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BREAKING GROUND ON A GROUND BREAKING BUILDING

Crews have started breaking ground on the new Polytechnical building by tearing up the tennis courts and trees between the Armory and the NECE Building. The building is slated to open in the fall of 2024.

(Credit: Zachary Weiand)



INFORMATION

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello again fellow students and Happy November!

If you are reading this, know that I somehow survived the political season. As is always the case during election years, I've been annoyed by the crusade of political ads that have been popping up on my TV. Can a guy watch Jeopardy! without having to see John Hoeven's face? I guess not.

We may escape the political ads but they will be replaced by Holiday ads. I have already been seeing Christmas ads, even before Halloween. As much as I love Christmas, seeing ads about Holiday sales events gets to be too much.

One genre that I have also been seeing this year is Holiday ads related to the World Cup, which is taking place in November and December. This year is the first time in history that the World Cup is happening outside of summer; a big reason for this being that the games are being held in Qatar, which is a country that sees extreme heat during the summer.

I only recently started getting into soccer, thanks to my brother's interest in the sport. It's a fantastic sport to watch, and I highly recommend watching it. Team USA is in the tournament this year, so make sure to route us on!

I hope everyone has a great November filled with pumpkin pie and over-cooked turkey. Go ahead and enjoy some nice warm apple cider or another terrible Thursday Night Football game. You deserve it.

As is usual, good vibes and good times,
Zachary



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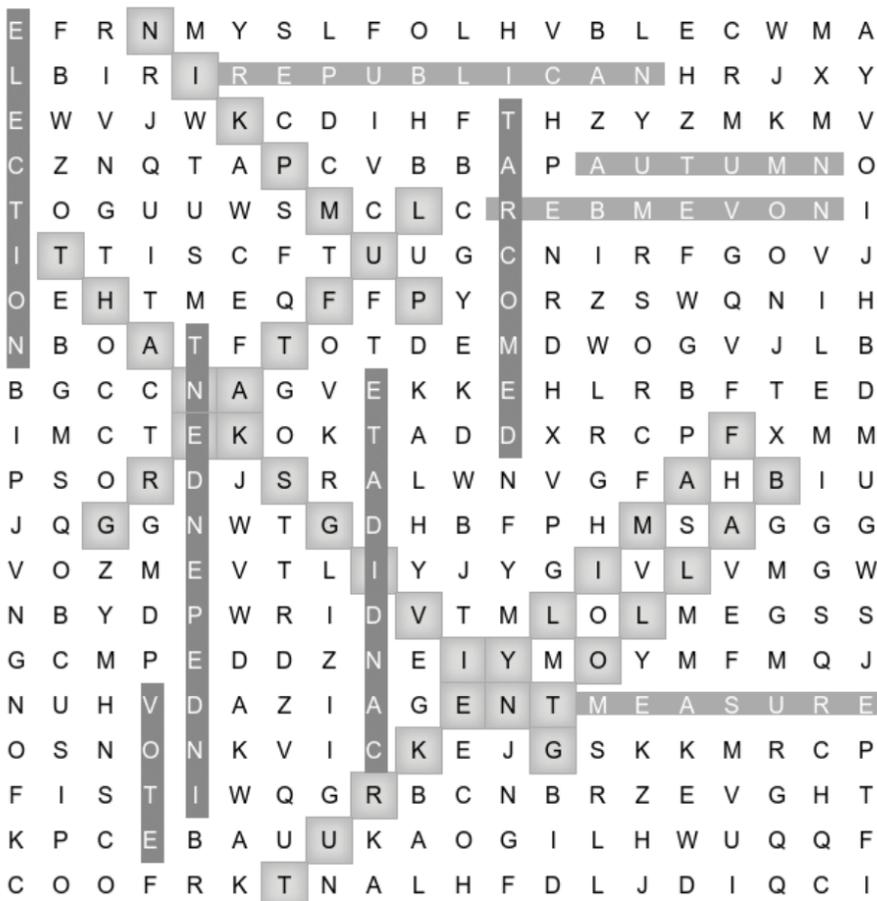
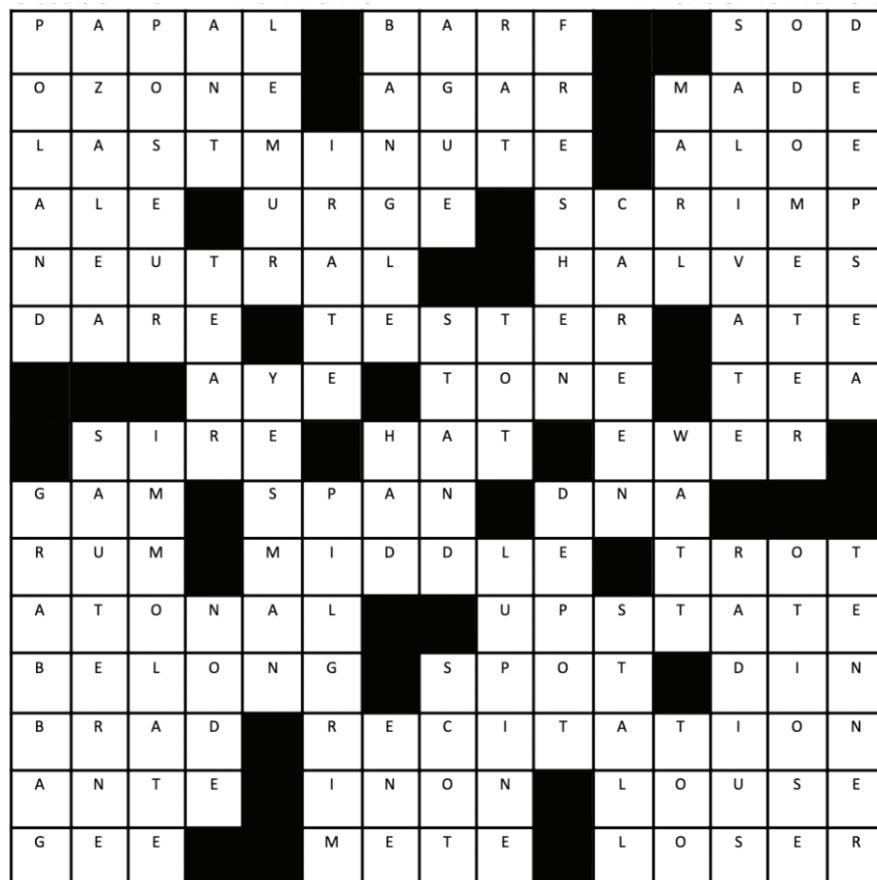
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GAMES ANSWER KEYS

Games can be found on Page 14.



