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Minot State faces additional budget cuts

By Monica Rivera
Comm 281

Six months ago, Minot State University conquered what everyone thought was a complete set back. The university faced \$8.6 million in cuts. Facing a crucial budget cut meant having to cut several positions. The university cut 30 non-faculty positions and 20 faculty positions, including the college deans.

The programs may not be allowed to do as much as before or provide as many classes as before, but are still able to rotate the classes every two years so the students have the same options as the previous years. According to Laurie Geller, vice president for academic affairs, rotating the classes every two years provides more options and opportunities for the students.

Because the number of students attending Minot State has declined, the university is faced with another budget shortfall.

"We have to understand the state and where we are. We, as a university, are down 690 (students) since 2010," Geller said.

According to Brent Winiger, vice president for finance, with a budget deficit of more than \$300,000 needing to be made up, the Budget Reduction Committee is currently looking for ways to

make cuts.

"Everything is operating but is just on a tighter budget," Geller said. "We've asked them to be more efficient when it comes to course offerings and offering classes in a rotating basis, but also not to spread thriving programs too thin. We are trying to keep delivering, keep people, and positions."

With the removal of the three college deans last summer, MSU created a new assistant vice president for academic affairs position. Erik Kana, from the teacher education department, will officially fill that position at the first of the year.

"Dr. Erik Kana will be under Laurie, giving Laurie more time to focus on a couple more specific situations instead trying to take care of them all at once," President Steven Shirley said.

The combined budget cuts are drastic but necessary to keep Minot State on track.

"There won't be near as many cuts as six months ago, just little tweaks and minor transitions," Shirley said.

"The cuts create fear to maybe individuals who aren't tenured which is understandable," Geller said. "Trying to move forward with positivity is the best way for Minot State University."



MSU students and local community members attend the panel discussion on race.

RACE



Red & Green Editor Jerusalem Tukura gives students advice on how to overcome racial disparity.

Red & Green provides open conversation about race

By Alyson Heisler
Comm 281

The Minot State University Red & Green hosted a discussion panel about race last week for the purpose of opening a safe space for conversation to understand and begin to solve issues of racism.

Sarah Aleshire, assistant professor of English, Harry Hoffman,

associate professor of sociology, Annette Mennem, director of the Native American Center and a co-chair of the MSU Diversity Council, and Jerusalem Tukura, MSU student and editor of the Red & Green, served as panelists. Dan Fagan, Red & Green staff writer, moderated.

For 90 minutes, questions

flowed in from the more than 120 students in the Conference Center — with the overall question of how people can use their position in society to bridge the gap between races.

As the conversation turned to the idea of implicit bias, Mennem spoke about her past experiences

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News in Brief

Native American Cultural Celebration events planned

The Minot State University Native American Cultural Center and Club, along with MSU Diversity Council, are hosting several events as part of their Native American Cultural Celebration on campus.

Melissa Olson, co-writer and co-producer of the audio documentary, "Stolen Childhoods," will speak about her mother's adoption into a white family and out of the Ojibwa Tribe in Minnesota. Olson's talk is Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Conference Center, third floor, Student Center.

The club will host a discussion panel on contemporary issues and solutions in tribal communities Monday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m. in the Conference Center.

Guest panelists include Jona Peltier, from the Seven Stones Center for Behavioral Health and Healing in Belcourt; Evan Peltier, TMBCI Tribal Finance; Scott Davis, N.D. Indian Affairs commissioner; and Marc Bluestone, New Town Public Schools superintendent.

On Nov. 30, MSU graduate student Alex DeCoteau will present his thesis with MSU professor Daniel Conn.

The purpose of DeCoteau's thesis is to illuminate the lived experiences with the Ojibwa language as an endangered curriculum. DeCoteau and Conn will offer primary accounts of the importance of the Ojibwa language.

DeCoteau will speak at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Both presentations are in the Multicultural Center, lower level, Student Center.

All events are free and open to the public.

