especially believe that the cast was well chosen for each of the roles. Both Affleck and Cavill did a fantastic job as Batman and Superman respectively, as well as newcomers Gadot and Eisenberg as Wonder Woman and Lex Luthor.

I will admit it took me a bit to get used to Eisenberg as Lex Luthor as, in most versions, Luthor gives off that shrewd businessman vibe while Eisenberg's portrayal is more of a young executive who is a bit eccentric and a

bit uncomfortable when around people. However, despite his seemingly harmless personality, deep down he shows us that he is really a mentally unstable individual and a murderous sociopath who will do everything he can to destroy Superman and anything in his way.

While her appearance in the movie is a bit minor, Gadot still does a great job as she reminds us that Superman and Batman are not the only superheroes in the world, and that more are likely to show themselves in the future. I should mention the movie is long, at least two hours and thirty minutes. While a few scenes could have been shortened or cut out, I personally found the length to be

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Book Review

'Hachiko's Last Lover,' by Yoshimoto Banana

By Yun Ji Nam
Staff Writer

"Hachiko's Last Lover" centers on the protagonist, a young girl named Mao. Mao meets a boy named Hachiko, whose name she only heard from a premonition. According to the premonition, she will be his last lover. Curious if this mysterious prediction indeed will turn out to be true, Mao develops an odd emotional attachment towards Hachiko.

The novel is difficult to define as a romance, because the story deals with themes more profound and complex than its main plot - a love story between Mao and Hachiko. If I dare to do so, that would limit the beauty and uniqueness of this novel, because "Hachiko's Last Lover" teaches us more than mere entertainment gained from a generic love story arc. The novel has the elements of

a travelogue, a philosophical treatise, self-improvement novel, and a journal. Yoshimoto's writing reflects Mao's stream of consciousness that often goes off-route from the main plot line.

In Yoshimoto's many writings, such as "Kitchen," "Amrita," and "Lizard," her characters are frustrated and trapped in reality. Her characters emit strong existentialism, wanting to not only exist in

life, but rather desperately feel every breath they take. This is Yoshimoto's recurrent theme and style, which is represented by the protagonist, Mao. In the novel, Mao appears to cherish even trivial memories of Hachiko after the relationship ends. Mao desperately wants to exist in the very moment, regardless of the level of significance of the event. Yoshimoto's unique style of

describing Mao's desperateness and sincerity to appreciate each moment deserves a second, and a third look. Mao becomes the very smell of food she cooks, and when having sex becomes her very organ.

The fun of reading "Hachiko's Last Lover" does not lie in expecting a new incident of the unknown which unfolds in every

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chapter, like many other novels do. Yoshimoto's writing is a little different. In terms of incidents, no particularly exciting event happens regarding the progression of Mao and Hachiko's relationship. "Hachiko's Last Lover" is strictly consisted only of Mao's intuitive and introverted contemplation and daily philosophical conversation between Mao and Hachiko.

However, what grasps our attention is Yoshimoto's unique way of developing the plot. Yoshimoto freely develops her story of relationship between Mao and Hachiko, yet often takes a quick turn in order to narrate the protagonist's deep contemplation, which may appear to have no connection to the plot yet surprisingly develops the character fully. Moreover, she chooses extreme poetic expression in doing this. Mao sinks deep into her reverie while exploring the concept of freedom. That being said, oddly enough, the protagonist (or Yoshimoto's) stream of consciousness never hinders the readers' understanding of what is going on, but rather enables them to have a clear view of Mao's thoughts.

In the midst of reading the novel, I realized many poetic expressions, which I found difficult to understand at first glance, slowly began to untangle themselves and became comprehensible, as I repeatedly read the lines. Yoshimoto's "Hachiko's Last Lover" contains incredible amount of substance in such a small volume. Once the readers strip each of her expressions apart, readers will be amazed by the condensed mixture of Yoshimoto's theme, expression and style. People may find Yoshimoto's profound expression in storytelling regarding mundane activities

strange for being poetic, yet it underscores how "Hachiko's Last Lover" is simply not designed for the readers to quickly consume.