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BSC UPDATES ITS PARKING PERMIT POLICY FOR FALL 2022

By Zachary Weiland
THE MYSTICIAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bismarck State College is switching gears on its parking permit policy for the fall 2022 semester.

Campus police notified students in early September that parking permits will be necessary to park on campus. Faculty and staff on campus were also required to obtain a parking pass. BSC was one of two institutions in the North Dakota University System that had not already required the use of parking permits.

The main focus of the new policy is to prioritize student parking access on campus. Campus Police Chief Matthew Giddings said that parking permits will help campus police regulate vehicles on campus.

“The parking passes help us to identify who should be here and who should not,” he said. “It comes down to helping with vehicular and pedestrian mobility.”

BSC will not charge for the permits that are required to be placed in the lower left corner of the back window of vehicles. This is a contrast to other institutions in the state that can charge up to \$180 for annual student parking passes.

Students living on campus were required to obtain a parking permit in the past. The campus police department used to charge for these but has since dropped this requirement. Giddings said he does not plan on charging for campus passing permits anytime soon, opting to have the department absorb the costs instead.

The change in policy coincides with the implementation of a software called

T2 Parking. The software is currently being used by other NDUS schools.

This software allows campus police to issue citations. The system allows the college to put a hold on the accounts of those who may be receiving multiple citations and have not been paying them. Giddings said this measure has not had to be taken yet.

T2 Parking also allows the campus to identify the ownership of vehicles on campus. Giddings said that BSC also sees around 2000 Bismarck Public Schools students everyday, and the permits help distinguish between the two demographics.

“Knowing the difference between our BSC and our high school students is a nice piece for us,” Giddings said. “If we have more BSC violations or more public school violations, we know where to go to address those issues.”

Campus police will be able to use the software to enforce parking requirements for guests on campus. The NECE often hosts events which can take up a lot of parking. Event attendees are encouraged to park in the lower level lot of the NECE building; however, attendees will often park in the main lot. Guests will be able to register their



A parking permit is seen on the backwindow of a vehicle in a BSC Armory parking lot.
(Credit: Zachary Weiland)

vehicles allowing campus police to ticket vehicles that do not park in the lower NECE lot.

“Prior to us issuing permits to all students, there was no way for us to enforce that,” Giddings said.

He added that the software can double as a tally system for the campus to see how many guests are actually attending on-campus events.

The only parking restrictions for off-campus students are resident hall parking lots. Students living in the resident halls on-campus can park in any student lot on campus. All students are barred from parking in employee lots or

reserved spots.

While campus police encourage everyone to obtain their permit, they have not been ticketing vehicles without one yet. There are currently around 1200 on-campus students that have not gotten a parking permit yet.

Students who have not obtained their parking permit yet can do so by applying for one online and picking it up from the campus police department located on the lower level of the Student Union.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

November 8:
Election Day

November 8:
Chili and Cinnamon Rolls
Student Union 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

November 9:
Intention Bracelets
Student Union 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

November 10: Patriotic Concert
Sidney J Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

November 10:
CPR/AED and First Aid Classes
Free CPR/AED and First Aid Certification Class - Students Only
12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Call Officer Alex at 701-224-2700 to Sign Up

November 11:
Veterans Day
BSC Closed

November 14:
Therapy Dogs
Student Union 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

November 15:
Yoga Night
Student Union 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

November 15:
Chamber Concert (Brass, Woodwind, Guitar, Strings)
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

November 16:
Feed the Need Taco Run
Student Union 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

November 17:
Choir Concert
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

November 21:
Fall Craft
Student Union 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

November 22:
Residence Halls Close at 4 p.m.

November 22:
Wind Ensemble
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

November 23-25:
Thanksgiving Break

November 28:
Matt's Buying Coffee
Student Union 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

November 28:
Welcome Back Nachos
Student Union 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

November 29:
Yoga Night
Student Union 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

November 29: Jazz Ensemble
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

December 1:
Elf on the Shelf Trivia
Student Union

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Spring Booklist Available

December 2, 5-6:
Elf on the Shelf Trivia
Student Union

December 6:
Grand Theatre Movie Night
Get Tickets at Student and Residence Life Office

December 7:
Elf on the Shelf Trivia
Student Union

December 7:
Cocoa and Ornament Making
Student Union 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WHO ARE YOU VOTING FOR?

A breakdown of candidates and ballot measures that will be on voted on this year. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

US House

CARA MUND / IND TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Address inflation by reducing reckless government spending
2. Uphold the democracy by seeking the facts, promoting the truth, and ensuring that no one is above the law
3. Advocate for equal rights and limited government

KELLY ARMSTRONG / REP TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Roll back reckless spending
2. Create a regulatory environment that works with North Dakota's producers
3. Secure the southern border and stop the flow of fentanyl

ND Secretary of State

MICHAEL HOWE / REP TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Preserve and protect North Dakota's election integrity
2. Make North Dakota the easiest place to start and grow a business
3. Ensure that North Dakota's natural resources remain for generations

CHARLES TUTTLE / IND TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Adhere to our state constitution
2. Keep private money out of our elections to keep the process open to everyone
3. Ensure one person, one vote

JEFFREY POWELL / DNPL TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Implement vote tabulation methods
2. Implement modern voting mechanisms
3. Address the damage to voter confidence exacted by "the big lie" and its proponents

US Senate

JOHN HOEVEN / REP TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Ensure that crop insurance and disaster assistance programs are robust
2. Unleash American energy producers to get our economy on the right track
3. Modernize our military and increase pay and benefits for service members

RICK BECKER / IND TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Stop all the overspending that is causing inflation and weakens our position with hostile nations.
2. Hold unelected bureaucrats accountable
3. Decrease and eliminate unnecessary regulations which are choking American businesses and working families

KATRINA CHRISTIANSEN / DNPL TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Fully fund education and increase Title 1 funding
2. Make healthcare in rural North Dakota accessible and affordable
3. Expand economic opportunities in the state by adding low utility, locally owned value

Measures

MEASURE 1

Relating to Term Limits of the Governor and the Legislature

- An individual could not serve as a state legislator for a total of more than eight years in either the ND House of Representatives or the ND Senate separately
- It would prohibit an individual from being elected as Governor more than twice
- An individual would not be allowed to serve a full or remaining term as a member of the legislature if serving the term would cause the individual to serve a total of more than either years in that particular house

MEASURE 2

Relating to the Legalization, Production, Processing, Sale, and Possession of Cannabis

- Would legalize the production, processing, and sale of cannabis and the possession and use of its various forms by individuals 21 or older
- Direct a state entity to regulate and register businesses that produce or dispense cannabis
- Permit an individual aged 21 or older to possess a limited amount of cannabis
- Provide protection, limitations, penalties, and employer rights relating to use of cannabis products

ND Attorney General

TIMOTHY LAMB / DNPL TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Get on board with the workings of the office
2. Will reach out to all state office holders to show how I support them, as well as marshal city, county, and state law enforcement to get their input on reducing crime
3. Will appoint a special assistant AG to look into the deleted emails

DREW WRIGLEY / REP TOP 3 PRIORITIES

No response.

