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Dakota Hall to close

Minot State making various efforts to save money in light of projected budget deficits of over half a million dollars

By Shalom Baer
COMM 281



Dakota Hall will be closed to residents at the end of the spring 2020 semester. The military resource center and housing office will continue to use the first floor.

At a campus budget forum on Feb. 27, President Steven Shirley and Vice President of Finance Brent Winiger presented information on the university's current financial state. Winiger said that local fund reserves are "running dry," and there will be an estimated overall \$446,755 deficit in the 2021 budget and a \$640,306 deficit

in the 2022 fiscal year.

"We're talking about \$1.2 million or so in funding shortages over the next two years while the reserves are going down. We're okay for a couple years. I don't want to alarm everybody unnecessarily here, but we've got to do something about it. We don't have a lot of choice in that," Winiger said.

Enrollment struggles

One contributing factor to the university's financial struggle is a consistent decline in enrollment for the past decade, excluding a 64-student increase in 2015.

"A two or three percent increase would be fantastic and that would change our fortunes quickly, but we

also have to look at reality. We have been down two or three percent every year, so flatlined is probably a best-case scenario," Shirley said.

Enrollment declines are not unique to Minot State. According to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, enrollment in the fall

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News in Brief

Coronavirus update

As of March 2, the North Dakota Department of Health reports there have been zero cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus reported in North Dakota, but our campus remains vigilant and prepared. Please follow standard precautions to help prevent the spread of all respiratory illnesses:

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol. If hands are visibly dirty, use soap and water rather than sanitizer.
- It is especially important to wash hands after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.
- Stay home if you are ill and communicate with your instructors.
- If you have traveled to an affected region with COVID-19 in the past 14 days and have symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath, please contact your primary healthcare provider or MSU's student health clinic at 701-858-3371. Please call before going to your provider's office.

No classes — Spring Break

There will be no classes from Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20.

Graduation applications due

Summer and fall graduation applications are due to the Registrar's office on Friday, April 3. Undergraduate and graduate forms are available on the Minot State website.

MSU Life hosts 500 Ways to Win

A 500 Ways to Win event will be held on Sunday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. A valid student ID is required to participate in the event.

Employment opportunity

Full Steam Ahead's after school enrichment program is hiring instructors for the 2020-2021 school year, starting in September through May. They are looking for positive people who have a passion for teaching first to sixth graders and have a skill or interest in anything related to science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Programs run one-to-three days a week for four weeks at a time, starting directly after participating schools release around 3:15 p.m. for 90 minutes. Their programming is in 11 different rural schools around Minot. For more information, contact Erica Bailey at erica.bailey@minotstateu.edu.

MSU Career Fair

Minot State University is sponsoring two career fairs for students as an opportunity to explore careers, network, and apply for full-time, part-time, and summer employment. There will be an Education Fair on Tuesday, March 31 from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. The event is open to all students but will primarily feature education, communication sciences and disorders, and social work majors from freshmen to graduate students. The following day, Wednesday, April 1, MSU will host the MSU Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Conference Center. This fair is open to all students in all majors. Students should dress professionally and bring copies of their resume.

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of 2019 declined 1.3% at colleges and universities nationwide.

"We see that all across the country right now. We're not in this alone," Winiger said.

In order to combat enrollment issues, administration formed a Strategic Enrollment and Management Committee — also referred to as the Recruit and Enroll Committee — to revamp the university's strategic enrollment and recruitment plan and attempt to boost the number of students at the university. That committee is chaired by Criminal Justice Chair Gary Rabe and Vice President of Student Affairs Kevin Harmon. A Retention and Graduation Committee will work on strategies to retain students until they graduate from Minot State.

New academic programs and possible program cuts

Shirley mentioned that the university has added new programs in an attempt to attract students.

"Some new academic programs are in progress and new additions to our portfolio of offerings for students include cybersecurity and exercise science and rehabilitation. A Bachelor of Individualized Studies, a new master's level disability human services, entrepreneurship, medicinal plant chemistry, a new graduate program now coming in math education, the new leadership concentration that we announced," he said. "Those are more additional new opportunities for prospective students that 24, 36 months ago we did not have. It's broadening our portfolio of offerings to honor not just our current students, but probably more important with this conversation, prospective students."

While trying to add programs that have a market demand and generate potential students' interest, Shirley said that cutting programs may be a last resort but will be avoided.

"When I see programs, I'm talking broadly. I'm talking about academics, athletics, student service programs, broadly programs in general. I don't mean that as any one specific type of program, but eliminating those programs that are important for students is going to be one of the last pieces on the totem pole," Shirley said.

Closing Dakota Hall

According to data from fall 2019, 86% of students at Minot State live off-campus. The number of students living on campus has declined from 747 in 2013 to 448 in the fall of 2019. This has led to low capacity in the university's five residence halls and two apartment buildings.

