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A look back at the decade

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From various election scandals, to fashion mistakes, to music that was integral in our lives, the past decade has been filled with many defining moments for pop culture history. Here's a look back at some of the highlights.

In 2011, Prince William and Kate Middleton were married at London's Westminster Abbey. Roughly 100 million people tuned in on TV and online to watch the royal wedding. British singer Adele's first album, titled "21," was released and instantly hit the Billboard Hot 100 charts in America. New to the celebrity spotlight, Kim Kardashian filed for divorce from Kris Humphries after 72 days of marriage. It was also the year that marked the end of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" after 25 years on air.

The year 2012 kicked off the first "Avengers" movie, as Marvel fans swarmed the theaters in droves. K-pop's global influence began as "Gangnam Style" became the first video on YouTube to reach 1 billion views. The literary scene was highlighted by the publication of "Fifty Shades of Grey."

The year sadly saw two of the deadliest shootings in U.S. history at the time: a devastating event in Aurora, Colorado, where 12 people were shot and killed at a movie theater during a midnight screening of the "Dark Knight Rises," and the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newton, Connecticut later that year. These events prompted the debate about violence and gun reform.

Lastly, the night before the Grammy Awards, 48-year-old



Pokémon Go was the most downloaded app of 2016.

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Minot State COVID-19 Hub minotstateu.edu/covid

COVID-19 testing on campus

Upcoming testing dates include Dec. 11, 15, and 18 from 8-11 a.m. on the third floor of the Dome, with 8-9 a.m. reserved for MSU students, faculty, and staff. Participants are encouraged to pre-register to facilitate an efficient collection process and minimize the amount of time spent at the testing site. A pre-registration link is on the Department of Health's website at testreg.nd.gov/.

MSU announces post-Thanksgiving option

The Minot State campus has weathered the fall semester as well as expected. The same is not true in North Dakota or Ward County as COVID-19 cases spiked dramatically in November. The university made the decision to allow students the option to depart campus at Thanksgiving break and complete the remaining fall semester, including Finals Week, from a distance.

The MSU campus will remain open after Thanksgiving and classes currently being offered face-to-face will continue that way for students who choose to attend in-person. Classes currently offered in-person and remotely/HyFlex/online-synchronous will continue on the day and time they are scheduled. For students choosing to go home, it in no way excuses them from missing classes. Students must communicate with their instructors if planning to utilize the distance option. Housing and dining services will continue until the end of the semester. Since leaving campus prior to the end of the semester is optional, there will not be any refunds or prorating for those services.

S/U grading option

In November, the MSU Faculty Senate adopted a policy allowing students the option to convert any current letter grade (A-F) courses in the Fall 2020 semester to satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) grading. This is similar to what was done during the Spring 2020 semester. This S/U option is only for undergraduate classes, and the window of time to implement such a decision is from

Dec. 14 to Dec. 30, 2020. Visit minotstateu.edu/covid and click the Fall Grading Options link for more information.

Finals Week

Final exams for 2020 Fall 16-week classes will be from Dec. 14-18. The schedule for final exams is available on the Registrar's Office page at minotstateu.edu/records.

Late-Night Finals Breakfast

This year's Late-Night Finals Breakfast will be on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. For further, updated information, follow MSULife on Instagram.

Fall rental books due

All fall rental books are due to the Minot State University Bookstore by Friday, Dec. 18. The bookstore is open regular hours and books can be checked in, in person. For students unable to return in person, a \$5 UPS shipping label can be generated at minotstateu.bnccollege.com. International students will not be able to use this shipping label due to customs. Regardless of shipping method, please make sure packages are postmarked by Friday, Dec. 18.

Christmas Break

There will be no classes from Dec. 21 to Jan. 10, in observance of the holiday academic break.

Spring 2021 semester

The Spring 2021 semester will begin on Jan. 11 after 4 p.m. and Jan. 12 all day.

Celebrate the holiday season

For some additional festive cheer, consider taking part in the following events:

Downtown Holiday Window Walk

Enjoy an evening stroll through the downtown neighborhood during this holiday window walk on Friday from 5-8 p.m. Nearly 20 businesses will have transformed sidewalk-level windows into festive holiday scenes.

Pro Tip: Grab a coffee or cocoa to sip during your walk, and then stop for

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College Democrats react to election

Submitted by the Minot State College Democrats Club

The Oct. 29, 2020 issue of the Red and Green published an article regarding the College Democrats' perspective on the 2020 presidential election. As a club, we want to correct the statement that we "declined to comment" and elaborate on our beliefs.

