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## Communication department wins awards at the Midwest Journalism Conference

**Janie Wunderlich**  
*Social Media Director*

On April 1 and 2, members of the Red and Green and Media Ink clubs went down to Minneapolis to take part in the annual Midwest Journalism Conference. Due to COVID-19, this is the first conference that's taken place since the outbreak began in 2020.

This two-day conference was laid out with a main session each morning, while breakout sessions took place throughout the afternoon. Main sessions included Chris Little, news director for KFI-AM Los Angeles, and George Bodarky, news director at WFUV-FM in New York.

Throughout the main sessions, attendees practiced rewriting poorly written stories, what you should stay away from when writing scripts, and voice lessons for broadcasters, to name a few examples. Hands-on experience is vital when it comes to broadcasting and journalism, and it was brought to the conference by some of the best.

There were over 10 different sessions attendees could partake in throughout the afternoons and included sports, courtroom news, recruiting and keeping journalists, workplace integrity, and weather.

During the breakout sessions, attendees could go to critiquing sessions and have a professional go through the work they provided to them. They were given one-on-one time to hear what professionals had to say about their resumes and portfolios as someone who had been in their position before. This kind of critiquing is so valuable for students. It teaches them what professionals are looking

for, how they can stand out from others, and opens their eyes to things they may not have seen prior to the session. Although Minot State offers classes for students to help them build their resumes and portfolios, there's a difference when you have actual professionals out in the world willing to look at the work and help students become as good as they can be.

On Saturday evening, the ceremony for the Eric Sevareid Awards took place. Minot State had four students and an instructor receive awards for their specified categories.

Philip Green and Troy Kowal received an Award of Merit in the Series category for their "Mental Game" podcast. Cole Clementich received two first place awards in the categories Photojournalism and Social Media for "Minot High Soccer first game on 'Magic Carpet'" and "The Minot Sports Podcast." Ethan Wiley received first place in the Sports Reporting category for his "International Student Athletes Story." Neil Roberts, associate professor, received an award in the category Small Market Radio for a series titled "Bud Grant Talks to Training Camp Today."

This experience allowed Minot State students to learn tons about the communication industry and tips on how to navigate their way through their field in the direction they have chosen. They got to develop program friendships, build on their skill sets, and take in knowledge that only the conference would have allowed them to receive.

Next year, the communication faculty plans to take another group down to the Midwest Journalism Conference so more students can partake in this extensive and valuable knowledge.



Photo via KMSU Instagram  
Neil Roberts, associate professor; Ethan Wiley, student; and Cole Clementich, student received Eric Sevareid Awards at the April 1-2 Midwest Journalism Conference.



Photo via KMSU Instagram  
Minot State students, advisors, and professors attended the two-day Midwest Journalism Conference in Minneapolis.



# News in Brief

## Friday, April 15

Good Friday, University closed.

Today is the priority deadline to maximize eligibility for the FAFSA. While FAFSAs filed after this date will be accepted, eligibility may be limited.

## Monday, April 18

Easter break, no classes.

## Tuesday, April 19

A faculty recital by Erik Anderson will be held in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at 7:30 p.m.

## Shakespeare Fest, April 19-20

Shakespeare Fest will be held on campus Tuesday, April 19 and Wednesday, April 20. On Tuesday, a screening of "The Tempest" will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. The following night, at the same time and location, a screening of "Shakespeare in Love" will be held.

## Wednesday, April 20

Yoga will be held in the Wellness Center beginning at 12 p.m.

A Peer Support meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in the Fisher Room, located on the second floor of the Student Center.

The MSU Big Dam Jazz Band concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

## Thursday, April 21

Today is the last day to drop second 8-week courses for the semester.

The 2022 Annual Research Poster Session will be held from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the MSU Student Center Atrium.

## Friday, April 22

To celebrate the Spring Honor Dance & Powwow, a Ziigwan Ondaadiziike (Spring Birth) Community Garden Gathering will be held on Friday, April 22 — Earth Day — at 3 p.m. in the community garden.

A MSU choir concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

## Spring Honor Dance, April 22-23

The 32nd annual Spring Honor Dance & Powwow Celebration will take place on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. A grand entry will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. with a honor parade for the MSU graduating class of 2022 at 8 p.m.

## Monday, April 25

Looking for an easy way to read a book or display a photo or card? Take part in a DIY project for accessibility in Memorial Hall Room 218 on Monday, April 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and make a bookstand. If that date doesn't work, another session will be held on Tuesday, April 26 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the same location.

## Tuesday, April 26

The Chamber Ensembles Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

## Wednesday, April 27

Yoga will be held in the Wellness Center beginning at 12 p.m.

A Peer Support meeting will be held at 5 p.m. in the Fisher Room, located on the second floor of the Student Center.

