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Celebrating Black History Month

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African American history started in the early 1600s, with Africans from West Africa being sold into slavery across the Atlantic to the 13 colonies. This went on for over 200 years until 1865, when slavery was legally abolished after the United States Constitution adopted the 13th Amendment.

Regardless of that being put in place, racism and segregation remained prominent over subsequent years. Even today, Black people from all over have faced racism and oppression in one way or the other.

But this is not what Black History Month is about.

It is about how far we have come as a community and how proud we are to be associated with each other. This month, we celebrate our past leaders who showed us the way through excellence, perseverance, motivation, and a kick-ass attitude.

Many people recognize and celebrate Black History Month without really knowing its history so let's take a quick look at the origin of

Black History Month.

Black History Month was first instigated by the Black educators and the Black United Students at Kent State University in February 1969. On Feb. 2, 1970, the first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State and lasted through February. It has been an annual celebration during February and has been adopted worldwide, originating in the United States.

"There's a light in the darkness, though the night is black as my skin. There's a light burning bright showing me the way, but I know where I've been."

In the movie "Hairspray," Motormouth Maybelle sang these words in "I Know Where I've Been." The first verse, ending with the statement "I know where I've been," is such a loaded statement if you think about it.

It talks about understanding the fundamental truth about a journey we were born into. This is a journey to carry on the brilliance shown to us by those who came before us. It is the

journey of understanding that every one of us is part of history, and every single achievement that we have, no matter how little or big we think it is, it is part of a story that will be told for centuries to come.

It understands that regardless of what has gone on in the past, we as humans choose life, love, and to grow, but we will not hesitate to defend ourselves and demand change and justice where it needs to be. It understands that regardless of what happens, we choose to hope and excel as one, loving and caring for every person despite what psychographic or demographic we associate with. It understands that we will not be treated poorly or believe that we are lesser because we all come from greatness, and no one can take that from us. It understands that through the color of our skin, we are part of a legacy, not by choice but as a gift, and we should utilize that gift to make our parts of the world glorious.

Personally, it is a privilege to be Black. If it were a choice, I would choose it

again because I get to look back at those who came before me and those who are crossing boundaries at present. This gives me a great sense of belonging, not just for association but for motivation, knowing that I can do those things too, even with the odds against me.

History has not been perfect, and a considerable part of history has not been fair, but as the song still goes, "There's a road we must travel. There's a promise we must make. But the riches will be plenty, worth the risk and the chances we take. There's a dream with the future, there's a struggle that we have yet to win. Use that pride in our hearts to lift us up to tomorrow because to sit still would be a sin."

This is motivation to keep forging ahead because what is life without a cause to fight for, without love to share, and without people to teach?

As we go through February, I hope we celebrate this with the proper understanding and work towards progress for our present and our future.



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News in Brief

Senior Night/Parents' Day

On Saturday, Feb. 19, the Minot State men's and women's basketball teams will be competing in their last regular season game against Minnesota State University Moorhead. The women's game is at 1:30 p.m. and men's game is at 3:30 p.m. Prior to both games, seniors and parents of the players will be recognized.

Women's hockey

MSU women's hockey will go up against #5 Midland University on Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Maysa Arena. The puck drops at 4:30 p.m. both days.

Bubble Invite

MSU softball will be hosting the Bubble Invite II, going up against University of Minnesota Crookston Feb. 18 at 5 p.m., the University of Mary Feb. 19 at 2 p.m., and Bemidji State University Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.

'INT'L Paperworks 2022'

The Northwest Arts Center is having its annual juried exhibition, which has been newly renamed "INT'L Paperworks 2022." The exhibition is on view until Feb. 24 in the Walter Piehl Gallery.

'Two Friends'

The Northwest Arts Center presents "Two Friends," by artist Erin Wohletz, through Feb. 24.

Men's hockey

MSU men's hockey will be competing on Wednesday, March 2 at Maysa Arena against University of Jamestown at 7:30 p.m.

Presidents Day

The University will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 for Presidents Day.

Spring Assessment Day

Spring Assessment Day will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 22. There will be no classes from 8 a.m.-2:50 p.m. with classes resuming at 3 p.m.

Stained glass boot camp

A compact two-day course on stained glass is being offered Friday, Feb. 25 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Choose your pattern and create your very own at Margie's Art Studio in Minot. All materials are provided with the fee.

FAFSA open now

The 2022-2023 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now open for the Fall 2022, Spring 2023, and Summer 2023 semesters. The priority funding deadline for Minot State is April 15, 2022. Apply at www.fafsa.gov.

Yoga

Yoga will be held at the Wellness Center on Mondays and Wednesdays during the semester at 12 p.m.

Drop-in counseling

Minot State University offers drop-in counseling services on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The service will be held from 2-2:30 p.m. in the Souris Room, located on the second floor of the Student Center, and from 3-3:30 p.m. at the Wellness Center in the Group X Room.

Tension at the 2022 Beijing Olympics

Yuden Zongtenpa Staff Writer

The Winter 2022 Olympics began on Feb. 4 in Beijing and are set to continue all the way up to the Feb. 20.

However, the games continue despite many nations — mainly the U.S. and its allies — issuing diplomatic boycotts of the games in protest of the country's treatment of Uyghurs and other Muslim minority groups. It is no secret that the Chinese government is very controlling of its citizens, and over the past year, the atrocities faced by Muslims and other minority groups in China have been horrendous. Shortly after the United States declared their boycott, U.S. allies quickly followed suit.

While athletes from the countries taking part in the

boycott will still be participating in the Olympics — with American three-time figure-skating world champion Nathan Chen scoring a world record in his short program — none of these countries will be sending government representatives to Beijing this season.

At the same time, various COVID-19 restrictions are imposed on not only the Olympic attendees, but also the participating athletes.

The games are currently taking place in a closed-loop bubble where the guests are provided with hotel lodgings in a closed-off area at the Olympic venue itself. Human-to-human interaction is kept at a minimum, and guests are served either by robotic waiters or staff decked out in hazmat suits. The Olympic organizers also

require everyone in the closed-loop area to test for the coronavirus each day of the games, and while 30 athletes have tested positive so far, the amount of cases are expected to taper off soon.

The tense situation has placed a unique form of pressure on certain athletes. Take for example, Eileen Gu, a freestyle skier born to a Chinese mother and an American father. Her decision to compete for China in the Winter Olympics has earned her a lot of backlash from American media, with some accusing her of betraying the United States.