Hachiko walks away from Mao at the end. We witness Mao being absolutely miserable. Her behaviors become temperamental and extremely unpredictable, compulsively repeating to pack to go back to Hachiko, and quickly giving it up. Her pain receptor, that she voluntarily chooses to use and turn off, makes her look sadistic. To our surprise, Mao's pain that was described earlier in the novel quickly changes into a contrasting emotion: happiness. In Mao's short journey, we see Yoshimoto's other important theme, appreciation of life as well.

Yoshimoto juxtaposes the opposite kinds of emotion of Mao. This comes to us readers as a surprise, which also delivers an incomprehensible catharsis. Yoshimoto can easily create a certain atmosphere in one chapter, then quickly shift it to a completely contrasting one within the same page. Mao's way of coping with parting is not at all complex, in fact it is - described clear and clean-cut. Mao's broken heart completely disappears at the end, and only bliss remains. This perhaps is the kind of farewell we all look for in our necessary partings. The story of coping with pain told by this Japanese writer is surprisingly, universally beautiful.

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necessary; it is not just constant fighting throughout the movie.

That said some viewers might be annoyed by the time length of the film. It also would help viewers if they saw "Man of Steel" or at least have an idea of the previous film before watching this one. Many important details from the previous film are mentioned and it would help viewers understand what is going on.

Overall, I found the film to be worth the watch. I have read that some critics didn't like this movie, and the website, Rotten Tomatoes, gave it a low score. Although I have talked to many people who have seen the movie at the theater and tell me they enjoyed it. So, in the end, I guess the final judgment should be left to you viewers to see if the movie is worth the watch or not.

As for me, I enjoyed the action and drama scenes, as well as the characters featured in this movie. While not exactly a Marvel studios film, it still impressed me enough to watch it again. Oh, and keep an eye out for the many references and cameos that are featured.

Personally, I give "Batman V Superman: Dawn of Justice" 4.5 out of 5 Beavers, but however you view the movie would be your own opinion.



Ask a pastor

The Holy Land

By **Christoph Schmidt**

The MSU Office of Campus Ministry is sponsoring a trip to the Holy Land next year. The plan is to leave from Minot on Dec. 27, 2016, and return on Jan. 6, 2017. The trip will explore the diverse religious, political and historical significance of Israel and Palestine, with an emphasis on Jerusalem as the center of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

The itinerary includes visits to the Old City in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Masada, Qumran (site of the Dead Sea Scrolls), and a chance to float in the Dead Sea. We will also visit a U.N. refugee camp in the West Bank, several Middle East peace organizations, and the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

This trip will challenge you to grow in your faith and self-understanding. You will be exposed to new peoples, cultures, religious perspectives, tastes, smells, sounds and sights. Your comfort zone will be stretched, and you are guaranteed to see your life and your

place in the world in a whole new light.

If you are interested in participating in this trip, you are invited to an informational meeting on Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. in the Multicultural Center. We'll talk about what to expect, trip costs, fundraising, and the possibility of applying for academic credit. We'll also talk about trip safety, international travel, and how to convince your parents that travel to the Holy Land is indeed safe (short answer - it's probably safer than traveling to many places in the United States!). You'll also get to meet your trip leaders, see pictures and hear stories of the places we will visit.

If you're unable to make the meeting, please contact me directly for more information. Otherwise, I hope you can join us on Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m.

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Karaoke in the Beaver Dam



Photo by Koh En Chze (Ariel)
MSU student Zach Cummings enjoys his time singing at Karaoke.



Photo by Koh En Chze (Ariel)
MSU students Amelia Hamman (left) and Erin Wlnterton sing together at Karaoke in the Beaver Dam last week. MSU Life sponsored the event.

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MSU broadcasting students are (from the left, back row) Kris Morken, Quinn Williams, Ariel Koh, Keith Ailes and Leif Bakken; (front row) Jay Lurvey, Alex Coleman, Gemma Biasetto and Marcel Brinson.

A first-ever for Broadcasting Department

Gemma Biasetto
Comm 281

Several Minot State University students in the broadcasting department were recently nominated for a Student Crystal Pillar Award for a video they created.

The "Minot State University Athletics Promo" video debuted early December in the Dome and on KMSU Channel 19 News. The promo video includes every sport from golf to soccer. It shows all kinds of shots including close-ups, action shots, and even several drone shots.

This is a first-ever nomination for the department.

"I am proud of everyone" said MSU teacher, and Emmy award winner Bob Lindee.

