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Darwin Day 2013

'What does evolution mean to you?'

by Zac DeMers Assistant Editor

The Minot State University biology and art departments will host Darwin Day on the MSU Campus, Feb. 13-15, with various activities in Cyril Moore, Hartnett Hall and the Beaver Dam in the Student Center. Christopher Beachy is coordinating the event, with help from Micah Bloom and Bill Harbort, MSU art instructors.

Darwin Day is a newer event on campus.

"It (Darwin Day) really began with the bicentennial birth of Charles Darwin, which would have been 2010," Beachy said.

Darwin Day took a year off last year because of the aftermath of the flood. But the event is back with various biology and art activities. Organizers have lined up three guests for Darwin Day: Tyler Lyson, Josh Hoeks and Heidi Richter.

"Too often we get stuck with the idea that all your education occurs in the classroom. This would be an environment where they would go and they wouldn't realize they were in a classroom environment."

"Heidi Richter is a Minot State grad; she double majored in biology and art. She went on to get her master's in scientific illustration," Beachy said. "She's a nice mix who's going to come back and talk to us about how she uses illustration to demonstrate various mechanisms to evolution."

will Richter present "Visualizing Evolution" on Feb. 13 in Cyril Moore Science Center, room 213 from 1 to 2 p.m. On Feb. 14, she will speak on "Art Applied to Science" in Hartnett Hall room 202 E. at 9 a.m., and she will present scientific illustration demonstrations in the Beaver Dam from 9:30 to 3:30



p.m. on Feb. 15.

"Josh Hoeks is here as part of his growing collaboration and friendship with Micah Bloom. Hoeks is an ecological sculpture artist. He'll be really good to talk about the role of collaboration with a bunch of art students," Beachy said.

Hoeks, known for his work as an ecological interactive sculpture artist, will speak on "Collaboration" in Aleshire Theater, Hartnett Hall Friday, Feb. 15, from noon to 1 p.m.

"Our featured individual, Tyler Lyson, just finished his Ph.D. He's a North Dakota Boy," Beachy said, "he was born and raised in Marmarth. From Marmarth, he went on to finish his doctorate at Yale.

"There's this dinosaur fossil that was discovered near Marmarth called "Dakota;" a mummified dinosaur with preserved skin. Now we don't have to wonder (what dinosaurs looked like) because Tyler found this fossil," he said.

Lyson will speak on "How Dinosaurs Lived and why they went Extinct" in Cyril Moore Room 16 at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14, and on "Origins of Turtles and

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Photo by Daniel Klingensmith MSU sophomore Tanya Borho waves to the audience at the end of her winning comedic performance last week in the Beaver Dam.

by Breanna Bailey Comm 281

The Beaver Dam was full last Wednesday for the Minot State University "2013 Got Talent" show featuring nine contestants.

Tanya Borho won first place with her comedic talents; Anansa Greenfield took second place singing Adele's "Turning Tables;" Ashley Barczewski earned third place with her acoustic version of Nicki Minaj's "Super Bass."

The winning artists garnered prizes of Beat headphones, a digital camera and a 26" television.

MSU Co-Directors of Entertainment, Breanna Benson and Marley Kotylak, hosted the event with the help of Student Activities Coordinator Aaron Hughes. The judging panel consisted of three staff judges and four student judges.

'HOPE Heals' displayed at MSU as fundraiser for Minot Zoo

Talent show winners wow the crowd

by Michelle Holman Editor

From the Souris River flood of 2011, one beautiful piece of artwork rises – and travels.

Candace Brekke has begun an effort to rebuild Roosevelt Park Zoo through donations from Minot's citizens. Brekke is an MSU alumna with a strong connection to the university's graphic arts department.

Teresa Loftesnes, marketing director, volunteered to manage this unique fundraiser.

The 4' x 5' graphic itself is instilled with symbolism: letters, headlines, stories and photos from the Minot Daily News overlay the acrylic background. These snippets chronicle the aftermath of the terrible flood and the relentless efforts of its victims to drive it away. In "HOPE Heals," the deep blue waters threaten to drown out the hope of the city, yet hope itself looms from the murky depths, into the bright sky.

All donations will be directed toward the rebuilding of Roosevelt Park Zoo: living quarters for the animals, as well as the walkways and picnic areas for the



Candace Brekke's graphic design spurs Minot into action post-flood.

visitors, fences and any other structure affected by the damaging waters.

Each month since last fall, "HOPE Heals" has hung in a different locale. So far, Brekke's piece has See Hope — Page 8

Voices on Campus

"What is your favorite winter activity?" Marissa Choiniere

Comm 281



Preston Binde, Math Education "Sledding and tubing, because it is so much fun."



Jamie Council Broadcasting "Staying inside, staying warm and getting my good dose of TV and hot chocolate."



Skyler Niebuhr Undecided "Skiing through trees with Josh Sandy, because it's always an adventure and you never know what tree you will hit next."



Zachary Niebuhr Physical Education "Snowboarding. There's just something about hitting the slopes during the day and hanging out with a bunch of friends after."



