



**ABOVE: The new, expanded C-Store offers more options for those needing to grab a quick lunch or snack.**

Photo by  
Alyson Heisler

**RIGHT: Starbucks coffee is available in the Beaver Dam, which now connects to the Beaver Creek Cafe.**

Photo by  
Alyson Heisler



## New spaces offer new opportunities for students

By Destond Hall  
COMM 281

Minot State University finalized a new contract with Sodexo this summer. The contract includes holding Sodexo more accountable for communication between students and Sodexo food services on campus. With the new contract being put into play, all food on campus will be on the second floor of the Student Center. The cafeteria will be open from 7 a.m. – 1 a.m., allowing students to come in anytime during those hours.

“We are pleased to welcome back Sodexo for another academic year under

the renegotiated contract,” Aaron Richard, Student Government Association president, said. “This allows all students with night classes, work commitments, and athletic practices to have access to the cafe later into the evening.”

“Most significantly, we’ve expanded access to our students — meaning we’re open 18 hours a day,” Kevin Harmon, vice president for student affairs, said. “One of the complaints that we’ve been receiving over the last few years were that we weren’t open enough.”

With all food services being moved to the second floor of the Student Center, the building now has more space on

the first floor. The downstairs was previously home to Buckshots restaurant. Now, this space is under renovation for a new E-Lounge that will be equipped with six gaming consoles.

“We will be putting six TVs downstairs where the sitting area of the cafeteria is located. There will be four PS4s and two Xboxes, along with some lounge furniture and three long meeting tables so that clubs and organizations can have a place that they can kind of hangout and meet if they want,” Aaron Hughes, Student

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## Midterm elections to decide constitutional amendments and Senate seat

By Shalom Baer  
Comm 281

North Dakota midterm elections, those that take place in the middle of a presidential term, are on Nov. 6.

While it is difficult to track voter turnout by age due to lack of voter registration in the state, according to

which would legalize the drug for recreational use for anyone over the age of 21 in North Dakota.

“The measure will remove all reference to marijuana from the century code, in effect making it legal without any regulation,” Larshus said. “One other issue, there is nothing in the measure about regulation — other

than must be over 21 — and nothing about taxation.”

North Dakota voters will also weigh in on a constitutional amendment. If enacted, it would change the definition

**“If you’re not voting now, people that aren’t going to be around 25 years from now are going to be affecting your life . . .”**

— Jynette Larshus

the United States Census Bureau, 18 to 24-year-olds in North Dakota voted at consistently lower rates than those in any other age bracket in the 2016 presidential election.

“If you’re not voting now, people that aren’t going to be around 25 years from now are going to be affecting your life 25 years from now because they’re making the policy, so it’s really important to get out (and vote),” Jynette Larshus, professor of sociology and political science at Minot State University, said. “Midterms are in some cases even more important because that’s where you see a lot of your local and state stuff, and state and local elections affect your day-to-day life more directly.”

The ballot in November will have several initiatives — laws that are decided directly by voters rather than through the state legislature and require a majority vote to be enacted. According to the ND Secretary of State website, voters will decide whether to remove marijuana from the list of Schedule I Controlled Substances,

of qualified voters from “Every citizen of the United States” to “Only a citizen of the United States.” The amendment also adds a clause explicitly stating that only citizens of the United States are eligible to vote in North Dakota. The current North Dakota constitution does not include a similar clause.

“It goes from being an inclusionary sentence to an exclusionary sentence,” Larshus said.

Another potential constitutional amendment would form the North Dakota Ethics Commission to combat election and lobbying corruption.

“(The amendment is) basically a state department of ethics, which we don’t really have right now,” Larshus explained.

One of North Dakota’s Senate seats is also up for election. Republican Kevin Cramer, former North Dakota Congressman, is running against incumbent Democratic Senator Heidi Heitkamp, who has held the seat since 2013.

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## 'Custom Guitars' on display at Minot State

MSU's Northwest Art Center presents "Custom Guitars" by Williston artist Beau Theige. The exhibit contains playable guitars made from everyday objects that can be described as "half instrument, half art." The exhibit is free and open to the public. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 27 in the Northwest Arts Center. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Homecoming elections and free lunch

Elections of Homecoming Court and other positions will take place Monday through Wednesday in the Beaver Dam. Sodexo will provide free lunch from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Student Center outside the Beaver Dam Monday — Friday. Student ID is required.

## Build-A-Beaver in the Beaver Dam

Start Homecoming week by showing beaver pride and build your very own Buckshot on Monday at 8 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. The event is free with

MSU Student ID.

