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Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

A sign taped to a trash can on campus depicts a text conversation about recycling. The text reads "How close is the nearest recycling?" and "R U walking that way?"

## Minot State's recycling culture needs change

By Jerusalem Tukura  
Editor

The recycling culture at Minot State University, and in Minot at large, as compared to other higher education institutions and cities is almost non-existent, according to management junior Alex Osvold.

"To be honest with you, the recycling culture here is weak compared to other big cities," Osvold

emphasized. "Big cities have a lot of incentives to recycling — a lot of reason to recycle."

Although there is at least one recycling bin in every building on campus, the problem does not seem to be the quantity, but the usage.

"I think we need education on this campus," Gretchen Ingledue, custodial superintendent and for-

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TOP: MSU senior Ryan Fila speaks to students in the Beaver Dam. Fila's presentation was based on inspiring others to overcome obstacles.



LEFT: MSU students Ryan Fila, Celestino Rodriguez, Jerusalem Tukura, and DeAndra Miller answer questions from the audience.

## Fila presents 'College: My Story, Your Story'

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Comm 281

Minot State senior finance major Ryan Fila took the stage in the Beaver Dam earlier this month to share his life story with the goal of inspiring others to overcome obstacles in their lives and to embrace discomfort. According to Fila, one shouldn't quit even though something might not seem like the perfect opportunity at the moment.

"I reflected on my college

experience and thought about crucial points for me and where

**"He taught me in such a short amount of time, a lot of life lessons."**

— Joel Ramnath, freshman physical education major

it came from and what point I could use for that to help other

people and their story," Fila said.

In his presentation, Fila encouraged his peers to use mistakes to fall forward and create their own environment. He stressed the way people respond to situations defines who they are.

"I like how he went in depth about his past and pursuing his dreams," Kywan Owens, a junior criminal justice major, said.

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# MSU responds to HLC draft report

By DeAndra Miller  
Staff Writer

The Higher Learning Commission visited Minot State University last October to perform its regular ten-year accreditation evaluation. Since then, MSU administration has been working on responses to recommendations and questions made in the HLC site visit team's report.

Laurie Geller, vice president for academic affairs, recently traveled to Chicago to present to the HLC, along with MSU President Steven Shirley and Minot State faculty members Daniel Ringrose and Linda Cresap.

"There were a few things they had concerns about, so part of that process allows for us to write a response to some of those things," Geller said. "We wrote a response in early February where we were able to add additional evidence and address some of the questions that they had. That was sent, and then there was follow-up, but we won't have a final decision until June."

One area of concern was consistency between course syllabi.

"There are some things that we addressed like cleaning up some syllabi and assessment processes, so we started that process and took some things to fac-

ulty senate — just to make sure syllabi had, at minimum, certain things on them that they (the HLC) wanted to make sure were on them. So, we've done that, and faculty senate moved some stuff through and approved it," Geller said.

In terms of the syllabus updates, Geller does not believe that all syllabi should be identical across campus but believes that the standards are beneficial for students.

"It's for the students. It isn't just for HLC. It's so that students know what to expect when they're in a class," Geller stated.

Overall, Geller believes the HLC visit helped the campus determine strengths and increase quality all-around.

"It gives us feedback about what we should do better and that's really what assessment is for," Geller said. "It lets us take a look at ourselves and say, 'Here's what we are doing well, keep doing this,' and ask what we need to improve."

Though the improvements and changes go through the HLC, Geller's foremost concern is that the changes benefit the students first.

"It's not that we do it just for HLC. It's important to do it for the campus, for quality, and for students," Geller said.

# News in Brief

## Campus Players to host 10-minute plays

Minot State University's Campus Players invites everyone to a 10-Minute Play Showcase. The performances will feature MSU student playwrights, directors, and actors in 10-minute plays performed in the Black Box Theater both Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is by freewill offering. All proceeds benefit Campus Players.

MSU theatre major Annika Kraft organized the event in fulfillment of her senior project.

## Red & Green honored with multiple awards

The Red & Green's special series on race (Oct. 26 and Nov. 16 issues) was recognized by the North Dakota Professional Communicators in its 2018 College Communication Contest.

Nine Minot State student reporters were also recognized for their work in writing and photography. Aylin Ergin, Dan Fagan, Corey Keller, DeAndra Miller, Yun Ji Nam, Chad Olson, Monica Rivera, Tu Tong, and Jerusalem Tukura were all recognized for individual contributions to the Red & Green.

