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Photo by Destond Hall

Shalom Baer interviews Mark Graupe, women's head basketball coach, for KMSU. Baer worked on the floor reporting during basketball games in the Dome.



Photo by Destond Hall

Tyler Luden (LEFT) and Philip Green (RIGHT) announce during KMSU coverage of basketball games in the Dome. Various students rotated between play-by-play coverage and other positions such as floor reporting, audio, and in-studio hosts.

Broadcasting students televise basketball games

By Shalom Baer
Staff Writer

Minot State's student-run TV station KMSU covered back-to-back basketball games Saturday in the Minot State Dome. Both the men's and women's teams played Minnesota State University Moorhead.

The crew consisted of the regular group of students who produce "Inside Out" — KMSU's weekly broadcast — and other broadcasting students enrolled in TV-related courses. The group totaled approximately 20 students.

"The biggest challenge is there's just

so many moving parts," Layn Sarsten, KMSU producer, said. "This year, in particular, we had a lot of personnel moving around. Having everyone fill the proper roles, making sure everyone is where they needed to be at the right times, making sure everyone knew how to do what they were doing, knowing what their assigned job was, that was a big stressor. Once we got things rolling, things went real smoothly, so I was pretty happy about that."

The students broadcasted from the Dome and their campus studio located in Hartnett Hall. The team in-

cluded multiple technical and camera positions, floor reporters, play-by-play commentators, and in-studio hosts.

"Our studio crew is very barebones, we only fill the roles we need to fill," Sarsten said. "We had Devan Shumway in here (the studio). He was our director, our technical director, graphics — all in one. He did an amazing job. We rotated out our audio people, we rotated out our talent. Over on the other side, at the Dome, is when the real things get crazy. We had eight play-by-play people total, so we had to constantly shuffle them out."

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Photo by Destond Hall

Joshua Strong looks over plays during behind-the-scenes production. The broadcasting students work for KMSU, Minot State's student-run TV station.

News in Brief

“How the Beaver Got its Flat Tail” gallery opening

The Northwest Arts Center is hosting a gallery in celebration of the five-year anniversary of the Flat Tail Press. The opening reception will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Northwest Arts Center, in the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library. The event will include live music by Max Patzner of Wild Hands and live printmaking with guests Calliope Arts. The event is free and open to the public.

Minot State to send satisfaction surveys

Minot State University is seeking student feedback via upcoming student satisfaction surveys. Campus and on-line students will be asked to complete the survey between March 18 and April 1. Prizes will be awarded. Details will be mailed to students' emails.

Minot Symphony Orchestra presents “Movie Magic”

The Minot Symphony Orchestra performance of “Movie Magic” will feature songs from classic movie scores “Jurassic Park,” “Titanic,” “Mission Impossible,” “The Lord of the Rings,” and “Star Wars.” The performance is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 701-858-4228 or go to minotsymphony.com.

Spring Break Bingo

MSU Life will host Spring Break Bingo Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Conference Center on the third floor of the Student Center. Students can get together and win prizes before going on Spring Break.

Correction:

A student was misidentified in a Pinterest Night photo from our Feb. 7 issue.

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Broadcasting and professional communication major Taylor Rizzari filled two different roles during the games.

“I got to do play-by-play for a quarter, and then I got to run the floor camera that followed players around, got good shots of coaches, and also recorded the on-court interviews that we got to do with various people,” Rizzari said. “It was stressful, but I’m a person who likes being super busy rather than having a lot of downtime, so it was a fun day for me, and I know we had a really good time as a group too.”

Equipment setup and preparation for the broadcast began at 8 a.m. the morning of the games.

“It’s an all-day setup that happens for five hours at the end of it all. Once it got set up, it was press play and then run wild,” Sarsten said.

Jaryn Homiston, the station’s manager and a student at Minot State, said he enjoys the excitement of a live broadcast.

“I direct the whole thing, so it kind of rests on my shoulders whether or not the show falls apart, so I’m pretty sore by the end of the night from all the stress on my back, but it’s worth it,” Homiston said. “I always think it’s exciting to try new things and have a

“You have to think on your feet and react as quickly as possible and it’s a challenge — and I just love doing it.”

