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Athlete spotlight: Trevyn Badger

Gage Yost COMM 281

Trevyn Badger was born in Flagstaff, Arizona on Dec. 7, 2001. He lived there for three years with his parents, Erik and Dana. When Badger was 3 years old, his father received a job as a police officer in San Tan Valley, Arizona, where he lived out the rest of his childhood.

Badger has two older siblings, Keaton and McKenna, who helped direct him into the sports world at an early age. He has been involved in soccer, football, basketball, and baseball since he was 5 years old. Keaton took notice of Badger's

athletic abilities and helped develop him as both a person and athlete.

"I give a lot of credit to my older brother. He was always there for me to play catch with him or shoot some hoops. I was able to learn some pretty good mechanics in multiple sports at a young age because of him," Badger said.

He was a starter all four years of his high school baseball career.

"Coming from a small school, I was fortunate enough to be able to get a lot of playing time and experience at the varsity level," he said. "It really helped to get me ready for college baseball, as

I was facing athletes much older and a lot bigger than me."

Aside from being a starter on the field in high school for the San Tan Foothills Sabercats, he was also a starting pitcher.

The Minot State University head coach at the time, Scott Eul, showed heavy interest in Badger his junior year of high school. Eul visited him in Arizona to watch him play baseball and offered him a scholarship to play at Minot State.

Badger signed to play baseball at Minot State in 2019.

"It is the best decision I've ever made," he said. "I never

thought college baseball would be as fun as it has been these past three years."

Badger has been a crucial part of the Beaver's bullpen staff since his arrival at Minot State University. Although he is a bright spot in the bullpen, he has had a handful of starting appearances and has proven he can dominate against some of the best Division II baseball teams in the nation.

So far, this 2023 season, Badger has started two games and has thrown 16.1 innings. He boasts an earned run average of 3.86 and has a WHIP of 1.1. No surprise he has

been dominating so far this year, as he has done so since his first year at Minot State.

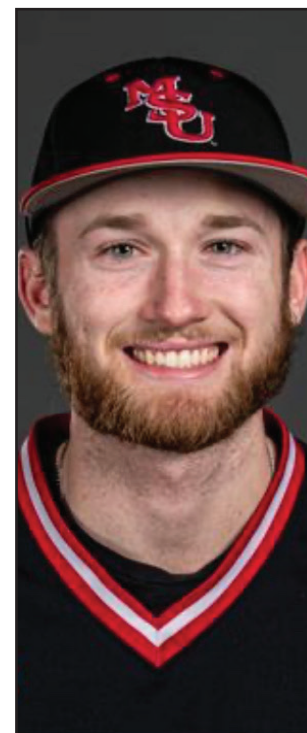


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Trevyn Badger signed
with the Minot State
baseball team in 2019.



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AI and its place in the art world

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With the progression of technology, specifically artificial intelligence, comes the likelihood that computers can do several jobs. Countless jobs done by hardworking people are now being done artificially. Beginning in late 2022, a few artificial intelligence (AI) art generators went viral, creating bizarre yet fairly accurate “drawings” of any topic the consumer decided.

Artists, already being undervalued members of society, work hard to create works that are unique to them and their own lives. When you can use a text-to-image program to create something of the like, you are immediately discrediting that artist. This AI has made appearances across a few social media platforms, such as TikTok, Twitter, and Instagram.

One instance of this includes a filter on TikTok. After taking

a picture of yourself, the AI will analyze all of your features and create a cartoon-like, animated version of yourself. Although this is an easy, accessible way for consumers to create a virtual version of themselves, it takes away opportunities from aspiring artists.

Not only do these artificial intelligence programs decrease the value of works by prolific artists such as Van Gogh and Picasso, but more importantly, it has a monumental impact on today's artists.

Bill Harbort, an art professor at Minot State University, has had some of his personal works used in order to train AI art generators.

“Some older automotive illustrations I created in the early 1990s appear in a ‘scraping’ search in haveibeentrained.com,” Harbort said.

However, he is unable to find any direct evidence of his work when searching for his last name or his

automotive prompts.

“It is very difficult because AI ‘scrapes’ your art,” he said. “It is not as blatant as plagiarism.”

A group of artists have filed a lawsuit against Stability AI Ltd. because their works have been used to train the art generator. Not only does the art generator use their styles, but makes extremely similar pieces of those the original artists made. The artists claim that the AI has copied billions of copyrighted works without crediting or compensating the original artists.

If the artists win this lawsuit, it would be a win for all artists. AI companies would have to either credit or compensate artists stealing their work for training.

The effects of bisphenol A

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Staff Writer

Bisphenol A, the toxic chemical known as BPA, is in almost every form of polycarbonate plastics. BPA has been found in water bottles, clothing, glasses, and many other equipment pieces used in our daily lives.