To begin, the College Democrats club at Minot State welcomes conversation about our political stances, but we do not wish to speak on behalf of the Democratic National Party. We are affiliated with the party merely by name and by ballot.

This brings to light our dissatisfaction with the two-party system in the United States. Working within the constraints of the political dichotomy, the Democratic Party is the side that most closely supports our beliefs. For the 2020 general election, we endorsed the Biden-Harris campaign and are relieved with their victory.

We also acknowledge the censurable pasts and lethargic policymaking of the party and its members, but their current platform sides more closely with the stances that we claim as part of our core values.

However, this does not mean we do not view the party with a critical eye. In fact, we have done so and will continue to do just that. The stances on certain social, economic, and political issues are what drive our beliefs, not the party, and we will continue to uphold them until those in power make the changes they promised us and more.

One of these topics is the right to having a safe abortion. The Democratic Party has been the side that has protected the right to choose, and we as

a club stand by those with uterus and their personal, private decisions.

The Democratic Party also acknowledges climate change and its increasing effects on the planet. The Biden-Harris campaign promises to expand the country's renewable energy capabilities and deemphasize fossil fuels.

Likewise, the College Democrats believe healthcare is a human right, and the Biden-Harris administration plans to protect the Affordable Care Acts as well as provide an affordable, public health insurance option.

We also support the LGBTQ+ community and their rights to equal marriage, healthcare, and adoption. In 2012, Biden announced on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he supported marriage equality, and earlier this month, he became the first president-elect to mention transgender people in their acceptance speech.

Finally, the College Democrats understand that racism is a systemic issue inherent in the country's policymaking, with the prison industrial complex being a large contributor. Vice President-elect Kamala Harris promised during the vice-presidential debate to abolish private prisons, a critical step in ending racism in the justice system.

These stances are what the College Democrats at Minot State support. While we are affiliated with the Democratic National Party, our beliefs are at the forefront of our political identities, and we will continue to support the most realistic political choice who will enact policy that aligns with those beliefs.

Festive feelings: Hallmark movie reviews

By Alyson Heisler

'Tis the season for predictable holiday movies with paper-thin plots and far too many Christmas trees. These are primarily produced by the Hallmark Channel, which begins their holiday movie season promptly near the end of October. Most of these movies have a similar plot line and festive theme. The main character — usually a woman, but on occasion a man — living in either a kitschy small town or a bustling city is dealing with a seasonal conflict.

These conflicts include, but are not limited to the following: a family business is at risk of closing, their professional job has brought them to the town to study or aid in their festive traditions, a family member is injured (they've come to care for them), or the elaborate annual Christmas festival is being planned.

Despite this stereotypical predictability, these movies serve as an outlet for wholesome Christmas joy to prime viewers for the upcoming holiday season.

The fuzzy feelings they bring could warm the coldest hearts with their mention

In "On the 12th Date of Christmas," two game creators are tasked with working together on a project to create a Christmas-themed app. They are polar opposites — Jennifer is obsessed with Christmas and Aiden is an anti-festive scrooge.

Using festive destinations and activities in the city, they create a holiday scavenger hunt centered around bringing attention to local businesses and Christmas experiences. The scavenger hunt brings people together to celebrate — including Jennifer and Aiden, as they spend the holiday season together.

This one is a quintessential Hallmark Christmas movie and is a wonderful viewing experience. It has all the heart-warming, festive elements with just enough wacky moments to add some humor to the story. The production of the movie is also really good — without weird background music or faux snowy overlays

— which adds to the experience.

"On the 12th Date of Christmas" is a recommendation from me, and it makes me wish for the time when real, in-person holiday activities could happen. One day, we will again be able to gather to watch strings of Christmas lights be plugged in with joy.

Honorable mentions include the following films (if you wish to call them that): "The Christmas House," "Never Kiss a Man in a Christmas Sweater," and, for the time-travel lovers, "A Timeless Christmas."

When times are tough and you're thoroughly done dealing with your own family, watch another person's seasonal struggles to feel the holiday spirit. Things that pair well with cheesy, predictable Christmas movies include large bowls of popcorn, hot chocolate (or any other beverage, alcoholic or not), and enough judgment to fill approximately two hours of your evening. Happy viewing!



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Enjoying the holiday festivities.

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Festivus: A secular celebration

By Calli Delsman



Courtesy of Sony Pictures Television

'The Strike' episode, from the TV show 'Seinfeld,' aired Dec. 18, 1997 and introduced viewers to Festivus.