Specific honors and category wins will be announced at the North Dakota Professional Communicators' conference April 27 in Fargo.

## 'Three women who made history at MSU' presentation Tuesday

Minot State University history professor Bethany Andreasen, along with MSU history

students Carly Egge and Sharon Emrich, will present "Three Women Who Made History at Minot State," Tuesday, March 27, at 12:30 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.

The presentation will tell the stories of long-time faculty members Huldah Winsted, Hazel McCulloch, and Eva Valker Hartnett. All three devoted great time and attention to Minot State and the wider Minot community.

The event is in celebration of Women's History Month and is sponsored by the Minot State Diversity Council. It is free and open to the public.

## Run for Easter egg fun

MSU Life is hosting an Easter egg dash for MSU students on the field of Herb Parker Stadium. Students collect eggs filled with candy as well as some tickets for bigger prizes.

The event takes place Tuesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the air-supported dome.

## DECA invites students to Professional Mentorship Summit

The Professional Mentorship Summit, hosted by the MSU Collegiate DECA, takes place Tuesday, April 3, from 12:20 to 1:50 p.m.

Students attending will have the opportunity to choose from a list of 15 business leaders to visit with during the summit from the areas of accounting, management, marketing, finance, entrepreneurship, and management information systems.

Visits will be made in groups of six to eight

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# Financial aid priority deadline approaching

Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step toward getting federal aid for college or graduate school. Students can start preparing for the fall 2018 semester by filing their FAFSA now for the 2018-2019 school year. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and quick.

The FAFSA determines eligibility for only one academic year, therefore, students must apply for financial aid every year. Even if a student only received loans the previous academic year, the FAFSA should be filed every year. The fed-

eral need analysis formula is complex enough that even a simple change in circumstances may have a big impact on eligibility for need-based financial aid.

For example, an increase in the number of children in college may significantly reduce a family's expected family contribution (EFC), which would increase eligibility for financial aid.

For the fall 2018, spring 2019, or summer 2019 semesters, students returning to Minot State University should complete and submit the 2018-2019 FAFSA online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.

Enter the MSU school code, 002994, on the FAFSA to have information sent to MSU. Submit the FAFSA by April 7 in order for the MSU Financial Aid Office to receive your FAFSA results by the priority funding deadline of April 15. Students meeting the priority funding deadline will be considered for all federal student aid programs including the Federal Pell Grant, Direct Loan, Work Study, and Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant programs. Applications received after the priority deadline will be accepted, but funding may be limited to the

Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loan programs.

To log in and sign FAFSA electronically, students use their Federal Student Aid (FSA) username and password. If a parent signature is needed on the FAFSA, the parent must apply for their own FSA username and password. The FSA ID, a username and password, replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN. If a student or parent has not yet created an FSA ID, this can be done online at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>. The FSA User ID is used to submit the FAFSA and to access all Federal

Student Aid websites.

In the "finance" portion of the FAFSA, the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) should be used, if possible, to transfer data from a student and/or parent federal income tax return to the FAFSA. Using the DRT will ensure accuracy and possibly avoid being selected for verification.

The Financial Aid Award Notices for returning students will be available on Campus Connection in early June.

For more information, contact the MSU Financial Aid Office at 1-800-777-0750, 701-858-3375 or [financialaid@minotstateu.edu](mailto:financialaid@minotstateu.edu).

# Voices on Campus

“What is your biggest fear?”



**Adedayo Adeleke**  
*Biology*

“I think my biggest fear is going to hell. I believe in God. After everything is over, spending eternity in burning fire would really suck.”



**Daler Rustamov**  
*Computer Science*

“My biggest fear is people realizing that I use women’s perfume. I only use it on Saturdays because I don’t want people around when I smell like a woman. It smells better than guys’ cologne.”



**Drew Keierleber**  
*Athletic Training*

“Letting someone down is my biggest fear — disappointing someone that really loves me.”



**Ryan Fila**  
*Finance*

“My biggest fear is leaving the world and not having left the impact that I should have.”



**Stephanie Sundhagen**  
*Chemistry Education*

“My biggest fear is graduating, becoming a teacher, and then not being a very good teacher.”



**Travis Barnes**  
*English Education*

“My biggest fear is that I have no accomplishments so far and I fear that, in the future, that won’t change.”



