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Homecoming royalty

Lauren Reeves
Feature Editor

On Saturday, Oct. 9, Minot State University enjoyed one of the most highly anticipated events of the year: the Homecoming game. And with it, the university also continued the tradition of the royal court. This year's nominees were Hannah Schaefer, McKenna Gagne, Tyler Irmen, Payton Bland, Carson Wilkes, Rachel Dockter, and Jordyn Clapper.

The Homecoming court is made up of senior-level students who are also members of clubs and organizations on campus. Each club and organization can nominate one senior male student for king and one senior female student for queen. These students must have a 2.0 GPA or above and be full-time students. After nominees are chosen by their clubs, the student body votes for the king and queen during Homecoming week. After the student body chooses, the candidates are announced at the community block party, held the Wednesday before the Homecoming game.

The winners of the royal court this year were Carson Wilkes for king and Payton Bland for queen. As for the rest of their duties, the king and queen must represent Minot State University in a good light.

"The king and queen don't have a ton of duties throughout the week," said Aaron Hughes, student activities coordinator. "They're required to be at the community block party and represent their clubs and organizations. They are required to be at the coronation, and once we have a crowned king and queen, they're required to be present at the

Homecoming parade. Sometimes they get invited to other things too, like the Native American Center will host the annual powwow and invite the Homecoming king and queen to participate in the honor dance."

For her part in the process, Hughes sends out information to all the clubs and organizations for them to pick their nominees for the Homecoming royalty. Once she is given the two nominees, Hughes checks to make sure that they are eligible to participate in the position before allowing the student body to vote. Hughes believes that it is a great opportunity for the students on the Homecoming Court to have recognition for all that they do.

"I think for students, it means

that they're an excellent exemplary leader. Somebody who's very engaged in not only campus activities, but also community activities," says Hughes. "It's basically our cream of the crop, and that's why we have the nominees come through clubs and organizations, because we know that they're already great students, great student leaders who would represent Minot State well."

Hughes also emphasized how Homecoming week is a community-oriented event that brings everyone in Minot together. The king and queen help highlight and represent all the great students and organizations at Minot State University.

"Homecoming is a time to celebrate not only our students, but also our

alumni," says Hughes. "The tradition of having a Homecoming king and queen is a great way to honor our student leaders and not only the individuals, but the clubs that they represent. I know in my office, in student activities, I try to make Homecoming fun for our current students. Whereas alumni are trying to reach out to other alumni and community, friends, and partners, but really Homecoming is a week to celebrate the spirit of Minot State University."

For anyone interested in running for Homecoming royalty in the future, Hughes advises that they get involved in a club or organization and fulfill the senior level credit limit in order to participate.



Photo via MSU Life

The 2021 Homecoming court: Hannah Schaefer, McKenna Gagne, Tyler Irmen, Payton Bland, Carson Wilkes, Rachel Dockter, and Jordyn Clapper.

News in Brief

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Pop-Up Flu Vaccination Clinic

Today, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a pop-up flu vaccination clinic will be available in the Student Center Atrium for all MSU students, faculty, and staff.

Drop-In Counseling

Drop-in counseling will be offered to students this year. On Wednesdays, counseling will be held in the Wellness Center from 3-4 p.m. and on Thursdays in the Fisher Room, located in the Student Center, from 1-2 p.m.

'Book of Days: Reflections on Time and Water'

The Northwest Arts Center presents "Book of Days: Reflections on Time and Water" by artist and painter Susana Amundarian. The exhibit will be on view through Dec. 16.

Minot Chamber Chorale presents 'You'll Never Walk Alone'

On Friday, Oct. 15, the Minot Chamber Chorale will present "You'll Never Walk Alone." The performance will be held at the Grand Hotel beginning at 7:30 p.m.

'Roll Over Beethoven'

Saturday, Oct. 16, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Anne Nicole Nelson Hall, the Minot Symphony Orchestra's "Roll Over Beethoven" will take place.

Brass Band of Minot

Sunday, Oct. 17, the Brass Band of Minot will be performing in Anne Nicole Nelson Hall at 4 p.m.

Yoga

On Monday, Oct. 18, there will be yoga in the Wellness Center

from 12 -12:45 p.m.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Tuesday, Oct. 19, a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic will be held in the Conference Center on the third floor of the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Yoga

Oct. 20, there will be yoga in the Wellness Center from 12-12:45 p.m.

Adding or dropping second 8-week classes

Oct. 21 is the last day to add, drop, or withdraw from second 8-week classes and receive a 100% refund.

MSU volleyball

Oct. 22, the Beavers face University of Minnesota Crookston at the Dome at 7 p.m.

MSU football

Oct. 23, the Beavers face Upper Iowa University at Herb Parker Stadium at 11 a.m.

MSU volleyball

Also on Oct. 23, the Beavers face Bemidji State University at the Dome at 5 p.m.

Yoga

Oct. 25, there will be yoga in the Wellness Center from 12-12:45 p.m.

MSU volleyball

Oct. 28, the Beavers face the University of North Dakota at the Dome at 7 p.m.

