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# Rudolph breaks 38-year scoring record with 1,836 points

### Red & Green Staff

Tyler Rudolph started the weekend at home 30 points away from breaking the all-time scoring record held since 1980 by Paul Harrel.

Students and alumni turned out Friday night for a red out in hopes of seeing Rudolph score the 30 points on the first night of the weekend, but — despite scoring an impressive 27-points — Rudolph came up just three points shy of the record. Beavers lost to Winona State, 65-70.

Saturday, in a more subdued Dome, Rudolph scored the necessary basket to become the record holder about nine minutes through the first half.

For the past two years, Minot State basketball fans have seen something special in Rudolph.

"Tyler brings a tremendous work ethic and competitiveness to our program," head coach Matt Murken said. "We've had some young men in our program in the past that set the tone for the amount of extra time it takes to be successful at the college level and Tyler really learned from them early in his career."

"It's been awesome to watch that development from his fresh-

man year to now," play-by-play announcer Leif Bakken said. "Any downtime, and if the Dome was open, he was in there shooting if he could be. If there wasn't anyone else practicing, he had headphones on and he was in there shooting."

For the Bismarck native, athletics were part of growing up.

"My mom is my biggest role model. She is the one who actually got me into playing basketball," Rudolph said.

Rudolph's career at Minot State began as a freshman in 2014. He scored his first shot as a Beaver, a three-pointer, at South Dakota School of Mines on Nov. 14 of that year, according to Minot State's sports information.

"Our team wasn't the greatest when I got here as a freshman, and I think we slowly improved and slowly got the right guys in the program. This year, it has finally started to pay off. We are having a great year, and I'm excited to see where it goes," Rudolph said.

"We have five seniors and they all fill their role extremely well," Murken said earlier this month. "Brandon Green is a great defender; Russ Davis is a great shooter;

**See Rudolph — Page 2**



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Tyler Rudolph acknowledges the crowd as they applaud his achievement during a recognition ceremony following Saturday's game against Upper Iowa University.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU senior Brody Myers cheers Tyler Rudolph on during the game against Upper Iowa University on Saturday in the Dome.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU senior forward Tyler Rudolph drives into the key during a game against the Upper Iowa Peacocks Saturday. The Beavers, lost 89-99.



# News in Brief

## Northwest Arts Center open

The Northwest Arts Center is now open in the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library. The center is home to the Walter Piehl Jr. Gallery. Students can visit the center Monday through Friday. Visitors should use the center's public entrance on the south side of the library.

## Student Leadership & Engagement Award nominations due Friday

Minot State University presents the Student Leadership & Engagement Award, previously recognized as the Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges accolade.

MSU students will be selected based on academic achievement, service to the university and the greater community, participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Winners will be recognized at

an banquet in the spring.

Applications are available at [MinotStateU.edu/sga/whos-who.shtml](http://MinotStateU.edu/sga/whos-who.shtml)

All nominations must be submitted to the Vice President for Student Affairs Office by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2.

## Super Bowl Party in Beaver Dam for students

MSU Life will host a watch party for Super Bowl LII Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. Free food and drink will be available with a current student I.D.

## Minot State earns Star Volunteers Award

Minot State University received the Star Volunteers Award from the Roosevelt Park Zoo for the third straight year. The Star Volunteer Award recognizes businesses that have donated more than 500 hours of volunteer service. The university has averaged 575 hours of volunteer work a year since 2014.

# Entrepreneurship Club offers business how-to

By Mykal Drosdal  
Comm 281

People attend college for a variety of reasons such as to become a nurse, a school teacher, or a public relations specialist. Future entrepreneurs often go to school to learn how to operate their own business. Minot State University has helped future entrepreneurs by establishing the student-driven Entrepreneurship Club on campus.

"We develop businesses and help those who want to start businesses," Chuck Barney, current adviser of the MSU Entrepreneurship Club, said. "We also offer consulting services that allow students to get hands-on experience for their skills in the courses."

The entrepreneurship club was funded by MSU alumni Clint Severson and has been at

Minot State University since 2010.