Prism to host transgender remembrance

Prism will host a documentary Nov. 20, Transgender Day of Remembrance, in the Multicultural Center in the Student Center at 5:30 p.m. The film will feature important transgender activists. There will be free food and buttons given out.

TDOR is a day taken to mourn and honor transgender lives lost through acts of transphobic violence. It was founded after the murder of Rita Hester in 1998.

Though Hester was not misgendered after death, countless trans people who have been murdered are. The media covers their death through a name and pronouns that the trans person does not use, furthering the idea that transgender identities are not valid even in death. There are also transgender people who were killed who were not publicly out, so their death was never recorded as a murder of a transgender person.

SGA meetings open to all students

The Student Government Association meets regularly at 7 p.m. in the Westlie Room, third floor of the Student Center. It is open to all students, faculty and staff. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 20. The final meeting of the semester is Dec. 4.

MSU small ensembles to perform

On Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m., Minot State University Division of Music's small ensembles will perform in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Admission is free.



Students continue the tradition

By Brileigh Boyce
Comm 281

What started as a senior project 19 years ago has turned into a Minot tradition. The Minot State University Broadcasting program is hosting its 19th annual KMSU Auction Thursday, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 19.

The KMSU Auction is a unique way for those who make donations to market their business to the community of Minot and surrounding areas.

"The first year we raised \$1,200 and we thought we hit the jackpot

because you can't have a bake sale and make \$1,200, and you can't sell T-shirts and make \$1,200, so we thought this was the best thing in the whole world," Janna McKechnie, director of Minot State alumni relations and annual giving, said. "It's a really great learning experience with something a lot bigger than what we planned for."

Over the past 18 years, the KMSU auction has raised more than \$60,000 and has donated some of that money to a number

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as a Native American woman. She learned that she needed to understand herself before she could understand others.

"I see you, you see me — we'll stay on our separate sides, but as I matured, I realized that it was my job to educate others to reverse the issue of racism," Mennem stated.

"As humans, we all have an implicit bias and to address this bias, you must put yourself into situations that involve interactions with said bias," Tukura added.

The audience also wanted to know why it is important to discuss race when there are many pressing issues facing the world.

"We've been dealing with

racism for over 400 years, and there are many more issues facing the world, like poverty, that are the main roadblock to confronting racism. These issues all intersect," Hoffman responded.

Another similar response arose when an audience member asked why racism is still a problem.

"Racism will always be there — as long as people are different and what makes us different also tends to make us uncomfortable," Mennem responded.

Aleshire said that the only way to make a difference is to have the uncomfortable conversations.

"As a member of the ethnic majority, I believe I should use my position to get the ball rolling on the conversation then hand it over to the group that the issue

involves," Aleshire said. "Also, it's very important to make a space for people to talk."

The issue of protesting and former NFL football player Colin Kaepernick also came up from the audience.

"You have rights, and you have responsibilities. You have rights, but you also have the right not to infringe on the rights of others," Mennem retorted.

One of the most interesting moments during the panel came when Mennem asked a question to the crowd.

"How many of you were forced to be here? ... If you hadn't been forced to be here, would you still be here? Sit if your answer is 'yes.'"

When the first question was

asked, one-fifth of the room stood up and, after the statement of the second question, about 10 people were left standing.

"You have to do it because you want to do it," Hoffman said about joining the conversation.

The most engaging discussion of the night began when the moderator walked the microphone into the crowd, allowing audience members to ask questions directly to the panel.

Questions included, "Do we, as people, segregate ourselves without realizing it?" "Does racism originate in the home or as an effect of the outside world?" "How can we combat a bias when most public information is received from biased news networks?"

Hoffman said that to find the truth, people must go deeper beyond the media to get more accurate information.

"We're having this conversation in a safe zone — what we need to do is be able to have this conversation on the street," Hoffman said.

In the final minutes of the panel discussion, a student asked what students can do to embrace diversity and inclusion. All four panelists agreed that training sessions on diversity would be beneficial for students, faculty, and staff — they also hope that more panels like this one can facilitate more open conversations about other uncomfortable topics in the future.

