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Vacancy in the residence halls

By Shalom Baer
COMM 281

Minot State has five residence halls and two apartment buildings for students, as well as an apartment building that's available to faculty and staff.

Occupancy of these halls and apartments has declined over the years. The last time that fall occupancy increased was in 2013. Since fall of 2013, the number of students living in halls has consistently declined from 747 to 448, which is this semester's official numbers.

Eighty-six percent of Minot State students live off campus.

Kevin Harmon, vice president for academic affairs, said part of the reason for this decline is the lowered enrollment at the university. Enrollment has declined since 2011 except for a 64-student increase in 2016. Harmon said that this decrease has a negative impact on the university's culture.

"We need students on our campus living here, playing here, and studying here across the board. We're trying to be more than just a 9 o'clock to 3 o'clock university. We wish to have that campus life, which is driven by the life in our residence halls," Harmon said. "There's so much more to the experience of being a college student than going to two or three classes. A major part of the university experience is being engaged in clubs

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Alumnus sets impact in motion



Photo by Joshua Strong

Ryan Fila, a Minot State alumnus, returned to the university to deliver a motivational speech.

By Joshua Strong
Features Editor

Ryan Fila, also known as Motion Impact, is a Minot State alumnus who now dedicates his life to motivational speaking. Since he graduated, Fila has traveled across the globe from Australia to Brazil as well as across the United States. His passion for speaking and striving to change lives starts with his journey as a college football player.

"I went to Colorado State and I went there out of puppy love. I got there, and I couldn't even go to the games. I went to a couple and it just hurt watching

because I knew I could play at that level. I really loved football. Then my girlfriend, at the time, cheated on me a couple of times," Fila said.

Fila stated that he came to the realization that, though he loved the place, Colorado State was not where he was meant to stay. Fila and his friend, who was currently attending and playing football at Sioux Falls, decided to ditch the midwest and move back to California. They punched their ticket to visit colleges across the western states. Fila found himself playing

football again at West Hills College, California, for a semester while attempting to work his way up to NCAA Division I.

"We were winning, it was a lot of fun, and things were looking good," Fila said. "I (wanted) to get to DI, at least a preferred walk-on, or possibly an offer. I knew I was pretty small and all that, so I was trying to be realistic, but I wanted to go DI. I wanted to get into that environment. I knew if I could get into an

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News in Brief

'Elmer O. Thompson: The Inventor' on display

The Northwest Arts Center will feature "Elmer O. Thompson: The Inventor," a North Dakota Museum of Art traveling exhibition through Tuesday. "The Inventor" will be displayed in the Walter Piehl Gallery, located in the Northwest Arts Center on the lower level of the Gordon B. Olson Library. The gallery is open Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturday 1-5 p.m.

Movie in the Park - Hocus Pocus

The Minot Park District will be showing Hocus Pocus on the big screen in Roosevelt Park on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. as part of their Movie in the Park series. If inclement weather occurs, the movie will be moved into the Armory inside the Minot Municipal Auditorium at 420 3rd Ave. SW.

Community dialogue on ghosts

The Minot State Humanities Division opens its third season of Campus and Community Dialogues with a discussion titled "Ghosts and the Paranormal: Real or Fantasy?" This dialogue will feature Wendy Kimble, a lead investigator for the Paranormal Investigators of North Dakota, and Jynette Larshus, Minot State associate professor of sociology. The event is on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Northwest Arts Center Gallery. For more information, contact Robert Kibler at robert.kibler@minotstateu.edu

Spring grad applications due

Spring 2020 graduation applications are due to the registrar's office on Friday, Nov. 1. Applications are available at minotstateu.edu/commencement/prepare.shtml. If you have any questions, contact the registrar's office at 701-858-3345.

All-Hallows murder mystery

The Minot State English Club invites students to attend the All-Hallows Writing Convention. Famous authors in attendance have been found dead — the English Club needs your help to find the murderer. The shows start at 6, 7, and 8 p.m. in Aleshire Theater, located in Hartnett Hall, on Saturday, Nov. 2. Admission is \$5 for one person or \$3 for groups of five or more.

Student loan awareness week

The Minot State Financial Aid Office is celebrating Student Loan Awareness Week Oct. 28-Nov. 1 and will host two student loan repayment forums in the Jones Room on the third floor of the Administration Building on Tuesday from 10-10:30 a.m. and Wednesday from 1-1:30 p.m. These sessions will discuss what you need to know before you graduate or leave school, exit loan counseling, loan consolidation, repayment options, Public Service and Teacher Loan Forgiveness, and what to do if you can't make a payment. Stop by the financial aid office, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, for treats and important information about student loans. For questions, call 701-858-3375.

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and organizations — the after-hours period. If you never experience that, I don't know if you fully experience being a college student."

Harmon said that there are a number of reasons why students are choosing to not live on campus, one of them being the availability of housing off campus.