Minot State's most historic residence hall, Dakota Hall, built in 1931, will no longer be in use for residents come fall of 2020. The building also houses the military resource center and housing office. Those offices will remain in the building for the time being.

"We've projected some savings and what that will do, and it's significant," Shirley said. "We've got excess capacity on this campus. It's part of that sort of new normal. Just because we've had X number of beds on this campus for the last 20 years doesn't mean it necessarily makes sense anymore."

The fifth floor of Cook Hall, which was previously closed, will be reopened to make room on campus to house students.

Raising tuition and lowering tuition waivers

The university plans to raise tuition 4% for the 2020-2021 academic year and another 2% in the 2021-2022 academic year. Current tuition and fees at Minot State is \$7,592, and a 4% increase adds \$304 per year.

"We've already been approved for (the 4%) by the legislature and state boards. The year after that, I only have a 2% increase built in. We can't keep increasing tuition 4% every year. That's above the rate of inflation. It's above what our competitors are doing right now," Winiger said. "We're perceived as having a good value. We want to keep that."

Administration also plans to decrease the amount of tuition waivers and discounts that are given to students.

"That's something that can easily get out of control. We all want to give more money to incoming students in order to try to entice them to come here. They're all good purposes, but we still need to get that under control," Winiger said.

Soft freeze on hiring

The 2020 fiscal year, which ends in June, will finish in the black with an extra \$462,625, but Winiger said that is largely due to empty staff and faculty positions that were budgeted for but not filled this year. Shirley said that all vacant positions are being scrutinized for necessity and he is implementing a "soft freeze" on hiring, although there are some new positions that the university plans to add, such as a cybersecurity position, an athletics trainer, and an accounting faculty position.

"This does not mean that it's just an automatic no on every single decision or hiring piece, but it's a new reality that we have right now. It's just the position that we find ourselves in. We really have to scrutinize very closely every single position," Shirley said.

Other measures

Another step that administration plans to take is a decrease in the number of renovations on campus. Last year, the university replaced a number of windows to increase energy savings, among other renovations. Shirley said that similar renovations are not in the near future.

"We were able to do those things last year. I think those renovations were all welcome. They were all needed, so I wouldn't change those decisions one bit. We just will not have the luxury to be able to do that in the immediate future," he said.

It does not appear that this slow in renovations will affect Student Center renovation plans, which will be funded by student fees rather than university funds from tuition and other sources.

Minot State will also conduct a five-year, \$40 million capital campaign to increase financial support for the university.

"It's a push, but it's realistic, too. We've got a lot of donors that believe through and through in Minot State University," Shirley said. "We're going to be working with a lot of those donors to raise dollars that will support our students but will also support the faculty and staff here at Minot State. I'm excited about that. I'm excited to get out and start selling that message to a lot of really good folks who believe in this place and raise those dollars, that there's no better time that we need them than right now."

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St. Patrick's Day at Minot State

By Praise Okunbor
Staff Writer

March 17, St. Patrick's Day, is a religious celebration that originated from Ireland. After the Potato Famine in the mid-19th century, the Irish immigrated to the United States to escape starvation, and with them came the old Irish tradition. The first Saint Patrick's Day parade was held in New York in 1762.

"It is the anniversary of Saint Patrick's death; he brought Christianity over to Ireland. It used to be part of Irish religion and tradition; now it's a celebration," said Elizabeth Nolan, a history major at Minot State University.

The event is well-celebrated in parts of Europe, Asia, North America, and the Caribbean. There are different ideas to what the day looks like.

"It depends on where you are, because different countries do it differently," Nolan said. "In places like Chicago, they dye the river green, they have parades and special Irish foods," Nolan added.

At Minot State University, the

employees of the Beaver Creek Cafe put up decorations for Saint Patrick's Day. There are decorations of gold pots, hats, and clovers at every turn.

"It is supposed to be a lucky day for the Irish. We put up these decorations to show our Irish spirit," Benjamin Bent, supervisor at Sodexo Dining Services, said.

"It is celebrated all over America. Usually on Saint Patrick's Day, you will eat corned beef and cabbage or any traditional meal if you are Irish," Bent added.

An Irish-themed meal will be served in the cafeteria.

The significance of the day varies and there are many fairy tales to tell — but people traditionally wear green on St. Patrick's Day.

"They say if you don't wear green you will get pinched by a fairy; the color is a protection of leprechauns," Nolan said. "When I think of Saint Patrick's Day, I think of Irish people, shamrocks, little leprechauns, rainbows, and pots of gold."



SWIFT

(Students with Interest in Future Technologies)

Courtesy of SWIFT

The SWIFT logo.