It has been discovered that this chemical is an endocrine disrupter which leads to poorly functioning hormones like estrogen. BPA exposure decreases chances

of fertility in women and lowers testosterone in both men and women. Additionally, BPA increases risks of things like cancer, obesity, and other metabolic health problems. For pregnant women, excessive exposure of BPA can increase the likelihood of behavioral issues in young children including aggression and hyperactivity, which is more commonly recognized as ADD or ADHD.

Statistics show that 90% of people have

BPA in their bodies.

Like most chemicals, BPA can enter our bodies through air or dust. Therefore, it is important to simply read the label on a product before buying as these are health issues that are very hard to fix if one is not cautious of their consumption.

To eliminate BPA from the body, it is important to do a liver detoxification by eating healthy foods, vitamins, and antioxidants.

Bisphenol A (BPA)

WHAT:

BPA is a synthetic estrogen that can disrupt the hormone system. It is an unstable, lipophilic (fat-seeking) compound that can leach into food products, especially when heated,

FOUND:

BPA is in common products, including polycarbonate plastic, dental sealants, thermal receipts, consumer products such as CDs and sports equipment, and epoxy resins used to line food cans.

SCIENCE:

BPA is a reproductive toxicant on California's Proposition 65 Chemicals of Concern list. There are considerable studies linking BPA exposure to breast cancer.

Image via Breast Cancer Prevention Partners
With BPA found in 90% of people, it is important to know the risks.

The next generation of industries

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Staff Writer

The global economy has undergone significant changes in the past decade. The rise of digital technology and the increasing awareness of sustainability have led to a shift in consumer preferences and business practices. Several industries are poised to succeed due to these changes. Here are the top three industries that are likely to succeed in the coming two decades.

Renewable energy. The need for clean energy sources has never been more pressing.

The global climate crisis has highlighted the importance of transitioning away from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. Renewable energy has the potential to revolutionize the way we power our homes and businesses. The industry is expected to grow significantly in the coming years as governments, businesses, and consumers prioritize sustainabil-

ity.

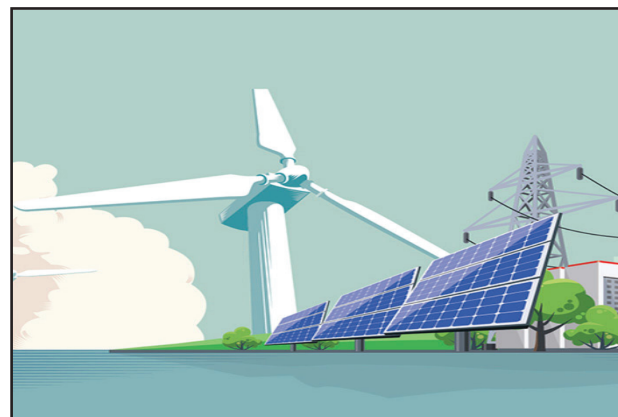
Technology. The technology industry has been driving economic growth for decades and is expected to continue to do so in the coming years.

The rise of digital technology and the internet of things (IoT) has transformed the way we live and work.

Healthcare. The

healthcare industry is poised for growth due to several factors, including the aging population and increasing demand for personalized medicine.

The development of new technologies such as AI, precision medicine, and telemedicine is driving innovation in the industry.



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Healthcare and renewable energy are two of the top three industries most likely to succeed in the next two decades.