The spring Campus and Community Dialogues event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Northwest Arts Center. Titled, "Who Should Decide What Gets Taught in Public Schools?" this debate will include panelists Chelsie Hultz, Minot State professor and curriculum planner; Kolette Kramer, constitutional freedom activist; and Mark Vollmer, Minot Public Schools superintendent.

The MSU Concert Band Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

## Thursday, April 28

The No Excuse for Abuse Red Run Event will begin at 12 p.m., noon, in the Quad. Each member will "run" in heels provided at the event and take part in Minute to Win It games against their competition.

# Hartnett Hall update

## Hussein Abu-Lamzi Features Editor

The summer will soon be upon Minot State University and the Hartnett Hall renovations shall commence by then. In preparation for this fast-approaching, exciting, and yet overwhelming change, English, professional communication, and art classes will be relocating to different locations across campus.

So far, it appears that most of the English classes will relocate to the third floor of Old Main. Professor Robert Kibler, chair of the Division of World Languages and Cultural Studies, commented on the progress the English department has made in figuring out plans for the relocation.

"People are slowly getting the

idea that we're going to have to pack up to move. Savannah Wateland, our administrative assistant, has ordered tape and stickers in different colors under the idea that each of us will be sending some stuff to deep storage, some stuff to our new offices, and some stuff home," he said. "We are also commissioning a shredding company to shred a lot of our extra paper to get it out of the building."

Kibler also mentioned that English faculty will be relocating to Swain Hall, Model Hall, and the third floor of the library. Regardless, he is reassured that everyone in the English faculty has found an office space for next year.

"We are thinking about having a moving party where

students get together and help us get stuff ready to move, and maybe, we'll supply pizza," he said. "I mention this because it accords with our general sense that, during the next year, we will have to do more. And we will do more to keep a sense of community."

Keeping a sense of community, therefore, is the main concern with the renovations approaching. With faculty spread across campus, students should feel more solidarity with a moving party and a common space next year.

Lastly, as for the communication and art departments, they still have issues to solve and equipment to figure out where to store or relocate.



# SHAKESPEARE FEST



Appreciating the renowned life & work of William Shakespeare

ALESHIRE THEATER, HARNETT HALL,  
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TUESDAY  
APRIL 19  
6:30-9:30 p.m.

SCREENING OF  
"THE TEMPEST"

with intro by Prof Robert Kibler  
discussion with coffee and snacks after

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 20  
6:30-9:30 p.m.

SCREENING OF  
"SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE"

with intro by Prof Eric Furuseth  
discussion with coffee and snacks after

BOTH NIGHTS KICKED OFF WITH A SHAKESPEARE GAME AND PRIZES!

For more information contact Robert Kibler, 720-2716, or Robert.Kibler@MinotStateU.edu

# Holiday history: What is Easter?

**Janie Wunderlich**  
Social Media Director

Easter is one of the major holidays that takes place around the world. According to conversation.com, along with Christmas and Halloween, Easter falls into the top five. The meaning behind Easter has evolved over time — depending on your view of the holiday. In the Christian perspective, it is the Sunday that Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead and signifies new life. In a non-Christian perspective, Easter is a day that celebrates the coming of spring.

The word Easter goes back to the late seventh and early eighth century. One writing by British monk Venerable Bede talks about how the pre-Christian goddess in England, whose name was Eostre, was celebrated once spring arrived.

This was a huge celebration that winter has passed. Traditionally, everyone in the culture would celebrate. As time went on, Easter spread across the world and the name continued to stick no matter what people were celebrating.

There are some cultures, such as the Jewish, that use the term Passover instead of Easter. This term was taken from the Hebrew Bible and is a festival that celebrates the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. In the book of Exodus, a man named Moses was called on and sent to Egypt to liberate the Israelites and bring them to the promised land. Moses approached the pharaoh and told him to let the Lord's people go. When the pharaoh continued to refuse, Moses continued to persist. After sending plagues among the nation, the last one being the death of Egyptians' first-born

sons, the pharaoh finally told him to take his people and get out. They were in slavery for over a hundred years. Each year, they hoped and prayed that the Lord's chosen people would be free from those who held them captive.

Now what about Easter eggs? An egg is a symbol of new life. In a Christian perspective, the egg is said to represent the resurrection and emergence of Jesus from the tomb. It fits right into the holiday, whether the resurrection of Easter is being celebrated, or other pagan celebrations. New life has large meaning behind it.

The colors behind the eggs have many different meanings, too. Some are dyed red to mimic the blood from Christ's crucifixion. Others dye eggs bright colors to symbolize spring, bringing color and happiness to people, and making them appealing to the eye.

It's all just a matter of how you celebrate.