Mackenzie Kelln Communication Disorders "Ice Skating. I spent the majority of my time in the rink growing up."



Ashley Brodehl Business "I like building snowmen, because they are cute!"

News in Brief

Red & Green Valentine's Day shout-outs due tomorrow at 11 a.m.

This is your last chance to have a personalized love note printed in your school newspaper! Turn to Page 11 of this issue for more details. Due Feb. 8 by 11 a.m.

NAC: Hartnett Gallery

"Americas 2013: Paperworks," a national juried art competition with juror Nicole Pietrantoni, will be on display until Feb. 20. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by special arrangement. For more information, visit http://www.minotstateu.edu/na c or contact Avis Veikley at 858-3264 or

avis.veikley@minotstateu.edu.

M-Life: Speed Dating Feb. 7 at 9 p.m.

Whether just for fun or to find true love, be in the Beaver Dam for MSU's annual speed-dating event. Ask questions to find a connection, but be quick. Participants only have five minutes to create some chemistry! With Valentine's Day just around the corner, what do you have to lose? This event is free with an MSU student ID. For more information, contact Aaron Hughes, 858-3987, or aaron.hughes@minotstateu.edu.

MSU wrestling room dedication Feb. 8

Minot State University Athletic Department invites everyone to celebrate the unveiling of the MSU Wrestling Room honoring Gene and Judy Krebs and Howard "Bucky" and Linda Anderson Friday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. The ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m., lower level of MSU Dome. Hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a tour of the new Student Wellness Center provided. The commemoration is free and open to the public. Following the ceremony, the MSU Beavers take on Southwest Minnesota State University at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Kate Marshall, 858-4158 or kate.marshall@minotstateu.edu.

'What were you thinking?' Student Success Workshop Feb. 12

Better understand learning styles that can help maximize academic success in Old Main 218 from 1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. Jessica Smestad, tutoring and mentoring coordinator, will give an overview of different learning styles, and offer an inventory that identifies individual's preferred learning style and what it means for the way you learn and interact with others. This event is free and open to MSU students. For more information, contact the Student Success Center at 858-3362.

M-Life: comedian Seaton Smith Feb. 12

Smooth charisma over a layer of explosive energy, topped off with unforgettable characters, Seaton Smith leaves his audience in a state of comedic euphoria! Smith will perform in the Beaver Dam at 8 p.m. Free to all students with a current MSU ID. For more information, contact Aaron Hughes, 858-3987. or aaron.hughes@minotstateu.edu. Check out Smith's personal site, http://www.seatonsmith.com..

Today in History

- **1945:** Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin and Franklin D. Roosevelt meet to discuss the end of World War II.
- **1964: The** Beatles land at New York's JFK airport for first U.S. tour; "Beatle Mania" begins as 73 million people tune in to their live concert.
- **1971:** Switzerland grants women right to vote
- **1974:** Grenada gains independence from Great Britain.
- **1984:** Bruce McCandless, U.S., is first man to freely float in space.

(Courtesy of Brainyhistory.com and peoplehistory.com)

Open studio art workshops offered

by Breanna Bailey Comm 281

The Minot State University Art Program will offer Open Studio workshops on campus.

The ceramics class is Thursday evening, Feb. 7, 6-9 p.m. in the ceramic studio, lower level of Pioner Hall. Use the back door. Other ceramic workshops will be held on Feb. 14, 21, 28 and March 7. All are separate classes. Participants may register for as many as they choose.

Linda Olson and Robin Reif will present the ceramics workshops, focusing on ceramic skills, wheel throwing and hand building, and will tailor them to the participants' interests. Class size is limited to the first 15 to register. The cost is \$20, plus the cost of supplies. All will be available to MSU students, high school students and the community.

MSU art instructor Bill Harbort will teach an Introduction to Airbrushing workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Harnett Hall 230B west side. He will focus on a basic intro to materials, techniques and demonstrations. This class is limited to the first 16 to register and costs \$15, plus the cost of supplies.

The art department will also offer workshops in March and April. They are Image transfers on March 6, Monotype on March 27 and Photograms on April 10.

For more information or to register for these workshops, contact Amy Woodbeck, 858-3989, or www.minotstateu.edu/cel/Open ArtStudioClasses.shtml.

To register for these events, visit https://epayment.ndus. nodak.edu/C22800_ustores/web

by Zac DeMers Assistant Editor

Of the many services Minot State University offers students campus security is one service students may or may not be fully aware of. Bill Chew, MSU's director of security, has been dedicated to keeping the campus safe for the last year and a half.

One of the security services available to the MSU community is escorts.

"We'll offer escorts at any time on campus," Chew said. "They can call the security office."

Nighthawk is the evening security on campus. Chew said people can call this service during the night-time hours if they feel they need a ride or security. Nighthawk, a private company, has provided security services on campus for the past 15 years. Campus security has three full-time staff.

"The main duty," Chew said, "is the security of everyone on campus: we're looking at doors; we're looking at interior buildings. Mainly, we're looking at ways in which we can keep the campus safe."

Whether it's a tornado, a suspicious package, a shooter on campus or any other danger, campus security is here to help the university.