MSU football

Oct. 30, the Beavers face the University of Minnesota Duluth at Herb Parker Stadium at 1 p.m.

Berry Acres Pumpkin Patch

Kylie Koontz Editor

This fall, Minot State students and the local community can start the season off right with a trip to the Berry Acres Pumpkin Patch. There will be corn mazes, an obstacle course made of straw bales, a corn box, pedal cars, zip lines, slides, and more.

Berry Acres is owned by the Berry family and started in 2010 as a small pumpkin patch. It has grown to become one of Minot's most beloved fall activities. The Berrys grow more than 60 different types of pumpkins and squash at the patch.

Each year, the Berrys come up with a theme and paint the pumpkins and hay bales. This year's theme is based off the movie "Luca." Every year since 2010, attendance had grown at Berry Acres.

After facing one of North Dakota's worst droughts, the pumpkin patch felt the effects like farmers all over North Dakota this summer.

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture has set up technical and financial assistance to help farmers and livestock producers recover from this year's drought. Luckily, the pumpkins this year were only affected in size.

The corn maze, on the other hand, took more work to live up to expectations this year. The Berrys had to irrigate, artificially applying controlled amounts of water to crops, to get the corn to about six feet tall, and the hard work paid off. Despite the

drought, the farm intends to live up to expectations.

Berry Acres is located at 4605 County Road 15 West, Minot, and is one mile west of Bypass 83.

The farm is open Monday-Friday from 12-7 p.m., and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. It is \$7 to enter, children 3 and under are free.



Photo via Berry Acres Facebook

Berry Acres Pumpkin Patch logo.



Photo via Berry Acres Facebook

Julia, Luca, and Alberto from "Luca" are painted on hay bales at Berry Acres Pumpkin Patch.

International student feature: Nengi Daminabo

Venissa Adeti
Staff Writer

All the way from River State, located in Nigeria on the west side of the African continent, Nengi Daminabo found her way to the beautiful Minot State University campus in 2021.

She is a second-semester freshman and MSU is already her third school. After transferring to Illinois State University in Chicago from River State University in Nigeria, Daminabo has finally settled. During this time, she also changed majors from computer science to film, before finally discovering her home and her love of writing in professional communication, with a concentration in public relations.

Nigeria is a country that is well known in West Africa for its many different cultures. It also happens to be the most populous country in Africa.

The official language spoken in Nigeria is English. This multinational state is inhabited by more than 250 ethnic groups speaking 500 distinct languages, all identifying with a wide variety of cultures. The three largest ethnic groups are the Hausa-Fulani in the north, Yoruba in the west, and Igbo in the east, together comprising over 60% of the total population. It is home to some of the world's largest Muslim and Christian populations. Nigeria is divided roughly in half between Muslims, who live mostly in the north, and Christians, who live mostly in the south. Indige-

nous religions, such as those native to the Igbo and Yoruba ethnicities, are in the minority.

"I love my country and my tribe. It's very beautiful and very festive throughout each of the tribes and it is amazing how unique everyone is," Daminabo said.

She is the second of four children. Her family and siblings are currently back in Nigeria.

Prior to coming to Minot State, there was a bit of skepticism because of the distance, but after arriving on campus and meeting so many people who are so welcoming, all doubts were erased from her mind — not to mention how affordable tuition is to attend

MSU.

"I love this school; I just love this school. It's so close knit and everyone knows each other," Daminabo said. "Because of the small, close-knit class sizes, it is so much easier to understand lessons and the teachers are so nice and helpful."

After graduating from MSU, she has many ambitions she wishes to fulfill. Daminabo would love to work here in the United States as a public relations specialist and as a screenwriter. She does not hesitate to add, "I also want to be very rich."

Hopefully, she gets to be the CEO of her own company one day.



Photo by Liela Koguchi

Nengi Daminabo is a second-semester freshman.



Photo by Liela Koguchi

Nengi Daminabo stands in the Minot State University Quad.

RG Editorial

National Mental Health Awareness Month

Kylie Koontz
Editor

The month of October is National Mental Health Awareness Month. With the weather beginning to cool, the sun setting sooner, and midterm exams on the way, the mental health of college students can be greatly impacted.

The topic of mental health has been a touchy one for years but has recently become a more important topic as more and more people have voiced their struggles.

During stressful times like these, it is important to remember to take care of yourself physically and mentally.

Here are a few tips to help manage your mental health and stay productive in school and daily life:

Remember to eat!

Eating a healthy balanced diet will help you stay awake and energized for your day. Never skip meals! Not only is it good for your body, but for your brain as well.

Set aside time to relax.

Give yourself time to do something you love. Read, watch a movie with friends, or go for a walk. It is important to remember that there is a reason you love to do certain things: it makes you happy!

Stay connected with friends and family.

In the winter, it is hard not to feel like a shut in, like all you do is study and sleep and do it all over again. It is important to stay connected with your friends and family, even if that is just getting lunch at the cafe together. Having an emotional support system is a huge part of maintaining good mental health.