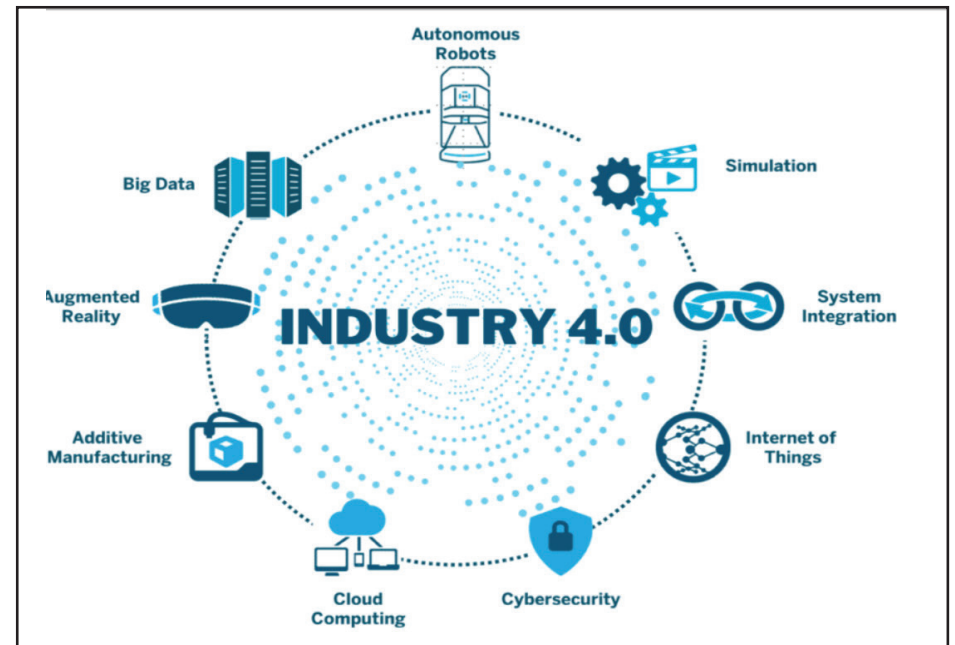


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The technology industry is one of the top industries likely to succeed.

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R&G Editorial: Panic! At The Disco

**Kylie Koontz
Editor**

On Jan. 24, the famous pop-punk band Panic! At The Disco, officially announced their retirement.

Brendon Urie, frontman and last standing member of the 2004 alternative rock band, posted a farewell on Instagram.

With wife Sarah expecting their first child, Urie stated that “sometimes you need to end a journey to start a new one,” and ended the emotional message saying that Panic! At The Disco will be no more.

This was a long time coming to most fans. Urie, and Panic! At The Disco in general, have been in some hot water the past few years.

After having to fire his lead guitarist after parents of young fans came forward with sexually explicit DMs their children had received from the musician, later that year, Urie was forced to fire his good friend

and social media director/security for being overly aggressive and sexually explicit to fans as well as to Breezy Weekes, wife of his past Panic! At The Disco bandmate Dallon Weekes.

Fans were outraged when Breezy Weekes came forward, and some even found the courage to come forward about their experiences with said crew member.

A few months later, Urie went on hiatus for two years. Fans expected that Panic! was no more until a post on Instagram on May 18, 2022 announced the release of a new album. Many fans were disappointed with the new release, feeling the essence of Panic! At The Disco was left in the past.

Urie has always prided himself for growing his musical inspiration and using that to influence his own music.

In the album “Death of a Bache-

lor,” we saw a jazz influence that strayed a little further from the alternative rock we had heard in the past. Each time fans had a negative response, eventually Urie was able to win them over. This time, though, was different. Fans seemed to have lost the fondness for Panic! and, therefore, no

longer paid attention to the new album.

As a past Panic! At The Disco fan, it makes me sad to think that there are less and less fans, but as someone who no longer follows the band and has not listened to the new album, I can understand.

I’ve been to two Panic! At The Disco

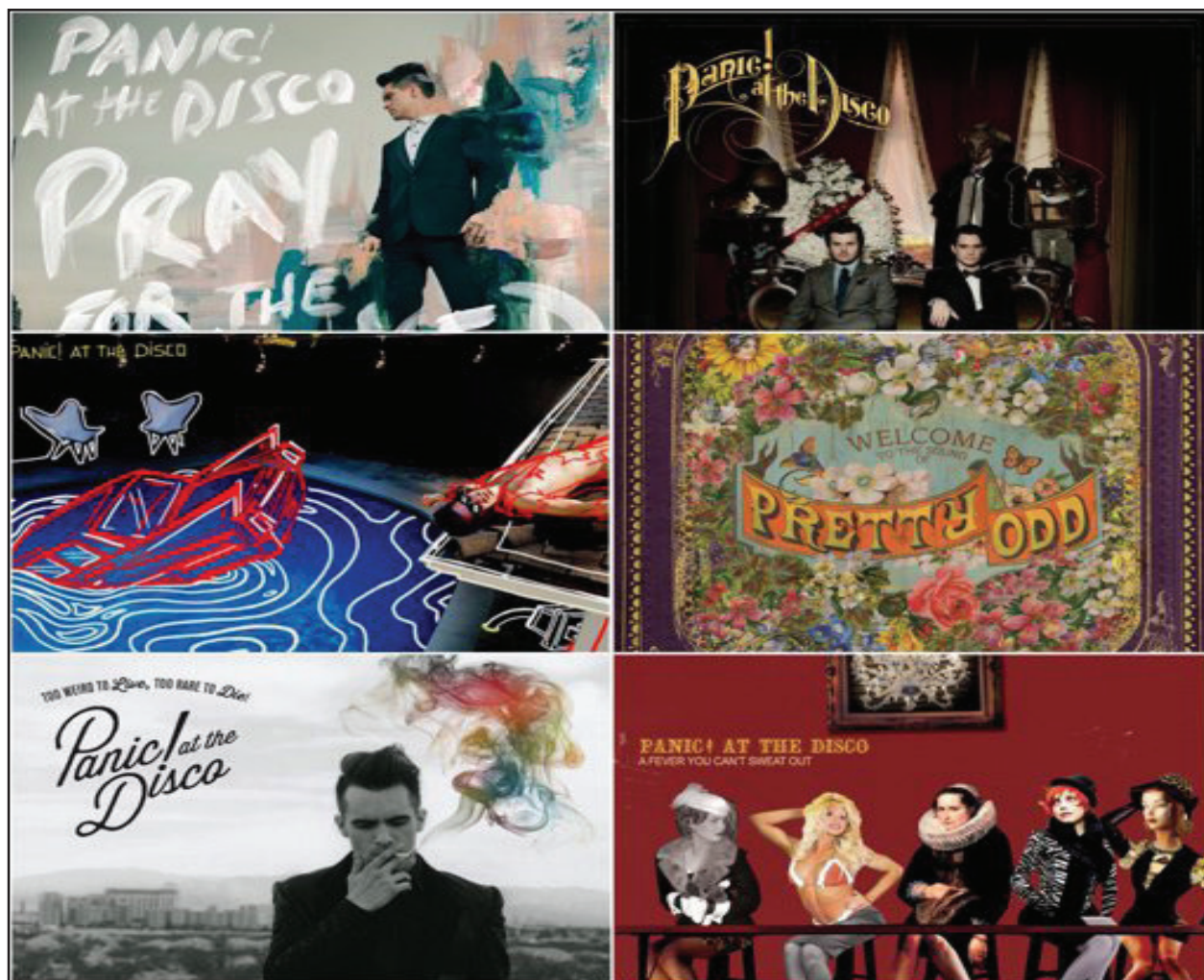
concerts and loved every second of it. I will always be a Panic! fan but since his second latest album, “Pray For The Wicked,” I haven’t followed the band. I didn’t want to support the people surrounding Urie and was worried that he was getting lost in the mainstream stardom.