In the event of a tornado, campus security has several

options.

"Depending on the situation, how close the tornado was, where it was coming from, we would be in contact with the Minot Police Department and the Emergency Operation for Ward County. It would all depend on the situation," Chew said.

Security on campus

"I'm very thankful for the students, staff and faculty that we have on this campus and their communication. We have received great communication from everyone on campus, which has been very beneficial in helping us as a security department.

"I would hope that we can keep that window open, and that people will feel safe and secure in contacting campus security for whatever reason," he said.

Campus security helped with planning former Minot mayor and N.D. State Senator Chester Reiten's funeral in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall last week.

"Dr. Fuller did a great job in notifying us and letting us know this was going to happen on campus. I would like to give a lot of credit to everyone on campus who helped out in this situation," the security director said.

Chew advises anyone in need of an escort during the night-time hours to call 858-3214; daytime hours, 858-4016. In the event of an emergency, call 911.

As for security and safety on campus when it comes to firearms, Minot State has a policy in place. Weapons, firearms of any kind and look-a-like weapons are not permitted on campus. If a violation is noticed, call the appropriate number from the paragraph above. According in the MSU student handbook, discipinary action will be taken if a student possesses or uses firearms or fireworks on university property without writ-

Table Talk!

Join us for great conversation with spectacular people.

Thursdays, 12–1 p.m., in Admin. 158. Bring your own lunch and come to make new friends, talk about issues of the day, about faith and about life. No basic knowledge needed, just the desire to listen, to think and to engage.

'Minimize Time ... Maximize Grades' workshop full of tips, thanks to Student Success Center

by Theresa Elder Staff Writer

The student success workshop, 'Minimize Time...Maximize Grades,' took place on Jan. 30 with Jessica Smestad, tutoring and mentoring coordinator. The seminar focused on key behaviors, skills and strategies employed by successful students including time management, concentration, note taking, test preparation and effective use and reading of textbooks.

Participants gauged their personal strengths and weaknesses in these areas through an inventory questionnaire. Smestad presented quality tips and habits, such as tailoring studying to personal learning style, self-testing and formulating "hit-lists" of main ideas to focus on, the importance of study breaks, study guides and how mnemonics should be absorbed. She also suggested a few unusual practices, such as "faking yourself out" with due dates to complete them early and bribing oneself when it comes to studying.

Students who find any of these tips to be helpful and think they could benefit from further tips, may attend one or more of the upcoming student success work-

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R&G Opinion

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Roller Skatium

One thing that Minot is missing is a roller skating rink.

The former Skatium was a nice place to hang out with friends and listen to the hip music of the day. But for these past couple of years, this has been missing from the Minot social life.

Some positives of this place were the Slushies. They had some of the best Slushies in town. Strawberry kiwi was a personal favorite.

Another favorite was limbo. This game was fun even though not everyone could bend down as far as they would have liked to.

Another fun game was four corners. The object of the game was to pick the right corner every time the music stopped.

The person in charge of the game would pick a number and that corner would be out. It would keep going like this until four people remained in the game.

In the last round, the person in charge of the game picked the winning corner number out of a hat. The four corners game was usually played last, right before the rink closed for the day.

As previously mentioned, it was a nice time to socialize. It was also a nice date night.

If something like this was brought back to Minot, it would suit our college town better. College students would have an opportunity to get some exercise without knowing it, as well.



by Alex Nelson Staff Writer

Once again we come for another gangster film. "Gangster Squad" stars Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Nick Nolte, Anthony Mackie, Giovanni Ribisi, Michael Pena, Robert Patrick and Sean Penn. Ruben Fleischer is the director. The film takes place in 1949 Los Angeles, and is rated "R" for violence, sexual content and strong language.

Mickey Cohen (Penn) is a gangster who is controlling the city with the use of violence and bribery. People are afraid to confront him. Chief of Police Bill Parker (Nolte) picks Sgt. John O'Mara (Brolin) to assemble a task

by Bryan Lynch

Staff Writer

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cans have been a potent source of

poisons for many years - whether

it is lead or an estrogen-like chem-

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On Movies

'Gangster Squad'

force to take Cohen down. selects O'Mara detective Coleman Harris (Mackie), wiretapper Conway Keeler (Ribisi), legendary gangster killer Max Kennard (Patrick) and his young partner Navidad Ramirez (Pena) to assist him.

O'Mara also chooses Sgt. Jerry Wooters (Gosling), who is secretly dating Grace Faraday (Stone) who is actually Cohen's girlfriend. Together they all will do everything they can to bring down Cohen's vicious empire.

I was pretty excited to see this film after I saw the trailer and, when it was pulled back, I was even more interested. So, was I impressed? Sure. Did it live up to its expectations? Kind of.

To me, the acting was good from Gosling to Stone. Penn's role as the violent gangster who will do everything he can to be on top impressed me. I noticed, though, that while the acting was good, the character development could have been much better in certain parts in the film.