Clubs on Campus: SWIFT

By Cameron Adam
COMM 281

A somewhat new student club on campus, Students with Interest in Future Technologies (SWIFT), is designed for students from all majors to collaborate on projects that appeal to them but may not be in their wheelhouse.

Focusing on new and emerging technology, the club seeks to combine knowledge and skills from different fields of study and use it to increase awareness and technological know-how to its members.

"Let's say you're an English major, and you're not necessarily exposed to a lot of technology but you could get around a group of people that are into that whole aspect of it," said Chad Fenner, Minot State University College of Business instructor and

staff advisor for the club.

SWIFT is actively looking for new students from across campus to join their current 10 active members. The overarching goal of the club is to make their meeting room into a technology hub, aiding each other with projects, and even helping to garner publicity for MSU through online mediums.

As far as membership drives, SWIFT President Ludny Desert said, "We are trying to attract interest through organizing events and projects."

These events and projects include, but are not limited to, hacking competitions, robotics events, and coding workshops.

Most of these projects, event

details, and workshops will be uploaded to the SWIFT Microsoft Teams page in order to increase the number of participants if they are not available for certain meeting times.

Schools in larger metropolitan areas already have clubs for each of these specific activities and SWIFT hopes to introduce students to a wide variety of them in order to let each individual member find their own niche, as well as having a creative workspace with other like-minded students.

If you are interested in finding out more about SWIFT, email the club at swift@minotstateu.edu.



Beaver Creek Cafe employees prepare for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day holiday with decorations in the cafeteria.

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RG Editorial

Apology unnecessary

By Shalom Baer
Editor

The University of North Dakota student newspaper, the Dakota Student, printed an opinion piece in the Feb. 11 issue by one of its writers titled “Halftime Performance or Pornography.”

The article has since been removed from the paper’s website. One paragraph read, “We wonder why there is so much rape and sex trafficking going on nowadays or why dating relationships are revolving around sex. Well, when we decrease the values of our bodies by wearing few clothes and dancing inappropriately, we are telling society that it is acceptable to view women as just a piece of meat, rather than a heart and soul.”

This was met with disapproval from students at the university for alleged victim-blaming. On Feb. 20, the Dakota Student Editor-In-Chief Madison Feltman posted an apology for the piece on behalf of the paper as a whole. An apology from the writer herself was

included. In that apology, the writer stated she was not trying to degrade women or victim-blame anyone and admitted that her wording about rape and sex trafficking was inappropriate, clarifying that she only meant to discuss “over-sexualization and the toll it takes on relationships, children, and humans in general.”

For the writer to apologize is reasonable, and that’s up to her to clarify exactly what she meant by her writing. However, for the paper as a whole to apologize is absurd. Opinion pieces don’t necessarily reflect the opinion of the entire editorial board. A clarification of that would be important, but to apologize for printing an opinion that is clearly marked as such isn’t necessary.

It’s important that newspapers give a platform for different ideas. People in college are adults. We don’t need to be shielded from hurtful opinions. We should confront them and discuss them.

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Stay safe on Spring Break

By Katherine Ruby
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There are many places to travel in the world. With Spring Break approaching, many of us are excited to plan our trip. Many times, we forget about safety, which should be a priority when choosing a destination. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends protecting yourself and others around you while you are traveling.

Limit alcohol: If you are planning to drink, be responsible. Protect yourself by knowing your surroundings, not drinking excessively, never leaving your drink unattended, and never driving under the influence.

According to the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 48.2% of people ages 18-22 drank in the last month while 53.6% of college students drank during that time. College students between the ages of 18-24 are very vulnerable while under the influence.

It is estimated that in 2017, about 1,519 people died from unintentional alcohol-related injuries. It was reported that 696,000 students were assaulted by another student, while 97,000 reported being sexually assaulted or

date raped.

Approximately 9.6% of full-time students meet the criteria for alcohol use disorder. According to the CDC, one in four students reported academic difficulties from alcohol such as missing class, getting behind on schoolwork, or forgetting due dates.

Plan accordingly: Research the area you are traveling to and what activities you plan to partake in. If you are going to be hiking or camping, make sure you have the all the equipment you need. It is important to research the trails’ terrains along with resources available to you.

If you are going to a body of water, make sure you know boating laws and how to stay safe. Always let another person know where you will be and provide them with contact information.

Be active: As students, we spend a lot of our time sitting in class and hours on homework assignments. Eat a well-balanced diet with meats, vegetables, and grains. Get out of the routine of late-night snacks and eat more nutrient-based foods that keep you fuller longer while giving

you adequate energy. As always, stay hydrated by drinking enough water if you are out in the sun or hitting the slopes.

