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## Assisting the distressed student at Minot State

By Jerusalem Tukura  
Editor

Mental health is increasingly becoming an issue at Minot State University, according to Melissa Fettig, director of student health and member of MSU's Behavioral Intervention Team.

In order to match the needs of the MSU community, MSU formally introduced a program called "Assisting the Distressed Student" earlier this month. The program consists of two teams — Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) and Crisis Response Team (CRT). The goal of these teams is to serve as an intermediate, a safety net, for students as well as faculty and staff. Although the program was created for students, it is also applicable to faculty and staff.

"We are seeing more mental health issues on campus. We are seeing more serious things that could be prevented," Fettig said.

"I am careful to say there has been x-amount of attempts or situations involving suicide on our campus. However, I can say that this is a very real issue," Kevin Harmon, vice president of student affairs and member of the BIT and CRT, said. "This is an issue that we deal with way too frequently on our campus and our system needed to be improved."

For Ryan Fila, Minot State stu-

dent and member of the StepUP program, mental health services at the university need to be more than a reporting system.

"Everybody handles situations differently. (There should be) somebody that the student would be comfortable talking to or sharing their feelings with," Fila said. "People initially fall back on their friends and family. That is the natural way you handle that, but obviously there are issues where people do not talk about it. How do you get them to (before they take) things to the extreme?"

For now, the university is taking a step toward easier access to services through the BIT and CRT.

"If you see something, say something and do something," Harmon said. "That is kind of a nice way to summarize what we would like for our university community members."

Earlier this month, MSU's University Communications Office sent a campus-wide email announcement introducing the program.

"The Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) and Crisis Response Team (CRT) are formal institution-wide committees whose charge is to link students of concern to campus and community resources," the announcement read. "This includes assisting in

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Minot State President Steven Shirley (right) and his family (from the left) Jennifer, William, and Anna pose for a family photo in a Herb Parker Stadium suite during a home football game earlier this month.

## Work-life balance

### *The never-ending role of Minot State's president*

By Chad M. Olson  
Comm 281

A fan of Metallica, Pink Floyd, and the Foo Fighters, Minot State University President Steven Shirley likes going to rock concerts to unwind.

"I'm a big live music person. I go to a lot of concerts," he said.

Shirley has been the president of Minot State since July of 2014, while also being the president of Dakota College at Bottineau. Shirley has been a president within the North Dakota University system for 10 years — previously, he was president at Valley City State University. His undergraduate degree is in business and marketing management,

his master's degree is in business and administration, and his doctorate is in teaching and learning, all from the University of North Dakota.

"I am a proud graduate of the North Dakota University System. I always like to point that out because I think that we have a strong system of higher education in North Dakota," Shirley said.

Although he is a big fan of rock music, Shirley says his number one hobby is spending time with his children. His daughter, Anna, is 6, and son, William, is 3.

"An interesting place to grow up is on a college campus. To a certain degree, that's kind of a good

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# Opportunities for deaf education

Monica Rivera  
Comm 281

This year is the 55th anniversary of deaf education at Minot State University. In September, the MSU Diversity Council hosted a presentation, "Celebrating Centuries in Deaf Education: Honor the Past — Inspire the Future," with Dr. I. King Jordan in celebration of 200 years of deaf education in America.

"Minot State started having

deaf education classes in the fall of 1962. Expanding is one of our proudest achievements," Holy Pederson, assistant professor of special education, said. "We have evolved to stay relevant."

Minot State has a wide variety of options when it comes to working with children with deaf needs.

"The university has added a new deaf studies concentration, deaf and hard of hearing minor,

and an undergrad in sign language," Pederson said. "All children deserve to learn."

Minot State has three different clubs on campus that allow students to connect with individuals with special needs in the community: the Student Council for Exceptional Children; the Special Olympics Club, which is open to any major; and the newly added sign language club, Sign On.

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thing," he said about having his children frequently with him on campus.

As MSU president, Shirley has a busy work schedule averaging 60 hours per week. He often mixes family time with university obligations to make things work. He and his family can often be found at various events on campus such as football games and theatre productions.