ND Agriculture Commissioner

DOUG GOHRING / REP TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Continue to assist businesses so they may serve their communities and families
2. Focus attention on the economy
3. Challenge the federal governments overburden on some regulations

FINTAN DOOLEY / DNPL TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Convene a panel of veteran remediation scientists to establish standards for finding, counting, and classifying contamination of severity on acres of salted land
2. Attempt to deregulate home food sales
3. Enforce pesticide and herbicide spraying regulations

ND Public Service Commission

MELANIE MONIZ / DNPL TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Will work to build a people-first approach for PSC operations
2. Take an active role in strengthening the staff makeup to include dedicated units for important issues
3. Make the decision making process more transparent

JULIE FEDORCHAK / REP TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. To be a voice of reason for reliability and affordability remaining front and center during the transition of our energy industry to more renewable sources
2. Invest in research and development to ensure new technologies can affordably maintain reliability of the electric grid

ND Public Service Commission Unexpired Term

SHERI HAUGEN-HOFFART / REP TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Evaluate and integrate affordability into financial planning, cost allocation and rate-setting process
2. Continue to protect people and the environment by advancing the safe transportation of all resources
3. Plan and commit to affordable Cybersercurity

TRYGVE HAMMER / DNLP TOP 3 PRIORITIES

1. Protect North Dakotans from unsafe practices and conditions in PSC- regulated industries
2. Prevent any form of socializing costs while privatizing profits in those industries
3. Modernize our electrical infrastructure for greater reliability and efficiency

VOTE 411
ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

Information courtesy of VOTE411.

For more informatin about candidates, voter information and checklists, voting registration and more, visit www.vote411.org.

NEWS

SORTIN' SEEDS: A FARMER'S TALE

By Ash Presser

MYSTIC MEDIA CREW/REPORTER

Agriculture in North Dakota is what butter is to toast - essential. North Dakota, full of vast, open plains, is an agricultural state full of fields of crops and pastures of livestock.

Most farmers grow up knowing farming is the profession they want to pursue, as it's a career typically passed down from generation to generation. Some farmers even continue their work with the land on generational farms, continuing the work of their family.

From taking care of the land, planting and harvesting the crops, and preparing the machinery for winter, farmers do a lot of hard work. Though it seems endless, with tasks that stretch year-round, the work is vital, because it's the reason food is on the shelves of grocery stores.

Like every career, farming has its ups and downs, with most of it boiling down to the weather during planting season. Producing healthy, uniform crops from small seeds, while battling the weather, daylight, and any breakdowns of machinery is a task that requires patience, determination, and overall, a good attitude.

Jim Presser has been farming his whole life. He said that farming is never boring because just as one task starts to get tedious, it's time to move onto another. Presser said that he finds harvest to be one of the best parts of farming because that's when all the work leading up to it is seen and there's a sense of accomplishment.

"I guess the most important part in



Grain is dumped from a truck into an auger that is then distributed into a grain bin near Turtle Lake, N.D. (Credit: Ash Presser)

farming is the first step," Presser said. "The first step is to start off with good, clean ground and good, clean seed, and you just build on that foundation."

Presser said that grain cleaning is an important part of the process because starting out the planting season with a clean seed allows a bigger yield of crop to be produced. Clean seed is able to grow better because there's no longer any weeds tainting the seed before it's put in the ground.

Casey Blotske is the President, CEO, General Manager and Foreman of the family-owned company Blotske's Grain Cleaning, founded in 1971. He

explained that the company is more of a seed conditioner. They take the dirty seed right from the field and process it through their mills.

The portable mills, which have been modified over the years, are able to come right to a farm to clean grain. This saves time and provides the convenience of not having to haul the grain off and on the farm to store it in grain bins after it's finished.

All the inert materials, such as broken seeds, weeds, chaff, dirt or other non-seed material, are removed from the grain as it goes through the mills. The result is larger, more uniform seed that

clean seed that farmers can sell and raise. This also results in larger, more uniform seeds being produced.

Grain cleaning is a process that can be done anytime of the year, including throughout the winter.

"We've been cleaning grain for a long time, and we meet a lot of good people," Blotske said. "You get to know their family, they become friends, you know their kids — that's just the way it goes. It's more than just a business."

Agriculture and farming aren't just industries, they're lifestyles.

STUDENTS GET THE MOST BANG FOR THEIR BUCK

By Mina Ducheneaux

MYSTIC MEDIA CREW/REPORTER

With prices climbing to an all time high, it can be hard to find items that students need for their daily lives like clothing, furniture and dorm décor.

There are a few options like going to a local super chain store like Walmart or Target. However, students can hunt for that unique item at a more affordable price. They may even be able to get a bit of money back when they sell their gently used items, with thrift stores. There are many local options to choose from, and may already have a favorite. Here is one option:

Repeat Performance is a staple in the community and has been for the past 28 years. Though it is under new management today, Cecilia Simmons and Emily Morris are the new owners who bought the store back in June of 2022.

"It started out as a joke with my friend!" said Cecilia laughing. "We normally send each other listings of huge houses and joke about 'we should buy that and all move in together, have our own little world.'"

"One day [Emily] sent me the listing for the store, I laughed at first but I thought about it and said 'we probably should' and that's how it lead to this and yeah, we thought we lost our minds for a little bit."

Most of the day-to-day stuff is han-

dled by Simmons.

"I do everything, so far, I am currently the only worker," she said. "The store itself is a consignment store. I also order new items, like Scheels or Buckle, which we would get vendored here."

Consignment is a store that sells second hand items on behalf of the original owner, who also receives a percentage of the selling price. They offer many trendy pieces that are less than two years old.

"If an item has been on the floor for a 90 day cycle the consigner gets 50% of what the item sells for, if a item is \$10.00 the consigner gets \$5.00," Simmons said.

Anything that can't be sold is donated to local charities like HIT and she has set aside items for families in need. She has set aside free prom dresses for the spring.

