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Photo by Dan Fagan

Director Kevin Neuharth and stage manager Samantha Christman direct a rehearsal in Aleshire Theater. The play, "Student Body," runs Feb. 22-25.



Photo by Dan Fagan

Actors Jaryn Homiston and Maddie Thompson rehearse for their upcoming performance in "Student Body."

Theatre to present 'Student Body'

By Dan Fagan
Staff Writer

Minot State University theater students are currently in rehearsal for 'Student Body,' by Frank Winters. The play follows a group of college students who stumble upon a disturbing videotape of a sexual assault that occurred at a party they attended.

Director Kevin Neuharth chose to do the play after reading it last August.

"The subject matter really interested me," Neuharth said, "I shared it with some of my students in my directing class and they seemed to like it, so I decided to give it a go."

The issue of rape is a central theme throughout the play as the college-age characters engage in a heated dialogue about the right way to deal with the situation.

"A lot of the play is about what's real and what's not,"

Neuharth said. "I want the audience to think about themselves during the course of this play, and think about what they would do in this situation."

The set design, by instructor Benjamin Lishner, affords audience members the opportunity to sit in seats arranged on stage among the actors.

"I want to incorporate the audience as if they are part of the action," Neuharth said.

The cast includes Annika Kraft, Kacey Donamaria, Hannah Davis, Maddie Thompson, Ariel Koh,

"I want to incorporate the audience as if they are part of the action"

– Kevin Neuharth,
director

Michaela Burns, Brenna Heupel,

Jaryn Homiston, Branden Evans and Eric Fetske.

The play runs Feb. 22-25 in Aleshire Theater with a 7:30 p.m. start time.

Admission is free for MSU students, faculty and staff with current MSU ID, \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students under 18.

For reservations, contact the box office at 858-3172. The play contains mature language and content.

News in Brief

CJ Club hosts panel discussion and spaghetti feed Feb. 16

The Criminal Justice Club will sponsor a panel of Minot State University graduates Feb. 16 in Swain Hall, third floor lounge, at 6 p.m.

Panelists include Scott Snyder, Federal Bureau of Investigations special agent-Minot office; Darrik Trudell, Homeland Security Investigations special agent-Minot office; Chris Poitra, deputy United States marshal-Minot office; and Nick Larson, United States federal probation officer-Minot office.

Panelists will discuss their career paths and emphasize the triumphs and obstacles they experienced within their chosen criminal justice field.

The event is free and open to the public.

The CJ Club will host a spaghetti feed fundraiser for \$3 per plate coinciding with the speaking event.

Beta Thetas and American Red Cross partner on blood drive

Minot State University's Beta Theta Sorority will sponsor a blood drive Feb. 17 in the Swain Hall Atrium, third floor, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is a fun and convenient way to donate blood, get blood pressure, temperature, pulse, hematocrit and cholesterol checked and possibly save someone's life, all in less than an hour.

Appointments are suggested, but walk-ins are welcome. Appointments can be made by contacting Chelsea Geis at 306-516-7585 or going to bloodhero.com, sponsor code: minotstate.

Sodexo to offer Black History Month lunch

Minot State Dining Service invites all students for a Black History Month lunch at Beaver

Creek Cafe from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. Sodexo will provide Southern-style meals.

Price for students on a meal plan is one meal swipe; for anyone not on a meal plan, it is \$9.75. For more information, message Sodexo with questions.

Minot Symphony Orchestra to perform 'Troublemakers' Saturday

The Minot Symphony Orchestra invites all students, faculty and staff to a magical music night Saturday, Feb. 18, in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, Old Main. Repertoire will be well-known songs about troublemakers, including "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" from the Disney movie "Fantasia." The event will also feature this year's high school concerto competition winner, Kari Jenks.

The concert starts at 7:30 a.m. with a preconcert lecture at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$30. MSU students, faculty and staff are admitted free with current MSU ID. For tickets and more information, visit MinotSymphony.com.

Science students and faculty to give a chemistry magic show

The Minot State University Division of Science will present a chemistry magic show on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m. in Hoffman Auditorium, Cyril Moore Science Center, Room 16.

Faculty and students will perform experiments developed by MSU classes, of things parents usually tell their children not to do, such as playing with dangerous chemicals, fire and explosives. The event will be approximately 40 minutes. It is free and open to the public. MSU students, faculty, and staff are all invited.

President Shirley, international students respond to travel ban

By Dan Fagan
Staff Writer

In late January, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order banning for 120 days citizens of seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States. Those countries are Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

The ban was followed by confusion for TSA agents at major American airports on proper protocol for vetting incoming travelers. According to The Guardian, Hamid Darweesh, a citizen of Iraq, who had aided the United States military during the Iraq war and already obtained a visa, was denied entry.

One segment of the U.S. directly impacted by the ban is American colleges. According to Business Insider, there are 23,763 student visa holders from the seven banned countries currently studying in the United States. Minot State University has one international student who is from one of the banned countries.

Following publication of the executive order, MSU President Steven Shirley sent a campus-wide email to students, faculty and staff "to reaffirm Minot State's commitment to diversity and ensuring a safe environment for all." The email mentioned MSU's robust population of stu-

dents, faculty and staff from numerous other Muslim majority countries.

"The global community is a fundamental part of who we are and what we do on this campus; simply put, MSU benefits as a more vibrant and richer community thanks to the contributions of individuals from around the globe," Shirley wrote. "Minot State University is committed to sustaining an inclusive environment, rich with diversity. We value the contributions of all members of our community and will continue to ensure all students, faculty, and staff feel safe and welcome on our campus."

Saliou Diallo is an international student at MSU from Dakar, Senegal, majoring in mathematics and computer science. Diallo's father earned a doctorate in English from the University of Maryland and his older brother Amadou is a recent MSU graduate.

Diallo is currently taking a 20-hours-per-week course load, works as a research assistant, and was named to the MSU President's List last fall.

"America has a great education system," Diallo said. "The possibility to prosper is great."

