

## Improving Herb Parker still crucial to MSU

**Anthony Anderson**  
*Editor*

Though Minot State withdrew its request to the Minot City Council for funding to improve Herb Parker stadium and the Dome, MSU President David Fuller would like to remind the campus community that the project is still key to maintaining the long-term welfare of the university and of adding to the economic potential of the Minot area community, as a whole.

A one-cent sales tax would have supported the project to fund three different areas of development: property tax relief, repairs to infrastructure and community facilities. A city-wide vote in June approved the tax.

In January, the City Council decided to move forward with a request from Minot State that \$6 million go from the "community facilities" fund to pay for renovations to Herb Parker Stadium. The appropriation was set to be disbursed over five years, in increments of \$1.2 million a year. Of that, \$4 million would go towards Herb Parker, paying for a new press box, concessions area, ticketing stands, merchandising area, lobby, restrooms and coaches' rooms. Another \$2 million would go towards renovations at the Dome - purchasing new seating and a new scoreboard and remodeling the second floor.

The City Council was set to vote on the second reading of the ordinance on Feb. 6 to finalize the funding. However, given the amount of unrepaired damage in the flood zone, Fuller withdrew the request on Feb. 3, stating that it was in the best interest of the community to do so.

"This really is exactly the kind of thing that the money was ear-

marked for," Fuller said. "But, because of the timing, I decided to withdraw the request."

The sales tax went into effect in October of 2011. Minot State actually received no money from the fund before withdrawing its request. In fact, the fund's only expenditure yet was \$250,000 to help repair the baseball fields, operated by the Minot Park District, that were inundated during the flood.

MSU College of Business instructors Dean Frantsvog, Tom Seymour and Severson Entrepreneurship Academy Director Chuck Barney serve on the Minot City Council. They agree that, even though the university withdrew the request, it is important that the project be completed in the future.

Seymour believes that Herb Parker stadium, and Minot State in general, are part of the critical infrastructure of the city. They draw in dollars and visitors from the surrounding region.

"Minot is the center of Northwest North Dakota, and we have to build Minot," Seymour said. "We have to work together in a unified system to build an [economic] engine in Minot ... flood recovery is a slow process, but we have to move forward."

The application process for City funding has changed since MSU first submitted the request, and other organizations have applied for funding since. Still, the aldermen are optimistic the Council will again receive the project favorably in the future.

"Hopefully, the [City of Minot Finance] Committee and the Council will deem it worthy, as they have in the past," Frantsvog said.

## MSU's Got Talent



Photo by Amber Penrose

MSU students (from the left) Elisabeth Derby, Kayla Torgerson, Haley Heiser and Jackie Thompson perform during MSU's Got Talent last week in the Beaver Dam.



Photo by Amber Penrose

Jasmine Massingill won first prize at MSU's Got Talent. Prizes for the winning acts included a 32-inch TV, a Blu-ray player and a Kindle Fire tablet. Student Government Association sponsored the event.

# Voices on Campus

“Where do you like to study? Why?”

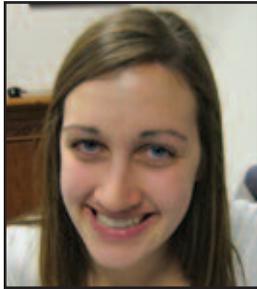
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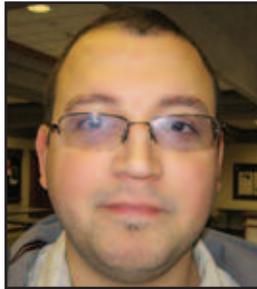
“At home, because it is quiet there.”



**Julia Bogenrief**

*Communication Disorders*

“When I’m at school I study in the library, and when I’m at home I study at home — so the library and my house.”



**Joshua Lewis**

*History*

“The Student Center, above the Bookstore, because it’s quiet and I like piano and people come and play sometimes, so it keeps me relaxed.”



**Kim Taylor**

*Communication Disorders*

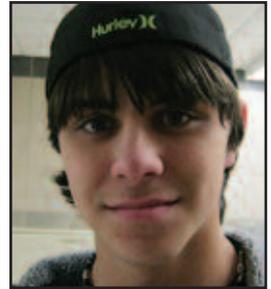
“The library, because it’s quiet and there’s a lot of different spaces. It’s a good facility for studying.”



**Erin Neumann**

*Music Education*

“I study mostly at the music department, because that’s where a lot of my classes are, and I do my practice there also, so I’m always down there.”



**Peyton Horne**

*Psychology*

“The library, because there is less distraction and it’s more quiet than my home.”

## News in brief

### *Pennies for Patients Carnival tonight*

The Student Activities Committee will host a “Pennies for Patients” Carnival tonight at 8 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. Come out for free food and prizes and play games ranging in cost from 10 cents to \$1.

### *Beardstock tomorrow*

The 4th annual Beardstock concert will be held Friday, March 2, at 5 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. Sponsors of the event include Cru, Chi Alpha, and Lutheran Campus Ministry.

### *Hockey game on TV*

The MSU Men’s Club Hockey team will play at the 2012 M1 National Tournament. Students can catch the action on the big screen in the Beaver Dam at 6 p.m. Saturday.

### *VITA assistance for Canadian students*

The MSU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will hold two sessions to assist Canadian students with filing the proper U. S. and North Dakota tax returns. The first session is Friday, March 2, from 2 to 5 p.m., and the second session is Wednesday, March 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. Both sessions are in the conference center, third floor of the Student Center.