Competitors in her position walk a fine line in the current climate where it seems that just one wrong move could set both sides aflame.



The Winter 2022 Olympics are being held in Beijing.

Photo via Getty Images

Eric Sevareid Awards

Hussein Abu-Lamzi
Features Editor

"I press this upon my students: good writing, good soundbites, and good natural sound. Sounds bring the story to life," said Neil Roberts. "And that's what you want to do as a storyteller. Sometimes it's a two-minute story; sometimes, it's 10. Either way, it's a story."

Roberts, an associate professor of professional communication at Minot State, came back to North Dakota in 1991 as an NBC-affiliated news anchor, where he had grown up in Parshall. However, a few years into the job, a teaching position opened at Minot State.

"I taught for a couple of years at the University of South Dakota," he said. "I never thought I wanted to teach before that, but when I was a graduate student at North Dakota State University, I worked as a graduate assistant, where they waived my tuition for teaching a couple of classes. I found out I liked teaching."

His career at Minot State would culminate in numerous Eric Sevareid Awards in multiple categories, which both he and his students have won.

Eric Sevareid started under Edward Murrow as part of the Murrow's Boys, a handpicked-by-Murrow and elite group of journalists who followed in the Hall of Fame journalist's footsteps and tutelage.

"All of a sudden, radio becomes a medium in the 1920s. By 1940, most people have a radio," Roberts said. "During WWII, Murrow covered the London bombings, and people could hear it live on the radio. It was the first time that people in the U.S. and worldwide got the news with that immediacy."

Sevareid covered the Fall of

Paris in 1940, and for 13 years, he did "CBS Evening News" commentary, just as Murrow before him.

"He did commentary towards the end of his career on a weekly basis, back when the news was a trusted entity," Roberts said. "His commentary could be trusted. It wasn't just some knee-jerk reaction — it was research. And he backed what he said during a commentary, which gives more credibility to your statements."

The Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association would later name their award after the North Dakota-born and Minnesota-educated journalist. On their website, the association describes the Eric Sevareid Award as such: "Each year, the Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association presents awards to the best work done by broadcast news operations and journalists working in small, medium, and large markets in our six-state region on radio, television and online."

The Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin comprise the six-state region.

Roberts has won 38 Eric Sevareid Awards during his career, but he contrasted this impressive record by saying, "My students, collectively, have won more awards than me, I'm sure. I do not have the exact number on that, though."

Roberts recounted his KZZJ Radio win of the first place 2019 Eric Sevareid Award for the sports reporting category within the small radio market size. The piece he sent to the association, "Moose Hunt of a Lifetime," revolved around Roberts' cousin's wife, who drew up her moose tag without

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2022 SDSU symposium

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Computer science is something that is necessary for our lives and is contributing to the development and prosperity of humankind.

Zhuoyu (Ben) Yang, Yongmin Kim, Long Nguyen, and Luiz DuPont are attending the 2022 SDSU Data Science Symposium.

"This symposium is a data science event organized by South Dakota State University," said Yang. "Students attending this event will have an opportunity to present the application of data science to topics such as healthcare, insurance, agriculture, and finance."

Kim and Yang have been working on training a model to predict the severity of automobile accidents in the Midwest based on weather conditions. Nguyen and DuPont are training a model to predict the size of wildfires in America based on temperature, wind, and humidity.

"Data science and machine learning is an everyday application in the real world. It's used in almost everything, such as social media, search engines, and YouTube algorithms," said Nguyen. "Also, there are workshops about data science so I thought it would be a good opportunity to gain deeper knowledge about this field in computer science."

The group has been working on their models for almost a year in anticipation of the event.

"This is our first time attending this symposium, and we were unfamiliar about the field of data science," said DuPont.

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Things you didn't know: MSU student resources

Jane Wunderlich
Social Media Director

While Minot State does a great job communicating with students about the benefits of attending the university, there are a few "hidden" or easily forgotten things on campus that students tend to lose track of as the semester goes on and other things consume their minds.

For starters, most students don't know that you get 500 free copies on campus per semester. Students often think they get charged a few cents every time they make a copy; however, this isn't the case unless you've maxed out and hit the 500 limit. These copies can be made in the library, the Student Center, or any other computer you use your student login information to get in.

In 2002, the Student Government Association created the Student Taxi Pass program. Its sole purpose is to encourage students to be smart when choosing to go somewhere. Having a designated driver or calling a taxi can eliminate dangers. Minot State students are gifted four taxi passes per semester that are good for one-way travel anywhere within Minot city limits. Using them for a grocery run, getting stuff for a school project, getting home safely, or whatever else may be the case is a valuable option. That's why they're here. Students can pick up their taxi passes in the Student ID office during work hours Monday through Friday.

Another hidden feature is the Food Pantry located on the second floor of the Wellness Center in the hallway that connects it to the Dome. Here is where students, staff, or others can drop non-perishable food items

off for other students to pick up when they need them. Students who can't get to the grocery store that night or need to cover a meal are welcome to use the pantry. The pantry's purpose isn't to make sure every student stays fed for free, but it is there for when students need food. Next to the pantry is also a box of shoes and clothing items for students to use at their discretion.

No student loves spending hundreds of dollars on textbooks every semester. The library has textbooks in stock that students are welcome to check out whenever they need. The library doesn't have every textbook, but students have access to the ones they do have. They also allow you to check out headphones, other books, protractors, DVDs, and CDs.

Another helpful resource in the library is down in the basement, where there is tutoring for multiple subjects and the Writing Center to help students with their papers and build their resumes. There are also study spaces downstairs that students are welcome to use whenever they'd like, along with helpful staff always wearing a smile.

One last hidden feature is access to extra activity gear in the MSU Wellness Center. On the second floor of the Wellness Center, students can check out bikes, snowshoes, basketballs, volleyballs, tents, grills, and other seasonal activity gear. All students must do is give them their ID number to know who has what checked out. Easy as that. This offers students a lot more options to pass the time and enjoy their free time here at Minot State University.

RG Editorial

Kylie Koontz Editor

Black History Month began this month. I personally believe that it is always the right time to learn and educate one's self on topics that maybe you aren't well educated in or to simply be a part of the change rather than watching it happen.