I also noticed that Brolin's character kind of falters a bit in some scenes, however I think this was to show the intensity of this goal and how it may be taking its toll on individuals. I liked the group of actors that play the members of the squad, but I wish we could have seen more of them in the film. We get a good idea about their back stories and their personalities, but the film focuses more on Brolin's and Gosling's characters in the squad and how they take the struggle than it does on the others.

There are a few intense moments in the film, some you do not want little children to see. There are a few funny parts in it, though not like Ruben's other film, "Zombie Land." The action scenes were good, not like an action film, but still pretty good.

The one thing that bothered me was that this film felt similar "The to the 1987 film Untouchables," a movie where the main cast tried to take down Al Capone.

While this similarity bothered me, I realized that there were law enforcement units formed to take down powerful criminals such as Capone and Cohen, whether it be the prohibition era or the post WW II era. While the film isn't exactly Oscar perfect, and it could have been made a bit better, I think that this film is worth a watch, either seeing it in the

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Horticulture

Tin can food poisoning

sealed with lead solder. During that time, there were certain instances of people who ate canned foods developing lead poisoning. Fortunately, lead solder is no longer used, but a newer poison (which may be just as bad in the long run) is more present than ever in food cans. The poison is Bisphenol A or BPA for short.

tics that has effects similar to estrogen. The way BPA finds its way into cans is via the lining on the inside of the can. Cans now are lined with a very thin layer of plastic that is sprayed into the can at the factory. One of the chemicals in the plastic lining is Bisphenol A. It is thought that some of the BPA in the can lining absorbs into the food in the can. So, while canning certainly is

a great invention and has

enabled man to preserve his food in large quantities for extended periods, the materials and substances being used in canning really should be reconsidered.

Hopefully BPA in cans (like lead solder) will one day be a thing of the past, because having hormones in the food just isn't cool. It just seems a little bit (actually quite a bit) unhealthy and disturbing.

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The vagrant spirit

by Frankie Jean-Pierre Staff Writer

I have never been a religious person. I went to church with my grandparents when I was little but I had no idea the magnitude of what was going on around me. I've always had a sense that there's a God or some sort of supernatural being, but never knew for sure. Growing up I was never exposed to religious practices like praying, going to church or anything like that.

My parents have religions (one Catholic and the other Christian), but they never tried to push me to become one or the other. Why? I don't know honestly, but I know that religion plays a role into the values and morals of how people are raised, even if someone is not easy to see how one's religious beliefs can be so easily passed down from generation to generation. As it stands today though, I'm still the same as when I was little, only with more understanding of about how large a role religion plays in our world.

a devoutly religious person. So it's

With knowledge comes understanding [and many other things]. I decided as of the last few months that I would like to have or be a part of a religion. So I set out and looked for more information on the obvious religions: Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism, Rastafarianism, Muslim. To no surprise, what I believed didn't completely fit the religions standards, you could say. All of them have their pros and cons and, after looking into them, I found that I don't fit any of them. It was kind of disappointing at first because I was hoping to find a religion that I could devote myself to and maybe find a way to better myself. Only I wasn't sure why I wanted to.

I've never had any desire to do so in the past. I mean how I act in my day-to-day life and who I am as a person does not reflect high religious values. Although it would be cool to be a part of something else that's bigger than me, I have issues with religions themselves.

One thing that irritates me about religions is the use of terminology like: heretics, infidels and referring to people who are "lost." It irritates me when people refer to those who aren't of the same religion as them as heretics who are against God. They are not against God, they just don't see things the same as you. So why label them with such a negative name?

Then you have some who refer to people like me who have not selected a religion as people who are "lost." Let me tell you I'm not lost. I know where I am and who I am. What I don't know is if there's a religion for me.

A person doesn't have to belong to a religion to live, but it does have benefits. It gives people hope and a drive to be the best they can be.

Prayers are answered to those who pray. Yet are these due to an external power or chance or both? It's hard to say for sure but one can speculate.

People can argue back and forth between answered prayers and coincidence but in my experience, I've probably benefited from both. Why does it have to be one or the other though? Why does it have to be between the spiritual traits of traditional religions and the logic of science? Why can't they work together as one and become a religion that accepts the findings of science and some of the beliefs of religion? (Before it's suggested, no I don't like scientology either.) Maybe there is one out there I just haven't found yet or maybe I have to go out and make it.

Either way I know that I believe in something. That something is me, the one person I can always trust. That's also my advice to anyone in a similar situation as I - have faith in yourself and you will find meaning and purpose in life.

On MusicArtist To WatHe tried rapping.
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lish a unique blend

by Ward Lamon Staff Writer

Jon Bellion, your typical 20year-old from Long Island, keeps up the busy life of a college student much as you and I do/have, but he also has a talent that he's especially fine-tuned over the years.

Starting at the age of 14, he was producing for other artists. Not long into it, he started to get annoyed with being asked over and over to keep putting out otherwise generic records. He knew there must be something more out there than producing 50 identical- sounding songs that ultimately stray nowhere towards the land of originality.

From there he tried singing.

Artist To Watch: Jon Bellion

He tried rapping. It was within both these that Jon came to establish a unique blend of several genres, all coexisting within a single track. Signing onto Beautiful Mind Records, he is now part of the Visionary Music Group which has raised such upcoming talent as Tayyib Ali and Logic.