"It's causing us more competition — you can live here on campus in kind of a no frills environment, take part in a meal plan. Not everyone is a fan of that, and some of our residents don't want to be on a meal plan," Harmon said. "But when you have that freedom of living off campus, having no supervision, as opposed to having supervision in the residence halls — there's a myriad of factors that play into why a student decides to move off of campus."

Kody Dwyer, a fourth-year broadcasting and professional communications student at Minot State, lived in Lura Manor for his freshman year, as all non-local students are required under the university's policy. The basketball player chose to move off of campus during his sophomore year.

"I had talked to a lot of my teammates who had lived on campus for a year and then moved out, and they said that it was a lot more affordable," Dwyer said. "So instead of having all your money go to a meal plan, I got that money to myself, so I can choose to buy groceries or go out to eat, or if I did want to go eat at the café, I could go eat at the café. It kind of gave me more financial freedom."

Dwyer now lives in a house off campus with four other people where he said he pays slightly less in rent than he did when he was living on campus.

Harmon said that keeping students on campus after their required freshman year is one of the biggest struggles for the university.

"It's really the number of students in that sophomore year that are deciding to leave. If we could increase that number by 5-7% and then do that over four years, we could fill our halls," Harmon said.

Brent Winiger, vice president of academic affairs, said that lower occupancy in the halls affects the university negatively.



Photo by Shalom Baer

Crane Hall is one of Minot State University's five residence halls.

"Money gets tighter due to the declining occupancy, and, by state statute, we have to be self-sufficient on our auxiliaries. Our auxiliaries are housing and the meal plans for the most part, mixed in with that is the Wellness Center," Winiger said. "The other problem is that we have bonds out on Crane Hall as well as the Wellness Center."

Winiger said that downsizing may be considered if occupancy doesn't improve.

"It's been talked about, but we

haven't come to a firm conclusion. If we're at 60% occupancy, do we need all these buildings? That's a question," Winiger said. "We'd still like to fix up one of the residence halls (Cook Hall) this summer with any luck."

Harmon said the university is actively trying to come up with ideas to bring more people into the residence halls.

"We need to try to find a way to entice students to stay on campus because it's so important that they live on campus," Harmon said. "I'm not going to raise the white flag on that."

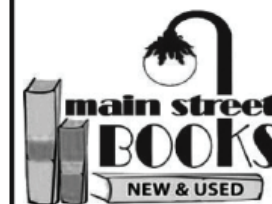
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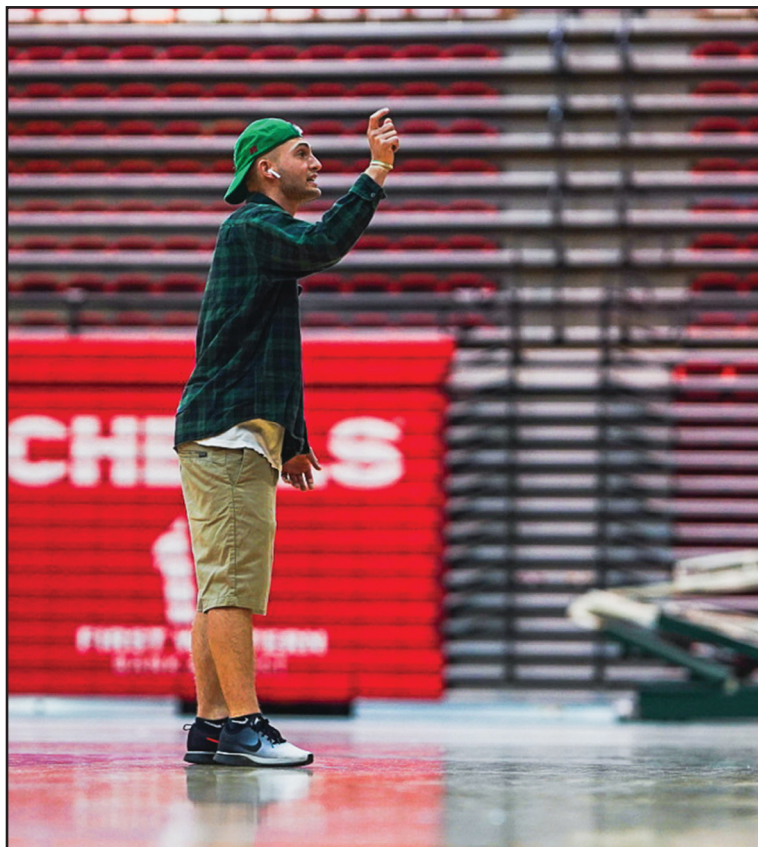
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Fila speaks in front of Minot State athletes about intensity in the MSU Dome.

