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Photo by Andrea Orta-Diaz

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MSU to undergo accreditation review

By Dan Fagan
Staff Writer

Every ten years, Minot State University undergoes an accreditation evaluation to ensure the institution meets quality standards in education. The evaluation is conducted by the Higher Learning Commission, an independent corporation that accredits colleges in the north central region of the United States.

"It's the stamp of approval," Linda Cresap, Higher Learning Commission chair and professor of business information technology, said. "It assures the public we have high quality programs that are well-resourced."

Regional accreditation is required for colleges to receive federal financial aid for students.

It also allows students to transfer credits to or from other regionally accredited institutions.

The HLC team will evaluate MSU when it visits the campus Oct. 30-31.

During this time, MSU will present a 35,000 word assurance argument to the HLC team. The argument is built around five criteria that include the college's mission, ethical and responsible conduct, teaching and learning quality, evaluation and improvement, and institutional effectiveness. A more in-depth description of the five criteria can be found on the MSU webpage, MinotStateU.edu/accreditation/assurance.shtml.

The HLC team will also tour
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Several vehicles line the combined student and employee lot east of the Administration Building.

SGA implements new parking arrangements on campus

By DeAndrea Miller
Staff Writer

The new parking policy brings about a simplification of the school parking system that carries both pros and cons for faculty, staff, and students at Minot State.

The student-led changes to parking were brought about by the Student Government

Association. Student Body President Aaron Richard was instrumental in making this conceptualization a reality on campus.

"The idea to change the parking structure came about during the 2015-2016 academic year," Richard said. "The Student Government Association and

Residence Hall Association both supported the idea of simplifying the parking system to allow students and employees to park anywhere on campus in their designated lots."

To provide equal opportunity for parking for everyone on campus, all lots were marked either

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News in Brief

Scheels/MSU tailgating open to everyone

Minot State athletics and Scheels at Dakota Square are inviting everyone to the annual Scheels Tailgating Party. This family-friendly event takes place Thursday, Sept. 7, in the Scheels parking lot from 6 to 8 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Free food and games will be available. Everyone is welcome.

WPOC to present opera Friday and Sunday

Minot State University students and faculty join professionals on stage, behind the scenes, and in the orchestra under the direction of Efrain Amaya, associate professor of music, for the production of "Orpheus in the Underworld."

The Western Plains Opera Company production is set for Friday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 10, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, \$20, or \$25 and are available online at wpopera.org, by phone at 701-858-3185, or at the door one hour prior to show time.

9/11 remembrance set for Monday at 11 a.m.

The MSU Veterans Services office will host a 9/11 remembrance Monday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. on campus in the Quad. There will be a timeline handout and a brief speech before ending with the moment of silence.

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the campus. They will meet with administrators, faculty, staff, and students. The team will then make accreditation recommendations based on the campus visit and review of the assurance argument.

Students will have an opportunity to learn more about the accreditation process in the weeks leading up to the evaluation.

"We will be holding forums for the students to learn more about

Homecoming King and Queen nominations due

MSU students wishing to run for Homecoming King or Queen must have their application submitted by Friday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m. Candidates must have completed 90 credit hours and be nominated by an MSU club or organization. Applications are available in the Student I.D. office. See Aaron Hughes for more information.

Americas 2017: All Media on display

MSU's Northwest Art Center presents the 23rd annual Americas 2017: All Media exhibit. Ceramics, paintings, and etchings are some of the various media utilized by the 27 artists featured in this exhibit. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The show runs through Sept. 28 in the Hartnett Hall Gallery in Harnett Hall. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

'Seeking a Sense of Self' on display

Americas 2016: All Media Best of Show winner Aaron Olson-Reiners from Grand Rapids, Minn., will display acrylic paintings in the Library Gallery through Sept. 21. The exhibit is titled "Seeking a Sense of Self." The Northwest Art Center will host a closing reception with the artist Sept. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the gallery.

the accreditation process," Cresap said. "I encourage students to attend these forums."

The HLC forums are Tuesdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26, and Oct. 3 and 10 from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. A final forum is set for Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 12:30 p.m. Each session will provide a summary and talking points of criterion in preparation for the October site visit. The forums are open to students, faculty, and staff and will be held in the Conference Center, third floor, Student Center.