"It started as a gift from alumni Clint Severson (and Conni Ahart) and he donated over \$1 million to our university in 2010. The money was donated to foster entrepreneurship and the club was able to form," Barney said.

Current funding for the club is provided by Severson and Ahart who provided a \$2 million donation in 2016. The state of North Dakota matched nearly \$1 million dollars through the North Dakota Higher Education Challenge Grant Program. The money is used to fund the program, scholarships for students in entrepreneurship, and new equipment.

Club members have done

many projects since its establishment, including the Beaver Brew Café beneath the Beaver Ridge apartments, consulting with the Souris Valley Animal Shelter on the feasibility of an expansion, and Caleb's Clubhouse. All of the projects were chosen by the students in the club.

"Typically, the students pick and complete the projects. We let them do it because it offers great experience for them later in their career," Barney said.

The club meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. in Old Main 405.

"Any student across campus is welcome and if they have a business idea they want to pursue, all the better. We're able to help and get their project off the ground," Barney said.

## ... Rudolph continued from page 1

Ricci Maia runs our team; Nate Moore is a scorer and brings us great energy; Tyler Rudolph rebounds and scores inside for us. It will be a tough group to replace, but I'm really excited to see how much they can improve and what we can accomplish."

With just six games left of the regular season, Rudolph is looking forward to opportunities for the team.

"We have a good group of

guys, and I am excited to see how we finish up. We want to just keep winning games and try to make a push to that NCAA tournament," he said.

As he continues his last season as a Beaver, Rudolph is hopeful for a post-collegiate career.

"I am an accounting major, so I'm working toward getting that degree, but after that, I'm going to try to play basketball overseas — continuing to play for as long as I can," Rudolph said.

The Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (Old Main 101/103) is now offering drop-in tutoring for several high-risk/high-demand Minot State University courses. The tutoring schedule is available online at [MinotStateU.edu/cetl/peer\\_tutoring.shtml](http://MinotStateU.edu/cetl/peer_tutoring.shtml) and in CETL. This schedule will be updated periodically as changes and additions occur. Students should check regularly. For more information, contact [tammy.wolf@minotstateu.edu](mailto:tammy.wolf@minotstateu.edu) or 858-3360.



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Scholarship deadline for the 2018-19 academic year is Feb. 15, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the Alumni Office at 858-3234.

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## Voices on Campus

“How should social media outlets be held responsible for content posted on sites?”



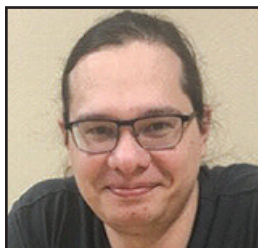
Braden Jenks  
*Addiction Studies*

“Freedom of speech protects you from government prosecution, but it doesn’t mean that everyone has to accept what you say or do and, so, a private company like Facebook is not taking your first amendment rights away if they don’t allow you to do or say something on their platform. We have seen that lots of people can be harmed if they don’t monitor that better.”



DeAndra Miller  
*English Education*

“There is a fine line between restricting speech and allowing content, but I think that companies need to be aware that what they allow is a reflection of them. They should monitor what they allow so that it does not reflect badly on them. They have the responsibility to show things that promote a good social image, if that’s what they’re after.”



Tim Borden-King-Jones  
*Addiction Studies*

“It has always been society’s job to moderate the behavior of people in society. I think the format for this has changed, but the fundamental responsibility has not. If someone is posting things that you think are offensive or bad, stop looking at things they post.”



Mia Lupo  
*Communication*

“With extreme cases, it is important for say, Youtube, or whatever social media site, to do something about it. I think there are a multitude of ways they can handle that. They can cancel the person’s account or give them a strike. I definitely think that they should show that it is not okay.”



Faith Babadi  
*Biology*

“I don’t believe social media should be held entirely responsible for content posted on sites. I believe whoever decides to use social media is entirely responsible for the content they decide to upload.”



Ludny Desert  
*Management Information Systems*

“I think it is the responsibility of people who post because, even if we complain or talk to them about it, they won’t change. It’s their nature. It’s deeper than that. It’s deeper than just talking to them.”



