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Biogeography class goes to Puerto Rico



Submitted Photo

Members of MSU's Biology 330 class, Biogeography, pose for a picture in Puerto Rico. The class traveled during Spring Break to study the distribution of species and ecosystems in geographic space and through geological time. Pictured are (from the left) Gary Heitkamp, instructor Alexey Shipunov, Whitney Peterson, Dawn Roth, Lauren Parker and Ryan Perry.

Easter egg dash for students



Photo by Koh En Chze (Ariel)

MSU sophomore Brian Chan counts the eggs he collects on the football field during the Easter egg dash. MSU Life sponsored the event.

Former students sentenced for assaulting baseball player

Two former Minot State University students were sentenced last week in District Court for assaulting an MSU baseball player.

Kwame Johnson and Steven Patrick pleaded guilty to aggravated assault charges causing bodily injury in an incident with

Keith Ailes. Ailes suffered several facial fractures after being punched multiple times in the head during an argument at a party



Patrick

off campus last August.

By changing their plea, both Johnson and Patrick avoid a jury trial for aggravated assault, a Class



Johnson

C felony that entails a maximum sentence of five years in prison, including a possible fine of up to \$5,000.

According to the Minot Daily News, both Patrick and Johnson received suspended, one-year sentences in the Ward County Jail and two years of supervised pro-

bation. In addition, Patrick was sentenced to serve 10 days in the Ward County Jail with credit for one day served and \$525 in fees. Johnson received a sentence of 30 days in the Ward County Jail with credit for three days served and \$1,100 in fees.

News in Brief

Juried student art exhibition reception set for tonight

Minot State University's Northwest Art Center will host an opening reception for the MSU Juried Student Art Show tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Juror Justin Sorensen, Williston, will present awards to students and give comments at 7 p.m. The exhibit is on display through May 5 in the Hartnett Hall Gallery. Both the reception and exhibit are free and open to the public. Come support fellow students and view the beautiful works.

'The Hunting Ground' shows realities of sexual violence

Minot State University's Women's Network and the Keep U Safe Program will host a screening of "The Hunting Ground" tonight, April 7, at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

This documentary highlights the realities of sexual violence on American college and university campuses. A panel will follow the film. Come early at 6 p.m. to view a gallery of MSU clubs and informational resources. For more information, contact Keep U Safe project director Lisa Dooley at lisa.dooley@minotstateu.edu.

2016 Coup release party is April 11

The 2016 Coup literary and arts student magazine will have a release party Monday at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. All students are welcome. Award winners will read their pieces, followed by an open mic session. Art students are encouraged to display their artwork at the party.

This year's art winners are Justin Stevenson, first place; Katie Abrahamson, second place; and Delray Audet, third place.

Literary winners are Kacey Donamaria, first place; Andrea Orta-Diaz, second place; and Martina Kranz, third place.

MSU junior Eyeiessa Darville was the art director, and sophomore Brekka Wolf was the literary director.

For more information, contact thecoup@minotstateu.edu.

Comedian Brian O'Sullivan comes to MSU April 12

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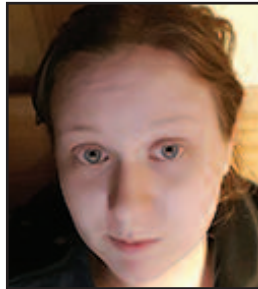
“Do you think Sodexo provides a good food service? Why or why not?”

Charles Wollschlager
Comm 281



Christian Mitchell
Criminal Justice

“I think that the quality and options in the food have declined this semester, and they have a lot of work to do to better their food, but lately, it has not been as bad.”



Brekka Wolf
English

“I believe that though they try, there is still quite a ways to go to improve it, because the quality is lacking.”



Jaryn Homiston
Social Science Education

“No, because they don’t provide a wide enough array of food for all students to tend to their needs.”



Chase Okland
Undecided

“I think Sodexo does a fine job of providing food to around 3,000 students on a daily basis.”



Christine Morse
Theatre

“I think that their food is not the greatest, but their service is amazing. They have always been polite when I have been there.”