Having under his belt a sound, a label and a well-promoting group, Bellion has set his sights for large things ahead and is well prepared with the proper assets to be able to do so. All of this will culminate in his upcoming free album, "Translations Through Speakers."

Before the album, though, Bellion made one more important contribution to his career, and that is establishing a firm connection with the blogosphere. When it comes to music, the blogosphere is among the newest of methods to achieve an artist's "big break." In essence, music blogs feature new music by upcoming artists. By doing this, a featured artist is revealed to all of that blog's followers. Sweep a few of the larger blogs out there, and you can rack up a considerable following just from that aspect.

Such is the case with Jon Bellion. He hit these blogs with a resounding thud when he dropped an all-originally produced cover of Drake's song, "The Motto." Taking the rap song and turning it on its head into a smooth, R&B-infused track, he caught quite a bit of attention. The cover showed a glimpse of his talent while using something familiar to people and started some commotion as to who this newcomer was.

Next for Bellion came an original tune of his own. Covers are

fine and dandy and all, but there's far more to being a musician than doing a catchy rendition of someone else's song [unless your name happens to be Flo Rida or Pitbull or something...]. Jon's first album single, "Paper Planes," appeared on Oct. 1, 2012. It was indie. It was pop. It was R&B. It was spoken word. It was awesome.

He had people eagerly wanting more. He released his second single, "Life," near the end of the same month. He kept some of the same influences, but really changed the ratios of how much those influences came out in the track. This one had more of an electronic pop feel, but kept the underlying indie-ish quality to it all the same.

Most recently, he just released his third single from the album titled, "Dead Man Walking." As if to calm those worrying about just another electronic sound in today's music, he brought down those meters and released an acoustic song using his sort of R&B-inspired style to compliment it in yet another way.

As you can tell in his diverse works, he has an irresistible joy while making his music. He's released a few behind-the-scenes videos, as well, and they assure you of this and that he seems to have put behind him his earlier image of being a producer unsatisfied with the same old, same old just a few years back.

Bringing his bright new look at music, he keeps putting out these singles which only make his album release evermore anticipated. All of his singles mentioned come complete with a corresponding music video and also, what

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by Mandy Redfern Staff Writer

Dear Mandy,

I am a freshman here at Minot State. I met a guy in the cafeteria about two weeks ago and we hit it off great! The only thing is I don't know if he likes me or if we are just friends. What should I do? I don't want to ruin our friendship? **Clueless in the Cafeteria**

Dear Clueless in the Cafeteria,

This is always a sticky situation. You could tell him your feelings and he could reject you ... or he could be just as interested! In my experience, I think it's best you just talk to him. YOLO, right? Okay, YOLO might not be the best advice, but if you think you guys have hit it off and are really getting along, what does it hurt to let him know how you feel? You never know, it could be the start of something really great! And if it isn't, there are other fish in the sea ... and other guys in the cafeteria! Until next time,

Mandy

If you have a question for Mandy, email askredgreen@yahoo.com. Must include your name and year in school for office purposes only.

... Gangster continued from page 4 theater or renting it later.

Taken seriously, I would rate "Gangster Squad" 3 out of 5 Beavers; if not taken seriously, I would rate it 4 out of 5 Beavers.

Lose weight, gain health with MSU's 'Biggest Loser' contest

by Vanessa Bridgeford Comm 281

For one student at Minot State University, the biggest loser will be the biggest winner this coming March.

MSU students are competing to lose as much weight as possible in a fun way in "The Biggest Loser" weight loss challenge.

"We have 12 MSU students participating, but some people have started late, too, so we have a couple of add-ons," Courteney Burckhard, a wellness specialist at the Student Wellness Center, said.

The challenge, inspired by the reality TV show of that name, started on Jan. 17 and continues until March 7.

"When we opened the center, I was interested in getting more people involved," Burckhard said, "so I was trying to think of different ideas. This was another activity to get people to come in and be counted. I think is a good thing to do for a New Year's resolution. That's why we decided this semester will be a good semester to start."

The way it works is that the students come in to the center two times on Thursdays.

"They come in and weigh in at 9 a.m. and at 5 p.m., and base their score off their first weighin," Burckhard said.

After every week, the wellness specialists will calculate the total percent of body weight the students have lost. By March 7, the specialists will announce the student with the highest percentage of body weight lost. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card to the MSU Bookstore for emblematic apparel.

The challenge is free and open to any student. Participants do not follow a set program.

"It is just to keep them accountable, so they can weigh in every week," Ryan Madden, another MSU wellness specialist said.

On the other hand, faculty and staff are not left behind.

"Well, I am doing the biggest loser challenge with faculty and staff at Minot State University," Burckhard said.

In the future, Burckhard and Madden hope to get a nutrition specialist involved in the project, to do some counseling or give people recipe ideas.