With Urie now retir-

ing the Panic! At The Disco name, I wonder what is next for him, if fatherhood will take up all his time or if someday in the future we will see Urie in the music industry again.

Like Urie said, some journeys must end in order to start a new one.

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Panic! At The Disco albums through the past years.

Image via amino.com

Burn the patriarchy: Radical feminist movement in South Korea

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The radical feminist movement that originated in South Korea is finding its way into the hearts of feminists worldwide and growing immensely in mainstream media.

This movement started in 2019 after Korean women got fed up with the patriarchal system that did not seek justice against sexual and physical abuse towards South Korean women by South Korean men.

This had been a concern for years now, but it had never really been looked into or acted upon as a feminist movement up until 2018-2019.

The 4Bs are short-hand Korean words that all start with “bi” or “no.” Bihon is the refusal of heterosexual marriage, bichul-san is the refusal of childbirth and rearing, bisekseu is the rejection of heterosexual intercourse, and biyeonae is the refusal of heterosexual dat-

ing.

Knowing that these are the primary requirements of women in this society, they have decided to take back that power by choosing not to be involved with their male counterparts romantically or sexually.

According to Wikipedia, this movement derived inspiration from the novel “Kim Ji-Young, Born 1982,” and South Korea’s Me Too and Escape the Corset movements.

Recently, there has been increased popularity and engagement with protests and more due to the increased influence of social media, especially platforms like Twitter and TikTok.

These platforms have allowed women worldwide to investigate what is going on in South Korea as its female citizens are protesting and fighting for justice. It has also given South Korean women an opportunity to learn more about feminism and the societal liber-

ties a woman should have outside the influence male influence of their community or, in this case, country.

In the article “A World Without Men” by Anne Louie Sussman on The Cut, a 25-year-old nurse named Youngmi was featured, telling how she got into the 4B movement and started to live without the pressures of the societal beauty standards of South Korea.

This lady had grown up watching her mother get constantly abused by her father, eventually leading to her mother leaving him. Youngmi was left with her paternal grandmother and her father after that. During her early years, she developed depression and uncertainty about her future in Korean society without the financial and societal influence of a man like her father.

The issue here is that her father needed to be more respon-

sive. She always felt the need to adhere to society’s rigid beauty standards to be desirable physically and sexually so she could be assured a man in her life who would make it easier for her to be taken seriously in society.

She said in this interview that she wore makeup religiously, could not go outside without makeup on, and felt ashamed of her face.

Now we can see the enormous role social media played in Youngmi’s introduction to radical feminism. In 2018, she came across footage of a feminist protest in the streets of Seoul, which ignited a fire in her.

This was when cases of femicide, revenge rape, and dating violence were rampant and an increased concern about spy cams and sexual abuse by men existed.

The Cut reported that it would look as though there was

punishment for the men who were caught in these acts, but it always resulted in them getting a slap on the wrist or sometimes not even getting persecuted until the roles were reversed.

According to Sussman, there was a case of a 25-year-old woman who took a non-consensual photo of a nude male model at an art school which she posted online. The lady was sentenced to 10 months in prison with court-sanctioning sexual violence counseling sessions.

