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Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Beaver Creek Cafe changes are under consideration in possible update to MSU's food service contract.

## Possible food service changes underway

By Dalerjon Rustamov  
Comm 281

Minot State University's contract with Sodexo expires at end of the spring semester. David Porter, owner of Porter Khouw Consulting Inc., visited MSU's campus in January to access Sodexo's food quality, interview students, staff, and faculty, and give Minot State recommendations for signing the next contract with a new or the existing food provider. Porter had meetings with the Student Government Association, Residence Hall Association, and other committees on campus, and sent out survey emails to

gather opinions about the food quality on campus and what changes could be made next year.

The survey, completed by more than 200 students, staff, and faculty, found that 48 percent of the students order food for delivery, 54 percent order between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., and 52 percent of them don't eat at the cafeteria because of the food quality and freshness, while 49 percent stated the menu variety and selection as the reason they don't eat on campus.

To discuss recommendations left by Porter, Kevin Harmon,

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Photo courtesy of Rick Heit, MSU Marketing Office

Gov. Burgum (second from the left) visits with MSU nursing students.

## Gov. Burgum tours campus and meets with students

By Mia Lupo  
Comm 281

Gov. Doug Burgum visited Minot State University in January to give the State of the State address and get acquainted with the campus. After the address, Burgum took a campus tour and attended a meeting with different student leadership groups to discuss various topics concerning North Dakota including higher education.

In November 2017, Burgum signed an executive order establishing the Task Force for Higher Education Governance.

"We're going to take a look at whether higher education governance is doing what we think it needs to be doing in terms of effi-

ciency, meeting the needs of our communities, (and the like)," Paul Markel, professor of psychology at MSU and one of 14 members appointed by the governor to serve on the task force, said.

The task force met for the first time early last month for a predominantly informational meeting.

"That first meeting was refreshing," Markel said. "We had individuals from the North Dakota University System office come in and give us an overview about how the university system

is organized. We also had an overview about the funding of the university system."

After creating this foundation of knowledge of the inner workings of the university system, the task force plans to move on to how the system might be improved.

"The higher education task force meeting hints at an opportunity for change," Markel said. "We only have a year to do this (get started on implementing such change). Our next meeting is scheduled for the 21st. We're going to do this evaluation, we're going to potentially come up with recommendations, and then present those written recommenda-

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Markel

# News in Brief

## *Lunar New Year lunch inspired by international students*

Sodexo will serve a Luna New Year Lunch on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Beaver Creek Cafe. This celebration originated in China and celebrates the full cycle of the moon. The menu was inspired by international students and includes dumplings with dipping sauce, fried rice, fresh shrimp spring rolls, and more. The cost is \$9.97 or one meal-plan swipe.

## *Americas 2018 Paperworks Reception*

The Northwest Arts Center will host a public reception for "Americas 2018: Paperworks" exhibit, juried art competition sponsored by the center, and for

"Regalia," an exhibit of mezzotint prints by Linda Whitney, Valley City, N.D. Whitney served as juror for the Paperworks competition and earned her solo show as Best of Show artist in last year's competition. The reception is Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Walter Piehl Gallery. Whitney will present awards at 7 p.m. The gallery entrance is on the south side of the MSU library. This event is free and open to the public.

## *SGA's next meeting Feb. 26*

The Student Government Association at Minot State will host its next meeting Monday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Westlie Room, third floor of the Student Center.

The mission of SGA is to promote the general welfare of the students, increase student involvement within the university, and provide an official voice through

which student opinion may be expressed. It is the responsibility of SGA to foster communication between the students, staff, and administration of MSU.

All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend but guests who want to address the association are encouraged to contact the SGA prior to meetings in order to appear on the agenda.

## *Two Minute Lecture on 'Erasing Race'*

Minot State University's College of Arts and Sciences is again presenting its two-minute lecture series to students. Faculty discuss various topics within two minutes. The lectures take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Beaver Creek Cafe. The next lecture is Wednesday, Feb. 28. Heidi Super, biology professor, will present "Erasing Race."