The Student Wellness Center



Featuring live entertainment by BEN EDER, JOE DAVIS & THE RAINY DAY REBELS and more! For more information, contact alisha.p.puffe@my.minotstateu.edu



Submitted Photo

MSU Student Wellness specialists Courteney Burckhard (left) and Ryan Madden pose next to the rock climbing wall in the center.

staff invites MSU students to "like" the Wellness Center's Facebook page.

this, we post it online. You can be tuned to all the updates that we post for fitness classes, rock wall climbing and different events that

"Any time there is an event like



M-Life: Superbowl XLVII Party





Minot State University students pack the Beaver Dam Sunday to watch the San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Ravens face off in New Orleans. Rather than splitting the room in half by team preference, fans dispersed and enjoyed the game amongst each other. The Ravens beat the 49ers, 34-31.



M-Life coordinators Breanna Benson (left) and Marley Kotylak give a thumbs-up to the winning NFL team on Sunday. For every score made by each respective team, a ticket was randomly selected from the team cup. Various prizes were given to audience members lucky enough to have their matching ticket stubs drawn. The final prize was an iPad. Photos by Michelle Holman



Students agree: studying abroad can be the most influential experience in your college career.



President Fuller Announces Spring 2013 **Office Hours for Students**

Students are encouraged to stop by the President's Office, located on the second floor of the Administration building, during the time listed and visit with the President about substantive issues that affect them and the University. No appointment is necessary. Posted times are subject to change and will be updated if needed.

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Wednesday, Feb. 27 9 - 10:30 A.M.

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Student Government Association minutes

From the Dec. 5, 2011, meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll was taken. Absent: Codi Thomas.

Excused: Mike Doran, Max Buchholz.

Minutes from the Dec. 4, 2012, meeting were reviewed. President Lindsey Nelson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. With none, the minutes were approved. **OFFICER REPORTS**

Secretary Tess Foley reported that if senators are not able to attend their committee meetings this semester please let her know so she is able to rearrange the committee lists. Parking committee is no longer a committee, so if you are on this committee please come see her so you can sign up for a new one.

Co-Directors of Intramurals Jared Schumaier and Josh Sandy reported that basketball will be starting on Wednesdays and bowling will be on Mondays. Glow in the dark dodgeball will be taking place this Friday.

Director of State Affairs Rebecca Ryan reported about the upcoming NDSA meeting in Bismarck from Jan. 25-26. The Minot State meeting will also take place in Bismarck Feb. 22-23. She also spoke on some NDSA legislative issues. Roger Herrmann moved to have the Minot State student senate support SB-2094. Kaylin Salwei seconded it. Kylie Gamas amended the motion to

include "as it is currently written." Laura Bakke seconded it. Motion passed.

Director of Public Relations Kelsey Ramos reported that there are two new bulletin boards on campus. She spoke about how senators will adopt bulletin boards and we will have decorating contests where people can win prizes.

Co-Directors of Entertainment Breanna Benson and Marley Kotylak reported about the changes on the MSU Life committee. The committee meets every other Thursday at 12:30 p.m. They also reported that Food Services Committee meeting will meet the opposite Thursdays of MSU Life at 12:30 p.m. This Wednesday Jessie Campbell will be here at 8 p.m. Tie-dye shirts will be on Jan. 22. There will be a movie at 9 p.m. on Jan. 23.

Vice President of Finance Kelsey MacNaughton reported that the Student Government Association account has \$20,902.40, Student Activities account has \$2104.65, Intramurals currently has -\$950.97. She also reported that there will be a CSO committee meeting coming up.

President Lindsey Nelson reported that Student Savings Club results are due this Friday. President Fuller presented a proposal to offset the deficit that we have. The director position applications for the next year are due on Feb. 15.

Adviser Leon Perzinski had nothing new to report.

Adviser Aaron Hughes reported that she will be updating the web page. If you have any changes please let her know. The club fair will be on Jan. 22.

Staff Senate Representative Linda Benson reported on the staff senate meetings with the cost of living budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Roger Herrmann reported on the PAC committee. They have decided to wait until later into the State Legislative session to report. **NEW BUSINESS**

Beth Odahlen spoke about National Day of Service that will happen next week on Tuesday and Friday. She also spoke about Engagement Honor Roll which is engagement activities that you participate in would be listed on vour transcript if you participate in a minimum of 50 hours a semester. Bekka Ryan moved to approve the Engagement Honor Roll in the spring of 2013. Kelsey MacNaughton seconded it. Motion passed.

Aaron Hughes reported on the Student Government logo. It should be finalized in the coming weeks. Bekka Ryan moves to unveil the logo at the next meeting and also to allow electronic voting. Roger Herrmann seconded it. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No other announcements besides what was reported on the agenda.

ADJORNMENT

Without any further business President Lindsey Nelson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tess Foley

SGA Secretary

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continued from page 1 their Shell" in Cyril Moore 213 at 1 p.m. Feb. 15

Andrea Donovan, MSU assistant humanities professor and art instructor, will speak on "Why Art and Science can Co-Exist" at 2 p.m. Feb. 15 in Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall.

