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Deeter family legacy endures

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The legacy of the Deeter family at Minot State University (MSU) continues to make a significant impact on the education of students who are deaf or hard of hearing (DHH).

A \$1.1 million donation is supporting the university's programs and scholarships for the future. The gift, made by MSU alumna Elsie May Deeter and her family has helped strengthen one of the most recognized programs for DHH education in the nation.

Minot State, founded in 1913 as a two-year teacher training institution, has long been a leader in educational innovation. Its history of advancing special education and communication sciences is deeply connected with the Deeter family's commitment to supporting students in the deaf education field.

"Minot State has always maintained a tradition of meeting the needs of students with disabilities, and one of the key focuses has been the education of deaf and hard-of-hearing students," said Dr. Holly Pedersen, alumna and Program Director for the DHH Education pro-



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The urns of Mr. and Mrs. Deeter are located on the Minot State Campus in the Deeter conference room in Memorial Hall.

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Minot State University's Dakota Hall was built in 1931.

Bervig to give presentation on history of Dakota Hall

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Minot State University student and history major Olivia Bervig will give a public presentation on the history of Dakota Hall on Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Hartnett Hall Lecture and Recital Hall 106.

Dakota Hall, a residence hall on the MSU campus since the 1930s, is scheduled for demolition in the spring. The presentation will be part of the final steps of an internship in which Bervig is using research conducted on Dakota Hall to construct an

overall history of the building.

"The overall presentation will cover Dakota Hall's history from the time it was built to the summer of 2024. Descriptions of the layout of Dakota Hall, the women living in the hall, and the change in the dormitory's history will be given," Bervig said. "The presentation will be broken down into decades/specific periods to ensure it is easy for the audience to follow along."

Bervig originally took interest in studying Dakota Hall's history after taking HIST 220: History of North

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Animals in art exhibit at Minot State's Hartnett Hall

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The walls of Hartnett Hall at Minot State University have been transformed into a gallery space celebrating the creativity and legacy of artists from the past and present.

The latest exhibit, "Animals in Art," emphasizes the unique perspectives of 15 artists on the subject of animals. It was curated by Syndr Bagley, a freshman art major at Minot State, along with Blair Engel, the university's artist-in-residence and mentor. The exhibit showcases different printmaking techniques, including lithography, etching, and intaglio.

Presented by the Northwest Arts Center and Hartnett Hall Gallery, the exhibition is on display until Jan. 13, 2025. Visitors can see the display on the second floor of Hartnett Hall in the walkway and Collaboration Space.

"Each wall is its own story," said Bagley, explaining the unique arrangement of art pieces. "We have a horse wall, a bird wall, a dog wall, and a random wall. Each piece is part of something larger—a tribute to the artists who created them."

One highlight of the exhibit is the work of David Driesbach, whose etchings are featured on the horse-themed wall.

"My favorite is Driesbach's art because it looks different from everyone else's," said Bagley. Most of Driesbach's pieces date back to the 1980s and 1990s and exemplify etching's ability to capture both the physical and emotional essence of its subjects.

Etching involves creating designs on a metal plate. The artist scratches a design onto the plate, then dips it in acid, which carves out the lines. Ink is spread over the plate and wiped



Photo by Saif Khan

A portion of the exhibit hanging in Hartnett Hall on Minot State's Campus.

off, leaving ink only in the carved lines.

"This exhibit isn't just about animals; it's about showcasing the versatility and beauty of printmaking as an art form," said Bagley.

Many of the featured artists have passed away, making the exhibition a tribute to their work and legacy. "It's a way to keep them alive and remember them," Bagley said. "Every piece contributes to the overarching theme while still standing out on its own."

"Animals in Art" connects hu-

mans to the natural world. By focusing on animals, the exhibit invites viewers to explore themes of companionship, wildness, and the beauty of the living world.

"It's been an amazing experience," said Bagley. "I've learned so much about what goes into creating an exhibit and how art can connect people. Art has a way of connecting us to something bigger. Whether it's a bird on a branch or a horse in motion, these pieces remind us of the beauty and complexity of the world around us."



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Dear Readers,

English, that glorious mishmash of linguistic treasures cobbled together from every corner of the globe, is a language riddled with delightful inconsistencies. It's a tongue where "rough" rhymes with "gruff" but not "through," where "colonel" is pronounced like "kernel," and where the plural of "ox" is "oxen" but the plural of "box" is decidedly not "boxen."

And then, we have the curious case of words like "three-legged." Logic, that cruel mistress, dictates that the emphasis should fall on the second syllable, "legg-ed." After all, we don't say "hand-ed" when referring to a handed-down heirloom. But no, English, in its infinite wisdom, demands we say "leg'ged," with the stress on the first syllable. It's enough to make a grammarian weep – or, perhaps, chuckle into their preferred beverage.

These linguistic quirks, these delightful deviations from the expected, are part of what makes English so fascinating. They are linguistic fossils, remnants of the language's long and convoluted history, whispering tales of forgotten pronunciations and shifting syllable emphasis.

Think of the silent "k" in "knight" or the "gh" in "night," ghostly echoes of sounds that once rang out. Consider the "b" in "debt" or the "p" in "receipt," etymological souvenirs from borrowed words. These oddities are not mistakes; they are scars of linguistic battles won and lost, adding depth and texture to the language we speak.

So the next time you encounter a word that seems to defy all rules of pronunciation, don't fret. Embrace the absurdity. Revel in the inconsistency. For in these linguistic quirks, we find the true character and charm of the English language. And remember, it's "leg'ged," not "legg-ed" – no matter how much your inner pedant might protest.

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Generative AI in education

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The rapid rise of generative AI platforms such as ChatGPT, Chegg, and Gemini is reshaping education in ways that were once unimaginable. While these tools offer convenience, the absence of guidance raises questions about its long-term impact on learning.

One noticeable example is Google's AI Overview.

AI Overview provides immediate answers without requiring users to search through results. With the answers being the top search, Google's AI Overview has made an impact on how learners receive information.

This technology reduces the time it takes to consume information by the usage of programs using AI, but they could pose problems for educators and scholars.

While generative AI can be effective, it cannot always be reliable. It can produce false or biased content that can be inconsistent, which can cause users to be misled and make it difficult for them to make decisions. With these problems being evident in Generative AI, it is best to use integrity and multiple sources to support claims and evidence.

The growing presence of Artificial Intelligence is not only limited to the work force and higher education, but also making waves in K-12 schools throughout the states. In states like California and Florida, educators use AI to create lesson plans and assignments, this gives the teacher a powerful ally in organizing their classroom.

With the progressive steps other states have taken, Minot State University professors Daren Erisman and Nigel George have been speaking with K-12 teachers about an AI software called Magic School.

According to Erisman,

an assistant professor of computer science, Magic School is a wrapper for a chatbot and it allows the teacher to define specific tools for the classroom to use.

"It can be used for certain things like readings or interaction with historical characters," Erisman said. "The teacher picks what they want to use, and they can then put them in a classroom space. Where students can interact in a controlled way."

This program would enhance classroom learning and would also save teachers significant time by giving them tools to shorten time intensive tasks.

Erisman envisions AI to enhance learning.

"I'm hoping for a controlled space where a student can interact, learn, grow and get instant feedback from AI," he said.

At Minot State University the push for AI literacy is gaining momentum. Starting in Fall 2025, the university will offer three new available courses: AI 101, AI 201, and AI 301. These courses are designed to teach students how to use AI effectively and responsibly.

Erisman emphasizes that these courses are open to everyone, allowing individuals from all backgrounds to participate and benefit.

"AI 101 is designed for no computer experience and even 201," Erisman said. "It doesn't take a computer scientist to do these things. I hope that everyone at the university would want to take [AI] 101."

With the growing demand for AI literacy across industries, it is clear AI will play a pivot role in the future of education and society. By adapting and embracing these changes thoughtfully, educators and students alike can harness the full potential of AI and ensure it is used as a tool for growth and innovation.

UPCOMING Events

Friday, December 6

ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Student-curated exhibition featuring artworks from the MSU Permanent Collection.

Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Exhibition of 15 artists' unique views on animals using various print-making techniques.

'Go Take A Hike' FYE presentations
9 a.m.
Hartnett Hall Collaboration Space
GEOL 190 students present their geology-focused adventures.

Yoga
12-1 p.m.
Wellness Center GroupX Studio
Free yoga session for MSU employees and students.

Women's Basketball vs St. Cloud State
5:30 p.m.
MSU Dome
Men's Basketball vs St. Cloud State
7:30 p.m.
MSU Dome

Saturday, December 7

ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery

Women's Basketball vs Bemidji State
3:30 p.m.
MSU Dome
Men's Basketball vs Bemidji State
5:30 p.m.
MSU Dome
Men's Hockey vs J a.m.estown
7:30 p.m.
North Dakota State Fairgrounds

Sunday, December 8

Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Minot's 95th performance of Handel's Messiah
4p.m.
Ann Nicole Nelson Hall
Free concert with free-will offerings for MSU scholarships.

Monday, December 9

Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Yoga
12-1 p.m.
Wellness Center GroupX Studio
Managing Stress workshop
2-2:30 p.m.
Academic Support Center
MSU Life Event: Holiday Bingo
7-8 p.m.
Student Center Conference Center

Tuesday, December 10

ART? RESPONSE!
All day

Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Tuesday Soup
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Student Center Atrium
Free soup for students, faculty, and staff.

