

The Magic of Science



Photo by Amber Penrose

(From the left) Guy Hanley, science instructor, and MSU students Misty Huesers, Alec Clark and Pamela Guss prepare a series of clock reactions (a chemical reaction in which two reagents are mixed and suddenly change color a short while later) at the MSU Science Division's open house earlier this month. During the event, chemistry students entertained and educated more than 800 elementary school students with demonstrations like the one above.

SGA to recognize outstanding professors

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Student Government Association (SGA) President Maxwell Buchholz said SGA officers and senators will select three Minot State University instructors to receive the "Student Association Outstanding Professor Award" each semester. The award will be for outstanding performance during the semester.

This is a new practice so, at first, only SGA members will participate. Buchholz said in the future, the nomination process will open up to the students.

The candidates nominated will reflect student feedback.

"We've had good representation this year," Buchholz said. "Senators consulted with students and deans in the constituency of their colleges, and got a good feel of how the students wanted to be represented. And that's a positive thing."

"Some instructors go the extra mile to ensure the success of their students. These are the people that would be

acknowledged," Buchholz said. "We are selecting them not just on the basis of what professor you like the most, but professors who are really putting the students first, that really care about their students and notice when a student is absent from class or struggling in the class and they ask the student where help is needed."

Students believe that professors, who also have their human weaknesses, still need the qualities of commitment, dedication, diligence and professionalism. Therefore, they are giving utmost priority to those instructors who demonstrate their responsibility in building the future of students.

"It's easy to criticize, but we'd all like a little more recognition when we go the extra mile," Buchholz said. "Instead of criticizing areas to improve, we decided to really highlight those professors who are exemplary."

The SGA has geared the award towards motivating other faculty

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Students work to save historic building

Michelle Walling
Staff Writer

It takes more than a few architects and a couple strokes of paint in order to salvage an important historical building. The Great Plains Center for Community Research and Service (GPCCRS) knows this well and is currently researching any and all opportunity costs for the restoration of Old Main, a historic building in Bottineau. With the help of Minot State University students Megan Lahti, Anthony Anderson and Amber Penrose, GPCCRS —

along with Bottineau's earnest community — is hoping to make the future of their historic building less bleak.

"It's kind of nerve-wracking because it's not a simulation," Anderson, a senior majoring in finance said. "It's a multi-million dollar project, and our work is in the middle of it,"

Before discussing the purpose and steps the team intends to take, people must first understand the significance of this particular edifice. Located on-campus in the

Dakota College at Bottineau, the three-story Old Main (not to be confused with MSU's central building) was erected in 1908 as a part of the then-called State School of Forestry. In 2006, DCB's Old Main was added to the national register of historical buildings but only a year later was tragically decommissioned. This unfortunate event had left Old Main completely abandoned until now.

Now the committee of Old Main is combining its efforts with the aforementioned MSU students and

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Submitted photo

GPCCRS members (from the left) Lindsay Ullrickson, Anthony Anderson, Neil Scharpe, Meghan Lahti and Seth Hagen pose outside of the offices of the Great Plains Center. Anderson and Lahti are two of the three students currently attached to the project. Amber Penrose (not picture) is the third.

Voices on Campus

“What has been your favorite MSU After Dark event?”

Amber Penrose
Photographer



Blair Tande

Finance, Management

“Grocery Bag Bingo and the movies, because they are free and fun to go to.”



Brooke Domonoske

Nursing

“Pennies Carnival, even though there was no cotton candy as promised.”



Camila Van Dyke

International Business, Management, Marketing

“MSU’s Got Talent and the Pennies Carnival, because there was great attendance, students were enthusiastic, and it was fun.”



Jeffrey Cigrang

Biology

“I was looking forward to the Pennies Carnival, but I had to work.”



Emade Bello

Energy Economics and Finance, International Business

“Pennies Carnival, because there were several booths and I got to pie SGA members!”



Carly Swanson

Criminal Justice

“Tie blanket event, because my friends and I had so much fun making them. It is super cute and warm.”

News in brief

MSU honored by Red Cross

On March 15, the American Red Cross honored Minot State University for sheltering victims of the 2011 flood in the Dome. During the ceremony, Allan McKeough of the Mid-Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross presented Minot State with a limited-edition print.

In the gallery

“Concrete Abstractions,” a photographic exhibit by artist Ryan Stander, Grand Forks, N.D., will be on display in the Gordon B. Olson Library Gallery from March 22 to April 24. A reception in the gallery on March 22 will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with Stander giving an artist presentation at 7 p.m.

Beaver Idol

The first of three Beaver Idol competitions will take place March 23 at 9 p.m. in the Beaver Dam. Organizers invite all MSU students to come and sing for prizes. More Beaver Idol competitions will be held April 13 and 20.

Beaver 5K Romp

The Beaver 5K Romp Run and Walk will be Saturday, March 24. The race will begin at 10 a.m. at the south lobby of the Dome and end at the Dome.

There is a \$15 entry fee per participant, with children under 12 admitted free. Trophies will be awarded to male and female overall champions and to the first- and second-place winners in each of the seven age divisions.

Register by mail or beginning at 8 a.m. on the day of the event. To register before the day of the event, visit msubeavers.com for details.

Music faculty performances.

MSU music instructors Erik Anderson and Dianna Anderson will perform a Baroque music concert Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

MSU music instructor Adam Estes will present a faculty music recital Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. He will perform on the saxophone, clarinet and bassoon.

Both performances are in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall and are free and open to the public.

MSU Job Fair

The annual MSU Job Fair takes place Wednesday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Conference Center, third floor of the Student Center. Employers with full-time, part-time and summer employment opportunities will visit with students, accept résumés, and possibly conduct or arrange interviews. Students should bring their résumés and dress professionally.