Students planning to attend a session should email the Office of International Programs to reserve a spot. Only students with reservations will be able to attend. Please visit [minotstateu.edu/international](http://minotstateu.edu/international) for more information.

### *MSU Choirs concert*

The MSU Choir, MSU Women’s Chorus and MSU Singers will perform at 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 4, in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

### *Assessment Day next week*

Spring semester assessment day has moved from Thursday, March 8, to Tuesday, March 6.

### *Faculty music recital*

MSU music instructors Erik Anderson, Dianna Anderson and Adam Estes will present “Musicians at Play,” a Chamber music recital, Tuesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

### *Faith and Life reflections*

Lutheran Campus Ministry, in partnership with Minot’s First Lutheran Church, invites all MSU students, staff and faculty to

attend a “Reflection on Faith and Life” discussion on Wednesday, March 7, at 12:15 p.m. in Administration 159.

### *Safe Spring Break*

All students are invited to visit the Beaver Dam Wednesday, March 7, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to enjoy free food and learn how to safely enjoy Spring Break.

### *Sorority informational meeting*

Beta Theta alumnae invite all female students to an informational meeting Thursday, March 8, at 6 p.m. in the Jones Room, third floor Administration Building. The meeting will concern re-instituting the Beta Theta sorority at Minot State University.

Students will learn what Sorority life can offer, including leadership skills, networking, social responsibility and more.

## Today in History

**1780:** Pennsylvania is the first state to abolish slavery.

**1790:** The first U.S. census is conducted.

**1815:** Napoleon escapes from his exile on Elba.

**1872:** Yellowstone becomes the world’s first national park.

**1937:** Connecticut is the first state to issue permanent license plates.

**1941:** Captain America appears for the first time.

**2002:** The United States invades Afghanistan.

**2005:** The Supreme Court rules that the death penalty is unconstitutional for those who committed crimes before age 18.

(Courtesy of Brainhistory.com)

## Student Spotlight

## Carson Moen

Anthony Anderson  
Editor

In modern culture, mathematics has become a sort of an academic pariah — often perceived as overly difficult or, sometimes, even useless. Carson Moen disagrees with that attitude completely. A senior, he is majoring in mathematics, minoring in applied statistics and earning a concentration in computer science.

"Math is terrible if you try to memorize it," he says. "But if you actually try to understand it, it's interesting."

Moen said he first became a math major by default, but it quickly became something more.

"In high school, I was thinking 'What am I good at?' It was just because I didn't know what else to do. But, the more I got into it, the more I liked it.

"The lower-level classes, like college algebra, and the basic calcs, are really just mechanics," Moen said.

He agrees that they can get uninteresting, but that "at a certain point, it becomes more philosophy than just crunching numbers ... math is almost like studying the nature of the universe."

Moen said math is quite unique from other fields of study. Its scope is much wider than any other field, but it is also completely portable.

"I like math because you can do it anywhere. With most sciences, like chemistry or biology, you need a lab, but with math, you can really just be anywhere."

The nature of the concept of infinity particularly fascinates Moen.

"For example," he said, "the number of positive numbers is equal to the number of prime numbers ... at first, that doesn't make sense, but when you think about it, it really blows your mind. Or, how there's an infinite set of numbers between zero and one, or between one and two."

But, Moen doesn't just study math, he also finds joy in helping others to understand it. He's been working in the math clinic in Model Hall for two and a half years, assist-



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ing other students with difficulties in the subject.

"I like helping people get it," he said. "It's all about those 'a-ha!' moments, where everything falls into place."

Sophomore Josh Dueck said Moen is a perfect fit for the math clinic.

"He can help six or seven students at the same time, meeting each of their needs," Dueck said. "What I like best about Carson, he is able to relate to my stuff; I am in Math 103 and Carson has taken, like Math 700 or something. That is the best trait he possesses, and he does it without any feeling that he is better than you. He treats you, the students he helps, with respect."

Moen is currently involved in an advanced, special topics math class

with math and computer science instructor Narayan Thapa. Last week, as part of this work, Moen presented the latest lecture in the MSU Math Club's monthly talk series. Titled "Existence, Uniqueness, Continuity and Finite Element Approximation of Weak Solution of Elliptic Type Boundary Value Problem," his topic dealt with solving differential equations with unique solutions — a topic that has practical applications in engineering, physics, economics and many other technical disciplines.

Moen is also currently working with MSU math instructor Kodwo Annan on a research project. Their work deals with epidemiology; specifically, the spread of AIDS in Africa.

"We're searching for ways to

lower the reproduction rate of the disease," Moen said, "a difficult subject with no clear solution."

Moen has been applying for grad schools and plans to pursue a doctorate in mathematics. He's not sure what path his career will take after that, but for someone with his determination, enthusiasm and ability, the possibilities are surely infinite.

## CORRECTION

In the Feb. 23 edition, Rachele Brown was listed as vice-president of the Residence Hall Association. Kelsey Ramos holds the post.

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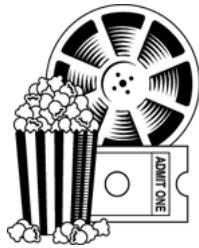
*It's time to clean up the bulletin boards*

Minot State is, on the whole, a very respectful and dignified place. However, there is one aspect of our campus life that we find incredibly vulgar: the bulletin boards.

A quick tour of the campus will reveal that some bulletin boards have posters up from several weeks ago. We found one board that had flyers from November yet. Please, if you place a flyer to advertise an event, take it down after the event has passed.

Furthermore, some individuals and groups (even campus offices) think it's acceptable to plaster their posters right over others'. How can this be a good idea? If you place your flyers right on top of someone else's, someone will just come along and cover yours. It's like interrupting someone who is speaking to shout your own opinion. It's quite rude.

