

KMSU Auction a grand success

Broadcasting Department students working with the KMSU 15th-annual Auction pose after the completion of the live QVC-style auction last week. More than \$16,000 was raised. Ten percent of the money will go to scholarships and another 10 percent will go to Mike Bunce, an MSU broadcasting instructor and cancer survivor, to defray medical expenses. The auction began at 6:30 p.m. and ran past midnight. It is part of the COMM 354 Special Events Planning class. Students gain experience by working with community sponsors to make the auction possible.

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Police arrest sex offender

Minot police arrested a California man accused of making inappropriate remarks to four female MSU students in recent weeks.

Jason Quantz, 35, was arrested for failing to register as a sex offender in North Dakota. He was found guilty of a sex offense in California in 2000.

Quantz, who is currently out on bail, lives in an apartment at 527 22nd Ave. NW, No. 2, in Minot.

The out-of-state man was observed driving a blue Ford pickup on or near the campus on several occasions. Students reported that he verbally harassed



Jason Quantz

them from the vehicle.

Tips to MSU's Security Hotline eventually led Minot police to the suspect. The police department is continuing to investigate the incidents.

Bill Chew, MSU safety/security superintendent, asks students who observe suspicious activity on campus to contact the hotline at 858-HELP.

'A Christmas Carol' debuts tonight



Photo by Christine Morse

MSU students (from the left) Allyssa LaRose, Jordan Crawford, Samantha Christman, Branden Evans and Annika Kraft perform a segment titled "At home with the Cratchet family" in the MSU rendition of "A Christmas Carol." The Campus Players fundraiser runs through Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students under 18. To reserve tickets, call the box office at 858-3172.

Voices on Campus

“Do you feel there is sufficient parking? Why or Why not?”

Josh Zimmer
Comm 281



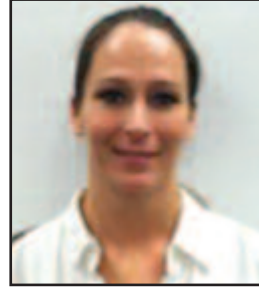
Keith Ailes
Broadcasting

“The parking situation at MSU could use some work, especially when the general lot is being mixed with the Beaver Lodges.”



Daniel Johnson
Music/Theatre Arts

“It’s not as bad as some other schools as far as parking lots and fines go. I recommend people bike to school; it saves the hassle of looking for a spot.”



Katie Bailey
Undecided

“The most frustrating thing is the lack of passes for the school and also the lack of spots when you have paid for a pass.”



Kristopher Morton
Broadcasting/Coaching

“I find the parking situation difficult because I paid money for a parking pass and I don’t always get a spot.”



Mariah Zaback
Broadcasting

“Personally, it’s a little ridiculous, because people who have paid for passes are having to park farther than people who did not pay for passes.”

News in Brief

OATS massage fundraiser Dec. 12

The Organization of Athletic Training Students (OATS) will offer massages Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Swain Hall Sports Medicine Center. No appointments are necessary; walk-ins are on a first-come-first-serve basis. Suggested donations are \$5 for 10 minutes and \$10 for 20 minutes.

Nursing Department to host Scholarship Day

The MSU Nursing Department will hold its semi-annual Scholarship Day Dec. 13 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

At 8:30 a.m., the Semester 2, N363 class will present “Improving Health Care Quality and Safety through Nursing Research.”

From 9:20 to 10 a.m., nursing students will display informative posters and answer questions.

At 10 a.m., the Semester 4, N456 class will present “Community Health Assessment of FDHU 7 County Service and Evidence Based Intervention for 5 Leading Causes of Death.”

At 11:05 a.m., the Semester 5, N473 class presents “Patient Safety Change: Zero Wrong Site Surgeries.”

The event is free and open to everyone.

MSU greenhouse open Dec. 12 & 13

The MSU Greenhouse in the Cyril Moore Science Center is open to the public Dec. 12 and 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a guided excursion at 7 p.m. each evening.

M-Life: Finals Breakfast Dec. 16

Feed your body and mind Dec. 16 at the Beaver Creek Café from 9 to 10 p.m. This event is free to all students with an MSU ID.

Bookstore financial aid book charging

The MSU Bookstore will accept financial aid as payment for textbooks from Jan. 8 through Jan. 23.