## Homecoming parade registration due

Organizations wishing to participate in the Homecoming parade must submit float registration forms by Tuesday. The application to register is available online at [MinotStateU.edu/Alumni](http://MinotStateU.edu/Alumni).

## Block Party open to Minot community

The community is invited to kick off Minot State Homecoming on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will include free food, entertainment, and coronation of Minot State's Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at 6:30 p.m. The block party will take place on the Old Main lawn. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be relocated to the MSU Dome.

## MSU Homecoming parade day

Show your beaver-spirit on Saturday, Sept. 22 on MSU's campus.

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Activities coordinator, said. "The Student Government Association would kind of be the voice of the students to help us decide what else we want to be in that space. Now that there's no dining area down there, we're just trying to bring life into that space. It's kind of like an extended Beaver Dam to give students that area to hang out at."

The vision is for the E-Lounge to be an inviting and comfortable place for students so that they can take full advantage of it.

"Construction has started and we're hopeful by mid-October that space would be up and running. Then we'll continue to develop that space to try to make space for our clubs and organizations, and just a general gathering space

for our students," Harmon said.

"We are currently reevaluating the layout and use of the Student Center building. The hope is that we are able to put together more funding this semester to conduct a much larger renovation of the building to update and address many of the problems that we currently have with the space," Richard said.

Those with ideas for what they would like to see in the space should reach out to Richard or anyone in the Student Government Association via email.

"I am very excited to continue working on this project throughout this school year, and I can assure you that the Student Government Association is committed to utilizing all spaces within the Student Center to benefit our current students," Richard said.

# Bike rentals now available at the Wellness Center

By Calli Delsman  
Comm 281

The Wellness Center launched a bike rental program this fall to meet student needs.

"Transportation has been a topic on campus and it was just something that we thought we could, you know, help out with," Paul Brekke, Wellness Center coordinator, said.

Brekke has been working at Minot State for ten years. He's worked within the Wellness Center ever since it opened and has been in the fitness and recreation industry for the last 20 years.

"We looked at different bike share programs within the community itself, the city of Minot and the parks. That concept is being talked about still and may come to Minot at some point in time," Brekke said.

Many students have already responded positively to the program according to Brekke.

Minot State student, Alyson Heisler, has already used the bike rental for a nice, relaxing ride, while also being active.

"It was very convenient to be able to

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"This midterm election for North Dakota is particularly important because we have one of the most contested and highly watched Senate races in the nation, to the point where Judy Woodroof, who is the lead anchor of PBS news, is moderating a debate between our two Senate candidates," Lashus said.



Photo by Alyson Heisler

**Bikes available for students to check out sit across from the Wellness Center.**

get a bike from the bike rack and be able to simply put it back and not worry about having to store my own bike," Heisler said.

Heisler also mentions how simple the process of renting a bike was.

"They just stop at the front desk and ask to checkout a bike," Brekke said. "We're keeping the bikes across the street right now because we don't have a concrete place to put that bike rack in front of our building. We do require that you take a lock with you when you

take the bike, and we require you take a bike helmet with you when you take the bike."

As the program progresses, Brekke hopes to make it more formatted for students so they are able to use it as they please and to make it their own.

"Absolutely, I would use the program again in the future as someone who enjoys bike riding as both a casual activity and also as a fun way of getting outside to see the world around you," Heisler said.

North Dakota is the only state that does not have voter registration, so college students can choose to vote in their hometowns, or they can vote in the precinct where they attend school if they have lived there for at least 30 days. Students will need to show a government-issued photo ID with a North Dakota address or a government-issued photo ID and proof of North Dakota residency, such as a utility bill. The Vice President of Academic Affairs office can

provide a form for students living on campus to prove their residency.

Out-of-state students who do not want to change their residency should make plans to vote via absentee ballot in their home states.

For more information on voting in North Dakota or to view a sample ballot, visit [Vote.ND.gov](http://Vote.ND.gov).



## Voices on Campus

***'What is your favorite part of the new dining options on campus?'***



**Emily Murray**  
**Early Childhood Ed.**

"The late-night hours. I like the fact that they are open until 1 a.m. because it's nice to have the option for those who need it."



**Jackie Rockeman**  
**Elementary Education**

"The healthier options. I can't have much protein, so any veggies that are cooked, as then I don't only have to eat raw vegetables. I only have the 3-days-a-week meal plan, so I don't need to pay for meals all week long when I'm not here."