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## R&G Editorial

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### *Is organic food really that expensive?*

Science has proven, time and time again, that organic food is healthier for consumption. Regardless, approximately 4 percent of food sales in the United States are organic, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. There are various reasons consumers opt for non-organic food, but the most prevalent is cost.

The cheapest outlet for organic food is the farmers' market. Most grocery stores retail organic foods, but typically, they are more expensive. However, when the costs of production are compared, organic food is cheaper. According to a study conducted by Consumer Reports in 2015, some organic foods such as carrots, maple syrup, cream cheese, cost the same or less than their conventional counterparts.

Be a wise consumer by understanding the terminology. "All natural" does not mean organic. Many food corporations trick consumers into thinking they are selling organic products by branding their products as "all natural" or packaging them in green, which is a color associated with organic foods.

If you are going to shy away from organic food, don't be fooled into thinking expense is a valid reason. As a college student on a budget, I can tell you that eating healthy does not hurt my pocketbook.

## Biogeography class to explore Ecuador

By Katie Ingerson  
*Comm 281*

During Spring Break, nine students in Alexey Shipunov's biogeography class will take a 10-day trip to Ecuador. The intent of the trip is to learn about and explore the tropical forests throughout the area and experience what they have been learning in the classroom.

"Biological education is incomplete without knowing the tropical forest. You need to know about the place where life is thriving," Shipunov said.

The group will visit a number of different areas of the country, but the primary highlight will be the Amazon rainforest. This particular location is ideal for the trip because,

according to Shipunov, the area is much more mild than other regions of the Amazon and has very few dangerous animals.

"The most dangerous things are mosquitoes," Shipunov said.

Individual students will be responsible for paying attention to a specific feature of the rainforest, such as mammals, birds, butterflies, mushrooms, etc. Each student will then report on their specific topic and what they saw in the forest after the trip.

"I, myself, am a plant guy, so I will mostly provide them with plant-related knowledge. What is good about plants is that they are not going anywhere. They stay in place. Animals are more complicated. I cannot guarantee that we will see all animals, but

for plants, I can almost guarantee that they will be there," Shipunov said.

In previous years, classes have taken a similar trip to Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico was inaccessible this year because of hurricane damage, but Shipunov is looking forward to visiting the mainland of Ecuador. It will provide the experience of seeing more animals, such as sloths, ant eaters, monkeys, and armadillos.

Funding for the trip is currently in the works. The university has agreed to pay \$500 per student by using student travel fee funds. In addition, the students will fundraise for additional money and pay remaining expenses out of pocket.

## Beatles 1964 tribute band coming to Ann Nicole Nelson Hall

By Taylor Rizzari  
*Comm 281*

The Beatles are known as one of the greatest and most influential music groups of all time and, for one night only, the people of Minot can enjoy the 1964 tribute band for a musical journey through some of the Beatles' biggest hits.

Called "the best Beatles tribute on earth" by Rolling Stone Magazine, 1964 has been together for nearly 30 years, traveling the globe and playing sold out shows at venues like the world-famous Carnegie Hall and Red Rocks Amphitheater, and will actually be traveling back to Carnegie Hall just a week after they play in Minot. The band will play close to 90 shows in 2018.

"The group only performs songs from 1964 to 1966, which were considered the Beatles touring years," Ben Hart, the producer of the 1964's shows, said. "The attention to detail is amazing as all of their instruments are exact replicas of what the Beatles actually used. These guys are so good, many people will walk up to me and ask if they are lip syncing."

Selling out shows with music from more than four decades ago is an astonishing feat, but the music of the Beatles has always shown to stand the test of time.

"My high school history teacher was obsessed with the Beatles, we spent probably two weeks covering just them in our discussion about the 1960's culture," MSU

sophomore Lane Torgerson said. "They revolutionized modern music and my teacher helped peak my initial interest in their songs, which slowly developed me into a fan."

This concert is open to any and all ages of the Minot community.

"We have had kids at shows as young as 3 or 4," Hart said. "Basically, if you love the Beatles, this show is for you."

