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Gov. Burgum delivers State of the State Address



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Gov. Doug Burgum delivers his State of the State address from Ann Nicole Nelson Hall on Minot State University's campus Jan. 23. The governor has made higher education a focus of his administration. He created a task force to examine the governance of high education late last year. The Bismarck Tribune reported, "general fund appropriations for higher education dropped to \$625.8 million in the current two-budget cycle, down from a high of \$910.6 million in 2013-15."

Keeping Title IX policy

SGA endorses national appeal letter to U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos

By Mia Lupo
Comm 281

Betsy DeVos, the U.S. secretary of education, announced during a speech at George Mason University on Sept. 7, 2017, that the Obama-era guidelines on Title IX were a "failed system" and would be rescinded.

She mentioned plans to reform the guidelines without giving detail to all that would entail. In her speech, she presented testimonies of both sexual assault survivors and those falsely accused of sexual assault, seemingly deeming both crimes equally severe.

DeVos hit home the message that, what she called, victims of false accusations have been treated unfairly in different universities across the nation as a result of Obama-administration guidelines and that she planned to implement more just proceedings in the foreseeable future.

Since DeVos' announcement, universities raised concern over DeVos changing these guidelines.

Minot State's Student Government Association was approached by a representative of Georgetown University's Student Government to sign and forward a letter GU authored (See Page 2) to DeVos asking her to uphold the

guidelines as they are.

"We voted to endorse this letter to show that Minot State supports the current Title IX guidelines as they stand. It's nice because more than 200 schools endorse this (letter) so it gives it a little more weight," Aaron Richard, student body president, said.

The letter mentions concern over raising the standard of proof of evidence needed to penalize the abuser, and currently that is the issue many are divided on.

According to the article, "The Takedown of Title IX" by Kathryn Joyce published in the New York Times, those in support of DeVos' reform favor a higher standard of proof because they believe the lower standard has been a cause of false accusations.

The article also mentions that the Obama administration lowered the standard of proof to the "preponderance of evidence," which is commonly used in civil lawsuits because criminal penalties are not on the line.

"These are not criminal cases,"



Richard

Lisa Dooley, Minot State Title IX coordinator, said. "Title IX is a civil matter. Victims have the opportunity to report it to law enforcement and go through the criminal process. All we're looking at is that students can attend school and be free from discrimination. I don't want to take that away."

Dooley explained that a higher standard of proof could deter students from coming forward with their sexual assault cases because they may feel as though they are not supported by their school. She also mentioned that before the 2011 guidelines, individuals were often blamed for the assault they experienced and were then unfairly interrogated about matters like what they were wearing and what their sexual histories were. This is often referred to as victim blaming.

Currently under DeVos, schools now have the option to choose which standard of proof they want to use in their cases.

"Now, schools get to choose what they enforce and how they do their disciplining and documenting. It's up to the institution. It's not mandated," Richard said.

Richard also explained that

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News in Brief

Club funding meeting

The MSU Clubs and Student Organization (CSO) committee, under the Student Government Association, meets every semester to assist clubs that are seeking funding. Clubs submit proposals for what they need money for and, based on that, CSO decides how available money is distributed.

This semester's meeting takes place two days in a row and is mandatory for clubs seeking funding to attend one of the sessions. The first takes place Thursday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. in the Weslie Room, third floor, Student Center, and the second is Friday at 7 p.m. in Old Main 104.

LCM hires campus minister

The Lutheran Campus Ministry at Minot State University hired Deacon Anna Dykeman to serve as campus minister at MSU. Dykeman replaces Christoph Schmidt who left his position last May.

Dykeman who previously served at Dickinson, N.D., congregations, began her work at MSU earlier this month. Her office is located on the second floor of the Wellness Center. She can be reached at 701-858-4170 or anna.dykeman@minotstateu.edu

LCM continues to offer free soup from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Student Center, along with worship service Wednesday evenings in the Multicultural Center. Lutheran Campus Ministry has served the students of MSU for more than 75 years.

Learn to defend yourself at self-defense workshop

The MSU Career Center and the POWER Center invite MSU students to take part in a self-defense workshop Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Wellness Center.

Students will learn basic self-defense skills and are asked to dress in comfortable exercise clothing.

