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College Education Evolution

Part I of III: Next Steps in the College Experience

Hunter Andes for *The Mystician*

Within the next decade, changes may be coming to the structure of higher education in the state of North Dakota, and across the nation. With the technological advances that have occurred in the last few years and the advances that have yet to occur, the foundation of higher education as people know it today could become something that is virtually – virtual.

Rep. Rick Becker (R), Bismarck, is not only a North Dakota state legislator, but also a plastic surgeon and local entrepreneur. He sees the future of higher education existing primarily online within the next decade.

Becker was at Bismarck State College as the guest speaker for the North Dakota Student Association’s January meeting. He spoke to the state’s governing students about higher education and what could be in store for the 11 institutions in the North Dakota University System (NDUS).

“In the next decade, 90 percent of course work will be online, and traditional classes will drop by 80 percent,” Becker said. “The market rules—not the social aspect. The student experience—it’s romanticized.”

Dr. Mark Hagerott, chancellor of the NDUS, had a slightly different idea on the romanticism of a college student’s experience.

“First, I think you have to look at

the time in life that a student is going into school,” Hagerott said. “The undergraduate experience is such an incredible time in the life of a

“The market rules—not the social aspect. The student experience—it’s romanticized.”

–Rep. Rick Becker

human being. They’re leaving home, becoming more independent, building relationships with other students and professors. I find that pretty romantic.”

Hagerott said the notion of students being with their friends and professors, gaining knowledge and rooting for their college sports team.

“For returning veterans even,” Hagerott said. “Is it not romantic that they get to come home, use the GI Bill, get educated and get to interact—instead of being in their basement?”

Some students may prefer online, because it’s more convenient; however, that may not be the case for most college and university students.

“People wanting to have social interaction—some are fine doing it at a distance and some aren’t. Some data that came out in the Department of Education found that massive open

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L:R: Bert Cline, Melanie Frieson and Lexus Davidson are students who attend on campus classes at Bismarck State College. They are shown interacting with other classmates before their poetry class Wednesday, Jan. 31. Photograph by Hunter Andes

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Rabbit Slaughtered on Campus

Hunter Andes for *The Mystician*

A violent slaughtering occurred during the last weekend of January at Bismarck State College.

On the morning of Monday, Jan. 29, a student noticed a cleanly cut, decapitated bunny-rabbit that looked to be gutted out next to the east door of the BSC Technical Center.

The student reported the suspicious sighting to BSC campus security.

Duane Johnson, BSC Campus Safety and Security Manager said that he checked the security cameras and found the guilty party.

“I thought it was suspicious at first,

too,” Johnson said. “However, after checking the footage on the security cameras, I saw that it wasn’t a human at fault, but an animal—a hawk swooped down, and that was that.”

As gruesome as some may think this is, the cycle of life can occur even in the middle of a relatively large metropolis like Bismarck.

If you witness someone acting suspicious or abusing an animal on campus, immediately call Campus Security or 911.

NEWS

Library Offers Dating Options

Submitted by Marlene Anderson

During the week of St. Valentine's Day, the Bismarck State College Librarians are offering what's known as a Blind Date with a Book.

This is an effort to encourage students, staff and faculty to read for pleasure, as well as to be adventurous and try something new. The official launch is St. Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

There are some great advantages to dating a book.

No wondering who should pay for the date.

No need to impress a book with new clothes; simply being yourself and wearing what's comfy is all a book really asks.

No adverse consequences when snuggling up with a book, even if it's on the first date.

No messy break-ups.

No embarrassing photos of the date posted online.

Here's the scoop: A variety of books are wrapped up and ready to go. Other than descriptive words on the wrapper, there are no clues about the book inside.

A Rate Your Date form is included inside each package. Stop by the Library, choose a Blind Date book from the display in the commons area, check it out, read it, rate it and return it with the rating form to the Library's front desk.

Forms are due March 19 for a chance at a prize drawing.

Who knows, you may find your true love.

Lefty and Righty Swish Shot



Lefty, Spencer Gillund, pitcher for the Mystics' Baseball team, showed that a baseball isn't the only ball he can throw into the strike-zone on Jan. 29. Gillund received \$100 to Buffalo Wild Wings. Photograph by Hunter Andes



Righty, Tanner Ghering followed suit, making the net swish in the next home game a couple days later on Feb. 1. Ghering also won a nice chunk of change to Buffalo Wild Wings. Photograph by Hunter Andes

Hunter Andes for The Mystician

Two Bismarck State College students won chunks of change Jan. 29 and Feb. 1.

Four different students, one shooter per media timeout during the game, are given the chance to win a gift card to Buffalo Wild Wings.

The shooter has two attempts to sink a half-court shot. If they don't make it, the money is forfeited.

The first media timeout is worth \$100, the second is worth \$50, the third is

worth \$75 and the fourth is worth \$25.

Spencer Gillund got to shoot in the first media timeout; he made it and won \$100 to Buffalo Wild Wings.

Tanner Ghering, on the other hand, made the shot in the fourth media timeout, so he was awarded \$25.

Students who would like a chance to shoot a half-court at the next home game should inquire at the BSC Athletics Department in The Armory.

Eagles Soar in Super Bowl LII

Levi Holzer for The Mystician

In the biggest game of the year, the Philadelphia Eagles were considered underdogs, as they faced the New England Patriots, for Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis, Minn.