# Humanities Division to host community dialogues

By Aylin Ergin  
Comm 281

The co-chair of the Division of Humanities at Minot State University, Robert Kibler, initiated a community dialogue in which hot button issues will be talked about in a civil manner. The first discussion will be about the question: "Is religion relevant in contemporary society?"

"The university is a good place for these discussions to happen. ... It seems like (we have) continually divided partisan politics," Micah Bloom, assistant professor of art, said. "Part of this idea is to create a civil dialogue or way to have opposing ideas but be able to speak about them and be able to listen to the other party."

Bloom will be participating in the first community dialogue.

"America, overall, has gotten too polarized," Kibler added. "We are losing the ability to discuss and to disagree in a civil fashion. So we thought, we are

going to start identifying a series of hot issues about which people feel strongly, and that there are a variety of opinions about in order to foster discussion."

Bloom describes "civil" as "being polite to each other and letting the other side talk."

The reason the first discussion topic is about religion is because the Minot community, according to Kibler, is a relatively religious community. The discussion will not only be about Christianity but also about other religions. Kibler added that religion is a topic that people usually try to avoid or are too afraid to talk about.

Kibler will take on the nonreligious side, whereas Bloom will be taking on the religious side. Christina Paxman, assistant professor of broadcasting, will



Kibler

take on the role of the mediator during the discussion. She will be asking questions, as well as directing the conversation.

"We don't want this to be a competitive discussion, but rather we are going to be exploring different ways of looking at these hot topics while generally enhancing all of our awareness," Kibler emphasized.

The audience will be included in the conversation and can voice their opinions as well. (The Red & Green forwarded this question to students on campus — see page 3.)

The discussion takes place Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Northwest Arts Center in the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library.

A second discussion will follow on April 24 at 8 p.m. in Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall. This dialogue will discuss: "Should Shakespeare still be taught in school?" as part of the Shakespeare Festival.

# Theatre brings 'Independence' to the stage

By Dan Fagan  
Staff Writer

Students in the Minot State University theatre arts program are currently in rehearsal for Lee Blessing's small town drama, "Independence."

The cast is comprised of theatre students Katy Allers, Maddie Thompson, Brenna Heupel, and Annika Kraft. Instructor Angela Schnaible, who directed 2016's production of "Dancing at Lughnasa," is the director.

"I love working with a small cast," Kraft said. "All of the actors are great to work with, we have a lot of fun in rehearsal even though the show is not very comedic. It helps create a bond between the four of us which is nice because we are playing a family."

The play revolves around Evelyn Briggs, played by Allers, and her three daughters as they struggle to come to terms with their mother's mental health.

"I think that each audience member will relate to a character or may relate one to someone they know," Kraft said. "I find myself relating to and understanding some situations from the other characters every day in rehearsal. This play will make you think and possibly reflect on your experiences as you get to see each side of the story of these four women."

"Independence" received its premiere at the Humana Festival in Louisville, Ky., where it earned popular and critical acclaim.

"It really is a powerful show," Thompson said. "It deals with some very important issues."

The play runs Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25 in the Black Box Theater with a 7:30 p.m. start Feb. 22-24 and 2 p.m. start Feb. 25.

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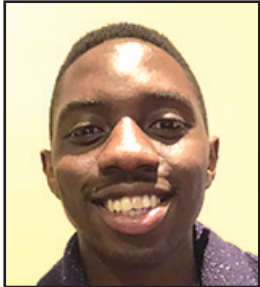
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## CORRECTION

In the Dean Frantsvog Academic Success Center article in the Jan. 25 Red & Green, Frantsvog's and Rick Hedberg's names were spelled incorrectly. The Red & Green regrets the error.

# Voices on Campus

“Do you think religion is important in contemporary society?”



Carlton Mhangami  
*Accounting*

“Yes, I think it’s important because if you feel that there is something out there, you should search for it. People should just do what they think is worth it.”



Katya Verbitsky  
*Nursing*

“I believe that religion is important in modern culture because in such a stressed generation, people need something to have faith in and to rely on and just something to bring them comfort.”



Ludny Desert  
*Management Information System*

“I think religion is really important in society and I think it’s important for everyone’s culture. I also think that everyone should accept other people the way they are.”