This event is free to all MSU students. For more information, contact Lynda Bertsch, MSU Career Center director, at 858-3996.

Become a student ambassador

Enrollment Services at Minot State University is looking for future student ambassadors. Student ambassadors must be familiar with the MSU campus and give campus tours to prospective students. Tours take place Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Student ambassadors are able to work around their class schedule.

To apply, go to the Minot State website, search for Enrollment Services, and fill out the online application form.

2018-19 scholarship application available, deadline Feb. 15

Minot State University offers a variety of scholarships funded from gifts to the university. The scholarship amounts vary depending on student eligibility and the availability of funds. Scholarships are based on academic achievements, financial need, and other criteria as defined by the donors.

New freshmen, returning students, and graduate students attending MSU for the 2018-2019 academic year can fill out the electronic scholarship application on the Financial Aid website, MinotStateU.edu/finaid/scholarships.shtml, and click on, "2018-2019 MSU Scholarship Application." Students will receive an email confirmation when their application has been submitted.

The deadline for the 2018-

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The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary of Education
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary DeVos:

As an incoming Secretary, you pledged a renewed effort to protect students from sexual violence and to ensure fair procedures throughout the investigatory process. As students on college campuses across the nation, we share your concerns about the rash of assaults on campuses as well as the way in which campus authorities respond. However, we write to you today to express our concern that the proposed revision of Title IX guidelines on university campuses will place an undue burden on survivors of sexual assault.

It is well known that a majority of survivors never come forward publicly. Though every survivor of an assault may have a different reason for not reporting, it seems clear that the stigmas associated with rape and sexual assault are a contributing factor across cases and campuses. We believe society and our own student communities are making progress to reduce victim shaming and victim blaming, no doubt in part prompted by Title IX guidelines that help ensure that allegations cannot be ignored.

Our concern is that this progress will be impeded by the new guidelines under your consideration, namely, raising the burden of proof necessary for a finding of responsibility will decrease the willingness of universities to launch thorough investigation proceedings. Without clear, unwavering commitment from elected officials and government leaders, yourself chief among them, it will be too easy for school administrators to prioritize the avoidance of bad publicity over holding perpetrators responsible for their actions. Consistent policies and strong enforcement make campuses safer, allowing all students to be able to focus on learning in and out of the classroom and building the skills necessary to achieve in a globally competitive work environment.

This is why we respectfully urge you to reconsider proposed changes to Title IX guidelines in order to continue upholding the spirit of past guidelines that empowered survivors to feel safe reporting an assault. We believe it is both possible and critical that the guidelines continue to emphasize the responsibility of collegiate administrators to make campuses safer and stay responsive to the needs of survivors while also ensuring the rights of those accused.

Sincerely,

Last semester, the MSU Student Government Association, along with more than 200 other schools, endorsed this letter written to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. The letter voices concerns about DeVos' proposed changes to Title IX requirements.

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Minot State has students' best interest in mind.

"A lot of students will be comforted to know that the student body of Minot State and different offices on campus really support the current standards that we have and the current way we approach different issues. It's nice

to know that there's stability within our university," Richard said.

In 2017, Minot State's Title IX office finished the year with 44 reported sexual discrimination cases, which is double the number of cases Dooley started with in 2015. She expressed that this increase means that, under the prior office's guidelines, students

are feeling safe enough to come forward when they experience such discrimination.

"I look back at the Obama administration, when they began all these changes, and how much we have done. We've made so much progress," Dooley said. "I would hate for us to now go backward."



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

The newly-constructed seasonal air-supported dome sits over Herb Parker Stadium. The dome provides access to the field during the winter season.