The Eagles were looking to win their first Super Bowl in franchise history, versus the Patriots trying to clinch their sixth out of 10 appearances.

Both offenses were unstoppable and the defense for both teams struggled at times. Eagles Head Coach, Doug Pederson was aggressive on play calling early in the game. They had an edge going into the locker room at half time, leading 22-12.

The Patriots came to play ball in the third quarter, scoring on their first drive, which narrowed the score to 22-19.

The Eagles then marched down in the beginning of the fourth and kicked a field goal to make the score 32-26.

Nonetheless, the Patriots' were still rolling as Gronkowski scored a touchdown, bringing the Eagles' lead to one point, 33-32. The Eagles offense continued playing aggressive, which lead to them scoring another touchdown with under two and half minutes left to go in the game.

The Eagles maintained their composure in the final seconds when Brady and his offense drove down the field and won their first Super Bowl, 41-33.



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The purpose of college media is to serve and give voice to the students. We, as the student-based forum of journalism on the Bismarck State College campus, provide content that is informative, fair, concise and of importance to BSC. With this goal in mind, The Mystician staff is dedicated to accuracy and maintaining ethical journalistic practices. We strive to give a voice to student issues and policies within the local community. Our goal is to incorporate as many students as possible and be an outlet for student expression.

The BSC Mystician strives to be objective and is not affiliated with any outside organization. The Mystician upholds the principles guaranteed by the First Amendment and utilizes these rights to bring diverse, entertaining and thought-provoking material to the college community.

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The next issue of The Mystician will be published Wednesday, March 7. Deadline for any copy to be submitted is Feb. 28. Stop by Room 125 in The Armory for more information.



Right: Dr. Mark Hagerott, chancellor of the North Dakota University System, running on three hours of sleep Jan. 29, took the time to come to The Mystician office to be interviewed.

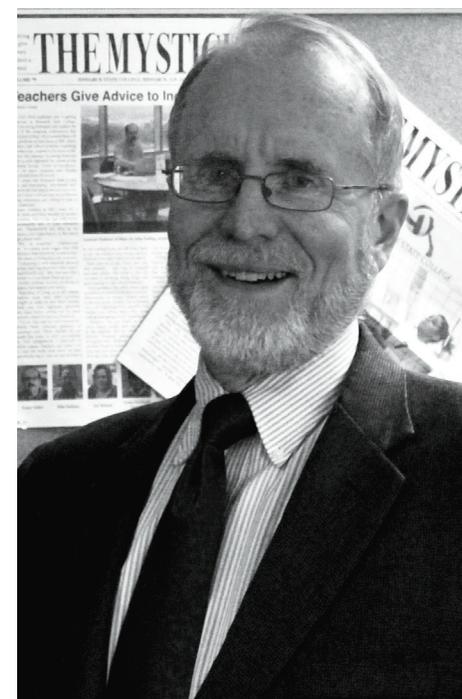
Photograph by Levi Holzer

Left: Rep. Rick Becker was guest speaker Jan. 19 at the North Dakota Student Association at Bismarck State College.

Don Anderson Photography

Far Left: Dr. Larry Skogen, president of Bismarck State College and North Dakota's former interim-chancellor.

Glasser Images



Part I of III: Next Steps in the College Experience: Continued

online courses are not resonating with freshmen—they want to be in the classroom interacting with teachers.”

Dr. Larry Skogen, BSC president, said not all students learn the same way—some will need a personalized experience and others may not.

“I think there is an over expectation of online learning as a panacea for all students,” Skogen said. “By that I mean there are always going to be students that are going to be in need of more personalized experience.”

Skogen said one of the problems with

online education in the past has been the retrofitting of the traditional on campus courses into the online course environment.

“That’s the wrong approach,” he said. “An online course ought to be developed organically—we are going to develop these programs to be put online. That’s why our technical programs in energy have been so good and so well received. They were developed to be online. They weren’t on campus courses that we just stuffed into an online environment; they were developed online.”

Hagerott and Skogen both shared their excitement in regard to the opportunities that online education could bring higher education in the coming years. They both said it’s probably going

to be a mixture of on campus courses being offered along with an online option.

“You have to balance quality, accessibility and affordability in a course that’s being delivered,” Hagerott said. “I respect Rep. Becker, but I think he is putting his chips down on a bet. As a former military guy where you’re dealing with lives, and as a nuclear engineer, where you’re running reactors, I am more cautious to bet that it’s going to be a mixture of both [on campus and online].”

Hagerott said online is growing in North Dakota, but in many cases, it’s people who are within 100 miles of the campus who are doing it for more convenience than anything.

Skogen said we are just barely understanding the pedagogies involved

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in online learning.

“Once we get those down and figured out,” Skogen said. “There’s going to be a lot more offered online.”

Hagerott said taking care of North Dakota students is the NDUS’s number one priority.

“It’s wonderful that we are a home to many out of state students and international students,” he said. “But our first priority is the people of North Dakota.”

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North Dakota Petroleum Council Opens Scholarship Applications for Students

Bismarck, N.D. – The North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) is now taking applications for its Al Golden Scholarship program for the 2018-2019 school year. The NDPC will award nine \$2,000 scholarships to students pursuing degrees or training in an energy-related field.