Shelby Barrett
Criminal Justice

“The quality is definitely lacking, as seen by the often-raw eggs and chicken served. They are trying to improve it, but I don’t trust it.”

Spanish Club promotes culture



Photo by Koh En Chze (Ariel)

MSU students Victoria Gordon and April Lowther serve homemade red beans and rice at the Spanish event last week. Everyone was invited for Spanish food and games to learn about Spanish culture. The MSU Spanish Club and MSU Foreign Language Program sponsored the culture awareness event.

Lutheran Campus Ministry travels to Chicago

By Christoph Schmidt

A group of Lutheran Campus Ministry students recently returned from a whirlwind, eight-day Spring Break trip to Chicago. A primary goal of the trip was to provide opportunities to explore questions of vocation, particularly questions that inevitably arise when experiencing the diversity of urban culture.

The group of 11 MSU students, traveling together with 10 LCM students from UND, spent the week learning about what life is like for the residents of the Windy City. They visited the Lutheran Seminary, the American Islamic College, the Kateri Native American center and North America’s only Baha’i Temple. Fun activities included attending a Chicago Blackhawks hockey game, Blue Man Group, Greektown, Chinatown, various museums and the famous Second City Comedy Club.

In addition to cultural experiences, the group spent three days serving food to the poor, cleaning out a church and playing with disadvantaged kids

at an after-school program located in Cabrini – the neighborhood of Chicago’s once infamous housing projects.

They also spent a night handing out hot soup and clothing to homeless people on the streets. This was a real

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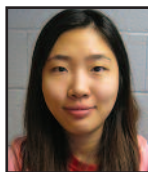
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Book Review

'Cat in the Rain' by Ernest Hemingway

By Yun Ji Nam
Staff Writer

I once heard a story of somebody doubting Hemingway's talent, who challenged Hemingway.

"I will consider you as a writer if you write a story with six words."

Hemingway responded with "For Sale: Baby Shoes. Never worn."

I do not know if he was provoked by the man's remark. However, the story made me admire his genius. Hemingway is not verbose, yet his prose is just as powerful as any other acclaimed writing that involves a complicated technique.

"Cat in The Rain" is listed in

Hemingway's collection of short stories, "In Our Time." This short novel, merely ten pages, is a collection of simple, yet engaging sentences. Hemingway's style lies in presenting open-ended sentences in order to enable readers to derive numerous interpretations. That is, his sentence not only delivers the factual message the sentence states, but also the deeper meaning underneath that very-unadorned sentence.

Carlos Baker, a Hemingway biographer, describes this style as Iceberg Theory. The theory implies that, because we acknowledge the unquestionable presence of the unwritten, the power of the story is amplified. In "Cat in the Rain," Hemingway indeed tells

multiple stories by leaving a subtle yet clear trail for the reader to follow. Following the trail, one can reach many possible realms. The story does end, yet the ending is not conclusive, as it is, in fact, a new opening to another story. I believe this task delights every passionate reader.

In "Cat in The Rain," an American wife, whose name is not revealed, sees a cat curled up under a green table in the rain, and tries to bring it home. However, the cat goes missing, and the disappointed wife breaks her silence with her husband and describes the kind of life she wants — an established life that consists of owning a table, a mirror and a cat of her own. In the

story, the couple are wanderers staying at a hotel in Italy. Her husband ignores her, and when the readers have developed a sense of pity for the woman, the story ends with a maid's entrance, delivering a tabby cat at the request of a hotel operator.

The ending is abrupt and open to multiple interpretations. It never specifies whether she will accept the cat, or if the cat was the one which she tried to save. Above all, the question lingers as to why the hotel operator gave the cat to the woman. In the beginning of the novel, the author describes how the woman is impressed by the operator.

What I find interesting is how Hemingway tersely describes how

the woman likes the operator without any superfluity. But does this mean they both have feelings for each other, therefore an emotional affair? The novel does not reveal such. In my personal opinion, this is the part where the readers are permitted to expand their imagination in order to infer limitlessly. When you read the last line of the novel involving the maid's delivery of a mysterious tabby cat, you will be surprised to discover the power of that last simple sentence. The novel is a masterpiece of brevity in storytelling, and a perfection in completion.