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environment like that, I could thrive, but it just never came through. With three weeks left (in that season), I broke my leg. (Colleges) lost interest, I had talked to Northwestern, Illinois, and Wyoming a little bit. Obviously if you're at the bottom already, they just cut you out."

While on crutches, one of the coaches approached Fila with the opportunity to play at Minot State. After looking at the local weather climate comparison to his home, Fila was hesitant to make the move. That December he made a campus visit and then everything fell into place. He officially enrolled. Events then transpired that would later motivate Fila to pursue his passion of motivational speaking.

"I did the spring semester, rehabbed, and got back onto the practice field the last spring practice," Fila said. "Then that June was when I got the phone call that my dad killed himself. So I went back home, and I did the eulogy. That was the final spark because while I was (on the Minot State football team), I

was a captain in a leadership position. I liked talking to people and trying to help people and all those things. I didn't know how I was going to use that. Then when I went home and gave (my father's) eulogy, it was the most conflicting moment of my life. I was on stage talking about my father, his life, his death, and mourning it with all the emotion in the room. On the other side, I was realizing this is it. This is a talent. This is something that I was born with, and this is something that I can use to change the world."

Fila returned to Minot. During his senior year, he reactivated his social media accounts and started using the platforms to broadcast mini-speeches. He said that in the beginning the quality was not the best but the content was present and everything got better with practice. Toward the end of his last spring semester, he spoke in front of a crowd in the Beaver Dam as part of his girlfriend's project. He then graduated and moved to Australia.

"I wanted to keep playing. I looked around the country because overseas it's getting fairly big," Fila said. "If you go to Europe, they have competitive American

football now. You can go play and get paid and they can pay for your housing, car, and all that."

Fila arrived in Australia and ended up coaching. After he coached and worked for six months, he and his girlfriend lived and traveled the country in a van. Fila explained that they enjoyed their travels but also faced some adversity and setbacks along the way. After a while, they sold the van and then traveled to Brazil to experience the country and culture. Along the journey, Fila learned many lessons and continued speaking.

"While I was traveling in Australia, I spoke at four programs. I spoke anywhere from a super high-level academic boys' school to a behavioral school," Fila said. "Then, when I went to Brazil, I did two programs. I got the opportunity to speak at one that was really low socially and economically. All the teachers were volunteers and didn't get paid to be there. (The kids) loved being around you because you were different, you were from the U.S., to them that's just crazy. I spoke there and then I did one of the high-level schools in São Paulo, in the city."

Fila said that through his experiences

in Brazil he learned what "true struggle" looks like and that hearing about the situation in countries like Brazil is different than experiencing it in person. He put together a campaign that asked people from the U.S. to recycle old cell phones by sending them to Brazil for less-fortunate families. He then returned to the United States, caught his bearings, and began a new journey.

"I stayed in my brother's basement for the whole summer and did all the paperwork (for Motion Impact). I did the website, did all my law paperwork, I paid all the fees, and finally got the official nonprofit finished and then went on tour this fall."

Fila's tour began in his home state of California speaking in colleges and schools, then up to Calgary, Alberta, and then over to Minot. Fila stated his return to the university, specifically athletics, was a heartfelt moment.

"Being in the Dome where it all started and seeing the (Motion Impact) logo up on the screen was a big moment. I had to take a moment when I first started the speech, I almost started tearing up because it was real," Fila said. "We were up until 3 a.m. making

signs and a slideshow that didn't even air, but we put so much time into that event to make it happen. Then to be on the bigger stage, not as a student, it was huge."

Fila plans to finish his tour which will take him back down to Colorado. He then intends on moving out to Portland with his girlfriend, where he will continue speaking at colleges across the west coast. Fila explained the biggest advice he wants to leave Minot State students with is to "take advantage."

"Take advantage of your resources. I know we talk about it but take advantage of what this campus has to offer. We're currently sitting in this beautiful redone studio (in Hartnett Hall) and it sits empty so often. I'm waiting for some kid that just wants to make music. It's here, come take it. You could be in here for hours and you can make it out of Minot State University if you really want to. You have the resources here," Fila said. "A lot of students don't take advantage of it. If you want to make it out here, use the resources. That's what I would tell the student reading this. You have everything at your fingertips. It just depends on you. You have no excuse."

R&G Editorial

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Minot State should offer vocational training

By Shalom Baer

It's no secret that Minot State has been struggling financially in recent years. With state funding cuts and declines in enrollment, the university is having to brainstorm ways to not only grow, but also to prevent further downward trends.

While there are a number of factors that play into the success of a university, it's safe to say that knowing one's market is an important element to maintaining any business. In a state that is based on hands-on work, it's odd that Minot State doesn't offer any vocational training.

According to Statista.com, which compiles data from the United States Census Bureau, oil and gas and mining jobs employ 3.47% of the workforce in North Dakota, and the national percentage is 0.6%. Agriculture employs 5.85% of the workforce, and the national average is 1.33%. Utilities work employs 1.35% of the workforce, and the national average is 0.84%.