2024 Fall Graduate Recognition Social
5-6 p.m.
Student Center Conference Center
Minot Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition
7 p.m.
Ann Nicole Nelson Hall

Wednesday, December 11

Final Exams second 8 weeks
All day
ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Yoga
12-1 p.m.
Wellness Center GroupX Studio

Thursday, December 12

Final Exams second 8 weeks
All day
ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery

Friday, December 13

ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Yoga
12-1 p.m.
Wellness Center GroupX Studio

Saturday, December 14

ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Prospective student visit
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Administration 165
Women's Hockey vs Dakota College at Bottineau
3:45 p.m.
North Dakota State Fairgrounds
Men's Basketball vs MSU Billings
6 p.m.
MSU Dome
Minot Symphony Orchestra
7 p.m.
Ann Nicole Nelson Hall

Sunday, December 15

Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery

Monday, December 16

Final Exams 16 weeks

All day
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Yoga
12-1 p.m.
Wellness Center GroupX Studio
MSU Life Event: Late Night Finals Breakfast
9-10 p.m.
Beaver Creek Cafe

Tuesday, December 17

Final Exams 16 weeks
All day
ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Introduction to Public History presentations
12 p.m.
Old Main 211
Campus Holiday Celebration
1-3:30 p.m.
Student Center Conference Center

Wednesday, December 18

Final Exams 16 weeks
All day
ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Yoga
12-1 p.m.
Wellness Center GroupX Studio

Thursday, December 19

Final Exams 16 weeks
All day
ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Men's Wrestling vs Parkside
7 p.m.
MSU Dome

Friday, December 20

Final Exams 16 weeks
All day
ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery
Yoga
12-1 p.m.
Wellness Center GroupX Studio

Saturday, December 21

ART? RESPONSE!
All day
Northwest Arts Center
Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery

Sunday, December 22

Animals In Art
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Hartnett Hall Gallery

Communication department offers skills for various industries

Clayton Hawkins
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In today's fast-paced and ever-evolving world, effective communication is more crucial than ever.

Minot State University offers a professional communication major designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in various industries. The program is perfect for those who aspire to become leaders in fields such as public relations, marketing, journalism, social media, and so much more.

The professional communication field is ever-changing and ever-expanding, and is an excellent major to choose to pursue at Minot State.

The professional communication major at Minot State — or Pro Comm — stands out for its diverse curriculum that blends several topics and skills with one another. One of the main focuses for an incoming student coming into the major is strengthening a student's writing. It is imperative to learn how to write briefly and concisely while also being informative, according to MSU Associate Professor Neil Roberts.

"We're in the business of storytelling, but it's how you communicate that story is what you learn here," he said.

Learning how to communicate quickly is an important objective in the field whether that be for social media, TV News, or crisis communication. It is an invaluable skill to have.

The MSU Professional Communication Department also focuses on ethical communication as well as focusing on communicating effectively. Communicating in many diverse situations in day-to-day life is one aspect and it is important to not only grow as communicators in professional settings, but also in personal ones as well. Learning how to navigate different cultures and perspectives is a skill that is transferable no matter what career path is chosen.

What sets Minot State's program apart is its comprehensive hands-on learning curriculum.

In this field the students engage in courses that cover a wide range of topics, including media writing, crisis management, digital communication, and strategic communication. Students have the opportunity to work on real-world projects, internships, and collaborations with local businesses and organizations. These experiences not only enhance their resumes but also provide invaluable insights into the professional world. It's an advantage Minot State has as a

smaller school in a tight nit community such as Minot.

With access to state-of-the-art facilities in the remodeled Hartnett Hall and a supportive faculty, students are encouraged to develop their unique voice and communication style. This diverse coursework ensures that graduates are well-prepared to navigate the complexities of the modern communication landscape.

Students in the professional communication major are guaranteed to walk out with elite writing skills as well as experience in podcasting, television production, editing video and audio, and in social media. Whether it's crafting compelling narratives, managing a company's public image, altering marketing campaigns, or delivering breaking news to anxious audiences, the possibilities are endless. By choosing this major, students are investing in a future where their communication skills can make a significant impact.

Enroll in the professional communication major at Minot State University today and start your journey toward becoming a communication expert. With a strong foundation and a wealth of opportunities, your future in the world of professional communication is bright!



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Four Beavers Earn First Team All-NSIC Football Honors

Five Minot State football players were named to the 2024 All-NSIC Football Team, the conference.

Four Beavers earned First Team All-NSIC honors: running back Evan Lovett and offensive lineman Aidan Shumate on offense, and defensive backs Kevin Speed and Myzel Williams on defense.

Senior linebacker Carson Cayko was named to the Second Team All-NSIC Defensive Team for the second consecutive year.

This is the first time Lovett, Shumate, Speed and Williams have earned All-NSIC recognition.

Lovett, a redshirt junior from Tucson, Arizona, rushed for 958 yards

and eight touchdowns on 181 carries this season. His 958 rushing yards rank No. 2 in Minot State's NCAA Division II era for a single season. In the Beavers' 56-23 win over Winona State on Nov. 9, Lovett rushed for 255 yards and four touchdowns, tying the program's single-game NCAA-era record for rushing touchdowns and recording the second-most rushing yards in a single game in the NCAA era.

Shumate, a sophomore from Cypress, Texas, played in all 11 games for the Beavers, starting 10.

Speed, a sophomore from Cairo, Georgia, ranked second on the team with 45 tackles (30 solo, 15 assisted), including three tackles for loss. He

also had one interception and four pass breakups in 10 games.

Williams, a redshirt sophomore from Deltona, Florida, finished fourth on the team with 42 tackles (26 solo, 16 assisted) in 11 games. He recorded three tackles for loss, one interception, three pass breakups, and one forced fumble.

Cayko, a senior from Fairview, Montana, ranked third on the team with 44 tackles (20 solo, 24 assisted), including five tackles for loss and one assisted sack, in 10 games.

The Minot State football team finished the season 5-6, recording the most single-season wins in program history at the NCAA level.

Augustana, the 2024 NSIC champion, swept the major awards. Senior running back Jarod Epperson was named NSIC Offensive Player of the Year, senior defensive back Peyton Buckley was named NSIC Defensive Player of the Year, and head coach Jerry Olszewski was named NSIC Coach of the Year.

Minnesota State, Mankato red-shirt-freshman running back Sam Backer was named NSIC Offensive Newcomer of the Year, Sioux Falls red-shirt-freshman linebacker Andy Henson was named NSIC Defensive Newcomer of the Year, and Bemidji State defensive coordinator Joe Ford was named NSIC Assistant Coach of the Year.

Men's, women's hockey teams ranked

Mike Stetson
Assistant Director of Athletics for Strategic Communications and Media Relations

The Minot State men's hockey team heads into this weekend's rivalry battle with Jamestown as the No. 4 team in the nation, while the Beaver women's hockey team, which also plays Jamestown, remains at No. 6.

The Minot State men (14-3-1 overall, 10-1-0 MCH) slipped from No. 1 to the No. 4 spot in the current ACHA Division I men's hockey poll after going 1-1-1 at the Maryville Showcase before Thanksgiving.

The Beaver women (11-6-1, 9-5-0 WMCH) remained at No. 6 in the current ACHA Division I women's hockey poll after going 1-2 on the road at No. 1-ranked Liberty before Thanksgiving.

Ohio took over the No. 1 spot in the men's poll followed by Adrian (Mich.) at No. 2 and Liberty (Va.) at No. 3. Minot State was No. 4 and Jamestown was No. 5.

Liberty remained the top team in the women's poll followed by McKendree (Ill.) at No. 2, Maryville (Mo.) at No. 3, Adrian at No. 4, and Midland at No. 5.

The Minot State men battle 5th-ranked Jamestown in a home-and-home series this Friday and Saturday with the teams playing in Jamestown at 3:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon, then at the All Seasons Arena here in Minot on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Beaver women battle the Jamestown women, who are ranked No. 14, on Friday and Saturday with both games in Jamestown.

Pacheco Martinez wins soccer's NSIC Elite 18

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A standout season on the field earned Minot State midfielder Manuela Pacheco Martinez more than just All-NSIC honors this week.

The senior from Bogota, Columbia, who was voted to the All-NSIC 2nd Team earlier this week, was again recognized by the NSIC as the 2024 Women's Soccer Elite



Manuela Pacheco Martinez

18 Award for her achievements in the classroom, as well as her play on the field.

Honored prior to the Beavers' semifinal matchup

with Concordia, St. Paul in Mankato, Minnesota, Pacheco Martinez is the second Elite 18 Award winner from the Beaver women's soccer program joining Andrea Franco, who won the award in the fall of 2016 and again in 2018.

Pacheco Martinez is the eighth NSIC Elite 18 Award winner for all sports at Minot State as she joins Jacob Jensen (2020 and 2021 for cross country), Jordan Will (2020 for football), Andrea Franco (2019-20 for track and field, 2016 and 2018 for soccer),

and Caleb Fornshell (2017 for baseball) in earning this distinguished honor.

Pacheco Martinez is a graduate of Emilio Valenzuela high school in Columbia and a transfer from Otero College who holds a 4.0 GPA and is majoring in Multimedia Communications. On the field, she has started 18 of the Beavers' 19 games this season and scored one goal for Minot State, the game-winner versus Minnesota Crookston.

As part of the NSIC 25th Anniversary celebration

during the 2016-17 academic year, the NSIC Elite 18 Award was instituted to recognize the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the pinnacle of competition at the NSIC Championship level in their sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among their peers. The NSIC Elite 18 award is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative GPA participating at the finals site for each of the NSIC's 18 Championships.

MSU men's basketball adds trio of recruits

By Mike Stetson
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Off to the best start in program history, the Minot State men's basketball team is also looking to ensure future success as Beavers head coach Matt Murken is pleased to introduce a trio of high school seniors who have committed to play at Minot State.

Signing an athletic aid agreement to begin their collegiate career as freshmen during the 2024-25 school year are guards Parker Falcon from Legacy High School and Drew Kempel from Century High School in Bismarck, along with forward Ramsey Walz from Bishop

Ryan Catholic School.

Falcon is a 6-foot-6 guard for the Sabers who averaged 21 points and 6.3 rebounds per game as a junior. He plans to major in Business Management at Minot State.

Falcon chose Minot State because of "the great coaching staff, great relationships, and they have my degree."

Kempel is a 6-4 guard for the Patriots who was named to the Class AA All-WDA Team and the Class AA All-State Tournament Team as a junior when he averaged 13 points, 4 assists, and 6.3 rebounds per game. Academically he was named to the B Honor Roll and Sports Honor Roll, and he plans to major in Business at Minot State.

Kempel chose Minot State because he wants "to play basketball with previous

teammates." He adds "the coaches make the college feel special; I like Minot's style of play and it's close to home."

Walz is a 6-7 forward who also plays football and golf for the Lions and who was named to the All-State 2nd Team for basketball as a junior when he averaged 19.1 points and 10 rebounds per game and added 68 blocked shots. He also was named to the All-State Tournament Team and the All-Region 4 Tournament Team as a junior, eclipsed the 1,000-point mark in his career, and is a 2-time All-Region and All-District performer.