The Vent

Socialism is not equal

By Frankie Jean-Pierre
Staff Writer

Recently the ideology of socialism has been making a comeback of sorts, and its popularity has been growing especially among younger generations, my generation. I believe the reason for this is the way the media and education portray social issues that are affecting our country. The issues such as racism, income inequality and wealth are the main issues associated with socialism because,

at its core, socialism is an economic system.

The basic principle of socialism is equality and, on its face, that sounds good, but it's a fact of life that not all things are equal. Fords are not equal to Chevys, McDonalds is not equal to Red Lobster, and one person's hard work is not equal to that lazy student who tries to copy and cheat off another. The reason that socialism is represented in a negative light is because of the past civilizations that have been destroyed due to socialist policies, most

notably the Soviet Union. Since then socialism has risen and fallen in popularity and, due to the number of social issues facing us today, people have begun to wonder if socialism is the answer to equality. If history is any indicator, then the answer to those wonders is absolutely no.

Socialism is about trying to make everything and everyone equal. Socialism strides in the shadow of utopian philosophy that imagines a world of peace and tranquility, a thought that is juvenile and unrealistic so long as

people exist. Socialism is well known for redistributing wealth, a phrase that many politicians like Bernie Sanders have used frequently. In simple terms, this ideology states that the wealthiest individuals pay more of their earnings into society. One could say it's the Robin Hood "take from the rich and give to the poor" adage ... with some differences. It's this belief, though, that many people are supporting because the income disparity between the upper class and the middle and lower classes has grown enor-

mously.

It's here that Socialism sets a figurative line at which they believe all people should be, the line of equality as it were. Now for those who excel in terms of wealth above this line, they will have their earnings distributed to those who have fallen below the equality line. This essentially makes everyone equal despite the quality or quantity of work they've accomplished. Referring back to the lazy student; he knows that no matter how hard he works he's

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going to make/get (not earn) the same grade as the person who is busting their back and therefore they decide they're not going to do any more work than they want to.

Eventually this mentality spreads and people begin to realize that their hard work doesn't pay off anymore and they lose the incentive to work hard and attempt to excel because, in reality, there's no way for them to excel. This harkens to the classless society that socialists envision. Under socialism, there is said to be no class system because everyone is equal and earns the same amounts.

Now, personally, I don't see this as a fair system, which is ironic for a system that prides itself on creating equality. This is what is seldom explained about socialist systems and equality and that is that equality has a dark side and isn't always just in how it's implemented.

Which brings up another ironic point about socialism that I don't think people understand. When people hear the phrase "wealth distribution" they seem to think that means the persons who make the most are going to give a larger chunk of their earnings to those who are in the lower class. The funny thing about this is that the government is the one who receives the money, and it is its responsibility to redistribute that money as it sees fit. I find it highly ironic that when the distrust of the government is at an all-time high, people are so willing to agree to

the idea of socialism. There's no democracy in socialism, because the equality is set and the government is in charge, and if anyone thinks the government is going to be fair and just with such vast power you're sorely mistaken.

The issue when it comes to income inequality shouldn't be about redistributing the wealth from those who are successful and giving it to those who aren't for whatever reason, it should be about providing people with the opportunities to pursue their dreams of wealth, success and happiness.

No matter what kind of government or society exists, there will always be a hierarchy in the form of class structure. In socialism, the upper class is going to be those in the political and governmental spheres.

The topic of comparing and contrasting socialism and capitalism is much more than I can quickly cover here, so I chose to highlight the mentality that is inherent with the system. I'm going to leave it up to the reader to be an informed member of our society and actually discover the pros and cons to both systems. I know for college students this is hard as we're all swamped with projects and looming deadlines, but elections have lasting impacts on our lives and, by the time the election rolls around, your paper isn't going to matter a bit in terms of how your life will be for the next presidential term.