Women’s History Month presentation

As part of Women’s History Month, the Office of International Programs is sponsoring a presentation, “Women’s Education,” Thursday, March 29, at 2 p.m. in Aleshire Theatre. Debra Kunkel, executive director of the Minot YWCA, will conduct the talk. She will speak on the importance of education to the empowerment of women. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the event.

Math Club Talk

The next Math Club Monthly Talk lecture is Thursday, March 29, at 3 p.m. in Model Hall 330. El Hadj, MSU mathematics major, will present “Existence, Uniqueness, Continuity and Finite Element Approximation of Weak Solution of Hyperbolic Type Initial Boundary Value Problem.” The talk is free and open to the public.

Today in History

1457: The Gutenberg Bible is printed.

1872: Illinois is the first state to require sexual equality in employment.

1903: Niagara Falls runs dry due to drought.

1914: The first airline, the St. Petersburg-Tampa airboat line, begins operation.

1946: A rocket is launched out of the Earth’s atmosphere for the first time.

1954: The first shopping mall opens in Southfield, Michigan.

1960: The first laser is patented

1963: The Beatles release their first album.

1972: Congress approves the Equal Rights Amendment (Was not ratified).

(Courtesy of Brainhistory.com)

Student Spotlight:

Meghan Lahti

Anthony Anderson
Editor

Studies show that up to 80 percent of students entering college are uncertain of what to major in, or even what programs to consider; 50 percent of college students change their major at least once. Meghan Lahti never experienced that uncertainty. She's known what she wanted to do for a career since she was 15 years old.

Originally from Berthold, Lahti enrolled at Minot State mostly because of family ties, but quickly came into her own. She became a founding member of the MSU Rotaract Club, serving as its first vice-president, and worked for two years as a Student Ambassador. In light of these involvements, it's a little surprising to hear her describe her true passion in life: accounting.

"I knew I wanted to be an accountant when I took my first accounting class in high school," Lahti said. "I actually saved my binder from that first class, because I knew that this is what I wanted to do with my life!"

"Numbers click for me, especially in business," she said. "They're absolute - you can't argue with them; they can't lie to you. I couldn't see myself doing anything else."

Lahti is currently interning at the City of Minot Finance Department. She describes the experience as "wonderful and enlightening."

"The most fun thing I've done recently is help to prepare the statistical portion of the CAFR (the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report). We use it in our government accounting class - it's pretty awesome to be on the other side of that."

During her internship at City Hall, Lahti has experienced many different aspects of finance and accounting.

"I verify the numbers on the FEMA funding reports; I've helped with water billing; I've done some cash receipt stuff - a little bit of everything, really."

Before her internship with the City, Lahti worked as a licensed insurance agent at a local firm.

"I sold insurance, handled all of the customer service, I did the cash receipts, the cash disbursements and the bank reconciliation," she said. "It was a really good experience and I learned a lot. Mainly, though, it confirmed with me that accounting is really what I'm best at and love to do."

Pursuing her passion to the fullest extent, Lahti currently works as an accounting tutor for the College of Business, providing accounting instruction one-on-one with students. Before that, she helped students at the accounting lab as a clinic-style tutor.

"I love accounting, but I can also see where it would be hard to understand at first," Lahti said. "I've really enjoyed being a tutor."

Lahti is currently studying for the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) exam and should sit for the test within the next year. She will graduate in May, and said that "without a doubt," she'll be ready to pursue her passion.



Lahti

'Women Without Men' to screen in Aleshire

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Bethany Stai, Minot State University's Global Education Coordinator, is promoting the Iranian film, "Women without Men" for Women's History Month. A foreign language faculty member will present the showing, a part of MSU's International Film Series. The foreign language arts department shows a variety of films each year for this series.

"Women without Men" will run Tuesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m., in Aleshire Theatre in Hartnett Hall. Admission is free with a student I.D.

"The movie is a part of the International Film Series and has also been incorporated in the Women's History Month events on Minot State's Campus because of the film's strong message for women," Stai said.

"Women without Men" is based on a 1989 Iranian novel written by Shahrnush Parsipur. Iran banned the novel

during the mid-90s because it promotes women's rights in a country where the government does not like the idea of women's rights. The author fled the country and now lives in the United States.

Men are present in the movie, but the film focuses primarily on women, putting them in different situations. It reveals the sub-conscious thought of the characters. The women experience the situations in the physical and mental world.

Why should MSU students go? How is a film about a country on the other side of the world relevant to the average MSU student? As always, it is good to have a multicultural understanding. It gives students a perspective of what life is like on the other side of the world. Students may find out at the showing that the problems that these women face are much like our own in the United States; it just might be on a different scale.

Students delve into entrepreneurship

Michelle Walling
Staff Writer

The creators describe their website, Beaver Books, as a student-friendly website designed specifically with Minot State University in mind. Juan Vadell, a senior in public relations; Derek Hackett, a senior in multimedia and Seth Hendershot, an MSU graduate in management information systems, are responsible for promising the solution to every student's worst nightmare: overly pricey books. And from strangers, no less!

Beaver Books will allow students to purchase and/or sell used textbooks from one another without the hassle from sites such as eBay or Amazon.

Although it still needs a bit of

tweaking here and there, the site has been up for more than a year.

For the time being, they will operate Beaver Books solely for MSU. The creators say they have not dipped into the realm of other colleges quite yet because they are unsure of how much attention it will get from our own college. If it accumulates a heavier traffic rate of users, then they believe it can be worthwhile to expand.

The site will be set up much like eBay in the sense that students create a personal profile and use the PayPal security account for all payments. Students will also be able to find a certain book by its specific book number. If they cannot locate a particular book with a first search, their search history will automatically notify them if

that book comes up on the site at a later date.