Live local bands will perform in the Beaver Dam, along with demonstrations and an exhibit by various artists, "What does

Evolution Mean to You?" from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m., Feb. 15. A drawing session titled "Evolve" also will take place in the Beaver Dam at that time.

The finale will be a public reception on Friday, Feb. 15, at 62 Doors Gallery and Studio, 11b South Main Street, from 7 p.m. until midnight.

All Darwin Day events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the MSU biology department's homepage



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hopped to Kelly Chiropractic, Sweet & Flour Patisserie in Minot and Jost Construction and Masonry in Burlington. She hopes to see her art displayed in several other city businesses through next fall.

Businesses can participate by either leading a fundraiser for the cause or contributing directly to the Roosevelt Park Zoo. The artwork will be auctioned

off at the end of its tour. Students, staff, faculty and

friends of Minot State may donate to the project. Please send checks

Office, Student Center 309 by Thursday, Feb. 14. Checks should be made out to Greater Minot Zoological Society, with a notion to "Hope Heals."

For more information about this ongoing event, or for more details on the artist's other works,

to Teresa Loftesnes, Marketing

Sports

Women drop heartbreaker to MSU-Mankato

by Jordan Gilmour Staff Writer

Minot State University's women's basketball team, in town last weekend, took on the Golden Bears of Concordia St. Paul and the Mavericks from Minnesota State University-Mankato. The Beavers saw better days, as they were taken down on both occasions - first by a score of 85-65 and then losing a heart breaker Saturday, Feb. 2, by a score of 83-82.

Versus the Golden Bears, the Beavers trailed by just five at halftime and matched the Bears much of the way. But there was a small lull in the second half, and that's all it takes in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conerence.

The Beavers (9-10 overall, 5-10 NSIC) went from 39.3 percent shooting in the first half to just 24.1 in the second, making just seven second-half baskets. CU (14-5, 12-3), on the other hand, followed up solid 48 percent shooting with a 16-for-32 performance in the second half. The Golden Bears, who have won six straight and 11 of their past 12 games, have surged to the top of the NSIC standings. Francesca DeAngelis (Sr., G) and Sacarra Molina (Sr., G) paced the Beavers with 13 points apiece. Lauren Safranski (Sr., G) added 11 points, while Morgan Klose (So., G) scored 10. Carly Boag (Jr., F) just missed a doubledouble with a game-high 17 rebounds and nine points.

As for Feb. 2's game, it was a tough loss to say the least. Klose



Photo by William Russell MSU junior Alicia Jones (No. 24) surges past an opposing guard in the NSIC match. The Beavers lost to Concordia State, St. Paul 31-46.

had the win in her sights as she put up the last-second shot that would have won for the Beavers. But the outcome was not the one the Minot State was looking for as she missed the shot and MSU fell 83-82.

The Mavericks (16-4, 12-4) turned a one-point halftime lead into a 16-point margin twice in the second half, the final time on a layup by Jamelia Hudnell with 13 minutes to play in the game.

Klose scored a career-high 23 points to lead all scorers and paced the Beavers with 8-of-10 shooting including three 3-pointers. Boag finished with another double-double, scoring 20 points and adding 11 rebounds, to go along with four steals and two blocks. DeAngelis and Molina also finished with dou-

Beavers split weekend games

Men defeat Concordia-St. Paul, 91-75

by Jordan Gilmour Staff Writer

For the Minot State University men's basketball team, the season is somewhat of a roller coaster. They are now 8-12 overall, 7-9 record in NSIC play. This past weekend, the Beavers were at home for a pair of tough games.

On Friday, they took on the Golden Bears from Concordia University and on Saturday, they faced #7 Minnesota State University-Mankato. MSU split the weekend, going 1-1, beating CSP (5-15 overall, 3-13 NSIC) 91-75 and falling to MSU-M (18-2 overall, 14-2 NSIC) by a score of 83-72.

In the win over Concordia – St-Paul, junior guard Isiah Gandy's defensive play gained head coach Matt Murken's appreciation.

The win is MSU's sixth in their past 10 games and, more importantly, pulled the Beavers within one game of Bemidji State University and Southwest Minnesota State University for eighth place in the conference.

In the loss over MSU-M, the Beavers greatly missed Kelvin's Fraser presence, and just couldn't get enough stops.

Minot State led just once in the second half, a 58-57 lead on a 3-pointer by E.J. Williams (Jr., G) from the left wing with 11:36 to play. It was the 12th win in the past 13 games for MSU-M (18-2 overall, 14-2 NSIC) and it snapped MSU's (8-12, 7-9) modest two-game winning streak.

It was a physical battle that remained close nearly the entire way. Minot State's biggest lead came early when the Beavers took a 15-6 lead on a Gandy jumper 5:10 into the game. The Mavericks' biggest lead was the eventual final and happened with 30 seconds to play in the game.

The Beavers are on the road this weekend to face the University of Sioux Falls and Southwest Minnesota State University on Feb. 8



Photo by William Russell

Freshman guard Dominique McDonald (No. 0) dribbles down court during Saturday's NSIC game against Minnesota State University-Mankato in the Dome. Mankato won, 83-72.