Academically, he has earned Highest Honors for every quarter in High School and maintains a 3.86 GPA. He plans to earn a double major at Minot State, study-

ing Accounting and Finance.

"I chose Minot State because I grew up going to Minot State games, and I like being close to my family," Walz said, adding, "and just having that hometown pride

behind me is so special and means a lot to me. I have also had a great relationship with the coaches, and I have appreciated how much they have been there for me in my recruiting journey."

Numerous student-athletes named to Fall NSIC All-Academic Team

Mike Stetson
Assistant Director of Athletics for Strategic Communications and Media Relations

The NSIC released the All-Academic Teams for fall sports and 32 Minot State student-athletes were honored for their efforts both in the classroom and in competition.

Leading the way was the Beaver men's and women's cross-country program as 12 runners were named to the NSIC All-Academic Team, while the Minot State football team had 9 players honored, the Beaver soccer team had 6 players honored, and the Minot State volleyball team saw 5 players honored.

Of those 32 Minot State student-athletes named to the NSIC All-Academic Team, 21 earned special distinction as they were named to the NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence.

To be named to the NSIC All-Academic Team, a student-athlete must be an active member of their respective team, in at least their second season of competition with their respective Beaver team, and maintain at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA. To earn NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence honors the student-athlete must maintain at least a 3.60 cumulative GPA.

Earning NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence honored from the men's and women's cross-country teams were: Baylee Lura, a sophomore from Carrington, Nikita Neyshadt, a junior from Richmond Hill, Ontario, Yoni Neyshadt, a 5th-year senior from Richmond Hill, Ontario, Isaacs Rathbun, a junior from Minot, Nicole Reeves, a junior from Anaheim, Calif., Sidra Sadowsky, a senior from Hettinger, Emery Smith, a junior from North Salt Lake, Utah, and Kaden Vermillion, a sophomore from Henderson, Nev.

Earning NSIC All-Academic Team honors from the men's and women's

cross-country teams were: Grayson Bonilla, a senior from Helena, Mont., Holter Bridwell, a sophomore from Bismarck, Paulette Dominguez, a senior from Alisa Viejo, Calif., and Peyton Tuhy, a junior from Hettinger.

Earning NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence honored from the football team were: Emmett Espino, a 5th-year senior from Fairfield, Calif., Erik Palmquist, a graduate student from Yuba City, Calif., Conner Raetzman, a sophomore from Tucson, Ariz., DJ Schneibel, a 5-year senior from Rugby, and Josh Will, a junior from Minot.

Earning NSIC All-Academic Team honors from the football team were: Max Bray, a junior from Mesa, Ariz., Cody Grossinger, a junior from Buffalo, Minn., Jonathan Noriega, a junior from Yuma, Ariz., and Tyler Stonebraker, a junior from Castle Rock, Colo.

Earning NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence honored from the women's soccer team were: Morgen Fried, a senior from Sherwood, Ore., Sierra Haren, a senior from Chandler, Ariz., Jordyn Knipper, a senior from Cheyenne, Wyo., Manuela Pacheco Martinez, a senior from Bogota, Colombia, and Maria Pacheco Martinez, a graduate student from Bogota, Colombia.

Earning NSIC All-Academic Team honors from the women's soccer team was: Leilany Ponce, a sophomore from Mira Loma, Calif.

Earning NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence honored from the volleyball team were: Paulina Kowalska, a junior from Wroclaw, Poland, Viktoria Sedova, a junior from Bratislava, Slovakia, and Sydney Upton, a junior from Minot.

Earning NSIC All-Academic Team honors from the volleyball team were: Bailee Brommenschenkel, a senior from Ada, Minn., and Jaina Macaulay, a junior from Clarkston, Mich.

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Minot State’s **Jake Swirple** finishes off the pin of **Lucas Urness** from Northland Community and Technical College on Saturday during the Beaver Bash Duals.

Swirple pins opponents, leads charge as men roll to dual wins

Mike Stetson

Assistant Director of Athletics for Strategic Communications and Media Relations

A week ago, Jake Swirple was celebrating a “Senior Day” victory on the football field with his teammates. This Saturday, with a different set of teams, Swirple led the way in a dominating pair of victories for the Minot State men’s wrestling team as he won four matches, all by pin, at the 3rd annual Beaver Bash Duals at the MSU Dome. Swirple’s performance was just one outstanding contribution on the day for Minot State (2-0 duals) as the Beavers rolled to a 54-0 team win over Northland Community and Technical College, and a 42-6 victory over Bismarck State.

But Minot State’s star two-sport student-athlete led the way as he

won a pair of matches at 285 pounds with matching 29-second pins against Northland. Pushed in the Beavers’ second dual of the day against Bismarck State, Swirple won by pin 35 seconds into the second round of his team-scoring match against the Mystics, then in a second extra match and his fourth of the day, Swirple scored a win by pin in 1:48. Adding to the Beavers’ dominating day with two wins by pin of his own was Adrian Chavez at 133 pounds as he scored the win in 2:16 of his match against Northland, then in 3:33 against Bismarck State. Also doubling up on victories on the day were John Armstrong at 165 pounds and Wayne Joint at 141. Armstrong won by pin in 6:06 in his Northland match, then grabbed a 22-7 technical fall victory in his second match of the day against Bismarck State. Joint’s two wins both came by technical fall as he won 19-3 to start his day against Northland, and 21-6 in his match against Bismarck State. Against the Northland Pioneers, Ryan Hrcka (157) and Cannon Potts (197) both added wins by pin for the Beavers, Hrcka in 1:16 and Potts in 1:07. And adding one additional highlight for the Beavers against the Bismarck State Mystics was Jared Shaffer at 174 pounds as he won a 21-6 technical fall victory. With a pair of dual wins under their belt, the Beavers now take a quick break for Thanksgiving before returning to tournament action on the road in two weeks, competing at the Dragon Open hosted by Minnesota State Moorhead on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Beavers fall to Mavericks in NSIC Women’s Soccer Championship

SMANKATO, Minn. – The Minot State women’s soccer team fell 2-0 to Minnesota State Mankato in the NSIC Tournament championship game on Sunday at The Pitch. The Beavers concluded their season with an 11-4-5 record. Minot State outshot Minnesota State 13-12, with a 6-4 advantage in shots on goal. The Beavers also had seven corner kicks. Siriana Gudino made two saves while facing 12 shots, four of which were on target. Head coach T.J. Perez praised the team’s performance. “The team did great today,” Perez said. “Everyone’s support and effort was terrific. We dominated portions of the game, outshooting Mankato 13-12 and 6-4 on target and earning seven corners.” Perez also noted a missed call by the referees that nullified a potential goal late in the second half. “I am very, very proud of how much this

group has accomplished this season,” Perez said. Four Minot State players received all-tournament team recognition: Manuela Pacheco Martinez, Siriana Gudino, Sofia Galvez, and Morgen Fried. **Minot State advanced to finals with a penalty shootout win** Mankato, MN – In a thrilling NSIC semifinal women’s soccer match, Minot State advanced to the finals after a dramatic penalty shootout. The match ended 0-0 after 110 minutes of regulation and overtime. The Beavers advanced after a 5-4 penalty shootout. Goalkeeper Siriana Gudino played a vital role in maintaining the clean sheet with 4 saves. Concordia-St. Paul was able to stop 11 shots

from the Beavers 10 of which were on target. The Beavers were able to maintain constant pressure on Concordia as evidenced by the 5 corner kicks and 11 shots. During the penalty showdown MSU remained calm and demonstrated their precision. Yossi Villagrana, Anna Miotto, Mia Lewis, Manuela Pacheco, and Sofia Galvez all successfully converted their shots, securing a 5-4 victory. Gudino’s performance during the shootout, including stopping a critical attempt, highlighted her crucial role in the team’s success. This game advances Minot State into the NSIC finals, where they will aim to continue their run for the championship final. The Beavers are ready for an exciting finals game that will showcase their skill and determination.

Lovett rushes for 255 Yards, four TDs as Beavers rout Winona State

Evan Lovett rushed for 255 yards and four touchdowns to lead the Minot State football team to a 56-23 victory over Winona State on Saturday at Herb Parker Stadium. The Beavers improved to 5-6 overall and 4-6 in Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference play, while the Warriors fell to 5-6 overall and 5-5 in the NSIC. Minot State racked up 399 rushing yards and seven touchdowns on the ground, with Carson Chrisman adding 81 yards and three touchdowns. “Today validates a lot of that,” said Minot State head coach Ian Shields. “Five wins is the high mark in the D2 era here at Minot State. I am proud we got that accomplished, and these seniors were a great foundation to move forward.” Lovett’s 255 rushing yards were the second-most in the program’s NCAA era for a single game. He finished the season with 958 rushing yards, also No. 2 in a single season in the NCAA era. His four rushing touchdowns tied a single-game record. “Probably our most complete game,” Shields said. “Offense, defense, kicking game all working together. There’s a lot of bright spots all across the board.” Chrisman connected with Erik Palmquist for a 63-yard touchdown pass, and Sam Buchanan also had a 63-yard reception. Kevin Speed and Jabez Tuaoa each had an interception for Minot State, which won the turnover battle 1-0. Josh Will added 1.0 tackle for loss and a sack. The Beavers amassed 525 total yards of offense, averaging 8.3 yards per play. They converted 50 percent of their third-down attempts and went 2-for-3 on fourth down. Minot State’s defense held Winona State to 316 total yards and did not allow a sack. The Beavers scored five touchdowns on six trips inside the red zone. Minot State scored first and never trailed, building a 42-0 lead before Winona State got on the board. The Beavers scored 28 points in the second quarter. Cole Stenstrom completed 17 of 33 passes for 199 yards and one touchdown with one interception for Winona State. Sylvere Campbell was the Warriors’ leading receiver with 80 yards and one touchdown. Isaak Guzman led the Beavers with 11 tackles. “I am excited to be here in the Magic City,” Shields said. “Excited that you can feel it. It’s tangible, it’s real. We’re building something special. The future is bright, and I am looking forward to more victories like today in the future.”