Bulletin boards should be treated with respect - if everyone took down their flyers on time, there would be plenty of room for all.



## On Movies



**Brandyn Hansen**  
Columnist

"The Godfather" is one of the greatest films in the history of cinema. This crime-based saga has stood the test of time and is still a great film today. This show has not only left its mark on the world of movies, but on pop culture as a whole. Yet, I am still amazed at how many people, especially college students, have still not seen this great movie. Those of you that have, know

*'I'm going to make you an offer you can't refuse ...'*

what I am talking about when I say how truly great it is. Those of you who haven't, pay close attention.

Our story begins in the 1940s in New York where we are introduced to the Corleone family, headed by the one and only Don Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando), the "Godfather" himself. The Corleone family has been involved in organized crime ever since Vito came over to America as a young man. Now at the top of the crime game, he has aged and made a family for himself.

His oldest son, Sonny (James

Caan), is being groomed to take over the family business. Michael (Al Pacino), his youngest son, defied his father and the crime life by running off and joining the Marines but once he returns, he is thrown back into the life.

After an attack on Vito's life, Michael takes an uncharacteristic charge to take out revenge on those that tried to kill his father. After exacting revenge, Michael is sent to Sicily to lay low while the gang wars flare up back in New York.

There he finds another young woman and falls in love. But can

the ways of Michael's life escape him halfway across the world or will he be forced to return home and take charge of the family?

Overall, this film is fantastic in every way. Great story telling, in-depth character development and superior acting make this one film that no person should go without seeing. So when you're lying around wondering if you should see whatever "B" level 3D garbage Hollywood is throwing at us this weekend, do yourself a favor and hit your local video store to pick up a copy.



## On Music



**Ward Lamon**  
Columnist

If you have been reading my columns and you've been finding yourself noticing a general lack of Rap/Hip-hop news, I do apologize for that. In fact, whoever you may be, I dedicate this entire column especially to you! If you don't feel included in those first few sentences, do not fret. You can keep reading this column, too. This is North Dakota, so we all need some more rap music in our

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lives, and by "some more" I mean "like wayyy more." Consider this column an excellent starting point for that.

Whichever above group you most identify with, you probably have heard quite a bit of racket about the recently released "MTV Hottest MC's VII" list. Below, you will find the list and respective posted dates:

1. Rick Ross [posted 2-19-12]
2. Drake [posted 2-19-12]
3. Kanye West [posted 2-19-12]
4. Nicki Minaj [posted 2-19-12]
5. Lil Wayne [posted 2-19-12]
6. Jay-Z [posted 2-17-12]
7. Meek Mill [posted 2-16-12]

8. Big Sean [posted 2-14-12]

9. Wiz Khalifa [posted 2-15-12]

10. Wale [posted 2-13-12]

Ok, so I know what you're thinking: "WHO MADE THIS LIST?!?" One thing to keep in mind is that this is, first off, MTV. Secondly, this is not a list that claims to be in ranked order by skill level, from best to worst, but rather just the hottest out there. That said, there would probably be quite a few changes that could be made here and there, but for the most part it's just what they aimed for; a list featuring the big rap artists on the scene, nothing more.

Let's begin by taking a look at

Rick Ross. Having started his career around the year 2002, Ross' latest album, "Teflon Don," was put out all the way back on July 20, 2010. Long time ago, huh? Wonder how he made the Hottest MC? Well, for one thing, he is working on his newest album, "God Forgives, I Don't," [release date: April/March, 2012]. More importantly though, I believe, is his long list of collaborations. If you look at the songs that he's been featured on over the past few years, he's gotten to be in a song with basically everyone else on the list and then some.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Finding yourself through nature

Most people don't think of a tomato plant as a wild plant very often. As a very little kid living in Williston, I can always remember my parents growing tomatoes in the summer but, recently, I found them on two separate occasions growing as weeds in the city of Minot.

On the first occasion I found a tomato plant growing out of a space in between some guy's yard and a retaining wall. The plant even had cut marks on it like it'd been run over with the lawn mower! On the next occasion I found a tomato plant growing by the curb across from Minot State University in an area that had been flooded over the summer. I should note, however, that both plants I found were not yet in the fruit-bearing stage.

Tomato plants (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill) are in the Nightshade family (*Solanaceae*), which also includes deadly poi-

sonous plants like tobacco and Jimsonweed, and according to the book, "Handbook of North Dakota Plants," by Orin Alva Stevens on page 249, tomatoes are actually hardier than you'd expect.

On page 249, Stevens writes about the tomato, "This is scarcely established as a wild plant though it comes up freely from scattered seeds and plants from seeds left in the garden may mature fruit."

I had read this before this last summer and fall, but found it to be very true this year. I think that to see plants going back to a wild state is always a liberating sight, because I think it registers with all of our desires to transcend and escape the confines of the conformist society we live in today.

**Bryan Lynch**  
Freshman, English

### Nickname ban a panic move

I understand the concept of giving up the battle to win the war, but this is one I would honestly be embarrassed to lose.

The NCAA ruled several schools, along with UND, have offensive nicknames and if we lose this ruling, the Fighting Sioux will be the only one forced to change their name because we could not gain the support of the local tribes.

I don't know how Standing Rock qualifies as local, when a vast majority of its land and people reside in South Dakota. One of the schools that was allowed to keep its nickname, the Illinois Fighting Illini, play Minnesota and Wisconsin in every sport as part of the Big Ten Conference.