The holidays are coming up fast, and many different cultures and beliefs are practiced this time of year. While many people are familiar with Christmas, there are a variety of ways that people celebrate this time of year, including a secular holiday known as Festivus.

Festivus, celebrated on Dec. 23, provides an alternative to religious holidays and was originally brought to light from the show "Seinfeld." "The Strike" episode aired on Dec. 18, 1997, the 166th episode of the sitcom.

A writer for the show, Dan O'Keefe, was introduced to Festivus by his father, who invented the holiday to get a leg up on Christmas.

Similar to Christmas, there are specific traditions that are done on the days or weeks around the holiday.

"To mark the occasion, an aluminum pole is set up in the living room or backyard — the Festivus pole. After a Festivus meal, celebrants must air their grievances with each other and engage in feats of strength, like wrestling,"

according to a New York Times article that ran on May 11, 2020.

To get into more specifics, the aluminum pole acts as a type of Christmas tree, although it really is the opposite of a decorated tree. Before the Festivus dinner, family and friends tell all the issues they had with one another over the past year.

After the Festivus meal, the feats of strength take place. The head of the household chooses another person, who may decline, to attempt to pin

him or her. Festivus is not considered over until the head of the household is pinned.

Since the holiday was originally aired on "Seinfeld," many have adopted Festivus into their own lives by celebrating on Dec. 23 or during a different time in December or year.

The main idea of Festivus is to celebrate in a non-commercialized way. Many argue that Christmas is over-advertised, and it is one of the biggest holidays where retail businesses and

corporations make money. Festivus is a way to forget about the presents and money, and just be in the moment with the ones you love.

Festivus is a great holiday to experience with friends or family, whether you celebrate another winter holiday or not. The quirkiness of the festivities takes away from the stress of buying gifts. Happy Festivus — or Happy Holidays — for whatever holidays you choose to celebrate.

Hanukkah: The Festival of Lights

By Alyson Heisler

Hanukkah is an eight-night Jewish celebration, also known as the Festival of Lights, and stems from a storied past.

The holiday is based on the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the second century B.C. — considered by many the holiest place at the time — after it had been desecrated by the Syrians. The destruction was directed by Syrian king Antiochus IV Epiphanes — he was on a mission to spread the worship of Greek gods by abolishing Judaism.

A resistance movement led by the Maccabees to maintain the Jewish culture against Antiochus' rule led to a battle between the Syrians and the Maccabees. The Maccabee fighters defeated Syrian forces despite the odds

stacked against them.

They relit the Ner Tamid, an eternal light in every synagogue, and rededicated the temple. This led to the naming of the holiday Hanukkah, meaning dedication.

There is a popular legend that one jar of oil was found in the destroyed temple that miraculously burned for eight nights, when it should have only been enough for one day. But this is not the reason for the eight-day celebration. The holiday is instead celebrated for eight days in coordination with the festival of Sukkot, which is another eight-day Jewish celebration that gives thanks for the fall harvest and has also come to commemorate the 40 years of Jewish wandering in the desert.

The rituals of the celebration of Hanukkah include the lighting of the menorah, prayers, songs, traditional foods, and the dreidel.

Each night, one branch of the menorah, or one candle, is lit as the sun sets. A ninth holder, called the shamash, is for a candle used to light all the other candles or serve as an extra light. One candle is lit on the first night, two on the second, and so on. Candles are added and lit from left to right, but no specific order is specified.

Three prayers accompany the first night of candle lighting, and two prayers are said or sung on the next seven nights.

The traditional foods associated with the Hanukkah celebration revolve around oil. Foods are fried in oil to

symbolize the miraculous oil. Latkes, potato pancakes served with applesauce and sour cream, and sufganiyot, jelly-filled doughnuts, are often eaten during the celebration.

A dreidel, a four-sided top, is used to play a Hanukkah gambling game. Each side of the top has a different Hebrew letter: nun, gimel, hei, and shin. Each player takes turns spinning the dreidel, and the letter on the side it lands on represents an action. These actions include adding to the pot (shin), winning part (hei) or the entirety of the pot (gimel), or doing nothing (nun). A variety of items can be used as currency, most often small coins or chocolate coins.

In contrast with the modern

celebration of Hanukkah, gifts weren't traditionally part of the Festival of Lights. Children may be given gelt, or money, to reward them for their studying of the Torah and to remind them to give money to charity. Exchanging gifts has become more common in the celebration of Hanukkah in North America.