Other things to consider: the condition of the student's book. It does not have to be in perfectly pristine shape, as long as the student notes that in the online description. With that said, highlighted text and scribbled notes are acceptable. Students should also be sure, too, to package the book properly before sending it away to its new owner.

The Vadell-Hendershot duo is known in the area for their set-up and take-down of Christmas lights for houses, as well as decorating the Christmas tree in downtown Minot for the past three years.

Perhaps the trio's biggest and most exciting business opportunity as of late is FruitChips4U.com, a



Photo by Michelle Walling

Juan Vadell, MSU senior, works on the "Beaver Books" textbook exchange. The website is one of several new businesses he is involved in.

website on which buyers can purchase dehydrated fruits.

"They are all-natural, with no ingredients," Vadell said. "They're

a healthy alternative to chips and are perfect for on-the-go, especially for outdoorsy people like me,

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R&G Opinion

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Have you seen Kony 2012?

The short film, "Kony 2012," released on March 5, has caused a media firestorm. It details the guerilla warfare in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and South Sudan and the man behind it, Joseph Kony.

Kony leads the Lord's Resistance Army, a Ugandan guerilla group that believes it must purify Uganda and transform it into a theocracy. Since 1986, Kony has been waging guerilla war in Uganda. He's overseen the abduction of an estimated 66,000 children, forcing them to become either soldiers or sex slaves. He believes himself to be a direct messenger of God, and has built a cult around himself, claiming that he has magical powers. His men prefer to use machetes over guns, so that there is no warning to villagers of their raids.

Since "Kony 2012" was released, it's been viewed more than 80 million times and is not without its criticism. Critics say that it misrepresents or fabricates events, and that the movement Kony represents has largely diminished.

The nonprofit that produced the film, Invisible Children, has come under fire, also. It's been accused of a lack of transparency and of mismanaging donated funds.

We've heard people discussing "Kony 2012" on campus. One general reaction seems to be, "Yeah, it's bad, but it's not up to the United States to get involved ... we don't need another war on our hands." To cloud things even more, San Diego police detained Jason Russell, a co-founder of Invisible Children, on March 15 for public drunkenness and indecent exposure. All of this is beside the point.

Atrocities are occurring right now, simply awful beyond imagination. "Kony 2012" brought them into the public eye and, hopefully, the attention will help put an end to them. That is all that matters.

Children are being hurt. When the helpless are being victimized, it falls on everybody. Not the United States, but everybody. Politics and finances should come in second - what matters is stopping the violence. That's the message that the film is really pushing, and that's what matters most.



On Movies



Anthony Anderson
Editor

Early on into spring break this year, with no classes to go to and most of my friends out of town, I found myself strangely bored. So guess what I did? I went to the movies, shelling out my hard-earned dollars (yes, the Red & Green makes us pay to see these films) to watch "Project X," "John Carter" and "The Lorax." And lucky for you, readers, I took notes.

To start off with: "Project X"

Spring Break movie mashup

was bad. Really bad. Actually, more than bad. It was offensive. The story of a group of teens out to throw the ultimate party - I found myself offended as a film critic, as a student and as a person in general. It was very obvious that the filmmakers were trying for a modern day "Animal House" - something so zany and unrealistic, it'd have to be funny. They failed miserably.

The characters are flat, and immediately made me hate them. The plot is dull and completely rehashed from other films. Minute by minute, I could look at it

and think, "Oh, this bit is from 'American Pie,' or 'That's pretty much straight from 'The Hangover.' I give 'Project X' one out of five Beavers.

After the travesty that was "Project X," I was a little apprehensive to go into "John Carter." I'm pleased to report that I was pleasantly surprised.

"John Carter" is based on the "Barsroom" series of books by Edgar Rice Burroughs, who also created "Tarzan." Written between 1912 and 1943, they tell the story of a late-1800s American, John Carter, who is transported to Mars and

has many science-fictiony adventures.

"John Carter" was Disney's latest stab at an Avatar-style epic film. They did okay. Way better than I thought it would be, actually. It was in 3D, yes, which I am not a fan of, and had the requisite 3D action scenes. But unlike other recent films (*cough* "Transformers," *cough*), the big action scenes were driven by the plot and centered around actual characters that I found myself cheering for or against.

I've not read the Barsroom books, but my research tells

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On Music



Ward Lamson
Columnist

Welcome back from Spring Break, everyone! Hopefully you had a great, productive break last week or minimally, at least, just a great one at that. During the break there were some huge things happening as far as the local music scene is concerned. I hope to take a look at some of these recent events and also a brief glimpse forward at some of the projected future events.

Dances, parties and fun ... oh my!

Probably the biggest event occurred was the Saint Patrick's Day festivities. That night, Electric Leprechaun took place.

Starting at 6 p.m. and going all the way until 1 a.m. the next morning, this was a spectacular show. At 6:05, a small crowd had gathered already. The first DJ, Dusty J, had the less-than-simple task of starting and, more generally, making the public introduction to electronic music. I personally was able to attend the dance and believe he did

a splendid job of opening up the night. With people trickling in here and there it took some warming up, but he did a great job of setting the mood for what the rest of the night had in store.

Next, at 7, DJ Petey Lee came up and really took it to the next level. With much local experience here in Minot, he brought in the collecting mass of people and really got the night moving forward with a great set. He brought a bit of everything and mixed it masterfully to deliver a

sweet performance.

After DJ Petey Lee finished with what was now a full floor of people, Tryptic Groove followed him at about 8:10. This duo has a really neat way of laying down some smoothly transitioning pieces that could really go anywhere. They used a variety of instruments and electronics to produce a unique sound.

DJ ReKtify followed in suit at 9:25 with what was probably my personal favorite of the night, which

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'Bully' deserves to be PG-13

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A documentary film called "Bully" will hit theaters March 30, 2012. The film tells the stories of high school students in the U.S. who face an always-critical issue, bullying. It also tells the tales of students who committed suicide as a result of being bullied in school.