"I want to give as much as possible back to the community as well as making this a successful business, which has always been truly locally owned," Simmons said. "Once we get on our feet, we will have a garage sale slash give away for families in need."

Repeat Performance gives a 10% discount when students bring in their Student ID. You can find them on their Facebook page or at their location in the Gateway Mall.



Clothing items bought from Repeat Performance in Bismarck, N.D. (Credit: Kaia Lehman)

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

By Emily Tryon
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

Bismarck State College has been supporting cancer awareness for 10 years.

The breast cancer awareness event was started by the Student Government Association due to breast cancer being the most diagnosed cancer. This year's event took place on Oct 12.

More than 280,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and some 43,600 will die of the disease in 2021 and an estimated 2,650 men are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer and 530 will die of the disease this year according to the National Cancer Institution.

BSC student engagement coordinator Sarah Gibson said that SGA would have cake contests to raise money to donate to breast cancer in past years. Participants from other clubs on campus would compete for \$100.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the cake contest was replaced with a wreath that students would decorate with pink ribbons. They plan to bring back the cake contest next year.

<https://www.aacr.org/patients-caregivers/awareness-months/breast-cancer-awareness-month/>

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS & PREVENTION

RISK FACTORS PREVENTION



Excessive Alcohol use and smoking cigarettes can greatly increase chances of cancer. Call the substance abuse hotline 1-800-662-HELP

Maintaining healthy habits with diet and exercise can help reduce chances of cancer caused by environmental factors

1 IN 8 WOMEN



WILL DEVELOP BREAST CANCER IN HER LIFETIME IN THE UNITED STATES

Schedule a Mammogram Today!

Early Detection Saves Lives

By Kaia Lehman
Mystician Graphic Designer

For the first time in over 30 years, BSC brought back homecoming, but with a twist. Homecoming was used to shed light on an under recognized issue: breast cancer.

Oftentimes, people have a false sense of security when it comes to their health, especially with cancer. Many believe that they are the exception, but it's only after it's too late.

BSC used homecoming to bring extra attention to this issue. Specifically with early detection and how critical it is to get scanned. The homecoming volleyball game theme was pink out.

Mystic volleyball players each had a person whom they were playing for, either in support or memory. Raffle baskets were made by the BSC volleyball team, and all proceeds went to medical expenses for the cancer survivors.



Mystic Volleyball players take the court at the homecoming game. (Credit: Kaia Lehman)

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

BSC PROFESSOR A MEMBER OF GRAMMY-NOMINATED CHOIR

By Ben Thompson
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

Bismarck State College features a music professor who was in a Grammy-nominated choir.

Dr. Jason Thoms, Bismarck State College Associate Professor of Music, went to Texas to sing with a professional choir. He said the choir he was singing with has won the Grammy and that he has sung with multiple other choirs that were Grammy-nominated.

Thoms has had a successful career in music. He has been a professional conductor for 25 years and has served as a director for many institutions. He served as a choral director at Mississippi University for Women and Concordia College-New York before arriving at BSC three years ago.

Thoms said during the COVID-19 pandemic, the school he was teaching at, Concordia College-New York, was shutting down its arts programs, so he was in search of a new job. BSC was one of the only colleges that was looking to hire in the music department.

Thoms is a fifth-generation professional musician.

“When I was growing up, my sister and my brother and I, everyone was



Dr. Jason Thoms at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 25, 2017, where he served as the Artistic Director and Festival Choir Director of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Hymn Festival. (Credit: Provided)

required to play an instrument and we were almost always doing music every week in church and whatever, so it just kind of felt natural,” Thoms said.

Thoms said he was on the road for eight weeks this summer and gone almost every other weekend doing different gigs. He spent ten days in Germany to do a concert, Israel for two weeks to do a recording, Italy for two weeks for a workshop and upstate New York for a performance right before school started.

“The neat part is all this kind of different professional singing, being

a member of other people’s choirs, it really helps me be better at what I do here—to be the choir director or work with students because when I go off and sing in other people’s choirs, I learn from them,” Thoms said.

Thoms started a choir in the area, which he said is the only professional choir in North Dakota. He said he hires local professional singers and musicians for the choir.

The BSC choirs will be singing with the professional singers for the first show in Fort Yates at Standing Rock High School on Friday, Nov. 4. The

choir will also perform in Bismarck on Saturday, Nov. 5 and Washburn on Sunday, Nov. 6.

“It’s kind of a neat opportunity for our students to participate with the professionals,” Thoms said.

“You think about BSC—they talk about themselves as a Polytechnic, and one of the goals of a polytechnic is that you get good hands on education like you’re doing in the work that you want to do. Your professors do that kind of work, and so we’re lucky here,” Thoms said.

“Just like all the other degrees on campus we have music professors here that are all very active in the community and actually get our students out into the community and doing work either as professionals or as volunteers and that’s a good

benefit for our students.”

The next choir concert will be on Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.



	Myx On-Air Schedule						
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00	Pop	R & B	Alternative	Hip Hop	Rock	Blues	Alternative
8:00	Country	Taylor	Pop	R&B	Alternative	E.V Podcast	contemporary
9:00	Ash	Zachary	Seth	MyxTalk 2	Ash	Amy	Rock
10:00	Hip Hop	Humanities	Irie	Zachary	Hip Hop	MyxTalk 1	Hip Hop
11:00	Taylor	MyxTalk 1	R & B	Blues	Country	Irie	Country
12:00	Humanities	Country	Amy	Humanities	MyxTalk 1	R & B	Humanities
13:00	Alternative	Seth	Blues	Hip Hop	Taylor	Ash	Seth
14:00	Pop	Blues	Alternative	MyxTalk 1	Pop	Humanities	Blues
15:00	Zachary	Ash	Zachary	alternative	Seth	MyxTalk2	Alternative
16:00	R&B	MyxTalk 2	pop	Irie	Amy	Blues	Rock
17:00	Contemporary	Rock	Taylor	alternative	Hip Hop	R & B	Irie
18:00	Alternative	Amy	Hip Hop	Taylor	Blues	Zachary	Alternative
19:00	Hip Hop	contemporary	Alternative	Pop	Hip Hop	Alternative	R&B
20:00	Amy	Country	Country	Seth	MyxTalk 2	Country	contemporary
21:00	Blues	Irie	R & B	Blues	contemporary	Alternative	Country
22:00	Pop	Blues	Ash	Rock	R & B	contemporary	Hip Hop
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5:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random
6:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random

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Consider
Communications
Spring Semester 2023

COMM 201 Interpretive and Opinion Writing:
Study the work of professional columnists to develop and write your own opinion column for publication.
MW 1 p.m.