"That's the great part of this job. Whether it's an athletic event or a theatre performance, if it's a music recital or going to hear a guest lecture, or something that students might be involved with, that's a lot of my nights and weekends," Shirley said.

Shirley's efforts to attend student events do not go unnoticed.

"This is the fourth college I have been to now, and I've seen President Shirley more than I've seen the other presidents," MSU football player and sociology major James Phillips said.

"I see him at programs and what-not, so it's kind of a nice thing he does," marketing major Emily Sipos said. "He's actually trying to build a connection compared to other professors and other people that you don't see there."

Shirley and his family also like to go and relax at their lake property on Lake Metigoshe, where he enjoys yard work and fishing.

"I really enjoy it up there. It's a good place to get away for a little bit," Shirley said.

As an administrator, Shirley has to juggle a wide variety of job duties. Some of these include addressing student issues, personnel matters, budget issues, inquiries from legislators, or attending fundraising events with alumni and donors. He also attends chamber of commerce meetings, and does a lot of in-state traveling representing the university.

"We're in the middle of some important things right now. We had an \$8.5 million budget reduction. It's been a painful and difficult process," he said.

During the next legislative session, Shirley said he will be diligently showing the important role that Minot State University plays.

"It's about presenting a case, a value proposition. Imagine this part of the state without Minot State University at the level it is right now. The legislators and the folks that write the checks have

***"Not every day is going to be easy, and not every test score is going to be what you want it to be. You dust yourself off and keep moving forward."***

— President Shirley

incredibly difficult positions as well," he said.

As the leader of a university, a lot of difficult decisions are made every day.

"Everyone makes mistakes every single day, and that's part of the human experience. You own it first of all. I think that's awfully important, to be an upstanding person, an upstanding leader, you take responsibility," Shirley said. "This is an education institution. We learn from textbooks as students, but we also, as a collective group of 400 plus employees, are learning things on a daily basis," Shirley said.

The road to student success at a university can often be full of challenges. Shirley has learned from his experiences in higher education, and shares lessons learned as advice to students.

"There's going to be tough days along the way. Not every day is going to be easy, and not every test score is going to be what you want it to be. You dust yourself off and keep moving forward," he said.

Shirley's frequent presence at campus events and concern about the future of MSU reveals a man who cares about the university and, especially, the students here at MSU.

"I love my job, love being at Minot State University, love the people we have here and our students," he said.

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an Imminent, Urgent, or Uncertain situation involving students, staff, or faculty on campus. The BIT has worked tirelessly to develop practical tools for our MSU community to address these situations."

Links to a manual to help students, staff or faculty assist people in the MSU community experiencing distress, a quick one-page guide to help make decisions on how to assist students, staff, or faculty in distress, and an online form to report a student, staff, or faculty concern can be found on the Red & Green's homepage at [MinotStateU.edu/RedGreen](http://MinotStateU.edu/RedGreen).

The BIT has existed for years at MSU but is now formalized as it is under the National Behavioral Intervention Team Association (NaBITA) and follows their guidelines as opposed to improvising.

"We knew some things were not as in place as they should be. We are seeing more issues with students with mental health," Fettig said. "Because that is increasing, we are realizing that we have to get a handle on preventing — don't wait until a crisis. We are trying to get more in line with prevention — let's fix this before it gets really bad, versus waiting for the crisis to happen."

In the past, if a student had a mental health issue, the student had to find the appropriate care and assistance, but now, with the availability and structure of the BIT and CRT, the student no longer has to go through that process, as the BIT and CRT are equipped with the information and resources to facilitate help and support as soon as possible, as opposed to the student waiting to set up an appointment with a mental healthcare provider, which could take weeks.

The forms for reporting concerns can be found on the homepage of the MSU website under the Keep U Safe button. The Keep U Safe button links to four differ-

ent forms for reporting concerns. The first is for reporting a con-



**Concerns and  
Complaint Forms**

cern for a member of the MSU community before a situation escalates to a crisis level, the second is for Title IX complaints, the third is for giving anonymous tips to the university on any incident or person of concern, and the fourth is for student complaints such as discrimination.