Hanukkah is both a time to celebrate family and friends, but also a reminder to rededicate or purify and take time to reflect on the past year — what happened, responses, decisions that were made, etc. — to improve choices and behaviors in the new year.

This year, Hanukkah begins on the night of Tuesday, Dec. 10 and will end on the night of Wednesday, Dec. 18.

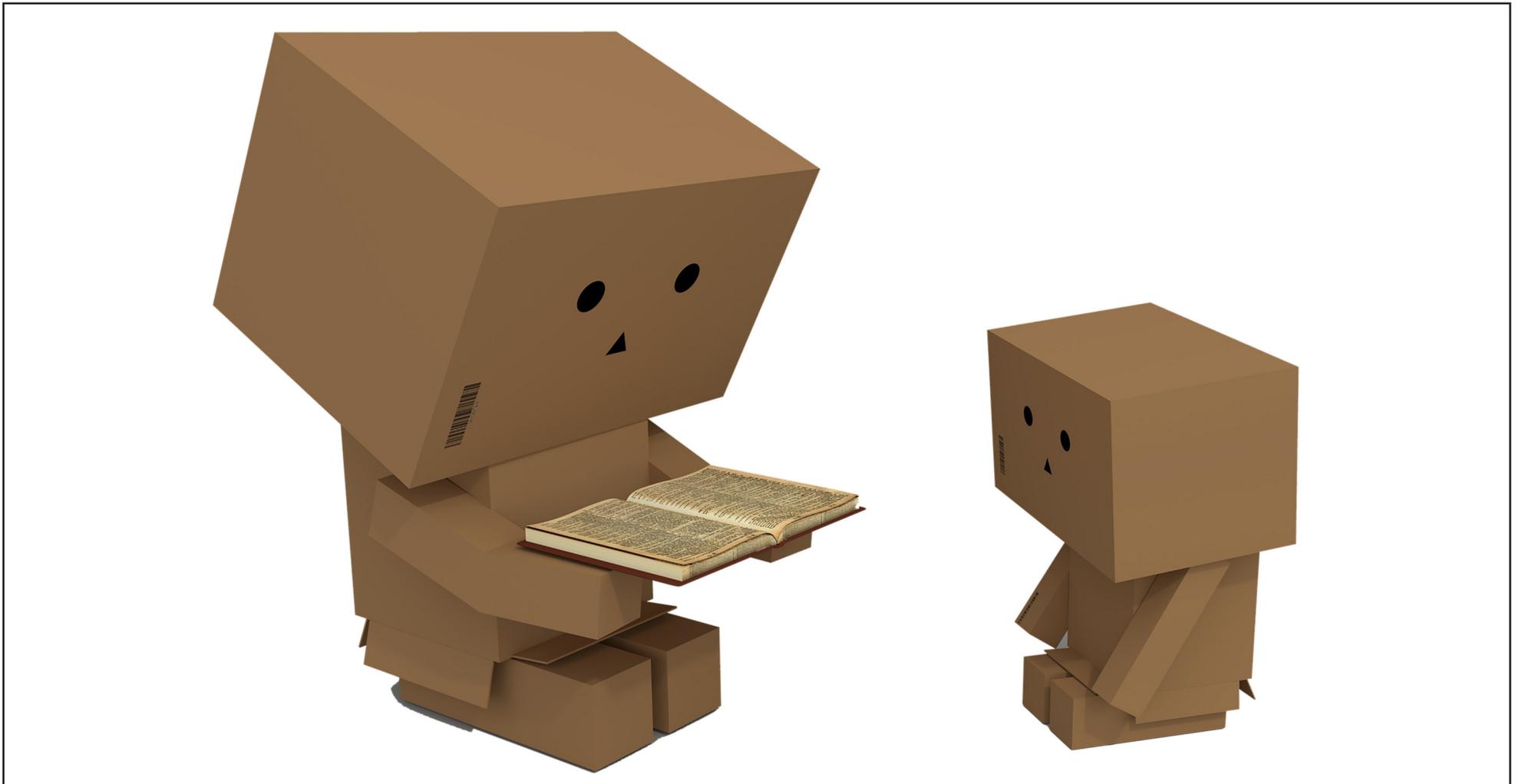


The shamash and menorah.

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What even is Boxing Day?

By Tyler Luban



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For many Americans, the day after Christmas usually means getting back to work and looking ahead to the new year. For other countries, the day after Christmas is a recognized public and federal holiday known as Boxing Day.