Protect yourself: Think about all the different ways to protect yourself. If you are in the sun, wear sunscreen and protective clothing because you can still get a sunburn through clothing. Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses. If you wear contacts, make sure to have a backup set and a pair of glasses. It is important to bring your glasses so you can take your contacts out, because sleeping in them can cause permanent eye damage. Protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases. Wear latex condoms and limit your partners. Avoid situations and people that put you at risk for sexual violence.

As college students, we are finally on our own which requires us to be responsible for ourselves. Remember to educate yourself, know your limits, and listen to what your body is telling you. We are all working hard to follow our dreams. Make sure you return to school injury-free with an epic trip to brag about.

Bottoms up

By Brittany Fornal
Minot State nursing student

Spring Break is a highly anticipated time for hundreds of thousands of students nationwide. During this time, students plan to relax, let loose, and spend time with their friends. Whether you are spending time on the beach with your pals or kicking back at home, there is a great chance that drinking alcohol will be involved.

According to an article from the Badger Herald titled “Binge drinking poses serious health risks,” 80% of college students choose to drink alcohol in the U.S., and 50% of students binge drink. There is not a problem in consuming alcohol as long as it is done responsibly and in moderation.

The opposite of drinking in moderation is binge drinking. According to the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC), binge drinking is measured as men who consume five or more drinks or women who consume four or more drinks in a single occasion.

Binge drinking is very risky and can damage your body in several ways. Drinking heavily impacts your liver causing inflammation or even scarring, which then may result in cirrhosis. It also impacts your brain.

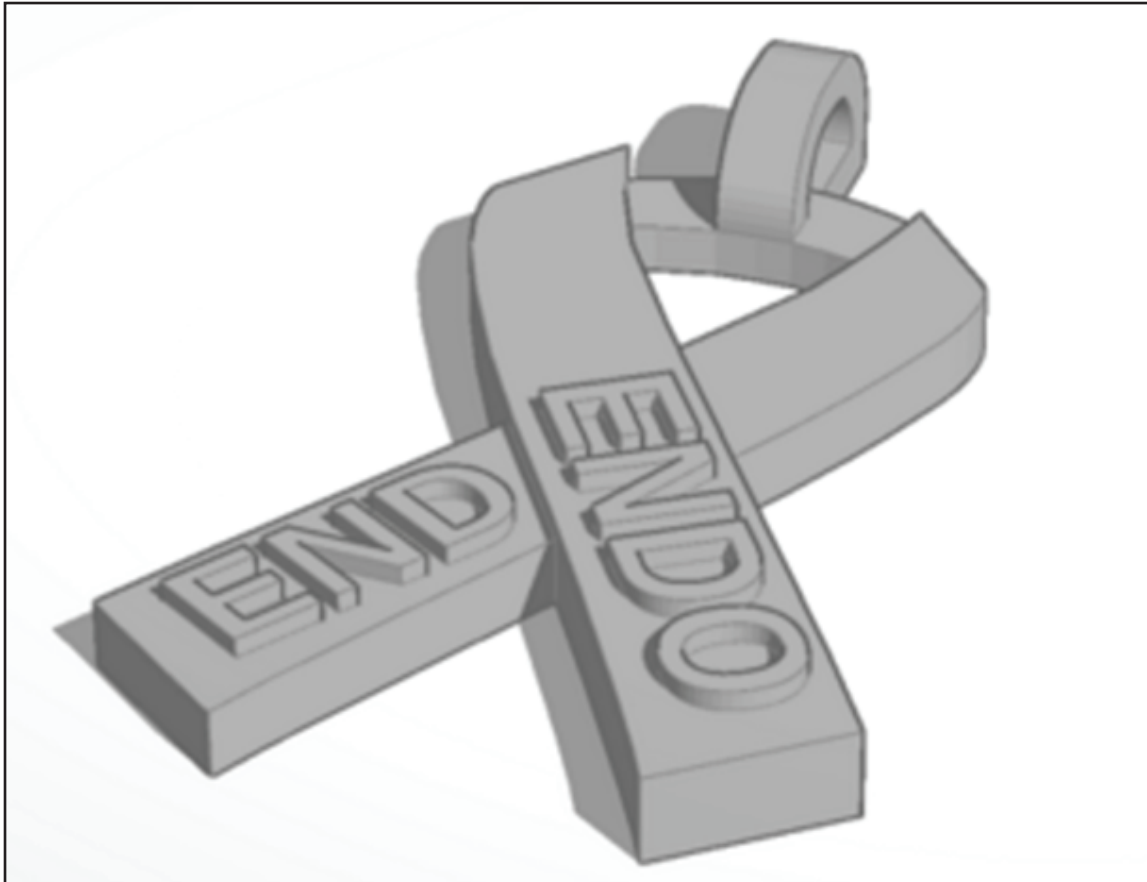
While binge drinking, you may “blackout.” During this time, you will suffer from memory loss or amnesia of that particular day/night. This type of behavior puts you at risk for problems such as car crashes, sexual or physical violence, sexually transmitted diseases, alcohol use disorders, or even death, as stated by the CDC.