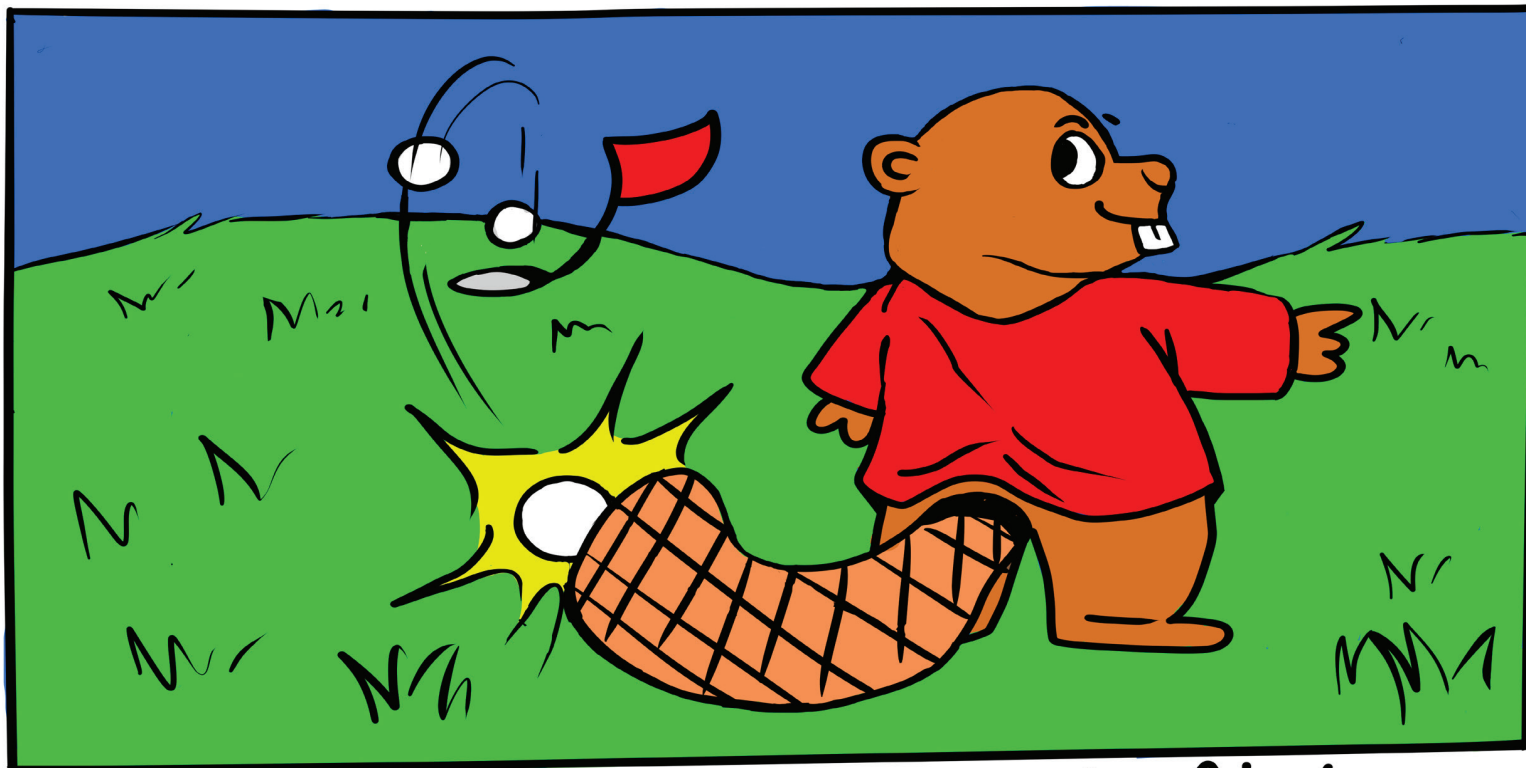
There is a lot of overlap with Passover and Easter, and some choose to celebrate both at the same time, although they fall on different days each year. Easter is celebrated the Sunday after the first full moon of the month, a recurring sequence of 19 dates ranging from March 28 to April

18. Passover is a week long celebration that changes each year, too. Sometimes it falls on Easter and other times it doesn't. Sometimes the two holidays happen an entire month apart.

This year, Easter falls on Sunday, April 17 and Passover will take place Friday, April 15 to Saturday, April 23, 2022.



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Beavers are great at flat-back swings

Cartoon by Jessica Lee



# R&G Editorial

## Influential people with autism

**Kylie Koontz**  
**Editor**

### 1. Greta Thunberg

One of the world's youngest and most dedicated climate change activist, Greta Thunberg told Teenvogue in an interview that her diagnosis "was almost all positive". Her diagnosis helped her realize and understand her differences, differences she says can even be considered her superpower. Thunberg's diagnosis only adds to who she is, a very smart, dedicated, and powerful young woman.