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Men’s basketball earns No. 20 spot in NABC

By Mike Stetson

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Off to the best start in program history, the Minot State men’s basketball landed in the national Top 25 ranks for the second straight season as the Beavers earned the No. 20 spot in the NABC Division II men’s basketball poll. Off to a 9-0 start to the season, which includes a 1-0 mark in NSIC play, the Beavers made their Top 25

debut collecting 85 points in the voting by coaches. Minot State earned its first-ever Top 25 NCAA ranking last season and climbed as high as No. 16 in the nation. The Beavers are one of four teams from the NSIC ranked in this week’s Top 25 as they join Minnesota State Moorhead (5-1, 0-0), which is No. 7, Minnesota Duluth (5-1, 0-0), which is No. 11, and Southwest Minnesota State (6-1, 1-0), which is No. 18. Minot State is one of 11 unbeaten teams in the Top 25, which includes

the top four in the nation in No. 1 Nova Southeastern (7-0), No. 2 West Texas A&M (6-0), No. 3 Washburn (7-0), and No. 4 West Liberty (6-0). The 20th-ranked Beavers are home this weekend as they host St. Cloud State (4-4, 0-0) on Friday and Bemidji State (3-3, 0-0) on Saturday at the MSU Dome in the second half of men’s and women’s basketball doubleheaders. The Minot State women tip off the action at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday with Beaver men hitting the court at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

No. 2 Beavers fall to No. 8 Maryville in shootout

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. – The No. 2-ranked Minot State men’s hockey team battled to a 2-2 tie with No. 8 Maryville University through regulation and overtime but ultimately fell in a shootout on Saturday in the final day of the Maryville Showcase. With the loss, the Beavers move to 14-2-2 on the season, while Maryville improves to 11-6-3. Minot State opened the scoring with a power-play goal by Jay Buchholz at 9:18 of the first period. Goaltender Will Dyke made eight saves in the period to keep Maryville scoreless. Walker Jerome extended the Beavers’ lead to 2-0 with a goal at 8:40 of the second period. Maryville responded with a goal by Will Smith at 9:35 to cut the deficit to 2-1. Campbell McLean tied the game for Maryville with a goal at 15:13 of the third period. Neither team could find the back of the net in overtime, sending the game to a shootout. After a marathon 23-player shootout, Maryville emerged victorious, winning 4-3. Austin Clyne, Logan Rands, Christian Kadolph, and Brayden Pawluk recorded assists for Minot State. The Beavers return to action on Friday, Dec. 6, against No. 1 University of Jamestown at 3:30 p.m. in Jamestown, North Dakota. The two teams will meet again on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds (All Seasons Arena) in Minot.

to tie the game. Arizona goaltender Hadyn Gould made 16 saves in the period to keep the Beavers scoreless. Arizona took a 2-1 lead early in the third period fell in a power-play goal by Ruh, his second of the game, at 3:06. Minot State answered with a goal by Logan Rands at 11:53 to tie the game. Just 46 seconds later, Joey Moffatt scored to give the Beavers a 3-2 lead. Dyke held strong in net for the remainder of the period to secure the victory. Reece Henry, Walker Jerome, Kieran Cooke, and Jay Buchholz recorded assists for Minot State. Cooke’s assist was his first of the season. Dyke finished with 26 saves on 28 shots to improve his record to 6-0-0.

Minot State 3, Midland University 0

FREMONT, Neb. – The No. 2-ranked Minot State men’s hockey team shut out No. 19 Midland University 3-0 on Saturday, completing a two-game series sweep. The Beavers outscored Midland 9-1 in the series and extended their winning streak to 10 games. With the sweep, Minot State improved to 13-1-1, while Midland fell to 8-10-1. Walker Jerome opened the scoring for the Beavers at 11:56 of the first period. Goaltender Jake Anthony made three saves in the period to keep Midland off the scoreboard. Both teams were held scoreless in the second period, with Anthony making four saves for Minot State and Midland’s Nahuel Veyan stopping all 16 shots he faced. Minot State extended its lead in the third period with a power-play goal by Logan Rands at 15:58. Reece Henry added another goal at 17:22 to give the Beavers a 3-0 advantage. Anthony completed the shootout with seven saves in the third period. Christian Kadolph, Brett Tataryn, Matthew Yakubowski, and Jay Buchholz recorded assists for Minot State. Anthony finished with 14 saves on 14 shots to improve his record to 6-1-1.

Liberty 5, Minot State 2

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. – The No. 2-ranked Minot State men’s hockey team saw its 11-game win streak come to an end with a 5-2 loss to No. 7 Liberty University in the Maryville Showcase on Saturday. The loss drops the Beavers to 14-2-1, while Liberty improves to 11-5-2. Minot State opened the scoring with a power-play goal by Matthew Yakubowski at 11:31 of the first period. Goaltender Jake Anthony made 12 saves in the opening frame to keep Liberty scoreless. Trenton Curtis extended the Beavers’ lead to 2-0 with a goal at 6:00 of the second period. Liberty responded with a goal by Kal Essenmacher at 15:37 to cut the deficit to 2-1. A power-play goal by Jackson Vercellono at 19:57 tied the game at 2-2 heading into the second intermission. Liberty took control in the third period, scoring three unanswered goals. Hayden DeMars gave Liberty its first lead of the game at 2:15. Jacob Kalandyk extended the lead to 4-2 with a power-play goal at 10:21, and Maguire Ratzlaff added an empty-net goal at 18:28 to seal the victory. Brayden Pawluk, Joey Moffatt (2), and Christian Kadolph recorded assists for Minot State.

Minot State 6, Midland University 1

FREMONT, Neb. – Colby Joseph recorded a hat trick to lead the Minot State men’s hockey team to a 6-1 victory over No. 19-ranked Midland University on Friday. With the win, the Beavers improve to 12-1-1, while Midland falls to 8-9-1. Minot State got off to a fast start, with Joseph scoring just 24 seconds into the game. Brett Talandyk extended the lead to 2-0 at 15:38. Goaltender Will Dyke made six saves in the first period to keep Midland scoreless. Midland got on the board early in the second period with a goal by Thomas Babb at 1:46, but Reece Henry answered for Minot State with a power-play goal at 8:39 to restore the two-goal lead. The third period was all Minot State. Joseph scored his second goal of the game, another power-play tally, at 13:31. He completed the hat trick with yet another power-play goal at 18:52. Ben Johnson added his first goal of the season at 19:52 to cap off the scoring. Dyke stopped all 10 shots he faced in the third period to secure the victory. Christian Kadolph, Logan Rands, Matthew Yakubowski (2), Joey Moffatt, Trenton Curtis, and Logan Cyca each recorded assists for Minot State. Dyke finished with 24 saves on 25 shots to improve his record to 5-0-0.

Minot State 3, University of Arizona 2

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. – The No. 2-ranked Minot State men’s hockey team defeated No. 16 Arizona 3-2 in the opening game of the Maryville Showcase on Thursday. With the win, the Beavers improved to 14-1-1, while Arizona fell to 5-7-0. Minot State controlled the first period, taking a 1-0 lead on a goal by Payton Jerome at 14:52. Goaltender Will Dyke made 11 saves in the period to keep Arizona off the scoreboard. Arizona responded in the second period with a goal by Riley Ruh at 7:25

MSU students from around the globe celebrate the holidays

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How are the holidays celebrated around the world? The end of December marks a time of celebration and gathering with loved ones. In the United States, Christmas and New Year's Eve are the most popular holidays to celebrate. But the winter holiday season is celebrated differently in every country.

Many countries also celebrate Christmas and New Year's, and some celebrate an additional holiday on Jan. 6, known by multiple names. Minot State student Valeria Vegerano is from Puerto Rico where cities go all out on Christmas. "The cities are filled with lights and cars decorated in Christmas lights drive around the cities with music blasting around the town," said Vegerano.

Later, on Jan. 6, is Dia de los Reyes, a day to celebrate the three Wise Men visiting baby Jesus.

"Our parents make us go get grass from outside and set in by our beds, so the camels know where to come and leave a gift for us," Vegerano said. "The next morning, we would find a gift and the grass forming a line all the way out the door. It was always one gift as a thank you for us celebrating them."

For Vegerano and her family, food is a very important part of the celebrations.

"Coquito, arroz con gandules, the turkey, of course, or el pavo and MOST importantly, the ham with pineapple pieces and cinnamon sticks plus pasteles," said Vegerano about the food her family eats around the holidays. "Christmas dinners are a major family job where we all get together to make this food."

In Puerto Rico, they say that Christmas never ends.

In Italy, Christmas (Natale), New Year's Eve (Capodanno), and Epiphany (La Befana) are all special days that have their own traditions. La Befana is on Jan. 6 and is another name for the holiday celebrating the Three Wise Men.

Mario Esposito comes to Minot State from Naples, Italy. One of his family's traditions is to have a big dinner on Christmas Eve.

"The big dinner is usually focused on seafood dishes like baccal' and spaghetti alle vongole (spaghetti with clams)," he said. "After dinner, my family has dessert such as 'struffoli' and 'roccoc%.'"

A beloved tradition among people in Naples is to create elaborate "presepi" (nativity scenes) with handcrafted figurines.

"Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve is a beautiful tradition, and on New Year's Eve, there's a lot of excitement with fireworks and celebrations," said Esposito. "The streets are also beautifully decorated with lights and Christmas markets."

In Mexico, they celebrate some of the same holidays but in their own unique way. Las Posadas is a traditional celebration that takes place from Dec. 16 to 24, according to MSU student Alexa Munoz Sakar, who was born and raised in Mexico City.

"These nine days of festivities reenact Mary and Joseph's search for shelter before the birth of Jesus," she explained.

Munoz's family celebrates Las Posadas along with friends and neighbors.

"We will meet with friends and neighbors for candle-lit processions, singing traditional songs, and breaking pinatas," Munoz explained. "The pinata's seven points represent the seven deadly sins, and breaking it symbolizes the triumph of good over evil."

Munoz's family will enjoy a variety of dishes on Christmas or Christmas Eve.

"We typically eat tamales, bacalao a la vizcaina (salted cod), apple salad, and ponche navideno (a warm fruit punch). For dessert, we enjoy bunuelos (crispy fried dough) or pies," said Munoz.

Like in Puerto Rico and Italy, Mexico celebrates the Three Wise Men on a day they call Dia de los Reyes Magos. One food they eat on this day is a sweet bread with hidden figurines inside, and whoever finds the figurine is responsible for hosting the next celebration on Dia de la Candelaria in February with tamales.