The preview on the film's website presents some staggering statistics, such as "3 million kids are absent from classes each month



because they feel unsafe at school," and that this year in the US "13 million kids will be bullied." It encourages people to join the movement to prevent and end bullying.

However, another movement has arisen related to the movie, only instead of bullying, it concerns the film's rating. Currently "Bully" has an R-rating for some language. Katy Butler, a former high school student and bullying victim, started a movement by collecting 200,000 signatures on a petition to the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) to change the rating to PG-13, so that

middle schoolers and their parents can see the film.

So the film has an R-rating for language. Could the horrible things people have said come out another way? Sure. Did it? No. Does it subtract from or add depth to their stories? Tough to say. I haven't seen it and I don't know anyone who has. If some good can come from this film, why not let school-age teens and children see it? If the MPAA doesn't change its decision, then it should at least allow for those under 18 to view it with their parents or legal guardians or obtain their written permission to see the film.

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is tough to say because every single DJ there really brought their "A" game and did absolutely amazingly and then some. By the time ReKtify came up, there was a mix of those who had been there for around three hours now and people who were just coming in. With that, he did a great job of catching up the newcomers with all they had missed prior.

Finally, DJ Star IV took the stage around 11:10. Before he did, however, the show became officially sold out. Reaching the maximum capacity of 1,600 people really goes to show Minot's "vested interest," in a way, in their very own local EDM scene. I didn't get the chance to stay for the remainder of Star IV's performance, but I hear he did a great job in closing

the night.

Overall, the night was a huge success on the part of those who helped plan it and make it happen, the DJs who entertained us all throughout the night and also all those in attendance who make a future thriving scene possible. Thank you to everyone involved; stay tuned for another one, perhaps on May 5!

To look into the future with me, there are several events I would like to make mention of; the first being the MSU highlighter dance tonight (March 22). Put on by MSU Life, this dance is free with MSU student ID. Organizers will provide free Tee-shirts and highlighters. The dance will be located in the Conference Center on the third floor of the Student Center and will begin at 10 p.m.!

Secondly, the following week,

there are two major dances happening on March 30. Nightstorm will return and put on their Spring Break Mardi Gras Bead Party from 8 to 11 p.m. It is open to high school freshmen through age 20.

Alternatively, DJ Subversion is having his dance at 9:30 p.m. at Big Time Bistro, located at 101 Central Avenue.

Lastly, just to give you a heads-up, you will not want to miss out on Original Theory Production's "Release" bringing us the best in EDM from around the U.S. with Six Hours of Breaks, Drum N Bass, Dubstep, Electro, Glitch, Hardstyle, Progressive House & Trance. This will definitely be a huge event, so don't miss out on this one!

LOTS of things happening! I'll see you at the Highlighter dance tonight at 10! Be there!

"John Carter" was a fun, light-hearted popcorn movie. I liked it. I give it four out of five Beavers.

The third film I saw over the break was "The Lorax." It's the one I had the highest expectations for, and I was kind of hurt when it let me down.

"The Lorax" needs no introduction - it's the classic cautionary tale by Dr. Seuss that we all know and love. However, the film completely shifts the focus to "Ted Wiggins" (Zac Effron), instead of the Lorax and the Oncler. Ted lives

in a plastic, saccharine city that was once a natural paradise. Inspired by the Oncler's story, he sets out to remind his city about the importance of nature.

"The Lorax" was a big-name, big-budget 3D extravaganza. I think it completely missed the point of the story - that sometimes simpler is better. And that's a lesson we can all take something away from. I give "The Lorax" two out of five Beavers.

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me the movie is shockingly faithful to the original content. (The book this movie draws on the most was written in 1917.) This is one case where following the source material may have worked against the film. Main characters include "Tars Tarkas, Jeddak of the Tharks" and "Tardos Mors, Jeddak of Helium." I think it would have been easy enough to update the names and titles without compromising the plot. Still,

On Movies



Brandyn Hansen
Columnist

When I got in line this weekend to see this film, I must admit that I was not very familiar with the old TV show. Having been a fan of Jonah Hill's work, and this being a slow time for movies, I was pretty optimistic. Fortunately I was not extremely disappointed. Any more, when it seems a majority of the films that come out are sequels, reboots, remakes or based on a comic, I was afraid that this would just be another quick way to make a buck. However I found it surprisingly refreshing.

The film follows two young, up-and-coming policemen who are sent back to high school as a part of the Jump Street Unit to bust a drug smuggling ring. Agents Schmidt (Jonah Hill), and Jenko (Channing Tatum), find that school has changed a bit since they were there a few years earlier. As we all know, high school can be quite the terrifying place.

Jenko is a bit of a high school burnout and only really got through the police academy through his friendship with Schmidt. Once back in high school, Schmidt enters into a romance with one of the hipster teenagers while Jenko is cast in with the nerdy kids. We are introduced to our bad guy, Dave Franco's Eric, a thoroughly modern drug dealer who writes songs about recycling and has

*'21 Jump Street':
The remake monster strikes again ...*

plans to attend Berkeley.

So we watch our comedy duo of Schmidt and Jenko as they overcome the hurdles of high school hijinks all over again, all while trying to catch the bad guy and end the drug dealing once and for all. Hill & Tatum do a great job providing us with laughs along with their adventure, but they do have some comedic assistance with great characters including Ellie Kemper as a science teacher fighting her attraction to Jenko, Jake Johnson as an overwhelmed (but also miscast) principal, Ice Cube as the harsh-talking police commander and especially Rob Riggle (Not up in here!) as the track team coach trying to turn Schmidt into a superstar.