Minot State should consider offering programs like welding, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and other similar skills. Not only would this service the community it's located in, but it could also be financially beneficial to the university itself by bringing in more enrollment.

Halloween: Just another holiday or a time for the living to celebrate death?

By Alyson Heisler
Assistant Editor

In America, we often think of Halloween as a time to dress up in costumes and become people or things we are not, all while having a good time. Younger children take advantage of the opportunity to stay up late, wear a cool costume, and collect enough candy to last them a small lifetime.

Adversely, if we think about the décor and cultural elements of Halloween, they are often focused around death — whether that be in the form a horror movie, a haunted house, or a decorative headstone.

These two descriptions are from opposite ends of the spectrum. But the question is, which is closer to tradition?

I've never been someone who believes

that holidays must be celebrated in the most traditional sense, but I do think it's important to know the background of something before you talk about it. Also, I think it's fun to know macabre facts about the world.

As it turns out, the celebration of two polar opposite ideals is relevant to the roots of Halloween.

According to a Time Magazine article by Cady Lang, the celebration of Halloween is rooted in the Celtic pagan tradition of Samhain, which translates to summer's end — meaning that the festival celebrated the end of the summer and beginning of the Celtic new year. This can also be thought of as a celebration of death and rebirth.

During this festival, a bonfire would be lit and people would put on costumes to ward off evil spirits — at this time, it was believed that the barrier that separated the worlds of the living and the dead was the thinnest.

Another culture that has a Halloween-like holiday is the Mexican tradition of Dia de los Muertos, in which families take time to appreciate their deceased family members by creating alters and having picnics on their graves. This is a celebration of death, as they see it as a natural part of life and want to support their family members on their spiritual journey.

This idea of not being fearful of death is a far more positive way to look at a holiday that is rooted in death, but

this does not mean that all children should dress up as skeletons or that I'm going to be spending the entire month of October at the cemetery.

The best thing I think we can do is educate ourselves on the different traditions of other cultures around the world to understand holidays on a deeper level — to see beyond the commercialized celebrations that can be bought at a store.

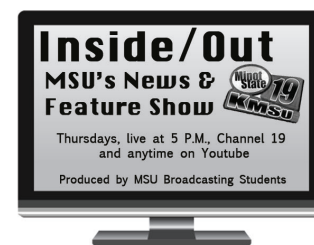


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Mykal Drosdal is the residence hall director of Cook Hall.

Involved student leads peers

By Praise Okunbor
COMM 281

Mykal Drosdal's biggest regret is not getting involved sooner.

"It annoys me when people say there's not much to do. Minot is like a hidden gem, you have to go out there and see what's up," Drosdal said.

Drosdal, from New Town, is a senior broadcasting major at Minot State University with an emphasis in public relations. He is the residence hall director (RHD) of Minot State's Cook Hall. He was a resident assistant (RA) for Dakota Hall last year, which he defines as his roughest year in college.

"That year, I was resident assistant and that semester I was trying to knock out my sciences, so I was taking classes in biology. I was taking about six classes in total," Drosdal said.

"The most important part of my job is to ensure my residents are safe, happy, and adjust to residence life,"

Drosdal added. "I want them to walk away each year saying, 'I enjoyed myself last year and I wanna come back.' I also enjoy the interactions involved, it opens doors to meet people and build connections."

A part of his many interactions as an RHD is working with fellow students who are currently RAs.

"Mykal is good at his job, he's always had answers to the questions I've had. He's a great boss," said Kyle Bjugstad, a sophomore energy economics and finance major and resident assistant in Cook Hall. "I met him last year in Dakota Hall, he was a resident assistant then. He's a great guy and fun to be with."

Drosdal's job isn't only an added advantage to his major, but also one that set him on a journey to self-discovery.

"I learned more about myself and realized a lot of things needed to change. I was one of those shy kids and I've been growing out of it for the last two years," he said.

Drosdal enjoys hockey games, Netflix, and likes to go bowling with his friends.

"He's also very good at badminton," Bjugstad added.

Along with being an RHD, Drosdal interns as a public relations assistant for North Segment council woman Monica Meyers during summer breaks. He plans to further his education after completing his program here.

"I plan to get my master's in communications, maybe from North Dakota State, but no matter what, I'm quite sure I'm not done with my schooling yet," he said.

BECKY THE BEAVER



Dear Becky,

One of my favorite holidays is coming very soon — the ultimate spooky celebration of Halloween! Every year, I love to decorate, make some festive goodies, and most of all pick out my costume. How do you celebrate Halloween? More importantly, what are you going to dress up as this year?

