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## Texas natives at MSU reflect on Hurricane Harvey

By Aylin Ergin  
Assistant Editor

The masses of rain caused by Hurricane Harvey left tens of thousands of people in Houston, Texas, homeless. Entire districts and streets were cut off, leaving some people with only what they could carry.

Minot State students Cameron Wilson and Brileigh Boyce, both from the greater Houston area, reflected on

**"Any help is good help"**

– Cameron Wilson

what loved ones, still in Texas, are facing.

Wilson, a junior, said his family was able to move in with his grandmother, who lives in Katy, Texas, but was not flooded. Wilson's family had access to a grocery store, but supplies were limited.

"My friends got supplies at different stores to stock up," Boyce said. "Many stores sold out of bottled water extremely fast."

Being away is difficult for both Wilson and Boyce, and they try to talk to friends and family daily, but not being able to help is hard.

"As a broke college student I can't do anything," Wilson said.

One of Wilson's friends lost everything when he left his home with only a backpack. Now he's helping others in the same situation.

"It's been cool seeing people who've lost everything still be willing to help," Wilson said of seeing social media posts.

In addition to major disaster relief organizations, celebrities are also calling for support for hurricane recovery.

"There are a lot of donations but one that really touched me was the J.J. Watt's foundation that reached \$30 million after Jimmy Fallon donated to help Hurricane Harvey victims," Boyce said.

Wilson wants people here to know donations are needed.

"Any help is good help," Wilson said.

Donations can be made directly to Harvey relief through the American Red Cross.

All five living former U.S. presidents came together to form the One America Appeal. Donations can be made through that website to help communities in Texas, as well as those in Florida devastated by Hurricane Irma, rebuild.

## Security personnel cuts made

*Lighting and cameras updated*

By Jerusalem Tukura  
Editor

Minot State University has undergone a lot of changes in the past year due to state-mandated budget cuts, which included the elimination of about 50 positions throughout campus. Almost every department was impacted by cuts including safety and security.

According to Gary Orluck, director



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura  
MSU security officer Shaun Hill checks a locked doors on campus.



There are 25 fully-functioning blue lights on campus.

of safety and security, MSU campus security is down to five security officers, which eliminated 24-hour security on campus.

In the past, Minot State security officers served as an intermediate to maintain control of any serious incident before the Minot Police Department arrived on the scene. With the elimination of this option, during the times of no coverage, Minot Police Department is now the first contact of security.

"They are primary, but also in addition, the Ward County Sheriff's Department and the

North Dakota Highway Patrol also have jurisdiction on campus as well," Orluck said. "So, we have three agencies we can call upon if there is an incident, and normally, Minot PD is the first call. Usually they are here within five minutes. ... It's not like we are on an island and there is nobody around. We have a memorandum of understanding and my personal relationship with the chief and senior staff at the police department as well. We communicate on events."

Minot State has set into  
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## News in Brief

### *POW/MIA table to be dedicated in cafeteria*

Minot State University, in conjunction with Sodexo Food Services, will honor veterans by placing a POW/MIA table in the Beaver Creek Cafe to honor soldiers who have never come home.

The 30-minute dedication takes place Friday at 10:30 a.m. and will include representatives from MSU, Sodexo and the Minot Air Force Base.

The empty table will be on display indefinitely.

The MSU Veterans Center sponsors the event.

### *Homecoming King and Queen voting set for Tuesday and Wednesday*

Voting for Homecoming King and Queen will be open to all Minot State students Sept. 18 and 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students must have a valid I.D.

There will be free food provided while supplies last.

King and Queen Coronation takes place Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m., at the MSU Community Block Party on 11th Ave. NW, near the Dome. The event is free and open to everyone.

## Campus Players promise surprises at 24-hour Play Festival

By DeAndra Miller  
Staff Writer

Minot State University's Campus Players is putting on its annual 24-hour Play Festival this weekend in Aleshire Theater, Hartnett Hall.