In my opinion, their stance on not playing UND is more about staying in the good graces of the NCAA than actual moral objection. This ban itself was a panic move made by the NCAA in an attempt to portray sensitiv-

ity. I hear no uproar about the Fighting Irish. I am of Scandinavian descent; should I demand that all Viking mascots be banned because they are insensitive to the image of my ancestors?

This is a proposition by white people in an attempt to prove they aren't racist. Where does this all end? We are a country that attempts to be righteous by association, and the UND Fighting Sioux are one of the sacrificial lambs being led to slaughter. It's easy to give up when the punishment outweighs the gains, but this is a matter of principle. This is the NCAA attempting to save face by not letting their initiative completely fail.

We, as a state, need to take a stand and say we will not be bullied for not fielding a BCS football team.

**Dustin Lee**  
Freshman, psychology

## Reality show syndrome

*Do they get better as the years go on?*

**Zac Demers**  
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It seems like, in this day and age, the television industry has proliferated reality shows. Even on channels that people wouldn't think of having reality shows, they are indeed there. A couple of examples include "Top Shot" on the History Channel and food challenge shows on the Food Network Channel. But this article means to explore just three popular reality shows, and what has gone well and what has not gone so well. The three shows are "Survivor," "American Idol" and of course, I can't leave out "Jersey Shore."

First, let me start with "Survivor." It is, in my opinion, the first "real" reality show. Nearly 12 years ago, the show started out with a simple concept: leave 16 people on a deserted island and see how they adapt to their surroundings.

One by one, the "castaways" would go to tribal councils to vote one member of their team out. It would continue in this fashion

until "one sole survivor" remained. In the end, the sole survivor would claim \$1 million dollars.

But that was 12 years ago, when reality shows really started to kick off. "Survivor" has had to evolve as times changed. They have had to introduce new concepts to the games, including a hidden immunity idol, Exile Island, and Redemption Island. Only the hidden immunity idol remains in the game currently.

Over the years, the show became more and more predictable. New contestants had watched the show and learned how best to play the game. They caught onto the strategic aspect of the show. Now as the years go by, contestants continue to get smarter and adapt to the strategies of the games. In a sense, the show has become stale.

But will I watch it in the future. Yes, I think it is entertainment. I think the producers should bring in people that have never watched the show. It would give it a new and fresh perspective.

"American Idol," as most of you may know, is a competition trying to find the best singer in America. According to Answers.Ask.com, "American Idol" started in 2002. Back in the day, they had a great judging panel that included Randy Jackson, a former bass guitar player for the band Journey; Paula Abdul, a former pop singer and dancer and last, but certainly not least, Simon Cowell. Cowell is from the United Kingdom and has long been involved in the music industry.

In my opinion, the show was really good for seven years. One particular aspect I liked was the love/hate relationship between Paula and Simon. It seemed like they made the perfect pair. They made the show interesting and fun to watch. Jackson was also fun to watch, as he always came up with clever sayings.

But who could forget Cowell's remarks? The majority of the time, his comments were harsh to the contestants. Even though Cowell

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## The NDAA has its merits

**Bryce Berginski**  
Assistant Editor

What is it about the National Defense Authorization Act for 2012 that is so controversial? What is the National Defense Authorization Act?

To answer the latter question, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is a bill President Obama signed into law in late December 2011. It funds the defense of the United States and its international assets and interests. It also addresses issues such as modernizing the military, health care costs for the Department of Defense, national security and counter-terrorism.

There is one part of the issue of counter-terrorism that some find controversial, the issue of indefinite detention. If someone is suspected of terrorism, or supporting pro-terrorist organizations like al-Qaeda or the Taliban, the president has powers under the Authorization for Use of Military Force (a resolution passed after 9/11) to use the Armed Forces to detain



**Berginski**

him or her. The Armed Forces, under the NDAA, can also conduct counter-terrorism operations on U.S. soil, and states have the option of capturing terror suspects that are U.S. citizens or legal resident aliens. They can hold captured suspects without trial.

Critics have complained this is an attack on civil liberties and human rights, and that the bill is too vaguely worded, even with amendments made by Congress.

But there are some merits to this. Think about it: if someone threatened your life and had the means and ability to make good on his or her threat, or was in cahoots with someone who could, would you really want that person in the same place as you? No. Chances are you would want the proper authorities to get that person as far away from you as possible.

We captured and killed a few terrorists already, some of whom were behind 9/11. But terrorism is an ideology carried out by individuals or groups. It is not a country whose soldiers we could capture as prisoners of war. As long as terrorism remains an ideology, we will never be able to capture or kill every terrorist, foreign or domestic.

# Minot Symphony Orchestra: helping MSU strings player fly

**Bekka Ryan**  
*Staff Writer*

The Minot Symphony Orchestra (MSO) is an independent musical group course Minot State University offers students interested in playing stringed instruments.

The MSO, celebrating its 86th season this year, will present its fourth of five concerts at Ann Nicole Nelson Hall Saturday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., under the direction of MSU music instructor Dennis Simons.

For MSU student Kate Dalbey, string-instrument playing runs in the family. She is pursuing a degree in orchestral music education, which includes working with MSO. This large ensemble is a requirement for a degree in orchestral music education.

"I started playing the violin when my older sister, Laura, taught me lessons at age nine," Dalbey said. "I always looked up to her playing and loved the music that she was able to work with. Listening to her practice, I loved the classical music that she created, and this drove me to discover my love of music through strings."

"I love playing with MSO. It's really fun," Dalbey said. "We get to play a bunch of symphony music that is not only interesting, but well known. It's a great experience to play with teachers and respected community adults."