Here’s the bottom line: alcohol was

created to be enjoyed responsibly and under moderation. It provides social benefits such as having a few glasses of wine after a long day of work or going out to the bar for a few drinks with friends. But the risks when alcohol is not used responsibly, such as binge drinking, may be very serious and even deadly.

Here are tips to help you stay safe during Spring Break: stay hydrated, eat food while you drink, know your limit to alcohol consumption, do not accept drinks from strangers, do not drive drunk or ride with anyone who has been drinking, avoid drinking games, and never leave your drink unattended.

This article is not to steer you away from having a few drinks, but to educate you on the importance of drinking responsibly and staying safe.



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Endometriosis Awareness Month

By Monica Rivera
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March is Endometriosis Awareness Month. On March 28, marches are held all around the world to walk in support of the women that battle with endometriosis every day. If there isn't a march in your area, there is also a virtual march where you can watch it live and participate in that sense.

The color for endometriosis is yellow. Before I was diagnosed, yellow did not have any significance, but now the yellow ribbons that represent all of us make me feel calm and at peace. It creates a sense of solidarity and gives me reassurance in knowing I'm not alone.

Endometriosis is a disorder where the tissue that normally lines the uterus grows outside the uterus. According to a Healthline article that was reviewed by Valinda Riggins Nwadike MD, MPH: "Endometriosis is a chronic condition with no cure. This doesn't mean the condition has to impact your daily life. Effective treatments are available to

manage pain and fertility issues, such as medications, hormone therapy, and surgery. The symptoms of endometriosis usually improve after menopause."

One in 10 women have endometriosis, and some women suffer from the disease but are unaware of their condition. The symptoms resemble common menstrual cramping. Endometriosis creates severe discomfort and random mood swings.

I was diagnosed with endometriosis in September of 2018. I was in pain day and night, so much that I had to bring a heating pad to class with me. I've talked to several doctors and all of them have said the symptoms get so painful that it is compared to being in labor. Honestly, it makes a lot of sense because I get weird cravings and pains similar to what a lot of women in labor say happens. About 30-to-40% of women with endometriosis have some trouble conceiving, but endometrial implants

may grow, or cysts may develop, which also causes fertility problems.

When I was diagnosed, I checked to see if any famous athletes had it to feel like I wasn't alone. I found out Olympic swimmer Emily Seebohm delayed her surgery so she could compete in the Olympics. She said in an interview, "It was more of a mental battle for me than a physical one. The days I felt so sick that I didn't want to go to training were hard."

I can relate to this feeling because every day it's hard to push yourself — plus having those sick spells makes it worse. In general, I think endometriosis is a mental struggle for those diagnosed with it; you have to fight the urges to want to just sleep and do nothing all day. I am very thankful that my family and friends are very understanding when it comes to how I'm feeling and knowing what a good and bad day looks like for me.

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Student-wide voting for Student Center renovation

By Alyson Heisler
Features Editor

As was previously reported in February of 2019, the lower level of the Student Center was damaged following a water break caused by a sprinkler line bursting. Around 2,000 gallons of water flowed into the area.

Since then, the area has been cleaned up and gutted to prepare for future renovations. Concept designs for renovation of the Student Center were announced for student input on Sept. 12, 2019 at a visual listening session by JLG Architects, the company that is assisting with the renovation plans.

On Nov. 14, 2019, the proposed designs were presented to President Steven Shirley, Student Government Association members, and faculty and staff. The proposed design plan included a renovation and redesign of the first and second levels of the Student Center, with specific intentions of opening the space up to include more natural light. A mezzanine was also included in the design to better connect the two floors and the Beaver Dam.

After the presentation of the design, the decision was in the hands of SGA. A Marketing Committee for the Student Center Renovation was formed and after discussion, the committee wrote a resolution in support of moving forward with the design.

"It seemed like this would be the best time to look into renovating the Student Center to make our campus seem competitive and give students the spaces they've been asking for," the renovation committee said.

The renovation the committee supports does not come without a cost.

According to the committee, student fees are proposed to increase to an additional \$70 a semester, with a maximum ceiling increase of \$91 per semester. This increase is proposed to be over a 20-year payment period.

"This is a student project that is for the students, by the students, and will be funded by the students," Kevin



Instagram stories posted to SGA's account showing how the Beaver Dam may look after renovations are complete. Design rendering by JLG Architects.



Minot State men's and women's basketball season wraps up

By Calli Delsman
COMM 281

Both the men's and women's Minot State basketball teams ended their conference regular season with a 4-18 record. The men's team ranked 16th in the NSIC Conference while the women placed 15th. Both teams were the number eight seed in their conference tournament and both lost to Sioux Falls on Feb. 26.

