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Fall enrollment decreases

By Lauren Reeves
Comm 281

The new enrollment numbers for the Fall 2019 semester at Minot State University have been released, and the overall enrollment number is down 2.1% this year compared to last year. Last year's enrollment was 3,189 students. This year the number is at 3,121. The Full-Time Equivalency (FTE), which is the measurement of full-time students, is down 3.4% this year in comparison to last year. Besides a spike of 64 students in the fall of 2016, overall fall enrollment at Minot State has been declining since 2011.

Minot State Vice President for Student Affairs Kevin Harmon said that state funding is affected by overall enrollment and FTE. When there are fewer students, there is less revenue to meet the school's budget.

"The full-time equivalency is weighted at a higher level because we collect more revenue, ultimately we are compensated from the state with higher FTE. We have to find ways to balance the budget. In some cases, it's adjusting our personnel and our resources to match our revenue," Harmon said. "However, over the course of years and time, students

might realize the reduction in dollars by fewer offerings made available to them. I would like to think that our students are going to see a minimal impact on the resources that are available to them."

Harmon believes Minot State's problem is retaining the number of students that return to school after their first and second years of college. He believes the school needs to focus more on a persistence strategy in order to keep students enrolled beyond just their first two years of college. This strategy would supplement programs and services to students beyond the first year, in addition to recruiting and bringing in new students to the school.

"We've had two strong years of bringing new students in. If we can continue to perform at that level, and bring new students in at the current rate, and then find ways to retain more students, that will be our solution going forward," Harmon said.

While overall enrollment is down, the number of new students and transfers has increased by 14 students this year. Harmon said this is a good

thing for Minot State because it shows that more people are starting to come to the university. He says that if the university is able to retain these new incoming students, then the enrollment numbers should increase.

"Our enrollment numbers overall have been declining over the last several years, but I believe we're at a point with two consecutive years of new student growth," Harmon said. "If we can increase our retention and persistence rate even slightly, then we will get to that breaking point where we'll start to grow again as opposed to having a decline in our enrollment."

Minot State is not the only university in North Dakota that has seen a decrease in student enrollment. North Dakota State University saw a decrease of over 600 students this year, and the University of North Dakota saw a decrease of over 200 students. On the contrary, many two-year state colleges have seen an increase in student enrollment this year. Harmon believes this is due to a lack of students in the state and similar demographic issues surrounding states and provinces.

CORONATION: Rain or shine

By Shalom Baer
Comm 281



Photo by Shalom Baer
Homecoming King Zach Thompson and Queen Brenna Dyke. See Coronation on Page 2 for the full story.

Tutoring center transitions

By Kellie Sink
Comm 281

Minot State University is making some transitions on campus, one of the more recent is the relocation of the peer tutoring center from Old Main to the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library.

The Power Center, Access Services, the new student programs, First-Year

Experience, and the Writing Center will all be located in the lower level of the library to create a consolidated Academic Support Center. Tammy Wolf, tutoring and Starfish coordinator at MSU, is just getting settled in her new office and is excited about the move and joining of centers.

"The Academic Support Center is bringing a few different areas together. We used to be the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (CETL) and some other separate pieces. Now we're going to be the Academic Support

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News in Brief

Medalen named Teacher of the Year

Sara Medalen was named the 2020 State Teacher of the Year. Medalen graduated from Minot State in 2009 and is currently a math and reading interventionist at Sunnyside Elementary in Minot. She has started programs that encourage reading, language development, and physical fitness — these include Books and Braids, Girl Power, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Saturdays.

MSU Theatre Department presents ‘The Charm of Preparedness’

Director of Theatre Aili Smith and the Minot State Theatre Arts department will perform “The Charm of Preparedness” by Jorge Ignacio Cortina. The show is a comedy with dramatic undertones about a pre-med student who organizes a campus-wide preparedness drill. Performances are Thursday, Oct.17 through Saturday, Oct.19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. in Aleshire Theatre in Hartnett Hall. Tickets are free for Minot State faculty, staff, and students with a current MSU ID.

Rocky Horror Picture Show: Halloween Edition

Celebrate Halloween early with the Magic City Misfits as they present a shadowcast performance of the “Rocky Horror Picture Show” on Saturday at the Mouse River Theatre in downtown Minot. Tickets are \$15, including an audience participation bag, and can be purchased at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. The show is open to all ages, but does contain adult language and themes.