Technology upgrades made to classrooms

By Brileigh Boyce
Comm 281

Over the summer, 22 classrooms in Model and Hartnett were renovated from analog to digital, and eight are in the process of being completed.

"For students, this means that they'll have a clearer understanding of what's going on; the equipment that's in the classroom will be able to teach them better," George Withus, computer support services director at Minot State, said. "For faculty, it'll make them spend less time trying to figure out the equipment and more time teaching."

Sophomore Nacion Reese agreed that these renovations will help improve education.

"I think it'll help my education because it provides better understanding instead of doing

stuff old fashioned," Reese said.

Before renovations occurred in these classrooms, technology wasn't working as fast since computers were running on analog, which is a single, slower signal. Moving to digital, a faster signal, means faster internet and clearer pictures that appear quicker.

Minot State is gradually making all the classrooms the same, so that when professors go into a classroom, they are all using the same equipment.

Scott Kast, chair and assistant professor of math and computer science, teaches in Model Hall. He said he didn't see much of a change after having his classroom renovated, but he did notice things working differently for some.

"I know that most of our com-

puters were getting pretty old, and now they're so much faster," Kast said.

Kast also believed that these renovations would help improve the education for students since they won't be waiting for screen images to load, and the students will most likely be able to see what's on the screens a little bit better by having clearer text.

Kast said it will take some time for everyone on campus to adjust to the new equipment.

"They [professors] also have to get used to the new technology, too, so there are growing pains when you go from what you had before to what it is now," he said.

Minot State is working to eventually upgrade all 117 classrooms on campus.

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student or employee, instead of by residence hall, work area, or unreserved. This equal-opportunity parking also includes the new lot, west of the Gordon B. Olson Library, which is open to students and employees alike.

The former parking issues on campus inspired the change to parking due to many students receiving infractions over lot confusion.

"The previous parking system only allowed students and university employees to park in their assigned lot, which was difficult for people who had classes across campus in the winter. Now, parking pass holders can park in whichever lot is the most convenient for them," Richard stated.

However, by designating student and employee lots, some

prime unreserved parking spots that allowed for students to have parking close to buildings, like Swain and the Beaver Dam, are now reserved for faculty and staff.

Shyla Carr, a junior biology major from Spokane, Wash., is an off-campus student who parked in the lot most convenient for her before, but she no longer has access to that parking space.

"It is unfortunate that all the old unreserved spots went to faculty and staff; it should have stayed open on a first-come, first-serve basis," Carr stated of the change.

Overall, however, her remarks regarding the new parking system were positive despite the loss of her preferred parking.

"I like this year's structure better because it's less confusing. In the past, I really had no idea where I could park with my

pass," Carr said.

According to Richard, the new passes are a flat rate of \$65 for everyone. This is opposed to previous years when on-campus students paid \$65 for their permits and off-campus students paid \$55.

"My hope is that this new system helps to reduce the number of parking violations that are issued on campus due to the greater accessibility for the users of MSU parking," Richard expressed.

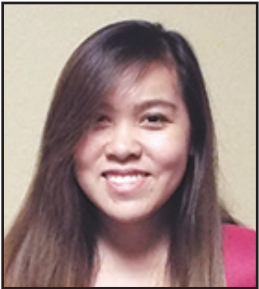
Kevin Harmon, vice president for student affairs, was pleased to stand behind this change as well.

"I was happy to support the new parking policy because it was completely student-initiated, and I am happy to stand by what the students want," Harmon said of the project.

Voices on Campus

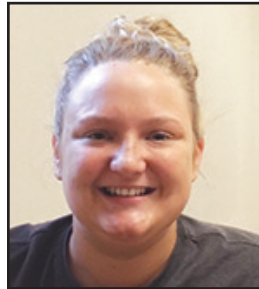
“What was the highlight of your summer?”

By Jerusalem Tukura
Editor



Paula Cabatingan
Marketing/International
Business

“I went back home to the Philippines, and I took my boyfriend, who is American, with me for the first time. And I saw all of my family after four years, so that was really cool.”



Abby Kallemeyn
Biology Education

“The highlight of my summer was going to Lake Sakakawea every weekend. I’m from Williston, so it is pretty close.”