"Our goal is that we wanted to have a place for people to report so we could get assistance and manage our students, staff, and faculty to get them the help they need, but ultimately, the goal is to have a really good and robust mental health program and a really strong suicide prevention program," Fettig said.

"Everybody can report," Devin McCall, Residence Life director and BIT chair, said. "Anybody that has a concern can report through the 'reporting a student of concern' form that's on the MSU webpage. Then, we'll take those reports, we look at what's going on and then we ask questions like, 'What are their grades like?' 'Are they attending class?' We reach out to their academic advisors, we reach out to our counseling center on campus, we reach out to Student Health, and any office that might have student interactions, so we can see where the touch points are on campus."

Suicide, among other mental health issues, should not go ignored.

For concerns and assistance, dial 211-SUICIDE (211-784-2433) 1-800-273-8255 anytime, day or night, to be directed to someone on the BIT at Minot State. Reporting concerns or seeking help can also be done in-person with any of the BIT members.

# Voices on Campus

“What do you value most about the holidays?”



Annie Bachmeier  
Art Education

“Being able to unite with friends and family and just enjoying time together with people who you love spending time with.”



Samantha Brizee  
Athletic Training

“Spending time and seeing all my family members. I think it’s really important that we get together and have our time together. It makes us feel loved.”



Levy Cabatingan  
Management, Marketing,  
and International Business

“Time with family. It’s the one time in the year where you don’t feel like you have to worry about anything besides spending time with your family.”



Ayotunde Itayemi  
MSC Managemnet

“The opportunity to relax and do nothing.”



Brinlie Nielsen  
Speech Pathology

“I value spending time with family, eating home-cooked food, watching TV, and hanging out with friends.”



Katelynn Schettler  
Communication Disorders

“Being with my family and spoiling them with self-baked treats such as cinnamon buns, eggnog cheesecake, and Christmas cookies.”

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## R&G Editorial

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### Tying up loose ends

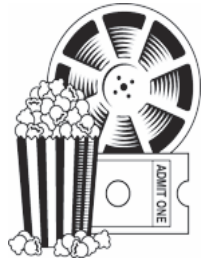
As the semester comes to a close, it is evident that there is still work to be done. Whether you are on top of things or not, it is important to stay focused and, most importantly, diligent until the end. This is the time students often find themselves unmotivated as the winter break is merely weeks away.

Understand that if you drop the ball now, the consequences may be larger than you think. In many classes, these final weeks make up a considerable amount of your grade.

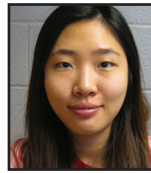
A helpful practice is to schedule yourself. Make a list of everything you need to do and commend yourself with a treat of your choice for completing the task(s).

It is never too late to do the right thing. If you feel the need to see a professor concerning your grade, schedule a meeting. Professors can often provide insight on how to get on track, even with the short time left.

Devils week (finals week) is fast approaching and I can attest to this being the most stressful period of the semester. To beat stress, avoid procrastination and get enough rest after accomplishing each task on your list. That way, you will be replenished and ready to take on the next task. Do not lose sight of the goal.



## On Movies



### 'Jigsaw'

By Yun Ji Nam  
Staff Writer

When James Wan and Leigh Whannell were still independent filmmakers back in 2003, they released a low-budget short film, "Saw," which later turned into a magnificent franchise success to attract millions of Horror goers.

The countless audiences seeking an adrenaline rush have fallen in love with the chilling, uncomfortable journey where everybody's secrets are shamelessly revealed, and the characters fight to prove their individual morality and good intentions in order to survive from well-invented killing machines.

Under clock-ticking extreme circumstances, each character reveals his or her hidden, nasty side as a human, and this somehow provokes viewers to look back on their own lives to reflect whether the decisions made were right or wrong, or fall in the grey area.

The "Saw" series has brilliantly blurred the boundary between the real world and the world on screen, terrorizing both the characters and the audience.

"Jigsaw" has been freshly released after 13 years, once again stirring people's minds as its shocking predecessors did.