This felt like an open demonstration of hypocrisy in the justice system when it came to sexual abuse done to women compared to that done to men, and quite frankly, it angered a lot of women.

Youngmi began to follow up with other feminist movements on Twitter accounts, and that helped her become actively involved in the 4B movement. Soon

after, she shaved her head, stopped wearing makeup, and joined the Escape the Corset movement happening among young women in South Korea.

A survey taken in 2019 reported that 24% of women in their 20s were cutting back their spending on beauty products, with many saying they no longer felt the need to put in the effort. This eventually aided the growth of the 4B movement, which is now a mainstream radical feminist movement of the women, for the women, and by the women of South Korea.

The progress of this movement can be found all over social media, especially on platforms like Twitter and TikTok, and it is for sure finding its way into the hearts of feminists all over the world, as women are standing in solidarity with their fellow women and show their support wherever they are.

The observance of Ramadan

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Ramadan is a sacred month in the Islamic calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide.

One part of Ramadan is fasting, which involves abstaining from food and drink from dawn until sunset. This act of self-discipline is believed to bring Muslims closer to God and to remember the

poor and needy who cannot afford food or other necessities, therefore, encouraging Muslims to be compassionate and donate to charity.

Because Ramadan is also a time for increased prayer and worship, Muslims spend more time reading the Quran, the Islamic holy book, and attending mosque, which is the place of worship. Overall,

Ramadan strengthens the community since Islam encourages families to pray and break the fasts together.

Also, many practice self-reflection and take time to examine and fix behaviors that prevent them from being better people and having a better impact on others.

In addition to this, fasting has numerous health benefits, such as reducing inflam-

mation in the body, controlling blood sugar, and just developing self-control, making Ramadan a great opportunity to cut back on junk foods to improve overall health. The month of Ramadan teaches compassion, patience, and mindfulness, which creates a more grounded and kinder individual.

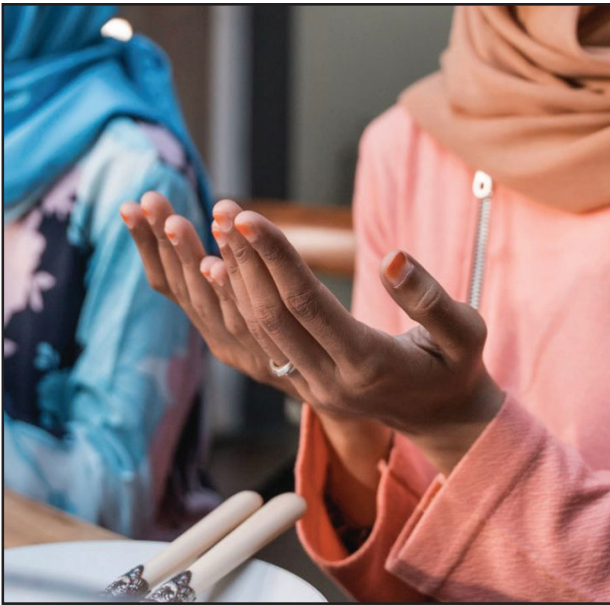


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Worshiping during Ramadan.



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Muslims often spend more time attending mosque during Ramadan.

Bullets fired amid multi-agency high-speed police pursuit

**Madeline Wick
COMM 281**

Joshua Chambers, 18-years-old, faces a multitude of charges, including attempted murder, after he led police on a dangerous high-speed chase that began in McLean County and ended in downtown Minot.

According to McLean County Sheriff Jerry Kerzmann, a call went out just after 7:30 a.m. for a suspect fleeing the Underwood area in what was believed to be a stolen vehicle.

McLean County sheriff's deputies attempted to stop the speeding vehicle on Highway 83, but the suspect fled as soon as deputies tried to pull the vehicle over. According to the affidavit filed with the court, the vehicle was initially clocked going 96 miles per

hour, but speeds rose to well over 100 miles per hour as the chase ensued.

It was then that Minot Central Dispatch was warned that McLean County deputies were in pursuit of a stolen vehicle that was northbound and heading right towards Minot. Dispatch was also informed that the vehicle had multiple passengers.

The pursuit continued into Ward County where the Ward County Sheriff's Department joined the chase, hoping to stop the vehicle from causing damage or harm. Ward County deputies deployed spikes in an attempt to puncture the tires of the fleeing vehicle, but the vehicle avoided the deflation device by crossing the median and driving into oncoming traffic. Authorities deployed

spikes a second time just south of Minot causing the suspect, Chambers, to swerve out of the way. He then aimed the vehicle at a Ward County deputy and sped towards him in an attempt to strike him with the vehicle. The deputy quickly moved out of the way and fired his handgun twice at the vehicle.