“Workforce recruitment continues to be a huge challenge for the industry, but a tremendous opportunity for North Dakota’s young people,” Ron Ness, president of the NDPC, said. “Today’s energy industry offers skilled workers and young professionals numerous opportunities for upward mobility and excellent salaries and benefits.”

Students who are chosen for the Al Golden Scholarship are selected based on their academic achievement, work, or internship experience in the oil and natural gas industry or a demonstrated

“This scholarship was created to help them get the education and training they need to become a part of this vital and important workforce.” -Ron Ness

commitment to a qualified study area.

Students must be attending a North Dakota state college or university and remain a full-time student for the spring semester of 2018 and spring semester of 2019. This scholarship was created to help students get the education and training they need to become a part of this vital and important workforce,” Ness said.

The scholarship is funded by individual and company contributions,

as well as proceeds from the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference.

Since 2008, the program has awarded more than \$60,000 in scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary education in energy-related fields.

Students must have their applications submitted or postmarked by June 1 qualify for this scholarship.



The Al Golden Memorial Scholarship Fund is named after North Dakota oil pioneer and the first member of the NDPC’s Hall of Fame, Al Golden.

→ Applications must be submitted or postmarked by June 1, 2018.

→ Must be a full-time student.

→ Application can be found at the following site: www.EnergyOfNorthDakota.com/Al-Golden-Scholarship/

NEWS

Applications to help Make and Save Their Users Money

Amanda Joyce for The Mystician

Many millennials have been showing interest in technological ways to save and easily make money without thinking about it. Some have been advertised as being difficult to start out with, but get easier as time progresses.

They have been shown by users to be quick and simple because they're at the touch of your fingertips.

The first app many people have probably seen advertisements for, but weren't sure if it was legitimate or not, is Sweatcoin.

Sweatcoin is a walking application that rewards its users by giving them virtual currency for simply moving around. Its main purpose is to get younger generations to be more active and walk outside.

For every 1,000 outdoor steps taken, the app rewards the user with

one Sweatcoin (SWC). There is a five percent commission on each SWC earned, which is how the app makes its money. It's completely free and it's compatible with both Apple and Android users.

"It's a pretty cool way to mindlessly save your money, and a great way to start investing early."

-Jennifer Anderson

"It's a very nice app, it makes me want to walk outside more," Naomi Hutslar, a senior at Wilton High School, said. "It's awesome that I can trade in what I make for products and gift cards."

In the application's frequently asked questions, SWC cautions users to the fact that since it is virtual money, it cannot be directly added to the users bank account. However, the virtual money can be exchanged for goods, services and on special occasions real money in their marketplace.

Some of the offers that they had over the Christmas season are a \$1,000 Delta Airways Holidays gift card, \$1,000 PayPal Cash, an iPhone X, and a 55 inch Curved Samsung TV.

They also have daily rewards, weekly offers and yearly goals that can be redeemed for gift cards, clothing, accessories and even food items.

Some reviews claim that this is a great application to mindlessly make money.

Another app that's getting attention from the millennial generation is an investing app called Acorns.

The main focus of this app is to help

save the user money by rounding up to the nearest dollar on each purchase made with a debit or credit card. It could range from one cent to 99 cents, based on the total amount of the transaction made.

It slowly adds up the spare change and according to their website, once the roundups reach \$5, it withdraws the money and invests it into a personalized stock portfolio. This app is free and compatible with both Apple and Android users.

"You can round up your purchases to the next dollar and the app will save or invest the spare change," Jennifer Anderson, North Dakota National Guard Public Affairs Specialist and mom of three-year-old twins, said.

One of the things about this app, is that it doesn't charge a commission, and the user can cancel their account at any time. The app takes a \$1 fee per month of use on accounts under \$5,000 and .25 percent per year on accounts over \$5,000. When comparing this to how much other investment and banking apps charge, this is considered by users a very reasonable fee to save money quick.

"It's a pretty cool way to mindlessly save your money, and a great way to start investing early," Anderson said.

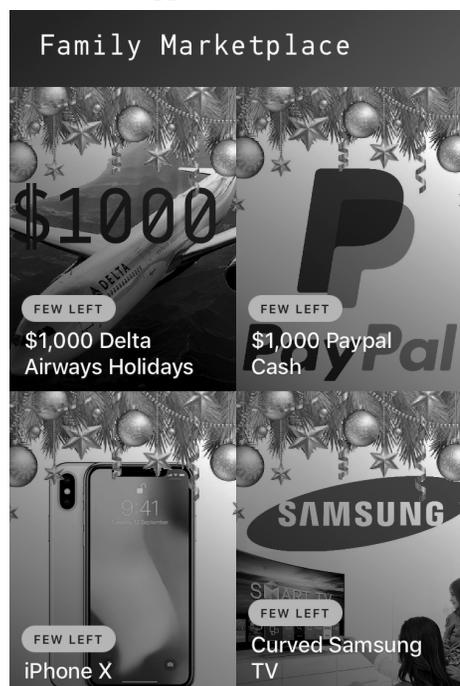
The third and final application is a mobile coupon and cashback shopping app called Ibotta.