NOTSTOCK Events

Minot State’s annual live, hands-on arts event will be held Oct. 24 – 26. This year’s guests include: Amos Paul Kennedy, Jr., Calvin Laituri, Paul Kreizenbeck, Lisa York, Melissa Lozada-Olivia, and Daniel Bachman. The events included in this year’s festivities are gallery exhibits, do-it-yourself screen printing, live screen printing, improv opportunities, POTSTOCK(ceramics),

WORDSTOCK(poetry), and live music performances. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the NOTSTOCK website at msunotstock.blogspot.com

Minot Chamber Chorale presents ‘Heroine’

Dr. Emerson Eads, Minot State’s director of choral activities, recently became the artistic director for the Minot Chamber Chorale. “Heroine” celebrates the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage and will be Eads’ first performance as director. Selections from “Les Misérables,” Joni Mitchell, Dolly Parton, Coldplay, and Billy Joel will be featured in the concert. The concert is on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in The Depot, 15 N. Main Street, Minot.

Positions available with The Coup

The Coup is a student run publication that features art and literature of Minot State students. They are looking to add an art director and a literature director to their team. The deadline for applications is Oct. 25. For more information or to apply for the positions, contact Andrea Donovan at andrea.donovan@MinotStateU.edu or Patti Kurtz at patti.kurtz@MinotStateU.edu.

Comm. Disorders Public Meeting

The Graduate Program in Communication Disorders: Speech-Language Pathology, housed within the Department of Communication Disorders at Minot State University, is undergoing a re-accreditation visit by the Council of Academic Accreditation of the American Speech Language Hearing Association on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. As a part of this visit, the department is required to hold a public meeting for people to provide information and insight regarding the graduate program. This meeting will be held 4:40-5:30 p.m. on Oct 31 in Memorial Hall, Room 110. Please plan to attend and share your thoughts. If you have any questions, contact Ann Beste-Guldborg at 701-858-3046 or ann.beste.guldborg@MinotStateU.edu.

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The annual Homecoming community block party took place inside the Minot State Dome this year due to unfriendly weather. The Oct. 2 event, which is normally held in front of Old Main, featured free food, various club booths, the MSU Band, Cheer Team, and bouncy houses and games for children.

Melissa Gnagoh, a graduate student from South Africa studying management at Minot State, said that there isn’t anything like Homecoming in her home country, but that she attended some of the events during Homecoming week.

“I’ve been to most of the games and also most of the free food stuff,” Gnagoh said. “It allows you to not only meet other students but also get that spirit about being a part of Minot and a part of everything that is going on.”

Aylin Ergin, a broadcasting and professional communications senior student from Germany, also said that the concept of Homecoming is not something she grew up with in her home city of Hamburg.

“We don’t have anything like that,” Ergin said. “I think my favorite part of Homecoming is the parade because lots of the businesses in town come together and it shows how close the community is because we’re all walking together.”

The block party concluded with coronation of Homecoming King and Queen. All candidates were nominated by student clubs they are involved in, have completed 90 or more credits, and have above a 2.0 grade point average. Zach Thompson, an elementary education major from Towner, North Dakota was crowned Homecoming King. He represented Students North Dakota United. Thompson was the only candidate for Homecoming King.

“There wasn’t a lot of competition,” Thompson said. “But I’m grateful to represent the university as Homecoming King, and I’m looking forward to watching the game on Saturday.”

Brenna Dyke was crowned Homecoming Queen. She is a Minot native who is studying communication disorders at Minot State. She is involved with Student Ambassadors and MSU Life at the university.

“I think that this is a great way to start off my fourth year here, and I’m so excited to represent the campus,” Dyke said.

Emily Bailey, Madison Tiedman, and Megan Degree also ran for Homecoming Queen. Payton Bland, a broadcasting and professional communications major, emceed the event with the assistance of students Emily Love and Thea Bonebreak. Bland, Love, and Bonebreak are all involved with MSU Life.



Photo by Shalom Baer

A child decorates a pet rock at the Homecoming block party.



Photo by Joshua Strong

Maddi Leier (left), Shelby Tornato (center), and Eden Huber (right).



Photo by Joshua Strong

Troy Kowal.

Cultures across campus: Canada

By Joshua Strong
Features Editor

Some international students travel across the globe to attend Minot State, but for some the journey is just across one border. The majority of our northern neighbors make the move to major in communication disorders, one of them being Eden Huber, a senior.

“Once I decided that I wanted to become a speech-language pathologist, I started looking into schools and it is not offered at all in Saskatchewan. So that’s what made me decide to come here, it’s (also) the closest school to where I live,” Huber said.

Shelby Tornato and Maddi Leier are both seniors from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan majoring in

communication disorders. When asked what they miss most about home, they both agreed: family.

“I miss my family. Coming here is a big adjustment, but honestly in my fourth year being here it slightly feels like home, and I look forward to come back after the summer every year,” Leier said.

“It’s not like we go to school somewhere super far so it’s not a big culture shock. There are so many Canadians who are super welcoming here. Being in my fourth year, I’m not really sad to come back anymore,” Tornato explained.

Leier and Tornato highlighted Americans’ emphasis on school sports as a big difference in campus culture

compared to Canada.