However, on New Years Eve they have a few unique and fun traditions.

At midnight they eat one grape for every chime.

"Some people might take some baggage and run with them, so you are manifesting trips for the new year as well as taking some coins and hitting them on some type of metal to manifest money," said Munoz.

Whatever holidays you may celebrate in the winter months, it is a wonderful time of joy and gathering with the people you love.



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The Minot Symphony Orchestra with the with the Minot Chamber Chorale event in March 2024.

Symphony lights up with Holiday Magic

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The Minot Symphony Orchestra (MSO), established in 1925, is a significant part of Minot's arts scene. The group uniquely blends student musicians from Minot State University, local performers, and professional musicians.

The shortage of new workers in many industries has made it challenging for fields to progress, but MSO stands as an example of how to build a strong foundation for the future. By providing student musicians with opportunities to gain experience, develop their skills, and contribute to the community, MSO supports growth and engagement for local music.

MSO's most anticipated concert of the season, Holiday Magic, showcases a mix of holiday classics. The Dec. 14 performance at 7 p.m. is sold out, but the community can still join in by attending a livestream watch party at Aleshire Theater in Hartnett Hall on the MSU campus. The event provides an opportunity for those who missed the initial ticket sales to be able to enjoy the concert in an audience setting, with tickets available at \$5 each. There's also the option of watching from home, or anywhere in the world, by purchasing a link to the livestream on the MSO website.

The Holiday Magic concert is an annual tradition that includes a wide range of holiday music, from classic orchestral pieces like Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring to favorites like Anderson's Sleigh Ride. This year's program will also include selections from John Williams' Home Alone soundtrack, as well as How the Grinch Stole Christmas arranged by Jerry Brubaker and Celtic Nativity ar-

ranged by Paul Campbell.

"For those who have never been to the holiday concert, expect traditional Christmas music with a twist," said Kristen Wick, long-time MSO French horn player. "You don't always hear the full piece of music, but instead you'll hear songs interact with each other in medleys. You get to hear classic Christmas favorites combined, and even some themes of popular classical music if you listen closely."

Wick's connection to MSO runs deep.

As a music major at Minot State University in the 1990s, she joined the orchestra when participation wasn't offered as an MSU class like it is now. Instead, faculty handpicked musicians to perform.

"I was lucky enough and worked hard enough to be asked to join," said Wick.

Though she took a hiatus from performing to start a family, she returned years later.

"Music is a way for me to do something I love for myself, but I can also give my talents back to the community that taught me so much," she added.

"The horn section is centered in the back of the orchestra, which is such an amazing spot because I get to hear the voices of all the singers and instruments surrounding me completely," said Wick. "I'm especially proud of the younger musicians that join our productions. When we collaborate with choir kids from local schools, they act so professional and are ready to share their hard work with the community."

For many audience members, the Holiday Magic concert is a chance to connect with friends and experience live music.

"I attend MSO concerts so frequently

because I get to see friends and community members perform together. It's great to watch their hard work come to life on stage," said Michael Nasca, a college student and frequent MSO attendee. "There have been many great changes to the concerts in recent years as well, like being able to purchase livestream tickets. I love that I can still support our music community when I'm not in town, and they've even added more camera angles so I can see my friends way back in the percussion section."

MSO's concerts go beyond the holiday season, with future programming already stirring excitement. One of the most eagerly anticipated events is the live performance of Disney's The Lion King on May 3, 2025. The Minot Symphony Orchestra will play Hans Zimmer's Oscar-winning score while the 1994 animated film is shown on the big screen above the musicians.

"My favorite part, aside from the music, is the pre-concert program where MSO musicians explain the history and context of the music that will be played at the concert. It's a nice addition that helps me better understand what I'll be hearing and what specifically to listen for," said Nasca.

"I've been pursuing to have the MSO perform live the soundtrack of a blockbuster movie while showing the movie," said MSO conductor Efraín Amaya.

This will be a first for MSO and will bring the unique experience of listening to live music paired with visual storytelling to Minot.

More information on MSO events and tickets can be found at www.minotsymphony.com or by calling 701-858-4228.

Staff senate announces door decorating challenge



Staff Senate

Staff Senate's Annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest 2024

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we're inviting you to bring the spirit of the season to our office halls with a Christmas Door Decorating Challenge!

This year, the theme is: **"Inspired by Your Favorite Christmas Song."** Whether it's Jingle Bells, Silent Night, or All I Want for Christmas Is You, let your creativity shine as you transform your department's door into a festive masterpiece.



Here's how it works:

- Pick a Christmas Song:** Choose a holiday tune that inspires your team.
- Decorate Your Door:** Bring your song to life with lights, ornaments, and artistic flair.
- Judging and Prizes:** Doors will be judged on creativity, theme alignment, and overall holiday cheer!

Important Dates:

Submission: submit a photo of your decorated door to Debra.Haman@MinotStateU.edu or Celeste.Simmons@MinotStateU.edu to be entered into the contest.

- Submission photo deadline:** December 13, 2024
- Judging Day:** December 17, 2024
- Winners Announced:** December 18, 2024

We can't wait to see the magical and musical doors your team will create! Let's make this a season to remember – one decorated door at a time!

Warm wishes,
Staff Senate

The Minot State University Staff Senate is inviting campus clubs and organizations to participate in a Christmas Door Decorating Challenge.

The theme for this year's challenge is "Inspired by Your Favorite Christmas Song." Participants are encouraged to decorate their doors with lights, ornaments, and other festive items to bring their chosen holiday tune to life.

"It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we're inviting you to bring the spirit of the season to our office halls," the Staff Senate said in a statement.

To participate, clubs and organizations must submit a photo of their decorated door to debra.haman@minotstateu.edu or celeste.simmons@minotstateu.edu by Dec. 13. Judging will take place on Dec. 17, and winners will be announced on Dec. 18.

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"We can't wait to see the magical and musical doors your team will create," the Staff Senate said. "Let's make this a season to remember – one decorated door at a time."

Give a stray cat a home this winter: Hairball Haven needs you

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As the weather gets colder, more animals will be looking for shelter. Volunteers with Hairball Haven in Minot have seen many stray cats come in from the pound. Hairball Haven's mission is to rescue cats of all ages and give them a forever home.

If you find a cat outside in the cold, you can take it to the city pound. Every Friday, a volunteer from Hairball Haven picks up the cats and brings them to the cat house. Once the cats arrive, a veterinarian gives them a checkup and vaccinations and spays or neuters them if needed. Volunteers also scan for microchips to reunite cats with their owners.

While the cats await their forever homes, they are warm, fed, loved, and cared for. Volunteers are at the cat house almost all hours of the day. All the cats

have a set time to run and interact with each other.

If you are interested in volunteering with Hairball Haven, go to the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HairballHaven.FelineRescue/> and send a message. Someone will send you a link, and if you are approved, someone will reach out to set up a training date. If you can't volunteer but still want to help, Hairball Haven is always looking for donations. As a volunteer-run organization, any help is greatly appreciated.

If you or someone you know is looking to adopt a cat, Hairball Haven has an open house on Thursdays and Saturdays. Come and see if there's a cat you could call your best friend. The cat house is attached to Pinkerton's Animal Hospital.

For questions regarding volunteering, donating, or adopting, message the Facebook page, and someone will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Deeter

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gram in the Department of Special Education at MSU. "The Deeter family's generous contribution allows us to continue building a future where students with hearing loss receive the support and training they need to excel."

MSU's commitment to deaf education dates back to 1931 with the establishment of a course in "Speech Correction" headed by Edna Gilbert, who later became a pivotal figure in the creation of MSU's special education programs. Over the years, MSU has continued to expand, offering both undergraduate and master's level degrees in deaf education.

The Deeter family's involvement began in 1997 when Elsie May Deeter, in partnership with MSU faculty and administrators, established the Deeter Endowment Fund. This \$1.1 million endowment continues to fund scholarships, equipment, and program support for students pursuing careers in deaf education. The Deeter Endowment Fund has been instrumental in maintaining the program's high standards, ensuring that students are well-equipped to meet the challenges of teaching and working with DHH individuals.

"The family has made a significant donation, and it is our responsibility to use it according to their wishes," said Pedersen. "Their vision was clear: to support the program so that students who are deaf or hard of hearing, and those who wish to work with them, have the resources they need to succeed."

The Deeter family's im-



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A copy of the front page of the Minot Daily News hangs in Memorial Hall to commemorate the \$1.1 Million donation from the Deeter family to Minot State.

pact is especially notable in the context of national trends in deaf education. As programs across the United States close due to low enrollment, MSU's program remains strong, thanks to the efforts of individuals like Deeter.

"We are very grateful to have received the donation to help children who really need it," said Pedersen. "There are so many children out there who need specialized education, and this gift helps ensure that our students receive the best possible training so they can go on to make a difference in the lives of these children."

The Deeter Endowment Fund not only supports scholarships and equipment but also provides program support. With the fund's backing, the university offers programs available to students across the country. For example, the graduate-level teacher li-

censure program in deaf education is now offered online, making it accessible to educators throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Elsie May Deeter and her husband Ray's inurnment is located in Memorial Hall on the campus of Minot State in a conference room commemorating their legacy, the Deeter conference room.

"Programs like ours, which focus on low-incidence disabilities, such as deaf education, are vital to ensuring that all students have access to a quality education," said Pedersen. Today, MSU continues to support students pursuing careers in deaf education. Thanks to the generosity of the Deeter family, the university can continue its mission of providing a quality education to those who will go on to make a lasting impact on the lives of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals across the nation.



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Dakota Hall, a residence hall on the Minot State University campus, is scheduled for demolition in the spring.

Bervig

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Dakota from MSU Professor Bethany Andreasen in Fall 2023. Andreasen's students researched the history of the building, decade by decade.

MSU decided to close Dakota Hall in 2020 and has determined it is not financially feasible to renovate the nearly 100-year-old building. When Andreasen learned of the demolition, she decided it was important to set up a project to record the building's history.

"Dakota Hall has been an important part of the Minot State campus for almost a century," Andreasen said. "I

thought it was essential to recognize the role that it has played in the lives of students of multiple generations."