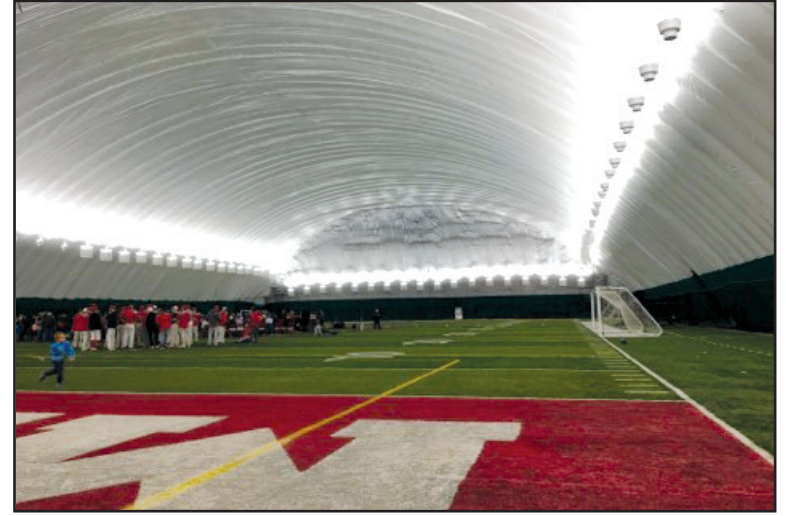


Photo by Kellie Sink

The air-supported dome provides ample room for athletes, students, and the community.

A dome of opportunities for students and community

By Kellie Sink
Comm 281

The new air-supported dome at Herb Parker Stadium is quite literally that — a dome filled with air that covers the football field. The air dome is constantly being filled with warm air and pressure making for a comfortable environment available not only to the community but also MSU athletes throughout the winter months.

"Honestly, it's great to have. It's surreal still, being in here. Last year we were still in the Dome at this time," Justin Demary, senior baseball pitcher, said. "It was honestly really hard to get up and get ready for baseball season. Just with this being here it feels like baseball season already — it's a game changer just to be in here to practice."

The air dome cost approximately \$2 million. The city of Minot's Community Facilities Fund awarded \$1 million. The additional \$1 million was raised from private donor support through the MSU Development Foundation.

"It's a dual purpose facility. From an athletic standpoint, certainly we will use it a lot with baseball, softball, soccer, and golf," Roger McAfee, assistant athletic director for community and media

relations, said. "There will be some available times for the community to come out and do whatever it is whether it's hit golf balls, walk, or play games."

One concerning factor, however, is the unknown life span of the air dome.

"I don't really know what the

life of it is — hopefully a long time — we spent almost \$2 million dollars on it," McAfee said. "We'll obviously take it down every year and then put it back up, which probably will decrease the longevity of it just from doing that. But I certainly think it's something we hope to have for a long time."

Plans for the community include two hours on Sundays for a golf driving range for youth followed by hours open for public use such as walking, golfing, playing catch, etc. According to McAfee, there are plans to host youth tournaments under the dome in the future.

"It will be a place to improve the quality of life for young people and families," Thor Nelson, coordinator for Magic City Youth Softball said. "The air dome will become a place for youth to learn and grow, and potentially attend MSU to be used for their athletic career to come."

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Empathy shapes perspective

For the U.S. president to reportedly refer to Haiti, El Salvador, and African countries as “shitholes,” shows his lack of empathy and incompetency to understand other perspectives as a world leader.

To some degree, we all have empathy. Without it, we are unable to understand others, care for the ones we love, and more importantly, believe the things we believe and shape the opinions we hold. That is to say, our perspectives are significantly based on empathy.

The ability to recognize and understand the struggles of a group of people and support their perspective, if not inculcate it, suggests a strong sense of empathy, which is a real gift. Our worldviews are built on empathy because every time we identify with a certain perspective or movement, we must consider how that standpoint was shaped or formed.

To the student who is here at MSU because you are following in the footsteps of someone you know, you are potentially here because you saw it work for someone else. To the faculty who extended a deadline because a student wasn't feeling well, you accommodated because you understood that he or she needed the extra time to succeed. The faculty member who extended the deadline is demonstrating the same extent of empathy a white person uses to understand the social movement Black Lives Matter, for example. One does not need to experience something to understand the impact.

Lack of empathy is a reason why the privileged are unable to acknowledge that they are privileged, and that other groups of people, unlike them, are not.

We must be empathetic beings.

Between the Lines



The self-described 'least-racist' president

By Dan Fagan
Staff Writer

President Donald Trump spent Martin Luther King Jr. weekend telling reporters that he is the least racist person they had ever interviewed. Trump felt compelled to assert his moral purity after reportedly using vulgar language during a meeting with senators to discuss immigration policy. According to multiple reports, senators from both political parties confirmed that Trump had referred to the nations of Haiti, El Salvador, and the African continent as “shithole countries.”