“Back home they have sporting events, but you would never see professors there,” Leier said.

“There is definitely that community atmosphere. I think that is very much a States thing, though. The emphasis and hype of college sports,” Tornato stated.

Although Canada and the U.S. are similar in some respects, moving here still came with some personal adjustments for Leier and Tornato.

“Healthcare is the biggest. I go to see the chiropractor, but I was like I don’t know if my healthcare covers it,” Tornato said.

“You need a new phone plan or

different bank. Those were things you think about first but now I don’t even really have to worry about it just ‘cause I’ve been here for quite a few years,” Leier said. “It can seem overwhelming — but it all comes with time and I feel like any big move is kind of the same. Even if you’re moving from a couple states over you have to worry about switching all those things.”

Troy Kowal, a junior in the broadcasting and professional communications department, is from High River, Ontario. He noted a major difference between the two countries are the stricter laws in the United States, specifically age restrictions.

“I could do what I want really by the time I was 18 in Canada and now I’m 20 here, and I still can’t do certain things and it’s kind of tough but I got used to it,” Kowal said.

Difference in manners and measurement are other changes Kowal has noticed.

“When I hold the door for someone, they don’t want to say thank you,” Kowal said. “Everything is in kilometers in Canada and then in miles down here. Miles seem to go by slower than kilometers.”

Collectively, our northern neighbors have a large community that makes nestling in the south a seamless transition.



Aaron Hughes is also the co-owner of Hint of Whimsy, a local photography studio.

Photo submitted by Hughes

Aaron Hughes: Student activities behind-the-scenes

By Joshua Strong
Features Editor

MSU Life has a reputation of not letting students down when it comes to providing a consistent pace of fun activities to do around campus. MSU Life is a club consisting of students who conceptualize, plan, organize, run, and clean up after each event on campus. They are advised by Student Activities Coordinator Aaron Hughes.

“My primary job is event planning and holding social events for students to participate in outside of the classroom,” Hughes explained. “I oversee a team of

students, about 55 student volunteers and three paid directors. Together we do everything for every single MSU Life event.”

Hughes stated that her job never gets boring because the student body is constantly changing; every year is different. This allows her to meet, get to know, and build a relationship with a lot of students. However, Hughes explained it is a happy-sad moment to see the departure of seniors each year, which she said is the hardest part of her job.

When Hughes was a student director while she attended Minot State, there was just one position available. Now there are three positions, currently filled by Payton Bland, Thea Bonebrake, and Emily Love. The committee itself has also grown since Hughes’ time in the coordinator position.

“Seeing MSU Life grow has been the highlight. I’ve gone from a committee of about six students to now a group of 50-plus students,” Hughes said. “To see the excitement of what we do grow and the brand grow; that’s been fun to see.”

Hughes stated one of her team’s goals is group retention.

“We’ve done a really good job of recruiting a solid team. Now, get them all to stick with us because we’ll be able to do big things with 50 people on our committee. The work is spread thinner for everyone. I think we can take on bigger projects, and that would be really cool,” Hughes said.

Hughes said that the goal is to make team members feel welcome, connected, and part of the team. She explained that

MSU Life’s success is made possible because of that committee of students.

“It’s definitely a student-run organization. Although I do a lot with the budgeting and work with Student Center Director Leon Perzinski and other staff on campus to pull off some things, all our initiatives are student run,” Hughes said.

Hughes said there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work for each event MSU Life hosts and the process is very methodical, yet it is made possible by the efforts of the committee and directors.

Hagen connects North Dakota nursing students

By Alyson Heisler
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Minot State University nursing student Jessica Hagen has learned to embrace the responsibility of student care and leadership.

“I’ve never really wanted to take on a leadership role because I didn’t want all that responsibility, but I realized that going into nursing, I’m going to have quite a lot of responsibility with a patient and advocating for them,” Hagen said.

Hagen is currently the president of the Nursing Students’ Association of North Dakota (NSAND), which is a group of nursing students that is comprised of eight schools across the state that include Dickinson State University, Minot State, University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, University of Jamestown, and University of Mary.

As president of NSAND, Hagen mainly works to organize the yearly state conference, coordinate meetings with board members, and support other nursing programs by answering questions. Her term began in January 2019 and will end in January 2020.

“We plan a big convention that serves as a big get-together where you can meet other nursing students in the state and learn a lot of things or exchange tips,” Hagen said.

Hagen attended her first NSAND conference two years ago, and she was initially nervous about getting directly involved in a leadership role.

“I had no intention of running — it was my first year in the nursing program and I was like, I don’t want to be nominated for anything, and one of my friends who was on the state board nominated me to be on the publicity board,” Hagen said.