Opening with five characters chained with iron buckets on their heads, which are connected to the sharp, rolling saw-toothed-wheeled electric door boards ahead of them,

"Jigsaw" doesn't beat around the bush in suggesting its main theme from the beginning — "Admit and confess thy sins, or else you will be doomed."

"Jigsaw" starts out confidently as a daring and bold movie wishing to weave on its compelling mystery and build up tension, but that tension soon becomes dull and lagging, and the catharsis that fans experienced from the forerunner films are not there.

"Jigsaw" doesn't really extract any feelings from the audience. Since the movie doesn't really release anything, neither does the audience. As I witnessed the character standing at the last minute, narrating an explanation for the plot twist and his or her motive, and what the movie was supposed to be all about, I felt numb. I felt betrayed. The uncomfortable, forceful spoon-feeding-like revelation of truth at the end made me sit still in the theater chair then I feel nothing more. The let-down was serious and all encompassing because fans were deceived and disappointed by what was loved and expected.

What started as another great "Saw" installment only lived for split seconds in the beginning then dissipated quickly — so does the tension and everything about the film, for that matter, including the relationship between the film and the audience. It is questionable whether there was deep-seeded meaning at all. Fans are left all alone in the dark not only during the movie but even after the movie finished.



Submitted photo  
Cast members (from the left) Eric Fetske, Brenna Heupel (seated), Maddie Thompson, and Dan Fagan perform in "God of Carnage."

## Production recognized by regional theater festival

By Alyson Heisler  
Comm 281

The Minot State University mainstage production of "God of Carnage," performed last month, was selected as a possible featured performance at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

The show's director, Aili Smith, associate professor of theatre arts, is excited about the possible journey ahead.

"If the production is selected, all elements including set, costumes, props, and performance will be taken. We will load up a U-Haul and travel a long distance to share our production with other theatre artists in the region," Smith said.

This selection would be a monumental moment for Minot State's Theatre Arts Program — as MSU has never had a full participating production selected for the festival.

"MSU has one of the smallest theatre departments in the

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MSU students (from the left) Kaylee Capp and Tessa Stewart rehearse for the upcoming play, "Laugh Out Loud (cry quietly)."

## Campus Players presents 'Laugh Out Loud (cry quietly)'

By Jerusalem Tukura  
Red & Green editor

The play, "Laugh Out Loud (cry quietly)," is a whimsical story written by Stacie Lents in 2014. Maddie Thompson, a Minot State University senior in theatre arts, pitched the play to Campus Players as the club's fall production. Club members chose the play, and Thompson to direct it, because the story is funny and seems relatable to most people growing up in this century.

The story is about the ups and downs of online dating and follows the experience of 19 young adults.

"They all go through different scenarios," Thompson said. "Some of them are on their very first date, some of them are finding success, and some of them have just been on the worst date of their life."

The play runs Dec. 7-9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Aleshire Theater. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors, MSU students, and children. This pro-

duction is not free for MSU community members as ticket sales go to the club.

"It is the only show we charge admission for the whole year because it's our fundraiser," Thompson said.

The funds made from the show will be used to sponsor Campus

Players' upcoming trip to the regional Kennedy Center for American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) in Des Moines, Iowa.

"The play is a heartfelt comedy. It's not dense or hard to understand," Thompson said. "You can come and sit down for two hours and laugh and have a good time."

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region, and I would be extremely grateful as a director and theatre artist to present our work at the festival," Smith said. "The cast, designers, and crew for 'God of Carnage' have been absolutely

wonderful to work with collaboratively."

Smith will find out in December whether the show will be one of the mounted productions at the regional festival in Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 21-27.

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# Freedom of speech

International students reflect on expansion of freedoms in the U.S.

By Brileigh Boyce  
Comm 281

In America, the freedom of speech is often taken for granted. Jerusalem Tukura from Lagos, Nigeria, and Tu Tong from Vietnam, both Red & Green writers, spoke about freedom and protection under the First Amendment in the United States.

"It's hard as a civilian to have a voice, because you have to be careful not to step on any toes of people who are in higher positions than you," Tukura said about her home country.