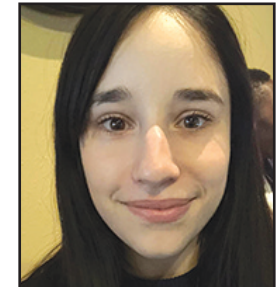
Mia Lupo  
*Communication*

“I think different cultures value their different religions and that gives them a lens for how to see the world and adapt to it. It’s important that we understand the implications of other peoples’ religion.”



Nicholas Moseley  
*Mathematics/Finance*

“Personally, I do not think religion is important in contemporary society due to the fact that I’m not religious and I have not had a negative impact in today’s society because of that choice.”



Sheridan Martin  
*English/History Education*

“It’s important because society today is so broken yet has so much potential. Believing in something gives people hope, passion, and the ability to keep on pushing.”

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## R&amp;G Editorial

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### A good work ethic is a state of mind

A popular saying goes "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well." This quote is by Philip Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, in a letter to his son teaching him what it meant to be a gentleman. Although it was written more than 200 years ago, it is still applicable today. In fact, these are words I live by on a daily basis.

In a world where quantity precedes quality, the goal seems to be to amass wealth and fame as opposed to excellence and character. Having a clear understanding of the importance of the activities we engage in makes it easier to understand the importance of giving 100 percent. Even the littlest of jobs are significant. We must understand that for a system to work accordingly, all its parts must be in place.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, 27.3 percent of people end up working in a field different from what they studied in college. This statistic does not mean your college education was irrelevant. After all, it did set you above a few others in the workforce. Higher education is meant to instill values that are applicable to any field in which we end up as professionals.



By Dan Fagan  
Staff Writer

In her 2014 Oscar acceptance speech for her terrific performance in the film "Blue Jasmine," Cate Blanchett recognized Sony Pictures for "so bravely and intelligently distributing the film and to the audiences who went to see it and perhaps those of us in the industry who are still foolishly clinging to the idea that female films with women at the center are niche experiences. They are not. Audiences

want to see them and, in fact, they earn money. The world is round, people."

Blanchett's words can be deemed clairvoyant when considering the number of great films and television shows centered around female dominated stories that have dominated this past year.

On the film front, "Lady Bird," "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri," and "The Shape of Water," have all been recognized with a slew of Academy Award

nominations. "The Shape of Water," alone, has earned an astounding 13 nominations. Furthermore, the lead actresses in all of these films (Saoirse Ronan, Frances McDormand, and Sally Hawkins) have been nominated in the Best Actress category, with McDormand leading the pack after winning the Golden Globe in January.

All three films have been nominated for Best Picture as well. "The Shape of Water" is the frontrunner, but "Three Billboards" has momen-

tum after nabbing the Golden Globe Award for Best Drama. "Lady Bird" has five nominations, including two for writer/director Greta Gerwig for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay. Gerwig is the only woman nominated in the director category this year.

Television and streaming has seen a strong showing in female-centric shows as well. Shows like "The Handmaid's Tale," "Big Little Lies," and season two of "The

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tions to the legislature for them to consider during the 2019 session."

Markel is excited to work with the university system and help bring about a quality education that benefits students.

"What I would like to see is that we are safeguarding the interests of our students and making improvements where possible and that comes down to how we share knowledge and how we produce knowledge. If we can do anything to continue to support or enhance our efforts to extend the work of our university into the community, that's even better," Markel said.

In order to learn more about each part of the state's university system, Burgum kicked off a tour of North Dakota's 11 publicly supported colleges and universities, beginning with a tour of Minot State following his State of the State address. MSU's Student Government Association President Aaron Richard toured along with the governor.

"We went to all the buildings and he saw all the different areas," Richard said. "He checked out our nursing program and communication disorders labs — he was really interested in that. He stopped, shook hands, took pictures,

and checked everything out. It took a long time. I think he was really impressed with the campus."

According to Richard, what was supposed to be a 30-minute tour took an hour and a half. This meant that the meeting with student leadership representatives got cut short.

"We didn't get to ask him a lot of questions," Ann Godwin, a sophomore and an MSU student ambassador who sat in on the visit with the governor, said. "He answered like three or four questions but he didn't answer everybody because it (the meeting) wasn't that long. It did kind of feel rushed."