All MSU students who play stringed instruments are eligible to be a part of this group. Dennis Simons, MSU music instructor, directs the ensemble.

"Playing with, and under the direction of professional musicians has helped me develop as a musician, and as a future music educator," Dalbey said. "This is not only because of the first-hand sight of what it takes to get to that level of musicianship, but also because of the giving and receiv-



MSU music student Kate Dalbey poses with her violin. Dalbey enjoys playing strings with the Minot Symphony Orchestra.

Photo by Bekka Ryan

ing of information that goes hand-in-hand with becoming a part of an organization as big as MSO. The standard that is set with our symphony is high, and I appreciate the level of performance that is created by working with the more-advanced musicians."

The upcoming MSO concert is free and open to all. Dalbey encourages everyone interested in discovering stories through strings to come to the performance.

Erik Anderson, MSU music instructor, will present a pre-performance lecture at 6:30 p.m.

"I think that the symphony offers a cultural experience," Dalbey said. "It's one of the earliest styles of music and, because of this, I think it's one of the most important large-group ensembles still performed today. There is so much involved with the music - stories tangled with the people who wrote the pieces, the theory behind it, the techniques

involved with playing, and the fact that the orchestration and instruments chosen are up to the composer."

## Dressing for success



Photo by Amber Penrose

MSU student Jamie Council sports business apparel as part of the Dress for Success Fashion Show held last week in the Beaver Dam. The event, sponsored by the MSU Student Success Center, showcased what and what not to wear to a job interview.

## Spring Break in Minot...



...Spring Break in Switzerland

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was oftentimes cruel with his comments, he made the show what it needed to be. In my opinion, he is probably one of the main reasons why it is still on the air, even though he left the show.

Idol did have other judges along the way: Kara DioGuardi was on the air for two years and Ellen DeGeneres "replaced" Paula. DeGeneres was only on the show for one year. But after Simon left the show, "American Idol" got two new faces. The show hired Steven Tyler, lead singer of Aerosmith, and Jenifer Lopez, a singer and a dancer.

The program is just not the same without Paula and Simon. It seems as if Randy has stepped

into Simon's shoes and is now the "bad guy" since Simon's departure. It seems like he is obligated to make rude remarks to contestants. Will I still watch it? Yes, again, because it is entertainment.

Finally, what about "Jersey Shore?" What is the concept of the show? I think that is all I'm going to say about this one, and leave my readers to fill in the blanks to these questions.

I am not totally against reality shows, since I do occasionally watch them, but it seems like, if they go on for too long, they do tend to get kind of stale. Still, if a student is looking for entertainment on a weekday, I would definitely recommend one of these shows.



### President Fuller Announces Spring 2012 Office Hours for Students

**Monday, March 5**  
3 - 4:30 P.M.

**Wednesday, April 4**  
9 - 10:30 A.M.

**Friday, May 4**  
1 - 2:30 P.M.

Students are encouraged to stop by the President's office, located on the 2nd floor of the Administration building, during the times listed and visit with the President about substantive issues that affect them and the University. No appointment is necessary.

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The MSU Women's Choir rehearses for a concert to be held March 4.

# Choirs to perform Sunday

**Bekka Ryan**  
Staff Writer

The Minot State University Division of Music announces the upcoming choirs concert Sunday at 3 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

Three university choirs will perform - the MSU Women's Choir, the MSU Concert Choir and the MSU Singers. The ensembles are made of MSU students of all majors. Although the three choirs offer different voice structures, performance opportunities and directors, the students feel a sense of camaraderie that crosses through the different courses.

"I am in choir, and I believe that others are and should be involved, because it makes you feel accomplished," Mike Doran, first year MSU student said. Majoring in computer sciences, Doran found his way into the choir through his past experiencing with singing.

Music education major, Paige Olson is in her third year of studies toward her degree.

"I'm involved in concert choir

because I love music," she said. "In my opinion, there's almost no better way to express yourself than through music — and singing has always been one of the most effective ways for me to do that."

Ken Bowles, MSU Division of Music chair, directs the concert choir, the largest vocal ensemble at Minot State. Although the ensemble, made of mixed voices, only meets three hours a week, as opposed to the MSU historic choir-every-day of past academic years, students feel that this time is well spent working toward the common good of creating music.

The MSU Singers is the smallest select group of auditioned singers. The group performs pieces which call for a small group of voices. They focus on the music of jazz and choral traditions and historic madrigal literature. The MSU Singers spread the joy of music through performance for local events, including local nursing homes such as The View and Brentmoor.

The MSU Women's Choir is a

non-auditioned group of female voices from across campus. They offer a wide range of choral literature and perform twice each semester at the choirs concerts. MSU associate music instructor Cherie Collins directs the group.