Diallo is Muslim and views the travel ban with skepticism.

"The root of the ban is to tar-

get Muslims," Diallo said. "I think most Muslims would agree with me that the way Islam is generally viewed in America is concerning and even though the ban is a negative thing, I'm seeing a lot of positive things from it."

Diallo believes that while the ban has caused uncertainty for many Muslims, it has allowed Americans to become more familiar with Islam.

"Despite our religious backgrounds, this situation has brought about a kind of communication and with communication can come understanding," Diallo said.

Zhi Yang, an MSU student from Malaysia currently studying energy economics, views the ban as drastic and detrimental to America's standing in the world.

"I believe the ban shows the U.S. has lost its way in being the leader of the world," Yang said. "It's an unorganized plan without a well-thought-out reason to back it up."

Last week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit upheld a freeze on the travel ban, suspending it for the time being. The Trump administration has the option to either withdraw the executive order and rewrite it or argue its legality before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Community Action to host poverty simulation

By Mia Lupo
Comm 281

Community Action out of Fargo will host a poverty simulation at Minot State University Thursday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Student Center on the third floor. Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate.

The event will consist of an introduction, a briefing, the simu-

lation and a closing period in which the Community Action staff will bring everyone together for discussion.

"You're processing and talking. Everyone has a chance to talk about what they felt during the experience and how it impacted them," the Case Manager/Research Associate for NDCPD Rebecca Daigneault said.

For the simulation exercise, everybody will assume different roles with assigned family members. Each family will have different profiles: one family could consist of a single man living with a child while another consists of an unemployed couple. Every 15-minute period will constitute a week; the exercise will involve

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Voices on Campus

“What event would you like to see MSU Life organize for students, and why?”

Ton Yamashita
Assistant Editor



Ayaka Ohi
Marketing

“It will be so much fun if MSU Life could invite a band outside on the lawn during the welcome week, so students can enjoy live music and have a good time in the pretty summer evening!”



Ariel Koh
Broadcasting

“More trips, like trips to Minneapolis, Colorado, Seattle or New York, because it's really expensive for students to travel from Minot to go anywhere. So it'll be great if they organized more school trips, so that students that come to Minot can afford to travel.”



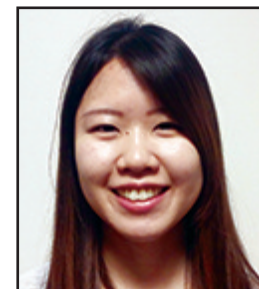
Carlton Mhangami
Accounting

“I love to dance, so I would love it if MSU Life could do dance events like a dancing party. That would be good.”



Colby Androus
English

“A board game night would be cool. Things like Settlers of Catan or Ticket to Ride. There are a lot of board game nerds on campus that would probably show up for an event like that.”



Nanako Sato
Communication Arts

“It would be great if MSU Life could hold a pool competition in the Beaver Dam. Something competitive and fun! I really enjoy playing pool; so do my friends.”



Yun Ji Nam
Sociology

“It will be fun to have a therapy session with cute dogs, and maybe that would help college students' stress relief.”

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Between the Lines

Diversity is key ingredient in laboratory of ideas

By Dan Fagan
Staff Writer

Colleges are laboratories of ideas. People of all ages, colors, genders, backgrounds, religions, cultures and so on, come together to participate in the pursuit of knowledge. The college years are meant to be challenging. Students put in long hours and balance hectic schedules to prepare themselves for the world awaiting them on the other side of graduation. While the complexity of math equations and the theories of science challenge the intellect and open our eyes to a new way of looking at the world, exposure to diversity can be just as potent and just as integral to a

learning environment.

Diversity in itself is a challenge. Individuals from different backgrounds will inevitably have different ways of viewing the world they live in. They will be forced to explain their differences and stretch themselves intellectually to understand the other's point of view. As a result, these individuals have gained a new perspective. They may still disagree on a subject or continue to view things differently, but they've gained the ability to understand one another.

In an increasingly globalized world, exposure to different cultures and ways of thinking is unavoidable. College is a time for people to think outside the box

and get outside their comfort zone. Meeting people from other countries and studying abroad are wonderful opportunities to embrace this global reality.

According to Kim Abreu of Glassdoor, a workplace research company, there are five key benefits to diversity in the workplace: innovation, increased creativity, recruitment, reducing turnover and capturing more of the market.

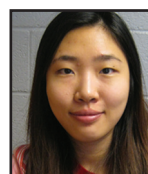
A company with a diverse workforce is more likely to be in touch with the diverse market the company is trying to tap into. If this is the direction companies are heading, then college students will benefit from interacting with classmates who look or think different-

ly from them. Not only will they gain perspective, they will prepare themselves for the diverse workplace that awaits them.

It can feel safe to be in the presence of someone who shares your values and your experiences. Engaging with the unknown can be uncomfortable, even scary. When someone thinks differently than you do, it can be a natural impulse to walk away, but in the real world walking away is rarely an option. Diversity, while challenging, makes us more well-rounded and thoughtful people and it strengthens communities. History has many examples of societies resisting diversity: segregation, discrimination, genocide,

xenophobic policies, etc. These examples all proved contrary to progress. Inclusion and engagement offer a brighter path forward.

If colleges are to prepare students for the future job market, it is important to expose them to what that environment will look like. Diversity can challenge us to think outside the box and compel us to question our own convictions; it makes us better communicators and more understanding; it gives us new perspective and stimulates creativity. In essence, diversity contributes to personal and intellectual growth, and that's something we all strive for as students.



Book Review

'Redfeather' by Heidi K. Richter

By Yun Ji Nam
Staff Writer

"Redfeather" centers on a protagonist, Carrie, a shy college student compassionate about animals. In the novel Carrie, in going to Minot State University, seeks classes to satisfy her research credits, but with the help of her charming professor, Dr. Lewis, with whom she later develops a romantic relationship, joins a team at an excavation site to discover a gigantic, unexplainable bird cage.