-Homiston

live event where seemingly anything can go wrong, that’s probably one of the biggest challenges, but it’s also one of the biggest thrills just because you have to think on your feet and react as quickly as possible and it’s a challenge — and I just love doing it.”

Water break plagues Student Center

By Alyson Heisler and Red & Green Staff
Comm 281



Photo by Alyson Heisler

The Beaver Dam is under construction while a water line break is sorted out.

Last month, a water line break flooded the Beaver Dam and the downstairs gaming area in the Student Center.

Brent Winiger, vice president for administration and finance, explained that snow and ice had gathered by the north entrance of the Beaver Dam so the door couldn’t close entirely, letting in cold air. The secondary door was shut after the Beaver Dam closed for the night around 1 a.m., so no heat could reach the area.

“All of a sudden there was no source of heat coming into the vestibule area, but there was a lot of cold air coming in. There’s a sprinkler line above there, that may have never been used before, that froze and burst,” Winiger said.

Brian Smith, director of facilities management, confirmed that the sprinkler head released around 2,000 gallons of water into the area.

Insurance adjusters have assessed the area and costs are being determined.

“We don’t know what those costs

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Minot State administrators discuss process for class cancellations

By Lauren Reeves
Comm 281

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, Minot State University closed campus due to cold weather with the temperature being minus 29 degrees. Before school closed many people were upset that the university had considered staying open, even though the temperature was dangerously low.

“We really don’t have a set weather policy because it is very difficult in the fact that it has multiple factors that all play into it, meaning that no two weather systems are alike,” Kevin Harmon, vice president for student affairs, said. “Most of the time when we’re making decisions about weather, we go with the basic information. If there is a storm warning, blizzard warning, or if the county or the Minot Police Department have closed the roads,

that makes our decision much easier.”

Harmon added that this year the weather has been unusually cold and it has been hard for administration to decide to close the school because normally the choice for cancelling relates to snow, not cold weather.

“The difficult part of this winter has just been the straight cold weather. I’ve been working in education for 30 years and Wednesday (Jan. 30), when we closed due to the cold weather, that was only the third time in my 30 years, that I can recall, that we actually closed for the school day because of cold weather. Usually you have a lot of snow and storm conditions that play into making that decision, but the most difficult decision to make is extreme cold weather — the reason why we don’t have a number set in policy.”

Laurie Geller, vice president for

academic affairs, and Harmon both explained the process the university follows in deciding whether to open campus.

“We think about students off campus along with our own employees too, so if they have to get here and they are traveling from Souris or wherever, I think we think about that and exclusively on campus,” Geller said.

“We worked with a local meteorologist in getting the forecast of the air temperature at eight in the morning,” Harmon explained. “We communicated with other agencies here in the region and with other schools, and we made a decision that we thought was in the best interest of the university to close school due to cold weather. In 2018, there were thirty days in the year

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Voices on Campus

‘What is your preferred style of pizza and favorite toppings?’



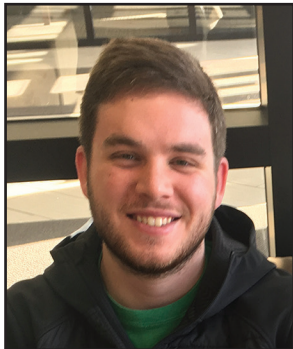
Emily Woods
Corporate Fitness

“I like all styles of pizza, and pepperoni is my go-to topping because it’s a classic.”



Fanny Grimstad
Communication Disorders

“I like my pizza with meat — for the protein!”



Brett Nunziato
Athletic Training

“Original crust with extra crispy pepperoni is my absolute favorite.”



Chandra Battles
Corporate Fitness

“We really love barbecue chicken pizza with pineapple — it’s just the best combination.”



Austin Selt
Finance

“My favorite is mac and cheese pizza because I’m from Wisconsin and we love our cheese.”



Brianna Wieler
Communication Disorders

“I prefer thin crust with lots of toppings to get my macros in!”