He required the students to plan and produce the whole project. This included everything from contacting coaches and setting up video shoots, to editing and submitting the promo.

From start to finish, the video took less than fifteen class periods to produce.

"This promo video took a good amount of time and preparation from the whole class," editor and photographer Marcel Brinson said.

Each student put in an average of 60 hours of work totaling 600 hours overall.

"It wouldn't have come out as successful without all the work everyone contributed," Binson continued.

The video production 2 class went beyond just a standard promo video.

"We were making [the promo] for more than a school project," graphic designer Kris Morkin said. "We were trying to inspire students and athletes to have more school spirit and to want to be at Minot State."

The students worked relentlessly outside of class despite the

three hours of class time they had every Thursday night.

"This project showed how much of a team our class is and how far we can push one another to do great things," photographer Quinn Williams said. "Plus, we showed how much broadcasting rocks."

Next year students say they are determined to work even harder to produce bigger and better videos in hopes to bring home a trophy.

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KMSU broadcasters honored with Sevareid Awards

Submitted by Ashley Busch
MSU student

The Midwest Broadcast Journalism Association (MBJA) honored two Minot State University broadcasting students and an associate professor with Eric Sevareid Awards at the Midwest Journalism Conference in Bloomington, Minn.

The MBJA hosts the annual conference, which provides broadcasting and journalism students in the midwest with top-notch professional training, recognition of superior work and networking opportunities.

According to the MBJA website, "The Eric Sevareid Awards are named after the North Dakota native and University of Minnesota-educated journalist known for his work as a correspondent for CBS Radio and Television. Every year, the organization presents awards to the best work done by broadcast news operations and journalists working in small, medium, and large markets in its six-state region on radio, television and online." There is also a college division of the Eric Sevareid competition.

Emily Medalen, an MSU senior, received a first-place Sevareid Award for her TV weather forecast in the student competition. Medalen said she has made many improvements from her entry last year because, "I got a lot more comfortable on air, especially when ad libbing."

She is excited to network and meet people in the broadcasting industry.

"Last year I wasn't in as good a place to contact people right away, because I still had another year left of school ahead of me. Now that I'm looking to graduate soon, I'm really excited to meet people from the surrounding areas, try to network with them, and see where I can go," Medalen related.

"I'm honored to win this award. I feel so lucky that my work (at KXMC) and school coordinate together so well. That's probably why I've grown so much

and have been lucky enough to win this," she said.

Leif Bakken, a sophomore from Lemmon, South Dakota, also won a Sevareid Award in the student division. Bakken took first place for his radio series on Minot State's Transition to Division II with the National Collegiate Athletic Association. "I hadn't realized that we are the youngest school in Division II sports. [From my interviews] I learned that there were a lot of coach transitions including football, track, volleyball, and men's basketball. The main difference for coaches between the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) and NCAA Division II was the style of recruiting. This is because Division II has a more pristine name, so students tend to take it more seriously," he explained.

Bakken said he was most looking forward to experiencing the MBJA conference for the first time, and watching the sports playby-

plays so he can figure out how to improve and expand his skills.

Meanwhile, associate professor Neil Roberts accepted four Sevareid Awards of Merit for his entries in the small market radio category including two series: "Training Camp Today" with the Minnesota Vikings and "Spring Fever Baseball" with the Minnesota Twins, along with "Everson Griffen looks for a big season" in the sports reporting category, and "Vikings US Bank Stadium Nears Completion" in the talk/public affairs category.

Roberts says his radio reports run on KZZJ AM 1450 in Rugby, and can also be heard on about 60 other radio stations across a six-state region.

Roberts, Medalen and Bakken found out the placing of their awards on Saturday at the awards banquet in Bloomington. Visit midwestjournalists.org for more information about the conference and a complete list of the award winners.

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- Comedienne Gasteyer
- National capital
- Court game
- Tooth caregiver
- Supervises flying
- Small amount
- Degree of loudness
- Wore down
- Upper-class woman (abbr.)
- Actor Pitt
- Red mineral
- Have already done
- Asian antelope
- Forms over a cut
- Performer ___ Lo Green
- Pressed against
- An alternative
- 5th note of a major scale
- Tell on
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Breaks apart
- Russian country house
- Female grunts
- Type of sword
- Ottoman Empire title
- Emaciation
- He was Batman
- Nonmoving
- Group in China
- A thought
- Withered
- Worldly mosquitoes
- Tide.