The band takes the stage at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall in Old Main Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$39 to \$44 and can be purchased at [mymusicshows.com](http://mymusicshows.com).

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# Darwin Day events planned for next week

By Katie Moore  
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Minot State's annual Darwin Day is just around the corner.

Darwin Day is the celebration of Charles Darwin, the English naturalist, geologist and biologist, best known for his contributions to the science of evolution.

The biology department tries to put on something new every year, and this year "Student Talks" take place Feb. 8 in the Cyril Moore auditorium, room 16, at 6 p.m.

MSU students Dakota Brown and Samantha Huether will discuss their experiences with DNA

sequencing while working with professor Paul Lepp, whose research interests lie in the area of microbial ecology and evolution. The event is free and open everyone.

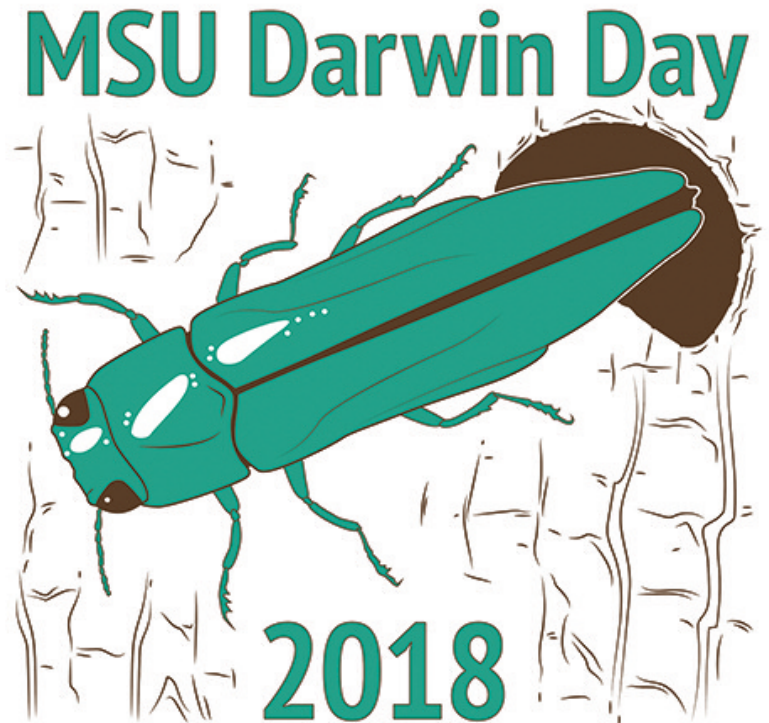
On Friday, Feb. 9, MSU students, faculty, and staff, and the public are welcome to tour the greenhouse and research labs. Tours begin at 9 a.m. on the second floor.

Also on Feb. 9, Heidi Super, professor of biology, will conduct a learning session for high school students on antibiotic resistance, "which is a way of illustrating

evolution in a very short amount of time," according to Super.

The students will also have the chance to create their own creatures in an evolution board game to invent adaptive characteristics for themselves to play against their opponents. Overall, they must learn how to survive.

"Some of the characteristics that you may acquire allow you to eat your neighbor, or they may decide to acquire a trait to protect them from you eating them. So, it's really cool to see how students start to see how a characteristic keeps them alive," Super said.



Submitted photo  
MSU students (from the left) Annika Kraft, Jaryn Homiston, Eric Fetske, Zach Schuller, Maddie Thompson, J'Kobe Wallace, and Dan Fagan pose for a photo. They represented MSU in the Irene Ryan Scholarship Auditions at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Iowa in January.

## Theatre students represent MSU at KCACTF

By Jerusalem Tukura  
Editor

Minot State University's Theatre Arts Program took to the road to Des Moines, Iowa, to participate in the regional Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

The festival gives students an opportunity to showcase their talent, compete for awards, attend

workshops, and meet other theater enthusiasts.

MSU received five certificates of merit at the festival, which took place Jan. 21-27: director and retired theatre professor Kevin Neuharth and the cast of "Student Body" received an achievement for ensemble performance; Maddie Thompson for sound design of "Student Body;" MSU

alumnus Branden Evans, who graduated last year, for lighting design of "The Shape of Things;" Brenna Heupel for costume design of "The Shape of Things;" EJ Rose, a local scenic artist, for painting of "God of Carnage."