COMM 233 Media Ethics:
Discuss real-life media cases of ethical decision-making situations.
MWF 9 a.m.

COMM 244 Reporting and Feature Writing:
Practice gathering and organizing information to write news and feature stories for publication and to build a personal portfolio.
MWF 10 a.m.

2022 WORLD SERIES IS SET AFTER A WILD POSTSEASON

By Caleb Herr
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

The 2022 Major League Baseball World Series begins after a wild post-season.

The MLB Playoffs opened with eight teams dueling in the Wildcard round on Oct. 7. The Wildcard round was a best-of-three-games series. In the American League Wildcard round, the Guardians won 92 regular season games to clinch the three seed and face the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Rays won 86 games and just barely beat out the Baltimore Orioles to clinch the final Wildcard spot in the AL. Cleveland won the series handedly in two games, allowing the Rays only one run in the series.

The second side of the AL Wildcard bracket consisted of two teams

with a young average player age. The four-seeded Toronto Blue Jays have an average player age of 28.27 while the five-seeded Seattle Mariners player average is 27.88 which are both ranked top nine for youngest teams in the MLB according to Statista.

The Mariners shutout the Blue Jays in the first matchup and won the second game in a narrow 10-9 run game.

In the National League Wildcard round, the six-seeded Philadelphia Phillies upset the 93-win Saint Louis Cardinals.

In the other NL Wildcard matchup, the New York Mets would force a game three after losing 7-1 in their first game against the San Diego Padres.

The Mets struggled to hit the ball in game three and only recorded one hit in the shutout win for the Padres.

The Division Series began on Oct.

11 and would change to a best-of-five-games series. After San Diego advanced to the NL Divisional Series to face the top-seeded Los Angeles Dodgers, the Padres would lose the opening game 5-3.

The Padres would respond to the loss by winning the next three games to advance to the National League Championship Series. San Diego's opponent would also turn out to be a Wildcard team.

The Phillies won three out of four games against the two-seeded Atlanta Braves, who were the defending World Series champions.

In the American League Divisional Series, the number one-seeded Houston Astros beat Seattle in the first two games of the series before clinching the series with a 1-0 game that took 18 innings to move on to the American

League Championship Series. This was the Astros sixth straight ALCS. They met the Yankees, who advanced by beating Cleveland in a winner-take-all game five.

The best-of-seven NLCS started on Oct. 18 in San Diego. Philadelphia won a 2-0 shutout in game one.

The Phillies would lose the next game but win the final three to advance to the World Series for the first time since 2008.

Much like Philadelphia, Houston would dominate their opponent in the ALCS.

The series only went four games as Houston swept the Yankees to reach their fourth World Series berth in the last six seasons.

The 2022 World Series started on Oct. 28 in Houston. The best-of-seven series will conclude by Nov. 5.

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Advanced study of English grammar, mechanics, and usage.
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COMM 281 Reporting and Editing/The Mystician:
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COMM 283 Video Lab/MystiCast:
Participate in the student broadcast production. TTh 2:30 p.m.

COMM 284 Radio Lab/The MYX:
Be a part of the student radio broadcast crew. TTh 11 a.m.

Spring Semester 2023

SPORTS

BSC TRACK AND FIELD IS SPRINTING INTO THEIR FIRST SEASON SINCE 1985

By Irie Townsend
MYSTIC MEDIA CREW/REPORTER

A new track and field team has been introduced to Bismarck State College this year.

Bismarck State College hasn't had a track and field team since 1985 and are excited to bring it back this year. The goal is to have 60 men and women athletes compete. BSC is part of the Mon-Dak conference in the NJCAA but will be doing various meets.

There are many reasons why the track program came back after so long. First is that track is a big thing now in Bismarck.

"A lot of our other facilities are outdated and you look over your shoulder and you would see the beautiful Bowl with a great track where the state track meets are held and you would think 'Oh that would be great,'" said BSC Athletic Director Myron Schulz.

Bismarck became a town known for its sports, especially track. Part of that is because of track meets hosted here, the facility and the culture.

"The answer is facility and Bismarck's culture of track," said Schulz. "The other thing is it's also a sponsored sport. So there are only a couple other teams in our conference that have it or one other right now in our region."

Track is unique in that the team can use their scores and times to qualify for regionals and nationals.

"For some other sports we have to go

play a junior college team and if it's not offered in our area then we have to go to Nebraska or Iowa to play. So [track] was a sport that allowed us to compete locally... It's hard to go and play in Nebraska and Iowa every week," said Schulz.

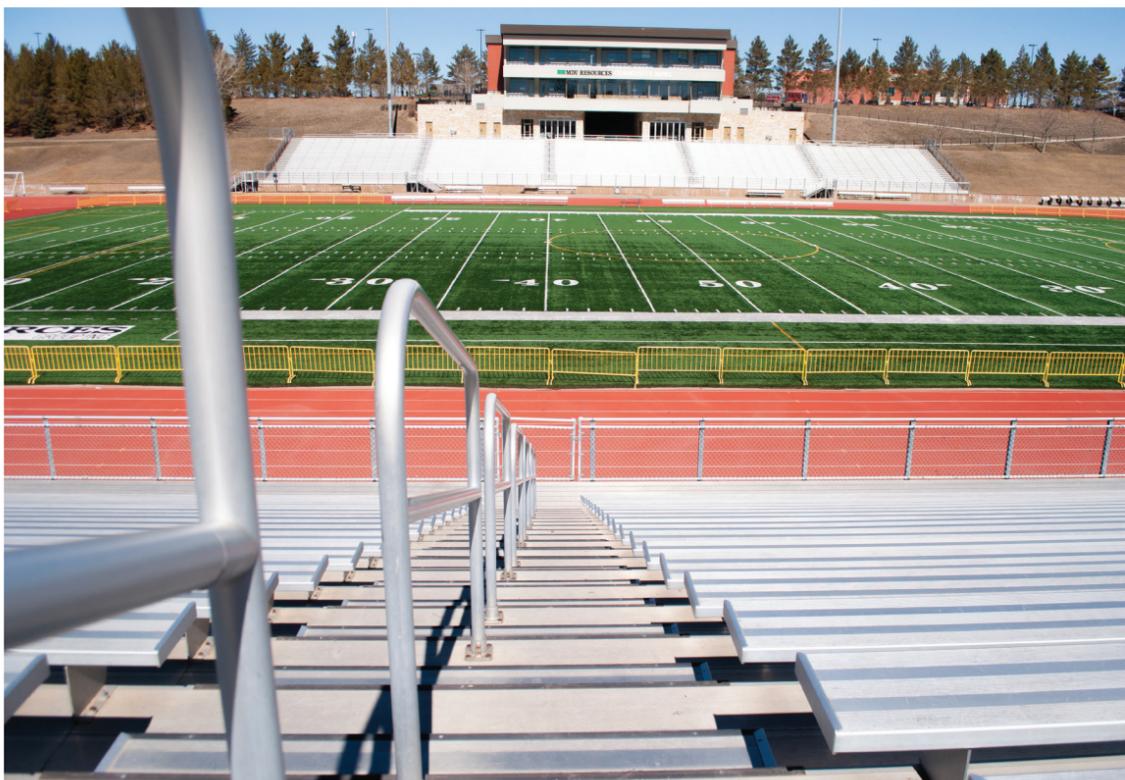
What is important is increasing the vibrancy of our Athletic Department. The more people participating the better for the program.