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R&G Editorial

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Animated movies are a guilty pleasure of mine. I use having children as an excuse of my love for animated movies, but the truth is that I've loved them since I was their age.

Movies such as "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part" and "How To Train Your Dragon 3" recently released and I was just as excited to see those movies as my children were. I know there have to be other people my age who feel the same way.

The trailer for the live-action version of "Aladdin" released a few weeks ago and, though I have mixed feelings about the new genie, I am beyond excited to watch it. I can't say that my kids share my level of excitement, since I grew up with "Aladdin" and they've only just seen it, but I know that when I get to the theater it will be jam-packed with kids anyway.

I have to say it, as a mom and as an overgrown child hiding in an adult's body: to kids and their parents, be sure to leave a few spots open for us.

2019 is going to be full of nostalgic movie releases for many of us in the 20-year-old range and beyond — from "Aladdin" to the "Lion King." We all cried when Mufasa died as a cartoon, so I will be providing tissues for my fellow moviegoers as we feel that hurt again in CGI.

All I ask from the "real" adults out there is to please not judge me as I cry harder than my 6-year-old when the "Toy Story 4" credits roll — it's the end of an era.



Jaryn Homiston, a broadcasting and communication major, is debuting a movie for his senior project. The film, "Hellbent," will debut in Aleshire Theater on March 27.

Photo by Joshua Strong

Minot State student to debut action-packed Western film

Joshua Strong
Comm 281

Jaryn Homiston, a senior broadcasting and professional communication major, is hard at work this year on his senior project, a movie titled "Hellbent." The action-packed Western film is sure to heat things up as the school year transitions into the spring season.

"Our main character finds his wife dead and has a pretty good idea of who did it. He goes after them hopelessly outnumbered and outgunned — throwing caution to the wind to avenge her," Homiston explained.

Making a film takes hard work and a lot of patience. Homiston spent last summer in the scenic Badlands, near

his hometown Watford City, filming with a skeleton crew consisting of close friends. He faced many challenges along the way.

"The toughest part of the whole experience was continuing to have faith in the project. After watching something so many times and seeing all the flaws in it, you get really disheartened. It's really difficult to keep your focus and believe in what you started and keep going," Homiston said.

Homiston has a strong passion for cinematography and has showcased that through the time spent making this film. He draws inspiration from his childhood near the Badlands, a

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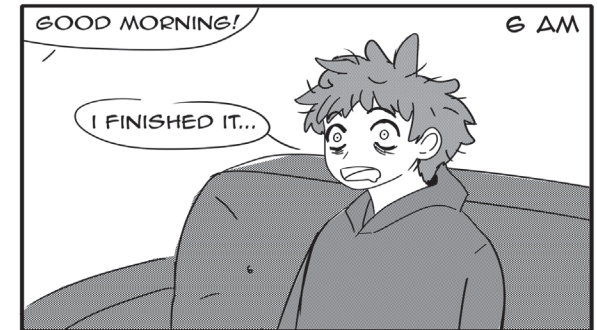
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By Darrel Magpali

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time when he would watch Westerns with his grandfather.

"In the Badlands, beautiful cowboy scenery was always around, so it was really easy for me to envision these characters and how beautiful the shots could look," Homiston stated.

Film making is not easy, and neither is taking a place in the industry. With hard work and dedication to his craft, Homiston is building his foundation with his eyes set to the heights of his abilities and his career.

"There are artists out there that really inspire me because they come up from nothing. Though it's the cliché story, the path has been carved for me to do this and I'm not fighting against the odds. It's all based on willpower and

being positive about it," Homiston said.

Homiston thanks his cast and crew, including his girlfriend, Andrea Caron, for their undying support during the extensive development of the film. "Hellbent" is set to debut during Homiston's senior project presentation on March 27 at 3 p.m. in Aleshire Theater.



Homiston



Kayce Francis-Dodgen Online Editor

Rebel Wilson stars in the new feel-good romantic comedy "Isn't It Romantic." The movie centers around one idea: What if a woman woke up from a coma to find herself stuck in a romantic comedy and, worst of all, it's PG-13?