In Lagos, Nigeria, there isn't as much freedom as the United States. Americans are able to say anything they think or feel about society and cultures or even their own thoughts on the president. In Tukura's native country, people aren't able to do speak so freely.

"There's a lot of corruption in politics (in Nigeria). A lot of the time, people's voices can be bought; with money or material things," Tukura said. "There is a lot of power with a position such as a president or vice president, senate and what have you. These people have the power to shape the conversation, so if someone says something about them that they don't like, they can assassinate them. It's that drastic."

Tukura came to Minot State University in January of 2015. This is her second year as editor of the Red & Green and third year working at the

newspaper.

"It's nice to be able to have a voice and be heard. It's very different. It's a different mindset that I had to push myself into because every now and then I have something to say and question, 'Is this appropriate? Can I actually say that without being reprimanded?' Sometimes I do say things and expect negative feedback from someone in a higher position saying, 'Why did you say that or why did you do that?'" Tukura explained.

Tong is a student in Communication 281 — a class in which students write pieces for the Red & Green. He is also found new freedom in speech since he came to Minot State University in August of 2016, and he understands the significant contrast of media freedoms in both countries.

My grandpa is a war reporter, so he works for one side, and you only report the good things; even the war itself. He wrote a lot of articles, a lot of novels, but I don't really enjoy his work. It's always the good. You need to have the good and the bad," Tong said.

Vietnam has freedom of speech, but not to the extent of America. Instead of having multiple political parties like the U.S., Vietnam has only one party — Communist Party. Its main objective, according to Tong, is to have a monopoly control that doesn't allow any type of challenge to its power.

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Melissa Olson (center) accepts a quilt from Helaman Hale (left), MSU Native American Cultural Awareness Club president, and Annette Mennem, Native American Center director. Olson, co-writer and co-producer of the audio documentary "Stolen Childhoods," spoke on campus last week. In the documentary, Olson and three other Native women tell the stories of their mothers' adoptions into white families. The quilt was presented as a thank you for sharing.

## 'Stolen Childhoods' and the inspiration behind it

By Taylor Eckleberry  
Comm 281

Melissa Olson, writer and co-producer of the audio documentary "Stolen Childhoods," spoke on campus last week about the inspiration and process behind the project.

It is hard to imagine the hardships of displacement, but for many Native American children this was their reality during the adoption era when Native American children were taken from their families and their cultures and adopted into white families.

Olson's mother was one of those children. Both her mother's experiences and Olson's own helped shape the idea for the documentary.

"The project, the audio documentary, really came about as we started to plan and think about

who we were and what we wanted to do," Olson stated. "I had done a lot of research, I knew I wanted to do something that set my mom's experiences and the stories of these other moms in context."

Olson brought three other women, whose mothers were also adoptees, onto the project. The women pitched their idea to decision makers at a local radio station in Minnesota, KFAI, and they agreed to help with the documentary. "Stolen Childhoods" took two years to craft and edit before being released.

Many of the stories told by the women and their mothers tell of the lifelong hardships associated with displacement, such as alcoholism and crises of identity. Although the adoption era stole the childhood from these children,

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## MSU celebrates international culture



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Senior Mikhail Popov discusses Ivory Coast culture and food with junior Dakota Brown at MSU's International Culture Celebration. The event featured 18 cultural groups. The MSU Office of International Programs coordinated the event in the Student Center earlier this month.

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## Sports Editorial

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### Basketball starts strong

Beaver basketball is off to an amazing start and the season is looking promising for both the men and the women this year. Men's basketball is currently standing at 7-0 and are also the only remaining undefeated team in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

The men are playing their hearts out and the season has only just begun, with men setting records for themselves and besting their own game and career highs.

Against Valley City State, Tyler Rudolph scored a game-high of 22 points; against Dickinson State, David Akibo scored a career-high of 16 points. In the home opener alone, Tyler Rudolph scored a career-high of 40 points — beating his previous career-high of 37 points the week before. Rudolph was named the NSIC North Division Player of the Week on Nov. 13 and again this week.