After serving one year on the board, Hagen was hooked on the opportunity to get more involved and took on a larger role to be the voice of nursing students.

“When I went to the convention in January of this year, I was thinking I’m really going to miss this, so I decided to run for president,” she said.

She was able to attend the North Dakota Nursing Association (NDNA) conference in September with fellow

Minot State nursing students. One opportunity that Hagen has taken advantage of is making connections with currently employed nurses.

“We met with all of the nurses that are currently practicing, and they asked us what we wanted as nursing students and what we are expecting when we become nurses, when we enter the field,” she said.

At the beginning of her degree, Hagen attended a medical camp where she got the opportunity to shadow nurses. That is where she found her passion for caring for patients.

“I fell in love with patient care and how the littlest things can mean so much to a person,” she said.

Hagen said this connection to patient care can have an extremely beneficial impact, especially in the initial patient assessment. The most important lesson that Hagen has learned is to trust herself if she thinks something is wrong.

“If you have a gut feeling that something is wrong, do not ignore it — look into what your mind or your sixth sense is telling you because it’s usually right 90% of the time,” Hagen said.

“Even though you’re a student, don’t be afraid to approach a doctor if you find something that’s wrong because eventually you’re going to have to do it.”

The theme of this year’s NSAND convention is “the impact of one” and a keynote speaker will talk about the important role nurses can play in impacting human trafficking.

“We’ve heard stories about how one nurse can have one question that they ask during an assessment that can totally change their life,” she said. “This is such a big topic that has been pushed away but really needs to be addressed.”

Kimberly Tiedman, an instructor in the Minot State nursing program, said that she’s seen Hagen’s skills develop over time.

“With her studies, she’s gotten more confident so she’s willing to be out there and talk to anybody, which is very important when you’re going to be the president of a group,” Tiedman said.



Hagen, president of Nursing Student’s Association of North Dakota.

Photo submitted by Hagen

Kids learn to build, program robots

By Lauren Reeves
Comm 281

Minot State University hosts after-school programs on campus to get kids more interested in their future and help them connect with each other. One of the programs that the university hosts is a Lego robotics program, First Lego League (FLL), which teaches kids how to build and program a robot made out of Legos.

“These kids are really brilliant, and when you start getting young minds that aren’t inhibited, and they don’t have limits that we put on ourselves as we get older, they come up with really creative ideas,” said Laura Ericson, one of the program instructors.

Ericson said the program is a great way to inspire kids to be creative and to learn to work together in order to solve problems. The program has a set of core values that the kids learn quickly to understand and apply to everything they do: working together as a team through frustration, respecting each other, and letting others share their ideas with the team.

“Something kids are often amazed by is that they have no idea how to build a robot when they first come into the program and then they can build something in a short period of time, and

they start to have confidence,” Ericson said. “You see this progress in their confidence, their knowledge, and their ability to start thinking outside the box. You see them really start to get creative ideas which is something, as a volunteer, I’m really passionate (about).”

This program was brought to Minot State University through Full STEAM Ahead by Allie Auch and is taught by Jennifer Rockwell and Ericson. The goal of the program is to educate kids in robotics and coding as well as teach them how to work together in a professional setting so that they can use these skills to help them choose their future careers. The children also compete with other teams in the city as well as in the state, and sometimes even nationwide.

“The FLL has been growing in the state and it used to be (a team could) go straight to state. Now there’s three different regionals around the state, and if you score well in all those categories, then you go to state as a team,” Ericson said.

In competitions, the Mindstorm robot is used for elementary ages 9 through 13. The older groups use aluminum craft, or aluminum and technology which is used to program

cell phones, to program their robots. Ericson says that the students have to work together in order to program the robots the right way so they’re able to fulfill the tasks that are required in the competitions without the assistance of the programmers.

Ericson said that college students can also learn through helping mentor and coach the kids.

“You don’t have to be just an education major or an engineering major. There’s opportunities to work with these kids to encourage them to grow and continue to be striving to do their best. It’s invaluable to take an interest in a young person at this age and give them the tools and let them experience that frustration and ask key questions,” Ericson said.

Ericson said the semester for the program has already started, but they can still find ways to add volunteers and help train them for the next semester so that they are ready to help the kids. She said the best way for Minot State students to get involved with the program is to get in contact with Full STEAM Ahead through their website at steamnd.org. The classes meet once a week for 90 minutes.

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Center, which will include peer tutoring,” Wolf said.

Wolf said that students shouldn’t be embarrassed if they need tutoring.

“I think for us, because I work with peer tutoring more, getting students to realize that tutoring isn’t a bad thing is important,” she said. “I like to give the example that sometimes students are here to get the A versus the B to get into grad school or whatever. It isn’t always that you’re doing terrible, but there’s just ingraining it and getting a deeper learning experience.”