Natalie, played by Wilson, is an under-appreciated architect at her firm who has been unlucky in love. In a world focusing on body image, Wilson plays her character beautifully. She is able to take the role and make it her own with the same humor she

On Movies "Isn't It Romantic"

brought to her character Fat Amy in the "Pitch Perfect" trilogy.

Natalie is mugged on the subway on her way home after another disappointing day at work. After waking up from her coma, Natalie is surprised to see all of the people around her are looking at the world through rose-colored lenses.

As she walks through her new normal, she realizes the streets of New York City are cleaner and the air smells of fresh baked pastries. Natalie is convinced she is having a mental breakdown and runs to the only person she knows who will help her, Josh.

Josh is a quirky fellow architect in her firm, played by Adam Devine. Much to her surprise, Josh has been affected by the new world of romantic comedy spoofs as well and the panic soon sets in for Natalie. As she calls on her extensive knowledge of romantic comedies, she realizes the only thing she has to do is play along with the role of heroine of her own love life and power through the cheesiness of rom-coms along the way. Natalie works through all the stages of every classic romantic movie with grace and comedy, and, along the way, discovers a little about herself.



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Students, faculty, staff, and the community gather for International Mother Language Day, a celebration of cultures and languages from various countries.

Mother Language Day event at MSU celebrates languages from around the world

By Alyson Heisler
Comm 281

Minot State hosted the third International Mother Language Day event on Thursday, Feb. 21 in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall. The event featured a variety of performances — including traditional dances, songs, and poetry — from a variety of different cultural backgrounds, introducing attendees to cultures they otherwise might not experience.

International Mother Language Day is observed on Feb. 21 of each year to commemorate the Bengali Language Movement in Pakistan. In 1952, students of the University of

Dhaka participated in a public protest against the Pakistan Government's declaration to make Urdu the national language. Police opened fire during the protest, killing seven students and injuring hundreds more as they fought to protect their language.

Sayed Sajal, assistant professor of math and computer science, started the event at Minot State to inform people about the students who protected their mother language and highlight the importance of multiculturalism in today's society.

Sajal initiated a Mother Language Day event in the Fargo-Moorhead area in 2016 and brought it with him when

he came to Minot State in 2017.

"In the first year, people didn't know about the history or what International Mother Language Day is and this is when information is planted. The next year, they know and are more focused on observing and making connections with those around them," Sajal said.

For this year's event, Minot State's Diversity Council partnered with Minot Public Schools to bring students of all ages, from elementary to high school, together to learn about different cultures.

"There is a lot less misunderstanding because we know why people act

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differently, and all people have their own kind of expressions. Then we feel each other's pain, we feel each other's joy, and we also feel each other's different ways of communicating," Sajal said.

Learning about cultures outside of ourselves creates an understanding between people that fosters a connection between different parts of the world and to learn the how or why of different cultures.

"It's always better to be more connected to understand that their (other nations') strength is our strength. Every nation or culture has their own strength and how we know about those strengths and how we know about their weaknesses — so we can get rid of our own weakness and we can get the best thing from other cultures," Sajal said. "Many people come here and try to integrate the system here at Minot State and create

a blended culture. Locals learn a lot of things from them and they then have more awareness and people begin to know each other better."

The musical or artistic elements of a culture can serve as a jumping-off point for people to learn about a new culture and peak their interests — even if they do not understand the language being spoken in any way.

"I've gotten some comments from

"It's always better to be more connected to understand that their strength is our strength."

-Sajal

people saying that the sound, though they do not understand it, it sounds good. Like you have the feeling but you don't know what is going on — but the sound of the language is so soothing, but you've never heard that sound before," Sajal said.



Wasana Osterhaus performs a traditional Thai dance during the MSU Mother Language Day event.
Photo by Alyson Heisler



The downstairs area of the Student Center, where the gaming area is, sustained significant damage to the floors and walls.
Photo by Alyson Heisler

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are going to be, but it will easily exceed \$100,000 and probably well beyond that," Winiger said. "I think our insurance will cover a good chunk of it (damages), and it's a good thing that we had insurance because it's going to cost quite a bit to fix it up."