With a million thoughts running through her mind, this later leads her to pack up to go to a mysterious island called Lifeisland in the Northern Pacific to find a trace of lost researchers in the past, and a trace of Terror birds from six million years ago. In "Redfeather," we see those ancient birds, pterosaurs, still vibrantly leading their lives on far-away Lifeisland.

The novel discusses two types of pterosaurs (they are also

called 'Saberbeaks,' a name derived from a part of their physical appearance that resembles a cavalry sword) - the Isolators and the Guardians. They have their similarities and differences, however interbreeding between the two groups is strictly prohibited in Saberbeaks' culture. At the end of the novel, we see the Isolators and the Guardians unite together in order to fight and survive against a great danger from outside. We notice as the story

unfolds, that that very danger has always been the humans.

One of the Guardians, Tinyfish (Saberbeaks' names do remind us of Native American names.) becomes a mother of a mixed-breed baby bird, RedFeather, who becomes a symbol of unity between the two species of Saberbeaks later in the novel.

"Redfeather" discusses animal experiments and euthanasia, and poses a question to us whether we humans indeed possess such a

great power to start or end a valuable life. Saberbeaks fly to Minot, N.D. later in the novel to face a greater danger involving a matter of life and death. Also, by having a subplot of chimpanzee Zeera's pregnancy, "Redfeather" again stresses the controversy of 'sanctity of life' being entirely left to humans' decision.

Whether it be a little Saberbeak Redfeather running away from humans who wish to catch him, or

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the protagonist Carrie, who throughout the novel tries to make a right decision for herself and the other animals, what is apparent in "Redfeather" is that every life is portrayed vibrantly, regardless if human species or the Saberbeaks. They all have their own sets of values and ideology as a driving force to move forward and take action. On top of that, they all have a conflict to resolve and compromise, either by gory means or a tearful hug.

It is amazing how the concept of life in the novel serves as a dominant idea which constructs many interesting themes of the novel, but also serves as a catalyst for many characters to take an emotional turn - Carrie, Tinyfish, Coldwater - even little Redfeather.

Some might focus on environmentalism, and some on the sanctity of life in reading "Redfeather." Some might want to pay more attention to the collision between the two different worlds - of Lifeisland, the habitat of fascinating species, the Saberbeaks, and of Minot, N.D., where Carrie begins her journey.

Regardless of which page of "Redfeather" on which your eyes become fixated, it is certain that Heidi K. Richter, the book's author, puts a greater emphasis upon the idea of life that needs to be kept protected, through the symbol on the stone tablet of life.

In the novel, the stone tablet of life hinted at a highly developed civilization of the Saberbeaks, with the use of a written language that suggests a solution for the species to thrive again from a life-threatening danger - humans.

So many wonderful ideas to chew on poses the reader one delightful question: what should we really gain from reading the book? The answer is not set. Richter simply presents us a fascinating story, and leaves the interpretation or searching for a takeaway on us. What is certain is that "Redfeather" offers us a handful of interesting concepts to ponder that linger in your thoughts even after finishing the book.

MSU alumna Heidi K. Richter publishes novel

By Yun Ji Nam
Staff Writer

MSU alumna, Heidi K. Richter, recently published a novel, "RedFeather." It centers on an idea of the mysterious ancient birds, the Saberbeaks, a species, existing some six million years ago, and a protagonist, Carrie, who despite her ornithophobia, packs up to undergo a dangerous journey with her professor to Lifeisland, the habitat of the Saberbeaks.

The novel started off as a story called "The Island of Life" in 1997. It was later, after years of painstaking editing and patience, that the novel "RedFeather" was finally created. The title represents many different characters and ideas in the novel.

Firstly, RedFeather is introduced to us as a last name of the protagonist Carrie, but RedFeather also signifies the ultimate unity between two groups of Saberbeaks when faced with a great danger from outside. Moreover, we see a mixed breed baby Saberbeak in the novel who

is called RedFeather as well.

Aside from a story which reminds us of "King Kong" at first glance, there are many ideas that stand out as Richter's own in "RedFeather." The fascinating

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— Heidi K. Richter



written-and spoken-language system of the Saberbeaks, and their belief and ideology which constructs not only the Saberbeak's value system but their society as a whole, are all fruits of author Richter's gifted imagination.

I was lucky enough to get hold of Richter, a writer who is simply great at what she is doing. What intrigued me about her and her novel, was how her passion

is reflected well in the novel and how Minot, N.D., the most familiar place to all of us, was used in her story for such an adventure to take place. Exchanging several emails, she and I came to a con-

clusion that emailing her interview questions would be ideal for us. It was a pleasant experience for me to know more about a very interesting science fiction novel, "Redfeather," and its author.

Richter graduated from Minot State University in 2005 with degrees in art and biology. She next earned a master's degree in

biomedical communication at the University of Toronto. As a young girl, she had expressed an early talent for drawing. "RedFeather" is a result of combining her lasting passion for both art and biology.

"RedFeather" is a reflection of her enthusiasm and love. The novel contains substantial amounts of scientific terms on almost every page. However, scientific terms in "Redfeather" are not the terms you have faced in your terrible biology exams. The scientists and the subjects they discuss in the novel come to us as fascinating ones, only to make the story richer and to move the story forward.

"I let scientists talk like scientists," Richter said.

And indeed they do. In the novel, they never miss an opportunity for a vigorous discussion on every part of fossil they can find, and constantly seek for an explanation or passionately ask

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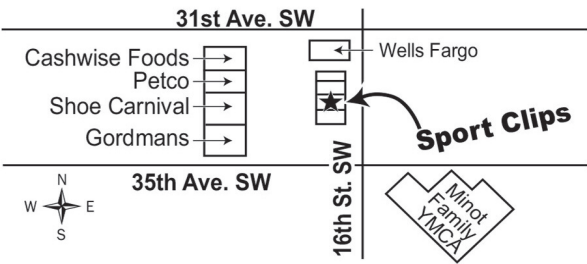
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for others' understanding in what they value and believe in. What moved me about "Redfeather" is how the author was able to create realistic scenes and lines for the characters by simply focusing on what she truly loves.