In his meeting with senators, Trump argued that the U.S. should take more immigrants from predominantly white countries like Norway.

Mitt Romney, the 2012 republican presidential nominee, responded to Trump's vulgar comment by tweeting “The poverty of an aspiring immigrant's nation of origin is as irrelevant as their race. The sentiment attributed to POTUS is inconsistent w/American's history and antithetical to American values.”

Romney's tweet brings

up an important question — who cares where an immigrant is from as long as they have the work ethic and desire to succeed in the U.S.?

It is lamentable that Trump would make such a divisive comment days before the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s monumental efforts to advance civil rights. Then again, divisiveness and indecency continue to be the driving forces behind almost everything that comes out of Trump's mouth.

“It's pretty embarrassing when you have to take your children out of the room just so you can report the news,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.)

For those who worship at the altar of Trump and praise him for eschewing political correctness, his “shithole” comments are beyond political correctness. They embolden a kind of thinking that stands in direct contrast to the values and progress that people like MLK Jr. fought so hard for. These are the kind of comments that inspire hate and are beneath the office of the American president. Or at least they should be.



On Movies



'The Post'

By Yun Ji Nam
Staff Writer

“The Post” begins with the American military strategist Daniel Ellsberg stealing top-confidential documents, the Pentagon Papers, after his realization of the U.S. government's deceptions about the Vietnam War. He questioned why the government continued to send “boys” to South Vietnam if it was a “lost cause”?

After the government blocks the New York Times from further publishing the documents, the Washington Post gets a hold of the photocopied Pentagon Papers and must decide whether to publish the material or not.

Journalists and editors are shocked by what they read. If published, the U.S. government's lie about the Vietnam War will be publicized. What about the publication's fate? What about national security? Is the freedom of the press for the governors or for the governed? Where does the truth lie between doing right or wrong in performing the press' most essential role?

“The Post,” directed by Steven Spielberg, asks such hard-hitting questions, yet somehow, these pull the emo-

tional strings in our hearts at the same time.

Tom Hanks acts as Post editor Ben Bradlee, who is thoughtful, hard-driving, and acts in accordance with his own creed. Hanks has created a charmingly charismatic editor on screen who never ceases to follow his morals.

Meryl Streep emits her own captivating energy playing Kay Graham bringing elegance, sensitivity, and strength to one person. Graham, the publisher of the Washington Post, is still adjusting to the work environment that her deceased husband has left up to her. She is often times worried, stressed, and shaken, but the unavoidable final decision is solely upon her: to publish the Pentagon Papers on the front page or remain silent.

The decisions that the characters in “The Post” have to make may be simple, yet the gravity of such burdens is far too heavy. The very matter is not about drawing an easy line between the press and the government. In fact, it involves people; people who breathe and change. The decision requires Graham to fight through her heartaches

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Meeting student needs through accommodations

By Katie Moore
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Disability services are available for students to have equal opportunities while learning. Students who have had trouble learning in school in the past and have had documented disabilities are eligible to receive help in certain areas that they struggle in.

"Don't be afraid to access services, and there is nothing wrong with being inter-dependent, and that's what an individual should really strive for," Evelyn Klimpel, the coordinator of disability services on Minot State University's campus said. "We are always saying to be independent, really we need to teach people to be inter-dependent, so that they know what the resources are in the community, if and when they should need them, and that can go for any student on campus."

There are approximately 150 students currently being helped on campus through accommodation services including books on tape, note takers, extended time on tests, private/quiet room for testing, oral testing, scribe serv-

ices, adaptive equipment/assistive technology, and interpreters and captioning.

According to the Disability Services' mission statement found online, "The mission of the Disability Support Service Office (DSS) is to ensure a comprehensively accessible University experience where individuals with disabilities have the same access to programs, opportunities and activities as all others."

Services are offered to any student who has, or can obtain a disability waiver (doctor's note), that clearly states they are struggling in that certain subject. They also have courtesy temporary services available to students who have gone through accidents such as a broken arm or other injuries that interfere with mobility.

Students who think they could benefit from these services should contact Klimpel at 701-858-337 or online through the Minot State website under Student Services. All the services are free for MSU students and are offered at any point during the year.