Movie Jan. 14

MSU Life will host a movie Tuesday, Jan. 14, in Aleshire Theater at 7:05 p.m. The movie title will be released closer to the date. This event is free to students with current MSU ID.

Comedian Adam Grabowski Jan. 15

Come to Aleshire Theater at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, to hear the comedian’s new material. M-Life representatives will give away free shirts to the first 100 students to present their MSU ID. This event is free to all students with a current MSU ID.

Club Fair and karaoke

Check out various MSU club

booths and prospective singers Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the Beaver Dam from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. These events are free to students with current MSU ID.

Johnny Holm dance

Come out to the State Fairgrounds Thursday, Jan. 16, at 10 p.m. to ring in the New Year and semester with style. This event, sponsored by M-Life, is free to students with current MSU ID.

University closed Jan. 20

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the university will be closed Monday, Jan. 20.

Speed Friending Jan. 21

Looking for friends in all the wrong places? Look no further! The Beta Theta Sorority will host a new take on classic speed-dating Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the Beaver Dam at 8 p.m. MSU Life sponsors the event. It is free for students with current MSU ID.

Grocery Bag Bingo set for Jan. 23

Come to the Beaver Dam Thursday, Jan. 23, at 8 p.m. for a chance to win food, blankets and other fun prizes. This event, sponsored by MSU Life, is free to students with current MSU ID.

NAC Lecture: ‘Prairie Silence’ set for Jan. 27

Northwest Art Center lecture series presents “Prairie Silence” Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. in Aleshire Theater. Melanie Hoffert is the presenter.

According to the Hoffert’s website, “Hoffert grew up on a farm near Wyndmere, N.D., where she spent her childhood meandering gravel roads and listening to farmers at church potlucks.”

She has an MFA in creative writing from Hamline University, where she received the Outstanding Creative Nonfiction Thesis Award.

“Prairie Silence” is her first book. The event is free and open to the public.

Catholic Campus Ministry begins

by **Zac DeMers**
Staff Writer

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) is a new organization on Minot State University. The recently formed group's activities involve gathering with fellow Catholic students and discussing issues from a Catholic perspective. Meetings also include reciting the Rosary in Little Flower Catholic Church, across the street from the MSU Campus, or praying The Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bible studies will be the focus of some of the meetings and other activities may ensue.

Turnout so far has been low, but CCM is looking to expand its membership to other Catholics on campus as word of its existence spreads. Other denominations are welcome to attend, but the topics will be Catholic-related. Father Fred

Harvey, pastor of Little Flower Church and the MSU Chaplain, will be the group's spiritual advisor when he returns from sabbatical.

Current members enjoy meeting with like-minded individuals on campus and hope to expand CCM.

"It's a good way to meet other Catholics and it's a good place where you can get into Catholic topics and our Catholic faith," Katie Zeltinger, said. "I would encourage people to come: it doesn't matter where you're at with your Catholic faith. Still show up because you've got so much you can learn from other people, and maybe meeting other Catholics is the spark that some people need to grow in their faith," the MSU junior said.

"I really like it (CCM) for the
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Rotaract Club makes strides in the community

by **Josh Zimmer**
Comm 281

While the weather outside is frightful, there is one club at Minot State University whose main goal is to put smiles on the faces of community members within the city of Minot.

The Minot State University Rotaract club has been active on the MSU campus for the last four years. It ranges in size from six to 26 members who create community service projects in the city. The Minot Noon Rotary sponsors the organization.

Kevin Harmon is the club founder and current adviser.

"The goal is to try and be as active in the community as possible," he said.

Harmon established the club to provide opportunities for community and world-wide service for MSU students. He also pointed out that the club is for networking and fellowship with community leaders.

Harmon noted that some amazing recent club projects occurred last

spring when club members spent their spring break to help assemble more than 4,000 meals for underprivileged people in other countries. They also completed a com-

munity project in which they raised money for a "shelter box" which included food supplies, foil sleeping bags and clean water filtration

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On Movies



by Alex Nelson
Staff Writer

The 2012 film based on the bestselling book series by Suzanne Collins returns.

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" stars Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Woody Harrelson, Elizabeth Banks, Lenny Kravitz, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Stanley Tucci and Donald Sutherland. Francis Lawrence directs the film, which is rated PG-13 for suggestive language and violence.