"Obviously our season didn't go the way we wanted, but we were nearly competitive in all our conference games. We have many players that will be able to contribute for us next year, so hopefully we can achieve more of our team goals in the next season," said Kody Dwyer, a redshirt junior on the men's team.

Although the season didn't end as planned, both teams had players that achieved all-conference accolades. Mariah Payne, a senior on the women's team, received NSIC All-Conference First-Team and men's players Kyle Beisch, a senior, and Max Cody, a redshirt-junior, received All-NSIC Honorable Mention honors. "It's a big honor to earn all-conference awards, especially in our conference, which is one of the highest Division II conferences in the nation. It was really exciting to earn that award after all my years here at Minot; it was a nice way to finish my last season," Payne said.

Along with earning all-conference honors, Payne also scored her 1,000th point this season. She became the fifth all-time leading scorer for women's basketball at Minot State. Other women's seniors who finished their career with the season include Danielle Rizzari and Reina Strand.

"I think the thing I'm going to miss the most is my teammates. I've made a lot of friendships throughout my five years here," Payne explained. "It will be difficult not being able to see them every day, but I'm so grateful to have been able to meet so many people that I consider lifelong friends."

On the men's side, Beisch and Trevor Rothstein were the seniors



Photos by Joshua Strong

(Above) Kyle Beisch wrapped up his senior season at Minot State with NSIC Honorable Mention honors. (Below) Mariah Payne cracked the 1,000 point mark to finish her career off at MSU.



RCB Editorial

Philip Green
Sports Editor

The NFL recently wrapped up its NFL Combine Testing. The NFL Scouting Combine is a week-long showcase where college football players perform physical and mental tests in front of coaches, general managers, and scouts.

Standout defensive end from Ohio State Chase Young chose not to participate in this year's Combine, claiming he isn't looking to be a Combine athlete but a football player. For someone of his status, sitting out of the Combine isn't a big deal because he's pretty much the consensus No. 1 prospect in the draft. His game tape tells enough that he's ready for the NFL.

For other players, however, how important is the Combine? A lot goes into it: from testing to measurables to interviews — the whole nine yards. But too much weight is put on what

happens at the Combine. When the 40-yard dash was first introduced, it was used to see if players were fast enough to get down the field to be able to cover a punt and prevent a big return. Now we have quarterbacks and offensive linemen running the 40-yard dash, as if they'll ever be a gunner on punt coverage.

Don't get me wrong; data acquired from the NFL Combine is important and should factor into teams' decision-making come draft day, but it shouldn't be weighed on so heavily. John Ross has the record for the fastest 40-yard dash time but is far from the best wide receiver in the game, and players like Tom Brady and Drew Brees had below-average Combine scores and have been dominant in the NFL. At the end of the day, the best test on if they can play is how they show up on gameday.

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Rivalry game set to heat things up in Texas

Joshua Strong
Staff Writer

This Spring Break, while most students enjoy parties and beaches, the fifth seed Minot State men's hockey team will head into the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division I National Tournament in Frisco, Texas. With their seed comes the placement in the second round of the tournament automatically. However, the defending national champions will face a very familiar foe in the first game: local rival University of Jamestown.

Minot and Jamestown usually play each other several times throughout the regular season. With the proximity of the schools comes a heated animosity between the two teams and fan bases. A short three-hour bus trip separates the two arenas and the contests are

always intense affairs. Minot State forward and senior Kent Walchuk explained the rivalry is something to be excited about.

"Facing Jamestown in our first game of the tournament is definitely interesting. We have had some big wins and tough losses against them in the past and this will be a true test of what we truly have to give," Walchuk said. "I am personally excited for the matchup. We have so much experience playing against them throughout the regular season. We know our skill outmatches them, and if we are willing to outwork them, we will be successful. That being said, we can't take them lightly as they are a good team. I'm assuming it is going to be a close game, as all of our contests have

been."

Though the national tournament takes this rivalry to the big stage, getting there was half the battle. The team faced a lot of challenges during the season, but always had their eyes set on making it to Frisco. Goaltender and senior Holden Kurtz is no stranger to the tournament, having played on the team last season. He hopes for the troops to rally as they take on the big challenge down South.

"Every single player has to be on board. If someone isn't completely bought in, that can be detrimental to the team's success. 'Buying in' can be anything from helping out teammates in any way possible or putting in the extra work in the gym," Kurtz explained. "The biggest challenge



Photo by Joshua Strong

Dylan Johnson scores an empty net goal to bring the Beavers 4-1 against Jamestown.

so far this season is just finding the consistency to play a whole 60 minutes in a night. When we play to our potential, we are a very good hockey team who is tough to beat. When we decide to take a period off, things can get a bit ugly, but all it takes is a flip of the switch and we are right back in the game. If we are able to play the full 60 (every game), beating us in nationals is going to be a very tall task for any team."