"It's also a good opportunity for kids because if you are a good young track athlete maybe come here and develop a couple more years. Then every week you're going to be competing against these four year schools in the area and maybe you can get a scholarship," Schulz said.

Track will have it's first competitive meet in December. They will have a joint scrimmage with University of Mary before then.

All the teams outdoor practices will be at the bowl. But for inside practice it will be a little bit different.

"We will be on campus for our sprints for the most part. So in the tech center there is a really long hallway. It's 80



The MDU Community Bowl on campus is a venue that may be used by Track and Field Team. (Credit: Zachary Weiand)

meters long so I have 80 meters worth of track surface." Track Head Coach Jamison Dietrich said.

Sanford Power will be used for the jumpers as well as the throwers. The track team has 33 participants on the team this season. The team is rostered by mostly freshman.

"For next year we have a couple com-

mitted so far. The actual signing days aren't till November," Dietrich said. "But that number should be about double, so next year when I get another full recruiting class in, I expect somewhere in between sixty and seventy total on the roster."

BSC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREPARING FOR NEW SEASON

By Talena Quigley
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

Bismarck State College's women's basketball team is preparing to start their season on Nov. 4 in New Town.

The game on Nov. 4 will be the first game played of the three-day tournament, the team will be playing United Tribes Technical College. The games taking place on Nov. 4 and 5 have yet to be announced. To prepare for the season the team has been participating in scrimmages.

"I'm excited for the season to start. I think that anybody's goal is to, by the end of the year, be playing their best basketball," BSC Women's Basketball Head Coach Thai Haggin said.

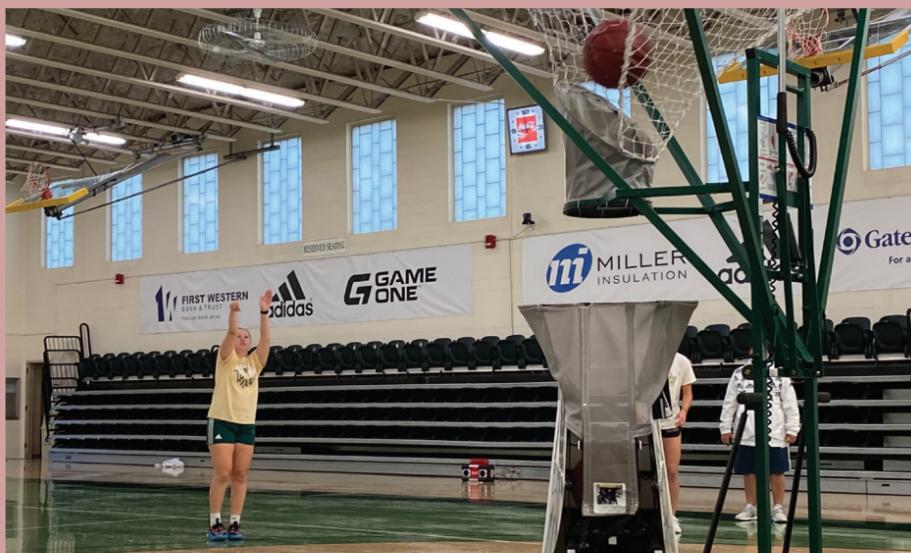
The first three scrimmages were played on Oct. 8 in Windsor, Colo. against teams from Wyoming. The team won all three scrimmages.

The Mystics played a scrimmage against Dickinson State University on Oct. 22. During the scrimmage, sophomore Jaiden Baker faced an injury. Despite the adversity, the team won the scrimmages.

The final scrimmage played was against University of Mary and played on Oct. 24. The match was the last before the regular season began.

"I'm proud of our athletes and how hard they work. They come into everything they need to get to and they always give their best effort," Haggin said.

Haggin has been coaching women's basketball at BSC for six years and has been in the position of head coach for three years. Before coming to BSC, she coached seven years of girls basketball and three years boys basketball for Mandan High School.



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—Daniel Patrick Moynihan

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DESpondENCY: TALES OF BEING A MINNESOTA VIKINGS FAN

By Zachary Weiland

THE MYSTICIAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Minnesota professional sports: its a source of great pride but also great anguish for fans everywhere. It doesn't matter which sport you support, they always find a way to let you down.

Those disappointments come in many forms. Whether it's a total season collapse by the Twins, a first-round playoff exit by the Wild or a heartbreaking loss by the Vikings, it's all the same.

And a disclaimer: if you are a Vikings fan, this article may bring back some emotional damage accumulated over the years. Reader discretion is advised.

The Minnesota Vikings are coming out of their bye-week with a 5-1 record in their first season under Head Coach Kevin O'Connell. Thanks to timely in-game luck and a lack of competition within the division (looking at you Aaron Rodgers), they sport a comfortable lead in the NFC North and are in a position to battle for the number one spot in the conference.

While this is exciting, I've seen this book before, and I didn't like it.

The 2016 season was an interesting one for the Vikings. They were favored to make a Super Bowl run until Pro-Bowl Quarterback Teddy Bridgewater suffered a brutal leg injury that nearly put him in a wheelchair. The Vikings

turned to the trade market, but were only able to acquire Philadelphia Eagles Quarterback Sam Bradford.

He was a veteran Quarterback but he was also mediocre at best. Because of that, it shocked the football world when the Vikings jumped out to a staggering 5-0 start to the season. They entered the bye-week feeling poised to make a postseason run.

But that is when it all fell apart.

The Vikings came out of their bye-week by losing five straight games. They would finish the season with an 8-8 record and watched the playoffs from the couch.