This event is a favorite of the acting troupe on campus, as they write, produce, direct, and perform a series of 10-minute plays, all within 24-hours. The festival culminates with a performance open to the public on Saturday.

Madison Thompson, president of Campus Players, explained how the plays make it on stage within only a few hours after the scripts are written.

"The directors come in Saturday morning and are given one hour with the script to make a plan before the actors come in. From there, it's a fast-paced day of rehearsals, memorizing, and

preparing for the show," Thompson said.

From there, Thompson believes the true entertainment will be in the expectation; viewers will never know what type of play is coming next and may find themselves surprised with horrors, comedies, dramas, or love stories. The enjoyment is in the surprise.

Admission to the festival performance is \$5. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the show beginning at 7:30 p.m.



## StepUP! and make a difference

By Alyson Heisler  
Comm 281

Several new posters around campus read, "Beavers don't let friends drive drunk." This campaign is only the beginning for the recently implemented StepUP! a bystander intervention program.

Karina Stander, a wellness specialist at Minot State, said the goal of the program is "to encourage our university community to pay attention to what is going on around them and to help others as they are able."

The StepUP! program was created by Becky Bell, associate ath-

letics director at University of Arizona. Stander attended a webinar presented by Bell in the spring.

"I left the webinar excited to make a difference on campus," Stander said.

The key to success for the program is student involvement to spread the message of becoming more observant about our surroundings to ensure a supportive environment on the MSU campus.

Ryan Fila, a student involved with launching the program, said that it's a reminder to support each other in a variety of situa-

tions.

"We are all in college, some far away from home, young and old, from vastly different cultures. And we must be there for each other," Fila said. "Whether that means on a Friday night, where bad decisions can easily be made, or on any day of the week when someone is having a rough time in their personal life."

If you are interested in learning more about StepUP! or about attending one of the presentations to become more involved, contact Stander at [karina.stander@minot-stateu.edu](mailto:karina.stander@minot-stateu.edu).

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motion plans to outsource a security company during the least problem-prone times on campus in the next couple of months, according to Brent Winiger, vice president for administration and finance. State protocol is causing the delay.

"The contract has to go through the attorney general and their lawyers have to approve. Although the state is trying to keep us out of trouble, unfortunately, it has delayed us," Winiger said.

Outsourcing eliminates the cost of employee benefits, which makes it a more affordable option.

"Benefits run about 50 to 60 percent at that wage level. The outsourcers don't have to do that. They don't have to abide by the state laws like we do, so it ends up being way cheaper," Winiger said.

Further security enhancements include the addition of new lights around the campus. MSU received a \$400,000 grant from the state which was used to replace most of the lights on campus. This modification was necessary as the university still made use of old sodium halide and fluorescent lights.

"We have replaced those with LED lighting which is a brighter, whiter, more intense light," Brian Smith, the director of facilities management, said. "These bulbs and fixtures have a 15-year warranty. It's less maintenance. It's the best lighting technology that has come around in years."

The upgrade to the lighting on campus is an advantage because it provides more visibility at night and, therefore, increases security.

According to Smith, most of the new lights have been installed and the entire project should be completed by the end of the month.

In addition to the new lights, new cameras are to be installed using the remainder of the grant. Currently, there are 327 cameras campus-wide. An additional 95 cameras will be added in order to ensure coverage from different angles and of areas that were previously hidden from the cameras.

"I don't think most people realize right now that we have [about] 400 cameras on campus," Smith said. "Almost every corridor is covered — stairwells, entrances, and parking lots."

The funds for the cameras were also provided through a grant from the state of North Dakota. It was administered

through the university system and appropriated by the legislature under the title 'Security Enhancements to the University.'

In addition to the live cameras, which record and save footage for a 30-day period, there are blue lights. These distinct cameras serve as a means of security which would prove valuable in the absence of security personnel.

"Blue lights [were] finished up about a year and a half ago. It was covered by a separate grant that was almost \$700,000," Smith said. "With that, we put 25 cameras all around the campus."