**Aylin Ergin**  
**Broadcasting**

"I really like the bigger convenience store because you can get more items besides food like paper plates, paper towels, and frozen foods — especially for international students so they don't have to go all the way to Walmart. I also enjoy the new opening to Beaver Dam to make it seem much more available to students."



**Jacob Spencer**  
**Criminal Justice**

"I like the expanded food options. There's lots of different choices, so everyone can get what they like."



**Lodina laboah**  
**Biology**

"The service quality is very good — if you go in there feeling down, they'll meet you with a smiling face to make you feel happy. I enjoy their breakfast meal a lot. It's very good."



**Mykal Drosdal**  
**Broadcasting**

"I would definitely say the to-go boxes because I don't like to cook sometimes and it's nice to be able to bring something back to my room and not have to worry about making a meal later."



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## R&G Editorial

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Summer is sliding away, and fall is upon us. Though spring is typically the symbol of new beginnings, fall is my fresh start because of the new academic year. Before the semester began, I decided to work on increasing my productivity. After some trial and error, I have solidified a major factor that may just lead to a path of academic success — hopefully for myself and others.

I am increasing my productivity by increasing my mindfulness. Awareness and presence are a significant issue for me, and in the current age of technology, I find that my attention shifts frequently to anything new at my fingertips. I never take the time to take stock of my life — what is working, what's not worth my time, and what am I putting off constantly?

I started using a planner dedicated to productivity and mindfulness that has forced me to slow down. I plan out my weeks — down to hourly schedules. I plan my months — goals, projects, and bad habits to break. The daily pages are revolved around priorities and include reflection on how well I conquered tasks, what hindrances occurred, and accountability reflection for finishing or not finishing daily tasks.

Now, I strive to meet goals to avoid seeing the excuses I record in my daily reflection. Taking this small amount of extra time to be present and reflect has made a difference in how I'm budgeting my time overall.

A popular saying states that, "Time and money are terrible things to waste." Money comes and goes—time doesn't. Budget well.



## On Movies 'BlacKkKlansman'



**Yun Ji Nam**  
Features Editor

Brilliant filmmaker Spike Lee pointed his finger at President Trump after the president turned a blind eye to the only hate group responsible for the heartbreaking Charlottesville attack. "He is an Agent Orange," Lee said, referring to the president in his casual voice, with a dash of extremely sarcastic undertone. A year after the attack, Lee's film "BlacKkKlansman" is in theaters, and he has something to say. The film is a story of a black man from the past, yet the tale is chillingly contemporary.

"BlacKkKlansman" is set in the 1970s, a time of volatile change and progress. Ron Stallworth, the protagonist, played by John David Washington, adjusts his Afro and clothes before work. He is the first African-American police officer starting his new post in Colorado Springs. His first day at work is rough; Stallworth's superior asks him what he would do if he was called an n-word by a white cop, and a racist colleague decides to conduct psychological warfare with Stallworth about his ethnic identity.

In "BlacKkKlansman," the

Colorado Springs Police Department claims to suffer from the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and the Black Panther Party. Stallworth, while working as an undercover detective to investigate the Black Panther Party, happens to find a KKK recruitment advertisement in a newspaper. Curious, he calls the number and leaves a voice message. Then, something completely unexpected happens to Stallworth; the KKK wants him to join their membership. They take an interest in his confident, articulate, and reliable voice, mistakenly assuming it is that of a white man. Stallworth is now bestowed a rare opportunity to investigate one of the most despicable, shocking organizations in history in depth; he gets to be a part of the KKK as a black man.

Stallworth's adventure is referred to as "mission impossible," and it makes audiences hold sweat in their hands.

"BlacKkKlansman" is both an adrenaline rush and a good laugh. The humor in "BlacKkKlansman" is hilarious and witty. The intelligent, implicit jokes are charged with second, or third, meanings. In many scenes, the stupidity of KKK members believing black men cannot pronounce certain words white men can cracks the audience up; but, what hits us after the laugh is something far more significant than the film's initial joke — the fact that race is a fruit of social construction and people judge each other based on what is transient,

such as the concept of race.

In "BlacKkKlansman," Lee demonstrates his remarkably candid view of the complicated unjust world we live in. In our world, race is redundantly focused on as significant, while our identity is often ignored. By including frightening clips of the Charlottesville attack at the end of the film, Lee makes it crystal clear where he stands on this issue of violence, deviant labeling, and misunderstanding as a filmmaker; he tells a story of racism strictly from an African-American's point of view. Lee delights us with insightful jokes, then silence us with the truth deeply buried underneath each banter.