To my question, "But why Minot, N.D.?" she shared her appreciation towards this very place.

"The book is a bit of a love letter to all the places I have lived and what each one has meant to me. They say 'write what you know,' but the phrase 'write WHERE you know' came to my head more than once. For me, Minot was the place where my career began. With the help of many professors, I was able to create my own career and be well prepared for graduate school. I am forever grateful for it. So, of course, this is where Carrie begins her journey."

I loved how Richter tersely described her choice as 'a love letter,' because the emotion of love is the most honest emotion a writer can choose to utilize in his or her writing. The author's appreciation of Minot and the people she met here naturally forms a connection of a sort with the life of Carrie.

In the novel, we witness Minot as being the most versatile place, where all kinds of adventurous events occur. Heidi breaks the regular old image of Minot being the relatively quiet, even boring place that many people like to associate it with. In "RedFeather," the familiar city definitely transforms itself to another level with a new look, with Heidi's own touch of imagination and her years of dedication to the work.

However, despite her unique personality reflected in her writing, Heidi never insisted that she has a specific expectation about what readers might take from "RedFeather." Whether the topic be environmentalism or sanctity of life, Heidi expressed how she will be fine with any idea as long as there is an opportunity for her to explore different ideas.

"In fact, at least two people

have said their favorite parts were the scenes from the point of view of the dog, which delighted me as those were also my favorites to write. In these times though, it would be nice if people took from it a desire to understand those who are different, and to think about their story before judging or fearing them. Misunderstandings have a way of snowballing, and this happens with devastating effects in "RedFeather."

The book is fascinating, and the author's decision and thinking process is just as interesting as her creation. I tried not to reveal anything about the ending of "RedFeather" in writing this article. Instead, I tried to focus on how Richter's passion and appreciation were well reflected in her book and how glad I was to have an opportunity to interview her. Richter, after kindly answering all my questions regarding the novel, did not forget a word of advice for her fellow MSU students who wish to be writers like her, but are uncertain about their future.

"Read a lot. I can't tell you how many years I heard and ignored that advice. Both fiction and non-fiction, they each either inspired the plot, taught me writing techniques, or informed the science. Read from genres other than the one you wish to write in, too. You never know where inspiration or a helpful challenge may come from ... The best advice I can give is find your path, but be on the lookout for alternative ways you can go, and tweak your education to match. Take your education into your own hands. It's not like a plane where you board at point A, and deplane at point B four (or six!) years later at graduation. You are building something very complex, and every class you take and project you complete adds a piece to it."

Richter is currently working on a sequel to "RedFeather." The working title is "Graniteclaw," which takes place 66 million years in the past, at the point just before the asteroid impact that ended the Cretaceous Period. Quite frankly, I am excited for her second piece of 'love letter.'

Division of Music events planned for February

By Nanako Sato
Comm 281

The Minot State University Division of Music presents its first student concert of the semester tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, Old Main.

"The only group performing at this concert will be the MSU Jazz Ensemble," David Rolandson said. "Many members of the ensemble will be featured as soloists throughout the concert."

The Jazz Ensemble is comprised of music majors and non-majors from across the MSU campus, and co-directed by Rolandson and James Fusik, both music instructors.

"Please come and join us for this concert! Like all MSU Division of Music Concerts, this is free and open to the public," Rolandson said.

On Monday, Feb. 27, the MSU Concert Choir will perform its Spring Choral Concert at 7:30 p.m. The music encompasses a wide range of vocal music from different periods and styles. The repertoire includes a cappella as well as instrumental accompaniment on piano, violin, cello and flute.

"This concert's theme will be water. All groups will be per-

forming music that somehow relates to water," Carlos Vieira, music instructor, said. "We will hear traditional American tunes, liturgical compositions, world music and contemporary choral compositions. The repertoire includes pieces in English, Spanish, Latin, Russian and Finnish."

There will be three different groups on stage. MSU Singers is a vocal ensemble dedicated to jazz, pop and other non-traditional styles of music. Instructor Jennifer McQuade directs the group. Vieira conducts the MSU Women's Choir, a small choir dedicated to choral literature written for treble voices, and the MSU Concert Choir, one of the large ensembles.

The concert will also feature student soloists.

"We are very excited with the level of commitment and musicality from the singers of our choral projects this semester," Vieira said. "We believe our audience will have the chance to experience a beautiful, moving and meaningful concert. Our students will bring their best to the stage on Feb. 27th, and we would love to see the support of our community towards our dear young singers."

The Percussion Ensemble performs Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Avis Veikley.

Two groups, MSU Percussion Ensemble and MSU Marimba Ensemble, will perform a total of six pieces.

"My theme for the concert is that we are doing some things that are African inspired," Veikley said. "Our ensemble is based on some African rhythms; has different instruments such as Western African Drum. There will be a mixture of percussion and pitched instruments, which are inspired by Indian music."

The marimba ensemble is also inspired by a style of African music. Three percussionists perform on the same instruments.

"Nalu, which is a Hawaiian word for wave, is very rhythmic and has lots of interlocking so everybody has to be exactly in the right place. A few of the pieces will have short solos in between," Veikley said.

"We do a lot of different styles and this concert happens to be getting some inspiration from African rhythms," the instructor said.

The three MSU music events will take place in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall, Old Main. Admission is free.

Drag performance, featuring Shangela, to come to MSU

By Ton Yamashita
Comm 281

Minot State University and Pride Minot will welcome drag queen Shangela Laquifa Wadley along with local guest queens, Harmony Diamond, Raven Knight and Kara Fiyera for a special drag performance Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

Shangela is the stage persona of Darius J. Perce, an American drag queen, comedian and reality television personality. Shangela competed on RuPaul's Drag Race (the

only contestant to compete in multiple regular seasons), even making it to the top five contestants in season three and has since made a number of television appearances and won several pageants.