So prioritize, work hard and make your voice heard. That's MSU's slogan after all.



by Christoph Schmidt

Before I die, I want to learn to play the banjo. Before I die, I want to travel to New Zealand. Before I die, I want to hike the Pacific Crest Trail with my daughters. Before I die, I want to compete in an Ironman triathlon.

Before I die, I want to build a wooden canoe in my shop. Before I die, I want to record an album of songs I've penned. Before I die, I want to coach Little League baseball. Before I die, I want to learn how to cook Thai food.

Before I die, I want to become less cynical. Before I die, I want to learn how to fully forgive. Before I die, I want to pass on my values to my children. Before I die, I want to feel like I made a difference in the world.

Before I die, I want to let go of all the "small stuff." Before I die, I want to learn how to better extend trust. Before I die, I want to attend to broken and neglected relationships. Before I die, I want to practice a life of genuine gratitude.

Before I die... Before I die... have you ever thought about this before? How would YOU complete the thought? What is it,

Ask a pastor

Before I die

exactly, that YOU want to accomplish, become, do, or realize before YOU die?

There are many ways to think about this question, and limitless ways in which to answer it. For me, the first things that came to mind were typical "bucket list" type answers; goals for travel, personal achievement, hobbies, etc. But once I exhausted these easy items, the process became more difficult! It took a lot more thought and reflection to think existentially, in terms of my values and beliefs, my family and my personal legacy.

Before you die, what do you want out of your life? It may seem like a morbid question, but it's really not. In fact, it may be the most important question you ever ask!

Awareness of our mortality helps us identify and live into our goals, priorities and values. Knowing the finite nature of life – that we only have so many days on this earth – forces us to practice self-honesty and relational authenticity. Truly, our attitude toward death directly determines our attitude toward life.

As spring unfolds, we're witnessing signs of new life across campus. Buds are emerging from long-dormant trees. Ground crews

will be attending to landscaping and blooming flowerbeds. Before long, we'll be enjoying the sweet smell of fresh-cut grass. It may seem paradoxical, but with all this new life in our midst, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the things that matter to us the most.

This week, Campus Ministry has set-up a "Before I die..." display in the Student Center. When you have a moment, we invite you to stop by, pick up a piece of chalk and write down your response. There will be a variety of raw, honest and even humorous reflections, and we encourage your participation.

We hope that this project will challenge you, and that it might spark some meaningful conversation across campus.

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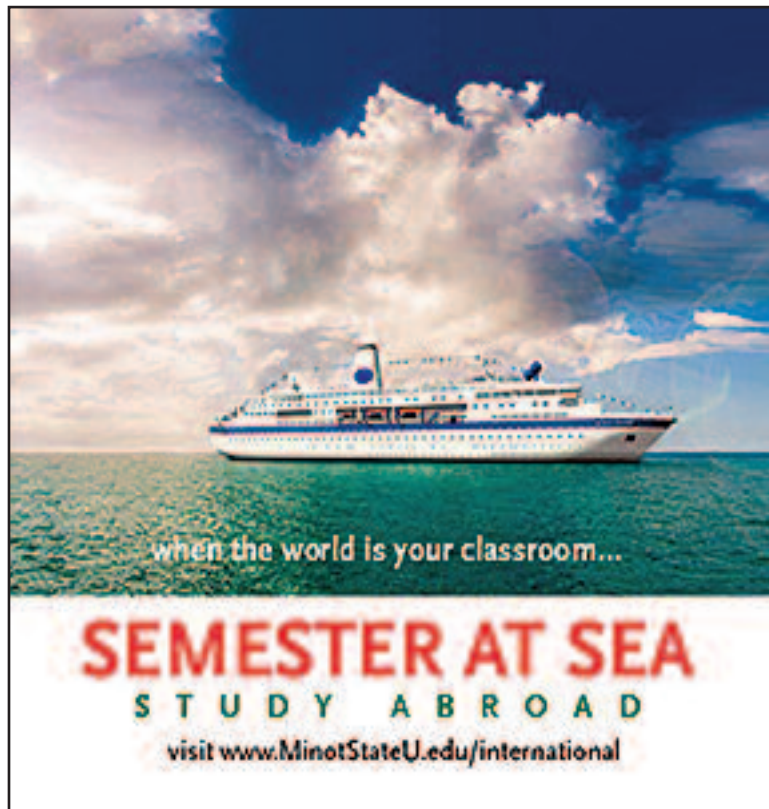
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Students in teacher education honored