Since completion, the blue lights have been fully functional.

In anticipation of the campus returning to 24/7 security coverage, students, faculty, and staff should be advised to be vigilant.

"There is no way to make it 100 percent safe anywhere you go, and so, people need to show good judgment sometimes, too, and just keep their ears and eyes open," Winiger said.

In the meantime, Winiger and Orluck are open to discussing security concerns with students.

"We are open to talk to any students who want to chat about any security issues or any suggestions for improvement," Winiger said.

# Voices on Campus

“Are you helping with relief efforts for victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma? If yes, how?”

By Aylin Ergin  
Assistant Editor



Felicia Arias  
Biology

“Unfortunately I’m not helping out any victims of the hurricane because I don’t have any money right now but when I get paid, I will donate.”



Andrea Donovan  
Arts & Humanities Associate  
Professor

“My heart really goes out to everybody impacted by Harvey and Irma. What I plan to do is contribute money. I can’t go down there to help, but I hope to make a painting dedicated to the victims.”



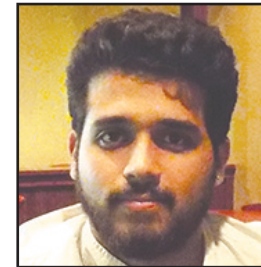
Mia Lupo  
Communication

“Our cheer team is thinking of having a bake sale and or a donation box to put in shirts and hygiene products.”



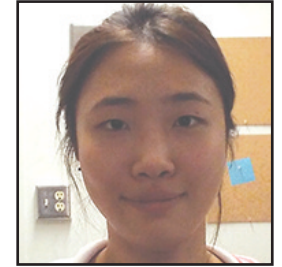
Jordan Pasley  
Addiction Studies

“I donated \$5 to relief efforts for Hurricane Irma.”



Rohit Tiwari  
Computer Science

“I did help the victims by donating an amount of money I could. It’s all online on a website.”



Yunji Nam  
Sociology and Addiction  
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“As soon as I get paid next month, I will help them, but as for right now, I can’t.”



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### Think beyond your sphere

There is a lot going on beyond the MSU community, and it is important that we keep up with current affairs. It is very easy to get caught up in one's own life and forget about the rest of the world.

Currently, President Trump is in the process of eliminating DACA, as you will read in more detail in the Between the Lines column, and two devastating hurricanes, Harvey and Irma, hit Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and the Caribbean islands in the past weeks.

The concept of a 'social network' does not only refer to the people you are directly connected to, but someone you know may know someone who knows someone being affected by one of these issues or another, as you read in our cover story.

Be mindful of what's going on outside of your sphere. Educating yourself on these affairs makes you a participating and contributing member of society, which is what we should all strive for.



By Dan Fagan  
Staff Writer

The Trump administration announced its decision to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program on Sept. 4. By doing this, President Trump has proven that he lacks the will or thoughtfulness to demonstrate moral leadership. Of course it would be too much to ask this privileged, wealthy, reality TV celebrity to put himself in the shoes of a working class immigrant who was brought into the country illegally.

President Obama implemented DACA in 2012. The aim of the program was to offer undocumented immigrants, who were brought into the country illegally, the opportunity to obtain a valid dri-

ver's license, enroll in college, or seek legal employment. It does not offer a path to citizenship.

The Obama administration chose to implement DACA due to a lack of initiative by Congress to pass a substantive immigration reform bill. The program targets individuals who entered the U.S. before their sixteenth birthday; many were infants or young children brought in illegally by their parents or other adults. These individuals have lived in the U.S. for as long as they can remember with no ties to their country of birth. They have lived an American life, attended grade school, speak English, and have no criminal record. These individuals are by legal definition, illegal immigrants even though they are

innocent of any wrongdoing.

DACA offers these individuals an opportunity to come out of the shadows and make things right. It allows them to continue to reside in the U.S. for two years with an opportunity for renewal after that two-year period.