Peer tutoring is up and running; however, not all of the supporting areas are complete with the move. Although the completion timeline has been pushed back through August and September, Wolf is excited to have students at the new location, mentioning the online tutoring schedule is posted online and is flexible.

“That is kind of ever-changing as well because sometimes tutors need to change their times and things come up. But, if a student requests a different time that we don’t have, as long as I know that they can’t make it

to any of the other times because of a class or whatever, we’ll try and work with them and get them a different time,” Wolf explained.

She expressed there is also the option of adding tutoring classes that aren’t on the schedule.

“If I get three or more students who need a tutor for a certain class, then I would try to find a tutor. No guarantees, but we would try to get them help,” Wolf expressed.

With future changes coming to the buildings of MSU, Wolf is unsure of what will take the place of the former tutoring center.

“We have not been told what’s going to go into our area over there yet, but this is really nice for the tutoring, just because we were really cramped over there,” Wolf said. “This is just a nice big area that gives more freedom in between so you’re not on top of each other.”

To make room for the new Academic Support Center, the maps, books, children’s sections, and study areas have been relocated to other areas of the library. Wolf is hopeful students will enjoy the new study and tutoring area.

Homecoming parade cancelled, rain clears for tailgating



Photos submitted by Minot State marketing department
Buckshot poses for the camera while the Minot State band plays at Homecoming tailgating last Saturday afternoon.



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The Homecoming parade, which was scheduled for 11 a.m. last Saturday, was canceled because of rain. Tailgating drew attendance in the afternoon.

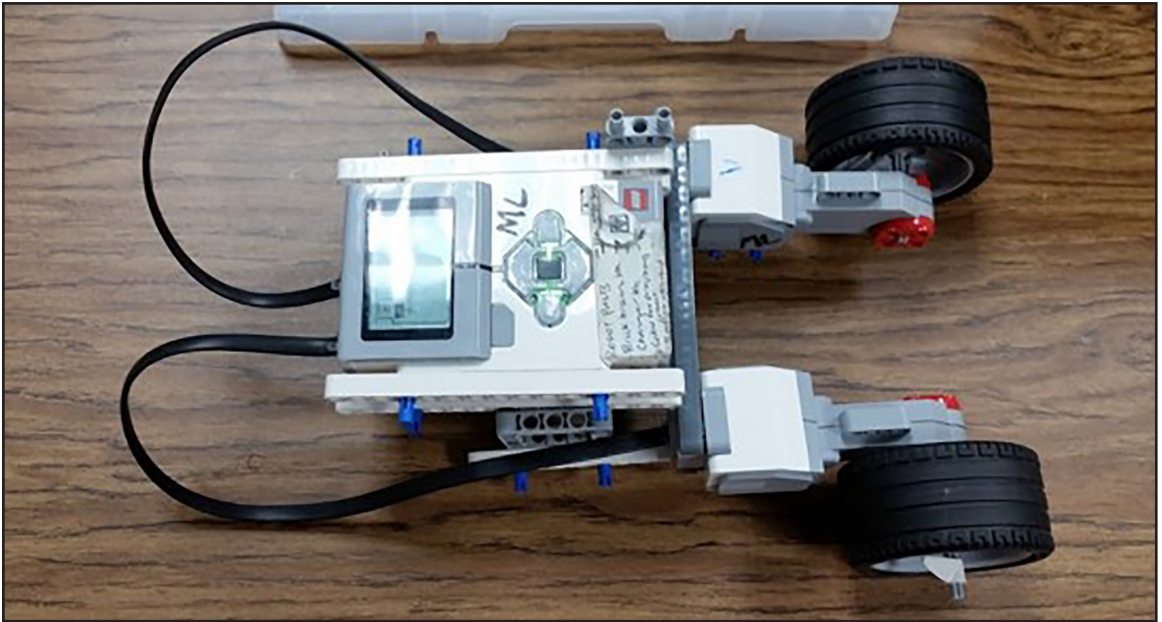


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A robot that students learn to build and program through the First Lego League.

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Homecoming 2019

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1. the animal that represents Minot State

3. name of the homecoming queen

6. name of the homecoming king

10. the new name for the street in front of the Dome

11. the nickname of our football stadium

Down

1. the name of our mascot

2. event that is hosted by The Original Bar

4. name of the university where this year’s opposing team comes from

5. a form of team game played with an oval ball on a field

7. a public procession that includes marching bands and floats

8. a social gathering outside of a stadium

9. event where coronation occurs

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Spicing
up looks

By Philip Green
Sports Editor

Ever since his arrival on campus three years ago, head football coach Mike Aldrich has found a way to spice up the team's look. It's very uncommon for Division II programs to get a new uniform look of some sort every year, but that is exactly what coach Aldrich has tried to do.