The insurance adjuster reported his findings to Justin Ritz, operations manager at CleanTech, and found that a large amount of the downstairs space will need to be cleared out and redone, including floor tiles and ceilings.

"We got the OK to demo the whole downstairs area, to take down all the ceiling to evaluate what's up there, and all the drywall that soaked up all the water," Ritz said. "All the walls are built in a bit so there's insulation behind there and we don't know what soaked into there."

Materials most impacted were flooring and wallboards in both areas, along with some lights, a few tables, a speaker, and one security camera on the lower level. None of the TVs or game systems were damaged, but the area will not reopen for quite a while.



Due to the damage, all activities and offices located downstairs in the Student Center have been relocated until renovations are complete.
Photo by Alyson Heisler

Sports Editorial

This editorial may not necessarily reflect the views of MSU.

As the month of February comes to a close, Minot State's baseball season is nearing. Unlike the softball team, the baseball team cannot play in the bubble. This forces them to have to wait almost a month longer to play their first game.

The baseball team has a lot of anticipation leading up to the 2019 season. At the beginning of February, players were awarded their conference championship rings for obtaining the best conference record during the regular season last year.

The Beavers were unfortunately eliminated in last year's conference tournament, which prevented them from reaching the NCAA DII tournament. Their efforts last season, however, earned Coach Scott Eul NSIC Coach of the Year honors and the team is predicated to finish third according to the NSIC Coaches' Poll.

More than 25 players from last year's conference championship team are back this season, many who now have another year of growth and playing time under their belt. The Beavers are poised for success and a chance to repeat as conference champions.

The team has had a month to bask in the glory of winning a conference championship and show off their new shiny jewelry. As February closes, last season is behind them and they have to focus on what they can achieve in 2019. Winning a regular season conference championship is just the first step for this team; now, they are looking further down the road to winning the conference tournament and earning a chance to play in the NCAA tournament for national supremacy.

Minot State has had its struggles in athletics since moving to Division II, but with the baseball conference championship last year and with soccer's NCAA tournament berth, athletic excellence should be an expectation for all Beaver athletic programs.

Madison Wald scores 1,000 career points as a Beaver

By Destond Hall
Comm 281

Madison Wald, a senior and leader on the women's basketball team, recently accomplished a task that many aren't able to do in their college career — score 1,000 career points. On Jan. 26, Wald notched point 1,000 at the free throw line against Minnesota-Crookston at the Dome. Wald scored 22 points in the game.

"The main thing I was happy about that night was that we got the win," Wald said. "I mean, obviously, it felt good to get that accomplished. It means that I had a good career and have done all I could to help my team."

Wald has been playing basketball for 12 years — her dad introduced her to the sport at a young age. The multi-sport athlete played basketball, volleyball, and participated in track and field while attending Bishop Ryan High School. Wald has strong family ties to Minot State athletics — two of her uncles played basketball and football while attending and an aunt participated in gymnastics.

Wald's success is evidence of her determination and drive. She made four state appearances, winning three state titles, as a basketball player for Bishop Ryan.

The past Minot State NCAA Division II-era career point record stood at 1,104 points. Wald has 1,105 as of Saturday.

"I didn't know I was that close to reaching the record. I hope to reach it," Wald said before Saturday's game. "I never had scoring 1,000 points as like a goal for me in my career. It's kind of just the sugar on top."

Wald is averaging 13.9 points per game while playing 33.2 minutes per game. The Beavers ended their regular season Saturday in the Dome. They traveled to Winona State for the NSIC tournament Wednesday.



Photo by Destond Hall
Madi Wald surveys the court against Bemiji State. Minot State knocked off Bemiji State 86-74 in double overtime.

Partnership offers student-athletes new strength and conditioning training

By Troy Kowal
Comm 281

Minot State's student-athletes have some new strength and conditioning coaches. Caleb Heilman, Heilman's Performance owner and operator and Minot State alumnus, and his staff are now training all Beaver athletes. This change began with the start of the spring semester. In the past, Heilman and his crew worked with the Minot State baseball team. The turnover brings in four new coaches and maintains Brody Myers as a graduate assistant coach. According to Myers, who spent last semester with Beaver athletics, the athletes adjusted well to the new program.