"When it hits that high of a level where they're literally going to run law enforcement over, the risk level goes so high that they need to do everything in their power to shut that high risk down," Kerzmann said.

The vehicle was unsuccessfully detoured from entering the city by Minot Police Department officers positioned near 37th Avenue and South Broadway. The pursuit continued through the

city of Minot and tore into the downtown area where the suspect rammed multiple McLean and Ward County Sheriff's Department vehicles. While attempting to avoid police, the suspect struck several other vehicles, street signs, and highway fixtures.

Authorities were able to end the pursuit when there was a collision between a McLean County vehicle and the alleged stolen vehicle, rendering both disabled. It was then that an additional firearm was discharged by a McLean County deputy.

There were three passengers in the alleged stolen vehicle, two of which fled the scene on foot and were apprehended shortly afterwards by Ward County deputies. The individuals were identified as Justyn Smith, 32, and

Ajarius Hamilton, 20.

Both were charged with refusal to halt (B misdemeanor) and possession of marijuana (infraction). The third passenger, a juvenile female, received a bullet wound to her foot during the chase. She was taken to Trinity ER for treatment and has not yet been charged.

After completing an investigation, the Ward County Sheriff's Department arrested the driver of the fleeing vehicle. Chambers was allegedly found to have a small bag of methamphetamine hidden in his shoe during processing at the Ward County Jail. The suspect was charged for the following offenses:

1. Attempted murder (A Felony)
2. Possession of a controlled substance in a correctional facility (B Felony)

3. Criminal mischief, three counts (B Felony)

4. Reckless endangerment, five counts (C Felony)

5. Criminal Mischief, one count (C Felony)

6. Fleeing in a motor vehicle (C Felony)

7. Aggravated reckless driving (C Felony)

8. Possession of a stolen motor vehicle (C Felony)

9. Duty upon striking attended motor vehicle, two counts (A Misdemeanor)

10. Driving under suspension (B Misdemeanor)

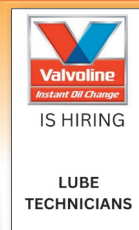
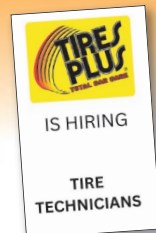
11. Duty upon striking highway fixture (Infraction)

Chambers made his initial appearance in district court in Minot on Monday, Feb. 27 before district court Judge Richard Hagar to determine

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R&G Sports Editorial

Why the World Baseball Classic matters

Philip Green
Sports Editor

New York Mets star closer Edwin Diaz was tragically injured during this year's World Baseball Classic. Representing team Puerto Rico, Diaz torn the patella tendon in his knee celebrating with his team after upsetting arguably the best team in the world, the Dominican Republic. Carried off the field by his teammates following the injury, Diaz is now likely to miss the entirety of the 2023 season, a huge loss for the New York Mets organization.

Prior to Diaz's injury, many media members across the country were arguing that the World Baseball Classic has no viewership and no purpose. Diaz's injury further added fuel to the fire, all but confirming in the eyes of these media members that the World Baseball Classic is a waste of time.

The viewership of the World Baseball

Classic does not rival that of the World Cup, but that does not mean it shouldn't be played and it doesn't matter.

Representing one's country on the global scale matters tremendously. These same media members who discredit the World Baseball Classic cheer on the Americans in the World Cup and have no quarrels with the NHL allowing its best players to play in the Olympics in the middle of the season every four years. Why should we treat the World Baseball Classic any different.

For many professional athletes in team sports, whether it's soccer, hockey, or baseball, very few get to represent the team from where they grew up, let alone an entire team full of players playing for their home. Professional sports teams have a melting pot of athletes on their roster. Events like the World Cup, Olympics, and World Baseball Classic are the

only times these athletes get to play with a group of individuals who all are playing to represent their home.

The passion these types of sporting events bring out of athletes and fans is unmatched. When the World Cup comes around every four years, the entire United States becomes soccer fans. This year in the World Baseball Classic when Trea Turner hit the grand slam for the United States to push them into the semi-finals, the stadium erupted with glee. Turner, a World Series Champion, compared this moment with the best of his career.

This year's tournament featured record breaking viewership in the United States.

Worldwide, Japan's game against South Korea had 62 million viewers in Japan alone. The two countries faced off in the final this year and featured Major League Baseballs' best all over the diamond.

Team USA has arguably a top two player at almost every position. The Dominican Republic featured the other top two player at almost every position, rivaling Team USA, and they still were upset. Those are the types of moments fans live for.

Japan's star power cannot be forgotten either, with phenom, and arguably the face of the game, Shohei Otani, a power hitter who also has pitched throughout the tournament, a feat unheard of.

The injuries that have occurred during the World Baseball Classic are unfortunate, but they happen during the Olympics and World Cup, too.