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## R&G Editorial

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### *You are what you wear*

Famously, the saying goes, “You are what you eat,” but the same applies to what you wear. Big companies spend millions of dollars on branding and marketing for the purpose of portraying and maintaining an image for their brand. That image depicts the style of the brand and the kinds of people that style suits best. Take adidas, for example — the brand is geared toward sporty people or people who want to be identified as sporty. To appeal to such people, the company advertises using athletes and other public figures who people know to be sporty or athletic. Brands don’t just sell products, they sell identities.

It is human nature to judge by appearance and brands have become part of our judgment scheme — we make implicit conclusions based on what people wear, such as their income level, interests, and educational background. When we see a man with a powder blue or baby pink sweater tied across his shoulders wearing khakis, we automatically identify him as belonging to the upper class. In fact, to an extent, we search for cues that point us toward such conclusions so as to adequately categorize people and interact with them accordingly.

Making such conclusions is not necessarily a bad thing, unless it is used to discriminate against people. Recognizing our tendency to buy into a brand because of the image it portrays is the first step to owning our image instead of the image being sold by the brand.

## Broadcasting to offer social media concentration

By Mykal Drosdal  
Comm 281

Beginning fall 2018, the broadcasting program at Minot State University will offer a social media concentration. It will primarily focus on the ever-expanding world of social media that most students are exposed to every day allowing them to gain further knowledge and new skills in social media.

Christina Paxman, assistant professor of broadcasting and communication arts, is one of the creators behind the concentration. She said the concentration was made because of social media’s growing importance in a workplace.

“This concentration was born out of a need for professional expertise in social media communication and the quickly growing industry of social media,” Paxman said. “We know a lot of students graduate and go on to work in social media in some way, so we designed this concentration to involve important components of social media — this includes writing, photography, videography, graphic design, crisis management, and social network analysis, among other things to guide various social media efforts.”

Courses involved in the concentration are COMM 120: Introduction to Broadcasting, COMM 224: Social Media, Writing, and Design, COMM 460: Advanced Television and

Social Media Production, and ART 112: Print, Web, and Social Media Graphics. The concentration will also incorporate activity courses involving social media activities, such as COMM 281: Reporting & Editing, COMM 283: Television Activities, and COMM 284: Radio Activities. The social media concentration will include hands-on learning through projects within and outside the classroom.

“This concentration will involve working with a lot of people in the social media industry and the Minot community, too. We’ll have some of them visit or Skype in as guest speakers and collaborate with them on projects. We want to continue to provide lots of hands-on experience for our students,” Paxman said.

Current students would need to change catalogs to add this concentration, but the coursework is open to any major.

“It is a really marketable and eye-catching concentration for any student to have on their resume, no matter what a student’s major is. If they are interested in any sort of professional communication or mass mediated communication in the work place, this concentration has great experience they can’t find elsewhere,” Paxman said.

Students interested in the concentration should see Paxman, Neil Roberts, or Nicole Thom-Arens in broadcasting.

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mer president of MSU’s Sustainability Committee, said. “We have signs everywhere at the pickup points saying this is recycling and this is not. We need more education on what to do. If you have drinks in a plastic container, rinse it out, otherwise Kalix won’t take it.”

Currently, Minot State recycles paper, plastic bottles (without the cap/cover), aluminum cans, and corrugated cardboard. Given that there is only one staff member who handles recycling, Randy Hartley, it is most efficient for members of the community to be mindful when recycling. Plastic bottles should be recycled without the caps, and any recyclable that contained a liquid other than water should be rinsed out, as Kalix does not accept such.

“My biggest thing is when people leave water, pop, or juice inside the bottles,” Hartley expressed. “I have to dump it out, and if it’s a pop can that’s open, that’s really a mess because you pick it up and it goes all over you.”

Kalix is the only operating recycling center in Minot, presently. Last year, Earth Recycling closed due to a fire, and there is no word yet as to whether it will reopen. Earth Recycling offered more recycling as they also accepted post-consumer waste such as glossy cereal boxes and slick cardboard.

Osvold and three other

MSU students saw the need for recycling on campus and decided to use a class project as an opportunity to hold a recycle drive last year.

“We read an article about how the recycling center burned down [last year],” Osvold said. “We thought that’s interesting and we should do a recycling drive. Plus, there’s not a lot of recycling programs here.”

After a hiatus, the MSU Sustainability Committee had its first meeting last month to discuss the future of sustainability on campus. Ingledue reported that the committee had lost touch due to differences in schedules and more pressing issues that came up such as budget cuts; however, Minot State has tried to maintain its emphasis on recycling over the years.