### 2. Anthony Hopkins

Award-winning actor Anthony Hopkins, known especially for his role in "Silence of the Lambs," also has autism. He was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome as a child. Asperger's can manifest a bit differently in each person but most tend to have trouble with obsessive thinking and difficulty maintaining friendships, though none of these things stopped Hopkins from becoming one of the most well known actors in Hollywood.

### 3. Tim Burton

One of the greatest film directors in history, Tim Burton also has autism. Though he has never been officially diagnosed, both Burton and his long-term partner Helena Bonham Carter believe he is on the spectrum. They said Bur-

ton has a unique perspective and gets so intensely focused on his work that he can no longer hear what is going on around him.

### 4. Emily Dickinson

Many believe that Emily Dickinson, a classical poet, would classify as autistic. History tells us she was extremely reserved around people, had a consistent — almost matching — way of dressing everyday, and interacted better with children than adults.

Some of the most influential people in history and our lifetime have autism and it only adds to their character. We can see it in Thunberg's dedication and interest in climate change, and we can also see it in artists like Hopkins, Burton, and Dickinson who show their dedication to art through their works. Autism is a part of who they are and their accomplishments.

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# Autism Awareness Month

**Venissa Adeti**  
**Staff Writer**

In April, Autism Acceptance Month, formerly known as Autism Awareness Month, celebrates and encourages acceptance for autism, which, as of 2020, affects one out of every 54 children in the United States. This complex developmental disorder affects a person's ability to interact, communicate, and progress. There are various kinds of autism.

In April 1970, the Autism Society established the first National Autism Awareness Month. Autism Acceptance Month was started in 1972 by the Autism Society. It has been just over a decade since the United Nations General Assembly established World Autism Awareness Day. It highlights the need for public awareness to encourage acceptance, celebrate differences, and be more inclusive of people with autism

in our communities.

The theme for this year's World Autism Awareness Day, held on April 2, was "Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination."

There were fundraisers, walks, and hands-on activities on this day and events will continue throughout April to raise awareness and a better understanding of life on the autism spectrum. For a list of activities and events in your area, contact your local autism organization.

Autism affects approximately one out of every 54 children today, underscoring the importance of doing everything possible to provide greater support.

Having issues initiating eye contact with individuals and getting extremely concentrated on an object are signs and symptoms of ASD, as are problems with language abilities. Adults and children with autism have a harder time interacting socially and communicating. They

have difficulty comprehending and discussing sentiments, both their own and others'.

Signs of autism generally begin in early childhood and continue to influence daily functioning throughout an individual's life. The severity of symptoms and level of disability vary greatly, with some children and adults able to operate independently while others require significant assistance to accomplish basic daily tasks.

The recognition of such an important day is one that is applauded and should be recognized everywhere around the world. We get to celebrate people with autism as well as people who help support those with it. For more information on autism, don't hesitate to go online. There are many resources available to help broaden one's knowledge on such programs and causes.



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April is Autism Awareness Month.



# Campus and Community Dialogues

**Hussein Abu-Lamzi**  
**Features Editor**

The Spring 2022 Campus and Community Dialogues will be held on Wednesday, April 27 from 7-9:30 p.m. Panelists, moderators, and attendees will gather at the Northwest Arts Center, where the event encourages wearing masks but does not mandate them. Refreshments will be provided, and unrestricted parking is available after 4 p.m.

This term's topic asks the following question: Who should decide what gets taught in public schools? Three panelists will each have eight minutes to speak. They are Chelsie Hultz, from curriculum planning at MSU; Kolette Kramer, a constitutional freedom activist; and Mark Vollmer, superintendent of Minot Public Schools. Additionally, Jean-François Mondon, languages professor, and Alex Deufel, biology professor, will moderate the event.

The organizer of the event,

Robert Kibler, English professor and chair of the Division of World Languages and Cultural Studies, commented on the purpose of having panelists for the event.

"Whoever we have as guest speakers, they only speak for about eight minutes each in the beginning, and they don't necessarily offer opposing sides, just divergent positions on the topic. So it's not a debate, or a win or lose. They just give their take on it, and that is to kind of jump start the conversation and the discussion in the room," he said. "So after they speak, the two facilitators go around with the microphones, and everybody in the room puts a hand up. And they get to speak. And ideally, you know, whenever you have speakers speak, when they stop, there's a tendency to continue to ask them questions, but our hope is to move it out into the crowd so that the crowd is responding to itself."

Beyond the structure of the event, the larger purpose

of Campus and Community Dialogues is to encourage discussion between people.