This app helps with grocery shopping by giving money back on certain items purchased as well as giving coupon codes for effective shopping. By using

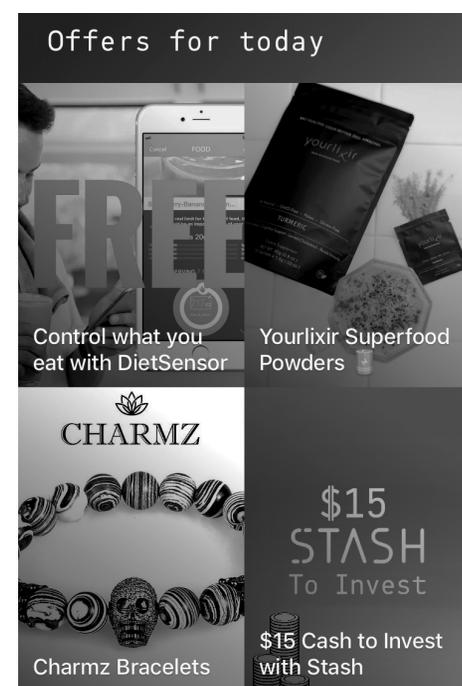
it, the app will let the user redeem offers and get money back by completing tasks such as reading a fact, participating in a poll, or writing a comment about the product being purchased.

When the item is bought, the user has to give the app a proof of purchase by scanning their receipt and redeeming their money back. According to the app's website, every \$5 earned automatically will be deposited into the user's PayPal account. This app is free and compatible with both Apple and Android users, however to use this application, users need to have a PayPal account to receive the money.

There are many applications out that are designed to help save users money; however, it is up to each individual user to decide which ones they prefer.



View from inside Sweatcoin.



View from inside Sweatcoin.

EVENT CALENDAR

Gradfest & Transfer Day

Feb. 14
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
NECE Building

SGA Rose Sale Pickup

Feb. 14
Student Union

Chocolate Fountain

Feb. 14
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Union

Make Your Own Valentine

Feb. 14
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Union

Mystics' Basketball

Feb. 15
Women: 5:30 p.m.
Men: 7:30 p.m.
The Armory

Mystics' Basketball

Feb. 19 (Presidents' Day)
Women: 5:30 p.m.
Men: 7:30 p.m.
The Armory

Presidents' Day

Feb. 19
No School
BSC Closed

CDRC HamFest

Feb. 24
7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
St. Mary's Elementary
BSC Amateur Radio Club Table

Spring Break

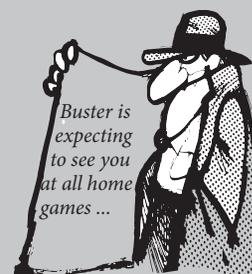
March 12-16
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Girls' State B Tournament

March 1-3
Minot State University Dome
Minot, N.D.

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New Art Coming to the Gannon

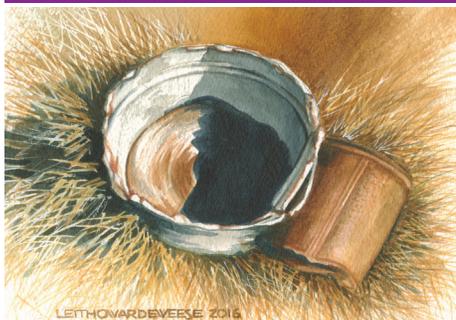
Leith H. DeWeese was born in Logan, Utah. She graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.F.A. in Art Education.

She continued at the University completing the Graphic Design Program and later going to work as the staff designer at Pima Community College.

While there, she created printed publications, signage and many award-winning catalog covers.

"My skill set is all over the place DeWeese said. "I appreciate people who bring experiences from one discipline into another, enhancing their own and others' creative output.

As Longfellow in Psalm of Life, stated, 'Art is long and time is fleeting.' But let's paraphrase the rest: "Let us be up and doing ... still achieving, still pursuing."



DeWeese's Mission Statement

"I was a kid with busy hands," DeWeese said. "So, it was not surprising when I decided to study art.

The end of my junior year in college, I discovered graphic design and fell in love with it. My dad insisted that I finish my teaching degree. Consequently, we struck a bargain: I would finish my education degree, and he would finance my classes.

I followed through and he did, as well. It became my first professional job in the art field.

It taught me three things. 1. How to take an assignment and synthesize it into its design essence. 2. How to develop it under time constraints. 3. The confidence to know an idea would always come."



The comic below was published April 1, 1960, in Volume 13, Number 7 of The Mystician.



"I understand they call you 'Hot Lips.'"

Students Invited to Submit Work to Figments of Imagination

Justine Smith for The Mystician

This year is the 26th volume of Figments of Imagination. This is Bismarck State College's literary arts publication that students create throughout the spring semester.

The magazine started in the spring of 1992 as a part of the literary publications class. Each year, Figments changes along with the students who take the class.

At the end of the semester, Figments is released and placed around campus for students, staff and faculty to enjoy.

There are three different categories open for submissions: written work, artwork and multi-media.

The written work includes novella, short fiction, non-fiction essays, humor writing and poetry. Students are allowed one novella entry, which should contain between 3000-8000 words. In the short fiction, nonfiction

and humor essays category, students can submit up to two entries per person. In the poetry category, students can enter up to five poems.

Artwork includes fine art, such as sculptures, ceramics, paintings, drawings, print making and other design works. Students are allowed three entries per person in this category.