In honor of Black History Month, here are only a few of my favorite movies that each highlight the Black experience differently. From true stories to works of fiction, from characters that I can relate to, to others who's struggles and triumphs I could never understand but am dedicated to learning about, here are four of my favorite that highlight the Black experience in America differently:

1. "The Hate You Give"
2. "Hidden Figures"
3. "The Help"
4. "Black Panther"

Each of these movies represent something slightly different than the other, but each showcases the Black ex-

perience throughout America's history.

Now, there are many movies that everyone should watch that don't center on Black trauma but simply represent diversity and equality in a historically whitewashed profession. But what I love about these movies is that though they are traumatic, heartbreaking, and even scary, is that they show the resiliency, power, and hope in every one of their characters whether they are fictional or not.

They show that in times of great pain, the unity of a people that comes together for one another and forces change even when it's hard can make a difference. These movies also show those who turn away from what they are told, who turn away from comfort and complacency to be apart of the change.

I think everyone has the potential to do those things in their own lives. And maybe that starts out with simply watching one of these movies.

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International student feature: Megan Connell

Hussein Abu-Lamzi Features Editor

Not only did Megan Connell, from Ballito, South Africa, complete her bachelor's in biochemistry with a double major in genetics and her one-year honors research project before coming to Minot State University, but she also managed to take up a medical internship and travel around Europe.

Following her graduation from high school, Connell attended the University of Pretoria, where she completed her bachelor's in three years.

As for the one-year honors research program, she researched three components of herbal and traditional medicine people use for controlling diabetes to test their effectiveness as each acted alone versus all of them as a triple complex. This project took Connell six months of research; she had to start it from the ground up. She'd also worked diligently to acquire this research opportunity within the University of

Pretoria.

Out of the 200 to 300 students in the major, the faculty selects around 10 students for the honors programs, which Connell explained as akin to post-graduate research in the United States.

Following her post-graduate research, Connell went on a medical internship where she realized she preferred a more medical-oriented career instead of a research-based one.

"I worked with the geriatric population, and I realized a medical-oriented career is quicker and based more around people," she said.

Despite the desired field switch, the sciences always tugged at Connell's heart. Her mom, who started as a cardiac and trauma nurse, became one of the youngest ER charge nurses at the Sir Johannesburg General Hospital. Her father, a metallurgist, worked on gold mines in Burkina Faso.

"My dad would be gone for six weeks, back for three," Megan said of her father's presence during her primary

school years.

In addition to her close relationship with her mother, this coming and going of her father attributed to the reason she got inspired by her mother's profession more than by her father's engineering inclinations.

She was leaning towards science since her childhood. Connell grew up in Ballito, along the Dolphin Coast, residing there from her childhood to her college years.

"Growing up, I always found myself at the beach, and I wanted to become a marine biologist," Connell said. "But during high school, my skin changed, and I started getting easily sunburned."

Ubuntu, Nguni Bantu for humanity, another Ballito-rooted trait that shaped Connell's interactions, shaped her memories within her hometown.

"Folks take care of each other," she said. "It's the way of life in the community."

Yet staying in the same neighborhood in Ballito also had its effect on her.

"It's like a small town where if you grow up there, you stay there," she said. "We partied. We went to clubs at 14 — part of the culture. The Afrikaans, they drink from an early age."

Come her 21st birthday, however, Connell would travel across Europe alone with a backpack.

"My best friend lived in Norway. And for my 21st birthday, my parents gave me a sum of money so I decided to spend it on travel by myself," she said. "I traveled to

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Robert E. Kibler: The world is yours to make

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Features Editor

His elementary school wanted him in remedial education, only to later consider him a genius. He failed high school yet excelled in college. He became a paratrooper, and later, he traveled to China before earning his doctorate.

From the moment his grandfather, Francis Smith, knocked on the front door of the White House and until this day, Robert E. Kibler believed this: “Find a way or make one.”

Kibler, chair of the Division of World Languages and Cultural Studies at Minot State University, distrusted education because of his elementary school experience.

Explaining his two opposing experiences in school, Kibler said, “[My school] taught the sight method, and I didn’t get it. In first grade, they tried to put me in remedial education, but two-thirds into the school year, they shifted to the phonics method, and I shot up to the top of the class.”

Preceding it with a dismissive laugh, he then said, “In third grade, they wanted to put me in a private school with the gifted kids.”

Kibler grew into a curious child in middle school, acquiring the nine-volume collection of John Clark Ridpath’s “History of the World” from his grandfather around seventh grade.

Describing his visits to his grandfather’s place during middle school, Kibler said, “His whole attic was full of books. And my parents dumped us there on weekends, where my brother and I would spend the weekends there. My grandfather — he’d always let us take a book. I expressed an interest in one of the volumes, and he said, ‘You can take them all.’

This encyclopedia would factor into Kibler’s time in the military and his attraction

towards the medieval period.

Yet Kibler’s grandfather influenced him long before high school.

The family story he’d always heard went like this: In 1919, after coming to the United States and traveling to Washington D.C., “my grandpa knocked on the White House. A White House staff member said, ‘Can I help you?’ My grandpa said, ‘Yeah, I’d like to introduce my children to their president.’ And they let him and his kids inside. President Woodrow Wilson did.”

Concluding the anecdote, Kibler gestured with his hand and said, “So if you want to get ahead, knock on the door. You gotta knock on the door.”

High school changed things for Kibler.

“I stopped going to school in ninth grade. I stayed home. I played hockey. I did other things,” he said. “I failed ninth and 10th grades but went to 11th and 12th. The school had to give me three exams to graduate. I graduated with a 0.67 GPA. A middling F! They wanted me out.”

Out of 605 students, he ranked last. And although he loathed his time at the Robert E. Peary High School, its motto stuck with Kibler: “Find a way or make one.”

In the spirit of a joke, he followed the motto with, “Well, the school took it from Hannibal, I believe, who said it to his generals when they told him it was impossible to cross the Alps by elephant.”

His academic despair would not last for long, however.

“Later, I came around to going to college, but I couldn’t get in because of my grades,” he said. “But you get into community college just by applying, so I went to community college for two years. I did well — not good, just well.”

He later transferred to one of his dream schools, St. Mary’s

College of Maryland.

Describing his studies of English literature at St. Mary’s College, Kibler said, “I could cut my own path, do what I wanted, so I excelled academically, and I embraced learning.