"Because of social media and other factors, we've become put in silos. Of information gathering, we only collect the information that we like, talking with only the people we agree with — which is no way to grow or to develop in any way," Kibler said. "So the Campus and Community Dialogues takes as its premise the need for dialogue and civic engagement."

After the event unfolds, the organizing committee meets to discuss its strengths and weaknesses in order to build upon the next one.

After the major circumstantial interruptions to fruitful discourse in the past few years, attending this term's Campus and Community Dialogues event should prove a rich experience for students and community members excited to engage in an informed discussion on the contemporary issues of education.



Photo via Minot State University

Robert Kibler talks during a previous Campus and Community Dialogues event.

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## { CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY } DIALOGUES

*Teachers? Parents? Administrators? Oh no — my neighbor?*

# Who Should Decide What Gets Taught in Public Schools?

Graphic provided by Robert Kibler

A Campus and Community Dialogues will be held on Wednesday, April 27.



# Tax Day

**Hussein Abu-Lamzi**  
**Features Editor**

Tax Day is April 18, and here are the essential things you need to know.

Ideally, you should file before the deadline so you have the chance to pay any dues to the IRS. Even if you use the method for an automatic one-month extension, through filing Form 4868, you still have to pay any amount you owe as taxes by April 18. Additionally, you can pay back the amount through organizing a repayment plan with the IRS, which you can learn more about through visiting the IRS webpage on “Topic No. 202 Tax Payment Options.”

On the other hand, if the IRS owes you money, after filing the electronically accurate form, you should expect a refund within 21 days of filing.

As for any stimulus checks, while they are not taxable, you should still report them on your return. When there is a discrepancy between the IRS record and information on your return, it might take longer to process.

If you are looking to file your return using free software, then TaxAct, H&R Block, and TurboTax all have free versions for simple returns of federal returns. However, they do charge for the state returns.

## SGA, Student Center remodel vote

**Destiny Stanton**  
**Staff Writer**

On March 23 and 24, students across campus were able to vote for the 2022-2023 Student Government Association (SGA) officers and senators, as well as the proposed Student Center renovation.

Newly-appointed officers and senators for SGA include Maggie Anderson, president; Praise Okunbor, vice president of finance; Upama Thapa Magar, vice president of internal affairs; Tam Vu, vice president of state affairs; Luke Anderson, College of Business; Shawn Bennett and Divine Damina-bo, College of Arts and Sciences; Gloria Nyantakyiwa Oppong Kyekyeku, Heather Parrish, and Ankit Rijal, College of Education and Health Sciences; Fadzai Madavo, athletics senator; and Jada Clarke and Christopher Scott, off-campus senators.

According to Scott, SGA is looking to appoint a few more members by the end of April and several people are interested in the positions.

As of the Student Center renovation vote, it did pass. The renovation will include

the Beaver Dam, SGA, Student ID, MSU Life and Residence Life offices, as well as the west foyer and the north entry of the building. There will be \$87 per semester added to

the current MSU student activity fees. For the vote, 185 checked yes while 53 did not support the renovation.



Photo via Minot State Instagram

Elections for new Student Government Association positions, as well as a vote on a proposed Student Center renovation, were held on March 23 and 24. The measure was approved, and renovations will include Student Government Association, Student ID, MSU Life, and Residence Life offices, along with the existing west foyer and north entry of the building, with 75% of student voters voting yes on the measure.



Graphic via Pinterest



# Ukraine update: War crimes

**Hussein Abu-Lamzi**  
**Features Editor**

At the end of the sixth week of the attack on Ukraine, on April 5, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy spoke to the United Nations Security Council, warning them of possible Russian war crimes committed around Kyiv, Ukraine's capital.

He claimed that Russian soldiers have molested women, charred civilians, shot children, and piled roped bodies in civilian clothing on the streets. According to ABC News, Zelenskyy then warned the Security Council and the West that they should take action against Russia, holding war crime trials similar to those held in contempt of the war crimes of Germany following World War II. Otherwise, he told the council they should dissolve themselves.

Further, Russian forces have been destabilizing their hold on Kyiv in an effort to access the concentrated Russian-speaking parts of Ukraine, specifically its eastern and southern regions. In response to these Russian plans, within the industrial heartland of the eastern Donbas, the Ukrainian army is preparing to launch a new offensive against the incoming Russian troops. The Donbas contain one of the largest coal reserves in Ukraine, making it a critical juncture of the developing conflict between the two forces.

In light of these developments, European Council President Charles Michel

encouraged members of the European Union to consider granting asylum to deserting Russian soldiers, referencing this move as a rewarding and strategic one that might influence the outcome of events to come. Also, at the International Criminal Court at the Hague, its chief prosecutor has launched an investigation into the possible war crimes that Russian forces committed against Ukrainian citizens.