Voices on Campus

“What did you learn from the panel discussion on race?”



Elizabeth Duggan
Psychology

“I learned the efforts that are being made at Minot State University because that is not always apparent from a student perspective about how the school is going to help students and actually be there for students. It’s nice to see that Minot State is listening and actually doing something about what needs to be fixed.”



Faith Babadi
Biology

“I learned that it is not just enough to wish that racism can go away because wishing does not guarantee anything – you have to work for it. So I think that in order for racism and discrimination to go away, we have to take deliberate steps and actions to ensure that people in society no longer have to go through such experiences anymore.”



Wyatt Schlosser
Biology

“I think it was good to hear other perspectives, and experiences on campus that I certainly didn’t think were happening. It was good to hear different opinions and put some thoughts in your head about how we treat others and what we can do to help move things forward.”



Giovanna Hamilton
Nursing

“I learned more insight to how people in Minot felt. I knew what they were talking about, being African American. It was more cool to see what everybody else thought about it and to know that the newspaper writes different articles like that.”



Karli Williams
Psychology

“I learned that people from the Minot community are actually willing to learn about diversity.”



Erin Winterton
Chemistry Education

“I just learned to be really open-minded and to not make any judgments on people based on what they look like but to not completely ignore that either.”



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R&G Editorial

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The undo challenge

Since the start of the month of November, I challenged myself to stay clear of the undo button. For the past few months, I had been pondering on our generation and how quick we are at making decisions, some of which we end up regretting. For this reason, I posed several questions. Could it be that our technology-entrenched lives play some role in our decision-making? Could it be that the speed at which we make decisions and risk-taking behavior directly correlates with frequent use of the undo button?

According to Nielsen, a global information, data, and measurement company, we spend about 9 hours and 39 minutes interacting with some form of technological device. (Side note: This is way more time than people spend sleeping.)

In the past, I have found myself making decisions hastily with the thought that I could change my mind at anytime. A short while into the thought, I realize that I, in fact, cannot undo my action. The decisions I make in the real world are nothing like the ones I make in the virtual world. In our world, when I make decisions, I am stuck with them, and the consequences.

The purpose of this challenge is to instill diligence and thoughtfulness. It is important to think before taking action. Not having the option to undo things, for most people, would require stepping out of your comfort zone. This challenge is not for the faint at heart.



Between the Lines

Who to believe — Putin or American intelligence?

By Dan Fagan
Staff Writer

On his recent Asian tour, President Trump met with Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin. Once again Putin, a former KGB officer during the Soviet era, declared that Russia did not interfere with the 2016 election — claim that has been refuted by the U.S. intelligence community, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, and Office of National Intelligence.

Trump has been reluctant to take a strong stance on the issue, perhaps worried that acknowledging interference would delegitimize his election. However, Trump reached a new low last week in his response to Putin's most recent denial of interference. "Every time [Putin] sees me, he says, 'I didn't do that,'" Trump said. "And I believe, I really believe, that when he tells me that, he means it."

Such a statement is remarkable as it stands in stark contrast to the assessments of the U.S. intelligence community. National Intelligence director Dan Coats confirmed that Russians "are trying to

undermine Western democracy."

Last summer, CIA director Mike Pompeo, a former Republican congressman and ardent Trump supporter during the 2016 election, said, "I am confident that the Russians meddled in this election, as is the entire intelligence community."

Trump's chief of staff, John Kelly, mirrored the statements of Pompeo and Coats during his tenure as Secretary of Homeland Security.

In September, a spokesman for Facebook confirmed that the company had sold up to \$100,000 in political ads to fake accounts opened by Russian agents. Facebook has since agreed to turn over evidence of these accounts to congressional investigators.

Russia's meddling in the 2016 election and their disdain for Western Democracy is nothing new. Neither is it a partisan issue. Republicans and Democrats agree that Russian interference occurred and that it is a future threat to the U.S. and other Western democracies.

Trump's willingness to accept Putin's claim as true when his intelligence officers are reporting the exact opposite is baffling.