Last season, Minot State added a black uniform to its collection. This season, the team went out and got new white uniforms and white helmets. The all white look was on display against University of Mary. For the Homecoming game against Southwest Minnesota State, Aldrich pulled out all the stops and got the team throwback decals on their white helmets and throwback white pants that were worn in the game. Not only did this look excite all of the players, but fans and alumni alike loved the tribute to Minot State's athletic history dating back to the NAIA days.

There are benefits galore that come with finding new ways to change up uniforms and looks on the field. It works as a great recruiting tool when reaching out to potential future Beavers. New uniforms and looks are also great ways to reward the players for all that they do for the program. Every time a new uniform or look is revealed, it is instantly all over players' social media. It shows the players pride in playing for Minot State.

Next season, MSU football will be getting new red uniforms. It'll be great to see what other changes coach Aldrich has in store down the road.

Beaver football with back-to-back wins

By Monica Rivera
COMM 281

Minot State's Beaver football played for the Battle of the Big Lake trophy against the University of Mary on Sept. 21 and won for the fifth year in a row over their rival to the South.

Going into halftime, the Beavers were down by 15.

"At half time we just all brought each other in and calmed each other down," said Justin Coleman, a sophomore defensive back. "We were all together and decided we just need to play our

game. After that, Coach A (head coach Mike Aldrich) said this is our half and when it came down to it, we got the job done. We came down from 15 and beat them by six."

During the second half of the football game, UMary started off with the ball, but the Beavers began to buckle down and came out winning the game with a score of 34-29.

"We like to say it's not a rivalry game anymore because it's a five-peat. It feels

so good bringing home the trophy and just getting to celebrate with family and teammates," Coleman said.

Troy Kowal, sophomore offensive lineman, is proud of helping the Beavers continue their winning streak against UMary.

"Beating Mary feels awesome. I think it's something that means a lot to this school, and I'm happy to be a part of this team that was able to keep it going," Kowal said.

After the University of Mary game, the next week the Beavers faced Minnesota Crookston. Beaver football pulled out a win to make a two-game winning streak for the first time since 2012.

During the Crookston game, Coleman had to stay focused to help get the advantage over Crookston.

"Playing Crookston, I just knew I had to know my keys, and it made it even better having an interception later in the game," Coleman said.

Lane Torgerson, senior wide receiver, loves the progress the team has made.

"It feels good, the team has a lot of energy. We are taking each week one at a time and just try to be 1-0 every week," Torgerson said.

MSU football's record is now 2-3 with six games remaining in the regular season. The Beavers' next game will be away against Winona State University on Saturday.

"I love this team, I love how tight we are. We are just a group of guys that love the sport that we play and with that our hard work gets shown on the field day in and day out," Kowal said.

Torgerson agrees when it comes to hard work.

"My favorite moment, or moments you can say, is just being around the guys and making memories. Being with all of my friends are what makes all of the wins and hard work worth it in the end," Torgerson said. "Enjoy your time here, it goes by so fast. Before you know it, you'll be walking out for your last game. Do everything to the fullest and your best, and you won't have any regrets."



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The Beavers have defeated University of Mary five years in a row in the Battle of the Big Lake.



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Homecoming football at the Herb

By Philip Green
Sports Editor

On Homecoming weekend, Minot State football attempted to do something they haven't done since 2010: win three games in a row. Playing against Southwest Minnesota State (SMSU), a team that head coach Mike Aldrich and many other coaches on the staff once coached, the Beavers had an opportunity to turn winning into a habit for the program. When Aldrich addressed the team at practice during the week, he emphasized how stringing three good things in a row leads to good habits. Three good practices in a row leads to a habit of practicing at a high level. Three wins in a row leads to a habit of winning consistently.

Unfortunately, the Beavers lost to SMSU on Homecoming weekend. The first quarter was quiet as neither team found any rhythm offensively. It took a defensive touchdown to put the first points on the board. A hit on SMSU's quarterback by Kynlen Miller-Levi led to a pick six by safety Isaiah Bigby, putting Minot State up 7-0 for much of the second quarter.

Following a turnover by the Beaver offense, SMSU was given a short field to punch in a rushing touchdown and tie the game at seven a piece. The score would remain 7-7 until the last play of

the half, which resulted in a Hail Mary attempt by the Mustangs. Hurling the ball around 50 yards down field, SMSU was able to come down with a last second touchdown to take a 14-7 lead.

After the halftime festivities of honoring the MSU Hall of Fame inductees, the Beavers offense came up looking to tie the game. Much of the third quarter was dominated by Minot State. The defense shut down the Mustang offense, and the Beaver offense moved the ball up and down the field but failed to finish the drives and put points on the board.