One year has passed since the 74th Hunger Games. District 12 winners Katniss Everdeen (Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Hutcherson) are trying to live normal lives. Katniss tries to put the games behind her by reconnecting with her friend Gale

'The Hunger Games: Catching Fire'

(Hemsworth) and her family. Unfortunately, President Snow (Sutherland) from the Capitol has plans for her and Peeta. Their victory in the previous Hunger Games caused talk of rebellion in the other districts and many of them see Katniss as a sign of hope.

Snow tells Katniss he will kill her family if she fails to convince the other districts that she isn't trying to start a rebellion against the Capitol. Snow also wants the two victors to go on tour throughout the districts to prove it. Along with their trainer, Haymitch (Harrelson), chaperone, Effie (Banks) and stylist, Cinna, both Katniss and Peeta try to convince the districts and, at the same time, impress The Capitol. This includes the announcer Caesar (Tucci) and the new head game maker Plutarch Heavensbee (Hoffman).

Despite the charade, Snow believes the only way to stop any signs of rebellion is to have the

previous winners, including Katniss and Peeta, to be a part of the 75th Hungers Games. Once again going into the arena, Katniss will face off against skilled victors and she will soon realize that spark is about to ignite.

I am not really a huge diehard fan of the series, yet at the same time I actually enjoy watching these films, as they appeal to me. The acting, I thought, was good and entertaining. Jennifer Lawrence continues to shine as the reluctant heroine in the series. We can see that she only wants to protect her family and does not want anything to do with a rebellion. Slowly, though, we see that transformation as she realizes there is no going back.

She is not alone as Josh Hutcherson and everyone else backs her up in the process. Josh portrays the kindhearted Peeta, who is tired of just "acting" his relationship with Katniss as he

does care for her. We don't get to see much of Liam Hemsworth as the rebellious Gale later on in the film, but we do get to see him in the beginning as one of the many conflicts such as the love triangle between Katniss, Peeta and Gale. Which is a downside to me, personally, as I thought this was somewhat similar to the "Twilight" series.

I should mention that Donald Sutherland can play a good villain as President Snow in this film. He is cold and calm at the same time, yet you can hear in his voice the contempt and hatred he has for Katniss. The other actors also do great jobs in their roles, including some of the new cast who play previous winners. The landscape and the effects are impressive as some parts of the film were located in Hawaii.

The action was pretty interesting, but not exactly blood curling. In the book, it is much more vio-

lent. So it is alright for teenagers to see, yet at the same time parents or older adults might want to think about bringing younger children to this movie.

I should mention that those who have read the books will realize that some scenes or details were either left out or differ from the book. I wouldn't say they are life altering, but die-hard fans of the series may not enjoy it fully. Speaking of which, the movie lasts about a little over two hours and, while I did not have a problem with the time, some who cannot stand sitting for that long might find this a problem.

Overall, the film was enjoyable. Some may still find the book better than the film. In my opinion, "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" is better than the first film. I rate it 4 out of 5 Beavers.

I wish you all good luck on finals. Hopefully you had a good semester. Happy holidays.

Not Just Paranoia



by Bryan Lynch
Staff Writer

In the sixties, cigarette advertising was all over television, but now cigarette ads are banned. Is the banning of cigarette advertis-

Should cigarette ads be allowed back on television?

ing on television actually a "slap in the face" to the freedom of speech?

While it is absolutely undeniable that cigarettes cause great damage to public health, the tobacco companies should have just as much of a right to advertise as anyone else.

There are countless harmful

products advertised on TV, and cigarettes are no exception.

Parents are afraid that cigarette ads on TV will entice more young people to smoke. However, isn't it the parent's job to teach children how to be healthy and make good choices? I think it is.

It is true that media is a huge influence, but parents are a bigger

influence. Parents have the real power over their kid's future.

We need to stop entertaining the false notion that censoring everything will somehow make us a more well-behaved society, because censorship can cause a lot more harm than cigarettes. How healthy are we as a nation if we don't have the freedom to publicly

speak about what we wish?

Perhaps the real answer to combating harmful behavior is not censorship but education, and parents are in the best position to educate their kids about the dangers of cigarettes and other harmful acts. Better parenting is the best answer to problems like cigarette smoking --- not censorship.