Originating in the United Kingdom, Boxing Day is mainly celebrated by countries formerly under the British Empire. Some of these countries include Canada, New Zealand, Scotland, and Ireland.

As far as the origin of the holiday goes, two theories dating back to the early 1830s suggest that the holiday

began when the rich would box gifts for the less fortunate the day after Christmas. During these times, Boxing Day was a day off for servants and they would receive a gift to give to their families.

In Canada, the day after Christmas is recognized as a federal holiday and for many, it is the biggest shopping day of the year. Numerous companies save their best deals for the day. Boxing Day is comparable to the popular, unofficial shopping holiday known as Black Friday in the U.S.

Minot State senior and Canadian

student Nathan Slobodian described the day after Christmas as an opportunity for family time.

“For me, Boxing Day is a day for spending time with family and taking in the holiday season before it’s gone, along with checking out what kind of post-Christmas sales there are,” he said.

Sporting events are also notoriously popular on Boxing Day, when many of the top soccer leagues in the United Kingdom and Italy play their most important regular season games of the year. Other sporting events like cricket and horse racing, draw in much bigger

crowds on the holiday than any other time. In Canada, the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship is a popular ice hockey tournament where Team Canada plays against other countries in an elimination style tournament beginning on Boxing Day.

Minot State Canadian student Blake Gallagher recalled spending the day cheering on Team Canada.

“It’s a tradition like no other,” Gallagher said. “I would go as far as to say it’s one of the biggest traditions in Canada, and personally, I know many

people that look forward to having the whole day to watch hockey.”

In the United States, the day after Christmas is recognized as a public holiday in Texas, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Kansas; it is not recognized federally. As most school systems are closed, many families use the day after Christmas as a vacation day in order to be with family.

Boxing Day is celebrated in many ways across the globe, but one constant theme remains: the celebration of tradition and family.

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R&B singer Whitney Houston died of an accidental drowning. She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2020.

In 2013, young adult novel enthusiasts were rewarded with the launch of "The Hunger Games" franchise. Prince William and Middleton welcomed their first baby, Prince George. Miley Cyrus twerked at the Video Music Awards and prompted people worldwide to start questioning her behavior after she shed her Disney Channel alter ego.

In 2014, the Ice Bucket Challenge was the most popular post on social media sites. Kardashians and Kanye West threw the wedding of the year in Italy. Around the same time, George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin tied the knot.

The year of 2015 was a great success for the LGBTQ+ community when Caitlyn Jenner was introduced to the

world on the cover of Vanity Fair. Former Olympic athlete Bruce Jenner went through a public transition and hadn't disclosed any photos of herself until the magazine cover. Towards the end of the year, the U.S. Supreme Court declared the federal Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional and paved the way for legal same-sex marriage in all 50 states.

Next came one of the most surprising years yet. In January and April 2016, respectively, the world was shaken by the deaths of David Bowie and Prince. Beyoncé surprised fans with her second album, which dove deep into the experiences of black women, trust, infidelity, and strength. After this, several songs from her album "Lemonade" appeared on the Billboard Hot 100 charts.

Several months later, Pokémon Go was released on the iTunes and Google Play stores. Millions of people downloaded the game, making Pokémon Go the number one downloaded app of 2016. At the

Summer Olympics, Simone Biles led the U.S. women's gymnastics team, dubbed the "Final Five," to gold and received three for herself. And, of course, because 2016 was an election year, after many celebrity endorsements, Bernie Sanders and Hilary Clinton lost the presidential election to Donald Trump.

To start 2017, Trump took his seat in the Oval Office. The Fyre Festival was a complete failure. Attendees, some of whom paid thousands of dollars after seeing the festival advertised on Instagram, arrived in the Bahamas only to find that there was no concert. Concert-goers had to stay in waterlogged tents and suffer through food shortages until all flight and reimbursement methods could be figured out.

The biggest news of 2017 was the #MeToo movement. The New York Times and The New Yorker published articles in October detailing the harassment and assault allegations against Harvey Weinstein. Half a dozen of Hollywood's biggest celebrities came

forward to speak against him and shed light on the dark side of fame.

"Black Panther" hit box offices worldwide and made \$1.3 billion, becoming the top-grossing movie of the year. This had a huge impact on the Black community because of the culture depicted in the film and because the film was created by a Black director.

Yet another royal wedding graced the British royal family in 2018. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle broadcast their wedding, making it the social event of the year. Four years in the making, Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper's version of "A Star is Born" was released in theaters. Their single "Shallow" was the hit song of the year.