Trump promised to resolve DACA with "heart and compassion," but if Congress fails to pass legislation on the matter, residents who are currently protected under DACA will be deported. Many will be deported to a country they don't remember where they don't speak the language.

DACA not only makes sense morally but financially as well. As baby boomers retire, it will become incumbent upon the younger generations to support

them through contributions to social security. As it stands now, there are not enough workers to support all of these soon to be retirees. The U.S. will be forced to bring in residents to learn the language, work jobs, and pay taxes to ensure our social security recipients are adequately covered. Why not give residency to hardworking people who are by all accounts American except for their birth certificate?

The future of DACA, or a similar program, is now in the hands of lawmakers. Hopefully Congress will take swift action to ensure that capable immigrants are given an opportunity to be tax-paying members of society and to live up to America's legacy as a nation of immigrants.

## UNITY Project comes to Minot State

By Jay Gaare  
Comm 281

With today's current political, social, and economic issues, it can seem like people have little in common. The UNITY Project, an event for students and the greater Minot community, is to help show how the community is connected, not divided.

"We have a diverse community within the student population," Beth Odahlen, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (CETL)

director said. "Sometimes our students might feel they don't have a lot in common here. This shows us we have similarities which can bring us together."

The UNITY Project is essentially a ring of 31 10-foot poles, with one center pole. On each pole surrounding the center pole, an identifier will be written such as "I'm a parent;" "I identify as LGBT+;" "I'm a survivor;" "I speak English as a second language." Participants will be given red

string to connect from the center pole to poles with which they identify. In the end, a large web of interconnected string will be a visual representation of similarities.

Chelsea Kirkhammer and Staci Kenny from the Minot Area Community Foundation, which provided the \$2,000 grant to make this project possible, contacted Odahlen with the idea of bringing the project to campus.

"It shows us that no matter

what, we are all united one way or another," Kirkhammer said.

The poles will be placed on the lawn in between the Gordon B. Olson Library and Swain Hall. Everyone is invited to participate Monday from noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Sept. 21-22, from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Homecoming promotes school spirit

By Andrea Orta-Diaz  
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Homecoming is much larger than just a football game. The many events are brought to you by several departments including athletics, marketing, student activities, and alumni.

This year, Homecoming runs Sept. 18-23 with a full docket of fun-filled events. There's something for most everyone. Best of all, most of the events are free for MSU students.

"Homecoming is an opportunity to celebrate Minot State University with alumni, current students and friends. No matter our differences, Homecoming festivities invite us all to come together to celebrate our campus and our community," Aaron Hughes, student activities director said.

There are many ways to participate. Some highlights include the Community Block Party Sept. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be games, club booths, and free food while it lasts. King and Queen coronation is at 6:15 p.m.

The Homecoming Parade is Saturday, Sept. 23, at 11 a.m., which will lead right into tailgating before the football game. The parade starts downtown and makes its way to the Dome along Broadway.

Tailgating will feature multiple campus clubs and athletic teams. Free food will be available for those who attend. First Assembly of God Church is providing the food.

This year's theme is "Beavers into Battle," and the football team will be fighting this year against the Winona State University Warriors.

Volleyball and soccer will have matches during Homecoming starting Tuesday with volleyball hosting the University of Mary. Soccer matches up against the University of Minnesota Crookston at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22.

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<b>Homecoming Court Elections</b> 12 - 2 P.M. Beaver Dam	<b>Homecoming Court Elections</b> 12 - 2 P.M. Beaver Dam			<b>Alumni &amp; Friends Reunions</b> 7 - 11 P.M. Holiday Inn (2200 Burdick Expy E., Minot)  Featured reunion groups: Broadcasting Deaf Education Soccer Wrestling Please register for reunions at MinotStateU.edu/Homecoming	<b>Parade</b> 11 A.M. Main Street > Broadway > Dome
<b>Build a Beaver</b> 7 P.M. Beaver Dam 	<b>Volleyball vs. U. of Mary</b> 7 P.M. MSU Dome (Military Appreciation Night: all active duty, dependents & retired military get in free.) 				<b>Tailgating</b> Follows parade 11th Avenue/Dome Free food while it lasts Reserve your student tailgate spot at MSUBeavers.com
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Photo by Chad Olson

Daniel "Monty" Montgomery stands in front of his establishment.