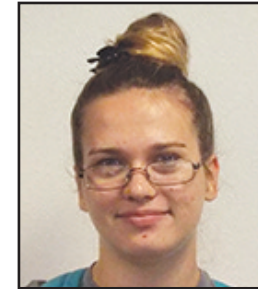
Carlton Mhangami
Accounting/Finance

“My girlfriend and I went to Las Vegas for a while. Then we traveled to California. We went to Disney Land, Hollywood, and a few beaches there.”



Tamrick Ross
Marketing

“I went on a cruise to Mexico with my family. I also got off the boat to see the beaches.”



Tana Smith
Biology

“The highlight of my summer was Yellowstone. My friends and I drove all the way through it. We saw the Dragon’s Mouth — the water gushes out and comes back at you, but it smells like silver and it was really cool.”



David Urvig
English Education

“I hung out at my uncle’s house this summer. I worked with his horses. It was a lot of fun. He has four horses. Some of them are 25 to 30 years old, and I could ride them too.”



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Welcome to the new academic year

Welcome, new and returning students. This year, a lot of activities have been planned to keep you entertained, thanks to the Residence Hall Association, Student Government Association, MSU Life, and a few other departments on campus.

With Welcome Week, as you will see in this issue, came events such as bingo, a luau, comedy by Pete Lee, karaoke, free food, and a club fair, which were all a huge success as most of them were fully attended.

Throughout the semester, there will be tons of activities to keep you entertained and your stress levels at a healthy reading. To make the most of your college experience, be sure to attend events coming up, many of which will be previewed in the Red & Green throughout the year. Remember, college is not just about the books. Balance is required to survive college life, and our events have you covered.

Students win first in robotics contest

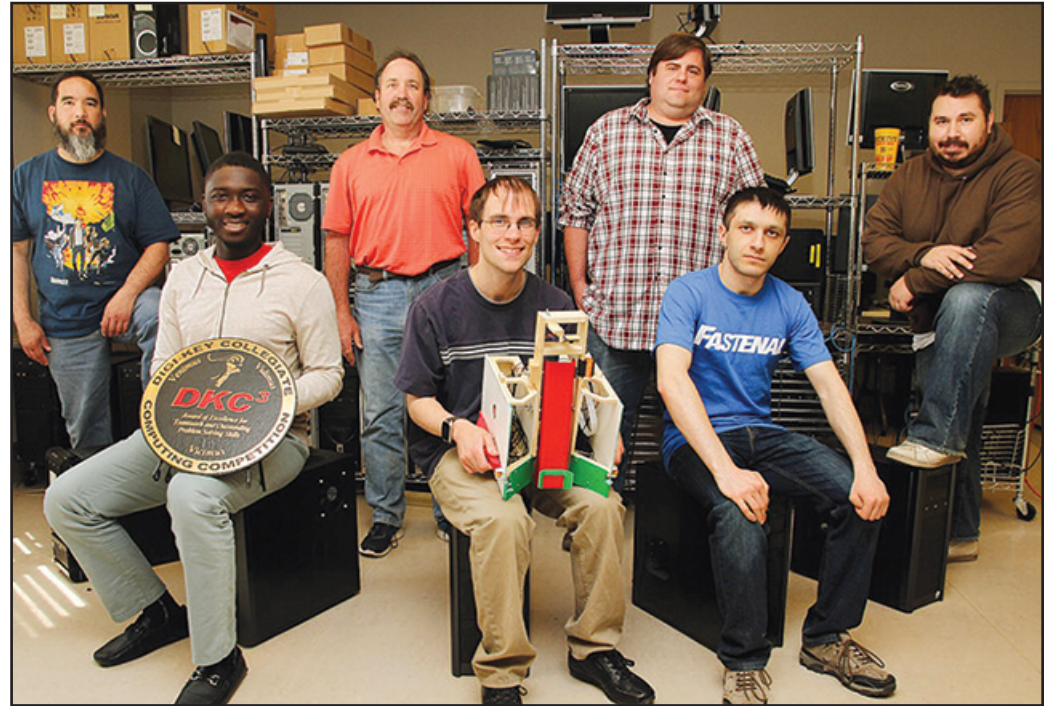
By Jay Gaare
Comm 281

The red, white, green, and vaguely cubic robot won the MICS Robotics Competition held at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. MSU Students Hayk Margaryan, Ziad Kadry, Kenneth Kulling, Caitlyn Bachmeier, Alex Harrl, and Robert Simpson along with advisers Darren Seifert and Scott Kast built the robot responsible for winning.