-READY FOR THE SPOOKENING

DEAR READY FOR THE SPOOKENING,

The season of Halloween is not traditionally celebrated by beavers, but I'm quite partial to the festivities of the fall season. A few of the traditions in my colony are carving logs, decorating the dam with strings of leaves, and of course, dressing up with my grandkits (my grandchildren) so we can walk around on Halloween night visiting the homes of our neighbors. Every year, the kits and I spend time together making our Halloween costumes — some years we've dressed up as flowers or plants to prank our neighborhood. I enjoy getting to dress up with the kits, as it makes me feel young again — but sometimes I don't understand the things they suggest we make for our costumes. This year, they've spoken about someone named Lil Nas X and also something called Stranger Things. I'd never heard of either of these things, so we settled on a Halloween costume classic — GHOSTS.

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SGA plans relocation



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Welcome sign outside of the current SGA office.

By Kellie Sink
COMM 281

The Student Center at Minot State University has been undergoing construction over the last 10 months. One of the upcoming changes will be the relocation of the Student Government Association (SGA) office on the second floor. Leon Perzinski, director of the Student Center, thinks this will be a beneficial move.

"We have some open space now that the POWER Center is vacating, so just on the second floor the thought was, let's move student government across the hall and give them a little more space," Perzinski said. "Then, with the open area, we were initially going to put our gaming systems in there."

The delays of office moves — including the POWER Center, Career Services, and the Academic Support Center — pushed back the relocation of SGA, and ultimately the gaming systems move into the SGA office. After further consideration, it was decided that the gaming systems would be put in the Beaver Dam, a place where Perzinski feels they are utilized greatly by the students.

With the SGA office space available soon, the plans for the area are student-

oriented.

"Why not designate a spot just for clubs and student organizations — whether they want to hold a monthly meeting, a weekly meeting, or if they want to use it for a study group, it's just a space for students to have primarily for themselves," Perzinski said. "Again, this is the students' building and why should they not have access to whatever service they'd like to have?"

The idea is to have a posted schedule available outside the door to notify students when the room is available or reserved.

"If there's nobody in there, you're certainly welcome to go in there. But if somebody is signed up from five to seven, or whatever timeslot it could be, then it would be reserved for that group. Otherwise, we'd like to keep it open, for any group to use or any group of students, for that matter — as long as they reserve the space," Perzinski explained.

The relocation is taking longer than planned due to delays in other moves; however, Perzinski is hopeful that the move will be complete shortly after Veteran's Day.

University offering flu shots

By Praise Okunbor
COMM 281

The college setting has students going out together, attending classes together, eating together, and sharing rest rooms, dorm rooms, and pizza toppings. This life style puts students at risk of spreading infectious diseases like influenza.

"Some people believe that they are healthy and they don't need to take the shots, but the truth is a lot of people can get the flu and have minor symptoms," Melissa Fettig, director of the Minot State Student Health Center, said. "They can spread the flu without even knowing they have the flu. If students with diabetes, heart disease, or other medical conditions with immunity less than that of an average person gets infected, they are at extreme risk of hospitalization, serious complications, or even death."

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness

caused by influenza viruses that affect the nose, throat, and sometimes lungs. Flu is different from a cold and comes with a fever.

"Usually the patients say it hit them like a truck," Fettig said. "Typically, the symptoms are upper respiratory, fever, body aches, and coughs."

Most experts believe the flu is spread through tiny droplets made when infected persons talk or sneeze. These droplets could land on the mouth or noses of people, thus transferring the virus.

"A flu shot is a vaccine that has all the strains of the flu influenza virus that circulates around the world. Once the vaccine is received, in about 10 to 14 days you will have the protection that you need to help you fight off the flu,"

Fettig said.

The Center for Disease Control recommends that all people six months or older get vaccinated annually, as this is the best way to prevent the flu.

"Some people are of the impression that if they get the flu shot, they would get the flu but that's not possible. The shot is a killed vaccine, but part of gaining resistance to the virus may cause minor body aches or a sore arm but those last less than 48 hours. It's better to feel discomfort for a day than to be out for one week, especially during midterms or finals," Fettig said.

"Resistance to the virus depends on the immunity of the person receiving it. If your immunity is low, your resistance drops but even so, the shot is better than having no resistance to the viruses," Fettig added. "If you are healthy, you've never gotten the flu, or you think you don't need it, get the shot for your classmates or your instructors who may have chronic health issues or have a poor immune response. Do it for your friends, family, any new babies, or the elderly. You are doing it to protect the others, not just yourself."

If an individual is moderately or seriously ill, they should recover before taking the shot. There is no cure but anti-virals could be administered to suppress the virus. The importance of an active lifestyle, maintaining a healthy diet, good sleep, and washing your hands cannot be overemphasized. This would boost the immune system and help you fight off virus infections including influenza.

Electronic records of vaccinations are kept with the North Dakota State Registry.