“So I was halfway through college with a 4.0 GPA, which allowed me to go to my dream school: St. Mary’s College of Maryland. It was my most informative and important time. I was in a small environment with creative people. Anything you want to do you could do at a small college. At a small university like Minot, if you want to be a staff writer, you show up to the newspaper meeting. I showed up to a meeting for the newspaper, and in a year, I became its managing editor.”

Following his time at St. Mary’s, Kibler served in the U.S. Special Forces with the 82nd Airborne Division and the 1/75 Ranger Battalion from 1979 until 1983. During these years, Kibler’s time spent at his grandfather’s attic reached its full net effect.

“My grandpa had given me all the volumes to John Ridpath’s ‘History of the World.’ I read it in the military because I had carried those books around with me for years. I thought I’d become smart if I read all those books. I thought I would get to know some things. And the books ended on a hopeful note. They ended in 1893 with new oncoming inventions and propositions,” he said. “Ridpath made it look like the world would open up, looking with excitement towards the future where he saw Tom Edison’s electric lamp for the first time lighting up the night.”

And he learned things, indeed. Yet, in his eclectic nature, Kibler also followed his description of the volumes with a charming anecdote.

“The volumes actually got me in trouble in college because

from them, I learned an old-fashioned vocabulary that no one uses today or has used for a long time,” he said. “Professors did not know these phrases — no one did anymore, but they were what I knew as common.”

Those phrases included “the warp and the woof if it,” “in the purple,” “for the nonce,” and “in the halcyon days.”

After his years in the military, Kibler received his Bachelor of Arts in 1985 and Master of Arts in 1988 from the University of Maryland, College Park. During those years, he invested his time researching the medieval time period.

“The University of Maryland, College Park had the renaissance center,” Kibler said. “Their library is for scholars, and I got a scholar’s pass to study the 16th century.”

When he applied for doctorate programs at Ivy League schools, they rejected him. What did Kibler do?

“Before my Ph.D., I took a break and went to China,” he said. “I went to China because I got rejections from all the Ivy League schools which I applied to. And right around that time, a Chinese delegation came on campus. They asked us, ‘Anybody want to go to China and teach?’ So, I said, what the heck, I’ll take a break and go to China.”

Why China?

“I lived in two different neighborhoods as a kid. In both neighborhoods, the kids teased me for looking Chinese. In one neighborhood, they called me China Boy. Also, when I was in the military, my wife, at the time, lost her father, who disappeared working for the CIA. He just vanished,” he said. “We went to psychics to find my wife’s father, and we got this one psychic who didn’t find her father but had a contact in the spirit world named Raul. I asked her to ask

Raul who I was in my past life, and Raul said I was a farmer in ancient China.”

Kibler arrived in China in mid-July, a few weeks after the 1989 Tienanmen Square Massacre unfolded.

With his second shot at doctorate applications, Kibler applied from China.

“I had a big transformation in China,” he said. “I applied to schools in the U.S. while I was there, and I got into fellowships everywhere.”

When it came time to decide, Kibler chose the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

“At the Twin-Cities, I got into one of the seven fellowships the university offers, and for two years, I just studied Latin, Old English, and other medieval subjects,” he said. “And then I got my Ph.D. researching Ezra Pound, who was both a medievalist and a sinologist. Pound studied Confucianism and the medieval period and Latin and Greek, which is all the stuff I was interested in. So, my dissertation involved the Greco-Roman, medieval, and Chinese traditions as they pertained to Ezra Pound.”

Concluding that chapter of his education, Kibler extracted valuable advice on graduate schools from it, which he wanted to share with the MSU student body.

“You don’t necessarily want to choose professors who like you or who think like you, but you really should choose professors from whom you think you can learn and with whom you have a compatible way,” he said. “But also, if you’re getting bad vibes from a professor, you should probably listen to that. Follow a path where you think you can learn.”

Still, distrust of the education system cemented in him from an early age seems to have only grown over the years.

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Soup Tuesdays

Venissa Adeti
Staff Writer

For over 20 years, the Lutheran Campus Ministry has been visiting Minot State University to serve free soup once a week on Tuesdays, except for on breaks like holidays and vacations. This initiative was started even before the flood that devastated Minot beginning June 23, 2011, leaving many homeless.

After the flood, LCM moved onto campus and continues to serve free soup to the student body. It started with just a couple

of crockpots, and now they make about seven whole roasters weekly.

According to Carmen Fricke, one of the organizers and planners of Free Soup Tuesday, this is done by about five Lutheran churches in the Minot area. They give out about 375-400 servings of free soup each week.

The menu changes each week, with several choices each Tuesday, from chicken noodle to broccoli cheddar to creamy chicken with wild rice. They also always provide at least one gluten-free option, for example, creamy potato corn chowder and much more.

They always arrive at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings to start preparing the soup to be served beginning at 10:45 a.m. on the dot. Even though they arrive early in the morning, the tables are set up the day before.

According to Fricke, there are a lot of volunteers who devote their time to help with this cause, and they are incredibly grateful for all the help they receive. She is also glad to be working with other people, such as Sue Robb and Deacon Anna Dykeman.

Fun fact: some of these amazing people attended and graduated from MSU and many family members after them. What's there not to love about MSU?

So don't forget, every Tuesday beginning at 10:45 a.m., try and head down right in front of the bookstore in the Student Center and have as much free soup as you want.



Photo by Johanna Eben

Soup Tuesdays is held in the Student Center Atrium.

Student resource: bold.org

Saif Khan
Staff Writer

"The average student today will graduate more than \$30,000 in debt and is far less likely to start small businesses, seek the highest impact careers, buy homes, or start families," says bold.org, a scholarship platform that was founded in 2019.