Representing one's country on the global stage means more and these players shouldn't let the media members take that away from them.

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Conference champion

Juan Gutierrez
COMM 281

Minot State's track & field team headed out to Mankato in Minnesota for the indoor NCIS Championships. The event was held Feb. 25-26 with 12 different teams competing for one major goal, which is to win.

One athlete was able to prevail and beat the rest of the competition for a championship title. Chase Snyder, who is a sophomore at Minot State, won his first year competing as an MSU athlete in the shot put. With a remarkable throw of 52 feet and 5.25 inches (15.98m), he secured first place and just missed his previous record of 53 feet and 1 inch (16.18m). While he helps lead the men's shot put to victory, the throwers team itself is ranked 13th in the nation for shot put with their top four performers being measured.

Snyder has been putting in the work on and off the field when it comes to training for his events. The last season he competed

in happened back in 2021 where he won his State Class D meet in the shot put and discus throw. With a gap in between seasons, you would think it would have taken some time to get back in the flow of things. Little did we know that on his first meet back, he would go on to throw 15.43m and start right where he had left off.

"The biggest struggle I had was not being able to compete my first year. There is nothing worse than sitting on the sidelines knowing that you can be out there helping and competing with the top guys," he said. "I just had to stay focused and train so I could be ready to go for the next year."

When asking about the feelings he had during the meet, if he was nervous or confident, he had this to say:

"I threw the 15.98m on my first throw so I was feeling good," he said. "At that moment, I was sitting back and watching the other competitors to see if they would throw far-

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Beavers cookin' with the Hot Tots

Cole Clementich
COMM 281

If you find interest in watching America's pastime along with witnessing the recent developments as a local fan, you are in luck.

Before setting foot on the new season, a couple of MSU baseball players made headlines.

Beaver pitchers Trevyn Badger and Gage Yost will be sticking around to do some home cooking with Minot's newest club, the Hot Tots. Their signings were officially announced on Feb. 3 through the team's social media platforms.

This upcoming summer will mark the inaugural season for the expansion team and establishment of the 24th franchise in the Northwoods League. Following the spring session at Minot State, Badger and Yost will stay put to be part of history as members of the Hot Tots inaugural team.

Early into 2022,

it was made public that Minot would be adding a team in the Northwoods League. October saw the unveiling of the logo and team name.

With the schedule available and ready to play ball, the Minot Hot Tots will be adding to a long tradition of summer entertainment in the Magic City. All home games will be played at legendary Corbett Field. Whatever goes from now until opening day, you can guarantee both guys will be excited and ready for this new adventure.

Badger is a junior who hails from San Tan Valley, Arizona. The right-handed pitcher was selected as the opening day starter. In five innings pitched, he gave up only two hits and one earned run in a 7-2 victory against Emporia State. His most recent outing was at the start of conference season in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Taking the mound for seven innings, he picked up the

10-3 win for the Beavers. His ERA stands at 3.86 with a 1-0 record for the start of his junior campaign. He will look to add more with 71 total innings already pitched in his career.

Yost is also a righty and comes to Minot State from Rosemount, Minnesota. Despite a rocky start, he took hold of a 2-0 record at the beginning of this season. Feb. 12 featured one of his better outings against the Emporia Hornets. Seven strikeouts are a season-high for the junior. His latest ap-

pearance was a conference matchup with Sioux Falls, where the Beavers blew out the Cougars 17-4. There is an opportunity for Yost this season under new head coach Sam Boisner, as he looks to expand his role having 35 career innings pitched in total.

The Hot Tots come into Minot after a quick five seasons from the Expedition League's Souris Valley Sabre Dogs. A 10-year lease was agreed upon for the team to play at Corbett Field.

Along with Legion Baseball's Minot Vis-

tas and Minot Metros, the Hot Tots (just like the Sabre Dogs) will offer a valuable experience for families and players spending time in the Magic City.

Summer ball recruits come from all over the country. It is a chance to further their skills and development when the school year is not in session. When they are not on the field, host families will open their homes and welcome the players with living space during the season.

Summer baseball has been around for some time in the Magic City.

There is a history with the Minot Mallards. They played in multiple decades and served as a minor league squad with MLB affiliations. Although with a sour ending, Minot saw multiple championships and an All-Star game including a home run derby from the Expedition League. Despite witnessing the end of the Sabre Dogs, the hometown support did not stop, and the city of Minot saw an opportunity to continue that summer entertainment at the ballpark. And

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Photo's from Cole Clementich
Right-handed pitchers Gage Yost and Trevyn Badger from Minot State will spend their summer in Minot playing for the Magic City's newest Northwoods League team, the Minot Hot Tots.



Photo from MSU men's hockey's Twitter
MSU men's hockey brings home the Murdoch Cup and are the ACHA Division 1 National Champions.