Women's basketball has also had a strong start, standing at 4-1, and already looking better than last year. They are performing well under the lead of new head coach Mark Graupe. In the win against Dickinson State, Madison Wald led with a team-high of 18 points; in their season opener against Rocky Mountain, Holly Johnson scored 18 points and had 12 rebounds.

Last week against Yellowstone Christian College, the women performed phenomenally with Shyla Carr leading the team in scoring with a career-high of 21 points and six rebounds. Alyx Fast followed with 14 points and three assists.

The teams are definitely putting on the best show possible for us to watch.

## Air-supported dome to cover Herb Parker field

By Monica Rivera  
Comm 281

The long anticipated seasonal air-supported multisport dome arrived at Minot State University last spring and is expected to be raised by the end of November, according to Andrew Carter, MSU athletic director.

"The manufacturer is sending two men to serve as foreman and Minot State will be working on providing the labor instead of spending \$35,000 for labor," Carter said.

The dome is a massive air-inflated fabric that will cover Minot State's turf at Herb Parker Stadium to create a facility that all outdoor sports will be able to practice under no matter the

weather.

"(We) want the facility to get used because it's a great opportunity for students," Carter said.

The temperature inside will be between 48 and 58 degrees through the winter, but North Dakota weather poses some risks.

"Our biggest problem that should run up is the weather because even though it has a sensor blower that kicks up, we will still have to make sure to keep the snow off so it doesn't turn into ice and poke a hole," Carter said.

It is yet to be determined who will remove snow and ice.

"Expect that it's going to be a  
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## Faculty reps to bridge athletics and academics gap

By Brileigh Boyce  
Comm 281

Andrew Carter, Minot State University athletic director, invited faculty members to be a greater part of athletics this year. Each team chose at least one faculty representative for the student-athletes.

Representatives include Heidi Super, professor of biology, men's and women's cross country and track and field; Tawnya Bernsdorf, instructor of business administration, soccer; Melissa Spelchen, assistant professor of criminal justice, and Terry Eckmann, professor of teacher education and human performance, football; Jay Wahland, assistant professor of accounting and finance, men's basketball; Kristi Berg, associate professor of business information technology, women's basketball; Scott Sigel, associate professor of foreign language, and Paul Lepp, professor of biology, wrestling; Stuart Kelly, professor of philosophy, baseball; Heather Golly, associate professor of athletic training

education, softball; Naomi Windburn, instructor of chemistry, men's golf; MariDon Sorum, instructor of special education, women's golf; and Maria Buchholz-Kermann, assistant professor of criminal justice, volleyball.

At one of the home volleyball games, Buchholz-Kermann high-fived the players as they came off the court and onto the bench.

"It was such a different atmosphere," Buchholz-Kermann said. "It (the game) was very fast paced, but after the first five minutes, I started to get the hang of it."

Buchholz-Kermann was excited about the opportunity to become more involved in the athletic life of student-athletes.

"This is such a great idea and hopefully, as it progresses, we can help fundraise for the team and do other things," Buchholz-Kermann said.

"We wanted to bridge the gap between athletics and academics," Dana Cordova, head volleyball coach,  
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## Six Beavers named to NSIC All-Conference Football Team

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State senior Bryce Broome and sophomore JoseLuis Moreno were each named First Team All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference North Division and Kiante Goudeau, Larry Overstreet, Lavante Bushnell, and Matt Marler were also named all-conference as announced by the league office earlier this month.

In addition, Goudeau was named to the second team and Overstreet, Bushnell, and Marler were each named honorable mention all-conference.

Broome led the Beavers with a career-high 112 tackles and ranked third in the NSIC averaging 10.2 tackles per game. Broome also led MSU with 11.5 tackles for loss and tied for the team lead with two fumble recoveries. He intercepted two passes, forced two fumbles, and had 1.5 sacks on the year.

Moreno averaged 38.8 yards per punt during the season. He ranked seventh in the NSIC in punting and pinned the opponent inside the 20-yard line 18 times during the year. He had seven punts over 50 yards including a career-long 69-yard punt against MSU Moorhead.