As the third quarter came to a close, the score remained 14-7. With the wind at the back of the MSU offense, this gave them a chance to take over the game. A shanked putt by the SMSU special teams gave Minot State a short field to work with. After a shot to the endzone fell short, the Beavers settled for a field goal making the score 14-10. The Beaver defense continued to dominate and give the ball back to the offense. With less than half the fourth quarter remaining, Ben Bolinske and the Beavers offense drove down the field looking to score, and with about three minutes remaining Bolinske hit Lavante Bushnell on a seam

route for a touchdown to give the Beavers a 17-14 lead.

All the pressure was then on the Beaver defense to get one more stop. After a big sack by the defense to force a fourth down and 16 for SMSU, the game seemed all but over; however, the Mustangs would convert and pick up a first down. With the clock winding down, the Mustangs took a shot towards the endzone and scored, taking the lead 21-17 with less than 30 seconds remaining.

Despite the negative outcome for the Beavers, senior wide receiver captain Lane Torgerson saw a lot of positive things out of his team

"I was proud of the way our team played. We played hard to the last whistle and there was no quit on anyone," Torgerson said. As the Beavers head into the second half of the season, Torgerson and the Beavers plan to take it one game at a time and focus on everyone doing their individual job.

"For the rest of the season we just have to focus on being 1-0 each week — focus on doing your 1/11th, and I think we have really improved on that," Torgerson explained. No matter the outcome on the scoreboard, Torgerson wouldn't want to be a part of any other team.



Photo by Joshua Strong
Wide receiver Lavante Bushnell catches an over the shoulder pass to give the Beavers a late lead against Southwest Minnesota State.



Photo by Joshua Strong
Minot State football runs on the field to take on Southwest Minnesota State for Homecoming. The Beavers fell 21-17. MSU will be back at Herb Parker Stadium Oct. 19 against Concordia University, St. Paul.

Hockey attempts to defend national championship



Photos by Joshua Strong
As the Beavers look to defend their national title, the home opener was spoiled by the University of Jamestown in overtime. MSU fell to Jamestown 2-1, giving the Beavers a 2-0-2 record. MSU will be back in action Oct. 16 and 17 when they travel to Montana.



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Haley Swain takes off to send a spike at St. Cloud State on Oct. 4 in the Dome.



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Emily Barker dives to dig out a spike by St. Cloud State.

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Softball recap

By Monica Rivera
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Fall season is upon us. On Sept. 28, our Minot State Beaver softball team traveled to NCAA Division I University of North Dakota and played their first triple header of the 2019 fall season.

This appearance at the University of North Dakota was coach Nathaniel Wagner's first games with the team.

"Fall scrimmages are a great diagnostic. I think they first serve to give kids a chance to experience the thrill of putting on a college uniform and play college ball for the first time. That is cool to share in that experience with them," Wagner said. "Our older players have done a phenomenal job of creating a sense of belonging for their younger teammates. I am thrilled with the way our kids are taking care of each other, sharing in one another's successes."

Jaycie Rostad, a freshman Minot local, agrees when it comes to having a sense of belonging.

"I really enjoyed getting to play in my first collegiate games and was grateful that I had teammates that supported me and helped me feel more comfortable to start my career. They helped me feel more confident in my playing abilities, and I felt that I played better as the games went on," Rostad said.

Fall game scores do not get recorded but Beaver softball ended up taking three losses on the weekend. Sophomore Zoya Robbins is proud of how far the team has come in so little time.

"The triple header felt refreshing. While the outcome wasn't as great as expected, the team culture is already 10 times better than last year. We have so many options this year, so being able to explore some of them in the triple header keyed into how many true threats we have on our team: 24 different threats and it's amazing," Robbins said. "Our new coaching staff is doing really well to adjusting and I think the same of the freshman. Everyone is willing to learn and that's exciting."

Coach Wagner agrees with Robbins on how many threats the team has.

"These games definitely highlighted what we need to work on in advance of the games that count in February. I really liked how fast we played defensively, and I liked our presence at the plate," Wagner said. "I think we need to continue to refine fundamentals, throwing strikes in 1-1 counts, making more accurate tag throws, better pitch selection, sharper base running — just polishing the little details that will make a big difference down the stretch. We saw flashes of potential and are excited to see how this group will develop. I think we left Grand Forks hungry to improve."

The Beavers will start their season in the spring with a preseason tournament called the Desert Stinger in Las Vegas Jan. 31 through Feb. 2.

"I'm most looking forward to our Vegas trip. It gives us a unique opportunity to compete with teams all across the country, and it clues into what kind of year our team might have. More than anything, I'm looking forward to changing the culture and becoming one of the dominant teams on campus, because we are more than capable of doing so," Robbins said.

After the tournament, local preseason games will be played. With the season semi around the corner, comes team building and goal brainstorming.