"MSU Life and Pride Minot are thrilled to be partnering on this community event," Aaron Hughes, Student Activities Coordinator, said. "I am confident that anyone who attends will be absolutely blown away. It's amazing to see the transformation that these performers undergo."

Nowadays, we have more

opportunities to see transgender people and the LGBTQ community at large in the media, especially compared to the past, including "Transgender" and "Orange is New Black." Indeed, this significantly changes cultural understanding of the diversity within the LGBT community, and helps to get rid of negative stereotypes and contributes a more positive image to these communities.

This event itself will assert a positive influence, in that it will raise more awareness about the

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Student Spotlight ... Hayk Margaryan

By Katie Wiggett
Comm 281

Hayk Margaryan, 24, is a Minot State University senior majoring in computer science, with a math minor. Originally from Armenia, a small country in Eastern Europe, he speaks five languages: English, Armenian, German, French and Russian. Margaryan originally graduated with a bachelor's degree in law in Armenia, then moved to Germany for his masters in law.

"After I graduated, I started to work as a lawyer and didn't really like the job," Margaryan said. "So that's why I decided it is not too late. I decided to switch my path to computer science."

In searching for the right college for his goals, Margaryan saw that Minot State University was the right college to get his computer science degree, and it was affordable.

Margaryan's experience at Minot State has been a good one, as the academic and student-to-

teacher ratio is different, and more personable.

"Altogether the students, teachers and the whole environment and how the classes go, it's very different from how I used to study. And the teachers are very friendly. Whereas in Germany and Armenia, it wasn't like that. There was a huge gap between students and teachers; here it's friendlier and more informal," Margaryan said.

He also stated that MSU student life is more interesting, and that there are many more activities than at his previous universities. He likes it a lot more.

Margaryan has become a huge part of Minot State, as he has represented the school in the Digi-Key Collegiate Computing Competition. Margaryan was on a four-member team that earned MSU first place in the competition, along with a \$5,000 award. Margaryan helped to complete long and short programming

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four weeks. Families will receive new tasks or scenarios every period, on top of paying bills, buying groceries, getting kids to school and other everyday responsibilities.

"You have to try to navigate one week at a time," Daigneault said. "You're trying to prioritize on a limited income. What's most important? I guess I should pay my rent. I don't want to be home-

less, but I also need to get food."

The objective is to inspire everyone involved to have empathy for those actually dealing with the strains of poverty, and possibly to volunteer their time and/or money to this cause.

"You can get a better understanding of what it's like," Daigneault said. "A lot of people think 'why don't they pull themselves out of this?' when they really don't realize how difficult it is and how the cycle [of poverty] just

continues."

Daigneault also mentioned hopes of participants supporting social programs (like welfare and food stamps) after their experience in the simulation.

"I would like to encourage as many students to come as possible. I think it would be so valuable for everyone. This will be a one-time event, but has the potential to continue in the future if participants show interest and give positive feedback," Daigneault said.

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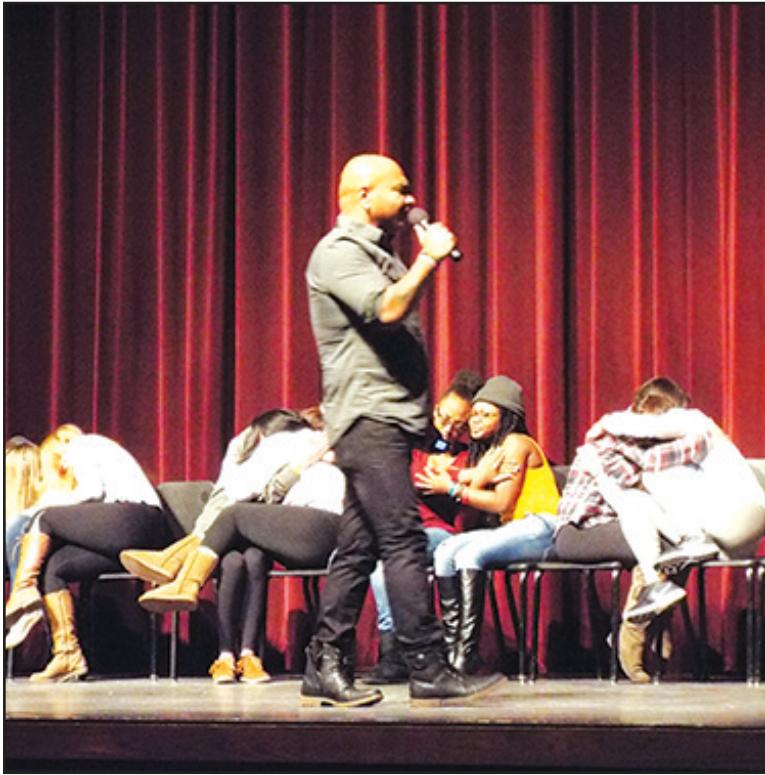


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Beavers show promise in Vegas Stinger

by Taylor Rizzari
Sports Writer

The Minot State softball team competed in the 8th annual Vegas Stinger Tournament hosted by Montana State University-Billings, in Las Vegas, Nev., Feb. 3-5.

The Beavers took no time at all to make their name known in Vegas, as they routed California State-Dominguez Hills on Friday, 11-3, in six innings. After starting pitcher Jenn Spencer got out of a jam in the top of the first inning, the Minot State lineup came in clutch. Catcher Tori Zimmermann demolished a three-run homer, followed immediately by a solo shot from junior first baseman Ashley Hill. Both Zimmermann and Hill knocked out two home runs apiece in the game against CSDH. Also contributing to the hitting clinic was sophomore Isis Cabral who had a two-run single, Clarissa Ramirez who collected two hits and Lauren Cowden who sealed the Beavers' victory with a solo home run.

In the second game, the Beavers fell short to California State-San Bernardino, 8-2. Six errors proved costly as the two California pitchers only gave up three earned runs out of the eight. Senior pitcher Ramirez took the loss, and freshman Emma Casey made her collegiate debut with one inning in relief in the seventh, giving up two unearned runs and no hits. Hill, with three hits including a double, Ramirez, with a double and Jordan Grant, with two stolen bases, rounded out the offense for the Beavers.