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Minot State University seniors (from the left) Kayla Scholes, Robert Schwartz and Joshua Dueck are recipients of this year's Outstanding Student in Teacher Education awards. Scholes received the OSTE award in elementary education. Schwartz received his award in secondary education (history), and Dueck received his award in K-12 (physical education). Minot Public Schools teacher Cindy Larcombe (not pictured) received the Cooperating Teacher of the Year award. She is a fourth-grade teacher at Longfellow Elementary. The awards were presented at the MSU Teacher Education spring banquet last week.



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Several Lutheran Campus Ministry members pose for a picture in Chicago during Spring Break. Pictured are (from the left) front row: Kaitlin Walker, Else-Marie Nelson, Pastor Christoph Schmidt, Leif Bakken and Kayla Buck; middle row: Jess Caudill, Molly Haagenson and Hannah Alto; back row: Paige Dolan, Karen Langemo and Haili Duchscherer.

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stretch for sophomore Paige Dolan, who said that "serving food to the homeless challenged and moved me, because, coming from a small town in North Dakota, you don't see that very often."

Students were challenged in various ways by what they encountered. For some, the interfaith visits were especially eye opening.

"Our visit to the American Islamic College and Baha'i temple definitely challenged me," sophomore Leif

Bakken said. "It made me think about the relationship that we (as Christians) have with our Muslim brothers and sisters."

Junior Molly Haagenson found the vastness of Chicago itself to be a challenge.

"The exposure to constant diversity made me really aware of my own biases, which helped me to think about the faults and advantages of my own ethnicity."

Every day, students were asked to step outside their comfort zones in multiple ways, including spiritually.

"The theology of my faith was challenged as we learned about other faiths," sophomore Else-Marie Nelson said. "My faith grew stronger when surrounded by firm Christian believers, but it was tested as well."

For junior Hannah Alto, the interactions in Chicago inspired her to think more deeply about her own religious culture.

"All of the people we met were so passionate about their beliefs. It made


me want to work harder to be 'all in' with my faith," she said.

When volunteering for service projects, it's sometimes easy to believe that the only lives improved are those of people being helped. What's sometimes forgotten, however, is that the lives of those volunteering is transformed through the acts of service.

As a Social Work major, senior Kayla Buck was especially moved by her experiences, which challenged her

"to have an open mind regarding other people's faith, and to step out of my comfort zone to help others and address social injustice." This was a common theme amongst the group.

At the end of the week, LCM students returned with new perspectives on life, their studies and their place in the world. The group is grateful for the opportunity to experience Chicago and thank everyone who helped make the trip possible.



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Baseball falls to Augustana

By Isaac Hunt
Sports Writer

The Minot State University baseball team lost its first two games against Augustana University, 11-1 and 6-5 on Saturday.

In game one, it was dominant pitching from Vikings player Ryan Hamilton, who pitched a full seven innings to improve his record to 3-0. The Beavers were able to score just one run off two hits against Hamilton.

Keith Ailes (DH, Sr.) drove in the lone run of the day for MSU with a double in the final inning of the game bringing in Jordan Shulz (OF, Jr.) who had the other hit for the Beavers.

The second game of the day went into extra innings as MSU tied the game with a five-run inning in the eighth. With the Vikings scoring one run in the fifth and four in the sixth the Beavers found themselves trailing 0-5 heading into the eighth inning.

In the eighth inning, two singles, a walk and a sacrifice fly brought in five runners to tie the game up and eventually send it into extra innings. Again the designated hitter played a key role for the team as Michael Borst (Fr.) had

two RBIs off a single up the middle. Borst had two of the seven total hits for the Beavers as Geordie McDougall (2B, Fr.) had two as well.

On Sunday, the team fell 14-6 and 16-1 in two afternoon games. Overall, the Beavers were outthit by the Vikings 32-16.