If you ever need to talk, MSU has counseling services available at the Student Health Center, located on the bottom floor of Lura Manor. To book an appointment, go to the Student Health website or walk in to schedule a time.

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Rotary Club helps support blessing bank on campus

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In keeping with its tradition, the Rotary Club on campus has partnered with Souris Valley United Way and Magic City Blessing Bank to provide supply banks to Minot State University and the city of Minot as a whole.

The Magic City Blessing Bank has been working in Minot for about four years, providing basic essential needs to those in the community who are unable to obtain them due to financial struggles. They have done this so far through Backpack Buddies by providing food for children who are in need, but over time the organization noticed that the children and their families were in need of other items as well.

"The Backpack Buddy program was taking care of the nutritional side of sending food home. But how about basic items? Health care items, hygiene items," said Kevin Harmon, vice president of student affairs. "The Magic City Blessing Bank has come forward to fill that void in our community. They have expanded their reach to other

areas in the community, such as Minot State University, this year. This is the first time that Minot State University is the beneficiary of their good will."

The blessing bank provides items such as personal hygiene products, as well as dish soap and feminine hygiene products.

As part of their guidelines, the Magic City Blessing Bank and Rotary Club do ask that people only take items once per week in order to provide enough for everyone who needs items. There are several banks throughout the community, including one on campus on the first floor of the Student Center that Harmon encourages students to use.

For their part in the contribution, the Rotary Club provides the storage equipment and facilitates the service on campus. They also work as volunteers to restock the banks periodically.

"It's a natural service project for us to help," said Harmon. "I am hopeful that we can get our students involved with being the group that will stock the container and maybe even do some outreach in the community and help

the Magic City Blessing Bank."

Harmon encourages students who want to get involved to be a part of the Rotary Club, which has a chapter on campus called the Rotaract. He states that this club has been at Minot State University for over a hundred years, and throughout time, they have been maintained as a service club for the school and the community.

"Students can also go down to the Magic City Blessing Bank warehouse, where they have their items and volunteer to go out and help," said Harmon.

To find out more about how to donate or be involved in the blessing bank project, students can email the Magic City Blessing Bank at mcbb@svunitedway.com, visit Souris Valley United Way at svunitedway.com/magic-city-blessing-bank, or call at 701-839-2994.

To join the Rotaract chapter at Minot State University, email Harmon at kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu.



Photos by Kevin Harmon
The interior and exterior of the Magic City Blessing Bank located on Minot State's campus.

MSU Pride Week 2021

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Staff Writer

"It's no surprise that the pride flag has been placed proximal to the peace flag," said Steven Fehr-Dallolio, president of the MSU Pride Club.

MSU raised the pride flag on campus in recognition and respect for the LGBTQ community.

On Monday, Sept. 27, the first day of Minot State University's Pride Week, the MSU Pride Club hosted the pride flag raising. Fehr-Dallolio spoke at the flag raising as well as Asher Hoffarth, an MSU student; Christopher Scott, Student Government Association College of Arts and Sciences Senator; Anna Dykeman, campus minister; and Kevin Harmon, vice president for student affairs.

On Sept. 28, the Pride Club hosted coming out stories where partners Michael Dallolio and Steven Fehr Dallolio talked about their individual coming out stories as well as their experience being a proud gay couple. They also shared the challenges they faced being LGBTQ activists in the

midst of the AIDS pandemic and reflected on the support they received trying to be themselves in society.

Shelby Stuckey, MSU Pride vice president and senior social work major, spoke about pansexuality and how her heterosexual relationship does not invalidate her pansexuality. Deb Hoffarth, mother to Asher Hoffarth, a freshman early education major, spoke about her transgender son and the factors involved in supporting LGBTQ youth in this time and age. Though the event had assigned speakers, the floor was open for anyone who wanted to come out or share their stories.

In classic celebratory fashion, on Sept. 29, there was a cutting of a rainbow cake. This was a symbolic moment for the LGBTQ students and faculty at Minot State.

The My Transgender Life seminar was held on Thursday by Asher Hoffarth at Aleshire Theatre. There, he shared the story of his transition, touching very delicate topics about physical and sexual abuse he endured and how he is currently thriving and educating the public on these issues. Students learned

about the support and resources that MSU has around campus, like Title IX and even the Pride Club itself, that helps LGBTQ youth going through similar transitions.

The final event was the crab apple guess, which was done at a guessing station in the Student Center Atrium. It was a fun and relaxing game put in place to honor the end of the MSU Pride Week 2021.

A quote by James Baldwin, a famous writer and LGBTQ figure, states, "we can disagree and still love each other unless your disagreement is rooted in my oppression and denial of my humanity and right to exist."

This quote talks about respect, harmony, and acceptance — not on the foundation of agreement, but on that of love and humanity. The beauty in the diversity of our individual selves and ideals have brought us this far as a civilization, and it is what will take us further.

Pride is the freedom to truly be yourself through self-love and personal conviction while being among those

who may not understand and those who will love you for who you are. It is understanding that we, as complex human beings, have no limit to love, we are different, and we are wonderful.