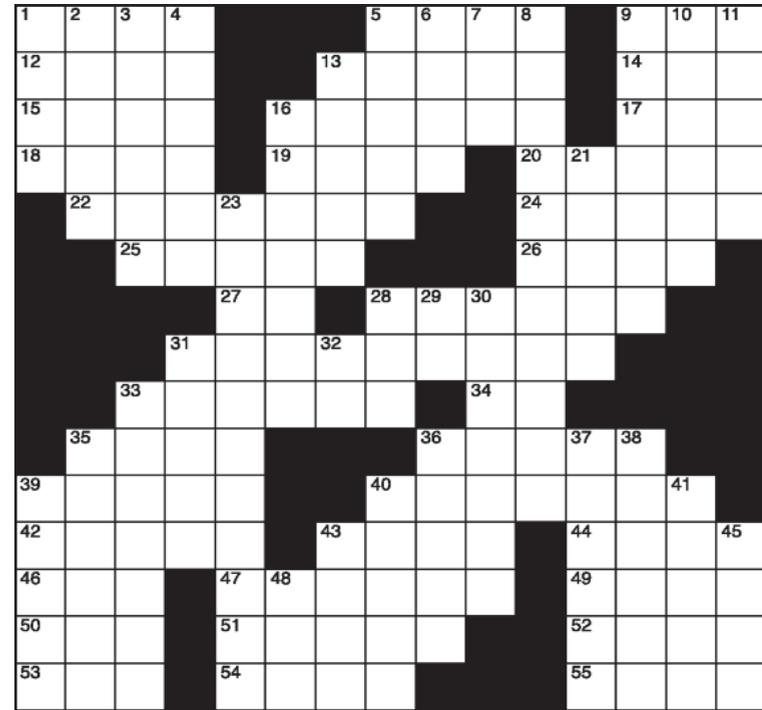
The three choirs have been practicing for the upcoming performance since the beginning of the semester. Students say they have grown to love pieces they've spent time with.

"I really enjoy Haydn's 'Everything in its Place,' because it is so happy and energetic. It also provides great contrast within the sections of the piece," Olson said.

"My favorite piece that we will be performing is 'Song of Songs.' This work has a great tune that gives me goose bumps," Doran said.

"Students should attend the concerts so they can see how much work we put into our concert and how much fun we have performing for everyone," Olson said. "It's a great way to relax and listen to some amazing music."

The concert is free of charge and open to the public.



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Bay Area Transit Auth. (abbr.)
5. Pull apart by force
9. Ancient Egyptian King
12. Missing soldiers
13. Capital of Japan
14. Diamond month (abbr.)
15. Spheres
16. Surpassing good
17. British thermal unit
18. Philippine island & seaport
19. Legally argued
20. Belonging to singer Fitzgerald
22. Bowler hats
24. Has a strong odor
25. Doyens
26. London Gallery
27. Rural delivery
28. Rods
31. Stonehenge plain

33. Withdraw from membership
34. Execute or perform
35. Central or Yellowstone
36. Municipality in Norway
39. Bay of NW Rep. of Ireland
40. Skin designs
42. Son of Jephunneh
43. Baseball's Ruth
44. Clare Booth \_\_, Am. writer
46. Black tropical American cuckoo
47. Filled with fear or apprehension
49. 6th Jewish month
50. Wide metal vessel used in cooking
51. Make by pouring into a cast
52. Colombian city
53. Heat unit
54. Carpenter, red and army
55. Adam and Eve's garden

## CLUES DOWN

1. Big man on campus
2. Made public by radio or television
3. Labelled
4. Inform positively
5. Drinks habitually
6. Supplemented with difficulty
7. SW Scottish river & port
8. American poet 1874-1963
9. Pads
10. Ingestion or intake
11. Tie up a bird before cooking
13. Bulrushes of the genus Scirpus
16. Turned rod on a spinning wheel
21. Having or covered with leaves
23. The 44th U.S. President

28. Midway between S and SE
29. Tuberculosis (abbr.)
30. Inspected accounting procedures
31. A twilled woolen fabric
32. Potato state
33. The work of a sailor
35. Involving 2 dimensions
36. Fanatical or overzealous
37. Consolation
38. Wild sheep of northern Africa
39. Erect leafless flower-bearing stalk
40. Afrikaans
41. Weighing device
43. Very dry champagne
45. Emerald Isle
48. A resident of Benin

## Student Government Assoc. minutes

*From the Feb. 13, 2012, meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m.

Roll was taken.

Absent: Eric Zitter, Jordan Kluck, Desmond Ho, Jake Delisle

Excused: Breanna Benson, Anthony Anderson, Lindsey Nelson.

Minutes from the Jan. 30, 2012, meeting were reviewed. President Max Buchholz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Amy Olson moved to approve the minutes. Juan Vadell seconded it. Motion passed.

### OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer Trey Welstad reported that the Student Government Association account has \$55,353.52; Student Activities account has \$58,030.67; Intramurals currently has \$-3405.51.

Secretary Lisa Brule reported that the officer office schedule has been sent out for the Spring Semester.

Co-Directors of Intramurals Jared Schumaier and Wyatt Urbanski reported that soccer will begin in two weeks. Volleyball and basketball will be scheduled in March.

Director of State Affairs Rebecca Ryan reported the next NDSA is Feb. 17 and 18.

Director of Public Relations Bethany Leyrer reported she is working on new posters and will be making calendars to put in the

napkin holders for the eating establishments in the Student Center.

Co-Director of Entertainment Camilla Oliveira reported there is a Valentines Dance this Thursday. A survey has been posted on Facebook and will be sent out to the Residence Halls to see why participation for campus events has been low. Camilla hopes this survey will help determine how to make events more appealing.

Vice President Stetson Sannes reported that there was a CSO meeting last Thursday; the funding proposals for clubs and organizations are due Friday. CSO committee meeting will be Tuesday at 12:30. Any attendance would be appreciated.

President Max Buchholz reported that he has been working with the grade consortium, he will bring it up at a later time in the meeting.

Staff Senate Representative Linda Benson reported that staff senate scholarship applications were due last Friday.

Advisor Leon Perzinski reported that Linda Bersch is still looking for models for dressed for success.

Aaron Jaegar reported that there are applications out for director and officer positions. The applications are due Friday.