For someone who adamantly denies any collusion between his campaign and the Russians, it is awfully suspicious that Trump would believe Putin when his agencies have been very clear about Russian meddling.

After Trump came under heavy criticism for his submissive response to Putin's denials, he attempted to clarify his position by saying, "As to whether I believe it, I'm with our agencies," Trump said, "As currently led by fine people, I believe very much in our intelligence agencies."

A few other notable figures that acknowledge Russian interference are Trump's Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, the Senate Intelligence Committee comprised of Republicans and Democrats, former director of National Intelligence James Clapper, President Barack Obama, Sen. (and war hero) John McCain, and my favorite — Donald Trump, who in a June 23 tweet charged that then President Barack Obama knew about Russian meddling in the election and did nothing.

Trump's inability to communicate a

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of local charities in the Minot community. This year, a portion of the proceeds will be given to Magic City Discovery Center.

"Last year was a very successful year for us — \$8,500 is fantastic. We've been up to \$10,000. We made \$18,000 the year of the flood. I have high expectations for this year. This group of students has potential

to knock this one out of the park, and I'm hoping we get there," McKechnie said.

The purpose of this auction is to have a hands-on experience from start to finish. Students have to deal with the promotional side of things and actual production along with the whirlwind of getting donations.

"Last year, a majority of my list was 'no' besides two people,

so it kind of shuts you down a lot, but this year I got more yeses. So if you're a little bit more confident with it, that's where it becomes easier. I think being confident about getting donations and getting yeses from people really lifts your spirits," broadcasting major Katie Moore said.

All donations are organized into packages and auctioned off live on the air. Viewers call in

and place bids on-air during the allotted time period, and the high bid wins the package.

All of the contributors are organized into categories based on the value of their donation. Donations up to \$100 are placed in the White Club, donations up to \$750 are placed in the Red Club, and donations of more than \$750 are placed in the Green Club.

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Anti-bias Button on webpage provides easy access to report discrimination

By Tu Tong
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One of Minot State University's efforts to fight discrimination is the Anti-bias Button on its Diversity Council webpage.

Annette Mennem, director of the Native American Center and co-chair of the Diversity Council, explained the mission of the council as well as the function of Anti-bias Button.

"The Diversity Council is directly underneath the president. It was formed by the former president and carried on by this present president," Mennem said. "Our mission is to address any issue on campus surrounded around diversity both positive or negative sides."

The Anti-bias Button first appeared in 2014. The function is focused on not only students but also faculty and staff because anyone could be a victim.

Mennem explained that if an issue arises, which is not of a direct emergency or concern, the reporter should click on the button. Then, the reporter will be directed to a Title IX form, an anonymous tips form, or the student complaint and anti-discrimination form.

"Let's say I want to report a concern or something I observe or someone puts the bias on me; I know it, and I feel it," Mennem explained when discussing why someone would use the button.

That bias may come from anyone on campus and doesn't have to happen in person.

"Social media is a free platform where people express their opinions. We have the right of freedom of speech, but our right should not step on others' rights. We also have the right to feel secure and safe," Mennem said.

When an individual fills out

and submits the form, it goes directly to Mennem. She then involves the people she needs to form her own team, depending on the issue, to make an action plan to address, research, and resolve the issue.

"If individualism isn't considered, if we may not do anything or not take any further action, it could compound ... to bring a severe issue for the university, so this Anti-bias Button is an avenue for someone to report," Mennem said.

One of the things people are most concerned about is confidentiality of the person who submits a report.

The first question Mennem asks is, "Do you feel comfortable reporting this?"

If the answer is no, she will work to resolve the issue without mentioning the reporter's name.