Students asked a variety of questions on topics including the opioid addiction plan, the prices and plans for oil and gas, and Burgum's plans to move classrooms into the online sector.

"He said that the higher education task force is going to keep all options open and look at how the mode of delivery is changing for students and how we can best serve the students of North Dakota and give them a high-quality education by using ways that are responsive for them," Richard said.

According to Godwin, Burgum seeks to match the competitiveness of other universities that have advanced in using technology as a teaching tool but does not intend to eliminate

the on-campus classrooms.

"He basically said that education is moving at a rapid rate and North Dakota is trying to catch up with it," Godwin said.

Students who met with Burgum were concerned about future budget cuts.

"He was pretty honest in saying that next year (the next biennium) is probably going to be about the same for the state budget; there's not a whole lot of room to play with extra dollars," Richard said. "We're not anticipating getting a whole lot of extra money in higher education. He didn't hint at any cuts."

Richard and Godwin came away with differing impressions of Burgum's visit.

"I wish he had more time to hear more of our questions. I don't think he got the impression of what Minot State students really needed from him," Godwin, an international student, who wanted to hear more about higher education instead of broader North Dakota issues, said.

Despite his limited time with students, Richard is confident students made an impact.

"He was very impressed with the students and how knowledgeable they were," Richard said. "I hope that he learned that Minot State is smaller than NDSU and UND but our students are at the same level, if not higher."

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# Christian club on campus for exploring faith and service

By Katie Ingerson  
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Minot State has several faith-based organizations available to students on campus. Cru is one of those clubs providing students with the opportunity to explore their faith and serve the university and Minot area.

Cru is an organization that has been on campus since the fall of 2004, and their mission on campus is to have a religious presence and point students to God.

"Cru is about community and connecting Christians to other Christians so we can grow together and grow in our relationship with God," Naomi Brendsel, an MSU senior and current president of Cru, said.

The club provides students

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Photo courtesy of Cru's Facebook page  
Members of Cru have fun taking selfies at a Cru meeting.

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vice president for student affairs, held meetings with committees at MSU including Student Government Association and Residence Hall Association and met with MSU President Steven Shirley. They specifically discussed meal plan options, prices, cafeteria hours, and the new dining hall design that Porter recommended to MSU.

"These recommendations are only his suggestions, and MSU might not choose to implement all of his ideas," Harmon said.

The majority of the SGA and RHA members voted to keep prices the same, having gold, unlimited, and platinum plans that differ from each other by their prices and the number of the guest passes that they include.

The survey also showed that student-athletes were unable to access dining before or after their practices and games because regular meals end at 7 p.m., so Porter recommended extending the café

hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Other than food services, recommendations included connecting the Beaver Dam, the pizza area, and café to form an expanded dining area.

Most of the members of the SGA and RHA rejected the idea of connecting the Beaver Dam to the dining area because this would make the Dam unavailable for students who live off campus.

A compromise was reached and all students will have access to the Beaver Dam and the popular gathering space will also be

used for dining service.

Another recommendation, however, was to turn the Buckshot's Grille on the first floor of the Student Center into a place like the Beaver Dam where students could hang out and play pool and video games.

Porter also suggested moving Starbucks into the current C-Store and adding a continental breakfast station with Starbucks coffee, cold cereal, yogurt, and waffle maker.

The contract for dining services at MSU is out for bid now.

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"Crown" have been cleaning up at awards shows.

Elisabeth Moss plays the lead in "The Handmaid's Tale," a dystopian nightmarish drama in which women are forced to procreate to ensure the perpetuation of a brutal patriarchal order. Moss is brilliant in this engaging drama that is rife with remarkable performances by the supporting cast.

"Big Little Lies" offers a window into the interweaving relationships of well-off families living in California's Central Coast. Nothing is what it seems, which makes the show all the more engaging.

Season two of "The Crown" is one of the finest crafted seasons of any show I've ever seen. The quality of direction, cinematography, and writing rivals any big budget film released this year. Claire Foy continues to impress as a young Queen Elizabeth trying to preserve

her marriage and the royal image as the storyline swerves through major historical events of the 1960s.