"My goals for the team this year is to just go hard no matter what and really set the standards for years to come with our team culture. Long term goal is winning the conference championship, and making it to regionals. The experience of the D2 WCWS would be amazing, but I know a championship team takes time to build," Robbins said. "I want everyone to leave each year with true sisters, not just teammates. Great relationships create great teams. Great teams win championships."

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Kimble first began doing haunted houses for her family when her kids were growing up, and she had their help and support constructing the haunted rooms in recent years at the parking garage party and last year's haunted house, which consisted of 13 rooms in an alley downtown.

"I've always been a huge horror fan, so, it's kind of like, 'Oh, that's a really cool, creepy corner of that movie!' So, kind of pulling some of those thoughts and ideas and being inspired to kind of create a whole new world," Kimble explained.

She said the Northwoods Candy Emporium has been reaching out to local businesses and has received donations and supplies to help build the event. Kimble also works with the Paranormal Investigators of North Dakota, who will be involved with the haunting full-time. They look for volunteers, up to 40 each night, to help scare attendees.

"I have a few volunteers that helped the last couple years for scaring and I'm pulling in a whole new group of creatives in town. I hit up a lot of the local actors that want to get involved, of course," Kimble said.

With the new location being at Dakota Square, Kimble expects a large crowd to be drawn in due to the accessibility of entering from the mall entrance after the mall closes, as opposed to standing outside in cold weather.

While waiting to enter the haunted house, there will be activities for attendees to partake in such as palm reading from the Mouse River Players, an escape room from Escape Point, a selfie station, a booth from Too Dark Motorsports — a promoter of the event that does the signage — selling merchandise with the haunted house logo, and Halloween inspired candy from Northwoods Candy Emporium.

"It'll be kind of a little adventure inside as you're coming through, we're going to have some scares on the outside as you're coming in," Kimble said.

The haunted house will feature a kid-friendly version on Halloween that's toned down.

"It's from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will

be \$5 per child and with every child that pays for entry, a parent gets in free," Kimble said. "All the lights are going to be on, all the scary, scary things are going to be put away. Some of the characters from Disney's "Coco," Jack and Sally from "The Nightmare Before Christmas," will be in there. We're hoping to have Peanuts characters, Linus's the Great Pumpkin, some of that kind of vibe."

... **Research**
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available to members and one has to be a member of the national society to join the student chapter.

At Minot State University, undergraduate research is a requirement in most science related degrees. Bobylev explained that students are given problems and carry out experiments that require 10-15 hours in the lab every week working closely with faculty. In some classes, residues of metals on different surfaces are analyzed, some monitor

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water cultured plants, and others synthesize new organic compounds. This gives the university a range of possible research breakthroughs.

According to Bobylev, a chemist setting out to synthesize their compound is not investigating the uses of the compound.

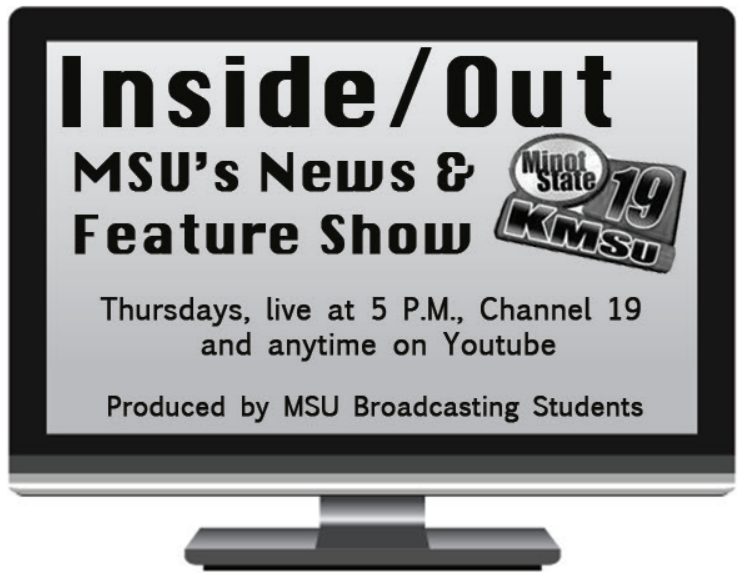
"When the chemist synthesizes the compound, he or she publishes the data. Someone else sees the publication and decides to investigate the properties of the compound," he said.

Bobylev explained that there is a distance through space and time to when a compound is made to when its use or exquisite properties may be discovered. He also added that testing for properties — usually medicinal properties — requires a large animal facility and takes time, hence cannot be carried out in universities.

It is after a compound has been tested that documentations for patents can proceed. Apart from getting royalties from undergraduate research, students can receive

awards from recognizing bodies. An example is the annual Posters on the Hill, which is organized by the Council of Undergraduate Research, American Chemical Society, and other organizations. Posters on the Hill has students — one from each

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