With "BlacKkKlansman," Lee blazes

the trail of history forward by retracing the past backwards. The way he tackles the controversial issue with his film is extraordinary; the film is keen-sighted, yet Lee knows how to make it stylish and sophisticated as well. It is like watching a master Samurai aim perfectly with his sword in order to brandish it brilliantly.

However, the joy of watching a well-crafted film does not last forever. The excitement of a stakeout in "BlacKkKlansman" sparks for a while, but then the film reaches the end point. What awaits us when we get to the end is sadness. The horrendous clips of

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Located at 400 Central Ave. E., With Room Coffee serves up unique iced and hot coffees in a shop decorated with plants that are also for sale.

## Minot coffee shop delivers caffeine and plants

By Kayce Francis-Dodgen  
Comm 281

Rebecca Alvarez, co-owner of With Room Coffee, believes we all need two things in life to function: oxygen and coffee.

"The reason why we came up with the idea of coffee and plants is, well, what do you need to survive in the world? Coffee and plants," Alvarez said. "It was the perfect blend together, you know. If you want to survive, come here."

With Room Coffee has been a dream of Alvarez's for more than ten years. Alvarez was born and raised in San Jose, Calif., and came to Minot to manage the Starbucks on the north side of town.

"I kind of branched out two years ago," Alvarez said. "I realized I was working for a company where you couldn't make changes in the community that you wanted to be in. We're all about partnering up with the community," Alvarez stated.

**"I feel like coffee is very important to me and other people. It brings a sense of happiness."**

— Rebecca Alvarez, With Room Coffee co-owner

When entering the small coffee shop at 400 Central Ave. E., there is an immediate greeting of plants of all shapes and sizes in pots and odd-shaped vases. The high-rise ceilings and elongated windows let in sunshine, and count-

er to ceiling shelving is scattered with even more potted plants. A large number of the plants on display are for sale to patrons who want a cup of coffee and a plant to bring home. There is seating available on a high-raised deck just outside of the front door as well as inside.

"I feel like coffee is very important to me and to other people. It brings a sense of happiness," Alvarez stated.

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Cathryn Halverson, new English assistant professor, enjoys horseback riding while living in Mexico.

## New faculty member brings insight from around the world to Minot State

By Isis Cabral  
Comm 281

After teaching overseas for nearly two decades, Cathryn Halverson is the newest faculty member to join the English department at Minot State.

"It's been eighteen years since I've lived in the states, so being in Minot has been more of a culture shock," Halverson said.

Halverson was born in Massachu-

setts, grew up in Pennsylvania, and found her passion for writing during her college years.

"As an undergrad, I found myself being kind of good at writing English papers, so I continued doing that. (I) went to graduate school, and I figured I would keep doing what I'm good at," Halverson said regarding her path in becoming a researcher and educator.

Halverson spent ten years teaching

overseas in Japan. She then spent a year in Norway for a Fulbright before returning to Japan for another year. Following her stay in Japan, she continued her work in Denmark for six more years.

"I taught in the Netherlands not so long before coming to Minot, but then right before coming here I had about six or seven months in Mexico and Central America," Halverson said about her year prior to Minot. "This is where the job was, and it also connected up with my research since I work on women writers of the American West. In that way, it was logical so that hopefully I can learn some more of the history in the area, the writers here, and the culture in the area."

Halverson teaches three courses on campus — two English college compo-

sition courses and American Literature Survey before 1865.

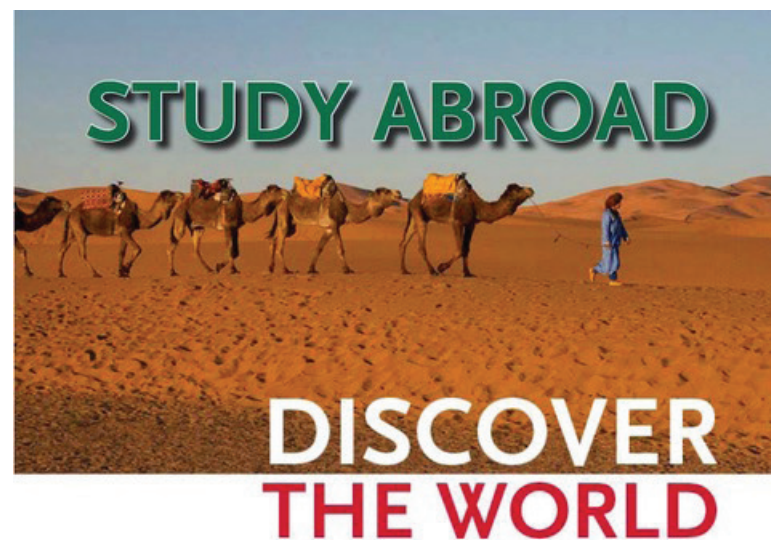
Halverson regards her teaching style as "trying to get students to think like intellectuals and understanding that everything around us has an intellectual component."