Minot State University's Pride

Week celebrated daily events, each targeting a deeper meaning, and the school is stepping into a new era of respect, support, and acceptance in a diverse community.



Photo by Nixie Luedke

The Pride Week flag raising in the Minot State Quad.



Photo by Cass

Kevin Harmon and Steven Fehr-Dallolio pose during Minot State Pride Week 2021.



Photo by Cassidy Holmes

Anna Dykeman presented a spiritual wellness project that involved people writing down wounds they have suffered from and then proceeding to write something that gives them hope.

Finding a new four-legged friend

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Fall is finally upon us, and with it, the numerous traditions it brings. Pumpkin spice makes waves across the nation. Halloween is right around the corner, but October brings a more loving tradition as well.

There are an estimated three to four million dogs in shelters across the nation, each looking for a loving home to call their own. As such, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) acted.

In 1981, the ASPCA designated October National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

Since then, they have been working to find a home for dogs across the country. While the idea of bringing home a puppy straight from the pet shop has crossed the minds of most children across the country, many advocate for the adoption of animals instead.

There are a multitude of benefits to adoption. For starters, adoption is far cheaper than purchasing from a breeder or dedicated store. On top of this, you are also saving a dog's life when you rescue them from the shelter. Around 25% of shelter dogs in America are adopted; the rest are not so

lucky.

The average holding period a pound or shelter is required to keep a dog is around five to seven days. Though, in some cases, the time can be as short as 48 hours. By adopting a pet, you could literally be saving its life.

The ASPCA also fights against puppy mills. These facilities breed puppies en masse, forcing the dogs into unsanitary conditions. Adopting a dog is one way to fight back against this cruelty according to the ASPCA.

To join in on the movement, look to a local animal shelter to find a new furry friend. Minot's Souris Valley

Animal Shelter has dozens of adorable dogs and other animals looking for a family to love them.

For more information, call 701-852-6133 or visit www.asPCA.org.



Photos via the Souris Valley Animal Shelter Facebook

Above: The Minot Souris Valley Animal Shelter logo
Below: The SVAS recently held a grand re-opening.



Photo via the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Facebook

The ASPCA logo.

Homecoming tailgating

Miya Smalls
Assistant Editor

If there's one tradition any sports fan loves, it's tailgating.

Arriving outside of the stadium early, enjoying food and festivities, slamming down drinks, and getting amped up with friends and family for a favorite team — tailgating is the one thing we all look forward to before game day.

As Beaver football battles through the season, fans were looking forward to this year's Homecoming game since last year's setback.

Although M-Life kicked off the fun with food, events, prizes, and more throughout the week, MSU's Assistant Director of Athletics for Revenue & Fan Development Sal Rodriguez said there was more to be expected for this year's Homecoming tailgate.

"There will be food trucks, bouncy castles, activities for the kids, music and prizes from the KMSU crew, and lastly, of course, alcoholic beverages for all of those of age. Beaver fans will be able to see the Minot State cheerleaders and the band as well before the game. There is just so much we have planned for all of our fans at these tailgates," Rodriguez says.

"I think students should definitely show up because it's a unique opportunity to get together and partake in all the festivities with fellow students, staff, family members, and the Minot community as a whole. Just by being a part of the event and showing that support, I think it really enhances the game-day experience."

While events, activities, prizes, and more were planned throughout the week, the Homecoming tailgating event is a highlight. Beaver fans grabbed their cans before the stands, as tailgating took place on Oct. 9 before the game on 11th Ave. in front of the Dome and, due to the rain, inside the Dome as well.

Fans came out, had fun, and rolled on the Beavs!



Fans cheer on our MSU Beavers at the Homecoming football game.

Photo via MSU Instagram



Photo via MSU Instagram

The MSU marching band performing at the Homecoming tailgate.



Photo via MSU Instagram

Fans enjoys a game of bags during HOCO tailgating.

Minot Symphony Orchestra

Jasmine Rogers
Staff Writer

This year, the theme for the Minot Symphony Orchestra is “The Tree of Life.”

The first performance by the orchestra was held on Sept. 18 and they used their new baroque instrument collection to perform pieces from the baroque time period. They called this performance the “Motley Soiree.”

The next performance, named “Roll Over

Beethoven,” will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and is all about Beethoven and his creation of Symphony No. 5.

The soloist that will be featured in this performance is Michael Harrison, one of Minot State’s students. He will be playing Bourgeois’ “Trombone Concerto.” The performers will be conducted by Efrain Amaya, symphony maestro and assistant professor of music at Minot

State.

Before each performance there is a concert lecture at 6:30 p.m. The pre-concert talks provide an overview of the pieces being performed by the local musicians.

If students attend, they can learn about the story behind the music, the composer, and historical context of the pieces that they will be playing.

For more information, visit www.minotsymphony.com. Ticket pricing is also

advertised on the website, along with concert dates and livestreams from Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

2021-2022 Concert Series 2021

Oct. 16: “Roll Over Beethoven,” Beethoven’s Symphony No. 51.