“When Dr. Fuller (former MSU president) was here, he pretty much emphasized that everybody should take their stuff to the recycling bin,” Ingledue said. “He didn’t want everyone counting on custodians to do everything for them. He wanted everyone to pitch in. We have tried to carry that on since his leaving us.”

The consensus on what needs to be done in order to improve the recycling culture on our campus is simply education.

“Signs don’t do a whole lot of good because people just don’t seem to acknowledge them that much,” Hartley said.

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Photo screenshot from Lyft website

Both drivers and customers must create online profiles via the Lyft app to utilize the service.

## A new ride in town: a Lyft review

By Kellie Sink  
Comm 281

Minot has recently added a new form of transportation, Lyft. The process of getting a Lyft is simple. Download the app, enter in the requested information such as telephone number, email address, home address, work address, card number, and lastly, the option of a picture for recognition.

Aside from getting a ride, Lyft offers and relies on community members to give the rides, offering a new employment opportunity as well.

Dustin Stenvold, a local Minot resident, has been a Lyft driver for a few weeks.

"It's a nice part-time, side job to make some extra money," Stenvold said. "Becoming a Lyft driver is very easy. Go into your app store, download the Lyft driver app, give them your driver's license, registration and

insurance, go through a background check and two or three days later, you're in."

The experience of a Lyft ride is similar to that of a taxicab, but the security is more advanced. There are ratings given to drivers and also to riders. If the ratings of the driver on the way are not ideal, the rider can deny the ride and wait for another. The app allows the customer to see the car on the way along with exact time until it arrives. Upon arrival of the ride, the app will send a notification to the rider's phone, letting the rider know the car is waiting.

Both the driver and customer set up a profile. The option to upload a picture while setting up a profile may seem imposing at first, but it provides security and can ensure ride safety. A comfortable experience is the goal for both the customer and driver.

"I have nothing bad to say

about this so far at all. Every customer has been friendly. I say nothing but good things right now about it — 10 out of 10. It's a great job so far and it's nice to have it in Minot finally," Stenvold said. "I enjoy it. I love driving and meeting new people. It's always a good experience."

Not only can a Lyft ride be secure and comfortable, it is also fast and affordable.

"It's different from regular cab companies. I know customers love Lyft because we are here in five minutes instead of an hour. It's a lot cheaper for customers — a lot more affordable, which is another reason why I love it," Stenvold said.

With set rates for rides to and from work and promo codes available, Lyft can cost less than a traditional taxi, which makes it a convenient addition to the community.

## Beards, music, food and art coming to MSU

By Katie Ingerson  
Comm 281

Minot State will host the 10th annual Beardstock Saturday, March 31, from 1 to 8:30 p.m. in Hartnett Hall.

Beardstock was formed as a creative way to help raise awareness about the issue of homelessness in the Minot community and western North Dakota.

"People usually think of homelessness as a bum sleeping on a bench. A lot of the time it's a single mom with three children trying to afford to pay rent, the heat bill, and the grocery bill," Dan Hansen, MSU alumnus and the founder and chief organizer of Beardstock, said.

The vision statement of Beardstock is to create a platform to make social injustices

known through music and art.

"The Minot Area Homeless Coalition helps people on the edge of homelessness. A lot of their work is to prevent people from becoming homeless who are on the brink," Hansen said.

The event will include local live music, food trucks, beard contests, a beard-selfie photo booth, and live screen printing. This year, the event will also feature a Minot State arts alumni reunion, art exhibits, and improv performances.

Admission is \$10 for the public, but is free for college students with a current MSU ID.

A list of the bands, schedule of events, and ticket information is available at [www.iamrtl.com](http://www.iamrtl.com) or on the Beardstock 2018 Facebook page.

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students with time to ask questions about their field of study and work, work experience, and professional advice, and learn to

build effective business relationships with fellow students.

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# Spring formal held at Minot State



Submitted Photo

MSU students pose for a group photo at the spring formal. The MSU International Club organized the event. Student Government Association and Student Activities sponsored the event.



Submitted Photo

MSU seniors (from the left) Saurabh Bhagat, Ayaka Ohi, Study Abroad and International Activities Coordinator Kaitlyn Anderson, and MSU sophomore Swapnil Talekar pose for a photo by the mocktail bar at the spring formal.