The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will include stories and photos shared by alumni and community members after the Minot State History Department reached out following the 2020 closure. Information from the MSU student newspaper, Red & Green, Beaver yearbooks, along with campus directories and campus master plans, were used to compile the history of the building.

"I took on this internship because I had participated in a small research project about Dakota Hall for my North Dakota 220 history

class. I wanted to continue doing public history work to strengthen my portfolio as a history major, and this internship presented me with a good opportunity to do so," Bervig said. "One of the main reasons I chose this path is because I see history as truth. I believe that history can be incredibly exciting, engaging, and challenging if it is taught the correct way. Fortunately, I have had amazing teachers and professors in the past who have supported my critical thinking when it comes to history."

Along with the presentation, Bervig and the MSU Department of History will be producing a booklet on the building's history.

Minot State's Buchholz, Kadolph, Ackerman named to Team USA

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It's an honor like no other in sports: Wearing the words USA across the chest of your jersey.

Three of Minot State's star hockey players have earned that honor as Jay Buchholz, Christian Kadolph and Paige Ackerman each will represent their country as members of Team USA at the 2025 Winter World University Games in Torino, Italy from January 13-23.

"We are all incredibly proud of Jay and Christian. They are not only tremendous on the ice, but they are quality young men that set the standard for our program each and every day," Minot State men's head coach Wyatt Waselenchuk said. "Having this opportunity is a testament to the time they put in, and I know that they will represent Minot State University, and our team in the highest regard while over in Italy."

Waselenchuk will join Buchholz and Kadolph on the bench in Italy as an assistant coach for the men's Team USA squad.

For Buchholz, a senior from Fargo, North Dakota, and Kadolph, a junior from Brainerd, Minnesota, this is the second time they will put on a Team USA jersey as both played for the gold-medal winning team in April of 2023 at the World Cup of Hockey in Romania.

This will be the first time for Ackerman, a senior from Minot, North Dakota, playing on the international stage and for Team USA.

"It is an amazing honor and well deserved for Paige!" Minot State women's head coach Ryan Miner said. "The opportunity to be on a world

stage and represent Minot State and the community of Minot is great! While we will miss Paige for some crucial games in the spring, but we will be cheering her on every step of the way!"

A senior defenseman, Ackerman has played in 115 games in her 4-year Beaver career, scoring 14 goals and assisting on 44 others, which includes 1 goal and 8 assists this season. She also is an ACHA Academic All-American.

"It is such an incredible feeling to have been chosen to be a part of this team," Ackerman said. "It's a huge honor to be selected to play alongside such talented women at such a high level of competition. I am so excited and grateful to have an opportunity to represent my country on the international stage and also get a once-in-a-lifetime experience in traveling to Italy!"

As for Buchholz, the Beavers team captain, he is a senior forward who has played in 104 career games over 4 seasons at Minot State, scoring 42 goals and assisting on 65 others, which includes 6 goals and 11 assists this season. He also helped lead the Beavers to the program's third ACHA National Championship in March of 2023.

"It is an unbelievable honor to be able to represent my country and the ACHA for a second time," he said. "I'm very thankful the coaches are giving me this opportunity."

Kadolph is a forward and one of the Beavers' assistant captains this season who has played in 88 games during his three years at Minot State, scoring 21 goals and assisting on 67 others, which includes 4 goals and 9 assists this season. During the 2023-24 season, he tied the team single-season record with 41 assists, and during his freshman season with the Beavers



Jay Buchholz



Christian Kadolph



Paige Ackerman

he helped Minot State win the program's third ACHA National Championship.

"Being able to represent Team USA for the second time is truly an incredible privilege," Kadolph said. "When I was selected the first time, it was a dream come true, but being selected again is truthfully something I never imagined. I wouldn't be able to have this opportunity without my family, friends, coaches, and teammates. I'm incredibly grateful and excited to represent our country and wear the red, white, and blue once again."

Women's soccer coach steps down

Mike Stetson
Assistant Director of Athletics for Strategic Communications and Media Relations

After leading the Minot State women's soccer program to a pair of trips to the NSIC Tournament title game in the past three seasons, Beavers head coach T.J. Perez is stepping down.

Kevin Harmon, Minot State's Vice President for Student Affairs and Intercollegiate Athletics, announced Perez's resignation today. Perez is stepping down to get married and will be moving to California. His final day with the program will be next Tuesday, Dec. 10.

"I would like to thank Tyler Perez for his guidance and leadership for our women's soccer program over the last three years," Harmon said. "His teams have been to the NSIC Championship game in two of his three years at the helm of our program."

"Tyler stepped up in a significant manner a few years ago as the interim coach and he has done an excellent job continuing our strong tradi-



T.J. Perez

tion in women's soccer. He's left our program in a strong position for future success, and I wish him well as he returns to his home state to focus on his family life."

The search for a new head coach for the Minot State women's program will begin immediately.

"I would like to thank everyone I have met over my five seasons here at Minot State," Perez said. "I am truly grateful for the years I spent here."

"Thank you to the amazing young women in this program," Perez added. "It has been an honor to be a part of your journey. I wish you all the best and, as always, enjoy every day."

A standout player himself at Sonoma State in California, Perez served as an as-

sistant coach with the North Coast FC and at Sonoma State before joining the Minot State staff in 2020 as the Beavers' top assistant under former head coach Chris Clements.

Perez became the Beavers third head coach in program history in August of 2022, taking over as head coach after Clements took the Director of Athletics position at Hastings College in Nebraska.

Perez provided immediate leadership for the program as he guided Minot State to the NSIC Tournament Title game in the fall of 2022 before the Beavers fell 2-0 in overtime against Bemidji State.

Perez again led the Beavers to the NSIC Tournament Title game this past fall where Minot State fell 2-0 to tournament host Minnesota State, Mankato in the championship.

In his three seasons at the helm of the Minot State program, the Beavers compiled a 26-15-18 overall record, went 19-11-13 in NSIC play, and were known for outstanding defense and goaltending as Minot State posted 32 shutouts during that time.

Beavers volleyball ends season with loss

The Minot State volleyball team concluded its season with a 25-10, 25-16, 25-16 loss to the No. 15-ranked Wayne State Wildcats on Saturday at the MSU Dome in NSIC action.

Minot State finished the season with a 2-25 overall record and an 0-18 mark in NSIC play.

Bailee Brommenschkel led the Beavers with seven kills and a .250 hitting percentage. Kelci Madrid recorded a team-high 11 digs. Jaina Macaulay tallied a team-high 21 assists.

The Beavers struggled in the first set, falling behind early and losing 25-10. Wayne State took the lead for good at 4-3 after the set was tied three times.

Minot State dropped the second set 25-16, trailing by as many as 12 points. Wayne State took the lead for good at 3-2 after one tie.

The Beavers were unable to extend the match, losing the third set 25-16. They fell behind from the first point and never held the lead.

Beavers Fall to Cougars

The Minot State volleyball team racked up 10 blocks on Senior Night, but it wasn't

enough as the Beavers fell 25-22, 25-18, 25-14 to the Sioux Falls Cougars on Friday at the MSU Dome in NSIC play.

The loss dropped Minot State's record to 2-24 overall and 0-17 in NSIC action.

Faith Di Mola finished with a team-high seven kills and nine digs to lead the Beavers. Paulina Kowalska recorded a match-high six blocks, and Bailee Brommenschkel added five. Brommenschkel was one of three seniors honored before the match, along with teammates Taylor Wyatt and Madelyn Boop.

Minot State's front row put up a strong defensive effort, tallying 10 blocks in the match. Emily Barker contributed a team-high 12 assists.

In the first set, the Beavers fell behind early and were unable to recover, losing 25-22. The set was tied five times before Sioux Falls took control.

Minot State dropped the second set 25-18, falling behind from the first point and never regaining the lead.

The Beavers were unable to extend the match, losing the third set 25-14. After five ties early in the set, Sioux Falls took a commanding lead.

Sandoval wins title, Lematta 2nd, Schuck 3rd at Fort Hays

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FORT HAYS, Kan. – Already setting the standard with the school record for wins in a season and career, Nina Sandoval added her first collegiate title to her resume on Sunday, going undefeated in her 180-pound weight class to claim the championship at the Bob Smith Open hosted by Fort Hays State.

Sandoval led a strong effort by the Minot State wrestling team with her win as teammate Haleigh Lematta made it to the championship match at 145 but settled for second place, and Madilyn Schuck battled to the consolation championship at 207 pounds to finish third at the tournament.

The Minot State women (1-1 duals) are back on the road next weekend wrestling in a dual at Chadron State on Friday, then in a tournament hosted by Chadron State on Saturday.

In Kansas on Sunday, Sandoval opened her title run with a 10-0 technical fall win over Scarlett Snodgrass from Schreiner University, then won by pin in 2 minutes, 50 seconds against Chadron State's Sicily Frates in the semifinals. Sandoval then added her second pin of the day in 1:20 over Isabella Renfro from Fort Hays State to claim the championship.

Sandoval improved to 9-2 on the season with her unbeaten run and now has 37 career victories in her two-plus seasons for Minot State.

Nearly adding another title was Lematta at 145 as she claimed a 10-0 tech fall win over Haddy Waak of Betterman Elite Academy, then



Photo by Sean Arbaut

Minot State's Nina Sandoval (red) lifts Dickinson State's Hayla Hoffman as she goes for the takedown during their match at the MSU Dome on Saturday.

won a 7-0 decision in the semifinal over Alexis Burton of Fort Hays State before falling in the title match.

As for Schuck, she rebounded strong after an opening loss with back-to-back pins in the consolation semifinals, in 1:11 over Natalie Espinoza of Schreiner, and in the third-place match in 2:18 against Brook Newton from Adams State.

Adding a win each on the mat on the day were Skye Shelmerdine at 124 pounds, a win by pin in 1:50 in her first match of the day, Emily Light at 124 pounds, who also won by pin in 5:33 in her first match, and Pua Beebe at 138 pounds with a pin in 1:24 of her consolation round match.

Comeback charge earns MSU women first dual win of season

With a dramatic charge late in the day, the Minot

State women's wrestling team earned its first dual victory of the season.

Hosting the 3rd annual Beaver Bash Duals, Minot State battled Dickinson State but fell 38-10 earlier in the day, then erased a late deficit in the final two matches for a 22-15 win over Jamestown to wrap up the event at the MSU Dome.