First year player and defenseman

Austin Wieler agreed that consistency has been both the biggest challenge and key to success at this level of hockey. He explained that the highlight of his season so far has been traveling and the opportunity to see the team grow and progress. It's Minot State hockey's reputation that persuaded Wieler's commitment to the program.

"I think seeing the facilities and meeting some of the staff here really helped my decision. Everyone wants you to succeed here at MSU and they

definitely give you the resources and knowledge to do that," Wieler said.

While the team brought in a lot of new faces this year, they will look to stalwart veterans to make a difference in the big games to come. Defenseman and senior Dylan Johnson highlighted the key pieces to the puzzle: "Josh Bykowski and Holden Kurtz are the best goalies in the country and the backbone of our team. They are there to make the big saves when we need

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Beaver baseball splits weekend series with third ranked Colorado Mesa

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Minot State baseball was trying to do something that no team has done in 10 years: win a series against the Colorado Mesa Mavericks.

The Beaver baseball team wrapped up a four-game series in Colorado Feb. 29-March 1 against the number three ranked team in Division II, the Colorado State Mesa Mavericks. In a long-fought weekend, the Beavers were able to take games one and two, but the Mavericks responded by taking the last two games to split the series at 2-2.

In game one of the series, the Beavers were able to win a wild comeback 11-10, behind an offensive explosion as redshirt freshman Kellen Peat and junior Drew Behling helped the offense erase a 7-0 deficit early in the game. Junior Dylan Roach filled a valuable role in this game as he pitched 3.1 shutout innings to keep the Beavers within striking distance.

The offense continued early in game two on Saturday as the Beavers won 13-10 behind home runs from Behling and junior Blake Gallagher. In the seventh inning, the Beavers exploded for four runs to give them an 8-4 lead which they would hold on to the rest of the way.

On the night game of the Saturday double header, the Beavers dropped a

close one by a score of 10-6. The game started fast with two home runs from senior Nolan Monthei and sophomore Jackson Pokorney. The 4-0 lead was tied in the fourth inning and the Mavericks built on momentum to finish the game 10-6 and got their first win of the series.

After a tension-filled three games, all eyes looked to the series finale as the Beavers looked to make history with a win on Sunday. Early on, the Beavers looked determined as they bounced back from a 3-0 deficit as they tied it in the third inning. The Mavericks put on an offensive show as they pushed across 17 runs on the Beavers and ran away late as they won 17-11 to secure a series split.

Infielder/pitcher Gallagher played an important role in the series by picking up a win on the mound.

"I feel like we played a competitive series from start to finish," Gallagher said. "We showed what we can do when we play our game."

The Beavers left Colorado with an 8-6 record looking to reenergize and take the next two weeks to prepare for conference play, which begins Saturday at the University of Sioux Falls at 1:30 p.m.



Drew Behling enters the dugout during a preseason scrimmage.

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Wrestling finds success in an injury-plagued season

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With their season coming to an end, the Minot State University wrestling team finished with a score of 6-9 overall and a 2-7 conference record. According to senior Dean Arevalo, a wrestler and business management major, this year was not as good as they hoped for, with many wrestlers on the team getting injured about halfway through the season.

"We were projecting to have a really good year, but we had a whole bunch of guys get injured and that affected the way we performed out there," said Arevalo. "Not having your best guys out there in the lineup takes a toll on the results. The season could have been better, but you can't control certain things."

Despite the change of events, Arevalo said there were still positive outcomes from the downfall that helped the team get stronger throughout the season.

"You can always find a positive effect out of everything, even if it's negative," Arevalo said. "It teaches us that we need to have every guy in there ready to go because you never know when someone is going to get hurt. It left a negative taste in our mouths, but it was a positive insight of what we need to do for the future."

For Arevalo, the highlights of the season were beating University of Mary and battling against both Upper Iowa University and Augustana University, despite not having all of their top men in those matches. Individually, for Arevalo, securing a spot in the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships was the highlight of his season.

"It's been a dream I've had for a long, long time, and after losing the match to make it last year, I hoped to pull it off with my last chance," said Arevalo. "Although it feels good and everything, it just leaves me more focused on the NCAA. It's nice, but I got to get back to work right away, and I got to focus on the next thing. I don't want to walk out without being an All-American."

Getting to the NCAA championships was not easy for Arevalo, especially in the match to

qualify for nationals when everything seemed to be stacked against him.

"My semi's match was tough because the St. Cloud team really scouts you hard, and I was someone they scouted and were worried about," said Arevalo. "The wrestler had lost to me 7-3 before, so they were wrestling to stop me from doing what I do. He was able to score a couple of times in positions that I don't get scored on. It was a grind the whole match, and it came down to me really wanting it. The one thing that's always been hardest for me is wrestling my best when things are on the line. In the past, I would get emotional and shut down, and this time I was able to finally just not worry and just wrestle."