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"Him not giving up motivates me to go on and pursue my dreams even if someone tells me I can't."

"I saw the posters around campus for this event, and I'm glad I decided to come out to it," Nacion Reese, a sophomore criminal justice major, said. "When I read the title and it mentioned his story, I wanted to find out more about him. When Ryan mentioned that mistakes are not comfortable, but they're great lessons, that really caught my attention. It taught me that it's ok to make mistakes; don't be scared. So, if I make a mistake, I could learn from it."

Students packed the Beaver Dam to show support for Fila and hear his story. Throughout his speech, Fila wanted to inspire audience members to be better people.

"He taught me in such a short amount of time, a lot of life lessons. I needed to hear this especially with me going through my college career," Joel Ramnath, freshman physical education major, said. "Even when he mentioned his father's death, he still didn't really sit back and mope around. Even though it hurt him, he stayed strong. You can't undo the stuff that happened in life."

"You will fail a few times in life and I think by making the mistakes it's really going to help you learn and at least get better with what you're trying to accomplish in life," Fila's teammate and junior broadcasting major Kylar Sharp, said following Fila's presentation. "Keep moving on and just never quit."

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ABOVE: Minot Symphony Orchestra rehearses in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall.

RIGHT: MSU senior Erik M. Anderson sits at the piano in a practice room in Old Main. Anderson recently received the Minot Symphony Orchestra's Young Composer Competition award.



## Student Spotlight ...

# Erik Anderson

By Tu Tong  
Comm 281

The Minot Symphony Orchestra selected Minot State University senior Erik M. Anderson as its winner of the first annual Young Composer Competition. The symphony performed his winning composition, "Prologue," at its concert on campus earlier this month.

"Winning is a pretty cool opportunity, a really cool way to end my undergraduate career," Anderson said. "It's a capstone moment for me."

Anderson, a Minot native, is majoring in music and minoring in business. He plays saxophone, sings, and composes. His parents, J. Erik Anderson and Dianna Anderson, are both music faculty members at Minot State.

"Music has always been with me. My mom started me on the

basics on piano when I was really young. I learned several instruments over the years," Anderson said.

The MSO Young Composers Competition was open to composers under 30 years old living or studying in North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming. The work must not have been performed or read by a professional orchestra before. Winning the MSO Young Composer Competition also included a \$500 cash award and a recording of the winner's piece.

Anderson spent about three months completing his work, "Prologue."

"This is not the first composition but it's my first writing for that large of instrumentation," Anderson said. "The composition is about a seven-minute work for symphony orchestra — full brass,

wind, and percussion sections. It has two main themes throughout the entire thing. I don't really have names for them, but you hear them in the music. One theme starts and the other theme kind of goes against it — some kind of internal struggle going on. When the piece finishes, the ending is not exactly a resolution but more of a resolving of something about to begin, something larger. It relates to why I called it 'Prologue.'"

Anderson is applying to graduate programs for composition to refine his skills in that area.

"I would love to be a resident composer somewhere for a symphony, or jazz band, or an opera company, or get into film scoring — that would be something really cool," Anderson said. "I have lots of ideas but it is only in the future that I will find out where I will actually go."

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## Sports Editorial

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### Athletes beating spring fever

Spring semester is difficult. Students are burnt out after a long fall semester, Spring Break is never long enough, April seems to drag on for years, and the impending summer tantalizingly beckons. Spring semester is when my motivation level is at its lowest; I go out less, participate in less, and generally hide away waiting for the winter to ebb away and the sunshine to set in.

Other students more than likely share the same sentiments, even our spring student-athletes, but spring is when sports may get hidden in the fray.

Both golf and track and field events are held out of town. Baseball is off-campus at Corbett Field, and softball is off campus at the South Hill Complex. It may seem like sports are not actively happening on campus, but the players are still exercising their talents despite spring fever.

It is amazing, to me, that student-athletes balance their coursework, and even extracurricular activities, while also exerting physical effort on a regular basis through competition.

Though the previous semester has many of us lagging and yearning for May, our spring athletes are dealing with their classes, getting to practice, and representing MSU in the final weeks of the academic year. If they feel burnt out or worn down, they sure don't show it, and that alone is worth some commendation.

# Sports in Brief

## Rudolph named All-American

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State senior Tyler Rudolph was named to the Basketball Times All-American on Sunday.