New parking system a success for students

By Katie Ingerson
Comm 281

This past fall, a new parking system was implemented on campus in order to simplify parking for students and employees. Students are now able to park in any lot on campus under their specified section, "S" for students and "E" for employees. With the previous system, students were assigned a lot and could only park in that specific lot. In addition, a new parking lot was added and students have many more options for parking.

"It gives you the freedom to park closer to the buildings where you have classes. It's nice to have that flexibility," Aaron Richard, Student Government Association president, said.

There was a lot of discussion on parking prior to the passing of the new system because of a number of issues that existed with the old system including running out of passes quickly and having to walk all the way across campus to classes from the assigned lots.

Overall, the implementation of the new system has been a success.

"So far, so good," Richard, who has heard very few complaints

about the system, said.

"The new system is way better than before. There is not as much of a struggle to find parking," Jessica Ostlund, a junior at MSU, said. "Students are paying for their passes, so it shouldn't be so difficult to find a spot. It's much simpler now."

A few issues have been brought to SGA's attention by students. Some upperclassmen were frustrated because they were unable to find spots where they used to park with the old system. According to Richard, since the parking system has been in place for a while, most of these students have now embraced it and the new flexibility.

"I hope that everyone is taking advantage of it and buying a parking pass and parking anywhere they want on campus," Richard said.

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and insecurities, in order to become a stronger person with determination. In "The Post," a situation is given, and the characters simply act upon it as they are.

In "The Post," we see people fight courageously with their typewriters. Portraying these warriors of truth, Spielberg completely owns the movie — another masterpiece. When Bradlee and his fellow journalists finally open up a box of Pentagon Papers, it is with the anticipation of Indiana Jones opening a 1000-years-old treasure chest of mystery. Newspapers are being printed in a manner that reminds one of marching armed-soldiers, ready to fight. Spielberg demonstrates his brilliant touch of cinematic Midas in every corner of the film, creating any mood he so desires like many gifted filmmakers do. "The Post" is slow, but steady, and it hits you hard like a gust of quiet storm.

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2019 MSU Scholarship Application is Feb. 15, 2018.

Some MSU scholarships available for the 2018-2019 school year require a separate application form from the electronic application. Visit the MSU Scholarships/Awards website, MinotStateU.edu/finaid/scholarships.shtml, and look under "Additional scholarship Information" to locate applications for these scholarships.

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Study Abroad information



MSU Study Abroad coordinator Kaitlyn Anderson and International Studies Abroad (ISA) representative JoEllen Mueller (from the left) visit with MSU students Aylin Ergin and Joel Jones about opportunities to study abroad.

Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

Pinterest night brings out students' DIY talent



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura
MSU students (from the left) Kaitlin Walker and Kyla Grandy make wall hangings with yarn and dowels. MSU Life sponsored the event Sunday in the Beaver Dam.



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura
MSU students (from the left) Hannah Scheffert and Aileen Cheong spin yarn.

Become a resident assistant

Aylin Ergin
Comm 281

On campus housing is looking for future resident assistants.

"The resident assistant job is more than just a leadership opportunity on campus. This position will allow students to discover their natural talents and to have the opportunity to utilize those talents to better themselves," Camila Van Dyke, residence life coordinator, said.

Minot State University has five residence halls, in which each floor is covered by a resident assistant.

"I first found out about the job from posters around campus and from my one of my RAs last year," Ziad Kadry, a current resident assistant in Cook Hall, said. "I wanted to become an RA because I love helping people.

Helping others is an essential part in being an RA. As a resident assistant, one has to be able to listen to and advise others. They must also know campus policies. An RA is a role model to residents by helping them step out of

their comfort zones.

"The help of my last RA inspired me to become an RA myself," Yunji Nam, a current resident assistant in McCulloch Hall, said.

Both Kadry and Nam are first-time RAs and didn't have any experience at it.

"It's a really good experience for people to find out more about themselves," Nam said.

Both have learned to be patient, and that patience is important to have, especially as a leader. In addition to patience, their time management and social skills improved by planning community events for residents as well as interacting with them on a 24/7 basis.

"The RA job teaches you a lot of stuff that you wouldn't get from any other job, so I think everyone should give it a try," Kadry said.