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Now You Know

Every rose has its thorn

by **Jamie Council**
Staff Writer

Some people are brought together by geographic location. I've noticed this especially in North Dakota. People are more permissive yet selective on friends that will still be the welcoming face from down the street in 10 years. Others are brought together by situations: a trip, a class, an event, etc. Some people are just brought together by interests, personalities, and/ or a unique view of life. It can be a combination of the three. Whatever it is, it is something to be thankful for.

You know, friendship is a weird thing. You find a human being and just decide to do cool things together. However, as people get older, things change. People change. Finding healthy friendships and relationships that stand the test of time are rewarding. It's hard to keep up with busy lives and messy situations, but it boils down to how a person truly feels about an individual and their relationship. Having a grasp on that is not always easy though.

I am writing this because lately, through friends and even my own personal endeavors, I have noticed a trend. Relationships are

constantly made, broken, forgotten, left and repaired. Having people in your life that enhance it just by their mere existence is a gift not to be taken for granted. On the other spectrum, having people in your life that have good intentions (extrovertly) yet do more damage than bring joy, aren't worth your time. It's hard to let go of friendships that turn bad, or hold on to good relationships as lives grow apart.

The truth is, a friendship is never forgotten. Worrying about maintaining it shouldn't be a concern. It comes down to how much of a priority it is in your life and making time to build and nurture it. Just like anything worth having, the best friendships take time and aren't all rainbows and rays of sunshine. I have seen friendships that have lasted for years crumble apart because one person wasn't completely honest, and I have witnessed friends that haven't hung out in a long time pick up where they left off.

Bob Marley once said, "Truth is, everybody is going to hurt you; you just gotta find the ones worth suffering for." It's completely true. By having the right people in your life, you will

want to make those sacrifices.

It's hard to be able to decide if a friendship is worth having sometimes. When is enough enough? When friendships turn sour, you have to look at why you are friends, what you want out of the relationship, what the other person wants out of the relationship and if you can look past whatever hurtful events have transpired. I found that by answering those questions, a person can truly see a relationship without the emotional attachment for whatever it may be. Deciding to hold on to something or let it go (friendships, relationships, ideas, goals, dreams, possessions, etc.) is probably the hardest part of life I have experienced thus far. Friendships may be a smaller or larger part of the equation depending on the person, but it's the same thought process.

Having a well-balanced life full of joy is all that matters. There is no faking, buying or substituting true happiness. Relationships, whether platonic or not, play a major role in the equation. It's important to be mentally healthy by fostering rewarding relationships in life.

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kits for 100 people. He said the boxes were then parachuted into disaster areas all around the world.

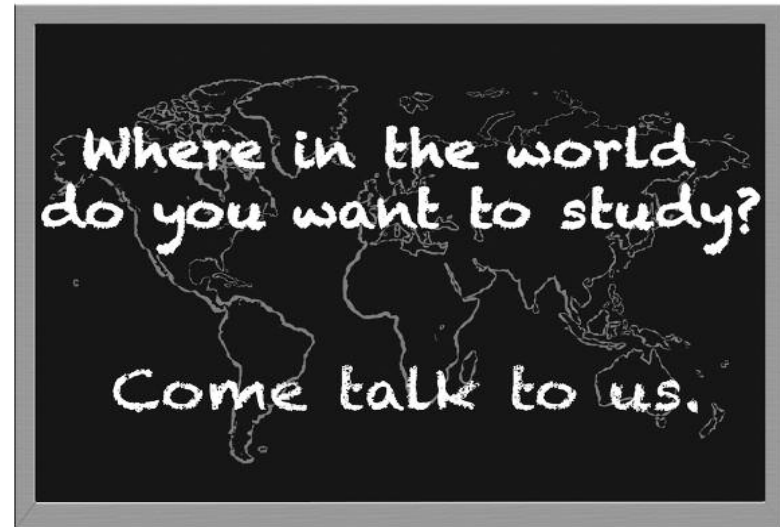
"There's no greater feeling than knowing that we were able to bring smiles to the faces of people within the community," current club president Julian Paintsil said.