MSU got off to a good start in game one with a three-run homer in the first inning from Celestino Rodriguez (1B, Fr.) who had a single-shot homerun in the third inning, as well. Rodriguez added another hit in two more plate appearances to swing for a 0.750 average in the first game of the day.

Kyle Williamson (OF, So.) and Jarrod Adams (C, Jr.) also had a multiple-hit game in the first game. Williamson recorded two hits, including a two-run homerun.

In game two, the lone run scored for the Beavers was another homerun, this time from Taylor Williamson (3B, Jr.) who added another hit in the game to go two-for-three.

The Beavers host Wayne State Saturday and Sunday at Corbett Field.

Softball struggles with conference wins, earns split at Minnesota Crookston

By Vanessa Christiuk
Sports Writer

The Minot State University softball team has been busy beavers since conference play started on March 24 against Augustana University at Herb Parker Stadium.

Augustana outthit the Beavers in the first game of the matchup, and tallied up a total of eight runs to beat the Beavers, 8-0.

In the second game, the Beaver bats improved, as Jordan Grant, Rachel Burdette and Alyssa Cornejo chipped in with two hits each. But the Beavers were outscored and lost to Augustana, 10-6.

On March 26, the Beavers faced Wayne State College at home. Rachel Burdette managed three hits in three at bats, but the rest of the bats were cool. Wayne State outscored the Beavers, 9-2, in the

first game of the double header.

In game two, it was Kyla Larson that stepped up at the plate, finding two hits, one of which left the yard. Wayne State defeated MSU, 12-2.

Hoping for better luck on the road, Minot set out to Crookston on March 29 for two road games. Despite a great pitching performance from Jenn Spencer, and eight of nine players in the batting order getting at least one hit, the Beavers dropped the first game, 3-2, in extra innings.

The losing streak was broken in the next game against Crookston, when the Beavers came out hot and raging as they scored one in the first, and three in the second to establish a comfortable lead for pitcher Reese Ramirez. Grant and Ramirez each had three hits in the

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Women's spring golf season underway

(MSU Sports Information) — MSU's Danielle Foster and Kayla Barke each finished in the top 10 in the Beavers' first tournament of the spring season at the South Dakota Mines Spring Invite in March.

The tournament was originally scheduled for a two-day event, but the forecast of inclement weather shortened it to one day. The teams played the first round in the morning and went back out for 18 holes in the afternoon to get two full rounds in.

"The start of the spring season always presents different challenges than the fall season and we showed that today," MSU head coach Spencer Hilde said. "We were not sharp around the greens, and lost a number of strokes due to rusty short-game play. We will get better as the spring goes on."

Foster was the highest finisher for the Beavers as she shot an 87 in the first round and fol-



Foster



Barke

lowed that up with an 88 in round 2. Her 175 overall was seventh in the tournament and was 12 strokes back of the individual champion, Chardon State's Schuyler Wetzel's 163.

Barke fired an 89 in the first round and followed that up with a 91 in round two for a total of 180, tying her for 10th with two other golfers.

The team finished fourth overall, shooting 741, topping Adams State and Dickinson State. MSU was 28 strokes back of host South Dakota Mines. Chadron State won the tournament with a solid 685.

Kayla Palczewski finished

with a 97 and a 95 for a total of 192 and was 18th overall. Samantha Cottingham shot a 98 and a 96 for a 194 and finished tied for 20th. MSU's fifth golfer, Alexandria Bernier, finished with a 108 and a 106 for 28th overall.

At the Upper Iowa Spring Invite last weekend, MSU shot in the 370s in both rounds to finish with a 751, good for seventh place overall.

Foster continued her solid play in the spring as she finished in a tie for 13th overall, shooting an 88 and 87. She was tied for 11th after the first round and, while she couldn't move up the leaderboard, cut a stroke off in her second round, despite windy conditions, and finished with a 175 overall.

"It was a tough day for everyone," Hilde said. "Our short-game struggles continued today and because of that, we couldn't

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Golfers compete at Las Vegas, Montana and Iowa

(MSU Sports Information) — MSU's Matthew Kreutz shot a 5-over-par 77 and tied for fourth place at the Minot State University Invitational in Las Vegas last month. The event was shortened to one day due to poor weather.