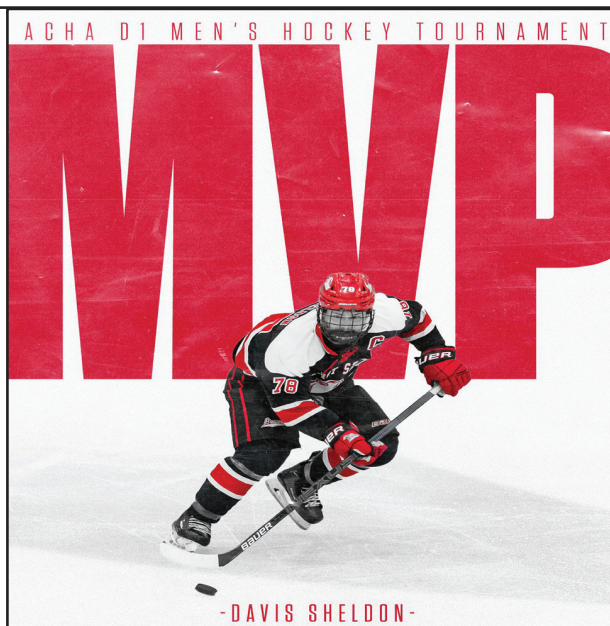


Photo from MSU men's hockey's Twitter
Captain Davis Sheldon was named MVP for his performance in the ACHA Division 1 Men's Hockey Tournament.

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Girls State B results Alex Koontz Staff Writer

March began with lots of basketball, and what's not to love about basketball? Especially North Dakota's biggest high school tournaments, the State B.

This year, Central Cass won the State B championship in overtime against top seeded Thompson for their first ever Class B Girls Basketball Championship. Central Cass went 10-0 in their conference season and 23-3 overall, and Thompson went 10-1 in conference play and 24-3 overall, both competing similarly throughout their respective seasons.

Although Central Cass and Thompson may have played one of the best defensive games seen this tournament, they both equally struggled on the offensive end, shooting only 37% and 29% from the field. But as the second half rolled around, both teams rallied up points keeping the game nail-biting close.

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his bond. Assistant Ward County State's Attorney Christopher Nelson asked Judge Hagar for a bail of \$5 million. Nelson pointed to Chambers' repeated criminal history of stealing vehicles and fleeing from police as justification for the significant bond.

Nelson spoke on Chambers' dangerous behavior, stating, "he attempted to kill one of my deputies. At age 18, he just doesn't care at all who he hurts. He could have killed a lot of people and is an obvious danger to our community."

Judge Hagar concluded the initial trial by setting Chambers' bond at \$1 million cash or surety. Chambers awaits his preliminary hearing, which is set for April 5. The North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation is investigating the use of force by deputies during the incident.

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ther but it ended up holding throughout the three flights. Once the last person threw their shot put and fell short, I was overwhelmed with joy and my teammates behind me cheering for me."

The last person to win a conference title was back in 2019 when Taylor Laumeyer won in the outdoor season for javelin. In 2021, Leif Nelson was a close second, losing to a competitor on their very last throw in the javelin. It has been a while for an athlete from Minot State to win an indoor conference meet, but Chase was able to help fulfill that area and create history.

With the Minot States track team consisting of a ton of lower classmen, they have a bright future ahead of them with some young stars in the mix. With leaders like Snyder paving the way for the program for the next couple of years, the MSU team are in great standings for showing up and showing out on future conference meet with all the young talent.



Photo from MSU track and Field's Twitter
Chase Snyder stands atop the podium as NSIC Indoor Conference Champion in shot put.

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In the final seconds, Thompson's Olivia Dick threw up a three-point buzzer beater to push them into overtime. Despite Thompson's surge of momentum, Central Cass kept it together and took the championship 58-55. Senior Deontee Smith led Central Cass in the win with a stellar 25 points and 17 rebounds. Seniors Claire Kolling and Delaney Cotton added about 13 points respectively to help push the win for the Squirrels.

This is a historic win for Central Cass who now holds its first State B Girls Basketball Championship title in program history.

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have the most prestigious and successful collegiate summer baseball leagues, that being the Northwoods League.

This season will be the league's 31st year of existence. They carry a resume that features multiple MLB players having gone through the Northwoods at some point in their college careers, both current and stars from the past.

You can find Bad-

ger and Yost on the Hot Tots pitching staff when the season begins May 29. Even better for those two, they do not have to go far for this new opportunity and groundbreaking experience. The home opener will be recognized as a milestone for the city of Minot, the Park District, and those leading the charge at the Hot Tots.

And most importantly, it is a win for the players and fans that have kept strong desires for a local baseball following, and a valuable occasion with both guys being at the forefront.

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Image from Minot State softball's Instagram
Reegan Floyd was named as the NSIC's pitcher of the week.



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