Paintsil, a junior, said club members get major satisfaction from the events or projects the club does for the community. An upcoming event in the works for sometime next year is a dance. It

will help raise money for kids who suffer from cleft palate and cannot afford the operations.

Rotaract is presently open to all MSU students. By charter, the club also could be open to community members through the age of 30, if desired.

Rotaract is free to college students, and active Rotaractarians qualify for scholarships from Minot Noon Rotary. Prospective members should contact Harmon at kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu for more information.



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Fleece tie blanket: M-Life Power of 100 event

MSU Life ties in fun with community service

ABOVE: More than 200 MSU students representing various clubs and organizations gather to create 100 fleece tie blankets. The blankets were given to the Minot Area Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Minot's YWCA and the Minot Area Homeless Coalition. MSU Life sponsored the event.

RIGHT: MSU students (from the left) Danielle Wehrkamp, Becky Bulmer and Tennille Kulcsar assemble a tie blanket to donate.

Photos by Courtney Holman



Freezin' for a Reason recap

by Chelsea Geis
Staff Writer

Minot State University Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) members and Beta Theta Sorority stood in the freezing rain at the Town & Country Center parking lot Nov. 16, collecting non-perishable food items and money to donate to the Homeless Coalition in Minot.

Freezin' for a Reason gave SSWO students the opportunity to experience firsthand a little of what those who are less fortunate experience every day.

The students collected more than \$800 in charitable donations and 2,740 pounds of non-perishable items, filling an entire trailer. The donated items set a new record, breaking last year's donations record by 100 pounds!

"The SSWO wants to thank all

of those who came out and donated items to our event," SSWO President Breanna Jensen said. "We look forward to another great turnout at next year's event!"

Organizers said the SSWO club is always looking for more members to join their group, and to help make next years Freezin' for a Reason even better.

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MSU Life: Grocery Bag Bingo



Photo by Courtney Holman

MSU students attend Grocery Bag Bingo in the Beaver Dam. Dozens of prizes were given to lucky winners last month. MSU Life sponsored the event.



Photo by Courtney Holman

MSU junior Sydney Houlton walks away from Grocery Bag Bingo with her hands filled with free goodies.

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Catholic fellowship," MSU sophomore Susan Thom said. "I had a hard time finding people with the same values. I'm definitely enjoying all of the friends and meeting new people."

"We are a Catholic group, first and foremost," Brady Wingenbach, an MSU freshman said. "We have Catholic values and conversations; however, I would like to extend a hand to

non-Catholics (to join us)."

CCM hopes to expand its horizons and commit to activities in the community. Members soon will post meeting times and location on the under-construction CCM Facebook site, once it is finished.

Everyone interested in joining CCM should email Susan Thom at susan.thom@my.minotstateu.edu, or Katie Zeltinger at katie.zeltinger@my.minotstateu.edu for more information.

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MSU's News and Feature Show

Dec. 12, live at 5 P.M.
shown again at 6:30 P.M.
Dec. 13 at 2:30 & 6:30 P.M.

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Women's club hockey splits weekend's games



Photo Vanessa Christiuk

MSU's Jody Goforth beats out an opponent from Assiniboine Community College at Friday's hockey game. The MSU ladies lost Friday's game, 5-3, but came back with a 3-0 victory Saturday morning.

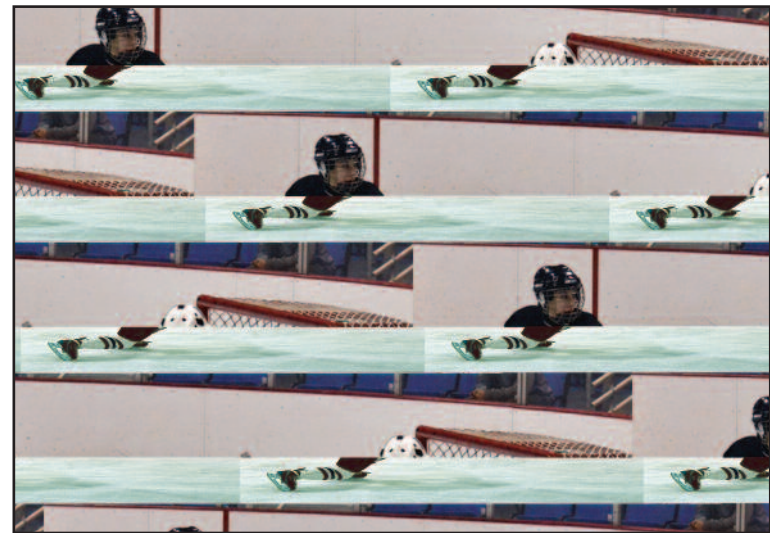


Photo Vanessa Christiuk

MSU Ashley Blue takes a shot on net at Friday's game against Assiniboine Community College.