MSU students Maddie Thompson, Eric Fetske, Annika Kraft, and Dan Fagan competed in

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# Minot State welcomes new campus minister

By Mia Lupo  
Comm 281

Minot State University's Lutheran Campus Ministry welcomed its new campus minister, Deacon Anna Dykeman, in early January. She's excited to offer MSU students a safe space to explore various matters including spiritual life.

"When it comes to relationships, gender issues, physical health, or anything, you can come talk to me," Dykeman said. "You can come in and be like 'I hate God' and that's OK. They (students) can question everything about who they are and know that Lutheran Campus Ministry and I are here as a means of support. We won't try to fix you. We'll walk with you and connect you to the people and things you need to become who you are becoming."

She plans to partner with different committees, boards, and services to aid students in whatever they need from her spiritually, emotionally, career-wise, or other.

"I care about networking. I work with students to connect dots in their vocational life and what their professional life could be afterward," Dykeman said.

Dykeman recently moved to Minot from Dickinson, N.D., where she served three congregations. While there, she enjoyed working with different community agencies in conjunction with the church groups to meet the needs of the community. She also enjoyed working with youth, junior high, high school, and college students as a spiritual guide.

"I was really happy in Dickinson, I wasn't anticipating a new call. Then (in September), I started to feel a little unsettled in my life," Dykeman said.

As the position opened last year, friends urged her to take it.

"I prayed about it, talked to my husband, talked to some trusted colleagues, and talked to my

kids," Dykeman said. "They decided it (moving) would be better because I could serve in a job that could bring me new life and use me."

She decided to become a deacon when she realized she had a calling for serving the community rather than working exclusively within the church.

"I wanted to serve people outside of the church. I wanted to work with people in a multitude of ways. That doesn't mean I'm here going, 'you should be Lutheran.' My call is to ask how you're doing, how your spiritual life is, if you have questions, and if you have doubts. It's a soul-tending kind of work," Dykeman said.

Dykeman looks forward to exciting opportunities at Minot State. Her office is located on the second floor of the Wellness Center in the hallway leading to the Dome.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura  
Campus Minister Anna Dykeman sits in her office located on the second floor of the Wellness Center. Dykeman began her service to MSU last month.

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# Giving Hearts Day

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By Kellie Sink  
Comm 281

While many people will associate hearts in February with Valentine's Day, it is also a representation for the charities of Giving Hearts Day, Feb. 8.

Giving Hearts Day is a designated day of giving. It is one day of the year where "giving hearts" — donors and volunteers — raise awareness and funds for more than 400 charities surrounding the Fargo/Moorhead region. Hosted by Dakota Medical Foundation, Impact Foundation, and Alex Stern Family Foundation, this event is on its tenth year and has raised \$41 million thus far.

MSU students in the public relations principles class taught by Christina Paxman, assistant professor of communication arts, are working with Anna Schraeder, community relations specialist at the Domestic Violence Crisis Center.

The center is a nonprofit organization in Minot that has been active for more than 40 years providing a safe place for those who have suffered domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking. It costs the DVCC about \$40 a day to provide services to each individual. The center

offers support and assistance to women, children, and men in the community by helping them for 30 days and offering the resources to make a new life.

This year the DVCC hopes to raise \$40,000 on Giving Hearts Day, rising above their achieved goal of \$30,000 last year.

"This year, funds from Giving Hearts Day will support the children's program that helps children understand they are not alone in their fear and worry following violence in their home-life as well as our transitional living program for survivors moving forward in their journey free of violence," Schraeder said.

The students are coordinating a variety of promotional activities in assistance to the DVCC. Some of those include a booth to spread awareness set up at MSU basketball games, posters and table tents displayed on campus and around the Minot community, a video made by the students, and radio and TV broadcastings on KMSU. They are also creating a flash mob to be held at Dakota Square Mall on Feb. 3 at 11 a.m.