The team started to prepare in January by brainstorming the best way to create their golfing robot. Their robot, and all 14 entered in the competition, wasn't just supposed to golf, it also had to be autonomous, or move by itself without outside help such as a remote control. Shooter ran on Raspberry Pi, a small computer about the size of a cellphone. This computer allowed the team to program Shooter McGavin to move, analyze its surroundings with a camera, hit the golf ball, and ultimately win.

Winning, though, didn't come easy. Seifert remarked that the building of Shooter "took a whole classroom, with pieces of wood and plastic from the cutting and shaping of its parts all over."

Harrl said not all initial designs made the final product. The curtains from the sides of the robot were removed exposing how ugly it was.



Submitted Photo

MSU students (from the left) Robert Simpson, Saliou Diallo, Scott Kast (faculty), Dennis Uhrmacher, Darren Seifert (faculty), Hayk Margaryan and Kenneth Kulling pose with trophy.

The team also had help from retired professor Larry Atwood. Atwood helped with building vital wooden pieces for the robot and supplied tools.

Margaryan, who used Shooter as his capstone project and was a major contributor to the code, kept the team focused on the larger goal.

"We're not participating, we're going to win," he told the team.

The team had to do some last-minute recalibrating on location, as the carpet used for practice, which a Walmart employee had assured the team would work, was much softer than the golf course green at the competition.

"One of the challenges was to map the picture coordinates into real world locations," Margaryan explained.

The team's ingenuity ultimately allowed

them to win as Shooter was equipped with a small camera that analyzed the course in real time, looking at the obstacles, the golf ball, and the hole. To navigate the course, most of the other robots calibrated the course from a small map, then multiplied by eight, allowing the robot to travel the full-size course around charted obstacles. Shooter was at an advantage because mapping in real-time allowed it to compensate for obstacles not shown on the map.

Kulling, an MSU graduate, attributes his success in finding his dream job to this competition.

"It was a fantastic experience. The camaradery that was established during the whole brainstorming, and putting what we brainstormed into an actual robot was quite an experience," he said.

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Sports in Brief

MidCoSN to broadcast 4 Beaver football games

Minot State University football will have four games televised on the MidCo Sports Network, according to an MSU Sports Information press release.

Minot State opened the NSIC Thursday Night Game of the Week on TV with its matchup at Concordia, St. Paul, Aug. 31.

Other games to be televised on MidCoSN2 are Sept. 30 when MSU travels to the University of Mary for a 2:30 p.m. kickoff, Oct. 5 when the Beavers host Northern State at 7 p.m., and Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. against Minnesota State Moorhead at Herb Parker Stadium.

Beaver athletics contribute to relief in Houston

Houston has been under high water due to extreme flooding from Hurricane Harvey, with some still being rescued from their homes.

Minot State athletics joined forces with numerous amateur, collegiate and professional athletic programs across the country to donate shirts and shoes for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Men's basketball head coach Matt Murken said that the core values of this program are appreciation and servant leadership. Trying to help is the least they could do.

The MSU athletic programs combined to donate over 100 shirts and 10 pair of shoes to the relief effort.

Ramirez, Rudolph, and Spain receive honors

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State University student-athletes Ninfa Ramirez (soccer)

and Tyler Rudolph (basketball) and head women's soccer coach Jason Spain were all honored in June by the North Dakota Associated Press Sportscasters & Sports-writers Association.

Ramirez and Rudolph were named Female and Male Athlete of the Year respectively with Rudolph sharing the honor with the University of North Dakota's Quinton Hooker. Spain was named Female Team Coach of the Year, sharing that honor with University of Jamestown's Greg Ulland.

Ramirez finished off an impressive two-year career with the Beavers, starting 42 games over two seasons and set MSU's record in points (83), points per game (1.98), goals (34), goals per game (0.81), assists per game (0.36), shots (248) and shots on goal (126).

Rudolph was the Beavers leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 21.1 points and 10.0 rebounds per game. He also finished with 47 assists and 32 blocked shots. Rudolph led the NSIC in rebounds (291) and double-doubles (14) during the regular season.

Spain guided the Beavers to the university's first regular-season NSIC championship as MSU went 14-0-1 in conference play.