Meeting project needs with MSU print services

By Alyson Heisler
Comm 281

The MSU Copy Center and Copies for U offer a wide variety of services to meet the needs of students, faculty, and staff. The MSU Copy Center provides high-quality prints in 24 to 48 hours for MSU related materials. Design assistance is provided. Copies for U is a print service available to current MSU students and

employees for personal copies in black and white or color for ready-to-print files only. To utilize this service, files may be submitted as PDF files via USB drive or emailed to Roxi Mathis at Roxanne.Mathis@MinotStateU.edu. Price information is also available by contacting Mathis. "Students have used these services to print posters or fliers to advertise their senior projects,

class projects, business cards, and also personal projects, like announcements or invitations," Doreen Wald, publications and design services manager, said. The MSU Copy Center and Copies for U is located in the basement of Pioneer Hall and is open Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 701-858-3026.

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clear position on Russian meddling defies explanation. At this point, what is the takeaway?

Maybe Trump trusts Putin, or maybe he doesn't, or maybe he didn't trust the intelligence assessment

during Obama's presidency but now he does, or maybe he's afraid to call out Putin, or maybe ...

Until we get a clear answer from our president, all we have to go on are maybes. In the words of Trump — SAD!

The screenshot shows the MSU Diversity Council webpage. On the left sidebar, there is a red button labeled "REPORT" with a white circle and a red slash over a "bias bigotry hate" icon. Below it is a Facebook icon. The main content area includes a "Welcome" section, "Diversity Events" (with a link to Council's Co-Chair), and "October Events" listing:

- 1-31 National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) - Observed each October across the U.S., NDEAM celebrates the core values of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. [for more information.](#)
- 31 - Día De Los Muertos Celebración. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Multicultural Center, 1st floor of Student Center.
- Call for participation in Cultural Celebration (will take place on Tuesday, October 31st) - Each year during "International Education Week" the MSU Diversity Council invites students, faculty and staff from around the world. During this event students, faculty and staff share their home country or native culture through colorful displays, photos, cuisines, and performances. Student clubs, groups and individuals are invited to join the event!

Minot State University's Anti-bias Button is located on the left side of the Diversity Council's webpage at MinotStateU.edu/diversity.

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Mixing art with literature: 'Children's Stories from Around the World'

By Taylor Eckleberry
Comm 281

Maroah Lowry, a Minot State University senior and fine arts major, has always liked to combine art with stories and has had a passion for working with kids. She used this passion and a little inspiration from author Jane Yolen and her book, "Favorite Folktales from Around the World," to construct her senior project, "Children's Stories from Around the World."

"It has been a lot of work and a lot of hours put into this show," Lowry said.

With the use of colorful stories and lively illustrations, Lowry is hoping to promote moral and life lessons with a story from each of the seven continents. Her project contains a children's story from each of the continents including one that she authored from Antarctica. Each story is carefully and thoughtfully illustrated by Lowry.

"I started slowly at first, doing a little work at a time, and then probably around July, I really started to buckle down," Lowry stated.

Lowry hopes that those who view her art exhibit will take away something they didn't expect to learn about another culture. After the exhibit is finished, she will make a website to display her project in hopes to further her future career.

"These books are going to go on that website, so it can be a resource for me to be like, 'Hey, I would like to illustrate your work and publish with you. Here is work I've done in the past,'" Lowry said.

The exhibit runs through Nov. 28 in the Gordon B. Olson Library. It is open during regular library hours and is free to everyone.



ABOVE: MSU senior Maroah Lowry presents a book in her collection of "Children's Stories from Around the World." Each book includes hand-drawn pictures and a story from one of the seven continents.

Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

BELOW: Maroah Lowry welcomes and thanks MSU students and faculty at the exhibition in the Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery earlier this month.

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Shae Pederson, business management, and Mark Fulbright, energy economics and finance, enjoy free soup provided by Lutheran Campus Ministry in the lower level of the Student Center.

Serving soup with a smile to MSU

By Chad M. Olson
Comm 281

Love and generosity are alive and well on campus. To students here at Minot State University, it comes in the form of hot cups of soup, tasty treats, and warm smiles — all for free. Soup day, hosted by Lutheran Campus Ministry, happens every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. next to Buckshots in the Student Center, lower level. It is an established tradition and a regular part of the MSU culture.