Dec. 11: “Amahl and the Night Visitors,” Gian-Carlo Menotti’s Christmas story of “Amahl and the Night

Visitors.”

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Feb. 5: “Twist and Shout,” enjoy Britten’s famous “Young People’s Guide to the Orchestra.”

March 5: “Happy 90th Birthday John Williams,” featuring John Williams most iconic performances.

April 30: “The Titan,” Mahler’s Symphony No. 1, also known as “The Titan.”



Photos by Liela Koguchi

Minot Symphony Orchestra at their first performance of the school year.



'An Evening of Norwegian Song and Story'

Hussein Abulamzi
Staff Writer

Norsk Hostfest and Western Plains Opera Company is offered a one-of-a-kind English-translation recital of world-famous composer Edvard Grieg's songs.

Soprano Melissa Holm-Johansen and her collaborative pianist Stephen Swanson performed William Halverson's English translations of Grieg's songs in the Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on Oct. 9.

Eric Furuseth, member of the MSU Humanities Division and Western Plains Opera board member, learned about Halverson's translations and Holm-Johansen and Swanson's performances after reading a Minnesota Star Tribune article about them. It was his idea to

host the recital at MSU.

Rolf Kristian Stang, an inductee in the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame in 1998, shared insights on Grieg, whom he first delightfully portrayed in Minot in his one-man show at Norsk Hostfest, back in 1993. His presence continues to be an annual highlight at the Norsk Hostfest with portraying Hans Christian Andersen.

The festival's webpage describes Stang as a "charismatic figure, writer, language teacher, translator, vocal-repertoire coach, composer, character, actor, and singer."

Ann Nicole Nelson Hall supervisor and MSU music professor DeVera Bowles says Stang's "introductory comments added a special note to the event."

Holm-Johansen is a native Norwegian speaker, and she holds a doctorate of musical arts in vocal pedagogy and performance from the University of Minnesota; she's currently a Twin Cities resident. Along with Swanson, she has been a long-time performer of Grieg's songs in Norwegian.

Halverson is a Grieg scholar. He has been translating the Norwegian composer's songs into English since 1988. There was not a CD record of the songs until January 2019.

After a performance of the translated songs at Minnesota Norway House, Halverson collaborated with Holm-Johansen and Swanson to record "Edvard Grieg: Songs from the Heart," featuring 25 of Grieg's songs in English.

Grieg was a Romantic

Era composer who brought Norwegian folktales, weaved with the somber Norwegian spirit of the time, into world-class recognition.

In her interview for the Star Tribune, on Norwegians' admiration for Grieg, Holm-Johansen said, "stop [Norwegians] on the street and they can usually sing a verse...and it's melodic genius writing."

Grieg took a free-spirited and experimental approach to playing the piano during his childhood. After violin virtuoso Ole Bull, his aunt's brother-in-law, recognized his talent, Grieg traveled from Norway to Leipzig, Germany, to graduate from one of Europe's most esteemed music conservatories, which Felix Mendelssohn founded in 1843.

Grieg spent most of his life touring Europe after that. He is most famous for his "Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16" and "Peer Gynt;" he's credited with establishing a national identity for Norwegian music.

For more about "An Evening of Norwegian Song and Music," visit wpopera.org

Learn more about Melissa Holm-Johansen at melissaholmjohansen.com.

Learn more about Rolf Stang at hostfest.com/festival/rolf-stang.

Learn more about Norway House at norwayhouse.org.

Learn more about Edvard Grieg at griegmuseum.no/en/about-grieg.

New club on the block

Yuden Zongtenpa
Staff Writer

With many student-led clubs popping up as the semester rolls on, one club in particular has caught the eyes of many. The Tennis Club, led by freshmen Saif Khan and Kaif Khan, is a newly-formed club that currently has 35 members and counting.

"You don't have to be a professional tennis player to get in," said Saif, club president. "Anyone can join us, even if it's their first time holding a racket."

The Khan brothers are international students that hail from India and are both first-year computer science majors that have been playing tennis for

eight years now. While they are not the founders of the Minot State Tennis Club, their passion for the sport is what drove them to take up the mantle from the seniors that created it.

While there is no fixed date for club meetings at the moment, all members will be emailed about upcoming club events in advance. Entry to the club is completely free, and tennis rackets can be picked up at the Wellness Center for members who do not have any yet. To make things easier for newbies, both Saif and Kaif are also willing to teach the rules of the game to anyone that wants to learn. The brothers have planned to pair up the newer arrivals to the club with each

other during tennis matches in order to encourage a steady improvement curve.

Kaif, club event organizer, says that the Tennis Club has many future events lined up, such as tennis tournaments at Hammond Park, where club members and anyone who wishes to compete can take part. Free food will be offered at events as well as various prizes for the winners.

"Once you've signed up, you don't have to attend every single meeting. All that's left is to have fun," he said. The next club meeting has been set to be held in the third week of October.

Students that wish to join the Tennis Club can email Saif and

Kaif at saif.khan@minotstateu.edu and kaif.khan@minotstateu.edu.