Ramirez



Rudolph



Spain



Photo by Andrea Orta-Diaz

The MSU Dome floor sports a new court design.

Dome floor gets upgrades and new court design

By Andrea Orta-Diaz
Sports Editor

The Minot State Dome is looking shiny and new after renovations were made to the volleyball and basketball court flooring over the summer.

While general maintenance was right on schedule after ten years, the process started off with a surprise – replacing a hundred and fourteen broken boards. In the end the floor was repaired, sanded, and then repainted, which ensures the court remains not only spotless but feels it too.

Minot State's signature Beaver M was replaced by an updated

Beaver decal, outlined in bright red.

"The last [logo] was used for 10-12 years, [we were] just looking to brighten the floor and change the visual," Andy Carter, director of athletics, said.

The process started in late July and was first used by the Volleyball Team in late August. In total, the renovations took five weeks to complete.

The \$25,000 budget was made possible by the revenue made from renting out the Dome facilities — mainly the High School State B Boys Basketball Tournament. Carter said that dur-

ing the school year, revenue made from ticket sales and rental fees covers ongoing projects and maintenance within the Dome.

A future project is replacing the 10,000 seats within the Dome that surround the basketball and volleyball court. The Minot City Council's Community Development Committee made this possible with a \$1 million grant. Minot State will raise the additional \$1 million through private donations to complete the project. Carter estimates that the project will start within twelve to eighteen months.

Staying involved in campus life

By Brekka Wolf
Comm 281

The main purpose of Welcome Week is to get students out of their dorms with fun activities that get them involved in the campus community, and this year it was a major success.

Hundreds of students took part in Minot State University's Welcome Week activities.

Grocery Bag Bingo had the highest number of attendees with more than 400. Other events included comedian Pete Lee, a foam dance, bonfire, and a solar-eclipse-viewing party.

Hannah Nantt, a freshman, was one of the many students who tried their luck at bingo.

"Bingo was my favorite because I just love a good bingo game," Nantt said.

Aaron Hughes, student activities coordinator, believes Welcome Week is important because students need to make friends at MSU in order for it to start feeling like home. Welcome Week allows students to begin building relationships outside of the classrooms, and for Nantt, it did exactly that. She met new people who are now in her classes, and she started to learn her way around campus.

The key to college success, according to MSU Student Government President Aaron Richard, is to take the opportunities to participate within the college community.

"Get involved, be involved, and stay involved," Richard said.

Camila Van Dyke, residence life coordinator, encourages students to not only get involved on campus but to meet the students in leadership positions. She wants students to be aware that MSU has a lot of leadership positions available beyond working in resident

halls. Clubs and other organizations on campus allow students to find where they belong. These opportunities allow students to grow and develop as professionals while gaining skills for their professional lives.

Pick up the Sept. 14 issue of the Red & Green for a list of Homecoming Week events Sept. 18-23.



MSU students attend the Fall Club Fair during Welcome Week. MSU Life sponsored the event. Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

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MSU students (from the left) Natasha Uran and Faith Dosch inquire about Main Street Books from a representative. The MSU Community Fair was held in the Quad with several local businesses in attendance. The MSU Career Center sponsored the event.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU students (from the left) Stephanie Awo-Osagie and Ludnie Augustin perform "All of me" by John Legend during karaoke in the Beaver Dam. MSU Life sponsored the event.



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MSU students (from the left) Semurana Faleali'i and Sydney Pahel play a game of Jenga at the Welcome Back Luau. MSU Life sponsored the event.

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Sports Editorial

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Fresh fans on campus

Becoming an active supporter of Minot State Athletics is one of the simplest ways to become a part of the MSU community. Sporting events open up campus to the community.

Being present is sometimes all it takes to become involved. Knowing the rules of the game, or being friends with a player isn't necessary to participate as a fan. Sports, most of all, are meant to be enjoyed. They create an open environment for people of any age to come and be part of MSU.

The sports programs on campus are one of the biggest forms of unity at MSU. Some fans are rowdy, some are quietly analyzing the game, some are only there to support a player on the team, but ultimately it doesn't matter why people are there; the purpose of sports on campus is to be included. Regardless of whether the Beavers win, fans should be proud and supportive of the team.