In game one of day two of the Vegas Stinger, Minot State once again came so close to tasting victory, but fell short to Northwest Nazarene University (Ore.), 4-3. The starting pitcher was once again Ramirez, who took her second loss of the weekend, giving up 10 hits, four runs, four walks, and collected two strikeouts.

The Beavers' offense stayed aggressive throughout the game, cutting a 3-0 lead by the Crusaders

to 3-2 in the fourth inning, and once again cutting NNU's lead to one in the sixth. Senior second baseman Rachel Burdette and junior Zimmermann each collected a double, freshman outfielder Skyla Newbauer went 1-3 with an RBI and senior outfielder Grant had a stolen base.

The Beavers' ace pitcher, senior Jenn Spencer, made her second start of the tournament against Western Oregon University in game three in Vegas. Minot State fell behind early once again trailing 2-0 through two, but with singles in the second and third innings took a 3-2 lead over WOU in the third.

However, in the fifth inning, the Coyotes rallied for three to take the lead over MSU, who added one more run in the sixth to still come up short one run. After a complete seven innings, the Beavers fell to Western Oregon, 5-4. Spencer threw a complete game against the Coyotes, with five

runs, eight hits, four earned runs and four strikeouts.

Leading the hitting for the Beavers was senior centerfielder Grant, who was 2-4 in the leadoff spot, Cabral, who went yard with a solo shot and freshman short-stop Jordan Branch, who collected an RBI.

In the finale of the Vegas Stinger, the Beavers fell short to No. 2-ranked Humboldt State (Calif.), 6-1. Minot State kept it close with the highly ranked Jacks, only trailing 1-0 until the fourth and fifth innings, giving up two runs in each, and another lone run in the sixth. Spencer took the start once again on the mound for Minot State, and went 4 2/3 innings, giving up five hits, five runs, with four strikeouts and only three earned runs as the Beavers made two errors. Sophomore third baseman Cowden went 1-3 with a double, along with Grant who batted .500

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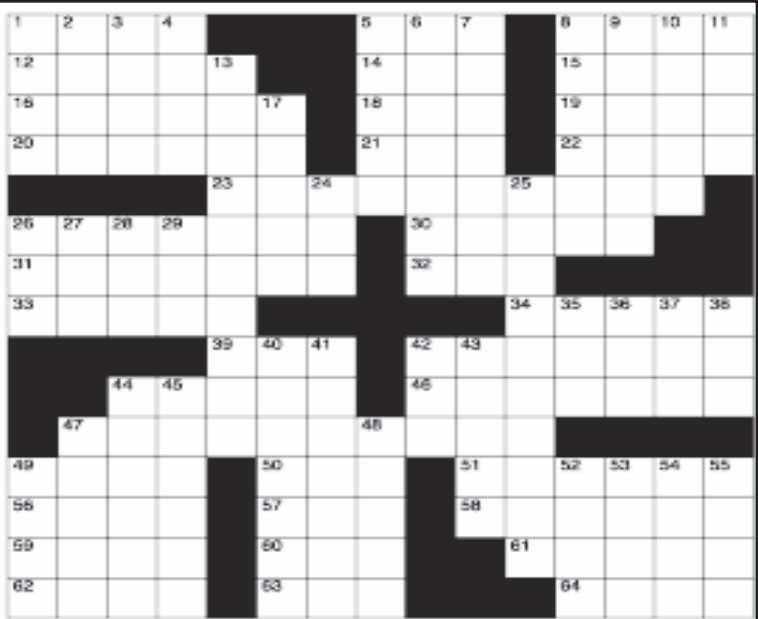
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- 18. Independent voters association
- 19. Bird genus
- 20. Train line
- 21. Annoy
- 22. Waste matter
- 23. 41st President
- 26. Type of cracker
- 30. Remove
- 31. Looked quickly
- 32. The habitat of wild animals
- 33. Type of gene
- 34. Humble
- 39. Barrels per day (abbr.)
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- 44. Star Trek: The Next Generation doctor
- 46. Pithy remark
- 47. Sum up
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- 54. Military vehicle
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Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU senior Nathan Mertens handles the ball in a game with St. Cloud State University Saturday in the Dome. The Beavers lost in overtime, 91-96.

Beavers split weekend

Men defeat Duluth, lose in overtime to SCSU

By Jerusalem Tukura
Editor

The Minot State University Men's Basketball team defeated the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs, 79-63, in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play Friday at the Dome. The Beavers put in 16 3-pointers to total 48 points, while UMD drew 15 points from 3-point shots. Minot State's great offensive play placed them ahead of the Bulldogs who struggled for points with a shooting percentage of 32 in the second half, whereas Minot State had a shooting percentage of 48.5. The Beavers had a good start and were able to maintain their momentum for most of the game.

UMD started to gain on the Beavers at the start of the second half as they were only two points

behind MSU two minutes into the second half, 40-38, but the Beavers maintained the lead throughout the game.

Senior Nathan Mertens set a school record for assists in a game with 13.

Tyler Rudolph (Jr., F.) came out with 26 points and 21 rebounds; Luis Ricci Maia (Jr., G.) finished with 16 points and four rebounds; Russ Davis (Jr., G.) with 15 points; and Nathaniel Moore (Jr., G.) with nine points and five rebounds.

The following game on Saturday was a heartbreaker. MSU took on St. Cloud State University and lost in overtime, 91-96. MSU got off to a quick start, and had a 17-point lead midway through the first half, but SCSU battled back to be with-

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Grapplers win against Dickinson, will carry win into final duals

By Isaac Hunt
Sports Writer

The Minot State University wrestling team has gone 1-1 in its last two duals, including a 22-19 victory at home against Dickinson State. The Beavers are now 4-14 on the season with an 0-6 NSIC record.