Overall, a fun and simple film that serves its purpose. It has created a decent combination of mixing the comedy, action and awkwardness of high school. As I said earlier, I am not familiar with the original "21 Jump Street."

You can tell there is also the nostalgia effect of seeing some great characters back to life again. While it triumphed at the box office over the weekend is it the best movie you'll see all year? Probably not, but in my opinion it's worth checking out. At any rate it's better than the stuff Sandler is putting out nowadays.

I give "21 Jump Street" 3.5 out of 5 Beavers.

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members to adopt practices that are really benefiting students and generally move the campus forward.

SGA members will announce the winning instructors at the end of the semester through the Public Information Office and the Red & Green.

The top 10 games of all time (Part 1)

For better or worse, which games have changed the world the most?

Tanner Larson
Columnist



ed a trading card game, cartoon show, and many more items that helped carry the series to the point of where it is now: still going strong. Gotta catch 'em all, right?

To give a list of the top 100 most influential games of all time is difficult in itself, with numerous titles to choose from.

Now, narrow that down to 10, and you have a battle royale with your conscience as if you were in a room full of editors and no one can agree on anything. That's how the past two weeks have been for me when handed this assignment, but someone's gotta do it, right? Why not an avid gamer like myself? It only seemed natural, but I had a very tough time picking and choosing from 100 games but, for better or worse, these are what I consider the top ten most influential games of all time.

10. "Farmville" - Now hold on! Before you stop reading, please let me explain! I'm not the biggest fan of Zynga, or their policies, but you at least have to give credit where credit is due for making social media gaming a marketing idea and not an afterthought. Now, you see many games that try to emulate the success of Zynga's cash cow on Facebook, by other companies and Zynga themselves. How many times have you seen a "ville" at the end of one of those pestering game invite messages, hm? Let's give the benefit of the doubt to Zynga for helping millions kill time on Facebook and other social media sites.

9. "Pokemon" - Before "Pokemon," the Japanese Role-Playing Game (JRPG) genre was considered to be only for gamers with too much time on their hands, not to mention too much text to read for a game. However, Nintendo hit the jackpot with "Pokemon Red and Blue" for their Game Boy handheld by introducing a JRPG that's both entertaining for a broad audience and keeps them hooked with the simplicity of the concept. Heck, it spawned a cultural phenomenon that includ-

8. "Spacewar!" - Quite possibly the only title that almost no one has ever heard of on this list, so it's time for a history lesson, class. Before video games were even marketed by either Pong or the Magnavox Odyssey, Steve Russell developed a Program Data Processor-1 (PDP-1) and coded what is considered one of the earliest video games at the time. While there are earlier instances of video games existing, such as "OXO" in 1952 and "Tennis for Two" in 1958, this was the first game to get other programmers interested in coding games as the popularity spread amongst research centers. While there's only one working PDP-1 left, as of 2006, it's hard to wonder how far behind video games would be today, if at all.

7. "Pac-Man" - In 1980, a cultural icon was born by simply running away from ghosts and eating tiny dots called pellets through a series of mazes. We are, of course, talking about "Pac-

Man," who may have personified gaming in the '80s, as well as the start of the "Golden Age of Arcades." Like "Pokemon," it had its own cartoon show, albeit a terrible one, but Namco's character spawned not only spin-offs like Ms. Pac-Man, but developed itself into a franchise that would help define Namco. Just remember to eat the super pellets first before chasing after the ghosts.

6. "Grand Theft Auto III" - Before GTA3, or even its top-down perspective compatriots GTA1 and 2, open-world games were almost non-existent and only saw the light of day on the PC. GTA3 definitely turned heads in 2001 with its "do-anything-and-everything" attitude, along with controversial timing of the release in October, a month after 9/11. While I'm sure Rockstar didn't mean for the latter to happen, they definitely made sure players got a grasp of the former along with a good storyline to boot. While GTA3 has been the controversial center of some events, there's no denying the impact it made for not only the PlayStation 2, but on the industry as a whole.

With only the top five left to unveil, all bets are off as to what the most influential game is for the Red and Green.

NAfME at IAS



Photo by Bekka Ryan

National Association for Music Educators (NAfME) members Ella Van Berkomp and Kate Dalbey pose at the International Artists Series (IAS) concert in Old Main last Sunday. The Minot State NAfME Club provided refreshments at the event and also performed.

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Chancellor search ends Shervani selected to lead NDUS

(North Dakota University System) — Hamid Augustine Shirvani has been named chancellor of the North Dakota University System. Shirvani, 61, was selected Tuesday by the State Board of Higher Education



Shervani

and is expected to begin his appointment by July 1.

"Dr. Shirvani's record of leadership, working with students and his visionary approach to higher education makes him the perfect fit to lead the North Dakota University System," said Grant Shaft, SBHE President.

Shirvani, president since 2005 of California State University-Stanislaus, Turlock, Calif., was selected after two finalists emerged, including Marshall Hill, executive director, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Lincoln, Neb. Two others had also been recommended by the search committee and invited to final interviews Tuesday, and were removed from further consideration during discussion of the final four. They were Tim Flakoll, provost of Tri-College University, Fargo-Moorhead and Warren

Kent Wray, interim chancellor, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, Mo.

North Dakota's new chancellor will be paid between \$340,000 and \$350,000, according to Shaft, slightly above the state's highest-paid university president. The chancellor serves as the chief executive officer of the SBHE, is the chief executive officer of the NDUS and carries out the policies and directives of the board of higher education. The NDUS office is located at the state Capitol in Bismarck. Shirvani will succeed William Goetz, who is retiring in August.

Shirvani earned a master's degree from Harvard and a doctorate from Princeton. He has served as a professor or administrator in California, Colorado, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania.