The multi-media contains digital art and photography. Students can submit three entries for each of the two categories. There are submission forms and drop boxes have been set around campus for students to submit their work.

In addition to handing submitting the paper version, submitters are asked to also e-mail a copy of their work to the Figments e-mail address: BSCFigments@ndus.edu. The last day to submit is March 6.

GALLERY



Stadium Offers Affordable Beer

Justine Smith for The Mystician

For college students in their twenties, the Stadium Sports Bar is a popular choice. Sports are the main focus, but they provide pool tables, darts, and blackjack for entertainment. With football season, the bar can get pretty full some nights.

Sundays, if you want to get together with some friends to watch the game, you'd better get there early because there might not be a table for you.

Normally patrons visit the bar for their wide drink selection, but the food is definitely something to stop in for.

They have beer-battered fries to die for, and if you enjoy burgers, Tuesdays are your day; get the "2-4-1" burger special.

Wednesdays, you can get an entire 14-inch pizza and your choice of any pitcher of their 30 tap beers for \$15.



They also have a wide variety of things to look forward to in the summer. The patio is a great summer spot to hang out.

From time to time on Tuesday nights, they will have bands come and play for free entertainment, however since it's winter, they don't have service outside right now.

The Stadium and Lodge are located right before you get to BSC on the corner of Schafer and Divide.



- > Stadium hours: 2 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- > Lodge hours: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- > Telephone: 701-258-4677
- > Address: 1247 W Divide Ave
- > Website: stadiumlodge.com

The comic below was published in Volume 13, Number 8 of The Mystician on April 29, 1960.



"— And quit introducing me as your BOSOM friend!"

Rachel Writes About Reads

Rachel Vitek for The Mystician

Something many people have experienced in their lifetime is anxiety. It affects some people in a stronger way than that of others. While some are ashamed of it, others will openly blame everything on it.

Not many people fully understand how much anxiety can take over someone's life. In John Green's newest novel, "Turtles All the Way Down," this is made abundantly clear.

Green has been known to mix humor and important messages within his novels, and this one is no exception.

"Turtles All the Way Down" is based on the life of Aza, a teenage girl who suffers from severe anxiety.

The novel outlines Aza attempting to come to terms with her anxiety while trying to help her friend solve a mystery. Along the way, Aza reunites with an old friend that pushes her to step out of her comfort zone.

This story is portrayed through the intricate point of view of an overthinking teen, whose mind spirals out of control sometimes.

Reading the novel could help people understand how anxiety affects those who suffer from it. It also could shed light on people with these problems

to help them realize that they are not alone, and that they are not crazy.

This novel is more important than just a simple teen romance. There is mystery, love, excitement and it is one

Book: Turtles All the Way Down
Author: John Green

of the books that I find important for everyone to read.

Some readers may not get constant enjoyment from reading this novel. The writing could seem distracting, and it may cause the reader to think that the thoughts of the main character are long and annoying.

However, that is one of the main reasons why the book is amazing. John Green accurately represents the mind of an anxiety-ridden teenager with intrusive, uncontrollable thoughts through Aza.

Even if you're not a fan of John Green, I suggest picking up this book. It's a very different style than his other books, yet it has such an important message. I would tell you what that message is, but then I'd give away spoilers. I guess you'll just have to read it for yourself.

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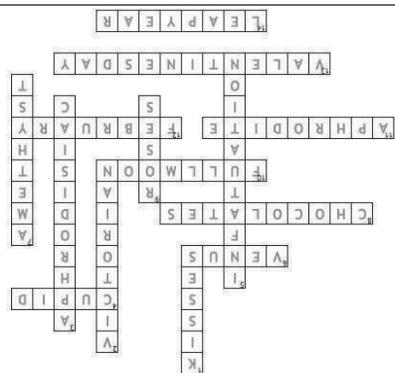
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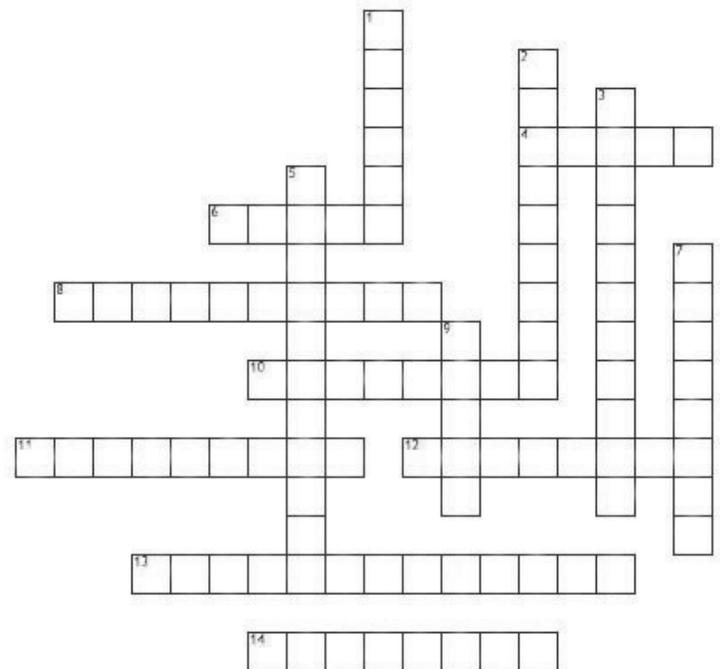
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CROSSWORD