In 2019, Taylor Swift was named the artist of the decade at the American Music Awards after winning album of the year twice in a row. Marvel fans cried and bid farewell to Robert Downey Jr.'s Iron Man in the last Avengers film, "Avengers: Endgame." The film made \$2.8 billion worldwide, making it the highest-grossing movie

of all time. A college admission scandal took the U.S. by storm. After news that Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman paid William Singer to guarantee their children's admission into the top colleges in America, the debate on whether fame constitutes special privileges was a hot topic.

While there are a few weeks remaining in 2020, it is safe to say that this year has been full of major events, including: raging wildfires in Australia and across California; the deaths of NBA star Kobe Bryant, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and rock legend Eddie Van Halen; Black Lives Matter protests; the rise of the coronavirus pandemic; the impeachment of President Donald Trump; and the election of former Vice President Joe Biden as the 46th president.

Hopefully the next year and the new decade is welcoming to all of us and, above all, finally an end to the coronavirus. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



President Donald Trump's inauguration in 2017 was one of the most notable points in the past decade.

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Leaving college with fulfilled goals

By Lauren Reeves

As he wraps up his last semester at Minot State University, senior Dean Arevalo reflects on his accomplishments at what he calls his second home.

Coming from Riverside, California to MSU, Arevalo wanted to feel a sense of growth while he was in college.

“I wanted to experience living somewhere else and being independent,” said Arevalo. “Also, coach Forde (Evan Forde, Minot State head wrestling coach) was a great coach and showed a lot of belief in me. I had all the proper training equipment in the Dome, so I thought I had the right person to get me to where I wanted to be.”

Looking back, Arevalo highlighted the

growth in his abilities.

“Freshman year, it was exciting because it was new but also a tad stressful because there was a lot I wanted to accomplish while being here,” said Arevalo. “Now, it feels absolutely amazing knowing what I have done here and having so much respect at the university. Also, [it] feels like it’s my second home.”

Arevalo admitted he didn’t focus much on a major when he first came to Minot. A lot of his attention was on wrestling at the time.

“I came here originally with my main focus on wrestling because that is my passion and destiny,” said Arevalo. “It’s deep in my soul and heart and no matter

what I’m doing in life, I’ll make sure I’m wrestling also. But I am so happy to have chosen a major, too. Being able to say I was a student-athlete is big, knowing all the responsibilities it has so that was the other main reason.”

Double majoring in business management and entrepreneurship, and graduating in Fall 2020, Arevalo highlights his academic accomplishments, including a student-athlete award for having a 3.0 GPA or higher and creating a business idea called ijump for College of Business Instructor Tawnya Bernsdorf’s class.