"This is a free event to all of the students and staff to come in and enjoy a little camaraderie and to enjoy some nice warm soup for a cold winter day," volunteer Sue Robb said.

There are a variety of different soups, breads, and deserts to choose from, and it provides students a safe place to relax and enjoy good conversation between classes.

"It's just growing every year. We're serving probably anywhere between 160 to over 200 kids a week," Robb said. "It just brings me so much joy to be able to give to the students. Money is not in plentiful supply for most students. It is nice to be able to provide them a nice, warm lunch and a little bit of fellowship."

Students on campus appreciate the generosity of this ministry and the fact that they don't have to figure out what they are doing for lunch on Tuesdays.

"It means a lot. It's a really good opportunity for those of us, especially us college students trying to save money," communication disorders major Noah Grant said.

Augustana Lutheran Church formerly hosted the event across the street from campus, but was inundated with water from the 2011 Mouse River flood. The church, in a collaborative effort

with MSU, moved the event on campus. Starting in room 158 of the Administration Building, the ministry then moved to the Multicultural Center, and then finally to their current location.

The churches that fund the event are happy to continue to provide this service to students year after year.

"The funding source comes from a percentage of the five ELCA Lutheran Churches here in Minot," Zion Lutheran board member Linda Christianson said. She also said that they get some support from the Western Synod and Turtle Mountain and the Western Prairie Conferences.

The warm greetings and smiles week after week show students the caring nature of the volunteers involved in this ministry.

"We just really enjoy being around all the students," Robb said. "Like I say, when you get older, it just keeps you young."

Art professor releases book

By Jay Gaare
Comm 281

Micah Bloom, associate professor of art at Minot State University, moved to Minot during the 2011 flood. Debris from the flood inspired photography, a film, an exhibit, and a book, all titled "Codex."

Bloom started taking pictures of books that had been washed away or strewn through the trees by the flood.

Bloom emphasized the significance seeing these books had to him.

"The books looked like bodies that were just laying about ... there was this reaction of, 'Oh no. This is not right. Someone has to do something,'" Bloom recalled.

The project started as Bloom photographing the books but expanded into the massive project of moving the books into a studio to evaluate, catalog, and tag them. With the help of more than 20 students and staff members, the team documented more than 700 books.

In 2012, Bloom started a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for the necessary costs of

making the film.

Bloom primarily teaches drawing and painting classes, so the film was out of his "comfort zone."

"It was really different for me because my training is in painting and drawing, but it didn't seem like those (painting and drawing) were the story," Bloom said. "I wanted a time-based medium that you could see the books going to winter to spring."

In addition, three versions of the "Codex" book were created — a paperback trade book, an e-book, and a larger tabletop version of the book. All three books contain multiple essays focusing on "Codex" and its concepts. The e-book and tabletop book contain color-true pictures taken during the project.

The e-book and a 20-minute-cut or 40-minute-cut of the film are available online at TheDigitalPress.org/Codex/. The paperback will be available to order soon and those interested in the tabletop book should contact Bloom at Micha.Bloom@MinotStateU.edu.

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Goudeau named NSIC Defensive Player of the Week

MSU junior Kiante Goudeau was selected as the NSIC Defensive Player of the Week the conference office announced on Monday.



Goudeau

Goudeau helped lead the Beavers to a 23-13 victory over St. Cloud State on Saturday by tying the school record with three interceptions. Goudeau returned two of the interceptions for touchdowns and sealed the win with an interception late in the fourth quarter.

Goudeau put the Beavers in front 10-0 in the first quarter when he returned his first interception 30 yards for a touchdown.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Goudeau intercepted a pass and returned it 45 yards for a score that upped the MSU lead, 23-7.

His final interception came with 1:08 remaining in the game, which gave MSU the victory.

Goudeau led the Beavers with five interceptions on the season and returned three of them for touchdowns.

Moreno named NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week

MSU sophomore JoseLuis Moreno was selected as the NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week the conference announced Nov. 6.



Moreno

Moreno had his best all-around game as a Beaver against Minnesota State Moorhead.