On Feb. 3, MSU traveled to St. Cloud State to take on the 2015-16 National Championship Huskies. The Huskies have lost just two duals in the past two years. The three points MSU scored against SCSU, in the 42-3 loss, is a team record in Minot State's Division II history.

Michael Rangel opened the dual with an 8-1 decision victory at the 125-pound class. Rangel's win is the largest win, second win overall, against a Husky in MSU's DII history. (In 2014, Tanner Crissler won against SCSU by a 4-1 decision, but lost a point due to misconduct, to finish with two points.)

St. Cloud State won the remaining nine matches to earn the 42-3 final score. The Huskies won three matches by fall, one by tech. fall and one by forfeit at the 157-pound class.

Minot State returned home last week to face off against Dickinson State, defeating them, 22-19.

The Beavers got off to an 18-3 lead after the first five matches, which included three weight class victories in a row at the 141-, 149- and 157-pound weights by Jered Sublet, Cody Haugen and Shane Sheppard.

Sublet started off the win streak with a pin just 41 seconds into the second round of his match. Both Sublet and Haugen, who won with an 8-7 decision, started their matches out on the offensive.

"It's been a big goal of mine all season to try and get that first takedown," Sublet said. "It doesn't always go my way, like tonight, but it's something I work on every day."

Head coach Evan Forde echoed the remarks made by the senior about how important it is to come out aggressively.

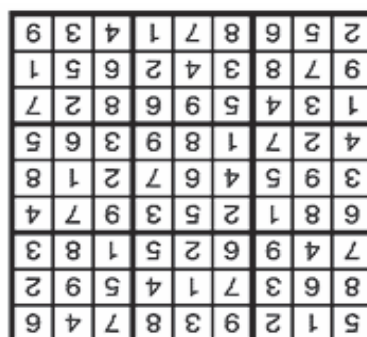
"The whole year, we've started out with a couple of freshmen [at 125 and 133] so when we get into those matches with Jered and Cody we're really looking for that upperclassmen leadership," Forde said. A lot of the time, depending on what happens in their matches, it can determine how the rest of the dual plays out."

MSU will try to carry this win into their final duals next week and then into the NCAA Regional.

"This win was big," Forde said. "We've been talking about starting to get to our peak. Each week, we need to wrestle better and bring more intensity and, hopefully, we'll be at our best at the regional tournament."

Minot State will host Minnesota State University Moorhead tonight and finish its regular season at Northern State Friday. Both duals are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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transgender community. Another group that creates opportunities to get involved with the LGBTQ community on the MSU campus every semester, the MSU Gay-Straight Alliance, is also supporting this event.

"We are very excited and happy that the MSU campus is welcoming drag performers into the campus," said Steven Gill, MSU student and the president of Gay-Straight Alliance.

"The Gay-Straight Alliance will help with advertising and possibly coordinating events during the week of the event. The Gay-Straight Alliance will also be hosting a number of events throughout this semester. Once again, please, we are very excited about the drag show. It should be a great experience for the MSU community," Gill said.

In Minot, the LGBTQ+ com-

munity "Pride Minot" will also be supporting and helping to raise awareness about their community. This year, they have had all-ages events every month in support of members of Minot's LGBTQ community.

The highlight of the event is a performance featuring immaculate makeup, fashion, choreography and music by Shangela. Additionally, the local guest queens will perform between Shangela's costume changes.

The show is free and open to the public, however, it may be most appropriate for audience members 13 years or older. Additional information is available at fb.com/msu.life.

"The makeup and fashion is flawless. The choreography is impeccable. The laughter is contagious – you will not be disappointed," Hughes said. "You know you're curious – come check it out!"

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for the day at 2-4. Cabral was 2-3 with a stolen base, and Zimmermann was 1-4 with an RBI against the Jacks.

Next up for the Beavers is the Minot State Invite in Aberdeen, S.D., Feb. 16 and 17. The games were originally scheduled to be played at MSU under its seasonal dome, but were moved to Presentation College's indoor field since MSU's dome has been delayed. Games on the Feb. 16 are against University of Minnesota Crookston at 10 a.m. and Black Hills State University at noon.

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in eight points at the half.

The St. Cloud State Huskies came out the second half shooting well and closed the gap. MSU's head coach Matt Murken gave them credit.

"St. Cloud was able to overcome our deficits by a lot of that hot shooting in the second half," he said. "Some of that was our doing and some of that was their best players making really good plays."

The Beavers committed several fouls in the second half, with Rudolph fouling out.

"We were in some strange lineups because we were in foul trouble the whole game. I thought our guys fought really hard. It makes it tough, you know, especially on your home court, you'd expect to maybe get the benefit of the doubt a little bit more than what we did tonight. But that's something we've got to find a way to overcome," Murken said.

Losing Rudolph at such a crucial moment of the game cost the Beavers. Still, MSU hustled for plays, and sent the game into OT with a timely 3-pointer just on the buzzer from Trevor Rothstein (Fr., F.) ending the second half tied, 79-79.

Murken gave credit to the Beavers' overall effort.

"I thought our guys played really well. I don't think there's anything to hang our heads about as far as effort. I thought the guys really competed through all 45 minutes, executed throughout the stretch. We let them get into a little bit of a roll offensively, especially in the second half," Murken said.

In overtime, the Beavers put in the first

point through a free throw from Davis, bringing the score to 80-79. St. Cloud State quickly answered back with a 3-pointer and gained the lead. From then on, it was a back and forth with six lead changes. Finally St. Cloud was able to secure the win with two 3-pointers and four free throws.

Mertens earned the Beavers 22 points, seven assists and three rebounds.

"Definitely not the way I wanted to end it," he said, "but I think if we get two next week, we'll still be able to play at home. Obviously, we'll have to have another team lose, but I think if we get two next week then we'll be able to play at home again. That would be big if we can get another home game," Mertens said.

Top shooters, along with Mertens, were Rudolph with 17 points and five rebounds; Maia with 18 points and six rebounds; and Moore with 14 points and nine rebounds.