By no means do I think the 2022 Vikings will suffer the same fate. This team is more talented than that Bradford led squad.

For starters, the Vikings have a solid running game led by pro-bowl running back Dalvin Cook and bolstered by Alexander Maddison and reliable full back C.J. Ham.

At quarterback, Kirk Cousins is a much better option than Bradford. Cousins has been solid for the Vikings since being traded over from Washington in 2018, despite posting a losing record in primetime games.

He led the Vikings to the playoffs in 2019 where they would upset the

New Orleans Saints in the Wildcard round before being smoked by eventual NFC Champion San Francisco in the Divisional round.

Cousins has been playing even better so far in 2022, thanks in large part to a better coaching regime.

And then there is the receiving core. Anyone that follows the NFL knows that Justin Jefferson has been one of the best wide receivers in the league since joining in 2020. The Vikings originally drafted him as a replacement for Stefon Diggs who was traded to Buffalo following the 2019 season.

Adam Theilen and K.J. Osborn have also been solid this year. Theilen has spent the past few seasons trying to find his role on the team.

Much of his early career was spent being part of the one-two punch with Diggs in the Vikings air game, but he slumped after Diggs left and offense coordinator Kevin Stefanski left for Cleveland. Theilen has been able to find new life under O'Connell's new offensive scheme.

The Vikings will look to bolster their receiving depth even more as they push for the playoffs.

I'm generally optimistic about this year's team. I still feel like they can reasonably finish the year with at least

ten or eleven wins. I think that will be enough to win the division barring any late-season Packers shenanigans. I don't want to get ahead of myself, however. I have seen many great Vikings seasons over the past decade end in disappointing losses.

Blair Walsh's missed chip-shot field goal in the 2015 Wild Card round is still burned into my memory.

I still remember the jubilation after the Minneapolis Miracle in the 2017 Divisional round just to get walloped by the Eagles in the NFC Championship game the next week.

And of course, the previously mentioned 2019 playoffs.

Not to mention the many years the Vikings came close to making it in the postseason only to falter in the end.

I am hoping this year is different, but I can't help but sense impending doom. While I'm hoping for a Super Bowl run, I ultimately feel this season will end in another disappointment.

But at this point, I'm use to it.

SOPHMORE SLUMP

I DON'T WANT TO BE A WRITER ANYMORE

By Amy Doll

MYSTIC MEDIA COORDINATOR

It is currently 2:17 a.m. Or at least it is when I'm writing this.

The world is so much different at this hour. Dark, quiet and honest. If the world is going to be honest right now, then I might as well be too.

I don't want to be a writer anymore—well kind of.

Wow. I actually said it out loud. Well, more like typed it out loud. I've been thinking about this for months on end, but I haven't had the guts to fully admit it. Maybe this isn't the best way of doing, but it seems to be the only way how.

Since I was young, I've heard the phrase "you should be a writer". Each time after it was said, I daydreamed of how cool that would be. After all, I'm usually in my head making up scenarios on a daily basis.

I picture myself living this easy,

dreamy life writing whatever comes to my brain and making thousands of dollars for each word I type. Dang, wouldn't that be nice?

Back to reality. As much as I enjoy writing I had never pictured it being my full-time career. I enjoyed writing stories, poems and whatever random thoughts that would come to my mind at weird hours of the day. It was never consistent though because I never felt inspired to do so. It was just always a nice hobby for me to rely on when I needed to get the words out.

Fast forward a few years later. I started to remember the things that others would tell me about becoming a writer. I was incredibly lost at the time, and it felt comforting to remember that others said I should do this for a living.

So, I tried it out. Writing was an absolute thrill at first because I had put

it off for so long. It felt GOOD. But as time went on, I realized I was right all along—writing is not a career meant for me.

So, what does this mean now? Am I changing my major? Am I quitting? Am I so embarrassed to admit this that I'm moving to Antarctica? Nah, I've come way too far to quit now. Mass Communications has been a blessing to me, and I do believe I belong in this industry.

Each element that I've learned has been enjoyable, and I like seeing it all work together to make something special in the end. It's stressful, awful, beautiful, thrilling and pleasing all at the same time.

Where do I go from here? Hell if I know. As I near being done with classes, a common question I get is "do you know what you want to do after

graduation?". The answer is no. I still don't know what I want to do with my life. I came back to school to figure that out, and I think I'm more confused than ever. That's okay though. At least I know that I want to do something that combines all of the creative things I've learned here.

I haven't sworn off writing completely, but I don't want it to be the only thing I do. I want to do a little bit of everything. At least I have that figured out.

It is now 2:59 a.m., and I feel myself starting to word vomit. It feels good to finally get this off of my chest. At some point I'm going to figure out this life and job stuff—I hope. All I know is that I want to be happy.

I'm getting there.

KING & QUEEN



Queen Jenna Rust and King Paul Hanebutt



Bismarck State College brought back its Homecoming traditions for the first time in over 40 years. Students on campus had the opportunity to nominate and vote for the queen and king who were announced prior to the volleyball match Wednesday, Oct. 5 against Dawson Community College. Jenna Rust won Homecoming Queen and Paul Hanebutt won Homecoming King. The BSC Mystics went on to sweep DCC in front of a packed Armory crowd. The next day featured a dance open to all students. The event was hosted by Mystic Media in celebration of International College Radio Day. This year marks the 10th anniversary of BSC's student radio station, The MYX.

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE HOMECOMING WEEK '22



(Left to right) Camaryn Beasley, Reile Payne, Breena Saand, Jenna Rust, Emily DeGree, Myranda Reiss, Morgan Wheeler, Paige McAllister, Laini Carr, Eden Schlinger, Greta Gibso, Cheyenne Lang, Kiara Johnson, Staci Kempenich, Brooke Haas, Madelyn Jennings

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DANCE



Sophomore Camaryn Beasley sets up to block a strike against Dawson Community College (Credit: Kaia Lehman)