Direct reports to the chancellor include the campus presidents, the vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, the vice chancellor for administrative affairs, the vice chancellor for strategic planning and executive director of CTEC, the general counsel/SBHE executive secretary, chief information officer, director of internal audit and risk assessment, the public affairs and marketing director and the executive assistant/office manager.

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Bekka Ryan
Staff Writer

The North Dakota Democratic NPL held its state convention in Grand Forks, March 15-17. Delegates from all 47 districts in the state represented their regions in the political process of fulfilling the convention agenda, which included hearing standing committee reports, reporting and adoption of the party platform and resolution and seeking the nomination and endorsement of candidates for state positions.

One of the biggest and most exciting events at the convention was the keynote address by our former President of the United States - Bill Clinton. Clinton last visited Grand Forks after the great flood of 1997.

I remember the flood well, and had family members who were personally and permanently affected by its monstrosity. Hearing him praise the tenacity, pride and kindness of the people of North Dakota made me proud to be from our state. He spoke on the subject of

looking ahead for our state and doing what is best for our people and the people of our nation.

As a member of a very politically opinionated family, on all sides of the spectrum, going to this convention was a way for me to stay in the know on what is happening, through my chosen party, on a state level. This was my second time attending a state convention for the North Dakota Dem NPL, and I, as one speaker said it, saw this convention as a bit of a family reunion- except that I like the people at the convention.

Running into people that I was introduced to two years ago at the 2010 Dem NPL State Convention in Fargo, and who are now candidates running for public office, shed a new light on my opportunity to participate in the great democratic governmental system. The candidates are true North Dakotans, looking to better the future of our great state. These are people willing to answer the hard questions brought on by the massive growth we are undergoing.

And these are the people that I want to be associated with.

The convention offered many opportunities for networking and, as a college student asking questions of other delegates and candidates, it felt daunting at times. Not knowing exactly where I stand on many political issues made my discussions with other delegates interesting, to say the least.

I found that asking questions and really listening to what people have to say was the best way to learn through the political process. I find myself able to take assurance from the words of the North Dakota Dem-NPL candidate for the United States Senate seat, Heidi Heitkamp:

"I believe the best ideas come when you set party politics aside and just do what's right for North Dakota and for the country."

The North Dakota Republican GOP state convention will be in Bismarck from March 30 to April 1. Being a part of the political process in our state is extremely

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GPCCRS to eradicate the desolate state of Old Main. In fact, they have grand plans that will far exceed the building's previous uses: an auditorium, theater, coffee shop, classrooms, and conference rooms may fill the currently vacant structure. Organizers say such a convenient and conventional general facility would be a perfect addition to the growth of the school and its community.

If the plan receives a thumbs-up, the committee itself will raise the money for the project; however, it may cost up to several million dollars in repair work, and all profits that would be made by facility rental and use will go towards paying the building's staff and the energy required to keep it running. In other words, the committee's main goal is to break even while providing above-adequate services and venues.

But the question stands: is this venture worth the cost? This is where the term "feasibility study" comes into play. This means "to discover whether or not the proposed venture is economically practical based on its resources, pros and cons, environmental threats and prospects for success."

"A feasibility study is a yes-or-no decision being worked on," Anderson said.

Participants are conducting surveys among various businesses in the area, or at least those who would be most concerned or interested about this project. They are asking the community and each individual for input. They are contacting convention and facility bureaus throughout the process as well, but moreso to give useful information and suggestions to any problems the committee may run into during their campaign.

"There is no outright opposition to this notion but there is an

internal hesitance towards such a large project, and making sure that it will work," Anderson said. "But even if we are told that we cannot go through with it, we want to save and repurpose it. We want to somehow find a new life for [Old Main]."

The MSU students, Amber Penrose (senior, management), Megan Lahti (senior, accounting) and Anderson (senior, finance) said working with GPCCRS staffers Neil Sharpe and Seth Hagen has been a pleasure. They said the other committee members treat them as equals in and out of the board meetings, making for a more professional and enjoyable experience.

"This is really the real world," Anderson said. "Our opinion matters just as much as theirs."

If this proposition passes, construction will begin as early as 2013 and will take until 2015 to be completed.

Sociology Club to host town hall meeting

Anthony Anderson
Editor

The Minot State University Sociology Club is organizing a town hall meeting Monday, March 26, at 1 p.m. in Aleshire Theatre to deal with the housing problem in Minot. The group hopes the meeting will open a dialogue between policymakers and students concerning Minot's worsening housing situation.

"Before the flood, it was a housing shortage. Now, it's a housing crisis," Jynette Larshus, Sociology Club adviser, said.

Larshus notes that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development considers three to six percent occupancy "healthy." Before the flood, the occupancy rate in Minot was below one percent. Now, it's practically zero.

Dick Jenkins, MSU Vice-

President for Student Affairs; Amy Moen, chair of the Minot Planning Commission; George Withus, Minot alderman, Rob Frantsvog, District 40 representative; Dean Frantsvog, president of the Minot City Council; Donna Bye, Minot city planner and Lisa Eriksmoen, director of Student Life and Housing, will be present at the meeting to answer students' and the community's questions.

The meeting is open to the public, but is geared specifically towards students.

"Student voices can sometimes be overlooked," Larshus said. "We want to open a dialogue. What specific concerns do students have? What can be done? What can't be done?"

Organizers encourage all students to attend the event and ask questions about the housing crisis.

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MSU baseball heads to Phoenix

Spring Break tourney sees mixed results

Jamie Council
Staff Writer

While most students were on vacation over Spring Break, the MSU baseball team went on a vacation of their own to Arizona to play in the 2012 Russ Matt Greater Phoenix Invitational. The Beavers competed against seven different teams in 10 total games, finishing the week with a 4-6 record, bringing their overall record to 5-17.

They started out the tournament on Saturday, March 10, split-

ting a double-header with Northwestern College at Iowa, losing the first game, 3-6, then taking a 12-1 win.