"All the athletes from all the sports are really seeing that this programming is meant to make them better athletes and get them to the best they can be," Myers said.

Some athletes are making their way off campus as the teams split up to work with Heilman's team. Football, soccer, track and field, cross country, and both men's and women's basketball teams are on campus while baseball, softball, women's golf, and volleyball travel to Heilman's Performance for workouts.

"It's starting to be a routine and really starting to work itself out," Heilman said.

Myers, who played football as an undergraduate at Minot State, had to get used to the changes along with the athletes.

"Brody (Myers) has been fantastic. Just having a background in athletic training has helped a lot," Heilman said "He's not afraid to work, so having him monitor the weight room while we do other things up in the bubble has helped a lot."

Heilman's staff sets up programs for each individual and sport, getting him or her ready for games. With Heilman being new, fitting in with all the ath-

letes was a priority.

"It's just cool to be a part of different teams and to try and bring some of the leadership qualities that I hope I can bring," Heilman said. "Dealing with different personalities from different teams — obviously different personalities come with different sports, so I'm adjusting to that and I think they are adjusting to me. It's been fun."

As Heilman continues to adjust, his staff works to put the pieces in place for the Beavers and are looking for success in the NSIC this coming season and beyond.

Beavers lose to Moorhead, head to NSIC tournament



Mariah Payne looks for an open teammate to bypass a defender from Minnesota State University Moorhead on Friday. The Beavers fell 61-78. MSU will be back in action in the NSIC conference tournament at Winona State.

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Softball season in full swing with games in the bubble



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Kylie Patrick pitches in relief for the Beavers against Valley City State on Sunday. MSU fell to the Vikings 10-6. The Beavers are back in the Air-Supported Dome on Saturday.



Photo by Josh Strong

Lauren Cowden prepares to swing at the plate during a losing effort against Valley City State. The Beavers take on Minnesota Crookston and Dickinson State in the Air-Supported Dome Invitational III this weekend.

NSIC tournament awaits following loss in regular-season finale



Photo by Calli Deslman

Drake Jeffries drives to the basket against Northern State Saturday. The Beavers fell to the Wolves 80-63. Catch the Beavers back in action in the NSIC tournament in Sioux Falls.



Photo by Calli Delsman

Kyle Beisch shoots over a Northern State defender in Saturday's loss to the Wolves.

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where it was below zero and 15 days when it was below 15 below. Once that number is near minus 30, it's certainly a consideration to close the school."

Many students complained via social media that the school waited until the last minute to cancel school and that they made the decision on a whim, but Harmon said the administration has been meeting since the beginning of January in order to plan for emergency weather situations.

"Maybe unbeknownst to many of our school community members, we frequently have conversations in our administration, have met probably on five different days since Jan. 1, 2019. What that means for us is the night before we start looking at the forecast for the next day and on the first two occasions, about three weeks ago, there were predicted storm warnings in the area. We made plans with our physical plant operation here on campus for an MSU employee to be up and out at 4 a.m. driving around the campus and the community and then reporting back to the group that, yes, it is safe. In both of those situations storms didn't really come to fruition, but we spent two separate days planning up and leading to that decision of having school. Now, we get onto the situation of where last week or two weeks ago and we did cancel school," Harmon said.

While Minot State University President Steven Shirley makes the ultimate decision, there are a lot of other people who are part of the process, including a representative from the school's plant facility and a SGA representative.

"Ultimately, President Shirley makes the final decision but each member of the president's staff as well as a member of the physical plant facilities is also a part of the team. We share information if we think the weather is going to be questionable. SGA can always make that request that we close, and we're always open for the students' opinions and the student voice," Harmon said.

When asked why some parts of the sidewalk and the parking lots were not clear, Harmon admitted that he was unaware of this but that he would look into the situation because all of them should have been cleared to insure student safety at the school.

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