"Through this, insurance providers know that their clients have received the flu shot for the year," Fettig said.

Minot State's Student Health Clinic is offering flu vaccinations in the Student Center Atrium on Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. The cost is \$25 and will be billed to students' accounts. To make an appointment with the Student Health Clinic at another time, visit the student health page at MinotStateU.edu/Health/Flu or call the Student Health Clinic at 701-858-3371.



Photo by Praise Okunbor

A student receives a flu shot at Minot State University.

Hip-hop/funk band to perform in Minot

By Kellie Sink
COMM 281

Minot's Atypical Brewery & Barrelworks and The Spot will be hosting D Mills and The Thrills, a Fargo hip-hop/funk band at The Spot on Saturday.

"In my opinion, they're one of the best bands in the state," Nick Holwegner, co-owner and brewer at Atypical, said.

D Mills and The Thrills recently played at Leewok, a music and arts festival for suicide awareness, this past September.

"They were looking for a show on the 26th of October and got a hold of me through Ryan Tetzloff who emceed Leewok this year," Holwegner said. "He's also in his own hip-hop project, called Cold Sweat, and will be performing that evening along with Wild Hands — Max Patzner, Nick Holwegner, Andy Rennick, and Joe Andrus."

Holwegner is excited for this collaborated event and is looking forward to the style of the music.

"Well, they're very musical, and that's why I put the word funky in there as well. A lot of people think hip-hop

is just rap and a beat, but it's singing as well as rapping. Everyone is quite talented in that band, they're just solid all around," Holwegner said.

The live music will be located above The Spot poolhall on the second floor.

"It's coined 'The Venue at The Spot.' So, they're going to start doing events up there, and this is kind of a test run," Holwegner explained. "They want to start utilizing that space, it's a cool looking space. It's kind of got a grade school cafeteria vibe going on with a long hall and a stage at the end."

Atypical will be supplying their craft beer and The Spot will be serving other beer choices as well as liquor. Little Chicago Pub District is also helping by collaborating their downtown pub crawl with the event. Those who purchase a VIP wristband for the pub crawl will receive free admission into the show.

The doors will open at 8 p.m. and admission is \$5.

Holwegner urges the Minot community to experience the music and venue.



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D Mills and The Thrills will perform at The Spot on Saturday.

Halloween events on and off campus

By Lauren Reeves
COMM 281

It is now the Halloween season and students are looking for events they can attend and enjoy with their friends.

Minot State University is hosting a few of its own. Events happening on campus include a ghost hunting performance by Chris Moon that will take place tonight at 9 p.m. in Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall. Moon has come to campus in the past and done performances that have amazed and scared the audience according to Aaron Hughes, student activities coordinator at Minot State.

"We have had Chris Moon here before. I just try to do it like every other year, or every two years, so that new students can see his show as he attempts to communicate with ghosts," Hughes said. "We just really enjoy his show. He is a fun guy to bring to campus. It's been a few years since we bought him here so we thought that would be fun to have him for Halloween."

For students who may not have a particular interest in Halloween night but still want to have fun during the spooky season, MSU Life will be hosting a Build-A-Wizard event on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Beaver Dam.

For students who are looking for events off campus, a number of events can be found in the city of Minot as well. One event will take place in Oak Park where a Halloween Variety Show will be hosted by X Entertainment on Oct. 31. Costumes are encouraged, and tickets are on sale now at Eventbrite.

Northwood Candy Emporium is hosting their first ever Asylum of Fear Haunted House in the old Sears store at Dakota Square Mall. This event will take place on Halloween night and tickets are on sale now at Northwood Candy Emporium.

There are also events for students 21 and older, if they are looking for a fun event as well. On Saturday from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Chicago Pub District is hosting a Zombie Smash and Ebenezer's Halloween Bash is taking place on Halloween night with a performance by Wild Hands.

For students who have children, there are also events happening on and off campus where their children can safely trick-or-treat with their friends.

On campus, the Optimist Club and Minot State University Science Beta Gamma Phi Club are hosting the 37th annual Community Halloween party on the third floor of the Minot State Dome. Clubs set up booths to give children a safe trick-or-treat experience.

"I think it is a great opportunity for outreach for students hosting

organizations and a way for them to give back to the community," Hughes said. "It's on our campus which is kind of nice because the students can come and help out."

In town, there will be many events for kids such as the Downtown Treat Trail for preschoolers on First Street, where participating businesses welcome children to a safe trick-or-treat experience on Halloween from 10 a.m. until noon. The Downtown Association is also having a Trunk or Treat event on Halloween, where kids can come and trick-or-treat out of the back of people's decorated cars. MSU Life will have their own booth there as well to help with the experience.