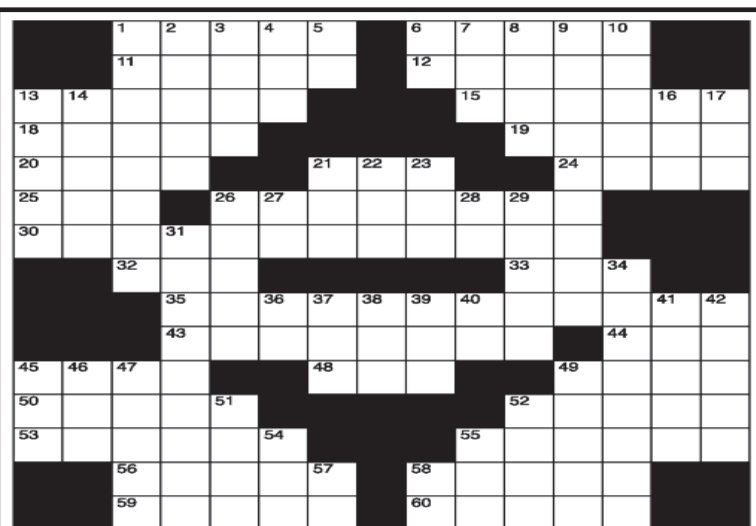
The Beavers split a pair of games, winning 2-1 and dropping the second one, 4-6, the following day against Mayville State University.

MSU lost 3-13 to Arizona Christian University and dropped a game to the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse in a game much closer than the 12-9 score

shows. They then split another pair of games 5-4 and 1-9 against Mayville.

The Beavers disappointingly lost their final two games of the tournament, 14-9 to John Hopkins University and 8-1 to the undefeated William Paterson University squad on St. Patrick's Day.

The Beaver men will be in action next Saturday, March 24, when MSU takes on Montana State University at Billings on the road.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Duck cartoon character
- 6. Town in Guinea
- 11. Upright posture
- 12. Rest on your knees
- 13. Move upward
- 15. Disposed to take risks
- 18. Makes a sweater
- 19. Grooved surface of a tire
- 20. Identical in kind
- 21. Radiotelegraphic signal
- 24. "Picnic" author William
- 25. Bashkir Republic capital
- 26. Male highlanders
- 30. Doing several things at once
- 32. Title of respect
- 33. Old world, new
- 35. "Sophie's Choice" actress
- 43. Encloses completely
- 44. Decaliter
- 45. Makes angry
- 48. Commercial free network
- 49. Latvian capital
- 50. Tycho __, Danish astronomer
- 52. Leave slowly and hesitantly
- 53. Harm to property
- 55. Dining, pool and coffee
- 56. Remove all traces of
- 58. Yemen capital
- 59. Passover feast and ceremony
- 60. Trenches

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Proper fractions
- 2. Ridgeline
- 3. Marshland area of E. England
- 4. Flood Control District
- 5. Canadian province (abbr.)
- 6. Project Runway designer judge's initials
- 7. Along with
- 8. Orderly and clean
- 9. A short-barreled pocket pistol
- 10. Extraterrestrial being
- 13. Ancient capital of Ethiopia
- 14. Goof
- 16. Annoy constantly
- 17. Haitian monetary unit (abbr.)
- 21. Arrived extinct
- 22. Belonging to a thing
- 23. Toungue click
- 26. Fireman's signal
- 27. Connecticut
- 28. 3rd tone of the scale
- 29. Language spoken in Russia
- 31. Split occupancy
- 34. Diacritics for s's
- 36. Mobile camper
- 37. Affirmative (slang)
- 38. Bachelor of Laws
- 39. Angeles
- 40. State police
- 41. U.S. gold coin worth 10 dollars
- 42. Bets on
- 45. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- 46. Macaws
- 47. Julie Andrews and Judi Dench
- 49. Capital of Morocco
- 51. Oh, God!
- 52. ___ Carvey, comedian
- 54. Point midway between E and SE
- 55. Principle of Chinese philosophy
- 57. Trauma center
- 58. Atomic #62

Lady Beavers go 4 for 5

Softball squads start a promising season

Jamie Council
Staff Writer

For Spring Break, Minot State University's women's softball team traveled to Clermont, Fla. However, this trip wasn't just for fun. The team competed in the National Training Center Tournament.

Their record for the week was 6-5. They played in a total of 16 games, with four against junior college's JV squads. Ironically enough, one game had to be called at the 4th inning for bad weather in the so-called Sunshine State. MSU was leading 6-3 at that point.

The Beavers' first season game in the tournament was on

Saturday, March 10, and resulted in a close 1-2 loss to the Georgian Court University. However, MSU was able to get the bats going later that day in their 13-5 win against the University of Wisconsin at Stout.

They competed in games the entire week. The Beavers lost to Kutztown University, 3-4, beat Millersville University, 8-2, dropped their game against Stonehill College, 4-6, lost to Lock Haven University, 2-5, beat Saint Michael's College, 2-0, and lost to Bentley University, 2-3.

The last three games of the series ended in a victory for MSU, starting with Fredonia State

University with the Beavers driving in a score of 14-2, then beating East Stroudsburg University, 4-3, and ending their road trip with a 7-0 win against the New York Institute of Technology on St. Patrick's Day.

By winning their last 4 out of 5 games, the Beavers brought their 2012 season winning percentage to .500 with a 9-9 record.

The team will be in action next March 22 when MSU takes on St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. For more information on the Beaver women's softball team, check out their team page on MSU's athletic site.

MSU wrestling takes 25th at nationals

Jamie Council
Staff Writer

The MSU wrestling team finished 25th overall at the NCWA National Tournament in Daytona, Fla., March 8-10. Although the Beavers had five wrestlers qualify for the tournament, winning in the first two rounds, none made it to the placing rounds.