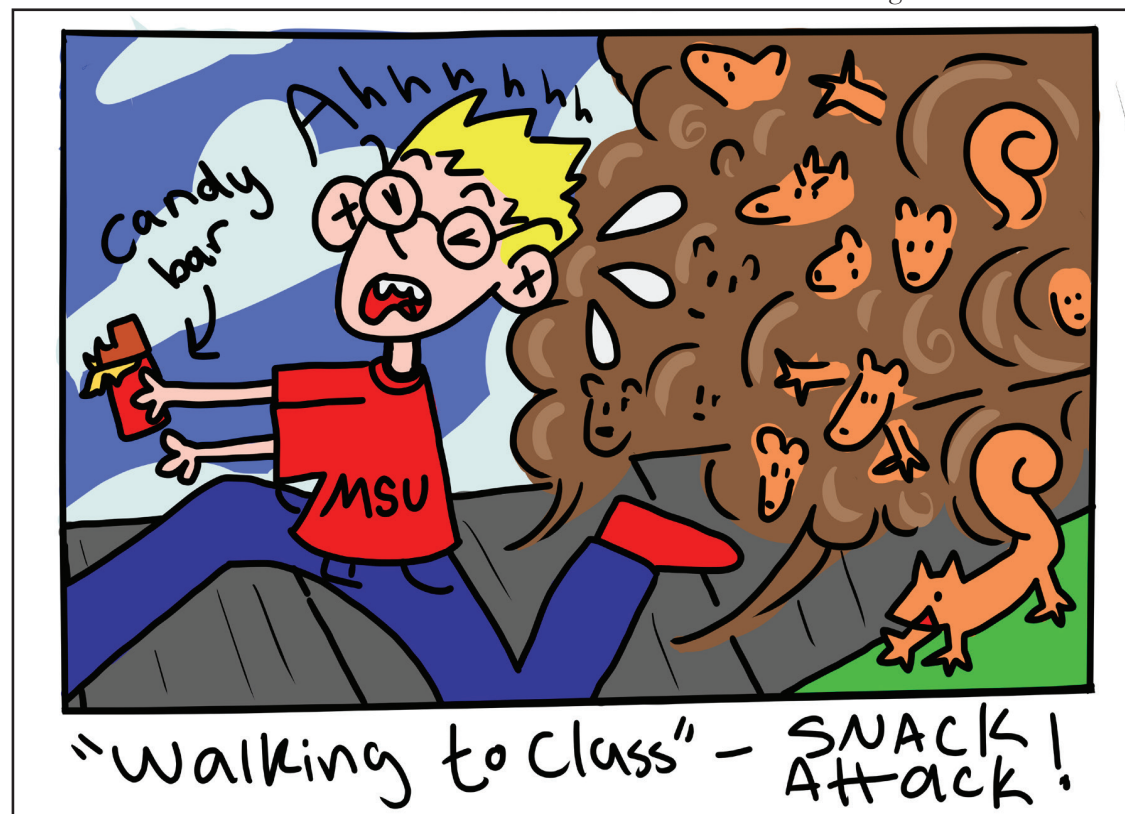
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Esports makes its way to Minot State

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The Spring 2022 term has proved promising for the MSU Esports Club so far. The Hartnett Hall Overhaul committee has considered establishing an esports arena and faculty gamers started creating a varsity esports team on campus.

Ethan Valentine, Esports Club advisor and assistant professor in the Department of Addiction Studies, Psychology, and Social Work, discussed how he might bring forth a modern take on videogame communities on campus.

Faculty gamers interested in creating an esports varsity team presented their plans to the Strategic Planning and Budget Council. President Steven W. Shirley received their recommendation recently, and on behalf of the group, Valentine said they remain hopeful that their proposal will follow through.

He echoed gamer faculty concerns that MSU could lose prospective students to other cities in North Dakota because multiple Minot High School students have founded their own esports clubs. Minot High School students in those clubs would apply to universities within and outside the state that attract them with an esports

varsity team presence at their campuses.

Therefore, faculty members rallying behind an esports varsity team hope to restructure and repurpose the Blackbox Theater on the first floor of Hartnett Hall into an esports arena that both the potential varsity team and the established club could use.

While students organize the club and faculty run the varsity team, Valentine explained how the two entities will share a symbiotic space and identity on campus.

"The hope is that, assuming we get the budget, the varsity and the club teams will feed each other," he said. "The club will feed the team and the team will bring in more people. I hope that the arena will be available to the club and anyone on campus."

However, he acknowledged that, logistically speaking, making the arena accessible to the entire MSU student body could prove a difficult goal to achieve. The professor brought these plans and hopes with him all the way from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Valentine came to MSU as a psychology professor in Fall 2021. Prior to MSU, he advised the Kirkwood Community College Esports Club in

Cedar Rapids.

Where Kirkwood had no esports varsity team, of their club Valentine nonetheless said, "We competed regionally at a time when it was brand new. We were all competing together, even though we were a community college."

Therefore, he brought the small college club model along with him to MSU, hoping to advance the concept of videogame community on the campus, starting with an open tournament.

If the club's plans follow through, Valentine underscored, then MSU students stand a few weeks out from the first official videogame open tournament on campus.

"That's valuable," the professor said about the tournament. "Because then we'll get the social presence as a club, and we'll involve the community. We might run a 'Super Smash Bros.' tournament."

Regardless of tournament structure and the game selections, the professor emphasized that "leveraging the club to create communities on campus" is a big focus for the club that should influence its organization.

"We might have a two-tier structure," Valentine said about the club's

potential organization hierarchy. "Management — the president, vice president, etc. — goes at the top. And then we'll have teams and captains for specific games; they can set up events for those games. But joining one team will not exclude you from joining others."

However, as the adviser, Valentine cautioned that the club decisions do not solely fall back on him.

"I'll help and facilitate, but the credit goes to the student leaders," the professor said. "Ultimately, we will base our organization on how we wrote the club's constitution."

Nonetheless, the potential shared club and varsity team space could open new social avenues for videogame players on campus.

"A social piece comes with the space," the club advisor said, "It provides that social community that's hard to come. I'm not worried about the playing being high competition, but if it becomes so, that's great! What matters to me though is that the students play together."

Besides social avenues, an esports varsity team and club presence could leverage an academic presence of esports in the curriculum.

"How do we connect es-

ports to academics?" Valentine asked.

He received his doctorate degree in psychological and quantitative foundations from the University of Iowa. With a focus on educational psychology and the learning sciences, the professor explained that he researches "how we learn and reason in digital spaces."

Answers to his question included exploring augmented virtual reality and simulation games. Based on his academic background, then, Valentine argued that MSU could embrace the astronomical growth of the videogaming industry through embracing an "interdisciplinary design of coursework that blends psychology, education, business, computer science, art, and English."

The Esports Club sailed through Spring 2022 with momentum. A varsity team could follow suit. Regardless, the work students and faculty had put into bringing forth a social sense of community for esports and video game players make the club one of the multiple exciting prospects for appealing to prospective students in the years to come.