Rudolph

Rudolph was named to the third team and was the lone representative from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference to be named to the team. Rudolph becomes the first MSU men's basketball player to earn All-America honors since Aaron Patterson was named Honorable Mention All-American by the NAIA and becomes the first MSU player to receive the honor in the NCAA Division II era.

Rudolph has been tabbed First Team All-Central Region by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association, First Team All-District by the NABC, Player of the Year by the NSIC and First Team All-NSIC this year.

Rudolph led the Beavers in scoring, rebounding and field

goal percentage. He is currently third in the NSIC averaging 21.0 points per game, ranks fifth in the conference averaging 7.7 rebounds per contest and is third in the league shooting 58.4 percent from the floor.

Rudolph broke the MSU career scoring record on Jan. 27 in the Dome and finished his career with 1,987 points. He also broke the MSU career rebounding record on Dec. 9 and totals 921 in his career.

Rudolph, who was named the NSIC North Player of the Week five times this season, also finished second in the NSIC career scoring with 1,494 points.

## Eull finishes 6th at NCAA Wrestling Championships, earns All-America honors

(MSU Sports Information) — Minot State senior Mitchell Eull finished sixth at the NCAA Division II Wrestling



Eull

Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, earlier this month.

Eull posted a 2-1 record on the opening day of the tournament to become the first Beaver to earn NCAA All-America honors.

Eull earned All-American status at 285 pounds against a familiar foe as he faced Lawrence Phillips of St. Cloud State in the consolation round with a 2-0 win. Eull was 1-2 on day two and finished the tournament with a 3-3 overall record to earn sixth place.

Eull, who finished the season with a 32-7 overall record, had a storybook senior season for the Beavers. He broke the Minot State career wins record, became the first Beaver to win an NCAA Super Region title, became the first MSU wrestler to advance to

the NCAA Championships, registered the first NCAA Championship win in school history and became the first Minot State wrestler to earn NCAA All-America honors.

## No. 2 women's hockey goes to national championships

The women's hockey team, seeded No. 2 in the west, culminated their season playing in the championship game of the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II National Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

The women lost the championship game to the No. 1 seeded **See Sports in Brief — Page 11**



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## Beavers help with Special Olympics



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Sophomore defensive back Kyeer Geisinger (right) referees an adult basketball game at the Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament in the MSU Dome earlier this month. Many student-athletes volunteered to help at the event.

## Baseball has high hopes

*MSU begins conference play with Winona State, goes 3-1 on weekend*

By Taylor Rizzari  
Comm 281

Minot State University baseball players are looking to build off the momentum of last year's run in which the Beavers tied the school record for wins in a single season with 29, going 23-17 in conference play. MSU also won its first ever Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference tournament game with a victory over University of Minnesota-Crookston. This year, the Beavers have bigger goals.

"My expectations for this team are through the roof. I only expect the best from the team, and I am sure the team expectations are the same," freshman pitcher Sam Larson said.

In terms of improvement, head coach Scott Eul feels that in his second year at MSU, there have been steps forward in all aspects of the game.

"I think our arms have thrown really well so far, that is where we are going to compete," Eul said. "Now our offense, that is where we are going to make our money all year. We have a good pitching staff and a good offense, so it's fun to see them get better and chal-

lenge each other. We have been trying to hype up the competition a little bit more at practice, and get those competitive juices flowing everyday."

The ability to practice at full capacity may play into the development of success for the team as they prepare for conference contests. A key to this success is the air-supported dome (the bubble).

"The bubble has been huge for us," senior pitcher and second baseman Justin Demary said. "It really gives you (the team) a live look instead of what we had in the Dome. It gives us a chance for live at-bats, live pitching, and the guys are really taking advantage of what we have here."

The Beavers recently competed in four games against Pittsburg State University at Kansas and played two games against Concordia University — St. Paul at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. The team went 1-3 in Kansas and split its series against Concordia. This was the first time the team got to see action outside the air-supported dome.

"I don't think we played our style of baseball. It wasn't the best

weekend for us, but it is definitely something for us to build off of," Eul said when he spoke of the Kansas trip.

"I think we are going to build off of what we did last year and really run with it. We will just have to see where that takes us," Demary said.

The Beavers opened NSIC play Saturday in La Crosse, Wis., against Winona State University. The Beavers got a pair of wins with scores of 11-5, and 9-7.

Pitchers Justin Demary and Jaymon Cervantes earned the wins, respectively.