Freshman Marcus Bausman won three matches and lost two

matches. Josh Douglas, (Fr.) at 125 pounds won 2-2. Both lost in the consolation round.

Senior Deon Buhl (141 pounds) finished his college career with one win and two losses.

Junior Cody George (184 pounds) lost two and won one with a pin at 31 seconds.

Jaymes Stanley (Fr.) at 165 pounds earned a pin in the first round, but lost the next two

matches.

The team is young. The two wrestlers that made it the furthest in Nationals were freshmen, so with the transitional year out of the way, they can keep working hard towards next year.

"I feel like I have a lot to improve on," Douglas said. "We all do. We were close to being All-Americans, but close doesn't cut it in this sport."

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Hockey makes it to national quarterfinals

Jamie Council
Staff Writer

The Minot State University men's club hockey team, ranked seventh in the nation, carried a win into the second round of the ACHA Division 1 National Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio.

In the first round, the team faced the #10-ranked Robert Morris University Eagles. The Beavers and Eagles had played each other earlier in the season at the Maysa Arena. They split the two-game series 1-1, first beating the Eagles 4-1 and then losing in a shoot-out the next night.

MSU had a good showing, defeating Robert Morris, 6-3. While the Eagles scored twice, Donny Iverson scored the only goal for the Beavers in the first period with assists from Mike Jordan and Dan Lamb. Minot outscored RMU, 4-0, in the second period with a goal by Danny Urban, assisted by Josh Rutherford and Eric Herbal, a goal by Cam McGeough, assisted by

Garrett Ferguson and Nigel Dube, a goal by Rutherford on a power play, assisted by Ferguson and Lamb and a goal by Jordan, assisted by Lamb and Iverson. The Eagles got a goal in the third period, but Jordan retaliated with a goal with the assist by Lamb to end the game 6-3. Wyatt Waselenchuk stood in goal, making 27 saves in the victory.

The next night, in the quarterfinals, the Beavers went up against the #2 Lindenwood Lions. MSU fell short, losing 7-4 to end their season and hopes at winning the National tournament. By the end of the first period, the score was tied at 1-1. The Lions scored 30 seconds into the game, but McGeough answered back 11 minutes later with an unassisted goal. Lindenwood scored five goals in the second period, unanswered by MSU. Even though the Beavers outscored the Lions, 3-1, in the third period, the comeback was not enough, with the game ending at 7-4. The Beavers scored three

unassisted goals in the third period. Logan Herauf started out the scoring streak on a power play. Zach Johnson scored next followed by another from Herauf. The end to the hard-fought game was hard for the Beavers to face.

Lindenwood went on to the semi-finals, losing to #3 Delaware. Delaware played #13 Oakland in the finals. The road to Nationals was hard for Delaware, where they defeated the #1 ranked Penn State 5-3 in the semi-finals. The Beavers had defeated Oakland at the beginning of the season, winning 5-2 on the road. Regardless, the Cinderella story ended in the finals where Delaware emerged victors and National champions.

While the Beavers' loss was disappointing, the team still finished in a higher standing than when they went in. MSU came into the National tournament ranked seventh, but emerged as the sixth-best team in ACHA Division 1 hockey.

Student starts men's soccer club

Anthony Anderson
Editor

Under the leadership of an MSU student, the University is very close to having a men's club soccer team.

Ibrahim AlJaroodi, a graduate of The Language Company's Minot State program, is currently pursuing a master's degree in education. For the last few months, he has been coaching a group of students that hope to become Minot State's first club soccer program.

A native of Al-Jaroudiya, Saudi Arabia, AlJaroodi began playing soccer when he was five years old. He has since coached a number of teams both in the United States and Saudi Arabia. In 1986, when he was an assistant coach at Iowa State University, the team came in third in the nation.

In 1987, when he was the head coach at St. Louis, MO., his team ranked second in the nation. He

has trained with the Liverpool, Everton and Manchester United clubs in England, and the FC Bayern Munich Club in Germany. He also holds an International Coaching Diploma from The Football Association, the governing body of football (soccer) in England.

AlJaroodi has extensive administrative experience as well. From 2003 to 2008, as president of his hometown's recreation club, he was responsible for coordinating the 11,000-person organization, whose activities included soccer, running, handball and other sports.

Since arriving at Minot State in late 2011, AlJaroodi has served as an assistant coach with the Minot State women's soccer team from September to November. It was during this time he started to lay the groundwork for forming a men's team.

"When I came here, the TLC people knew I was a coach, and

they asked me, 'Why not start a club?'" AlJaroodi said. "Right now, we have 35 players, and they are very, very good players. Some are good enough to be professional."

AlJaroodi has been in contact with the Minot Air Force Base, Jamestown College, North Dakota State University and other local soccer teams. All of them have expressed their support and would be interested in scrimmaging with the club. He has also found two sponsors willing to support the club financially. The MSU Athletic Department and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs have both given their support to the club.

Currently, the club practices every Friday night in Swain Hall. AlJaroodi hopes to have the team fully active and playing weekly matches by April.

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important for our generation, no matter which party you stand for. For more information on becoming a delegate for the N. D. Republican convention please visit <http://www.ndgop.org/>. For more information on North Dakota's Democrat NPL party please visit

<http://www.demnp.com>.

This year is an election year in our country and state. I urge all students to get to know where you stand on the real issues behind what is going on at the face of the political campaigns. State elections may not get as much air time as the presidential elections, but I still urge students to do a little google-ing to

know which names will be on the state ticket, and what those names represent in those candidates.

I urge you to know which voting district you are in, or if you would like to become a voter of Minot's District 40. MSU students have the option to register to vote in the district they reside in for the academic year.

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