RG Editorial

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The National Football League (NFL) Pro Bowl returned to the big stage after taking last year off due to COVID-19. After the showing players put on, it is clear the NFL has the worst All-Star Weekend out of any of the major professional sports in America. All the other league's All-Star weekends have qualities that make them night and day above the NFL.

In the National Basketball Association (NBA), the events leading up to the game draw tons of fan interest. They have the Skills Competition, 3-Point Contest, and the Dunk Contest. Over the years, the Dunk Contest was the crown jewel of the weekend, but as the 3-pointer has made its surge in the modern-day NBA, the 3-Point Contest has made its argument for the best event.

No matter which you prefer, they both add tons of value to the All-Star Weekend. The game is not super competitive, but it is still more competitive than the Pro Bowl. A few years ago, when Kobe Bryant passed away and to honor his legacy, the NBA installed a new rule to the All-Star Game that allows players to play relaxed and have fun for three quarters but to have an extremely competitive 4th quarter, and fans loved it.

The National Hockey League (NHL) and Major League Baseball (MLB) have competitive All-Star Games to go along with their fun festivities before their respective games.

In Major League Baseball, the All-Star game determines which league gets home-field advantage in the World Series, leading to an incredibly com-

petitive game.

The Hockey All-Star Game consists of a three-on-three high-flying single-elimination tournament where each division competes to win a million dollars. As you can imagine, players play hard for that added bonus.

The Homerun Derby in baseball is a crowd favorite, and the recent rule changes have boosted fans' interest to an even higher level. The NHL put on several skills competitions in their All-Star Game, including fastest skater, hardest shot, accuracy shooting, save streak for goalies, the breakaway challenge, and a few others. The best part was the NHL wasted no time getting through all the events, they were fun to watch, and it did not feel like the skills competition dragged on like it sometimes can feel during the NBA All-Star weekend.

Then there is the NFL Pro Bowl, which was an insult to a two-hand touch football game that we would see played at recess by little kids.

The players are in full pads for no reason when there is next to no contact. A seven-on-seven tournament has more physicality. To add on, the skill competitions the NFL put on prior to the game are a snooze fest. The NFL needs to either reinvent the Pro Bowl and the skills competitions or eliminate it. At this point, if you factor in the competitiveness of the All-Star Games and the competitions that go with them, I will rank the major professional sports All-Star Games NHL in first, then MLB, then NBA, and the NFL round outs the bottom.

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Track record: Lewis Cotterill

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On Jan. 25, sophomore student-athlete Lewis Cotterill broke Minot State University's record for the men's indoor track & field for both the 600 meters and 800 meters categories, finishing with a record time of 1 minute 21.39 seconds and 1 minute 54.37 seconds respectively.

Due to these achievements, he was awarded the NCIS Athlete of the Week award in track & field and placed second in the NCIS as a result. Hailing from Cornwall, England, the talented athlete sat down for an exclusive interview and gave us an insight into his accomplishments.

Red & Green: How do you feel about winning the Athlete of the Week Award?

Cotterill: I'm honored to have been the second ath-

lete at school to have won the award after Jacob Jensen, and it's nice to have the opportunity to win and see other boys and girls win it, too. I feel quite pleased to have earned it so early into the season, and I'm glad to have this title under my belt.

Red & Green: What have been your greatest influences as an athlete?

Cotterill: My coaching back at home; I have a great relationship with the coaches in England and over here. I think the coaches here have a similar teaching style as back home. My coach Mark Del Monaco has helped me a lot with understanding and improving myself, as well as senior athletes and so many other people on the team that bring out so many aspects of the team.

Red & Green: Do you have any hobbies? What do you do in your free time?

Cotterill: (laughs) As a

student-athlete, you're normally very busy training and working hard, so I guess I don't have a lot of time for hobbies. I spend my free time sleeping, relaxing, and watching Netflix. It's important to just chill out sometimes.

Red & Green: What's some advice you would give to people who want to be student-athletes?

Cotterill: You need to really have a passion for it, I imagine it's quite similar for other sports too. They usually look for not only talented athletes but also athletes that work really hard. If you're willing to work really hard and succeed, just go for it.

Red & Green: Any final words?

Cotterill: Shoutout to Grayson Bonilla for breaking his 5K PR, He's a prime example of a guy who works hard.



Lewis Cotterill was recently named NCIS Athlete of the Week in track & field.

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The greatest of all time calls it a career after playing 22 seasons

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Feb. 1, 2022 is a day that will forever stick in the minds of NFL players and fans alike as legendary quarterback Tom Brady officially announced his retirement from the league.

Brady ends his 22-year NFL career as arguably the greatest football player and greatest professional athlete of all time. His impact on the game of football will forever be immortalized, and the countless records he set will likely never be broken.

Brady was drafted out of the University of Michigan with the 199th overall pick in the 2000 NFL draft by the New England Patriots. During his rookie season, he was one of four quarterbacks that the Patriots kept on their roster. He only saw the field in one game and had one completion for a measly six yards.

His second season was better than he could have ever expected. After starting quarterback Drew Bledsoe got hurt in week two of the regular season, it was Brady's time to shine. The Patriots lost that week two game, but they went 11-3 in Brady's 14 starts that season and claimed the number two seed in the AFC. In his first almost-full season as a starter, he threw for 2,843 yards, 18 touch-

downs, and 12 interceptions.

The Patriots hosted the Oakland Raiders in the Divisional Round of the playoffs and came away with a 16-13 victory in a game infamously known as the Tuck Rule game. The following week had the Patriots traveling to Pittsburgh to take on the number one seeded Pittsburgh Steelers. In another close game, Brady and the Patriots won 24-17 and clinched their spot in Super Bowl 36.

The Super Bowl would be no easy task as Brady and the Patriots played the St. Louis Rams at the Greatest Show on Turf. His spot in New England Patriots history was cemented as he and the Patriots each won their first Super Bowl championship. The Patriots were outplayed in almost every way imaginable, but they persevered and got the job done.

A disappointing 2002 season led to back-to-back 14-2 seasons in 2003 and 2004. In both seasons, Brady never threw for more than 3,700 yards or 28 touchdowns. However, the Patriots dominated in both seasons and won two more Super Bowl championships. Winning three championships in the span of four years had people speculating the birth of a dynasty, but Brady and the Patriots wouldn't be so lucky.