He converted all three of his field goal attempts, including drilling a career-long 40-yard field goal. His third field goal of the game, 22-yards, put the Beavers in front, 16-14, in the fourth quarter.

Moreno also averaged 52.2 yards on four punts, which included a career-best 69 yard effort.

Wrestlers to the mat



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU senior Carlos Toledano takes down University of Mary's Phillip Springsteen at 165 pounds. Toledano defeated Springsteen, 8-3. The Beavers host University of Minnesota Mankato Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Dome.

Hockey wins again



Junior forward Dylan Johnson dribbles the puck against University of Utah. The Beavers defeated the Utes, 9-0, on Nov. 4. The Beavers will host the University of Jamestown on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Maysa Arena.

Beavers earn All-NSIC Honors

(MSU Sports Information) — Seven players from the Minot State women's soccer team earned All-NSIC honors, the league office announced earlier this month.

Senior Kelli Creese, junior Haley Berryman, and freshman Sofia Lewis were named to the All-NSIC First team.

Junior Andrea Franco was named to the All-NSIC Second team while juniors Meagan Kawahara and Ashley Franco earned All-NSIC Third team honors.

Sophomore goalkeeper Erin Rafferty was named All-NSIC Honorable Mention.

Creese started all 18 matches for the Beavers while being a part of the defensive unit that recorded nine shutouts. The La Verne, Calif. native played the second most minutes on the team (1,608) while scoring four goals and posting three assists. Creese is first all-time at Minot State in games played, games started and minutes played.

Berryman appeared in all 18 matches, starting 17 of them in her first season at Minot State. The Ephrata, Wash. native led the team with six assists while finishing second for the Beavers with seven goals and 20 points on the season. Berryman finished the regular season ranked tied for fourth in the NSIC in assists (6), fifth in points (20) and tied for fifth in goals (7).

Lewis appeared in all 18 matches, starting 17 of them in her first collegiate season. The Minot native led the team with



Creese



Berryman



Lewis



Andrea Franco



Kawahara



Ashley Franco



Rafferty

12 goals and 29 points while finishing second with five assists. Lewis earned NSIC Offensive Player of the Week honors on Oct. 2 and ranked tied for first in the NSIC in goals scored (12) and game-winning goals (5), second in points (29), and tied for eighth in assists (5). Lewis made her mark nationally while ranking 16th in game-winning goals and tied for 31st in goals.



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Women's basketball takes first home win



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura
Junior guard Madison Wald dribbles past a defender. The Beavers defeated Rocky Mountain College, 79-53. The Beavers will host Dickinson State University at 5:30 p.m. at the Dome.

Cheerleaders bring spirit to home games



Freshman Caitlyn Poole cheers at a home football game. The cheerleaders performed a half-time show at the last home football game of the season.

Cross country comes to a close

By Brekka Wolf
Comm 281

The 2017 cross country season ended earlier this month with the men's team placing 26th and the women placing 23rd in the NCAA Division II Central Region Championships in Kearney, Neb.

It was a year that brought in new talents from freshmen and transfer students alike. Cross country and track and field head coach Stu Melby was impressed with how well some of these newcomers performed.

"On the women's side, Michaela Larson, a new freshman from Minot High, did a fantastic job. She was consistently our No. 3 runner. Brinlie Nielsen, also a freshman from Glasgow Mo., started out No. 7 and got down to No. 4 runner. Amanada Mohr, another freshman from Saskatchewan, was our No. 6 or 7. Mia Spain, freshman out of California, was redshirting soccer and came out to do cross country training and get stronger. She was our No. 7, No 8," Melby said.

On the men's side, the new people were Tory Bergan and Sahil Pandit.

"They were two of our new guys that were eligible, and they helped out. Then Steven Porter, who redshirted



Larson



Nielsen



Albertson



Bergan



Pandit

last year, was back this year," Melby said.