Photo courtesy of the Minot Parks District Hammond Park Tennis Court.

RG Editorial

A season unlike any other

Philip Green
Sports Editor

Ever since the announcement of his signing with the Los Angeles Angels, Shohei Ohtani has had the eyes of baseball fans glued to him. With his ability to not only make an impact at the plate, but also on the mound, he drew instant comparisons to Babe Ruth.

Everyone knows the Great Bambino for his uncommon ability to mash baseball while also being the team's starting pitcher. No player since Ruth has been able to do what he did until this year. Ohtani successfully impacted the game in the batter's box and on the rubber. Ohtani finished batting .257 with 46 home runs (third in the league), and 100 runs batted in (RBI), all while putting up a 3.18 earned runs average (ERA) in 130.1 innings pitched taking on 156 strikeouts and a 9-2 record.

Mid way through the year, Ohtani's two-way playing ability took over the hype of Major League Baseball. His staggering numbers led many to believe he had already won the American League (AL) MVP before the All-Star Break.

No one else in baseball was doing what Ohtani was doing, however; I believe the reason Ohtani was given as much recognition and hype as he received was because he was both hitting and pitching for the Angels. If

he was doing one or the other, his numbers and stats weren't great enough to achieve MVP recognition.

On the mound, his numbers were good, but not great. His nine wins as a starter weren't good enough to crack the top 40 in baseball and his 3.18 ERA was outside the top 10 among starting pitchers. Nine wins and a 3.18 ERA is a good year for a starting pitcher, but nowhere close to a Cy Young level year. As for his hitting, 46 home runs is outstanding, but only batting .257 is far from MVP level. Vladimir Guerrero Jr. finished the year with 48 home runs, a .311 batting average, and 111 RBI's. All better numbers than Ohtani. Lastly, Ohtani's team finished second to last in their division, while Guerrero Jr.'s Blue Jays only missed the playoffs by one game.

Ohtani will likely win the MVP, but it's because he put up good, not great, numbers as both a hitter and a pitcher. Had Ohtani only done one or the other, he would be far from the talk in baseball. Don't get me wrong, he had a good year, just not an MVP or Cy Young level year on either side of the ball, but a good year doing what only Ruth has done. For that reason alone, Ohtani will win MVP.

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Grip it and rip it, Beavers!

Travis Smith
Staff Writer

Minot State men's and women's golf teams have spent the beginning of the fall semester traveling to various states to compete in golf tournaments. Both teams have found success on the course this fall, with the men's team being led by senior captain Andrew Makarchuk and the women's team led by senior captain Anya Ross.

From their most recent tournament in Bolingbrook, Illinois, I was able to connect with the captains of the two teams, as well as first-year head coach Brandon Polzin, to answer some questions about their fall season. I began by interviewing the captain of the women's team.

Despite normally taking five teammates to the course, the women's team has played the entire fall season with only four players.

"Having only four of us definitely affected our end performance a bit tournament-wise. It doesn't affect the way we play, but it definitely could have helped our team scores by having five scores and being able to drop the worst one so that if one person has a bad day then there is no one to pick up a better score to help which can be detrimental at times," said Ross.

In the collegiate format, a five-person team competes in a tournament and the top four scores are summated for a team score.

To prepare for the coming spring season, Ross said they plan on working on their close game.

"We are going to focus on our close game as much as we can because that can sometimes make or break a round," Ross said.

After speaking with Ross, I was able to connect with Makarchuk.

Looking forward to the spring season, Makarchuk said that the team has a lot of potential to stay on top of the leader boards.

"We know that when we are playing to our potential, we can give any team in the NSIC a run for their money. It is just about putting rounds together. We just need to get a lot more consistent in order to stay at the top of the leader board come springtime," Makarchuk said. "The freshmen this year have brought a lot to the team, especially with depth, which we haven't had a ton of in the last few years."

"Carlos Caloca has been great for the team in terms of consistently good scores and his golf knowledge has helped out the team a lot when coming up with plans as to how to play the course. Our other freshman,

Colton Horn, has been a great addition as well, he led the team in Bemidji and has been getting better every round. With the freshman bringing the talent they have, it makes the team more competitive in earning travel spots and pushes everyone to work twice as hard. It will be fun to watch their golf careers progress throughout college."

After speaking with the players, I was also able to speak with coach Polzin.

"My first fall season was definitely an enjoyable learning experience. Getting to know the members of the team has meant a lot to me. I can't wait for the spring season. I'm also impressed with the entire team of the competitiveness and effort level, I'm proud to see it," he said. "I think with the continued efforts working on specific areas that need improvement throughout the winter will go a long way towards getting ready for spring. Targeting particular goals will be an important aspect to tackle our spring season as well."

As the Beavers wrap up their final tournament of the fall in Bolingbrook, they will be looking to improve over their winter break before hitting the course again this spring.



The Minot State men's and women's golf teams.

Photo via Minot State Golf instagram

Wrestler and Marine

Noe Garcia

Not only is Marco Ramirezlazos a wrestler for Minot State, but he's also an officer for the Marine Corps.