CLUES DOWN

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- Women's social organization
- Female sibling

Beavers finish strong at NSIC Championships, place 7th

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State University men's golf team shot the sixth-best team score in round three, but remained in eighth place overall at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championship Saturday at Paradise Point Golf Course in Smithville, Mo.



O'Keefe

MSU shot a 310, its best round of the tournament, finishing a stroke better than the 311 it carded in the first round in the fall at The Jewell in Lake City, Minn. The Beavers moved to within 15 strokes of seventh place Upper Iowa, and put more distance between them and No. 9, Sioux Falls.



Kreutz



Liebel

Karson O'Keefe (Jr.) continued to lead the Beavers on the individual side, finishing with a 76 to sit in a tie for 17th overall. He was joined by three other golfers at 229 for the tournament. O'Keefe will need to pick up around seven strokes to reach the top 10.

Will Czeh has a one-stroke lead on Jonathan Lindquist of Winona State and Kelton Schmitz of Minnesota State on the individual leaderboard. Czeh carded a 70 to move to 4-over-par for the championship. Lindquist and Schmitz are in at 219.

Nicholas Liebel (Sr.) finished

with a 78 in the third round and is tied for 30th overall. Matthew Kreutz (Fr.) shot his best round of the championships with a 77 to move into 33rd overall, while Aaron Ogrodnick (Fr.) and Jersey Kelly (So.) are 34th and 37th respectively.

The Beavers played their best golf in the final round of the championships, firing a team tournament-best 302 on Sunday, eight strokes better than Saturday's 310.

MSU had the fifth best round of the day. The Beavers moved past Upper Iowa for seventh place overall in the tournament, making up 30 strokes during the spring portion of the NSIC Championship.

"I'm pretty happy with how we played overall," MSU head coach Randy Westby said. "We still struggled to find a fourth score, but improved our performance from last fall considerably. We made some huge strides we can build on for next year."

O'Keefe fired a 73 in the final round to finish as the Beavers' top golfer. He shot a 302 for the tournament and just missed a top-10 finish as he tied for 12th overall, just two strokes back of 10th.

Kreutz and Liebel tied for 27th in the tournament. Kreutz had a fantastic finish to his first NSIC Championships with a team tournament-best score of 71. Liebel finished his NSIC career with a 75.

MSU will finish the season Monday at the Cougar Cup hosted by the University of Sioux Falls — a one-day match play tournament with USF, Augustana University and Concordia-St. Paul at the Country Club of Sioux Falls.



Photo courtesy of MSU Sports Information

Freshman Amber Hunsaker throws the javelin in a meet in Sioux Falls. Hunsaker has won the event for three straight meets, including Saturday's win at the University of Mary meet with a toss of 146-1.

Hunsaker reaches NCAA Division II provisional mark

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State University freshman Amber Hunsaker (Throws) won her third consecutive javelin event and reached an NCAA Division II Provisional mark without throwing one in the finals.

Hunsaker won for the third time in four tries as a collegiate with a toss of 146-foot-1 at the University of Mary Al Bortke Open, moving into No. 13 in the country and No. 3 all-time at Minot State. She reached the distance in the preliminaries of the event and was forced to skip the finals due to a prior commitment in her hometown.

"It was another great job by her," MSU head coach Stu Melby said. "She is progressing really well. She had nice consistent throws in the prelims before leaving to get back home for her school's returning royalty event."

"When we recruited her, we knew she had the potential to do big things. She's been doing a great job in preparing and working and, hopefully, she continues

to get some big marks as we go, keeping in the top 20 to qualify for nationals."

She was one of four Beavers to earn an event win at a windy Community Bowl in Bismarck. While it is her third win this season in the javelin, MSU had three others earn their first title.

Samantha Huether (Jr., Mid-Distance) in the 3,000-meter steeplechase earned a season best time of 11 minutes, 41.74 seconds to take the title on the women's side. Dylan Harvey (Jr., Hurdles) raced to a 57.92 seconds time to win the 400-meter hurdles and Christopher Tom (Pole Vault), another MSU freshman, managed the gusty conditions best to win the pole vault with a jump of 12-foot-11½.