## Texas BBQ comes to the Magic City

By Chad Olson  
Comm 281

Unique restaurants in Minot can be hard to find, especially within walking distance of campus.

Located at 609 N. Broadway, Monty's Heart of Texas Barbeque is new to the Magic City.

Daniel "Monty" Montgomery, owner of Monty's Barbeque, hails from Goldthwaite, Texas. He first came to Minot while serving in the Air Force from 1986 to 1988 where he got his start cooking while on active duty specializing in food service. Monty returned to North Dakota back in 2008 to be closer to his children.

"I just like to cook, and barbeque is one thing that's not here in Minot other than Dickie's, and I have had this vision in my head before they even moved up here," he said.

There has been no shortage of customers since opening.

Cody Jacobsen, a repeat Monty's customer said the brisket sandwich was phenomenal.

"It's some of the best barbeque in town," Jacobsen said.

Jack Stevick, another Monty's customer said, "What we tried was absolutely excellent."

Making good barbeque takes hard work and dedication.

"If you try to rush it, you will mess it up, so you take your time," Monty said.

It takes between twelve and eighteen hours to make a good brisket, so he gets very little sleep.

"A lot of the time I run on sweet tea, cigarettes, and adrenaline," Monty said.

Monty's has a full menu of barbeque, including smoked turkey, pulled pork, sausage, and beef brisket. He also features potato salad and baked beans.

Monty plans on cooking BBQ until he can't run the smokers because of cold weather but will be in Minot for the long haul. Monty's is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. He is closed Saturday through Monday.



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## MSU hosts study abroad fair



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU students (on the left) Patrick Darulis and Heshani Samarasinghe make inquiries about studying abroad. The Study Abroad Fair was held last week in the Student Center Atrium.

# CJ majors, more than classmates

By Dan Fagan  
Staff Writer

Katy and Tyler Allers are classmates in professor Gary Rabe's Criminal Justice 222 class. But they are more than just classmates — they are also mother and son.

Katy began her education at MSU in 1984 but didn't complete her criminal justice degree. When she was hired by MSU as an administrative assistant for humanities in 2016, she decided she would take the opportunity to take classes part time to finish her degree.

Tyler, a senior transfer student from the University of North Dakota, enrolled in MSU this fall. He is majoring in criminal justice and plans to work in law enforcement.

After registering for their fall classes, both Katy and Tyler discovered that they were signed up for the same class.



Katy and Tyler Allers pose outside the Criminal Justice Department in Memorial Hall.

"When I found out, I told her she would have to take notes for me," Tyler said. "Then I realized that attendance was mandatory."

The benefits of attending the same class extend beyond note taking for the mother and son duo.

"We only have one book between us," Katy said. "I do my homework, then I give Tyler the book and he does his."

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## FYE students organize 5K FunRun

By Tu Tong  
Comm 281

The Homecoming 5K FunRun is an annual event hosted by Minot State University's First-Year Experience (FYE) students to raise funds for MSUWell's student scholarship.

The event is family-friendly and open to MSU students, faculty, and staff as well as the Minot community to entertain both children and adults on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Oak Park.

Karina Stander, Wellness Specialist and FYE instructor, said

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# Volleyball focuses on teambuilding

By Mia Lupo  
Comm 281

This season, MSU volleyball welcomes new head coach Dana Cordova to the team. Last season, the team ended with a 0-20 conference record that left the ladies less than satisfied. This year the team hopes to build from the ground up with their new coach to achieve a level of success like never before.

Coach Cordova is reshaping the team this season with new visions and principles.

"We're creating more of a disciplined culture, an accountability culture. We're staying true to our three core values: hard work, accountability, and discipline," Cordova said.