Ramirezlazos spent the summer of 2021 in Quantico, Virginia, where he attended the Marine Corps Officer Candidates School (OCS). OCS consists of 10 weeks of brutal physical and mental testing.

Ramirezlazos said, "OCS was definitely one of the most challenging things I've ever done, they push you to your breaking point just about every day."

At the conclusion of OCS, the graduating Marines are given the rank of second lieutenant.

"Coming from a family of Ma-

rines, I knew growing up this is something I always wanted to do. Finishing OCS before I'm even done with school is really going to give me a head start on my career with the Marines," said Ramirezlazos.

For the last four years, Ramirezlazos has attended Minot State and competed for the wrestling team.

In the spring of 2021, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in corporate fitness and is now studying sports management in the graduate program. The next step — after finishing grad school — is to return to Quantico and complete The Basic School, a six-month course where he'll be trained and taught how to lead other Marines.



Photo via MSU wrestling website

Marco Ramirezlazos is well known at Minot State for his time on the wrestling mat, but after spending his summer in Quantico, Virginia he is also a Marine Corps Officer.

Minot State's women's hockey skates past Midland Warriors for home-opening win

Noe Garcia COM281

Minot State women's hockey took down the Midland University Warriors in their 2021 home opener at Maysa Arena on Oct. 1.

After going down 1-0 in the first period, the Beavers quickly retaliated in the second. Riley Ball tied up the game with a score assisted by Maiya Aschberg in the first three minutes of

the period.

Not even a minute later, Mia McKee put the Beavers ahead 2-1 with an unassisted goal. The Beavers hung on to the lead with goalie Haylie Biever making 32 saves on the night to keep the Beavers on top.

"Haylie Biever came up big tonight and bailed us out when we needed her. We fought until the end and earned the victory," said head coach Ryan

Miner.

The Beavers return to Maysa Arena Saturday, Oct. 16 to take on Lindenwood University at 1pm..



Photo By Liela Koguchi

Mia McKee and Alisha O'hara skate down the ice in Minot State women's hockey's home opener. The Beavers beat the Warriors of Midland University on Oct. 1 by a score of 2-1. The Beavers return to the Maysa on Oct. 16 against Lindenwood University.

Minot State soccer refuses to lose during seven-game winning streak in NSIC play

Jordan Rodriguez
COMM 281

After losing the first two games of the season, the Beavers have won seven straight games and remain undefeated in conference play.

Minot State kicked off the first weekend of October with a Friday matchup against the

Winona State Warriors on Oct. 1.

Sofia Lewis scored the lone goal of the match in minute 70, with the assist going to Lainey Sandberg. Maddie Kindred racked up seven saves in her fourth shutout victory of the season.

Minot State returned to the

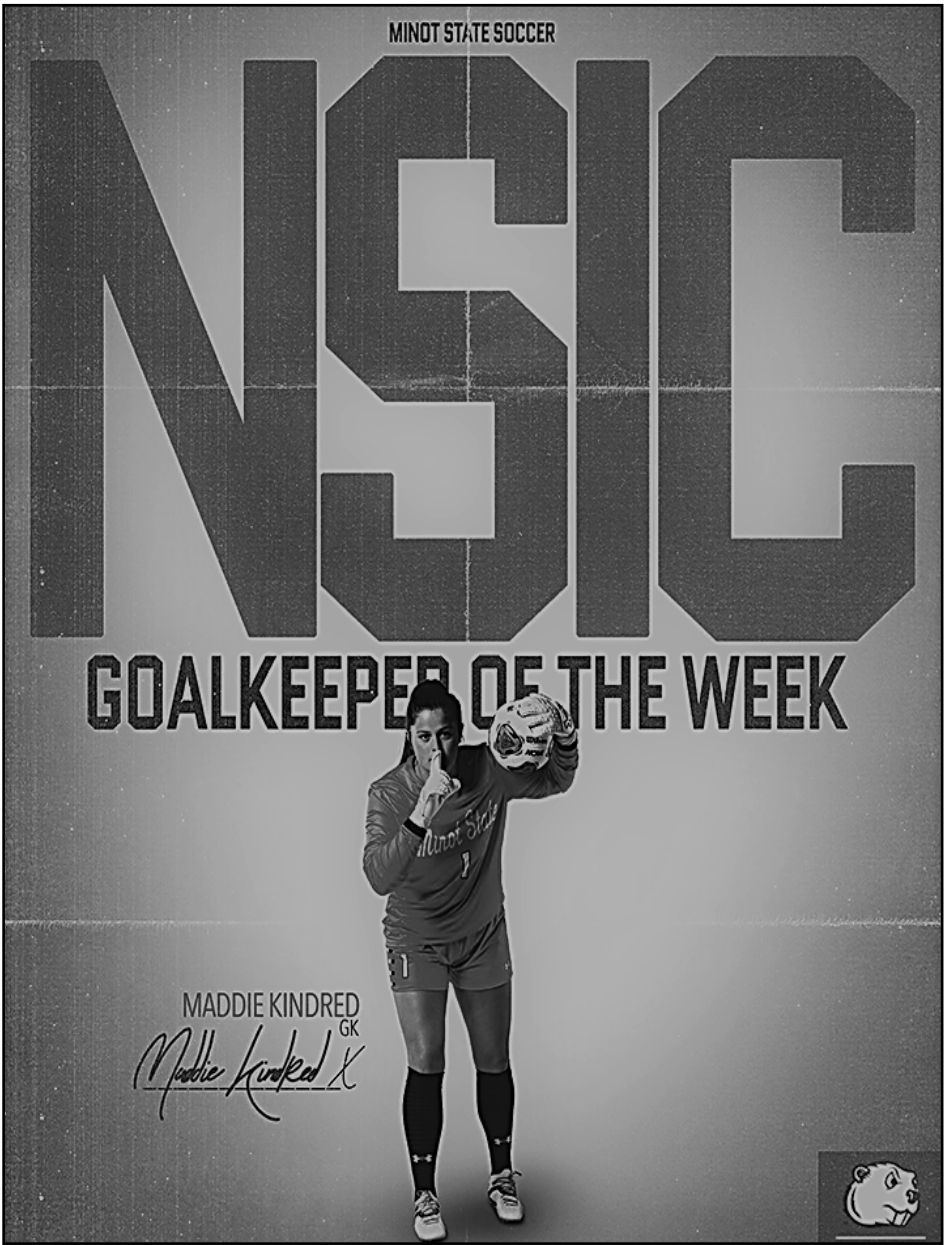
pitch on Sunday Oct. 3 to face off against the Upper Iowa Peacocks. Minot kicked the scoring off early, scoring in the sixth minute of the game via Lewis. Five minutes into the second half, Minot State struck again with a goal from Chloe Allen, and in the 86th minute, Lewis scored her second goal of