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Sports Editorial

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For the athletes at Minot State who participate in fall athletics, it often feels like the state of North Dakota skips the fall season and jumps straight to winter. Much of the second half of the season for outdoor sports like soccer and football are spent practicing in heavy layers. By the end of the season, practice times are even cut short to keep players healthy and hopefully prevent any illnesses. The cold weather can serve as a major obstacle that the football and soccer teams have to overcome when preparing for games.

I think there is a solution that can help overcome the cold. Two years ago, the athletic department put up the air-supported bubble for the first time. Since its purchase, it has been very effective in helping teams train and practice during the frigid months. Unfortunately, the bubble can only be up from late November to the end of spring. By keeping the bubble up yearlong, Minot State can counteract the low temperatures faced by athletes during the fall.

Now, obviously the bubble cannot be put up covering the turf of Herb Parker Stadium because that prevents fans from viewing the games, as well as the goal posts do not fit in the bubble. But there is a different field that the bubble can be placed over and remain up yearlong: behind the press box at Herb Parker Stadium is a grass field that remains relatively useless.

I think the athletic department should consider turfing over the grass field and placing the bubble there permanently. Turfing the field wouldn't be cheap, but I think the bubble can be used as marketing tool to help get the turf paid for. The bubble is massive and one of the most easily recognized buildings in Minot when it is up. To help pay for the turf, Minot State could get a company like SCHEELS to sponsor the bubble, and then they can have their logo plastered on the bubble. Not only will their logo stand out on the bubble and be seen all over town, but it will also be seen from planes flying into the airport.

Baseball starts fall with Red vs. Grey World Series

Philip Green
Sports Editor

With fall athletics in full swing at Minot State, it's never too early to take a look towards the upcoming baseball season.

With professional baseball in postseason play and teams fighting for a shot at the World Series, MSU baseball started off their fall season with the annual Red vs. Grey World Series. Much of the first semester for the baseball team is spent practicing, hitting in the cages, and offseason lifting. For a team with

such high expectations following their recent success, players are itching to get out on the field.

"I think it's going to be a great series. Teams are all picked, and we have a bunch of guys waiting to get after it. Should be a lot of fun," redshirt sophomore infielder Dawson Forcella said prior to the series.

The Red vs. Grey World Series gave them that exact opportunity. Players were drafted into two teams, the red

team and the grey team, to compete in a three-game, live-action scrimmage. The captains for the grey team were Nolan Monthei and Trevaun Smith. Monthei and Smith selected Forcella to join them on their team. The captains for the red team were Zach Newman and Ryley Humrighouse. Similar to the annual Red vs. White Spring Game put on by the football team, the Red vs. Grey World Series gives players a chance to prove what they can do on the field to their teammates and coaches.

"It's a good opportunity for the guys to prove themselves and compete. For the new guys in the program, it's a chance to show them what Beaver baseball is about and to put on our jersey and mix it up," Forcella said.

The first game of the Red vs. Grey World Series took place on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The red team took game one by a score of 11-2. Game two was played the following day. The grey team evened up the series at one a piece, beating the red team 9-3. The winner-take-all game three was played on Saturday morning, when the red team won the series by taking the game 6-3.

The Red vs. Grey World Series was only a glimpse at what this Minot State baseball team can do. Finishing second in the NSIC Tournament last season and being crowned the regular season NSIC champions the year before, expectations are high for this ball club.

Redshirt sophomore Tyler Luban, who played alongside Newman and Humrighouse on the red team, weighs in on his expectations of the upcoming season.

"For the season, nothing less than winning a national championship," Luban said.

Winning a national championship is a tall task, but this program is up to the challenge. Forcella and the rest of Beaver baseball are on the same page as Luban and believe they have what it takes to have a special season.

"I have pretty high expectations for the season. We have a ton of talent and a lot of guys who love to compete," Forcella explained. "We play a fast, aggressive style of baseball that I think is fun to watch. There's a lot of action and talent on the field that makes for good baseball."

With the season still a few months away, it's never too early to get excited for Beaver baseball. Luban believes there's no better time than now to witness "an exciting time and program that is on the verge of something special."

The Red vs. Grey World Series has set the foundation for what hopes to be a memorable season for the Beavers. When opening day arrives for MSU next season, head out to Corbett Field and take in a special year of baseball.



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Redshirt sophomore Kellen Peat makes an acrobatic throw in the annual Red vs. Grey World Series. Peat helped the red team go on to win the series 2-1.



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Women's hockey ready for season

Monica Rivera
COMM 281

The Minot State women's hockey team is at the start of their season with a record of 1-3. So far, the Beavers have yet to play a home game. They will play their first home game of the season on Friday at the Maysa Arena at 4:30 p.m.

Shelby Tornato, a senior goalie from Saskatchewan, loves the team atmosphere.

"My favorite thing about our team is how close we are. I love knowing that we have each other's backs. We are a big family, and no matter what, I know that I can count on my teammates," Tornato said.