As a member of the wrestling team at Minot State University, Arevalo saw

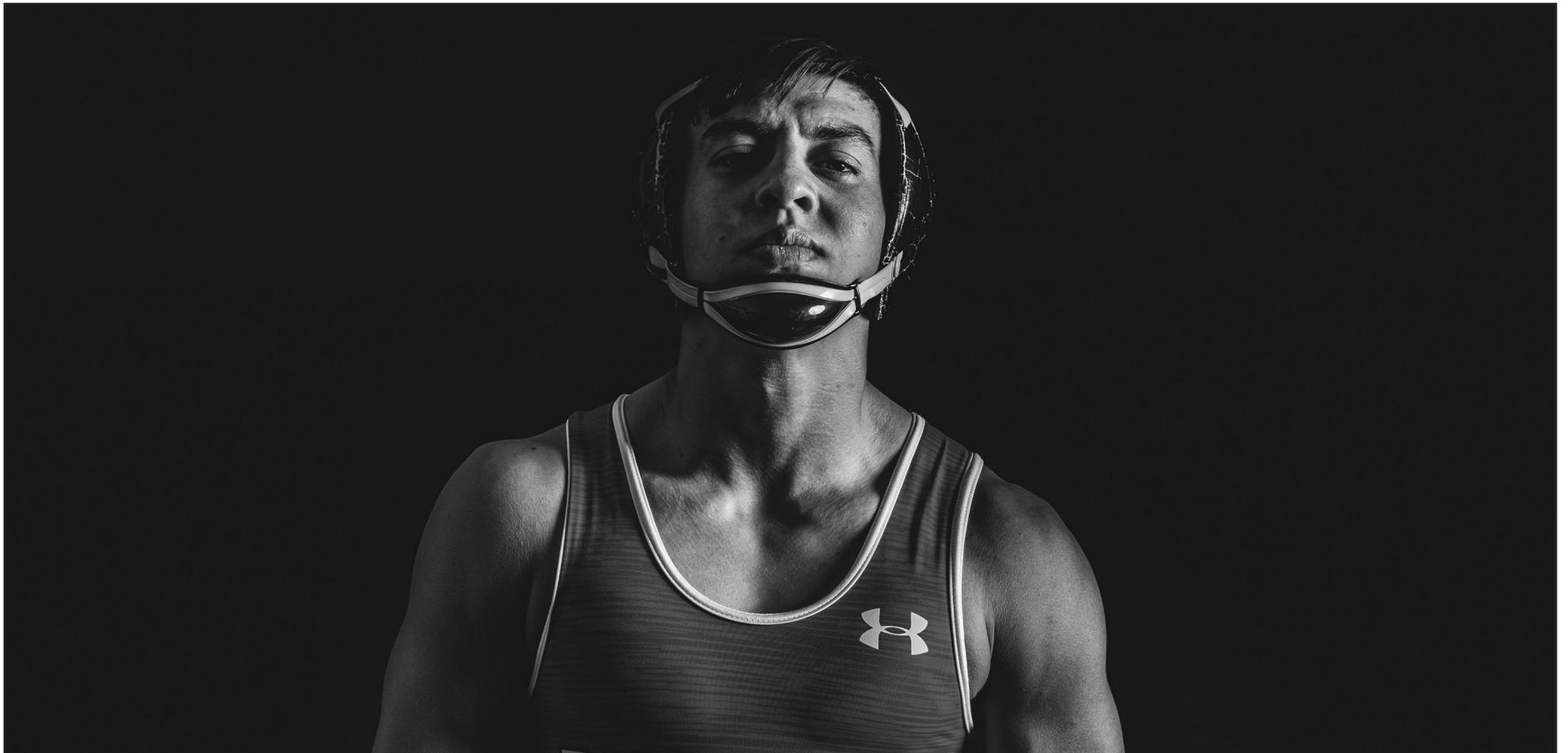
many accomplishments throughout his athletic career. During his junior year, he was a fourth-place finisher at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Super Regional. He earned a national qualifying spot his senior year, upsetting the number-three ranked wrestler in the nation who was a returning NCAA All-American.

“I have no regrets; it went the best as it could go because I left nothing in me at the end. Forde always said leave here with no regrets and knowing you gave it your all, and I gave it my all and then some,” said Arevalo. “I am still wishing I could have been the national champion or an All-American, but that was out of my

control. The NCAA national tournament was canceled due to COVID. I know what I would have done there and so does my family and team. I am happy I am a NCAA National Qualifier because I did the most I was allowed to do.”

After graduation, Arevalo is considering starting a media/videography business back in California or becoming a marine officer or police officer.

As for advice to other students, Arevalo says, “Enjoy your time here — every second. All the good moments and all the struggles, don’t forget any of it because it builds your character and you will smile at it all later. Keep your true North along the way.”



Wrestler Dean Arevalo poses during wrestling Media Day.

Photo submitted by Dean Arevalo

RG Editorial

Philip Green
Sports Editor

Ever since National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) football added a playoff tournament alongside the many bowl games to determine the national champion, there have been many fans calling for the playoff to be expanded from four teams to eight teams.

It is definitely an interesting concept and gives fans more college football to watch, but when you have the number one seed blowing out the number four seed like Louisiana State University (LSU) did to the University of Oklahoma last year, it doesn't help the case for teams ranked fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth. If the fourth ranked team can't make it competitive, why should we expect these other teams to add to the competition?

This year, however, an eight-team playoff might be necessary due to the uncertainty of what teams are really above the rest. The College Football Playoff (CFP) Selection Committee is tasked with the job of finding the four best teams for the playoff. There are several scenarios that will make that decision very difficult.

What four teams would deserve a spot in the playoff if Ohio State University goes 9-0, the University

of Southern California (USC) goes 7-0 in their shortened season, the University of Florida beats the University of Alabama in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) title game, and Clemson University beats the University of Notre Dame in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) title game? That would leave all four teams with one loss; and what if a non-Power 5 team like Brigham Young University (BYU) or the University of Cincinnati goes undefeated?