As you'll read in this issue, there are many reasons to support the Beavers this year. There's new air in the Athletic Department as Minot State welcomes a new head coach in football, and the soccer team comes off a successful last season. Both teams look ahead to more wins this year.

Being a fan doesn't ask for anything more than love of the team, so come out and show your support this season.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

The football team practices on Herb Parker field.

Soccer and football plan for success

By Mia Lupo
Comm 281

Minot State University's soccer team and football team head into the fall season striving for victory.

Last year women's soccer finished its season with a record of 16-3-1 overall, winning the NSIC regular season title with a mark of 14-0-1. Football finished last year's season with a 3-8 record, an improvement from the previous season's record of 1-10. While the soccer team hopes to defend its title and become conference champions again, football hopes to carve a new road to triumph.

"Perfect! Every touch perfect," head soccer coach Jason Spain shouted during warm-ups.

Entering his eighth year of coaching at Minot State, Spain

expects nothing short of perfection from his players during practice. The women match his intensity by going full force into their drills and emitting a healthy level of competition with one another.

"We have more girls that actually want to play and want to win," Kelli Creese, a senior defensive player, said about this year's team. "We have more drive on the team. There's more fight because there's more girls for each position, so everyone is playing harder and that's better for everyone all around."

Although their practices demand hard work, the women still get a kick out of them.

"Practices have been super fun. It's what I look forward to every day," Sofia Lewis, a freshman midfielder, said.

Last year the team took their first conference title, and they seek to do even more in the coming months.

"We want to go further than we did last year," coach Spain said about their season goals. "The girls understand that winning is the only acceptable outcome."

The players share the same ambitions.

"My goal would be to win the conference and then win the conference tournament," Creese said.

Lewis reiterated the same idea, "Overall, winning everything is our team goal."

Football kicks off its season with new head coach Mike Aldrich, a valued addition to the team. In the previous season, players didn't seem as confident

in their team as they do under Aldrich.

"Before [a game] we didn't know if we were going to win or not, and now we expect to win," Ray Watkins, a senior wide receiver, said. "He's changed our mindset of the team this year."

To get to this point, Aldrich has had to make some changes to the attitudes of his players.

"The biggest thing is just getting them to believe in themselves," Aldrich said. "You've got a team that hasn't had a lot of wins or successes, so it's a matter of trying to get them to win one game at a time and have fun playing football. That was something that was lacking before."

With music, whistles, and enthusiasm in the air at practice,

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Volleyball goes 3-1 to start the season



Photo by Andrea Orta-Diaz

A Montana State Billings player attempts a block in a game with Minot State. The Beavers defeated Billings, 3-0. The Beavers hosted the Sleep Inn & Suites Minot State Classic last weekend in the Dome. During the classic, the Beavers also defeated South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, 3-2, and defeated conference foe Bemidji State, 3-1. They fell to Minnesota State Moorhead, 3-1. The Beavers travel to Aberdeen, S.D., for the Northern State Invitational this weekend.

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the players seem to enjoy themselves a lot more.

"[The team] talks every day and we're like this is the most fun we've ever had playing football," Watkins said.

Aldrich also changed the atmosphere on the field.

"In the Spring when I first got here, if something bad happened on the field, everybody reacted as though they were getting ready to get yelled at or they pointed fingers to divert the blame," he said.

To combat this, Aldrich has worked to get players to understand that they should not fear failure.

"We're all going to fail at something. If we do fail, we can learn from it and we can move on. This lets them play a little freer and a little looser, which allows them to have fun and reach their potential," he said.

Aldrich plans to move forward in the season with a step-by-step strategy.

"Let's worry about winning one game at a time. We don't worry about the next one and we don't worry about the last one. If something bad happens, we're not re-hashing it and if something good happens we don't live on it. Our goal is to be 1-0 every week and we'll keep resetting that goal every Monday," he said.

The football team traveled to Concordia University, St. Paul, last week to open the season. The Beavers fell to the Golden Bears, 24-0.

Minot State opens the home portion of its schedule Saturday when it hosts Augustana at 1 p.m. in Herb Parker Stadium.

The women's soccer team defeated Black Hills State University last week in Spearfish, S.D., 6-0. All six goals came from players new to the program: Jordyn Cook, Haley Berryman, Morgan Myers, and Sofia Lewis.