Haley Wickham, a sophomore from Manitoba, agrees with Tornato when it comes to being a family.

"My favorite thing about this team is having the opportunity to watch the program grow from what it originally started as, and I'm proud to be a part of this family and its initial development," Wickham said.

The women's hockey team recently joined the athletic department at Minot State for the 2019-2020 season. The Beavers will still play at the Maysa Arena, since they don't have locker rooms on campus. They recently got a new one at the arena. Junior captain Sami Jo Henry, from Saskatchewan, is very excited for the new space.

"So far this year, my favorite memory is setting up our new locker room. We just got a new locker room at the Maysa Arena, and we've spent a lot of time getting it ready," Henry said. "It has helped us bond as a team, and it's also showed us how far our program has come. We have been building up this program for several years, now it's going to be so nice to enjoy a space that's just for us. This program has gone a long way and we aren't done building it either."

Last season, the Beavers were ranked

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Torgerson reflects on time at Minot State

Taylor Rizarri
Staff Writer

In Fall 2015, as Lane Torgerson and his father Brian merged onto Highway 2 out of Minot, Lane was thinking about one of the most important decisions in his life: where to attend college.

"That's when I realized Minot was the place for me, this is where I wanted to further my education and continue my football career," he said.

Lane Torgerson iterated there were multiple factors that played into the decision to attend Minot State, one of

them being that he has close family ties to the university. His older brother, Andrew, graduated from MSU in 2015 with degrees in both mathematics and physical education. His older sister, Kayla, also graduated from Minot State that year with a degree in music education; however, in high school, he did not think of Minot as an option.

"Since my brother and sister went there, I remember in high school I had always wanted to go to a different school and go down a different path,"

Torgerson said.

It wasn't until Torgerson was visited by a recruiter from MSU and physically visited the campus that his mind began to change.

"I kept an open mind," he said. "I honestly fell in love with the campus, the atmosphere of the team, and everything that Minot had to offer."

Since his decision to attend Minot State was made four years ago, Torgerson has made many connections

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Lane Torgerson makes a big catch on the sideline to help the Beavers secure a victory over Concordia-St. Paul on Oct. 19. MSU beat CSP 38-31 improving their record to 3-4 on the season.



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Beaver football defeats Concordia-St. Paul 38-31



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Above: Ben Bolinske (2) breaks through for one of his three rushing touchdowns on the day. Bolinske, with the help of running back Ali Mohammad (below, 21) and the Beaver offense, racked up 308 rushing yards. The Beavers won against Concordia-St. Paul 38-31.



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and gathered lots of experiences. One of the strongest bonds Torgerson has created over the years is with Lavante Bushnell, a fellow senior receiver for the Beaver football program. Bushnell shed some light on their close bond throughout their football careers.

"It is our motivation for each other, we push each other through everything. When I am slacking off, Lane pushes me and that is what I really appreciate from him. The constant push we give each other is what helps us bond together closer," Bushnell said.

Both Bushnell and Torgerson have had impressive careers at MSU. The two receivers were recognized in the 2018 season by the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference for their respective performances. Torgerson acknowledges that not only has he grown in terms of his athletic abilities, but also in terms of personal development as well.

"In general, I feel that I have grown as a person, just being exposed to different situations, making new friends, and meeting people from different parts of the country and even the world," Torgerson said.

This growth is essential to Torgerson's major as teaching involves the ability to encounter and understand people from many different cultures and backgrounds. Torgerson's goal is to become an elementary physical education teacher, as well as a football coach after graduation. He credits the helpful staff at Minot State for his motivation to be a successful educator.

"My professors have been awesome and helping me with whatever I need. They are always there to provide support in football or whatever I need. My advisor, Terry Eckmann, is just a great person, she talked me through my options and helped me develop my passion for leading and teaching kids," Torgerson said.

Torgerson is excited for the rest of his senior football season and even more eager to hit the ground running with his student teaching in the spring.

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No. 1 in the West Region by the ACHA for seven weeks in a row. Their season ended after the championship game, losing to Assiniboine 1-0. With the events of last year, Henry has set some standards for the team as a captain.

"My goal this year is for us to win the national championship. I know that's every team's goal, but for our team especially because we have come so close two years in a row and have come up short," Henry said. "Even though we have moved up to Division I, as a team we still have high expectations to be in that game and to overall win it."

Tornato said that it's important for athletes to take advantage of their time in college.

"As cheesy as it is, I would tell all the freshmen to enjoy their time here. I know it takes a lot of hard work and dedication and those morning practices or weights aren't always fun. But going into my last year, I know that when my time here is done I'm going to wish I

could do it all over again," Tornato said.

Wickham also knows that time is ticking when it comes to being able to play.

"If I could give any advice to the incoming teammates, I would say appreciate these last few years of hockey that we have and to put everything you got into every shift you play before it's your last competitive game," Wickham said.

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