"Our goal is to bring awareness to everybody we can with music and dance because almost everyone can relate to it," Haley

Burchett, a student in the public relations principles class, and owner of The Dance Company of Minot who is coordinating the flash mob, said. "What will be even better would be if we could actually get people in the mall to watch our presentation. Before, we made it for them to join in, but this time it is for them to watch and really listen to the words in the song we chose."

Each year on the Thursday before Valentine's Day for 24 hours, donors may donate online at [givingheartsday.org](http://givingheartsday.org).

"You pick your favorite charity — we hope it's the Domestic Violence Crisis Center," Schraeder said.

Donations can be made at the DVCC from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at the Holiday Inn Riverside until 8 p.m. on Feb. 8 where there'll be sweets in the morning and a chili feed in the afternoon. Donations can also be dropped off ahead of time at the DVCC. The staff at the DVCC favor people going directly to the DVCC with donations of any kind.

"We like to recognize the people that donate," Schrader said.

Last year, more than 22,000 people donated.

## Create-a-Critter offers a fun crafting night for MSU students



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura  
MSU students (from the left) Christina Beck and Johanna Nolin stuff plush animals during Create-a-Critter in the Student Center last week. MSU Life sponsored the event.

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## Sports Editorial

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### *Time to clean up our health*

The holidays have finally ended, and while the feasts of Thanksgiving and Christmas are still fresh in my memory, my family and I made the recent — and initially difficult — decision to switch to clean eating. Before we made the switch, we asked many questions: What does clean eating look like? What would we have to change? Why should we change our diets?

General health and wellness is always a little harder to maintain in the cold, long winter months when we stay inside away from the cold and wind. Along with decreased activity, we tend to reach for filling, comfort food.

I've made the switch to clean eating, but that doesn't mean it is right for everyone. Clean eating involves making a lot of store-bought items from scratch — mayonnaise, salad dressings, and salsas. Clean eating does not have to change what people eat, but how people eat. For example, the plan reduces the amount of meat and replaces it with other proteins to save money. Though going an entire day with no meat was hard on my family, we have grown accustomed to the plan.

There are other options out there — the Whole30 program, meal replacements, or the ketogenic diet. Find what works best and stick with it. The best thing to remember is that the goal is achieving better health and wellness to feel your best.

## Beavers crush ranked Midland



Photo by Breanna Wieler

MSU senior Shain Scheschuk waits for the puck to drop during game against Midland University on Friday. The Beavers defeated Midland, 8-0. MSU will host Dakota College Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Maysa Arena.



Photo by Breanna Wieler

MSU senior Derrick Brooks lines up against a Midland defender. MSU defeated the 17th-ranked Midland, 8-0, on Friday.

## Sports in Brief

### *MSU names new track and field and cross country coach*

Mark Del Monaco has been named the new head coach of men's and women's cross country and track and field. Del Monaco had served as the assistant coach at Cal State East Bay in Hayward, Calif., since fall 2016. Prior to that appointment, he was an assistant coach at Metropolitan State in Denver, Colo., for three seasons.

Del Monaco replaces Stu Melby who resigned in November after 13 years at MSU.

### *Track and field teams compete at UND*

Minot State men's and women's track and field teams recorded top-eight finishes last weekend.

For the women, freshman Michaela Larson finished in fifth-place in the 5K run with a time of 19:53.83. Junior Amber Hunsaker recorded a mark of 11.79 meters to earn a sixth-place finish in the shot put. Shae Pederson, sophomore, leaped 4.88 meters in the long jump to finish sixth.

On the men's team, junior Jacob Hatfield was the top finisher placing fourth in the weight throw with a mark of 16.93 meters. Victor Abonyi, senior, followed with a mark of 16.01 meters to place fifth. Senior Tanner Gust finished seventh, tossing the weight 15.83 meters. Colin Olson, sophomore, clocked a 4:39.74 finish in the one mile run to earn a fifth-place finish. The 4x40 meter relay team finished eighth with a time of 3:45.67. Members of the relay team were Dante Gadbois, Tory Bergan, Devan Shumway and Colin Olson.