The 2005 and 2006 seasons saw back-to-back disappointing

losses in the playoffs, with no special play from Brady. In 2007, however, the Patriots had one of the greatest seasons of all time. Brady threw for 4,806 yards and 50 touchdowns that year en route to a 16-0 regular season, an MVP award, and the Patriots' fourth Super Bowl appearance in seven years. The Patriots played a New York Giants team that had nothing to lose, and it didn't work out well for them. A defensive meltdown in the fourth quarter allowed the Giants to get back into the game and capture a 17-14 victory. It was Brady's first Super Bowl loss.

Brady wouldn't play a full season of football again until the 2009 season due to an ACL tear he suffered in week one of the 2008 season. He threw for over 8,000 yards and 60 touchdowns over the next two years but was unable to get the Patriots back to the Super Bowl.

That changed during the 2011 season as the Patriots went 13-3 and had the chance to avenge their Super Bowl 41 loss to the New York Giants. Despite throwing for almost 300 yards and two touchdowns in the game, the Giants were once again successful and left Indianapolis with a 21-17 victory.

The next eight years of Brady's career saw nothing but success. The Patriots went 12-4 in the 2014 season and ended their year

with a 28-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl. They were once again in the Super Bowl following a 14-2 regular season in 2016. Brady missed the first four games of that season due to a suspension from the Deflate Gate Scandal in the prior postseason but went 11-1 in his 12 starts. The Patriots met the Atlanta Falcons in the Super Bowl that year in arguably the greatest Super Bowl ever. After falling behind 28-3, Tom Brady and the Patriots fought and clawed their way back into this game and came away with a 34-28 overtime victory.

The Philadelphia Eagles played spoiler to the New England Patriots in the 2017 season and defeated the Patriots 41-33 in the Super Bowl. It would be the third and last time Brady would lose in a Super Bowl. Brady also won his third and final MVP that season.

In 2018, the Patriots went 11-5 and were once again in the Super Bowl, their third straight trip to the big game. Their opponent was the Los Angeles Rams, who were one of the best overall teams during the regular and post season. Brady had an average performance in what would be a defensive slug-out. His 262 yards and no touchdowns, however, were enough for the Patriots to get the 13-3 win over the Rams.

Following the 2019 season,

Brady signed a two-year \$50 million deal with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. All he did in his first season as a Buc was throw for 4,633 yards, 40 touchdowns, and win Tampa Bay its first Super Bowl championship since 2002. He went to Tampa Bay and instantly made them a contender and put them in the history books forever.

His second season in Tampa, and his last season overall, unfortunately didn't end as happy. Brady led the Bucs to a better record, threw for more yards, and more touchdowns, but was unable to get past the Rams in the playoffs. A 30-27 loss in the Divisional Round of the playoffs would be Brady's final game in the NFL.

Brady retires as the greatest New England Patriot quarterback of all time, and arguably the greatest quarterback of all time. His list of team and NFL records is a mile long and will likely never be rivaled. He retires as the NFL's all-time leader in passing yards, passing touchdowns, pass attempts, wins, and Super Bowl championships just to name a few. To see more of his all-time records, go to www.nbcsports.com. The impact he had on the game of football is unmatched. Simply put, there will never be another Tom Brady.

Name, image, likeness: What the new rule means for college athletics

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Many may not understand the meaning of NIL, or name, image, likeness. These three things make up the right of publicity for Division III, Division II, and Division I athletes.

NIL was put in place to prevent or allow the use of a player to promote a brand or service. Division I Board of Directors passed a new NIL policy in late June of 2021 giving all NCAA DIII, DII, and DI athletes the ability to be com-

pensated for their name, image, and likeness if the athlete does not violate pay-for-play rules.

Pay-for-play is a policy put in place so that no NCAA athlete can receive compensation to play for a certain team outside of an athletic scholarship. This is specifically compensation for play, not for fame. Name, image, likeness are things like using an athlete's number or face for publicity, same goes for an athlete promoting a brand like Nike. Name, image, likeness prohibits athletes from being used

to bring their school money; at least without getting compensated for it. Athletes can now make deals over NIL, and refuse if they choose to.

NIL has been in the works for a long time. Issues regarding the use of the athletes' abilities past their play has been an issue as early as 2004.

High school track & field and football star Jeremy Bloom had competed in Olympic and professional skiing events while having endorsement deals with ski equip-

ment and providers like Tommy Hilfiger. Bloom was then recruited to play college football by the University of Colorado, and in order to play, he had to cut deals with the ski industry and Tommy Hilfiger, resulting in a lawsuit against the NCAA and regents of the university.

Most recently, this affected Oregon State basketball player Sedona Prince. Prince had sustained a leg injury right before coming to Oregon State. This cost thousands of dollars that she had to pay out of

her pocket. Upon arriving at Oregon State, Prince has received multiple endorsement deals and is now very famous on the social media app TikTok. While being a Pack-12 student-athlete, Prince has received no compensation because of the old NCAA rules regarding athlete pay, thus resulting in another lawsuit.

Now that NIL has a placed policy in the NCAA, hopefully issues like these can be resolved, and athletes like Prince can be compensated accordingly.

NSIC Player of the Week: Amber Stevahn

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Amber Stevahn, a 5'11 junior from Bismarck, had an outstanding weekend performance in late January, ultimately helping her claim the Northern Division NSIC Player of the Week, which honored her accomplishments.

On Jan. 21, Stevahn led the way with a game-high 30 points against University of Minnesota, Mankato, helping Minot State secure a win. She went 10 for 18 from the field while grabbing hold of 11 rebounds.

The following day, against Concordia-St. Paul, Stevahn had 18 points and nine rebounds, helping the Beavers to their 2-0 victory weekend.

With her season averages being 17.9 points and 6.1 rebounds per game, this was no surprise to her team or opponents that she would be an offensive, as well as defensive, threat.

Stevahn does all the little things the coaches ask of her. She communicates, scores, plays defense, rebounds, takes charges, and when you ask her which of the above is her favorite thing to do, she humbly admits it is to score. That right there, as well as her competitive mentality, is what drove her all the way to scoring her 2,000th point just a week before her remarkable NSIC Player of the Week games.