Despite feeling pressured and as though the odds were stacked against him, Arevalo was still able to stay focused and win the match to qualify for nationals.

"I looked up and I saw my parents in the stands, and I knew what I wanted just because I was so focused. From the second I walked onto the mat, there was no way I was walking off without being an NCAA qualifier. By the end of that match, I knew what I was going to do, and it didn't matter if it went to overtime, I was going to get it done."

Arevalo hopes to wrestle his best one last time at the NCAA national championship and walk away as a champion.

As for the team next year, Arevalo hopes that many of the guys on the team will continue to work hard the way he did in order to be successful.

"When I was a freshman, I was two and 17. I lost just about every match. I was terrible. A lot of people come in when they're bad, and they think that they can't get anywhere. If you have a dream and you work your very hardest every day, it can happen," Arevalo said.

Arevalo hopes that his legacy will be something that motivates others on the team to continue to work hard no matter what, and see that they will be successful.

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Harmon, vice president of student affairs, previously said.

The renovation plan — and the increased cost associated with it — needs to be voted on and approved by the Minot State student body. To learn more about the renovation or for any questions about voting, students can speak with any SGA member.

SGA held a town hall informational meeting displaying the designs on March 9.

Physical polling locations will be set up throughout campus the week after Spring Break. Voting will begin on Wednesday, March 25 from 9-10:30 a.m. on the first floor of Old Main and from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Center. On March 26, the poll booth will be open from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on the first floor of Old Main and from 5-6:30 p.m. near the entrance of Beaver Creek Café on the second floor of the Student Center. Any student who pays a student activity fee at Minot State University is eligible to vote — a current student ID is required.

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them. Adam Wowryk has been huge for us as well, scoring over 30 goals this year. I hadn't played with a 30-goal scorer yet in my Beaver career."

Walchuk and Kurtz also highlighted Wowryk's offensive abilities and contributions to the team. Kurtz explained that alternate captain Paul O'Connor is a calming force for the defensive end of the team and expanded on his willingness to lay his body out night-in and night-out to block shots. The teammates also explained that the squad as a whole has plenty of guys who can step up and make a huge impact, especially in the national tournament.

The Minot State Beavers face off against the Jamestown Jimmies on Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m. CST in Frisco, Texas. As defending champions of the title, the Beavers head into the tournament with big expectations, a target on their back, and a tremendous hunger for more.

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on the team. Beisch ended his career averaging 19.5 points a game, ranked sixth in the conference, and was also fifth in the conference for free throw percentage, 3-point percentage, and 3-pointers per game. Rothstein averaged 8 points and 5.6 rebounds a game; he ranked 19th in rebounds in the conference.

"Our two seniors are two of the most dedicated basketball players I ever played with," Dwyer said. "Whether it was on the court, in the training room, or watching film, they were 100% bought into winning."

Both teams will be returning the majority of their players for the 2020-2021 season, including some of their main players. For the men, Max Cody, Dwyer, and Kobe Jackson are returning in the starting lineup. For the women, Bethany Theodore, Mollie Wilson, and Haley Hildenbrand return, while others from both teams will come off the bench.

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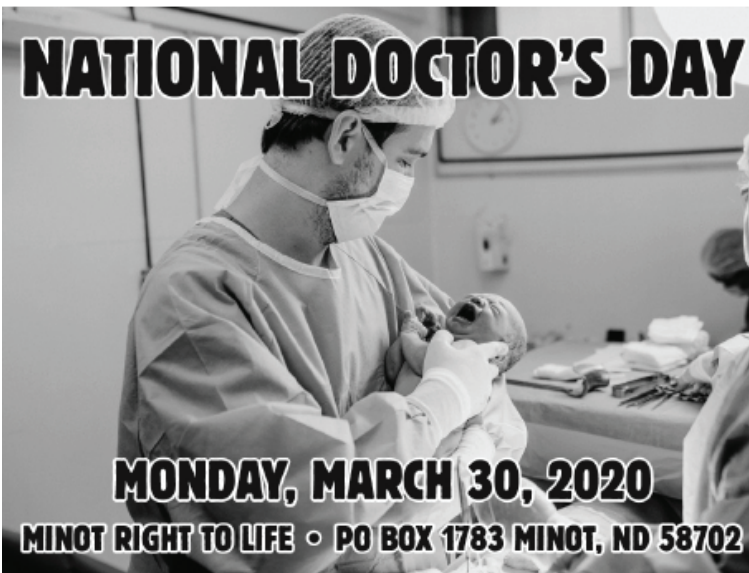
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