Dr. Bowles reported that Faculty Senate has been focusing on ways to increase our enrollment. They are examining ways to keep and bring students here.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jay-Z have been pretty strong just on their own. Both have platinum-certified albums that shot right up to the top of the charts. West had his "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy" album [released Nov. 22, 2010] and Jay-Z had his "The Blueprint 3" album [Sept. 8, 2009]. What happens when they work together? "Watch the Throne" happens.

Positions four and five belong to Nicki Minaj and Lil Wayne, respectively.

Student Affairs — Breanna Benson reported that the committee met.

Grades Consortium — Max Buchholz reported that the committee met with the executive cabinet of faculty senate. Amy Olson spoke about the discussion; Amy said the majority of the discussion revolved around convincing the senate that posting grades is a relevant concern for our university. No resolution was made, but a meeting has been scheduled with faculty senate and will speak about the problem that exists and how we can come to a consensus about this issue.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

Sororities back on Campus-Linda Benson and sorority affiliates spoke about having an active sorority for MSU by the fall. They believe it would be a good asset to the community and to the school.

Budget — Trey Welstad has been working on the 2012 Spring Budget. Juan Vadell moved to approve the budget. Lisa Brule seconded. Welstad discussed that approval for Woman's Hockey and intramurals will have to be moved to the next SGA meeting. Budget passed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Symposium on brain function Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Brule  
SGA Secretary

## New club on campus

*Members can start or grow businesses*

**Edosomwan Isreal Osayande**  
*Comm 281*

The Minot State University College of Business has created an avenue for students who intend to establish their own business or grow businesses. The Investment Club, created through the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy, has funds to aid them financially.

Jerry Stai, accounting and finance instructor, is the club's adviser.

"The club has about \$50,000 that the students are managing," he said. "The student-managed fund is being organized now, with the students laying out the strategies and investment policies. The students will do the analysis for creating the investment portfolio, analyzing stocks and bonds and other securities to buy or sell."

Donations to create the fund came from Clint Severson and Connie Ahart, who instituted the Severson Entrepreneurship Academy (SEA). The fund's original purpose was that students would manage this \$50,000, and the earnings on the investments would be given to student entrepreneurs either in the form of a low-interest loan, a grant or an equity position in a student entrepreneurship venture.

"Last year there was a

Student Entrepreneurship Competition in which one student won the competition and we made a loan to that student. It was a \$6,000 low-interest loan for him to institute his plan for his business venture," Stai said. "With the change in the SEA this year, I don't know if we're going to have a competition this spring, but next year we're going to have a competition among students who want to either start or grow their own businesses."

"The students that are managing the investment fund will be different from the students competing to start their own business," the adviser said. "The students that want to start their own businesses or build the ones they already own and are running, are going to compete in the Business Plan Competition in the spring of the year. The students involved in the investment fund will actually be making the grant available. There may be a student that could be involved in both, but it's really two distinct groups of students, and both of them are going to have wonderful learning experiences".

Students not in the College of Business are also invited to join the Investment Club. Interested students should contact Stai at [jerry.stai@minotstateu.edu](mailto:jerry.stai@minotstateu.edu).

### ... Ward continued from page 4

Drake pulls up the next spot. He's been around about as long as Ross has, but it's only within the past few years he sprang to the top. He had several mixtapes and an EP or two, but it's his past two albums that have helped get him where he is today, especially his latest, "Take Care," [release date: Nov. 15, 2011].

I'll throw the number three and six spots together here. Kanye and

Jumping to number seven though, along comes Meek Mills. To be honest, he is the only person on the list I hadn't heard of. However with thirteen mixtapes out, I'll be sure not to be caught off guard once his "Dreams & Nightmares" album drops this year.

Getting to the eighth spot comes Big Sean. He's been doing his homework and working his way up. He's been a featured artist on tons of songs with other rappers, and over the period of three years — from

2008 to 2010 — put out three volumes of the "Finally Famous" mixtapes before the actual "Finally Famous" album [released June 28, 2011]. He's currently working on his sophomore album while on tour.

Ninthly, Wiz Khalifa appears on the list. Of course I have to mention that he was, in fact, born right here in Minot, N.D. No, I am not at all kidding! He moved to Pittsburgh shortly after though, and he dropped "Rolling Papers" last year on March 29. "Mac &

Devin Go to High School" is more recent and "O.N.I.F.C" is on its way by March 30.

Finally, Wale pulls up the last spot. Right from the get-go in 2005, he's been constantly on the rise. His latest album, "Ambition," [released Nov. 1, 2011], further progressed him after the huge, platinum single, "Hands," he did with Waka Flocka Flame and Roscoe Dash.

There ya go! I've been working on a few interviews that will be coming shortly!

# MSU softball team off and running

**Jamie Council**  
Sports Writer

The Minot State softball team is off and running in its provisional year to the NCAA Division II. Like all other teams going through this process, the team cannot make divisional playoffs, but this doesn't mean games don't count for anything.

"There is no such thing as a pre-season," Head Coach, Bill Triplett said. "Games are games ... non-conference or conference."

The team has competed in seven games so far for a record of 3-4. The team isn't sure what to expect coming into the season. Their schedule consists of Division II teams that they have never faced before. However, it will help them prepare for the move to the NCAA next year. The goal is to win just as many games this year as last year.

"I expect to win," Triplett said. "The thing is, our pitchers have to stay healthy. Right now, Mandy Greenberg, our number one starter, is out with an injury, so that could change things a lot."

The team has many key players, including, on defense, pitchers Mandy Greenburg, Jen Dixon and Tiffany Friesen. Bella Casillas holds up the outfield from center field. Shortstop Katie Burns and second baseman Kyla Thiesen protect the infield and Corinne Gautron, Carmen Vargas, Colleen Bertrand and Melissa Bell all see time behind the plate at catcher.