Although she racked up three quarters of those points at Bismarck State College, college statistics remain a unit. Scoring 1,000 collegiate points is hard enough for most athletes, but Stevahn doubled that, and she's only a junior. That's a valuable player.

Prior to Minot State University, Stevahn played for the Bismarck State College Mystics for two years. There she was voted North Dakota College Athlete of the Year and was All-American First Team her sophomore

year. Although it was an honor to receive such awards, without her coaches, parents, and herself seeing the potential she had and pushing herself to reach it, none of this would have been possible for her. Stevahn was not highly recruited out of high school, but after two years of working on her skills and abilities, that quickly flipped when the end of her sophomore year came about.

From there, she was highly recruited from Division I, II, and III universities, ultimately deciding to stay close to home and attend Minot State University. Here at MSU, Amber is pursuing her bachelor's in biology, with dreams of going to graduate school to become a

chiropractor who practices naturopathic medicine.

Most student-athletes are only given four years to compete at the college level, but since the NCAA granted all athletes who were competing in college sports during the 2020-2021 season another year of eligibility, there's a possibility Stevahn could return to the court next year for one last run as a Beaver.

Along with Stevahn, Melvin Newbern, who competes on the men's basketball team, and Lewis Cotterill, who competes on the track & field team, also claimed the Northern Division NSIC Player of the Week for their outstanding performances.



Photo by Jane Wunderlich

In her short time at Minot State, Amber Stevahn has earned several career milestones including over 2,000 career points.

Beaver football hosts Signing Day Party for class of 2022



Photos by Parker Striha

Head football coach Mike Aldrich address the Beaver Boosters during the 2022 Sign Day Party hosted in the MSU Dome.



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having hunted before and ended up with a nice looking but poorly hunted moose.

As for this year's focal piece, legendary former football coach for the Minnesota Vikings Harold Peter "Bud" Grant Jr. hunted on Robert's cousin's land, Roberts reached out to Grant's hunting guide, Mark Hamilton, through his cousin, asking to get in touch with Grant for an interview.

"He was a wonderful interview. He lived a great life. He had a lot of things happen in his 94 years of life," said Roberts. "He's in the actual Hall of Fame for the NFL. Took the Vikings to the Super Bowl four times. And he still hunts."

Roberts did five reports with Grant and sent the pieces under multiple of the award's categories for this year's submissions. And if past triumphs note anything, Roberts should have nothing to worry about!

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"So, we had to research about different kinds of machine learning algorithms to know which would work best for our topic."

The symposium is not something everyone can go to. Their initial research proposals were judged and selected by the SDSU Department of Math & Statistics. It's undoubtful that it was a stressful and challenging time to work on a completely new a field of study.

"I'm hoping to go to career fair there and to make connections with a lot of data scientists," DuPont said.

The career fair provides students with the chance to interact with recruiters from tech industries. It will be a positive experience to know the world of computer science at a professional level.

"We are moving towards technology being integrated into our lives," said Kim. "I think the average person should have a little bit of basic

tech skills because even though they don't work with software and hardware, they will deal with computers at some point in their career."

"Technology is all around us," Yang added. "As we go forward, it will keep improving. There's nobody here that doesn't interact with some form of technology, such as using a search engine or checking the weather on a forecast app, and that's all possible through technology. What we do here is the future, essentially."

Kim stated that when he started learning computer science, he did not know anything about it. However, he also mentioned that it doesn't require you to have any talent and it's basically like any other degree, all you need is hard work.

As a society, we have been developing with technology. Today, everything we use in our life is related to some form of technology. There are a lot of people that think computer science is something they can never dig into, but we are dealing with it at some point in our lives unconsciously every day. Let's take advantage of being in this generation that allows us to learn about technology way easier than before.

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Drammen, Amsterdam, Berlin, Lucerne, Vienna, and Prague. I traveled for a month and a half."

She traveled from Dec. 2018 until Jan. 2019, where she spent New Year's Eve in Switzerland, going on a "booze cruise" on Jan. 1, 2019. Thus, Connell became a very independent person during her college years.

During her earlier years, she traveled with the family as well.

"My gran lived in the U.K.," Cornell said. "We visited her multiple times, and we'd

traveled to Scotland and Ireland, but I haven't seen Wales or Isle of Mann yet."

Enter Minot State. While Connell traveled Europe, she had never visited the U.S. She did not have family in the country, either. However, always wanting to study in the U.S., after applying to universities all over the country, she landed on Minot.

"I liked the small community Minot seemed to have. It was a smaller town than Ballito and a smaller university than the University of Peoria," she said. "And I did not want to go to a big university only to become a number there. I wanted to have the chance to assimilate into American life."

Thus, she decided on Minot and booked her flight.

Upon arriving on Jan. 5, 2022, she is double majoring in medical laboratory sciences and chemistry.

"The people stand out. Professors, students, staff, and even strangers. They want to help — so quick to help," she said. "When they find you struggling with something, they don't just walk away."

Moreover, unlike most other students, local or international or otherwise in-between, Connell said, "I'm really enjoying the weather. I am a winter person."

Beyond the surface-level diversity within the student body at MSU, people may find students, such as Connell, who pursued learning and their passions until it led them here, to an otherwise seemingly isolated corner of the U.S. She came to MSU, a place where she did not become a mere number, a place where she could voice her story.

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"Had my parents listened to the teachers and put me in a remedial system, my life would have been very different," he said. "Methods of learning vary and change, and they will always leave some people out and empower others. It takes an inclination to shop around for the education, the program, the people, and the method. If you don't do that, you can end up getting stymied."

Kibler failed ninth and 10th grade and avoided standardized tests since fifth grade, not because of a lack of intellect but a lack of interest. Before heading to college, he purchased the 11-volume set of "The Story of Civilization" by Will and Ariel Durant.

"All of which is to say, I privately educated myself before college, but not through formal high school, which I effectively neglected because it was desperately boring," he said. "Education paradigms, they're like fashion. Once you stay there for a long time, there is a new style every five years, but behind it, there's the dirty little secret: nothing has changed since Aristotle. We still use the tools these guys developed, but we use different terms because we gotta publish new books."

Kibler did not stress the prestige of his programs. He certainly did not highlight grades or academic performance. As the chair of the Division of World Languages and Cultural Studies, Kibler wanted students to take this from his story:

"My story should tell students that anything is possible, that there's no deficit that you can't overcome, and that the world is yours to make."



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