Williams named NSIC Player of the Week

(MSU Sports Information) — Last week, Minot State men's basketball player E.J. Williams was named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Player of the Week.

Williams knocked down 15 of 17 free throws on his way to a career- and game-high 30 points on Nov. 30 when MSU knocked off rival University of Mary 96-87 in overtime in the Dome.

He hit 9 of 10 free throws and scored 11 of the Beavers' 19 points in the extra session. He was 7 of 14 from the floor and finished with four assists, three rebounds and three steals in 37 minutes.



Williams

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“ A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. ”

Nelson Mandela
BrainyQuote.com

Beavers still perfect

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

The Minot State university women's basketball team continued its undefeated run to open the 2013-14 campaign.

While the wins didn't all come easy for Minot State (7-0 overall, 3-0 NSIC), the Beavers showed tremendous poise and composure en route to wins over rival Mary, Northern and MSU Moorhead.

The Beavers kicked off their NSIC conference schedule with a fast start against University of Mary on Nov. 30. Minot blitzed the Marauders out of the gate, jumping out to a 26-5 first half advantage. With a lock-down defence suffocating Mary to the tune of just nine first-half field goals, the Beavers appeared poised to run away with their first conference victory.

To Mary's credit, the Marauders refused to let it happen easily.

Despite being down 43-26 at halftime, Mary was able to close the distance and make it a one-point game after a 16-3 second-half run. Minot regrouped and never actually relinquished the lead, capturing a 79-72 victory, thanks in part to the hot hands of Alisha Jones and the Boag sisters.

Jones led the Beavers with 20 points, while Carly Boag and Christina Boag finished with 19 and 14 points respectively. Minot received balanced secondary scoring as well, as Katie Hardy chipped in with 11 points, Sarah Lester shot eight and Morgan Klose dropped in seven.

Head coach Sheila Green Gerding was happy with her team's overall game, despite the offensive struggles in the second half.

"I think our defense was solid and stayed solid throughout the game," Green Gerding told MSU



Photo by Sean Arbaut, MSU Sports Information
MSU junior guard Morgan Klose shoots in Saturday's NSIC play with Minnesota State University-Moorhead. Minot State won, 72-58.

Sports Information. "At times we struggled to execute offensively, but we did what we needed to do to maintain our lead. I also think we did an excellent job at the free throw line where we were 22 of 25 with Speedy [Alisha] Jones going 10 for 11 and really pulling us through down the stretch."

The Beavers' undefeated streak was in serious jeopardy last Saturday against Northern State, thanks to a stunning buzzer-beating three pointer.

With Minot State nursing a 59-56 lead with just under eight seconds remaining, NSU's Alison Kusler raced up court and launched a prayer from deep beyond the arc. The shot went in, stunning both the Dome faithful and the Minot State bench.

Minot State was able to regroup in overtime, however, and outscored the Wolves 16-9. The 75-68 win preserved their undefeated streak, and was also NSU's first loss of the season.

Green Gerding praised her team's ability to push past the adversity and get the job done in overtime.

"Bottom line is we could have

been beaten by that three, but they (Minot State) got their head back up and went out and took care of business and earned the win tonight," Green Gerding said.

Carly Boag led the way offensively, notching a double-double with 21 points and 14 rebounds. Jones had another impressive game, hitting 80 percent from beyond the arc on her way to a solid 19 points, while Hardy finished with 16 points and six rebounds.



Photo by Sean Arbaut, MSU Sports Information
MSU junior forward Katie Hardy shoots over Northern State's Devon Brecke on Friday at the Dome. The Beavers won, 75-68.

The Beavers then capped a successful home stand with a convincing 72-58 victory over Minnesota State Moorhead.