In an effort to strengthen the sanctions against Russia, and in light of the Donbas development, the 27-nation block of the European Union proposed a ban on coal imports from Russia. However, Western Europe has yet to place sanctions on Russian oil exports.



Photo via AP News

The remains of a bombed building in Ukraine.



Photo via NPR

Someone walks amongst a bombed building in Ukraine.



Photo via NPR

Destroyed cars lined up against a bombed Ukraine backdrop.



# R&G Sports Editorial

## Tiger: A player unlike any other

**Philip Green**  
**Sports Editor**

Anyone familiar with the sport of golf recognizes that when Jim Nantz says his famous “a tradition unlike any other,” he is talking about the Masters. The same can and should be said about Tiger Woods, his is a play unlike any other.

For years, many fans have found their tradition of watching the Masters is one in the same as watching Woods. He may be known as Tiger, but he is truly a unicorn for the sport of golf.

Leading up to this year’s Masters, there was uncertainty that Woods would play due to his recovery from an awful car crash that left him hospitalized. Yet, he was the talk of the Masters. In the days leading up to the tournament, fans were tracking his plane itinerary to see if he was traveling to Augusta, Georgia. It wasn’t even the actual tournament or the practice rounds prior to play, but just a trip to play at Augusta National Golf Club with his son and Justin Thomas.

Woods’ last major win came at Augusta back in 2019, and prior to the Masters cancellation in 2020, many argued he looked like a favorite to repeat. He has earned this type of pop-

ularity and praise for his domination on the golf course from his debut in 1997 all the way through the first decade of the 21st century.

The career accolades are second to none and include 15 majors, lowest career scoring average in PGA Tour history, youngest Grand Slam ever, a record 11 PGA Tour Player of the Year awards, and so many more; however, that might not be the most impressive thing Woods has done. His return to golf excellence following his fall from grace might be even more impressive.

In 2008, Woods won the U.S. Open to give him 14 major wins and then, in 2009, the perfect Tiger Woods fell from the mountain top with no thought for return. But at 43-years-old, the second oldest ever to do so, he climbed all the way back to the peak with his Masters victory. Now, just the thought of Woods returning to play in 2022 on the biggest stage after recovering from a gruesome car crash is remarkable. There is no other way to describe Woods than a player unlike any other, a true unicorn for the sport.

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## Softball dedicates double header to mental health awareness with help from ‘The Mental Game’ podcast

**Alex Koontz**  
**Staff Writer**

During the last week of April, Minot State athletics is putting on a mental health panel with guest speakers and two student-athletes to talk about mental health among athletes. One of the athletes speaking is senior softball player Zoya Robbins.

“Our softball team decided to dedicate these games to mental health because this is an ongoing battle for lots of student-athletes. On every team, I can guarantee that there are students that struggle with their mental health and don’t know where to turn without feeling they are weak,” she said. “Having games that are dedicated to mental health can hopefully show other students, teachers, coaches, and players that taking care of your mental health is a positive thing.

“As far as the panel goes, I am excited to get Minot State involved in an issue that’s so important. I think this panel will shine light on the mental health stigma that exists to this day. Hearing personal stories from a couple student-athletes, as well as hearing answers to questions from coaches and counselors and professors will hopefully be able to show that mental health is not a joke and it’s not something to be taken lightly if you are struggling.

“We just want to make Minot State a greater community and focusing on a subject that is so close to a lot of people’s hearts in Minot is one of the first steps to doing so.”

The softball team has decided

to dedicate their double header the on Tuesday, April 26 to mental health awareness. The players will be wearing green ribbons and are encouraging all athletes to attend the panel later that evening.

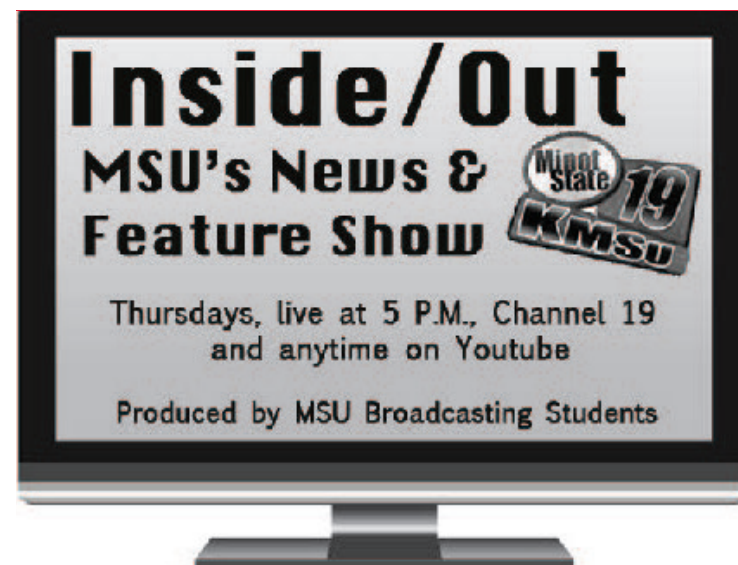
Senior football players Philip Green and Troy Kowal have also played a large part in making this panel possible. The two co-host a podcast called “The Mental Game,” which talks about the mental side of college athletics and its effects on athletes.