"The wind was kind of mixed today. It was really windy early and gusty, so it was a hectic day for the pole vault," Melby said. "But we had some help in the 100 and 200. They got assistance from the wind, but officially not too much, so that was nice for them."

Along with Hunsaker's PR in the javelin, MSU had 13 total personal bests on the day, while the Beavers added another eight season bests.

"It was a good day overall for us," Melby added. "We had a lot of people do well and we are making progress. It bodes well for the end of the season. We hope to keep it going in the right direction."

Stephanie Huether (Fr., Distance) set PRs in both the 1,500 and 3,000 on the women's side, while Devan Shumway (Fr., Distance) did the same on the men's side. Lucas Leitner (Sr., Sprints) and Josh Drew (So., Sprints) doubled up in the 100 and 200 meters with PRs, while Dejah Silva (Sr., Sprints) raced to a PR in the 200, taking second overall. Tyler Bates (Jr., Sprints) and Daniel Daffinrud (Fr., Sprints) finished with personal bests in the 200.

The Beavers travel to Dickinson State for the 2016 Blue Hawk Games Friday.



Photo by Vanessa Christiuk

Kyla Larson swings the bat in a game against Upper Iowa at Herb Parker Stadium Sunday. The Beavers lost, 4-2.

Softball has rough week at home

By Vanessa Christiuk
Sports Writer

The Minot State softball team has had a rough start to the season. On April 7, the Beavers hosted Northern State at Herb Parker Stadium for a double header. Getting ahead early, the Beavers scored one in the first inning when Jordan Grant scored from third on a ground ball to the short stop, hit by Rachel Burdette. Jenn Spencer managed to keep Northern out of the game for five straight innings. In the sixth, Northern pushed across three more runs, and added another two in the seventh. The Beavers couldn't seem to string any hits together, and lost the game, 5-1.

The second game of the day was a pitching duel, as Alyssa Cornejo allowed only seven hits and struck out 10 batters. The game was scoreless until the

fourth, when Northern blasted a solo homerun, only to be followed up in the bottom of the inning with hits from Kyla Larson and Cornejo, which ended with Larson crossing home plate. With a 1-1 tie going into the bottom of the seventh, the Beavers couldn't start a rally, and the game went into extra innings. In the ninth inning, Northern scored again and the Beavers couldn't retaliate. The Beavers lost, 2-1.

Saturday at the Herb, the Beavers faced Winona State. Even with hits from Grant, Clarissa Ramirez, Isis Cabral and Vanessa Christiuk, the Beavers couldn't manage to score a run. Winona won game one, 11-0.

The second game held a completely different tone. Grant scored in the first inning on a sacrifice fly from Lauren Cowden and the Beavers started ahead.

Winona answered back with three in the second. In the third, Rachel Burdette hit one hard down the left field line to score Tylar Holland and move more runners into scoring position, then Larson scored Grant from third. Both teams managed to score one in the fourth. In the fifth inning, a homerun from Cornejo scored two and put the Beavers on top once again. In the top of the seventh inning, Winona scored nine, making the final score, 13-6, in favor of Winona.

On Sunday, the Beavers faced Upper Iowa University. Upper Iowa scored two in the first and two in the second. In the bottom of the second, Cornejo put the ball on the other side of the fence for a two-run homerun, making the score 4-2. The game was called after five innings due to the cold temperatures.

Tough weekend for Beavers

MSU hosts Southwest Minnesota Saturday and Sunday

By Isaac Hunt
Sports Writer

The Minot State University baseball team lost both games against Wayne State on Saturday afternoon by a total of just six runs.

In game one, the Beavers got off to a good start with a three-run homer from freshman Celestino Rodriguez (DH) in the first inning. Rodriguez had another RBI in the third inning to put his team up 4-0, but that was the last time MSU would impact the scoreboard.

In the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings, the visiting Wildcats scored two runs in each inning to win the game, 8-4.

"The first game it was momentum, definitely," head coach Brock Weppler said about the comeback. "After the first few innings, we held a lead and all of the sudden, they're throwing up two-run innings over and over. That momentum was on their side.

"We've had a couple of those games like that this year. If they score a couple runs, we have to answer or have to have a goose egg on the other side of it."