Halverson has felt welcomed by her department and appreciates the helpfulness they've been showing her.

"The nice thing about being here is how relaxed and friendly people have been," Halverson said. "You're able to do your own thing and plan your classes and do your work how it makes sense to you, but if you need help or some assistance, there's always someone to ask."



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# Red & Green paper launches website

By Katie Ingerson  
Comm281

The Red & Green is now online at RedGreenPaper.com, and readers can expect to see new content and more frequent articles through the online edition. By being online in addition to print, the Red & Green hopes to keep readers more up to date.

“Red & Green online is going to be just a little bit different than the published Red & Green paper. We’re going to focus more on the time-sensitive things,” Kayce Francis-Dodgen,

Red & Green online editor, said.

“One of the ways that we were limited in our ability to share news in the past was that we had an issue coming out approximately every two weeks. There was a large window of time where we weren’t able to cover events as you would see them covered in traditional media,” Nicole Thom-Arens, Red & Green faculty adviser, said.

“The online site offers us an opportunity to act more like journalists in the field, cover more news, and bring more news to students.”

The online site also brings new types of stories and content to its readers, ranging from review-style articles to coverage of what’s happening on and off Minot State’s campus.

“I feel like its important to address the fact that we have such a great community, and this is a great place to have a campus,” Francis-Dodgen said.

“There’s so many things that go on and you wouldn’t know about them, so it’s just getting that information out to people.”



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## Beavers remain undefeated after a tie with Northwestern Nazarene at home



**TOP:** Defensive player Yesenia Piceno dribbles the ball back into Beavers' territory Saturday. The Beavers tied Northwestern Nazarene 1-1.

Photo by Alyson Heisler



**LEFT:** Forward Melanie Van Walstijn moves the ball up the pitch.

Photo by Alyson Heisler

**RIGHT:** Midfielder Ashley Hunter races down the ball in Saturday's match. The Beavers are back at home Sept. 21 where they'll face Wayne State College during Homecoming week.

Photo by Alyson Heisler





## Beavers lose 1-3 in home opener against Northern State



Photo by Kayce Francis-Dodgen

Setter Kelsey Dewulf sets up the spike for hitter Hayley Swain on Saturday in the home opener against Northern State. The Beavers are back in the Dome Friday to take on University of Minnesota Duluth.

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## Beavers struggle at home and on the road to start the season



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Quarterback Andy Jones looks for an open man to complete the pass in the Beavers' home opener Thursday, Aug. 30. The Beavers lost 3-49 against University of Minnesota Duluth. The Beavers lost 16-42 against Northern State University in Aberdeen Thursday.



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The Beavers' defensive line works to hold back the Bulldogs. The Beavers are back at Herb Parker Saturday to face University of Mary at 3 p.m.



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The day will begin with the Homecoming Parade at 11 a.m., starting at Main St. SE and following onto Broadway. Tailgating will follow in front of the Dome, where there will be food and entertainment for fans. The football game begins at 2 p.m., when the MSU Beavers will take on the Crookston Soaring Eagles in the Homecoming game.

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the Charlottesville attack by white supremacists quickly take on enormous political importance, and the president claims to hold "both sides" responsible. He says that the attackers are, in fact, "good people." What should we seek in this kind of logic? Where should we stand on this matter? The film makes people pause and think. I went to the theater to be entertained, and came out of the theater feeling uncomfortable. "BlacKkKlansman" is very disturbing; however, that is often the quality of truth.

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**Behavioral Health Opportunities, North Central Human Service Center, Minot, N.D., [www.nd.gov.omb/state-jobs](http://www.nd.gov.omb/state-jobs). HUMAN SERVICE AIDE. Partnership is a case management program working with youth who have emotional/behavioral concerns and are at risk of out-of-home placement. The person in this position will provide coaching and role modeling/mentoring to youth to assist with improving social skills, interacting with others, and making better choices. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

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