“On April 26, our podcast will be hosting a mental health panel, with the help of SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Council) and Minot State softball to promote the event. Softball will be dedicating their double header that day to mental health awareness and in between the two games, Troy and I are going to address everyone at the games and encourage them to come to the panel,” said Green. “The panel itself will be hosted in Aleshire

Theatre at 7 p.m. At the panel, we will have Zoya Robbins and Kody Dwyer to tell their experiences with mental health and then we will open it up to discussions and questions with the panelists.

“I think it’s going to be a great opportunity to shine light on the importance of mental health, especially in the athletic community. We have sent out a form for athletes to fill out with their questions and I am looking forward to seeing what athletes on campus want to discuss about mental health. I think it will be a big step in Minot State athletics. The pursuit of making mental health is as important as our physical health.”

The duo will also attend the mental health panel. A huge thanks to Robbins and Dwyer for being willing to talk to campus athletes about their experiences with mental health, and of course Kowal, Green, SAAC, and the softball team, too.





## North Dakota native to the Nation's capitol

**Parker Striha**  
**COMM 281**

A North Dakota State University football legend is set to play his home games in Washington D.C. starting this fall. Carson Wentz, NDSU quarterback from 2011-2015, was traded from the Indianapolis Colts to the newly-dubbed Washington Commanders on March 9.

After graduating from Bismarck Century High School in 2011, Wentz went to NDSU to pursue a potential career in football. As one of four quarterbacks on the roster, Wentz redshirted his freshman season while Brock Jensen led the Bison to a national championship victory.

With Jensen cemented into the top quarterback spot, Wentz did not become the full-time starter until his junior season in 2014. Wentz's first season as a starter went as well as he could have hoped for. He threw for over 3,100 yards, 25 touchdowns, and 10 interceptions while leading the Bison to a 15-1 record. He also threw for 237 yards and ran for another 114 in NDSU's 29-27 victory over Illinois State University in the national championship game.

His senior year was very lackluster, however, as he missed eight games with a wrist injury. His seven games that season were very impressive as he threw for over 1,600 yards, 17 touchdowns, and only four interceptions. Despite missing eight games, Wentz was able to return to action for the national championship game in which he led the Bison to a dominant 37-10 victory.

He finished his career at NDSU as a two-time national champion with career totals of 4,971 passing yards, 43 passing touchdowns, and 14 interceptions. He also had over 1,000 career rushing yards and 12 rushing touchdowns. His impressive showing in college helped him become the number two overall draft pick to the

Philadelphia Eagles in the 2016 NFL draft.

Wentz was Philly's starter immediately and led the Eagles to a 7-9 record in his rookie season. Although his rookie stats were nothing impressive, Wentz took the NFL by storm during the 2017 season. In what would have likely been an MVP season had it not been for an unfortunate ACL tear, Wentz threw for almost 3,300 yards, 33 touchdowns, and only seven interceptions. The Eagles ended up defeating the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl that year, but Wentz was unable to see the field.

Things seemed to go downhill over his final three years in the city of brotherly love. Wentz missed the first five games of the 2018 season, but still threw for over 3,000 yards, 21 touchdowns, and seven interceptions. The Eagles limped into the playoffs at 9-7 and snuck past the Chicago Bears in the Wildcard round of the playoffs before falling to the New Orleans Saints in the Divisional Round.

Wentz upped his production in 2019 when he threw for over 4,000 yards for the first and only time in his career. He also threw for 27 touchdowns and seven interceptions while willing an injury-riddled Eagle team to the playoffs. Wentz was knocked out of the Wildcard game, and the Eagles ultimately lost to the Seattle Seahawks 17-9.

Wentz, for many reasons, would probably like to forget his final season in Philadelphia. Questions began to arise about Wentz's future when the Eagles drafted Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts in the second round of the NFL draft when the team had many more pressing needs. The pressure and questions seemingly got to Wentz in his 12 starts that year. Wentz barely threw for 2,600 yards and had 16 passing touchdowns to go along with 14 interceptions. The Eagles went 4-11-1 and missed the playoffs by a mile.

Wentz was officially done in Philadelphia.