Across

- 4. Who shoots the arrow of love?
- 6. The Greek Goddess of Love's Roman counterpart
- 8. What treat is commonly given on Valentines day?
- 10. It is a rare thing for the month of February to have what Astronomic event to happen
- 11. Who is the Greek Goddess of Love?
- 12. It is the shortest month of the year?
- 13. Holiday generally celebrated with your significant other
- 14. In the year 2020, this quadrennial event will occur

Down

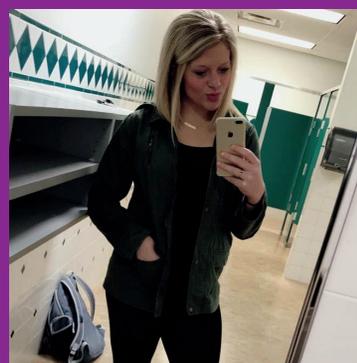
- 1. The X in XoXo stands for what form of affection
- 2. Supposedly in what era was it considered bad luck to get a valentines card
- 3. Food, beverages, and other things that can heighten stimulation?
- 5. An intense, short-lived passion for someone
- 7. What is February's birthstone?
- 9. Flower commonly associated with romance?

Campus Camera

Do you want your post to be featured in the next issue of The Mystician? Upload your picture to Instagram, tap Add Location, type in Bismarck State College, possibly see your photo in the next issue.



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SPORTS

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE, BISMARCK, N.D. February 14, 2018

Mystics Split the Night

Mason Thorenson for The Mystician

On Monday, Jan. 29, the Mystics and Lady Mystics faced off in a doubleheader against Dawson Community College in conference play.

The Buccaneers have been lingering around the top of the Mon-Dak Conference standings for a while now, so these were two crucial games that Bismarck State College needed to win.

The Lady Mystics came into the game with an 11-8 record, while Lady Buccaneers entered 15-8. The Lady Buccaneers were coming off a four-game win streak, and BSC had only won their last two.

The Lady Mystics started out strong with much of their inside scoring done by freshmen center, Faith Dionne. Several times in the game, the Lady Mystics' lead grew to more than 20, but the Lady Buccaneers didn't give up.

A relentless defensive effort kept Dawson within reach, but the Lady Mystics remained on top, 80-65.

Sophomore guard, Jaycee Walter, lead the Lady Mystics in points, putting in a career high of 23. She made nine out of the ten baskets she shot that night.

Other lead scorers were Hannah Hanson and Nicole Bunting who

contributed 15 points apiece.

The second game of the night featured the men of Dawson and Bismarck State.

The Mystics battled back and forth with Buccaneers for the entire game. The Mystics entered the game coming off a three-game losing streak, an 8-12 record, while the Buccaneers had a three-game win streak, a 17-6 record.

Only eight players saw the floor for the Mystics that night, translating into high minute totals for the starters. The Mystics did not start the game off on the right foot, trailing 10-0 after the first two minutes.

The iron-eight were able to narrow the gap to one point by half time, pushing the lead to ten points in the second half. However, they couldn't hold on, as the Buccaneers came back in the final minutes of the game.

The Buccaneers ended up taking the game with a final score of 110-106. Despite losing, the Mystics saw big numbers from freshman forward, Austin Slaughter and sophomore, guard, Brody Nieuwsma. Slaughter scored 33 points and Nieuwsma scored 24 points, respectively.



Faith Dionne, making a post move against a Lady Buccaneer on Jan. 29. The Lady Mystics got the win, with a final score of 80-65. Photograph by Hunter Andes



Hannah Hanson, shooting a three, and Nicole Bunting going for the rebound, Feb. 1. Photograph by Hunter Andes

Royals Dethrone Mystics

Levi Holzer for The Mystician

Bismarck State College hosted the Lake Region State College Royals Thursday, Feb. 1 in The Armory.

The Lady Mystics were coming off of a three-game winning streak after defeating Dawson County 80-65 Monday, Jan. 29. The Lady Mystics were looking to keep the roll going; however, they just couldn't make it happen.

The Lady Mystics fought back toward the end, but had trouble stopping Lady Royal, Emily Schafer, who scored 21. The final score was 56-52, Lady Royals.

Lead scorers for the Lady Mystics were Faith Dionne and Nicole Bunting with 12 each. Jaycee Walter was right

behind them with 11.

The men took the court for the second game of the night, and the result wasn't too much different than the first game.

After losing against Dawson County a couple days prior, the Mystics were trying to end their four-game losing streak with a conference win.

Austin Slaughter was hot with 25 points and 15 rebounds, and Kaelen Johnson closely trailed with 21 points.

The Mystics got in trouble late in the game when Brody Nieuwsma, KyJuan Johnson and Kaelen Johnson fouled out during a final run. The Royals claimed their crown in a victory of 96-89.



Lefty, KyJuan Johnson, taking a shot against the Royals, Feb. 1. Photograph by Hunter Andes

SPORTS



Kaelen Johnson and Dante Fischer dishing up the free nachos that were provided during the Super Bowl party in the Student Union. Photograph by Hunter Andes



Top: Hunter Kamrath, Shane Isaak and Matthew Gerhart. Bottom: Nicole Bunting and Hunter Wall. The students came to watch the game in the Student Union. Photographs by Hunter Andes

Union Hosts Super Bowl Party

Hunter Andes for The Mystician

For the last few years, Bismarck State College students have been able to go to the Student Union to watch the Super Bowl on the big screen.