Nina Sandoval and Madilyn Schuck led the way for the Beavers on the day with a pair of wins, and their victories on the mat against the Jimmies secured the team victory, as well.

Skye Shelmerdine (124 pounds) and Megan Ebach (145) gave Minot State 10 points against the Jimmies with a pair of forfeit victories, and Keela Kary added 3 more points with a 14-10 decision win at 131 pounds over Nora Houghlum.

But heading into the final two matches of the dual, the Beavers (1-1 duals) found themselves trailing the Jimmies (0-2) by a 15-13 team

score.

Sandoval quickly erased that deficit with her second 10-0 technical fall victory of the day, putting Minot State on top 17-15 and setting up one decisive final match at 207 pounds for the team win.

Minot State's Schuck, who earned a forfeit win in her first match of the day against Dickinson State, didn't waste any time icing the Beaver win as she picked up the victory by pin in 30 seconds over Jamestown's Grace Todhunter, capping Minot State's 22-15 victory.

In the earlier dual, the Beavers fell to Dickinson State (2-1) as Sandoval earned a 10-0 technical fall win at 180 pounds, Schuck (207) a forfeit victory, and Shelmerdine added a team point by scoring in her 12-2 technical fall loss at 124.

Minot State is back in action next weekend on the road, competing on Sunday, Dec. 1, at the Fort Hays Open in Kansas.

MSU women's hockey swept

Liberty University 5, Minot State 2

LYNCHBURG, Va. – The Minot State women's hockey team lost to No. 1-ranked Liberty University 5-2 on Friday in the second game of a three-game series. With the loss, the Beavers fall to 10-5-2, while Liberty improves to 11-1-0.

Minot State opened the scoring with a goal by Makenna Welby, her first of the season, at 13:05 of the first period. Liberty tied the game with a power-play goal by Madison Glynn at 18:13.

Liberty took control in the second period, scoring three goals. Zosia Adamek gave Liberty the lead at 0:46. Samantha Peebles extended the lead to 3-1 at 11:55, and Sophia Adamek made it 4-1 with a power-play goal at 13:11. Minot State cut into the deficit with a short-handed goal by Paige Kozak at 17:46.

Brooke Olson scored the lone goal of the third period at 6:35 to give Liberty a 5-2 victory.

Liberty University 3, Minot State 2

The No. 6-ranked Minot State women's hockey team battled hard but ultimately fell 3-2 in overtime to No. 1 Liberty University on Thursday. The loss drops the Beavers to 10-4-2 on the season, while Liberty improves to 10-1-0.

Minot State opened the scoring with a power-play goal by Olivia Opheim at 10:17 of the first period. Liberty tied the game with a goal by Samantha Peebles at 16:30.

The Beavers regained the lead in the second period with another power-play goal, this time by Paige Ackerman at 15:37. Minot State goaltender Haylie Biever

made 21 saves in the period to keep Liberty off the score-board.

Liberty tied the game again late in the third period with a goal by Elisabeth Sarauer at 15:37. Liberty goaltender Alexandra Keith made 10 saves in the period to keep the Beavers scoreless.

Peebles scored her second goal of the game just 37 seconds into overtime to secure the win for Liberty.

Abby Pineau, Paige Kozak, Makenna Beard, and Journey Miller recorded assists for Minot State. Biever finished with 64 saves on 67 shots in a strong performance for the Beavers.

Adrian College 3, Minot State 2

The Minot State women's hockey team fell to No. 4-ranked Adrian College in a shootout on Saturday after the two teams battled to a 2-2 tie through regulation and overtime. With the loss, the No. 6 Beavers fall to 10-4-1 on the season, while Adrian improves to 13-3-1.

The first period was a goaltending duel, with both teams held scoreless. Minot State's Morgan Baker made 10 saves, while Adrian's Amanda Storey stopped all 12 shots she faced.

Adrian broke the deadlock in the second period with a goal by Makenzie Villiard at 18:33. Storey continued her strong play, making eight saves to keep the Beavers off the score-board in the period.

Minot State tied the game at 1-1 early in the third period with a power-play goal by Journey Miller at 3:46. Adrian regained the lead with a power-play goal by Hailey Wiltshire at 5:35, but Miller scored her second goal of the game, again on the power play, at 8:49 to tie the game once more.

Beavers complete South Dakota sweep with win over Yellow Jackets

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The Minot State men's basketball team completed a weekend sweep in South Dakota with a 71-64 victory over the Black Hills State Yellow Jackets on Saturday.

Caleb Van De Griend recorded a double-double with 21 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Beavers (9-0). Jalen Cook added 15 points, and Jaxon Gunville chipped in with 13 points and two steals.

"We showed some toughness today against a good team on the road," Minot State head coach Matt Murken said. "I loved our defensive effort."

"Jaxon Gunville had a tremendous game on the defensive end and hit some clutch shots for us," Murken added. "That is a tough road sweep."

After playing to an 11-11 tie, Minot State went on a 15-0 run, capped by a basket from Van De Griend, to take a 26-11 lead with 13:36 left in the first half. The Beavers led 39-33 at halftime, with their bench contributing 10 points in the half.

Black Hills State tied the game at 53-53 in the second half before Minot State responded with a 14-0 run to take a 67-53 lead with 4:59 remaining. The Yellow Jackets narrowed the margin, but the Beavers held on for the 71-64 victory.

Minot State shot 7 of 17 from 3-point range and never trailed in the second half.

Minot State 63, South Dakota Mines 56

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Caleb Van De Griend recorded a double-double with 28 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Minot State men's basketball team to a 63-56 victory over the South Dakota Mines Hardrockers on Friday.

The Beavers (8-0) had two players score in double figures. Jalen Cook added 16 points, and Sam West chipped in with six.

Led by Van De Griend's six offensive rebounds, Minot State dominated the offensive glass, pulling down 10 boards that resulted in 23 second-chance points.

The Beavers' defense forced 14 South Dakota Mines turnovers, converting those takeaways into 20 points. Daryl Rice Jr. led Minot State with four steals.

"Tonight was a grind-it-out win," Minot State head coach Matt Murken said. "That's our first true road game, so it's great

to see the guys battle and find a way to win."

"Daryl Rice had a great game for us and really set the tone for us defensively," Murken added. "Good teams have great senior leadership, and Daryl did that for us tonight."

After falling behind 14-6, Minot State went on an 8-0 run, capped by a basket from Jaden Wysocki, to tie the game at 14 with 14:04 left in the first half. South Dakota Mines regained the lead and held a 29-28 advantage at halftime.

The Hardrockers extended their lead to 33-30 early in the second half, but Minot State responded with an 8-0 run to take a 38-33 lead with 16:22 remaining. The Beavers maintained control the rest of the way, securing the 63-56 victory. They capitalized on seven South Dakota Mines turnovers in the second half, scoring 14 points off those takeaways.

Minot State 83, Minnesota-Crookston 52

MINOT, N.D. – The Minot State men's basketball team shot 50 percent from 3-point range in an 83-52 victory over the Minnesota-Crookston Golden Eagles on Tuesday at the MSU Dome.

The Beavers (7-0, 1-0 NSIC) had four players score in double figures, led by Sam West with 21 points, six rebounds, six assists, and three steals. Jalen Cook added 20 points, and Ayouba Berthe chipped in with 12.

Minot State made 10 of 20 3-point attempts, with Cook hitting 4 of 7 from beyond the arc.

The Beavers' defense forced 13 Minnesota-Crookston turnovers, converting those takeaways into 16 points. West led Minot State with three steals.

"It feels really good getting the first conference win," West said. "Just feels good to defend our home court today."

After jumping out to a 31-23 lead, Minot State went on an 8-0 run, capped by a 3-pointer from Jaxon Gunville, to extend the advantage to 39-23 with 4:31 left in the first half. The Beavers led 44-31 at halftime, with 27 of their points coming on 3-pointers.

Minot State continued to pull away in the second half, using a 6-0 run to extend the margin to 72-46 with 4:49 remaining. The Beavers cruised to the 83-52 victory, scoring 24 of their 39 second-half points in the paint.

"It took a team effort to do that," West said. "Offensively, I think we moved the ball pretty well. We got their defense in tough situations, and we all just made the right play today."

Caleb Van De Griend led Minot State with nine rebounds. The Beavers outrebounded the Golden Eagles 38-26 and held them to 36.7 percent shooting from the field.

Minot State 86, Jamestown 74

MINOT – Caleb Van De Griend recorded a double-double with 23 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Minot State men's basketball team to an 86-74 victory over the Jamestown Jimmies on Thursday at the MSU Dome.

The Beavers (6-0) had five players score in double figures. Jaxon Gunville added 15 points, while Ayouba Berthe and Sam West each chipped in with 13.

"It is always a bit exciting when you finally get to play that first home game in front of the crowd, and I got family here," Van De Griend said. "It was nice to put on a show for them, but I wouldn't be able to do it with the teammates around me."

Jamestown cut into the deficit late in the first half, but the Beavers responded and pulled away for the win.

"We just trusted what we do," Van De Griend said. "Coach tells us to do our job. Basketball is a game of runs. I'd rather have Jamestown make their runs start of the half cause then I know we're going to make our run in the last 10 minutes and then we're going to put them away."

Minot State shot well from 3-point range, making 9 of 21 attempts. Gunville led the way, hitting 5 of 9 from beyond the arc.

The Beavers were active defensively, recording seven blocks. Jaden Wysocki led the way with three.

Minot State opened the game with a 10-0 run, capped by a 3-pointer from Jalen Cook. The Beavers led 38-30 at halftime, scoring seven second-chance points off six offensive rebounds.

Minot State maintained its lead in the second half and used a 6-0 run to extend the margin to 69-58 with 7:01 remaining. The Beavers continued to pull away, securing the 86-74 victory. They scored 28 of their 48 second-half points in the paint.

MSU caps off perfect Puerto Rico trip

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – The Minot State men's basketball team shot 50% from three-point range en route to an 89-67 victory over the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Tarzans on Saturday, capping off a perfect 3-0 trip to San Juan.

The Beavers (5-0) had five players score in double figures, led by Caleb Van De Griend, who recorded a double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Jalen Cook added 19 points and two steals, while Jaxon Gunville chipped in with 13 points.