This year's academy awards will be interesting to watch for many reasons.


First, Hollywood has been through a major upheaval this past year as many brave women have come forward exposing the predatory behavior of high-powered players in the industry. Will award recipients, and host Jimmy Kimmel take the time to speak about the important issues of pay inequality, weak minority representation, and sexual harassment in the industry?

Secondly, on a positive note, it is refreshing to see the persistence of so many talented women artists proving that they have fantastic stories to tell. Producers would be smart to continue down this path. As Blanchett pointed out in 2014, these stories make money too.

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MSU student Sallie Mitchell poses for a photo in the Northwest Arts Center.

## Student Spotlight ... Sallie Mitchell

*Art administration major trades mountains for opportunities on the prairie*

By Katie Moore  
Comm 281

Minot State senior and art administration major Sallie Mitchell isn't from Minot, but the mid-February weather doesn't bother her.

"I love the northern United States because I love the snow — I love the cold. I'm weird like that, I guess."

Coming from the Missoula area in western Montana, she is better acclimated to the weather than some Minot State students from faraway.

"I think Minot has a lot to offer.

The sunsets and sunrises are gorgeous," Mitchell said.

Although, she said she is not really at home unless she is around mountains, there is one thing she likes about Minot that she didn't have in Montana.

"I think a lot of it has to do with MSU itself," Mitchell said. "The art department is pretty close-knit. The professors are really supportive, and I don't think I would have gotten that same experience back home."

Come post-graduation Mitchell is open to going wherever her

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# MSU Life hosts Super Bowl Party



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Students watch Super Bowl LII in the Beaver Dam. The Philadelphia Eagles defeated the New England Patriots, 41-33. MSU Life sponsored the event.

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career takes her with one small condition — it be somewhere outdoorsy.

“The more I thought about it, and more I talked with my mom, I kind of decided to do something in a larger gallery, and I think I want to stay west for the most part. Probably Denver or Seattle area or somewhere that is also outdoors,” Mitchell said.

Currently, Mitchell is a work study student for the Northwest Arts Center on campus gaining valuable gallery experience from Avis Veikley, the center’s director, and Rachel Alfaro, gallery assistant.

“Even though my role is low on the totem pole, which is totally fine, I get a lot of training from Rachel and Avis. Rachel has been working with Avis for like five years or so, so there is a lot of experience there. Last week, I was working on a press release that Avis was helping me steer, so I get tasks and training in the field,” Mitchell said.

The new center is a \$1.4 million addition to Minot State that opened in January. The center

houses the state-of-the-art Walter Piehl Gallery. Mitchell said that the gallery now allows them to host exhibit shows that they couldn’t in the past.

“It’s temperature and humidity controlled, and when you are handling art and dealing with art, that’s a big deal,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell is also excited that this gallery can bring in a bigger audience, provide opportunities for the campus all around, and be a focal point for the art department and art enthusiasts.

“It’s pretty cool because we (art majors) don’t get that spotlight a lot,” Mitchell said.

The gallery is already open, and collections are on display. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parking and visitor’s entrance are on the south side of the library.

The center’s grand opening is April 19, but there will be a public reception for “Regalia” and “Americas 2018 Paperworks,” now on display, Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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## Sports Editorial

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### *Role models are humans too*

In the world of sports, whether collegiate or professional, there is a level of social responsibility required of the players. The players are expected to be role models.

Over the Super Bowl weekend, Malcolm Butler was benched by the Patriots just minutes before the game. Butler was televised crying during the anthem, presumably in anguish over not being able to play in the most important game of the season. It has been widely publicized that Butler had played 97.8 percent of the defensive snaps for the Patriots during the regular season; the Patriots administration has left fans to speculate that he was benched for breaking curfew.

Butler, in his years of being with the Patriots, has not been a troublemaker — in his heightened state of emotions after the team's eventual loss, he cursed during media questioning while expressing his frustrations. Butler had to later make apologies for this behavior.

College and professional athletes are held to a standard that places them in a different realm. They have codes of conduct and handbooks that regulate much of what they can say and do, on or off the field; however, it should be remembered that they are all still human. They are people with emotions, who sometimes curse when they are upset, or stay out late at night.