the game and her third on the weekend.

Lewis, who scored three goals in two games, earned NSIC offensive player of the week. Kindred went 2-0 on the weekend, with both victories being shutouts, making her the NSIC goalkeeper of the week.

Minot State remain unde-

feated in front of a ruckus Homecoming crowd. weekend. On Friday, Oct. 8 they beat Northern State 2-0 and Saturday, Oct. 9, they beat Moorhead 1-0.



On the left, Sofia Lewis earned NSIC Offensive Player of the week. On the right, Maddie Kindred earned her second NSIC Goalkeeper of the week award this year. Both players were recognized for their performances in their two weekend wins against Winona State University on October 1st and against Upper Iowa University on October 3rd.

Photos via MSU soccer's Twitter

The tale of two weeks for Minot State football

Kaiden Cardoso
COMM 281

The Minot State Beavers football team went 0-2 over their last two games, but the games could not have been more different.

The Beavers hosted #11-ranked Minnesota State Mankato Mavericks on Sept. 24 under the lights at Herb Parker Stadium. The Mavericks did not take it easy on behalf of the students and fans in attendance. Mankato thoroughly controlled all three phases of the game.

The Mavericks jumped out to a 14-3 lead early in the first quarter and the Beavers would not respond until the score was 61-10 and way out of reach. Ali Mohamed would be a bright spot in a tough day, rushing for 139 yards on 18 attempts with a 69-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.

"The biggest message is keep fighting. Mankato's a very good football team so they're not going to feel sorry for us," said head coach Mike Aldrich.

On Oct. 2, the Beavers traveled to Bemidji, bringing offensive success that the school has not seen in Division II history. In a 49-35 loss, the Beavers put up 522 yards of offense, 114 coming on the ground. Redshirt freshman Dawson Macleary threw for a record-breaking 408 yards, connecting for three touchdowns. Two Minot receivers also had a career day. Both Peyton Lamoureux and Nathan Young totaled over 150 yards and a touchdown. Young also set a school record of 14 receptions.

For a struggling team, this burst of offense could be the spark they need. These last two games were the first starts of a freshman quarterback's promising career, and the offensive turnaround was extremely exciting. Although winless so far this season, the possibility of an electrifying air attack and the return of running back Mohamed could mean a major turnaround is on the horizon.



Photos via MSU football's Twitter
Three MSU football players had career and record breaking performances against Bemidji State University. Quarterback Dawson Macleary set the DII passing yards record with 408 yards. Wide receiver Nate Young broke the DII receptions in a single game record with 14 catches. Wide receiver Peyton Lamoureux tied the touchdown receptions in a single game with 2 TD catches.

2021 Homecoming weekend



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Above: Football players stand on the sideline watching the Homecoming game.



Photo courtesy of MSU Life
Hannah Schaefer, McKenna Gagne, Tyler Irmen, Payton Bland, Carson Wilkes, Rachel Dockter, and Jordyn Clapper were nominated to the 2021 Homecoming Court.



Photo via MSU Instagram
Fans cheer on MSU football during the Homecoming game.



Homecoming dance DJs.

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Students and artist at the Homecoming caricature event.

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