There were many athletes who grew during the season such as Jana Jones, a junior, going from 80th place last year to 65th in the 2017 Regionals. Patience Albertson, a senior, had her highest finish at regionals ever at 150th place, and Larson, Spain, and Porter all ran personal records at Regionals, but the season itself had its own struggles according to Melby.

"It was kind of a mixed season for us because of numbers," Melby said. "For the men, we had some health issues and injuries, so the end of the season kind of hurt us. For women, we lost a couple people because of injuries at the end, too. Unfortunately, one of them was one of our top women, Emily Westlake, so that kind of hurt us performance-wise. Overall, I think we came through pretty well,

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Leif Bakken calls volleyball from the third floor of the Dome.

Voice of the Beavers prepares for the future

By Corey Keller
Comm 281

Following his departure from his high school basketball team before his junior season in Lemmon, S.D., Leif Bakken realized there were other opportunities to stay involved in the sport besides playing it.

While working as a DJ at the local radio station, he approached his boss with an idea. "(I asked,) 'Can I do a junior varsity game of the week, every week that we have basketball,'" Bakken recalled. "He said, 'If you can find the sponsors, and get the money together so you can get paid, I'll let you do it.'"

After contacting some local businesses to sponsor both the boys' and girls' games, Bakken began calling the junior varsity

games before switching over to do color commentary by offering analysis or background information to assist the varsity team's play-by-play guy during breaks in the game.

With two years of local experience, Bakken came to Minot State and approached the athletic department hoping for the opportunity to continue to gain experience at the next level.

Although he had never called women's volleyball before, the athletic department liked his try-out recording and gave him the chance he was looking for.

"(They said,) 'You're pretty good for never doing this before, you can do all our volleyball,'" Bakken said.



This year marks the first year that Bakken's been doing all the play-by-play for Minot State athletics, which has included soccer, football, volleyball, both men's and women's basketball, baseball, and softball.

As his senior year continues,
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Football celebrates senior day



Sam Stange greets his family during Senior Day at Herb Parker Stadium on Nov. 4. The Beavers played their final home game of the season against Minnesota State University Moorhead.



Photo by Sam Wise
Freshman defensive back Manuel Bradford makes a tackle against Minnesota State University Moorhead. The Beavers came up short, 16-22. Beavers finished their season with a win on the road against St. Cloud State University, 23-13. Junior Kiante Goudeau returned two interceptions for touchdowns and tied the school record with three interceptions overall.

Rudolph tabbed NSIC Player of the Week

MSU senior Tyler Rudolph was selected Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference North Division Player of the Week of the league office announced Monday.



Rudolph

Rudolph helped the Beavers begin the season with a pair of double-digit victories by averaging 23.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game while shooting 51.5 percent from the floor.

Rudolph scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds in the Beavers 84-70 win against Southern Arkansas. He followed that up with a career-high 37 points when MSU defeated Henderson State, 78-50.

With his combined 47 points, Rudolph moved into fifth place in the Minot State career scoring list and now has 1,404 career points.

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but we definitely wanted to do better individually, team-wise, placing in conference, and all that, but it is what it is."

The team is currently on a short break to heal before indoor track training starts in the next couple weeks. The first indoor track and field meet is in mid-January, and the cross country runners will compete in distance events from the 800-meter to 10K.

"The track and field people have already been going. They started about the second week of school, including the sprinters, jumpers, and throwers. They have just been training all fall and are getting really anxious to start competing," Melby said.

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Bakken has begun to think about what comes next and whether he wants to continue pursuing play-by-play work following graduation.

"Absolutely. Currently I'm working on my resume reel and want to get it out there to Midcontinent and maybe a few cities looking for a sportscaster,"

Bakken said. "I want to go somewhere big."

Wherever he ends up, Bakken believes coming to Minot State has worked out well for him.

"As a freshman here, you get to start doing things, you don't have to wait until you're a junior or senior," Bakken said. "You get to be on the radio, on the TV show, work in the production room. I'm glad I'm a Beaver."

Bakken's play-by-play can be heard during the live stream of Beaver athletics at MSUBeavers.com.

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