In game two it was Wayne State that would get off to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, forcing the Beavers to attempt a comeback.

Pitcher Austin Berntson (Sr.) scored the first run for the home team with a single-shot home run in the fourth inning. MSU would go on to score another run in that inning to cut the lead to one run.

In the sixth inning, both teams hit single-run homers to add to their run totals and move the score to 4-3. Wayne State added a run in the seventh and held

Minot State off in the final few innings to win the game, 5-3.

Rodriguez was the only Beaver player to record a hit in both games, but Kyle Williamson (OF, So.), Sean Alp (SS, Jr.) and Jordan Schulz (OF, Jr.) also recorded two hits on the day.

On Sunday, the two teams scored 38 runs between them in a single game at Corbett Field, but the final score favored the visiting Wildcats, 25-13.

WSC got off to a fast start scoring two runs in each of the first two innings and an eight-run fourth inning to go up 12-0. The Beavers responded in the fifth with a five-run inning to push their deficit back to seven runs.

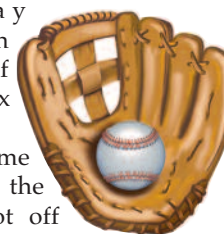
The Wildcats kept posting big run innings, though, with a four-run and eight-run inning in the sixth and seventh, respectively. In those innings, Minot State was able to score eight runs as well, but could never close the lead, which ended at 12 after seven innings.

Throughout the game nine pitchers took the mound, including six from the home team. Each pitcher, from both teams, that pitched at least one inning, allowed no fewer than three runs in his appearance.

In a day full of strong bats, Minot State was led by Conner Oliver (OF, Sr.) who recorded four hits in five at bats while scoring two runs and driving in another two. Jordan Schulz (OF, Jr.) helped his team with five RBIs, including a double to center field that cleared the loaded bases.

Both teams decided to play just one of the two scheduled games due to inclement weather.

Minot State will continue its home stand against Southwest Minnesota State on Saturday and Sunday with doubleheaders each day. The games are scheduled to begin at noon and 2:30



Quarterback Zac Cunha back in action, Spring Game set for Saturday

The Minot State University football team, well into its spring training since late March, is pleased to have senior Zac Cunha back at the helm.



Cunha

Cunha was injured in the first week of the season last fall. He received a medical red-shirt and spent time on the sidelines and in the booth with coaches during games.

According to an MSU Athletics press release, the time off helped him.

"It wasn't very much fun, obviously, but I learned a lot being up in the booth and being able to help the coaches," Cunha said. "It gave me a different perspective last year and has really helped me as a player."

The public is invited to see Cunha and the team in action at the annual Spring Game scrimmage at 6 p.m. Saturday at Herb Parker Stadium.

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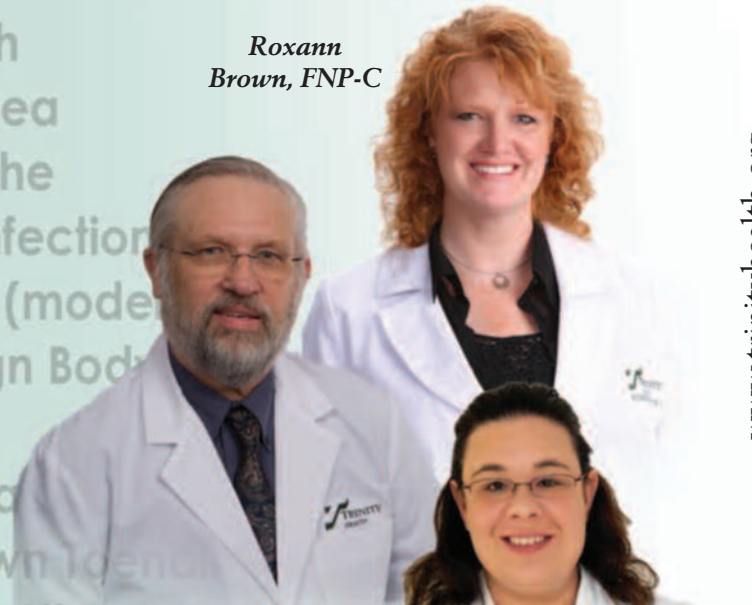
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