This year free nachos were provided for students who attended, and the Grab and Go was also open.

Becky Fischer, BSC food services manager, said that even though it wasn't the best turnout this year, she's hoping to get the word out so students will come next year.

"We are always working to make the student experience better," Fischer said.



Academic Records Supports Mystics

Hunter Andes for The Mystician

The Feb. 1 basketball doubleheader against Lake Region State College was Academic Records Night at Bismarck State College.

Even though BSC would end up being defeated by Lake Region State, the academic record staff, sporting their Mystic green apparel, never

stopped cheering on their Mystics and Lady Mystics.

The staff pictured above does a lot of behind the scenes work at BSC students may not be aware of. They are always willing to help students out.

Photograph by Hunter Andes

Miracles Are Possible

Levi Holzer for The Mystician



When it comes to professional sports in Minnesota, heartbreak is, more often than not, what the fans experience at the end of the season.

I remember the countless times I was upset over either a Twins, Timberwolves or Vikings loss when I was growing up.

It seems like every year, regardless of which team is playing, there is always something that goes wrong, which leads to the die-hard Minnesota fans having to have their annual mourning period.

Experiencing a loss, or numerous losses if you're a Minnesota fan, is a big deal when you're young. I remember times when I thought the world was going to end when either the Twins or Vikings lost the huge game that would have put them in the playoffs.

The most dreaded loss I still have in my head from the Vikings was when they traveled to New Orleans to take on the Saints in the 2009 NFC Championship. I still remember being my living room, bending over like a coach, telling everyone in the kitchen to hush, as if some miracle was about to happen.

All the marbles were rolling for the Vikings in that game; with 10 seconds left on the clock, all they needed to win and advance to Super Bowl XLIII was a first down to get into field goal range.

After all the major games the Vikings played that year, it felt like they were going to get it. However, as usual, they blew it; the Saints intercepted the ball.

I literally started to cry and wanted to punch the television, but my mom yelled at me. I couldn't believe what had happened.

It's the curse of being a Minnesota sports fan.

When it comes to the Minnesota Twins, I try not to get my hopes up either, because they have this all-star roster but can never seem to get things rolling when games matter most. When it seems like it's going to be a season where the magic happens, then nothing falls in place.

They have a roster with only a few well-known names, like Brian Dozier and Miguel Sano. The others that get brought in from the minors, look promising, but the Twins still never see the playoffs.

During the season it always feels like the Twins will make a run to get to the World Series, but just the Vikings, the Minnesota Effect make it too good to be true.

However, the Minnesota Lynx don't fall into the jinx when it comes to success and winning. They are constantly in the Women's National Basketball Association Finals, having four world championships and six conference championships.

The Lynx have also been in the playoffs ever since I can remember; nine out of their 19 years.

It seems like they are the only Minnesota pro-sport organization that have anything going for them.

Other organizations should follow the example of the Lynx when it comes to winning games. I am not a huge fan of the Lynx, or the WNBA in general; however, they must be doing something right to be successful. Maybe the others could inherit that from them.

The Timberwolves seem like they are finally starting to turn the tides from the hardships they have encountered in the past. They are beginning to wrap up their rebuilding years.

The Timberwolves' head coach, Tom Thibodeau, is the right fit for their organization. Among the young talent he has to work with are Andrew Wiggins, Karl Anthony-Towns and Tyus Jones.

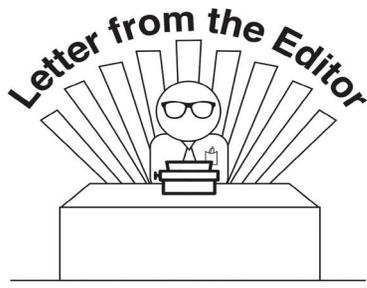
If the roster stays the way it is for a couple more years, this Minnesota team could break the jinx – doing something special.

Let's get real folks. Are the countless heart breaks from the uncountable Minnesota pro-sport losses ever going to end? No, I don't think so.

These teams can get our hopes up by making spectacular things happen, but they always find a way to break our hearts; blowing any chance of something special happening. Yet, as a die-hard fan, I believe, that good things are in store for Minnesota.

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Happy St. Valentine's Day, Bismarck State College. I hope the young men around campus bought their girlfriends a rose; if you didn't, you probably should have.

For those who attended BSC last year, you may remember the time I portrayed Cupid in the Student Union. It was an interesting sight; it's not every day that a person gets to see a six-foot-seven guy walking around sporting a diaper and sash. Let's just say that I've moved past my diaper days this year.

On a different note, I have selected two distinct comics from The Mystician archives for this issue. These comics could be misconstrued, so I want to explain to avoid confusion.

It's your right to disagree with how I read these comics, and it's also your right to talk to me about your concerns, not lambast my adviser for my actions. Same goes for the bar review on page six.

The way I see things may offend some people, but I'm not going to alter my opinion to appease society.

When glancing at the Mystician publications from the 1950s and 60s, there are little fill quotes here and there, some of which I've republished this year to fill white space. Among the ones I didn't choose, are numerous sexist jests regarding women.