MSU's Jersey Kelly carded an 80 for seventh place, while Nicholas Liebel added an 81 and tied for eighth overall. Karson O'Keefe was 12th with an 83, Aaron Ogrodnick in 13th with an 84 and Jacob Decoteau 14th with a 95.

A few weeks later, O'Keefe fired a 70 to earn medalist honors at the Montana State University Billings Yellowjacket Spring Invite.

The invite was also shortened to one day due to inclement weather.

O'Keefe's round was three



Kreutz



O'Keefe

strokes better than teammate Kreutz, who tied for fourth overall.

"It was really nice to see Karson get his first win," MSU head coach Randy Westby said. "Congrats to him. We won by two as a team, but we will need to improve on the fourth score to compete in the NSIC. Next week in Iowa will tell us where we are at, but we had a nice round today."

The Beavers finished with a 299 as a team, two better than the host Yellowjackets. MSU

was 10 better than Rocky Mountain College.

Along with O'Keefe and Kreutz, MSU's Liebel fired a 74 to finish tied for seventh and Jacob DeCoteau added a 77 and finished 12th.

At the Upper Iowa Spring Invite last weekend, the Beavers shot a solid 331 in round one, but fell back to a tie for eighth place overall with a 338 in the second round. MSU tied host Upper Iowa with a 669 team total.

"Conditions were really cold and windy, so we only got nine holes in Saturday. It was better Sunday, warmer, but it was even windier," Westby said. "It was a tough day for all competitors, but we need to handle the conditions better. Next week is conference and we need better produc-

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Personal bests propel Beavers

(MSU Sports Information) — MSU freshman Amber Hunsaker is quickly making a name for herself in the javelin.



Hunsaker

Hunsaker wasn't quite up to her normal self, but it didn't matter as she won the event for the second straight meet, topping all competitors at the Vance Butler Invite Saturday at Augustana University.

"Amber did a great job," MSU head coach Stu Melby said. "Her mark wasn't where she wanted, but she got us started in the right direction."

Hunsaker won her first collegiate title in her second meet of the year, winning the Ross & Sharon Irwin Collegiate Scoring Meet hosted by Point Loma Nazarene during Spring Break. In Saturday's meet in Sioux Falls, she tossed her best throw in the preliminaries, going 38.76 on her third throw. While she couldn't muster a bigger throw in the finals, she held off Olivia Johnson of Concordia College and Kristi Porter of Augie.

On the men's side, Jacob Hatfield (Fr., Throws) finished 10th overall, just back of the finals. He threw his best, 38.18-meters, on his final throw of the event.

The men's and women's javelin were the only events contested on the first day of the invite.

On day two, Minot State University had 10 personal best marks by eight different individuals to pace the Beavers.

MSU finished with six individuals in the top 10 including Hunsaker's javelin win. The men's team had four top 10 finishes.

"It wasn't a bad meet overall, but as a whole, I think we were a little flat, a little beat up mentally, physically and emotionally," MSU head coach Stu Melby said. "We're still in a little heavy training mode and the meet being moved to Sunday (our normal day off) had us a little down. But we continue seeing improvements in technique and execution of

events. We're on the right path toward our best performances at the end of the season."

The Beavers men's team had six individuals with PRs or season bests Sunday and finished in the top 10 in four events. Dylan Harvey (Jr., Hurdles) led the way with a fifth-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles, finishing with a 58.76. Kaleb Kirby (So., Pole Vault) cleared 14-feet-11½ in the pole vault to take sixth place overall with a new personal best. He also moved into fifth all-time at MSU with the height.

Farai Madungwe (Sr., Jumps/Sprints) set a PR in the 100 and a season best in the triple jump, taking eighth in the jump with a leap of 43-feet-9. Finally, Kevin Hodges (So., Throws) moved into fifth all-time at MSU with a heave of 139-feet-6 in the hammer throw to finish ninth overall.