The online application is available through the housing website and is open until Feb. 5.

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MSU students (from the left) Mosope Osiyale, Faith Babadi, Rafena Tulona, Cassie Augustin, and Yun Ji Nam enjoy free food provided by Sodexo Food Services in the Beaver Dam.

Late Night Dam Right

By Aylin Ergin
Comm 281

Last semester, Sodexo Food Services at Minot State University offered free food in the Beaver Dam to MSU students from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. every day of the week. Various menu items were given so there was something for everyone from salads to nachos.

Sodexo supplies and prepares all the food offered in Student Center. Its mission is to meet student needs and improve student life. Sodexo heard from students that they needed options for the night after the cafeteria closes and Sodexo made sure it happened.

"I think it's good that they got the free food, it keeps all the athletes well fed throughout the night," Troy Kowal, a redshirt freshman football player and broadcasting major, said.

"I really like the free food offered because it is nice when it's like 9 p.m. and you don't want to go spend money or drive somewhere to get food," Connor Beeston, a sophomore accounting major, added.

One of the questions most asked on campus is how Sodexo could afford to give out free food with all the budget cuts happening on campus. Patrick Friley, Sodexo general manager, explained that Sodexo is not part

of the university and, therefore, is not affected by the budget cuts like the rest of the campus is.

All students who are currently active, which means that they are enrolled at MSU and have no holds such as unpaid parking fines or tuition due, are eligible for the free food in the Beaver Dam at night. New changes this spring include ID swiping whenever ordering food.

Although Sodexo rotates menus, students have noticed issues with the food.

"Sometimes the food does not have enough meat or vegetables, and I'm definitely tired of rice," Kowal said.

"They need to mix it up a bit more, but I do like the diversity of the different types of food they have," Verstob added.

Sodexo is currently working on improvements to make the experience better. Sodexo hopes to implement a fountain machine soon and is planning to have some food already prepared so students don't have to stand in a long line to get food.

The menu rotation is available on the Bite App. MSU's Student Government Association has been influential in the late-night food service and is open for suggestions. Sodexo will serve free food through March 9.



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The new student-athlete academic success center sits ready for use in the Dome. Individual study areas are available along with an adjoining team room.



Academic center offers opportunities for student-athletes

By Destond Hall
Comm 281

The Dean Frantsvog Academic Success Center is set to open Friday. The project took approximately seven months to construct according to Dean Frantsvog, a business professor and the faculty athletic representative at Minot State University.

"Before we actually got into motion with building the center, we had meetings with the Athletic Department to see what they wanted and what the donors wanted," Frantsvog recalled.

Donors who helped contribute money toward the Dean Frantsvog Academic Success Center include Vibeto Orthodontics, United Community

Bank, American Trust Center, and MSU faculty members Dean and Sara Frantsvog.

The center is available to all student-athletes and is designed to meet the needs of individuals in one area while whole teams can meet in the adjoining team room. Frantsvog said that he believes it will help student-athletes academically on campus.

"Athletes' time is very precious; whether it's practicing, competing, or weights. On top of that, they must go to classes, do homework, and study," Frantsvog said. "Anything we can do to help the academic progress of our student-athletes will make me very proud."

Rick Hedberg, former athletic

director at MSU, came up with the idea several years ago to have a student-athlete study center on campus, and Frantsvog liked the idea of that and tagged along.

"One day Rick Hedberg said, 'Wouldn't it be great to have all these student-athletes here working out, practicing, and studying in the Dome? The one thing they don't have here is a place to study,'" Frantsvog recalled.

To make room for the study center, an old racquetball court and classroom were remodeled into a study-like lab with computers, desks, and chairs. The Dean Frantsvog Academic Success Center is accessible from the second floor of the west side of the Dome.

Sports in Brief

Women's basketball takes two on the road

Over the weekend, the women's basketball team traveled to Bemidji State University and University of Minnesota Crookston. The Beavers came away with two wins, defeating Bemidji, 81-70, and Crookston, 77-67. The Beavers host Winona State and Upper Iowa this weekend.

Rudolph secures points standing, earns 5th conference award

Minot State's Tyler Rudolph scored enough points for all time second place in career standing at Minot State University.