The Eagles traded Wentz to the Indianapolis Colts in the offseason in exchange for a conditional 2022 second round pick and a 2021 third round pick. It was a fresh start that Wentz badly needed.

His play in the 2021 season was very hit or miss. He threw for over 3,500 yards, 27 touchdowns, and seven interceptions while starting all 17 regular season games. While his stats may not look bad, Wentz had many plays that made fans question whether he should be the starting quarterback or not. His time in Indianapolis was likely done after a week 18 collapse against the 2-14 Jacksonville Jaguars. Had Wentz and the Colts been victorious, they would have secured a playoff spot, but they instead had to watch the playoffs from home.

After a hit or miss 2021 season, speculation about Wentz's future in Indianapolis began to show up. Members of the organization's front office remained uncommitted to Wentz and never gave any reason to think he'd be their starter in 2022. Rumors began emerging of the Colts trading or releasing Wentz, with a trade being the most likely outcome.

The Colts then confirmed all trade rumors on March 9 when it was announced that they were trading Wentz to the Washington Commanders for 2022 second and third round picks along with a conditional 2023 third round pick.

Wentz will now have another shot to prove why he was the number two overall pick in 2016. Expectations for Wentz and the Commanders will be high as they were a team that was touted as "a quarterback away" going into last year's offseason. A poor season from Wentz will stir up more questions about his future, but a good season could be just what he needs to rejuvenate his career.

## Minot State indoor season, track & field 2022 recap

**Juan Gutierrez**  
**COMM 281**

The Minot State track & field team just wrapped up their 2022 indoor season.

During this season, 13 school records were broke by the hard-working athletes here at MSU. On the men's side, there were a total of nine broken school records while the women broke four of their own. Not only are the athlete's breaking records, but a majority are also hitting new personal bests in their events, which motivates them to train harder for outdoor season.

The team also had a few medalists coming out of the NSIC Indoor Track & Field Championship that took place in Duluth, Minnesota.

The men's team placed 10th overall with seven medalists that scored a combined total of 20 points for their team. The women's team placed 13th overall with five medalists that scored a combined total of seven points for their team. Even though the teams didn't get the rankings they wanted, they still had a very respectable season with the performance that they had throughout the various meets.

Up next for the Beavers is outdoor season and with the way they have been training, it looks like they aren't letting up anytime soon. The MSU Beavers had their first outdoor meet on March 26 at Black Hills State.



Photo from MSU Cross County and Track & Field's Twitter  
MSU track & field has wrapped up their indoor season and are ready to get their outdoor season underway.



# Beaver baseball sweeps Upper Iowa in home opener

**Jordan Rodriguez**  
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Minot State started the series with two huge victories, held April 2-3.

A dominating performance from Ricky Apodaca was a key factor, going five innings, striking out nine, and giving up one run on three hits. Senior

Blake Gallagher led the Beavers offense going 2-3 at the plate with an RBI while also crossing the plate once in the first game of this three-game series.

Game two was much of the same for the Minot State offense. Senior Declan Buckle went 3-5 in the game, flashing his power with two home runs.

Two more baseballs found their way out of the yard via senior Drew Behling and junior Kaiden Cardoso. Those three would supply all the runs MSU would need as Minot State would come out on top 6-4.

MSU baseball would return to Corbett field Sunday for the third and final game of the

series. RJ Martinez may have been the player of the game. He went the distance, giving up five hits while holding the Peacocks to zero on the scoreboard and breaking the previous MSU single game strikeout record with 13. Martinez improves to 4-0 on the season. An explosive outburst from the bats of the

Beavers was Apodaca. He went 2-4 on the day with four RBIs while launching a ball over the fence. Minot would go on to defeat the Peacocks of Upper Iowa by a score of 7-0.

After the weekend's sweep, the Beavers improved to 15-13 overall and 9-4 in conference.

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RJ  
MARTINEZ  
LHP

**DII ERA  
SCHOOL RECORD**

**STRIKEOUTS IN A GAME [13]**





FINAL			
 UIU	0	5	1
	RUNS	HITS	ERRORS
 MSU	7	11	1

NEXT GAME: TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH | NOON | AUGUSTANA (DH)

On the left, RJ Martinez struck out a school record 13 batters for the Beavers in the finale against the Upper Iowa Peacocks. On the right RJ Martinez's record breaking performance was capped off by a 9 inning shut out in the Beavers 7-0 victory to wrap up their home opening weekend at Corbett Field.

Photos from MSU Baseball's Twitter





FINAL-GAME 2			
	6	4	
MINOT STATE			UPPER IOWA

Left: Ricky Apodaca pitches the Beavers to a win.  
Right: The Beavers celebrate a sweep against Upper Iowa at home.

Photo via Beaver Baseball Twitter

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