Her goals are simple.

"We're not concentrating on wins and losses. We're concentrating on doing the right thing and staying true to our values. Our ultimate goal is we just want to get better every day, every game," Cordova said.

Cordova explained that part of getting better includes focusing on every position individually to create a unified team, as well as building a faster offense and a better defense. She has also worked on the team's minds and bodies in new ways.

Cordova has taken on Beth Odahlen, director of Minot State's Center for Engaged Teaching & Learning, as a mental coach for the team. Odahlen has a degree and background in exercise science and sports psychology.

"We, as a team, have worked on team cohesion and group dynamics," Odahlen said. "As individuals, the women will work on different areas, including focus, self-talk, imagery, and other aspects of sport psychology." Cordova also implemented some physically demanding training to help apply the team's three core values.

"We brought in The Program which is a military group that took

them through some adversity training, making sure they had to come together to achieve goals," Cordova said.

The Program is an organization that puts together boot camps to push teams outside of their comfort zones and establish good leadership and teamwork. The players were led by an ex-navy seal and ex-professional basketball player to do military based exercises and drills like moving large logs shoulder-to-shoulder and treading water while taking sweatshirts on and off.

"It built us a lot because we had to depend on each other and hold each other accountable," Kelsey Dewulf, a junior setter, said. "You did it until you got it done and you moved on to the next obstacle. Now we look back at it and smile because it was amazing."

The team grew closer on the court as a result of The Program and Cordova's coaching influence. However, they have also grown closer as friends.

"We're inseparable. We're always hanging out. There's so much chemistry. There's no problems and no drama. I love my team," Karli Koza, a freshman libero, said.

The new coach and the new players have had a lot to do with the improved bond of the team.

"In past years, they had trouble with having good chemistry on the team. With the new coach came a fresh start. Coach Dana brought in a lot of positivity. With six new players this year, we're kind of a new team. We just wanted a fresh

start," Koza said.

Although coach Cordova has enjoyed growing the players as a team and as friends in the preseason, she also aims to improve them as students and individuals.

"First and foremost, they are students, and then they are athletes. We've got to get it done in the classroom. If that means missing practice, so be it; we'll catch them up. I'll never promise them a championship, I'll never promise them playing time, but I will promise them that they will get a degree, they will become better athletes, and they will walk out of here better people," she said.

The team has revamped themselves in the preseason to lead them to a fresh start this fall.

"This is the new MSU volleyball. We're going to shock a lot of people. No one has seen the team like this before," Dewulf said.

Cordova is excited for what's to come of this season with her team.

"We're going to be fun to watch. We are just going to keep getting better, and people should come and support us to see what we're all about," Cordova said.

The team rung in three wins against South Dakota Mines, MSU Billings, and Bemidji State earlier this month, with one loss to MSU Moorhead.

Last weekend, the Beavers lost on the road to the University of Crookston, 3-2, Minnesota State University, Mankato, 3-0, Northern State University, 3-0, and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, 3-0.

# Sports in Brief

## Woman's cross country place 5th

The MSU women's cross country team scored 145 points and placed fifth at the MSU Moorhead Dragon Twilight meet last Friday night to open their 2017 season.

Junior Jana Warrick-Jones ran 30 seconds faster than last year and finished 14th overall.

Finishing second for Minot State, Emily Westlake ran 36 seconds faster than last year and finished 28th overall.

## KMSU to air coaches show and pregame show

KMSU will air its first MSU Football Coaches show Monday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m. and will air a new episode every Monday after that throughout the season.

The station will also premier its pregame show, Beaver Saturday Showdown, at 10:30 a.m. live on game day, Sept. 23.

KMSU airs on channel 19.

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# Beavers host Augustana for home opener



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MSU junior Kiante Goudeau returns an interception 42 yards for a touchdown Saturday against Augustana University. Lavante Bushnell had a pair of touchdown receptions for the Beavers, while quarterback Zac Cunha threw for a season-high 275 yards.