Senior guard Anthony Enriquez (No. 11) handles the ball in Saturday's game against Minnesota State in the Dome.

Sports

Minot State Wrestling



Photos by William Russell ABOVE: Matt Ruby grapples with his opponent, Jeremiah Peterson from Augustana College. Minot State fell, 29-15, to No. 15-ranked Augustana College in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference wrestling Sunday in the MSU Dome

RIGHT: MSU wrestler Cody George attempts a reversal on his opponent, Tim Weber from Augustana College, Sunday in the Dome. George defeated Weber, 6-3.



Student Government Association 2013/2014 Positions Available

Director of State Affairs Director of Media Relations Director of Marketing Co-Directors of Homecoming Co-Directors of Entertainment Co-Directors of Intramurals

All applications due by Feb. 15 / 4:30 p.m. to SGA President Lindsey Nelson ALL DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATIONS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE SGA OFFICE Questions, email Lindsey Nelson @ lindsey.j.nelson@my.minotstateu.edu

Book Club on campus

by Theresa Edison Staff Writer

Whether or not you enjoy reading, Minot State University's Book Club might be for you. Open to anyone and everyone, the book club will be a place for discussion and debate on a diverse array of topics and themes based primarily on book citation, including Greek Tragedy, good vs. evil, what makes a male protagonist in a romance novel, and even vampires vs. ninjas.

The club will feature a wide variety of selected readings based on genre, since club founder Ryan Perry understands that not everyone will want to read the same book. He anticipates four to 10 books for the semester, depending on time.



Perry, a senior majoring in biology education, started the club for bibliophiles seeking a place to share common reading interests. Jane la Plante, MSU Reference and Library Instruction, is the new club's advisor.

The book club will meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the children's area of the library, downstairs and to the left.

News

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continued from page 5 looks to be the album cover on his main webpage, but other than that, his album release date remains unspecified.

Check out the Minot State Red & Green on Facebook and find his music videos linked accordingly. Also, as soon as the album does drop, you can be sure of a speedy update on the page if you're at all interested to find out just what this

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ble figures, scoring 12 and 10 points respectively.

The Beavers are back in action this weekend as they head to the University of Sioux Falls (S.D.) Friday and to Southwest Minnesota State University Saturday in a pair

Campus Players, unite!



Photo by Krys Zorbaugh

MSU Campus Players put on the dramatics for the camera after a long day of workshops and performances dealing with acting, playwriting and directing at the Region 5 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in Lincoln, Neb. Pictured are (from the left) front row: Alyssa Bauer, Christopher Hodgson, Allyssa LaRose, Samantha Christman, Jason Gaarder, Ari Hackett; back row: Sydney Houlton, Connor Davidson, Casey Feldner, Jordon Crawford, Joshua Snyder, Claire Greene, Cole Anderson and Emily Taylor.

New technology enhances student online experience

(MSU Public Information Office) — When Derek and Camila VanDyke recently traveled to Brazil to visit family, they knew it would mean missing their evening graduate class. In years past, that might mean packing heavy textbooks, missing important lectures or struggling to catch up; but in this case, it merely meant logging onto the Internet and participating in class a continent away.

Minot State University's College of Business is piloting the Online Student Integrated Classroom that combines online students and on-campus students in a real-time class setting. All it takes is a computer, web cam and Internet access. Nine classes currently offer this technology.

Whether in class or online, students can listen to the professors' lectures, view displays placed on the interactive white board and participate in conversations and small group activities. Each class is also recorded and offered through a virtual classroom, giving students later



Photo by Michelle Holman Gary Ross, Business Administration Department chair, demonstrates the new Online Student Integrated Classroom program.

access if they were not able to attend in real time.

"Usually online classes are delivered in text form," Gary Ross, business administration department chair, said. "But the integrated classroom setting allows online students to participate actively in a live class and demonstrably enhances their online learning experience."

For over 20 years, MSU used

the state's interactive video network to offer distance education classes, requiring students and professors to travel to locations that offer IVN studios. However, students taking a class using the online student integrated classroom can access the class from anywhere in the world. The same is also true for professors. For example, an MSU instructor on the Bismarck State College campus recently relocated to another state. Rather than hire another instructor, MSU allowed her to teach classes from her new location.

Mark Timbrook, instructional design coordinator for the Office of Instructional Technology, said the method of offering flexibility between online and campus courses was developed by Brian Beatty from San Francisco State University. Timbrook and his team used the concept to design an innovative way to deliver classes to students in both worlds. He believes that only a handful of universities around the country currently offer it.

"It is not uncommon to see technology like this used in corporate boardrooms," Timbrook said. "But those systems can cost \$250,000 to \$300,000. We were able to create ours for under \$3,000."

Although the new delivery method is less expensive, Ross is quick to point out it is more efficient and offers greater flexibility for both MSU and the students.

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continued from page 3 shops such as, "How to Read a Textbook," to enhance textbook studying efficiency and comprehension on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. in Old Main 104 presented by Lesley Magnus, associate communication disorders professor. On Feb. 12, Smestad will present a workshop about finding personal learning style, "What were you thinking?"