Lucas Leitner (Sr., Sprints) set PRs in both the 100 and 200, Jacob Hatfield (Fr., Javelin) set a personal best in the hammer throw, moving him into seventh in school history, and Daniel Daffinrud (Fr., Sprints) lowered his season best in both the 100 and 200 meters.

Along with Hunsaker's win in the javelin, MSU's women's team was paced by DelRay Audet's (Sr., Hurdles) 10th place finish in the 100-meter hurdles. Audet set a personal best and moved into fourth all-time at MSU with a time of 15.23 seconds. Dijah Silva (Sr., Sprints) set PRs in both the 200 and 100 meters, moving into the top 10 all-time in both, finishing with the school's eighth fastest time in the 200 and 10th fastest in the 100.

Hunsaker had a strong second day as well, setting a personal best in the hammer throw.

Patience Albertson (So., Distance) earned a season best in the 1,500 meters, Brilee McWilliams (Jr., Throws) added a season best in the discus and Shayla Christensen (So., Throws) hit for two season bests in the hammer and the discus respectively.

The Beavers will travel to Bismarck for the University of Mary Al Bortke Open Saturday.



Photo by Vanessa Christiuk
Ashley Hill tags out a Crookston baserunner at home plate. The Beavers lost the first game, 2-3, and won the second, 8-0.

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game and Larson had two. Minot State outscored Crookston, 8-0, to finish the game in five innings.

Over this past weekend, the Beavers hit the road to Marshall, Minn., to play Southwest Minnesota State University. It was a cold one, but Ashley Hill managed two hits and an RBI, while Isis Cabral drove in two and stole a base. The Beavers lost, 4-3, in extra innings.

In game two against Southwest Minnesota, the Beavers couldn't rally back and lost, 5-2.

Bad fortune continued as the Beavers headed to Sioux Falls to play the University of Sioux Falls on Sunday. Despite a three-run third inning and 15 hits, four of which came from Ashley Hill, the Beavers lost, 8-6.

The second game wasn't any better. The Beavers only managed to collectively have five hits. Sioux Falls won, 10-2.

Catch the Beaver softball team at Herb Parker again on Saturday, as they face Winona State at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and Upper Iowa University at noon and 2 p.m. Sunday.



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avoid big numbers. There were certainly some bright spots, but the big numbers hurt us."

The Beavers had two players in the top 20 as junior Kayla

Barke carded a 91 and an 88 for a two-round total of 179. She finished 17th overall.

Palczewski finished in a tie with two other golfers for 31st, shooting 95 and 97. She finished with a 192 overall. Alexandria

Bernier was 42nd overall, while Cottingham finished 44th.

MSU travels to Coon Rapids, Minn., for the Minnesota State Invite in its second-to-last tournament for the spring season, April 16-17.

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Hockey players earn awards

MSU men's club hockey team held its awards banquet last week.

The honorees as voted by the coaches and players are: Most Valuable Player, Brett Nespor; Best Defenseman, Austin Yano; Best Forward, Jeremy Johnson; Most Improved Player, Holden Kurtz; Rookie of the Year, Kyle Lipinski; and Player's Player, Brett Nespor.



Nespor

Nespor was also awarded the Caley Cox Memorial Award. This award goes to the player who demonstrates a sincere dedication and love for the game of hockey, and displays a great intensity and spirit while playing.

The team (34-5) had a successful season. They competed at the American College Hockey Association Division I National Championships, losing to Iowa State in the quarterfinals.

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tion from our top four. Hopefully, it will be better conditions so we can play some good golf."

The field chased eventual winner Bemidji State throughout the tournament and nobody was able to catch them as they extended a one-stroke lead after the first round to an eventual five-shot cushion and the win.

MSU was paced by freshman Matthew Kreutz who shot a 160 and tied for 16th. He was the only individual in the top 20.

O'Keefe followed his first collegiate tournament win last week with a 168 and tied for 29th. Liebel finished tied for 38th with a 171. Ogrodnick was tied for 40th, while DeCoteau tied for 49th.

The Beavers travel to Smithville, Mo., for the Northern Sun Spring Championships Saturday and Sunday in the team's final tournament of the season.

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