Goudeau, a junior, led the Beavers with five interceptions. He ranked third in the NSIC in interceptions and 19th in the NCAA. He returned three interceptions for touchdowns. He ranked fourth on the team with 63 tackles and also had five tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, a blocked kick and 1.5 sacks.

Overstreet led the Beavers with 722 rushing yards and ranked ninth in the NSIC averaging 72.2 yards per game. He rushed for six touchdowns on the

## Flowers named NSIC North Player of the Week

(MSU Sports Information) — Senior Kristal Flowers received NSIC North Division Player of the Week honors for the first time this season, the league announced Monday.

Flowers averaged 16.5 points and 17.5 rebounds in two games last week.

Flowers scored 15 points and notched 14 rebounds in an 80-77



Broome



Moreno



Goudeau



Overstreet



Bushnell



Marler

season including three touchdown runs against Mary. The senior also ranked second on the team with 25 catches. Overstreet topped 100 yards rushing in three games and had a career-high 190 yards rushing against Mary.

Bushnell was MSU's top receiver in 2017 as he caught 38 passes and led with five touchdown receptions. The sophomore hauled in two touchdown catches against Augustana and had a season-high seven catches against Crookston.

Marler ranked third on the Beavers with 73 tackles after transferring to MSU from North Dakota. The Minot native was second on the team with eight tackles for loss and tied for the team lead with two fumble recoveries.

loss vs. Jamestown.

In the NSIC-opening win over Mary, Flowers scored 18 points and grabbed 21 rebounds, including nine on the offensive end.



Flowers



# Wrestlers return to the mat for new season

By Tu Tong  
Comm 281

Minot State University's wrestling program was 4-12 overall last year in Evan Forde's second season as a head coach. According to Forde, the team certainly did not finish where they wanted to, but this year they have gained a lot more experience, depth, and competition for the starting spots.

"Our attitude is to train every day; train to get better every single day," Forde said.

Forde expects the team will have a good season this year as the team returned pretty much every-one.

"For the past couple seasons, we've just been building our roster up. We started with around 13 guys when I first got here and now we have 40 on the roster," Forde said. "We're getting them a lot great experiences. They are doing great jobs; they're working hard."

The wrestlers have taken to the mat already this season. The Green-Red intrasquad dual allowed MSU wrestlers to compete against each other. Earlier this month, MSU hosted University of Mary for a non-conference competition.

"We lost 21 to 15. We won five matches and they won five matches but we lost some bonus point," Forde said. "Of course, we want to beat Mary any time we wrestle them, but we will wrestle them for the conference next semester, so that's what we are gearing up for."

The team had its first tournament earlier this month at the Bison Open in Fargo. North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University, University of Minnesota, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and Northland Community and Tech College all competed.

"This is tough tournament to

open up with, and I thought the guys did really well, with four guys in the top six, two guys took fifth place — Zach Berry and Briley Crissler," Forde said.

After Thanksgiving, the team started the dual meet schedule.

"We'll wrestle three duals starting with the University of Providence and then an open tournament. After that, we finish our schedule for this semester with Mankato and Upper Iowa at home. In January and February, we basically finish our conference schedule and wrestle a couple non-conference teams as well. And then we have the regional tournament at the end of February and the national tournament in mid-March," Forde said.

Forde expects the team to do well.

"We have a great opportunity to move up in the conference and have some national qualifiers this year. We've never had national qualifiers in Division II before," Forde said.

Strengths in the lineup include Mitchell Eull, heavy weight and Carlos Toledano, 165 pounds. Both are seniors and team captains.

"Toledano is an explosive



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU Sophomore Keegan Berry (184 pounds) holds down University of Mary's Jackson Schichel. Berry defeated Schichel, 4-2. The Marauders won the dual, 21-15. The Beavers will host Minnesota State University, Mankato Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Dome.

wrestler. He is very strong and quick and has a lot of talents," Forde said.

Other leaders in team lineup are senior Briley Crissler, 197 pounds, and junior Tanner Crissler, 149 pounds.