The men's and women's track teams will compete in the North Dakota State Bison Open Friday and Saturday.

### *MSU wrestlers compete at Kutztown Duals*

Sophomore Keegan Berry, at 184 pounds, posted two wins on Friday and two wins and a forfeit on Saturday at the Kutztown (Pa.) Duals.

Heavyweight Mitchell Eull also posted two wins on Friday and went 2-1 on Saturday.

Dean Arevalo, Michael Rangel, Zach Berry, Max Miller, Tanner Crissler, Jeseb Mogen, Parker Osterman, Carlos Toledano, and Bryce Broome all won some matches over the week-end tournament.

The team will travel to Augustana University for a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference dual Friday.



# Kristal Flowers finds success in her final season

By Calli Delsman  
Comm 281

With the women's basketball team nearing the end of the season, senior forward Kristal Flowers is averaging 10.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per game, helping the team to an 8-8 conference record and 11-19 overall record.

Flowers, who grew up in Mississippi, moved to Parshall, N.D., with her family in June of 2015. Knowing she would have her family close, she knew she would end up going to school somewhere in North Dakota.

"Before basketball, it was all about being a cheerleader and being on competition squads and competing," Flowers said as she explained she didn't pick up a basketball until seventh grade.

Her aunt was the one who impacted her basketball career. Since her aunt also played college basketball, Flowers thought she could relate well to her and the change she made going from high school to college.

Before attending Minot State, Flowers attended Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Mississippi, where she almost lost her love for the game.

"My first college impacted me a lot because of the trials I had to go through and the different things I was faced with. At the moment, I thought it was going to have a negative impact on me," Flowers recalled.

After going through the tryouts, hard practices, and realizing how much more work the college level is compared to the high school level, she is happy she didn't quit as it made her a more determined and hard-working player, which she probably gets from her mother.

"My mother is my number one role model. She always had this go and get it mindset," Flowers said.

Flowers has great praise for her teammates at Minot State.

"My teammates are practically my sisters, and they've made this experience worth remembering. I know I can depend on these girls in any situation on and off the court," Flowers said.

MSU head coach Mark Graupe has also been influential in shaping the confidence of the team this season.

"We are a completely different team. We practice harder, we play harder, and we don't give up until the end of the game," Flowers said. "I wish all us three seniors had one more year with coach Graupe because I really feel like we could've done some damage in our conference if we had one more year together."

Flowers has always had an interest in psychology, but decided to major in business because of future business plans with her brother. The two already have a few ideas in motion.

Watch for Flowers on the court during the final regular season games Feb. 16 and 17 at the Dome.



MSU senior Kristal Flowers (No. 40) attempts a layup (LEFT) and sprints across the court (ABOVE) against Winona State University Friday at the Dome. The Beavers defeated the Warriors, 76-50.

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# Beavers take on Winona State and Upper Iowa at home



MSU junior Whitney Molina (No. 14) catches a pass in conference play against Winona State University in the Dome on Friday. The Beavers won, 76-50. The Beavers host University of Minnesota Crookston Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Dome.



MSU sophomore Mariah Payne dribbles past a Winona State defender in the Dome on Friday.



MSU senior Brandon Green takes a shot against Upper Iowa University in the Dome on Saturday. The Beavers were defeated, 89-99. MSU hosts University of Minnesota Crookston Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Dome.

Photo by Jerusalem Tukura



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the Irene Ryan Scholarship Auditions. The first round of competition was a monologue and a scene. The second, and semifinal, round entailed two scenes. Fagan and his partner J'Kobe Wallace made it to the semifinals — only 20 percent of the 315 in preliminaries made it to the semifinals — but did not place in the final.

Among the many artists from the region in attendance, Fagan's play, "Meanwhile in the Rustbelt," was one of three plays selected for the protest play category staged reading.

"The festival is an incredible opportunity for theater artists from all over the region to come together and celebrate their work," Fagan said. "You see a lot of talented people do a lot of amazing things."

Fetske made it into the Long Form Improv Intensive and Wallace made it into the Musical Theatre Intensive. Both auditioned and were accepted in the intensives.



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