Rudolph

Rudolph secured the award after leading the Beavers to home victories over Minnesota State and Concordia-St. Paul.

Rudolph also captured his fifth Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference North Division Player of the Week honor Jan. 15.

Men's Basketball lost 73-80 last Friday against Bemidji State but took a win against the Minnesota Crookstones on Saturday, 80-77.

Eull and Arevalo get wins

The Beaver wrestling team lost Friday to top-ranked St. Cloud State University, 6-32, but did win two matches.

Senior heavyweight Mitchell Eull used a third-period take-down and then held off Lawrence Phillips for a 3-2 victory over the 10th ranked wrestler in the nation.

MSU also received a victory from Dean Arevalo at 125 pounds. Arevalo, trailing until the final 15 seconds of the third period, used a takedown and a four-point near fall to claim the 12-9 win.

Johnson earns NSIC honors

(MSU Sports Information) — Senior Holly Johnson received Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference North Division Player of the Week honors for the first time this season, the league announced Monday.

The Minot native averaged 23.5 points, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals in two games.



Johnson

Johnson scored a game-high 24 points and tied her season-high with 12 rebounds in the 77-67 win at Minnesota Crookston.

In Friday night's win, Johnson scored 23 points while notching four assists and three steals in a 81-70 win at Bemidji State.

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Athletic teams battle for coveted Beaver Cup

By Taylor Rizzari
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This year, student-athletes are not only battling teams from rival universities on their respective fields, they are also battling each other for the prestigious Beaver Cup award within Minot State University.

"Student athletes are all about competition," Roger McAfee, MSU assistant athletic director for communication and media relations, said.

Last May, the Athletic Department hosted an the BSPYS award show, based off of the well-known sports award show produced by ESPN. The women's soccer team reigned over the other squads after being crowned Team of the Year at the end of the night. This year, however, the staff decided to mix it up a bit to determine the "best team" on campus.

"Athletic Director Andy Carter created the idea for the Beaver Cup as a way to encourage a fun and competitive way to strengthen the Beaver family, along with creating a culture of excellence by reward-

ing excellence," McAfee said.

Teams can earn points in varying categories. These include community service hours, team GPA, all-conference team selections, and athletic event attendance. Social media accounts of the Beaver teams are followed in order to track the attendance of athletes at varying events by using #MSUBeaverCup. McAfee also spoke to the fact he does not want teams to be present simply to earn points or see it as a mandatory event.

"It's not a requirement. We want you to be there because it's important for your peers to see you there in the stands rooting for other members of the Beaver family," McAfee said. "It is truly an enjoyable experience to observe athletes supporting fellow athletes."

Teams on campus, however, do vary in size, so the attendance is based on percentage of present team members. Points are tallied each week, and coaches are notified of standings between the teams on campus. Whichever team accumulates the most points at the

end of the year will receive the coveted Beaver Cup trophy along with a plaque for that calendar year.

While the competition is about earning points for the success in the classroom and on the field, there're also points for serving in the Minot community as a whole.

"The Minot community supports us, so in turn we want to support them. They have consistently given us a positive reaction in terms of our athletes' community involvement, which is a great thing to see," McAfee said.

The men's basketball team stands out in the area of community service. So far, the players have compiled more than 200 hours of community service through lunch room visits with local elementary school students and hosting skills camps.

"It is important for student athletes to support each other, do well in the classroom, and serve the community," McAfee said. "We want to help develop them into exceptional people on and off the field."

Men's hockey wins, 10-2, against Arizona State Sun Devils



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MSU senior Carey Morrison skates down the ice. The Beavers host Midland University on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Maysa Arena.

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MSU senior Tyler Rudolph attempts a free throw against Minnesota State Mankato earlier this month. The Beavers defeated the Mavericks, 91-83, in overtime.



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MSU sophomore Mariah Payne dribbles past a Minnesota State defender in the Dome earlier this month. Beavers lost, 54-72. Minot State will host Winona State Friday at 6 p.m. at the Dome.



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MSU senior Luis Ricci Maia dribbles past a Minnesota State opponent in the Dome earlier this month. The Beavers will host Winona State Friday at 8 p.m. at the Dome.



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MSU senior Diondra Denton takes a shot against Minnesota State Mankato.

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