Offensively, Coach Triplett expects great things from Jen Dixon and Stacy Fournier.



Photo courtesy of MSU Athletics

Softball team (back row, from the left) Bill Triplett, head coach, Betsy Miller, MaKenzie Fisher, Tiffany Friesen, Kyla Thiesen, Keysha Jansen, Jen Dixon, Katie Backes, Melissa Ball, Corrine Gautron, Jeff Nelson, assistant coach; (front row, from the left) Colleen Bertrand, Stacy Fournier, Emily Fournier, Carmen Vargas, Maribel Cassillas, Deanna Mitchell, Mandy Greenberg, Leah Mathewson, Katelyn Burns, Taylor Studler. Not pictured: Paige Hollinger.

"Jen and Stacy both swing it left-handed, both hit for power and average, and both have a really good eye at the plate," he said.

Triplett also has high hopes for freshmen Melissa Bell and Taylor Studler.

"Those freshmen are capable of being fulltime starters for us, but I'm going to hold them out of a dozen or so varsity games so they can play in all the JV games, too," the coach said. "It's a win/win situation for them and their development."

## Women's hockey takes fifth

**Dale Roed**

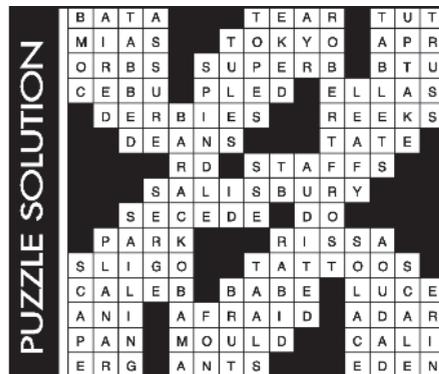
Women's Hockey Coach

The final rankings came out for this year's ACHA Women's Hockey. Minot State University finished ranked fifth in the West Division. Women's hockey ranking is by division since it does not have a national ranking system.

The top four ranked teams from the west and east qualify for nationals. MSU moved up rapidly toward the end of the year with wins over last year's national champion, Rainy River Community College from International Falls, Minn. and fourth-ranked University of Minnesota Duluth. The overtime win against Rainy River was that team's only loss this season.

After beginning the season 0 and 4, MSU Women won at least one game every series for the rest of the season, finishing with a league record of 8-7-1. A combination of great team chemistry and strong goaltending lent itself to this year's successes.

The women's hockey team hopes to use this year as a springboard to crack one of the top four spots next year and participate in nationals.



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# Becoming official

## Computer Club active for 21+ years

**Edosomwan Isreal Osayande**  
Comm 281

The Minot State University Computer Club recently drafted a constitution in order to become an official organization. They have been carrying out their activities for more than 21 years under an unofficial status.

"We were kind of an informal club, but they just put together a constitution and submitted it to the Student Government Association to have it approved as a university club," Scott Kast, club adviser said.

The club, despite not being official and lacking funding from the school, had recorded some success in its activities and competitions. They paid for these expenses through various fundraising means but, with approval, they will be able to enhance their activities.

"One of the things in getting approved and official is that you get some funding through the Student Government Association," Kast said. "Over the years, we've raised money in many different ways so we could take trips for Programming and Robots competitions.

"Lots of times, the club would go to Programming and Robotics Competitions. The club facilitates our students to be active in computer events. We won the Robot Competition last year in Pennsylvania. We built a robot that transverses through a campus.

"For the programming competitions, Kast said, "some of the club members will get together, they'll practice programming and they'll go to these programming competitions where they would have

to write certain programs and compete with students from other universities."

The club has other activities, as well.

"Some other things the club has done over the years, we've held Computer Camps for kids," Kast said. "It's been quite a few years since we've done that, where we'll bring in some students and we'll teach them a little bit of programming. We've also done some Robotics Camps, too, and we also bring in kids from the community and they learn how to put together little robots and how to do certain task with the robots.

"Students also have the opportunity to present to the class and other students things they are interested in, maybe research they've done or something. We've had a student who built a game and came to the class and showed how it's operated," the adviser said.

The computer club holds meetings the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Most of the students involved are computer science majors and minors, but they also welcome students from other majors. Signs are sometimes put up here and there, according to Kast.

The computer club is not just about hard programming or robots all the time.

"We also do some fun things, too," Kast said. "We've had times where members come together for a game night where they'll play online games, and in some of our meeting days we have pizzas. The club buys them from the money it has, which we've raised from fundraising over the years. There's a little something for everyone in the computer club."

## Rotaract reaches fundraising goal



Photo by Amber Penrose

Fundraiser participants (from the left) Eric Zitter, Brandyn Hansen, Kaden Shumway, Dan Hansen, Emily Mell, Shelby Bowlds, Roger Herrmann, Anthony Anderson, Sarah Johnston, Alex Gørze and Mikey Breslin (kneeling) pose at the Rotaract pancake breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday. The group held the event to raise funds for a ShelterBox disaster relief kit. They surpassed the goal, raising more than \$1,000.

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**Jake** 1:42 PM  
SPRING BREAK's almost here

**Emilie** 1:42 PM  
Cool - You know we register right after we get back right?

**Jake** 1:43 PM  
Really?

**Emilie** 1:43 PM  
Yeah.... March 20 & 21

**Jake** 1:43 PM  
I'd better meet with my advisor

**Emilie** 1:44 PM  
Yeah...me too. I'd better take care of my hold - I have a parking ticket