Minot State jumped out in front of the Dragons to start the game, scoring early and often while building a 37-17 lead at halftime. The Beavers had to weather a storm, as the Dragons cut the lead to 10 in the second half, but were able to pull away late.

Carly Boag scored a game-high

20 points, with sister Christina netting 13 points of her own. Hardy also knocked in 13, with Jones and Klose adding seven and eight points respectively.

The Beavers have opened with the fourth-best start in school history, and will look to continue their success with a pair of tough tests this weekend. Minot will take on St. Cloud on Friday and then visit Minnesota State Duluth on Saturday.

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Men open conference play

MSU defeats rival Mary in OT, 96-87

by Jamin Heller
Staff Writer

The Minot State University men's basketball team opened its 2013-14 NSIC conference schedule with a 1-2 record after a trio of hard-fought contests. The Beavers started the season by defeating bitter rival University of Mary in overtime, before dropping a pair of games to Northern State and MSU-Moorhead last weekend.

Dominance in free throws headlined a 96-87 victory over Mary on Nov. 30. Minot held a 40-12 advantage from the line, yet struggled to create separation in a game that featured 10 lead changes. After forcing overtime with a last-second defensive stand, MSU was able to pull away in the extra frame thanks to a clutch performance from guard E.J. Williams. The senior knocked down a career-high 30 points, including 11 of Minot's 18 points in extra time, and was later awarded the NSIC Player of the Week for his performance. After the game, Williams credited the game plan and his teammates for his success.

"My points tonight were because I took what they gave me," Williams told MSU Sports Information. "The coaches drew up a few plays for me tonight and really trusted me to make plays, as well having my big men come and screen for me and putting me in great situations."

Sam Johnson also hit double digits with 19 points, as did Dominique McDonald with 12 points and six assists. The Beavers also continued their trend of outrebounding opponents, holding a 39-26 advantage on the glass. Chris East led the way for Minot with eight boards.

The Beavers then suffered their first loss last Saturday at the hands of the Northern State Wolves, 88-84. Minot overcame a

40-29 deficit at halftime and had taken the lead at various stages of the second half, but eventually succumbed to Northern State's clutch shooting down the stretch. Head Coach Matt Murken felt his team's poor first half performance was the key to the disappointing loss.

"I think the bottom line is we dug ourselves too big of a hole by not playing good basketball the first 20 minutes and going into the break down 11," Murken told MSU Sports Information. "It takes a lot of energy to try to battle back against a pretty good Northern State team and when we did that, there isn't much room for error in the second half."

The match was tightly officiated, with an astounding 59 fouls called between the two sides. Minot was an impressive 41 of 49 from the line throughout the game, but Northern hit their free throws when they counted most. The Wolves sank 11 of their final 12 opportunities to help secure the victory.

Minot State's shooting was just a bit off all night, knocking down only three field goals in the first

half and shooting just three of 13 beyond the arc all game. Williams led the way with 26 points in the losing cause, while Johnson and McDonald contributed 14 points apiece.

The Beavers looked to rebound the next night against a talented squad from MSU-Moorhead. Minot was able to hang with the Dragons for most of the contest, but for the first time all year their free throw shooting and rebounding faltered, leading to a 78-67 loss.

Minot was outrebounded 44-40, marking the first time the Beavers had been outrebounded by an opponent all season. Regardless, the Beavers had opportunities to pull away throughout the game, and even held a two-point lead at halftime. Minot held a 52-49 lead with just over 10 minutes to play before the Dragons caught fire, grabbing the lead and never looking back.

This time it was Johnson leading the scoring for Minot, dropping in 15 points. Williams was right behind with 14 points, while McDonald was the only other Beaver in double digits with 11



Photo by Sean Arbaut, MSU Sports Information
MSU senior forward Samuel Johnson dribbles past MSU-Moorhead's Matt Nelson on Saturday at the Dome.

points. After the game, Johnson told MSU Sports Information the team simply needs to refresh and execute a little better.

"We've got to forget about losing games the day before and come out ready to play and put a solid 40 minutes together,"

Johnson said. "We just need to play harder and better, simple as that."

The Beavers (5-2 overall, 1-2 NSIC) will now head out for their first conference road games of the season, visiting St. Cloud and Minnesota Duluth this weekend.

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