Sometimes, the veil of perfection has to fall to see that these players are human beings, and should be allowed to be at times — without apologies.



Mike Aldrich, MSU head football coach, welcomes recruits during the National Signing Day event at Spicy Pie.



Jason Spain, MSU head soccer coach, promises an exciting fall season while speaking to the public at Spicy Pie.

# Local soccer and football recruits sign with MSU on National Signing Day

**By Red & Green Staff**

National Signing Day for college soccer and football teams was last week. For months, coaches at Minot State have been working tirelessly in hopes of getting the best high school athletes to commit to playing for their teams.

MSU soccer signed six players — three transfers from junior colleges, two from out-of-state high schools, and one from Minot High. Rebecca Kostenko, goalkeeper, is the fifth player to join the team from Minot High.

“These kids that are coming out of Minot High are college-

ready,” Jason Spain, head soccer coach, said at the Signing Day celebration.

This class of six women, according to Spain, was recruited to immediately add talent to the team.

“We have ten seniors this upcoming year and we had a

meeting and I told them, ‘I want to bring people in that can help you guys right now take the next step,’” Spain said. “We want to win the Northern Sun again and we want to go deep into the NCAA tournament.”

Spain encouraged people to

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# Minot State welcomes new track and field and cross country coach

By Tu Tong  
Comm 281

Minot State University named Mark Del Monaco as its new men's and women's cross country and track and field teams head coach.

Del Monaco is originally from New Jersey. He grew up in north New Jersey about 30 minutes outside of New York City. He earned a degree in information technology at La Salle University (Philadelphia, Pa.). While there he ran Division I cross country and track and field and then, after that, he kept running semi-professionally.

"Running is what you put into it," Del Monaco said. "The harder your work, the better."

Del Monaco started his college coaching career at Metropolitan State University of Denver. He worked there for three years as the women's distance team coach and

had many successes including 12 All-Americans in track and field and cross country and 22 athletes earned All-South Central Region honors.

Del Monaco started running in fourth grade to keep in shape for basketball. From fourth to eighth grade, he was in love with basketball and wanted to go to the NBA; however, a college coach told him that he had no future in basketball and advised him to focus on running indoor track. Track and field was attractive to him because, according to Del Monaco, "it isn't like other sports, there's no bench, and it's a very technical type of sport."

One of his college coaches, Charles Torpey, played a big influence on his training and life.

"He was like a second father to me but he passed away unexpectedly a month after graduating. I try to keep his memory alive, try to employ a lot of things that he

did," Del Monaco said.

The new coach has a clear vision for the Beavers and is excited to join the MSU coaching staff.

"I think for where we are right now, my vision is to get more competitive on the conference level — be one of the top teams," Del Monaco said.

Although he was clear that nationals are his ultimate goal, Del Monaco doesn't want to get ahead of himself. He wants to build a complete track team step by step.

"Everything is so new. I'm still learning the ropes, learning the team members' names, learning how things need to be done here in Minot," he said. "And I want them to know and trust me."

As a head coach, Del Monaco also wants the student-athletes to be able to reach their potential and achieve success in competitions and in the classroom.

"I want them to be academically suc-



Photo courtesy of MSU's athletic webpage

Del Monaco

cessful," Monaco said. "They are here to get an education. I want them do well in school; it will set them up for the rest of their life."

## Sports in Brief

### Women's basketball

The women's basketball team traveled to Minnesota last week-end. They ended their seven-game winning streak by falling to the University of Minnesota Duluth, 70-61. On Saturday, they lost to St. Cloud State, 70-61.

The Beavers end regular season play when they host the University of Minnesota Crookston on Friday at 6 p.m. and Bemidji State on Saturday at 4 p.m. in the Dome.

### Men's basketball

The men lost a close one on the road when they fell to the University of Minnesota Duluth, 78-80, on Friday. The following evening, St. Cloud State defeated MSU, 60-96.

The Beavers host Minnesota Crookston Friday at 8 p.m. and Bemidji State at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Dome.

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come out and watch in the fall promising that it will be the best team the university has seen.