In the past, if there were four undefeated teams, those four would get into the playoff. But does an undefeated team like BYU, that doesn't play as tough of a competition, deserve to get in over a one-loss Clemson? Does USC deserve a spot in the playoff in an undefeated short season over a one-loss Florida team that played a full season? I know I wouldn't want to be on the committee making that decision, and that's why — for this year only — having an eight-team College Football Playoff might be necessary.

**This editorial may not reflect the views of Minot State University.*

Return of MSU women's hockey

By Philip Green

Minot State has been without athletics for much of the fall semester. The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) canceled all fall sports for 2020. NSIC athletics are set to return after the new year, and winter sports like basketball and wrestling recently released their schedules for the upcoming season.

Minot State men's and women's hockey, who are not members of the NSIC, have been able to play a few exhibition games this fall and will start their regular season in the spring semester. Sophomore women's goalie Lexi Beuker highlighted what can be expected of the Beavers for the upcoming season.

"The fans of Minot State hockey can expect a great season once we begin again in the spring semester. The women's team has been working extremely hard this fall semester to get back to and better than the compete level we were at last year. The girls and I put in lots of hours on and off the ice in order to bring our A game to the ice when we begin our regular season," Beuker said.

Just before their departure for the national tournament last year and their chase for a national title, the tournament was canceled due to COVID-19. The goal remains the same this year.

"Our team has one big goal, which is to win nationals after we had the opportunity taken away from us last year due to the national tournament being canceled. There is nothing we would like more as a whole and for the school, than to bring home a national title for the university," Beuker said.

The Beavers don't just want to prove that they are the best in the nation, but they want to do it while intimidating all those who step on the ice to play them.

"We want to be that team that everyone hates to play because we are a pain to their systems," Beuker explained.

Much like the rest of the sports world, the ongoing pandemic has led to a new normal for Minot State women's hockey.

"Covid-19 has caused a few changes to our hockey schedule. We now have a limited capacity per game, which is



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Goalie Lexi Beuker walks down the tunnel as she heads for the ice on game day.

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capped at 50 fans right now, but we also offer streaming online through our YouTube channel so you can still support the Beavers without being in the rink. Our team will be involved in rapid testing in the spring semester which will help to keep our team safe, which will also help our season to continue. The only other regulation that causes some major changes within our team is that we wear masks everywhere as it takes away from seeing all of the smiles after a great practice or a big win,” Beuker said.

The Beavers have had a lot of success on the ice the past several seasons. Beuker highlighted a few players that fans can expect to have big seasons in the spring.

“This year, our captain Sami Jo Henry and our assistant captain Haley Wickham, I think will have huge seasons. In our preseason, they showed great speed and skill, especially when they knew we needed a goal. One of our incoming freshmen, Gillian Gervin, proved that she will be a big impact player on the ice as she tested in as the fastest skater. With all our power forwards, I also have to give credit to the D-core which includes Mackenzie Heide, Sarah Martin, and our transfer student Jessica Walker who’s slapshot has the power and precision to find the back of the net,” Beuker said.

There are several series fans can look forward to watching next semester.

“Our first set of games when we come back from break will be big games for us. Jan. 15 and 16, we take on one of our toughest opponents, which will set the standard for us for the rest of the season. In February, we fly to and face off against Liberty University for a three-game series (Feb. 5-7) which is our largest competitor next to Adrian. These two series are ones I know I am most looking forward to as they will likely be the opponents we face off against at the national tournament in April,” Beuker explained.

The Beavers will make their return to the ice on Jan. 15 and 16, when they will face Adrian College. Fans are encouraged to sign up for the raffle to be one of the 50 members allowed into games. The women’s hockey games will also be streamed live on YouTube.



Lexi Beuker poses at MSU women’s hockey Media Day.

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dinner or dessert to decide on your favorite holiday window. Stay tuned for a link to cast your vote for your favorite window scene by Dec. 12. People's Choice and Judge's Choice awards will be presented on Dec. 14 on Minot Downtown Business & Professional Association's social media accounts.

Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park lights up Minot. The Minot Sertoma Club will bring light once again to Oak Park through its display of Christmas-themed decorations for the community to enjoy. The Christmas lights are displayed through Jan. 2 and is open Sunday to Thursday from 5:30-10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 5:30-11 p.m. The cost for viewing is \$5 per car. Christmas in the Park is a way for Sertoma to earn money and give back to the community by supporting local businesses with beautifully lit Christmas displays.

Santa Skate at the Maysa Arena

For those who are looking to embrace the festivities of the holiday season, the Minot Park District will be hosting a Santa Skate on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Maysa Arena Pepsi Rink.

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