"We kind of count on these guys to be leaders, and we have a lot of guys in the lineup like Parker Osterman, Keegan Berry, Michael Rangel, Dean Arevalo, Liam Hayden. Those guys started first time as freshmen last year. We're really looking for that group of guys to take the next step and start seeing success on the mat for us," Forde said. "The biggest thing is we not only keep challenging

those guys to come together as a family, support each other, and have each other's back, but also be able to call each other out and be able to motivate each other."

## Sports in Brief

*Women's golf ends fall season looking forward to the spring*

The women's golf team played four tournaments this fall. Three out of four of those tournaments were great showings for the team according to head coach Spencer Hilde.

"This fall season was a learning process. We have a young team but we fought week in and week out," Hilde said.

This fall set the tone for the women's goals for the spring.

"Our goal is to be in the top three in the conference this season and our stretch goal is to qualify for the regional post-season," Hilde said.

The women's golf team will host an invite in Las Vegas in March.

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## Men get the win after snapped streak



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Bryce Lipinski (left) awaits the faceoff against University of Jamestown. The Beavers lost, 3-2, but defeated the Jimmies the next day, 2-1. The Beavers host University of Jamestown Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. at Maysa Arena.

## Women win in military appreciation game



Photo by Breanna Wieler

Alex Harrom looks for an advantage against North Dakota State University at the Maysa earlier this month. The Beavers won, 2-0. The following day, the Beavers defeated NDSU, 6-1. The Beavers host Midland University Jan. 26 and 27 at 4:30 p.m. at the Maysa.

## Beavers have historic 7-0 start



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Junior David Akibo (No. 15) pushes past a Dickinson State defender earlier this month in the Dome. The Beavers won, 81-63. The Beavers opened NSIC play last week against University of Mary, defeating the Marauders, 91-61.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Senior Luis Ricci Maia dribbles the ball against Dickinson State earlier this month. The Beavers host Northern State University on Friday at 8 p.m. and MSU Moorhead on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Dome.

## Beavers dominate early season



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Sophomore Reina Strand handles the ball against Dickinson State. The Beavers won, 69-43. The Beavers began NSIC play last week against University of Mary, defeating the Marauders, 72-62.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Sophomore Mariah Payne (No. 4) shoots against Dickinson State earlier this month. The Beavers host Northern State University on Friday at 6 p.m. in the Dome.

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there were stories of peace and acceptance. Some of the women were able to meet their birth parents and other members of their family.

After the audio documentary was published, Olson and the other women traveled to different places to share their stories. Through sharing their stories, their goal is to educate people about the hardships that indigenous children had to endure.

"Stolen Childhoods" is available for free on SoundCloud.

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"Most of the biggest publisher stations are sponsored by the government, so information is controlled by the government. If you have a negative idea about the government, you absolutely cannot do it in the newspaper," Tong said. "It's very different for me to have freedom of speech here, so I don't really understand how to be a journalist here in the U.S.A. For me not having the freedom of speech in my country, I now deeply feel the need for freedom of speech."

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work in progress," Carter said.

The structure cost approximately \$2 million. A \$1 million grant from the city of Minot's Community Facilities Fund and private donations funded the dome.

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said. "The school has gone through a hard time with budget cuts and stuff like that and I think it's made a lot of animosity. A lot of times the academic world sees athletics as the spoiled member of the family, so this is a way for athletics and academics to get on the same page. I don't think athletics does a very good job of knowing what goes on in the academic world, and I think academics can learn a lot from what the athletes go through on

a daily basis."

Buchholz-Kermann serves as a liaison between Minot State's volleyball team and Minot State's faculty. If there is an issue with a player in a class, Buchholz-Kermann could speak with that colleague to help solve the problem.

In return, the volleyball team plans to shadow Buchholz-Kermann in order to better understand what goes on during her day as a professor.

"I think the only way the university will continue to grow and really

live up to its potential is when both sides come together to serve the purpose of the university," Cordova said. "We can't have animosity, and I think if we can get to the point where they see our side and we see their side and we're able to move forward, it'll be great."

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