"We had an opportunity, certainly, to win the game, but we weren't able to pull it off," Murken said. "We've fallen one game behind with two to go, so we've got to find a way to get two wins. I think we've got a chance to beat anybody, but I think we typically play better on our home court, like a lot of teams do. It's a quick turnaround in the tournament. We play on Friday and Saturday. We'll be on the road already, and then we'll play again on the Wednesday after that, so it should be a lot better to be at home than on the road."

Minot State hits the road for their final games before the NSIC Tournament. The play the University of Minnesota Crookston tomorrow at 8 p.m. and Bemidji State University the following day at 6 p.m.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura
MSU junior Tyler Rudolph (No. 24) makes a jump shot in the key. The Beavers lost to St. Cloud State University, 91-96.

Women defeat Duluth, fall to St. Cloud State

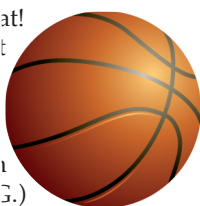
By Jerusalem Tukura
Editor

The Minot State University Beavers got their first home Northern Sun Collegiate Conference win of the season Friday against University of Minnesota Duluth, 78-72. Although Minot State had a slow start and was down by 12 points at the end of the first quarter, the Beavers overtook the Bulldogs in the second half. MSU put in more shots in the 3rd quarter, outscoring UMD, 20-9, and putting the Beavers ahead, 58-54.

"I feel great!

Honestly that was the best game that we've had all year," Mariah Payne (Fr., G.) said, "and it was enjoyable to be a part of. It was an even spread of scores — it was a team win. We had so much fun out there. The energy in the whole dome was just amazing and, like I said, it was just enjoyable."

There were ups and downs to MSU's play in the second half,



however. The Beavers could have secured an even bigger win if not for a shortness of rebounds in the second half, which cost them potential points. A key play toward the end of the third quarter from Payne and Kori Eurich (Sr., G.) showed the kind of strategic play that had been missing throughout the season.

"I was under a bit of pressure at the top, got myself stuck, and then I saw her cut and [I] hit her," Payne said. "For her to pull off that shot was the best feeling. I think that's when we knew we

had sealed the win."

With such a slow start, one would not have expected Minot State to explode the way they did in the second half.

"We were desperate for [this win]. Hungry for it. It's been a long time coming. I think we've been close a few times and we just keep working, we have a great attitude, and our kids never give up," head coach Sheila Green Gerding said.

Payne had been injured and out of play for most of the season. This was her first game back and

she had an outstanding performance.

"Mariah has really, really good court vision," Green Gerding said. "She sees the floor well. She gets into a gap and just distributes so well. I think our other point guards are capable of doing a lot of things, but I just think there's a little something extra there, and it's just nice to have it back."

As Payne said, it was a team win, with points coming from all over the roster. Key players were Payne with 13 points, including
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Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU freshman guard Mariah Payne looks for an open teammate. The Beavers defeated the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs, 78-72, Friday at the Dome.

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two 3-pointers; Kristal Flowers (Jr., F.) with 10 points and five rebounds; Eurich with 11 points and five rebounds; and Diondra Denton (Jr., G.) with 10 points and five rebounds.

"[This win] means everything to us," Eurich said. "We've been struggling a little bit. Our last win was a conference win against St. Cloud. We've really been focusing, especially this week, because we know these are two winnable

games. We got this one, and tomorrow should be the same."

Unfortunately, the following home game Saturday was not the same. Although Minot State had an early lead at halftime, 39-35, the lead was relinquished by the end of the third quarter with St. Cloud State leading, 49-58. The game ended with St. Cloud on top, 69-76.

Madison Wald (So., G.), Eurich, Kari Clements (So., G.), and Flowers led the Beavers in scoring. Wald came out with a DII school

record with six 3-pointers and led team scoring with 24 points. Eurich contributed 16 points and six rebounds; Clements, 10 points and Flowers scored nine points and had eight rebounds.

MSU travels to University of Minnesota Crookston on Friday and to Bemidji State University on Saturday. These will be the final games before the NSIC Tournament begins.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU sophomore guard Madison Wald shoots a layup in a game against St. Cloud State University in the Dome Saturday. SCSU defeated MSU, 76-69.

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problems, along with math problems to help the team win.

"It was a really good achievement for us, and it is something that we can put on our résumés," Margaryan said.

Along with being able to apply that achievement to a résumé, each team member received \$300.

Margaryan's family is back home in Armenia, but he has made many friends here in America, and has even traveled to some countries in Europe. In his spare time, he enjoys playing soccer, and says he plays quite often, along with watching movies. He also loves to travel. He has been to six or seven states so far in the U.S, but would like to see the East Coast since he has not been there yet.

Once Margaryan has his degree, he plans to become a software developer and create programs. Even though he doesn't have a specific company in mind, anything related in software development would be fine, he says. Margaryan will graduate December 2017.



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CNA: Provide direct quality nursing care to patients under the supervision of the RN-LPN on duty and direction of the Nurse Manager. Must have current North Dakota CNA certificate. Full Time, Part-Time, and Limited Part-Time positions available at Trinity Hospital, Trinity Clinics and Trinity Homes. **HIRING BONUS AVAILABLE** to qualifying applicants.

DIETARY AIDE: Assist in the food service to patients and guests at Trinity Hospital as well as provide a high level of sanitation to all work areas. Will stock supplies and food items within the department and nursing pantries. Full Time, Part-Time and Limited Part-Time positions available at Trinity Hospital and Trinity Homes.

COOK: Prepare food according to the menu and production sheets using standardized recipes for portion control and to meet the standards of therapeutic diets. Full Time position available.

HR GENERALIST: Responsible for meeting with new staff daily to review benefit information, processing employee benefits, and providing admin support in various areas of employee benefits. Experience with Family Medical Leave helpful. Strong organization, clerical and customer service skills are a must. Full Time position available.

DISTRIBUTION ASSISTANT: Maintain various Par Rooms at designated locations throughout Trinity Health along with the picking and delivering of supplies and equipment to all designated areas. Valid Drivers License is required.

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