The women dropped their Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference opener, 2-1, against the University of Mary on Sunday.

The Beavers will host the

Minot State Classic Friday and Sunday at Herb Parker Stadium with soccer teams from Augustana, Fort Hays State, and Emporia State. MSU will take on

Emporia Friday at 7 p.m. and Fort Hays Sunday at 2 p.m.

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Coach Aldrich watches football players during practice.

Building a brotherhood

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When Mike Aldrich accepted the position as head coach of the Minot State football team in early 2017, he knew he needed to change the culture of football at Minot State University. One of the first steps was changing the way players approached the game, so the buzz word on the field became grit instead of grind.

Donnell Vercher, senior defensive back from Fresno City, Calif., said grit means accepting the challenge and not giving up.

"Grind is something you've got to get through, but grit is embracing the difficulty," Vercher explained.

Through that shifting mindset, players became a family protecting each other instead of a team of 80-90 players working as individuals.

Senior defensive back Justin Gonzales said coach Aldrich taught players to, "Love people up."

By creating an expectation that every player on the team has a responsibility to support each other, Aldrich has created a football team of brothers.

Coming into the position, Aldrich knew he couldn't hide from the difficulties the team had

faced on and off the field in the past, so he placed more responsibility on the team for the actions of individuals and pushed humility by teaching them how to right the wrong.

"Show in your actions that you've learned from the mistake," he told players.

Part of changing the image of Minot State football means players have to be a positive presence in the community.

"You have to give respect to get it. You have to give love to get it back," Aldrich said.

There's a new emphasis on teaching players to achieve personal satisfaction from giving back by shifting the focus away from the individual toward the needs of the university and the community.

"Become a great man, become a great leader in your community, become a great husband and father, become champions," Aldrich told players.

That definition of champions doesn't have to be about the number of wins. On game day, Aldrich wants to celebrate players' successes off the field. Fans will see a sticker in the shape of North Dakota on the backs of players' helmets this season. The color of the state indi-

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SGA names professors and adviser of the year

Last spring, the Student Government Association selected Tawnya Bernsdorf, Dan Conn, and Naomi Winburn as 2016-17 Professors of the Year and Eileen Solberg as Adviser of the Year. These awards honor faculty members from Minot State University's three colleges and one faculty or staff adviser for his/her dedication to students.

Bernsdorf was selected Professor of the Year for the



Bernsdorf



Conn



Winburn



Solberg

College of Business. Conn was chosen for the College of Education and Health Sciences. Winburn was selected for the

College of Arts and Sciences. Solberg, from the College of Business, was named Adviser of the Year.

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cates the player's academic goals based on the previous semester — gold represents a GPA of 3.5 or higher, silver indicates a GPA between 3.49 and 3.0, and bronze indicates a GPA higher than 2.80.

Aldrich's emphasis on success in the classroom likely comes from his own background as an educator, and he coaches like a teacher by getting to the root of what went wrong.

"[Coach] is smart and not challenged by a question," senior center Logan Gunderson said.

Being able to understand the purpose behind a drill makes practice more enjoyable even when the tasks are difficult, according to Gunderson. Aldrich encourages the team to move forward by aiming for new strategies and approaches to the game allowing them to do things on the field they've never done before.

In the past, Gunderson said there was a feeling as if they couldn't lose a lead or a game. By shifting the focus from grind to grit, players are having fun competing.

The team is ready to "attack the game — attack the moment," Gunderson said, instead of feeling like the game is over when they're behind.

Approaching failure as an opportunity to learn offers players and coaches opportunities to build people up.

Ryan Fila, a senior wide receiver from West Hills, Calif., in his second season, said the philosophy on the field is very much, "If it's understood, it doesn't need to be said."

This attitude filters down from coaches to team captains. Aldrich selected eight seniors from diverse backgrounds to serve as captains this year.

"There's no other feeling like being a senior and being the leader," Vercher said.

The captains, according to Vercher, want to teach the younger players how to carry the team in the community by being the role

models they didn't have.

In building the dam and the brotherhood, Aldrich has created a trust between players and coaches that hasn't been seen in prior seasons. Players and coaches alike acknowledge they're not where they want to be in terms of turning plays yet, but the attitude of players and the culture of the team on and off the field is already exceeding Aldrich's early expectations.



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