On Sunday, the Beavers split the doubleheader, losing the first game, 5-7, before taking the win, 9-5, to end the series, 3-1.

Jeremy Sylvester was credited with the win in game two, and junior Darrel Doll hit a grand slam in the top of the ninth inning to break the tie and give the Beavers the 9-5 win.

The men travel to Mankato, Minn., to play Minnesota State. The doubleheaders, weather permitting, are set for Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday at noon.

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# Football players help with Special Olympics

By Destond Hall  
Comm 281

Several Minot State University football players recently helped with the Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament in Minot. The group coached and cheered on the participants at the event. Kylar Sharp, junior quarterback, and Jemal Williams, freshman defensive back, were two of the seventeen who helped with the event last month.

According to Williams, volunteering helps student-athletes get out in the public and represent Minot State.

"When I heard about this opportunity to help with Special Olympics, I quickly wanted to sign up and be a part of it," Williams said. "I am only a freshman, so I wanted to go out and see what this was about. It looks good and shows good character when you help kids and even adults that don't have the ability to do things you could."

"The Special Olympics event was a community service opportunity that I wanted to participate in," Sharp said. "I like to go and get them hyped up to enjoy the games they love playing, just like how we enjoy the games we love playing."

Players helped coordinate drills involving teamwork and individual challenges.



Photo by Destond Hall

MSU football member Jemal Williams hands a basketball to a participant in the Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament last week.

***"When I heard about this opportunity to help with Special Olympics, I quickly wanted to sign up and be a part of it."***

— Jemal Williams

"One of the drills, I was actually one of the coaches with my teammate Nikko Walker. It was a game where Nikko had the timer and the participants had to pass me the ball and I'd throw it back for them to catch it," Williams said. "Every time they caught the ball, that was two points for them, and if they threw me a nice chest pass back it was two points, but if they threw me a bounce pass, it was one point."

The Special Olympics event involved both children and adults. Teams got to play basketball without limitations on what they could and could not do.

"They all knew how to participate and played the right way. Most importantly, they had fun doing it," Sharp said.

"Basketball was the best game to help with. The kids knew how to play the game without me even telling them what to do and the adults were competing like it was an NBA game," Williams said. "I loved it, overall I thought it was pretty cool, I gained a couple friends."

Williams and other Minot State student-athletes also volunteered at the Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament earlier this month on MSU's campus.

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team in the west, Lakehead University, 1-5.

The women began the tournament by dominating pool play, outscoring their three opponents, 25-7.

First, they defeated the University at Buffalo, 7-3. This was followed by a win against Liberty University, 8-3. They won their pool by defeating Montclair State University, 10-1.

The Beavers met North Dakota State University — for the seventh time this season — in the semifinal game. Having defeated NDSU all six times, the Beavers defeated the Bison, 3-1, advancing them to the championship game Sunday.

Freshman forward Sami Jo Henry scored the lone point against Lakehead. Henry was one of the leading tournament scorers, with 11 points over the course of the tournament.

Leading tournament scorers also included sophomore forward Mackenzie Balogh and junior forward Vanessa Grimstad with 12 points and 11 points respectively. Goalie Shelby Tornato had 69 saves over the course of five tournament games.

The Beavers ended their season with a 25-5-1 record.

The ACHA recognized three Beavers for regular season awards.

Balogh and Tornato were named to the All-American First Team. Grimstad was named to the All-American Second Team. Balogh was also named the Zoe Harris Player of the Year.

**No. 1 MSU upset by Illinois in ACHA national tournament**

The No. 1-ranked Minot State University men's hockey team made it to the final four in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division I National Championships in Columbus, Ohio, earlier this month before getting knocked out by No. 5-seeded University of Illinois.

The Beavers lost to the Fighting Illini, 4-2, ending their season

with a 38-3-1 record.

Sophomore forward Blake Fournier scored the first goal for MSU followed by a goal from MSU junior defenseman Kyle Lipinski in the first period.

The Beavers were scoreless in the final two periods in spite of outshooting Illinois, 48-22.

In earlier tournament action, the Beavers got a 5-1 opening-round win over No. 16-seeded University of Arizona.

Sam Briscoe scored two goals for the Beavers while Shain Scheschuk, Dylan Johnson, and Lyndon Lipinski each scored one.

In quarter round play, the Beavers defeated No. 9-seeded University of Colorado, 2-1, with goals from Bryce Lipinski and Johnson.



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