Minot State dominated the boards, outrebounding UPR-Mayaguez 36-17. Led by Van De Griend's eight offensive rebounds, the Beavers pulled down 12 offensive boards, leading to 13 second-chance points.

The Minot State defense forced 13 UPR-Mayaguez turnovers, converting those takeaways into 12 points. Van De Griend led the Beavers with three steals.

After jumping out to a 19-13 lead, Minot State went on a 9-0 run midway through the first half, capped by a 3-pointer from Cook, to extend the advantage to 28-13. The Beavers entered halftime with a 45-30 lead, fueled by six 3-pointers.

Minot State maintained its lead in the second half and used a 13-0 run, finished off by Sam West's layup, to push the margin to 76-56 with 4:25 remaining. The Beavers cruised to the 89-67 victory, shooting 50% from beyond the arc in the second half.

Every Minot State starter scored in double figures, and the team tallied 21 assists. The Beavers' defense held the Tarzans to 37% shooting from the field.

Minot State 100, University of Puerto Rico-Piedras 58

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – Caleb Van De Griend and Jalen Cook both recorded double-doubles to lead the Minot State men's basketball team to a commanding 100-58 victory over the University of Puerto Rico-Bayamón Cowboys on Friday, Nov. 11.

The Beavers (4-0) had four players score in double figures, led by Van De Griend, who notched 18 points and 11 rebounds. Trey Brandt added 13 points off the bench, and Cook

chipped in with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Minot State dominated the boards, outrebounding UPR-Bayamón 41-18. The Beavers capitalized on offensive rebounds, turning 10 into 17 second-chance points.

The Beavers' defense held UPR-Bayamón to just 34.5% shooting from the field, including 25% from beyond the three-point arc. The Cowboys struggled to generate second-chance opportunities, finishing with only four offensive rebounds and four second-chance points.

After jumping out to a 27-17 advantage, Minot State went on a 14-0 run midway through the first half, capped by a three-pointer from Jaxon Gunville, to extend its lead to 41-17. The Beavers entered halftime with a 49-23 advantage, fueled by seven three-pointers.

Minot State maintained its lead in the second half and went on an 11-0 run to push the margin to 81-44. The Beavers continued to expand their lead, securing the 100-58 victory. The Beavers shot 16 of 35 from three-point range throughout the game.

The bench contributed significantly, adding 41 points to the team's total. Minot State also took care of the ball, turning it over only 11 times while having 26 assists.

Minot State 66, University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras 56

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – Strong performances from the starters and a stifling defense propelled the Minot State men's basketball team to a 66-56 victory over the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. The Beavers shot 48 percent from the field while scoring 32 points in the paint.

Minot State (3-0) had three players score in double figures, led by Ayouba Berthe with 17 points and five steals. Jaxon Gunville finished with 14 points, while Caleb Van De Griend added 10. Sam West contributed seven points, 11 rebounds, and nine assists.

The Beavers dominated the boards, outrebounding UPR-Rio Piedras 31-25, with West leading the way with 11 rebounds. Of the 31 total rebounds, 24 were on the defensive end.

Minot State made 26 of 54 attempts from the field shooting.

International business degree brings Hlebechuk’s to Austria

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LINZ, Austria — Brett Hlebechuk, a 2021 Minot State graduate in international business and marketing, had his study abroad plans interrupted by a global pandemic.

After finding valuable experience at Minot State as a student and in the MSU Admissions Department, he now has his career path back on track.

As an undergrad at Minot State, with his double major and a minor in German, his interest in studying abroad arose naturally. However, Hlebechuk’s initial plan to study in Germany in 2020 was unexpectedly canceled due to the worldwide shutdown during COVID-19.

“I wanted to learn both economics and learn German. So, Germany and Austria were the countries I applied to study abroad. With that idea being canceled because of COVID, I kept the thought of abroad in my mind,” Hlebechuk said. “The pandemic threw things off; I got sent home in the middle of my junior year. Many of my friends finished school online or graduated soon, so I never got to say goodbye.

“I planned to study abroad in the summer of 2020, but that did not happen. COVID also limited options since the country shut down.”

The Belfield native originally chose MSU for the opportunities the University offered him and checked all his boxes during his college search. He was initially shocked by the wide variety of students who attended MSU, and it quickly became one of his favorite things.

“I chose Minot State because it was affordable



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Minot State Brett Hlebechuk studies abroad in Austria.

and had a good business program. I also did not want to attend the other universities my older brothers or classmates did, so I went somewhere different,” Hlebechuk said. “I enjoyed meeting people from all over the country and world; it was a shock from southwest North Dakota. I also enjoyed all the small moments that were made thanks to MSU Life.

I was able to meet so many people thanks to it.”

So, it was only natural that he accepted a position in admissions while still figuring out his next steps.

“After graduation, Minot State reached out to me about a marketing job as an admissions counselor. I took the offer,” he said. “I did end up using both of my degrees in the end, as I became the ad-

missions counselor who worked with international students and domestic students.”

However, after a couple of years working with Minot State University admissions, he put his initial goals back into forward motion after the pandemic put them on pause.

Hlebechuk said the application process for international study could be confusing at times, but the overall requirements were easy. The application was the first crucial step that brought him closer to his increasingly realistic goal of studying abroad.

“I eventually planned to go to graduate school for economics, where I applied to U.S. schools, but also some international schools,” Hlebechuk explained. “The process was easy, but it was the government papers that made it harder, as well as the new way of signing up for classes. I didn’t expect to be accepted, but Linz accepted me.”

What was once a goal and aspiration for Hlebechuk has become his reality. Living in Austria, he learned to embrace all the differences and make the most of his experience at Johannes Kepler University Linz.

“I have been excited to learn how things work over here,” said Hlebechuk. “How do Austrians study, how do their professors teach, how does German learning work? I have found the answer to many of these; I have come to both be frustrated with the differences and absolutely enjoy the new challenge.

“Everything is an uphill battle with studying abroad. A new language, a new culture, there are no guidelines, no support groups; it feels like I am on my own. Which is great when it comes to problem-solving on every level, from simple everyday issues to big academic ones.”

Looking to the future, Hlebechuk does not have his heart set on a specific next step and is simply excited to see where life takes him after completing his master’s degree.

“I have multiple ideas of which way I could go,” he said. “I could either study a doctorate program, either here or in the U.S. I could also find a job here or in the U.S. after I finish my master’s degree.”

Finals week: tips for success

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With finals week approaching, Minot State University students are preparing for one of the most important times of the academic semester. Stress levels are high, but with the right strategies and preparation, students can ace their exams with confidence.

Finals week requires more than just last-minute cramming. Students should begin by creating a detailed study schedule. Start by listing all exams and assignments, noting their dates and times. Divide study sessions into manageable blocks, assigning each block to a specific subject or task.

Minot State offers numerous resources to help students succeed during finals. The Gordon B. Olson Library extends its hours, providing a quiet space to focus. Study rooms are available for group sessions. For those struggling with specific subjects, the Academic Support Center provides free tutoring. Students who take advantage of these services tend to have better grades.

Large volumes of information can be overwhelming. Break your study material into smaller, digestible chunks. Use flashcards, summaries, or mind maps to condense key concepts, and incorporate plenty of practice problems. Collaborating with peers and forming study groups can also be beneficial.

“When preparing for finals (or any major ex-

ams), it is always best to start early,” said Dr. Schomaker. “Pick one or two concepts to focus on, and work on learning those concepts for a day or two, then move on to others. Good strategies include notecards or reviewing your notes and then trying to explain the concepts to other students, friends, or even just out loud to yourself. If you can teach it, then you know the material!”

Procrastination is a common student problem.

“The hardest part with procrastination when studying is getting started,” said Schomaker. “Set your notes or study guides out and set a 5-minute timer. Look at the material for five minutes. Odds are, after five minutes, you will be locked in and ready to study for a bit longer. If you can’t focus at the end of five minutes, then get up and do something else, and try studying again later.”

Schomaker also recommends the Pomodoro Technique: “Focus for 20 minutes and then take a 10-minute break, and then repeat it a few times. There’s no need to spend 10 hours in a row studying. Your brain isn’t designed for that! Break it up into manageable chunks.”

Finals week is challenging, but with preparation and perseverance, students can navigate it successfully. By planning ahead, utilizing resources, and prioritizing health, MSU students can turn stress into achievement. Talking to professors can also provide valuable guidance. Good luck, Beavers.

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As winter’s icy grip tightens on Minot, students face unique challenges beyond their final exams. North Dakota’s frigid temperatures and unpredictable weather can affect physical and mental health, especially during the high-stress period leading up to finals. The combination of cold weather, close contact in classrooms, and stress can weaken the immune system, making students more susceptible to colds and flu. However, with the right strategies, MSU students can stay healthy throughout the season.

Dressing appropriately for the weather is essential. With temperatures often plunging below freezing, bundling up in layers is crucial. Start with a moisture-wicking base layer, add insulating layers like fleece, and top it off with a wind-resistant outer layer. Warm boots are also essential to avoid falls on icy surfaces.


“Maintaining your health during the semester, especially as exams approach, is essential for both academic performance and overall well-being,” said Kaitlyn Nieuwsma of the health department. “College life can be busy, with late nights, constant socializing, and academic pressure, making it easy to overlook health. Prioritizing health during this time can help improve

focus, reduce stress, and increase your chances of doing well on exams.”

Exam season can lead to poor eating habits. However, a balanced diet is essential for maintaining energy levels and boosting immunity. Focus on whole foods like fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains. Hot soups and stews can provide both nourishment and warmth. Staying hydrated is also important. While the cold may suppress thirst, dehydration can lead to fatigue and affect concentration. Warm beverages like herbal tea or hot water with lemon are good options.

“Prioritize the essentials such as sleep, nutrition, exercise, stress management, and proper hygiene,” said Nieuwsma. “Work to avoid distractions, such as turning your phone off while studying. Stay organized and take care of your mental health. Practice mindfulness and remember that breaks are important to help decrease burnout while studying.”

As finals approach, remember that health and academic success go hand in hand. By combining these strategies—good hygiene, stress management, balanced nutrition, and hydration—students can stay healthy and focused during this crucial period. By prioritizing their health, students not only safeguard their bodies from illness but also set themselves up for academic success.



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