"We're bringing in Oklahoma Baptist in the first weekend," Spain said. "They went 17-1 last year, and we didn't bring them in for strength of schedule, and we didn't bring them in to see where we're at — some kind of tape measure game — we brought them in to beat them so

that we could host the NCAA tournament."

Head football coach Mike Aldrich said recruiting locally was his priority this year. He wants people in the community to be able to continue following players from high school through their college careers.

"We wanted to make sure that our team is going to be made up — that the core of our team was going to be made up — from the four-state region —

North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana. That's where we want to be; that's where our heart is going to be," Aldrich said. "I'm from the Midwest — I'm from Minnesota — so we have midwestern values and we live where it's cold, we've got thick

blood, it means we're tough. We are going to be a tough football team, so we want to make sure we have tough kids."

Twelve of the 43 signees are native North Dakotans. Six are from Minot — four played for Minot High.

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# Beavers at the Bison Open



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MSU junior Jacob Hatfield competes in the weight throw at the NDSU Bison Open earlier this month. The men finished eighth with 34 points. The Beavers will compete in the University of North Dakota Tune-Up on Saturday in Grand Forks.



Photo by Devan Shumway

MSU junior Erin Winterton competes in the 60m dash at the NDSU Bison Open earlier this month. The women finished ninth with 14 points.

# Beavers take on Bottineau



Photo by Breanna Wieler

Eric Bollefer makes it hard for his opponent to get the puck in game against Dakota College earlier this month. The Beavers defeated the Jacks, 7-0. MSU hosts Colorado State University on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Maysa Arena.



Submitted Photo

Luis Ricci Maia at work between classes and basketball practice.

# Luis Ricci Maia focused on his future after Minot State

By Calli Delsman  
Comm 281

Luis Ricci Maia, originally from Franca, Sao Paulo, in Brazil, traveled all the way to Minot State to continue his education seeking a degree in business. One of the main reasons he chose Minot was to also continue playing basketball.

"To be honest, I didn't look into much. I was kind of rushed to make a decision to come here," Ricci Maia said on choosing Minot State. "I saw that they offered a lot of majors related to business, and I knew that I wanted to do something in that area".

Other than spending time on the basketball court, Ricci Maia puts his focus toward the clubs he's in, working hard in the classroom, and his on-campus job.

"I work at the Wellness Center; I get about 18 hours a week there. I'm also a part of Student Activities Committee, the Student Athlete Advisor Committee, I am vice president there, and I am in

the Finance Club," Ricci Maia said.

While holding a job, being a member of clubs, and playing basketball for the Beavers, Ricci Maia has been on the honor roll every semester.

"I think just being able to have three majors in four years of school is one of my biggest accomplishments," Ricci Maia stated.

During the summer of 2017, Ricci Maia worked as an intern for a company in Brazil where he was responsible for fundraising and communicating with potential partners in the U.S. and Brazil.

Ricci Maia finished his international business and marketing degrees in the spring of 2017. He is now working on his finance degree to graduate with three degrees.

"Eventually, I want to go back home and bring the concept of Investment Banking to Brazil. More people are investing their money, but it's still not as big as it

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with a number of opportunities to grow in faith, help others, and connect with other Christians from other areas of the country. Throughout the year, Cru has a fall retreat, winter conference, spring break trip, and summer missions available for members to go on. These trips are made possible through funding from MSU Student Government Association, fundraising, scholarships, and out of pocket payment.

Cru is a non-denominational organization that is open to all students.

"We believe that all people are sinful and need forgiveness from God through Jesus. We believe everybody has that opportunity," Brendsel said.

Members of Cru can be as involved as they wish to be. There are weekly meetings on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., as

well as Bible study options, outreach, community involvement, and student leadership positions. Cru currently has around 30 active members, and to join or learn more, students can attend the Thursday evening meetings.

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is in America."

After he's finished at Minot State, Ricci Maia plans to work in America for a few years to get a bit more experience in the field of

finance. He really enjoys the idea of being able to give back to communities in Brazil by helping them understand investing and help them financially.

"I've been making sure I have a resume ready to apply to some

companies — making sure I have everything prepared and also creating a network. I have a few mentors I am able to ask questions about things I might need to improve or work on to be able to follow that path."

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