COMICS & GAMES

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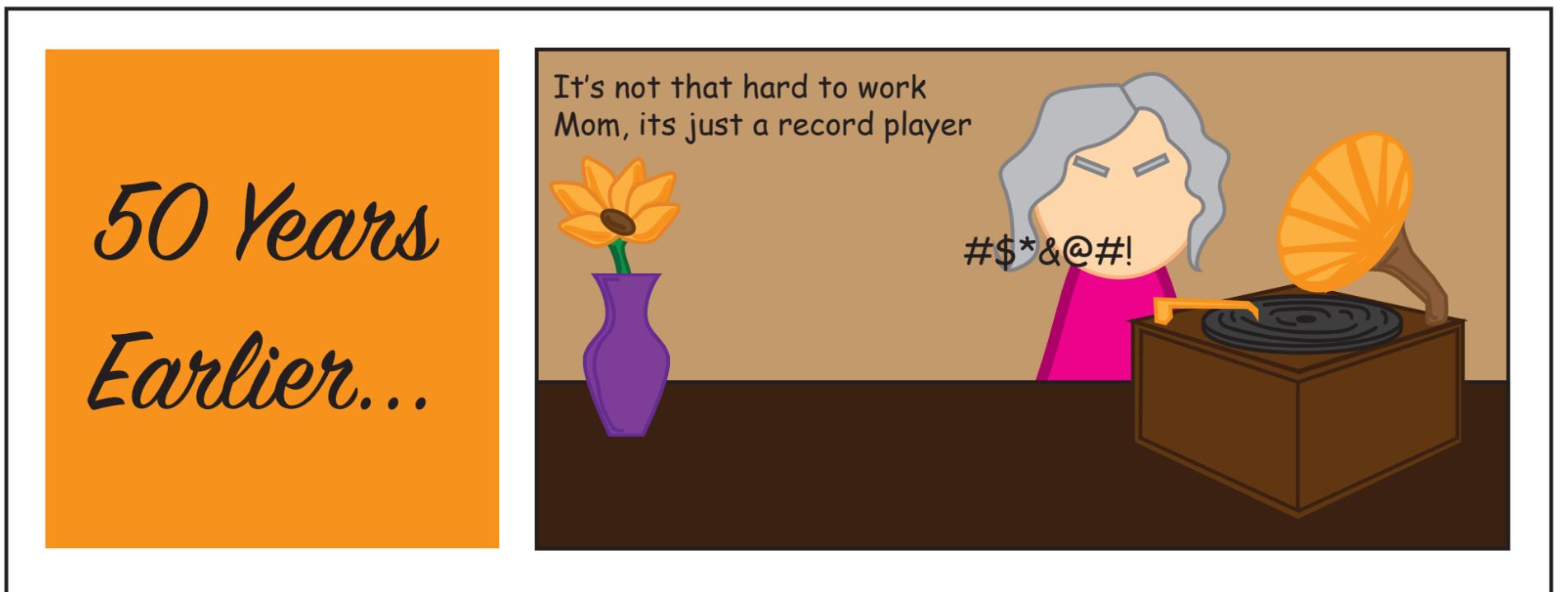
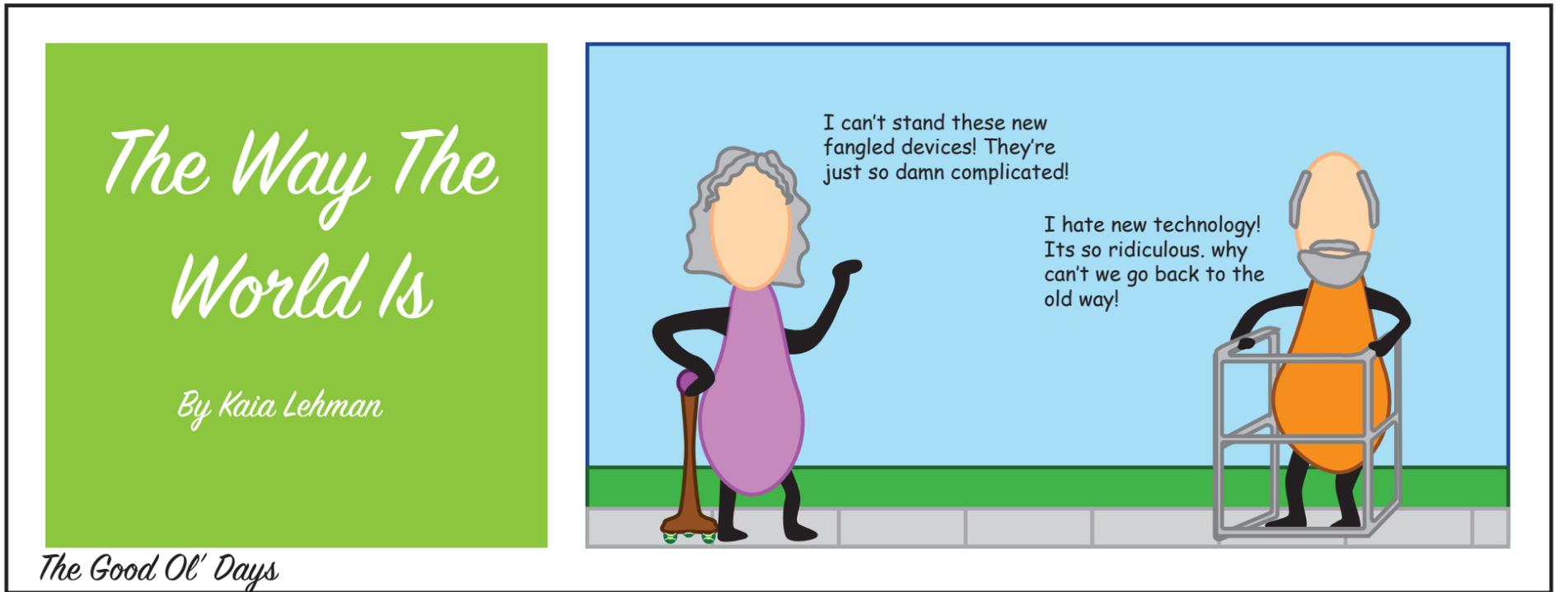
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EVERY STUDENT'S VOICE

Question:

What is your favorite autumn memory?

ZACHARY WEIAND

We were in Grand Forks for the state tennis tournament and we were snowed in, so we were playing poker in the lobby. I didn't know how to play, but I was winning.

AMY DOLL

The Twilight movies coming out for the first time. They're so bad but oh, so good.

TAYLOR AASEN

I loved the Scholastic Book Fair—not so much for the books but the things that came with them. I got my first diary, and it had a lock on it.

EMILY TYRON

Going to the pumpkin patch this fall was my favorite fall memory. I went with my sister and parents.

ASH PRESSER

Riding in the combine with my dad during harvest.

MINA DUCHENEUX

Third grade I lived in Wenatchee Washington, it was just the three of us and we had little money. My mother and I made a Halloween costume from old prom dresses we found at the thrift store, it was the best Halloween I ever had.

BEN THOMPSON

My favorite fall memory was going to the Pumpkin Patch with my mom when I was little.

November Word Search

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COMM 283 Video lab: MystiCast

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