Photo by Sam Wise

The Beavers had a six-point lead at halftime, but Augustana came back, scoring 14 unanswered points to defeat the Beavers, 28-20. The Beavers travel to Marshall, Minn., Saturday to take on Southwest Minnesota State. Game time is 6 p.m.

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MSU cheer team shows off its school spirit at the Scheels Tailgate last week at Dakota Square Mall.

## MSU cheer team lifts new spirit

By Katie Ingerson  
Comm 281

The MSU cheer team has gotten its season underway with the addition of a new assistant coach and, after tryouts last month, nine new cheerleaders making up a thirteen-member cheer team.

Britney Gardner, a senior and new member to the team, has been a dancer since she was two years old but is trying cheerleading for the first time.

"We've been learning a few cheers at a time; it's been a little overwhelming, but it's going well," Gardner said.

Head coach Berta Abernathey is excited about the new additions to the team. Many of the returning members are upperclassmen, but several freshmen joined the team this year. Abernathey said she hopes the new members will stay with the team throughout their time at MSU and continue to build their skills.

"We really get energy from each other and that's how we stay motivated," Courtney Hall, a returning cheerleader, said. "We have a lot of fun, so it makes it easy to get hyped up."

Assistant coach Kaylee Dale is

joining the team with nine years of coaching, dancing, cheerleading, and gymnastics experience.

"She will bring a good variety and fresh ideas to the group, and it's always nice to have an extra person to help," Abernathey said.

Hall is excited about having Dale as a coach because she will be teaching the cheerleaders how to tumble — a skill that the team has not done in previous years.

"I have many fresh ideas for choreography and stunting to really showcase the talent and athletic ability we have with the new

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## Soccer hosts Microtel Inn & Suites Minot State Classic



Photo by Jerusalem Tukura

MSU senior center midfielder Maritssa Perez dribbles the ball in Sunday's match against Fort Hays State University. The Beavers tied with Fort Hays, 0-0, and lost to Emporia State University, 1-0, in the Minot State Classic last weekend at Herb Parker Stadium. The Beavers host Crookston at 7 p.m. Sept. 22.

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this year's event begins earlier at 8 a.m. so participants are still able to join the Homecoming parade and tailgate.

After last year's FunRun, Stander was surprised by how many people in the community love to run, enjoy these activities, and wished to have more events like these. This encouraged her and her team to keep moving forward.

"There are two FYE classes cooperating to organize the event, so it will be expected to be more organized and better than the previous years," Stander said.

Madison Tiedman, a sophomore multimedia studies major, helped organize last year's event as an FYE student, and this year she is working with FYE classes as a peer mentor.

"FunRun is a good opportunity for freshmen to know each other and get involved with community service," Tiedman said.

Advertising and finding sponsors are two important parts.

Stander said, that in general, the Minot community is excited and willing to help as soon as they know that the purpose of the event is fundraising for the student scholarship.

There are three to four different stations during the route, and different race categories based on ages.

The first 50 people to pay the day of event will get a free T-shirt. Participants can register ahead of time by completing an event registration form available at the MSU Wellness Center or on its website.

Registration on the day of the event starts at 7:15 a.m. Only cash or check will be accepted at the event.

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Tyler acknowledges that having his mother in class keeps him on track.

"I've got to behave," Tyler said.

Taking the same class has also provided fodder for discussion around the Allers' dinner table.

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looks forward to helping the team reach their full potential both on and off the field and court.

Some of her goals are to have more crowd interactions, half-time performances, new music for sideline routines, and new cheers and stunts. She hopes that these additions will bring what she calls a wow factor and increase game attendance. Dale

"We do discuss the material," Katy said. "We have a lot of fun with it."

For Katy, this class completes her degree requirements. Katy walked last May in the graduation ceremony and plans to attend again in May 2018. Only this time, she will be in the audience as her son accepts his degree.

The cheer team debuted at the first football home game last week, and will cheer at home football games and men's and women's basketball games throughout the year.

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