The two comics I have chosen contradict those jests; survey them

carefully. If they seem sexist, you may be reading them wrong.

On page six, the woman got sick of the man calling her his Bosom Friend, so she stood up to him by telling him to knock it off.

This is something that I as a man would hope a woman would tell me if I made her feel uncomfortable.

Moving on to page three's comic, the woman said, "I hear they call you 'Hot Lips.'"

This woman is going on a date with a guy named Hot Lips, hence her having a fire extinguisher; she came prepared.

Times used to be different. We as a society today must understand that. No, it was not okay, but that was the environment in that day.

The past cannot be changed, but pretending it never happened, and going on witch hunts against men, is not the solution.

We need to start talking more about the injustices of the past generations, to ensure history won't be able to repeat itself.

Until next time,

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Many students have been up in arms about having to purchase access codes for some courses on campus. It would make more sense for teachers to not require the online version when the student has already purchased the paper one.

Students should not be forced to buy two versions of a book, especially when the text is more often than not, never even used in the first place.

College students are poor; we do not have extra money to blow on things we don't even need. For teachers to be adding yet another fee, on top of all our other fees, is frankly unacceptable.

Bismarck State College students prefer paper. This is another editorial, but it's obviously why students are printing e-books out in the computer lab.

Online books are ineffective, primarily because they're an inconvenience. Stop trying to push things on us that we don't want – or need.

We don't want to pay extra for something we don't want to use and have a hard time using. We're taking classes on campus for a reason, if we wanted all of our assignments, tests and study materials online, we would have taken an online course instead.

Small Town Struggle

Machaela Germann for The Mystician

I grew up in what some may consider a small town. When you think of the word small, what is the first thought that comes to mind? If I mention the number 150, would that be considered too big? What if I were to say that 150 is the population of my hometown?

Rhame, N.D. may be an unknown place to some, but now there is a good chance that people who read this will look it up on a map.

One of Rhame's best features is its location. The town is surrounded by hills that double as pastures for horses and cows. From my backyard, we have the sight of grain bins and horses, which is pretty nice. There is one paved street with a few stop signs - that no one stops for.

You can enter town one of two ways: Through the "back end" on a gravel road, or cross the railroad tracks.

The trains are notorious for stopping right at the crossing, so one better hope that they aren't loading up grain at the elevator. As someone who has suffered many tardies because of this inconvenience, you learn to work the train schedule into your schedule.

I will admit that Rhame is on the smaller end population wise, but if we include dogs, cats and cattle we break the 200 mark.

People have shirts that say, "I'm not short, I'm fun size." Rhame is a fun size town. Some joke that if you blink you'll miss the town.

A person blinks in milliseconds, so that's a bit extreme; it's more like a sneeze. Someone would

need a town like Ludlow (shout out to anyone who knows where Ludlow is) in order for the blinking reference to become relevant.

Rhame was founded in 1908; every year, the small community, comes together for Gala Day, to celebrate the town being established.

The best way to describe this event is like a downgraded fair. There is a parade down main street, a rodeo and of course and lawn mower races.

My parents like to use the expression that Gala Day is just a day to let the little ones run free because the whole town is a babysitter. Everyone knows everyone, partly because there's three families that make up 90 percent of the town, which makes it easy to know whose kid is whose.

While it can be annoying that the whole town knows everything that happens to someone within an hour, we are still a close-knit group. How close one may ask?

Well for example, if someone needed to build a picture frame and hang it up, and they didn't have the correct tool for the project, it is common for people to walk in to a neighbor's garage and take the tool for a quick borrow. Need an ingredient for a recipe and don't feel like driving twenty minutes to the nearest grocery store? Invite the neighbors over and tell them to bring some sugar.

Even though Rhame may be small, it's still an amazing place to grow up. The unique qualities that Rhame offers to people who live there are what make it so special.



Rhame, N.D.

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OPINION

Get Your Sass Back to Class

Amanda Joyce for The Mystician



Alright, I'm going to heavily stress something near and dear to my heart. I'm getting bored with my classes. I'm switching it up by taking courses that I don't need just for the sake of doing something different.

I decided to double major, so that I'd have extra experience in certain areas that I wouldn't normally have. Let me tell you something—it's tough.

I'm not saying that I don't enjoy school. Most of the time I genuinely do, but I've hit a roadblock. I love learning about new things, and I love being around other people who share my interests.

What annoys me is when I'm told that I won't make money with my career choice, and I'm sure many students have heard this and feel the same way.

When I first came to BSC I wanted to do everything the Mass Communications program had to offer. I love writing, so I joined The Mystician and Figments of Imagination. I wanted to join Mysticast and The MYX, so I could reach all different platforms of media.

I'm a photographer, and I wanted to learn graphic design, so I could have a one-woman business where I could do everything by myself. Except that didn't happen. Technically, I did it for my first year.

I took English and communications classes because that's what I loved to do. I was picked as the outstanding student in Mass Communications for 2016, made the President's Honor Roll, and I joined Phi Theta Kappa. It's easy to do those things when you're actually enjoying what you do.

Now, it's my second year, and I'm obviously still writing for The Mystician, but I stopped trying to do all the other things I wanted to.

I stopped doing everything I had wanted to do because I was being told that I needed to have a more practical career. I was constantly nagged about how I wouldn't make any money, how I wouldn't go anywhere with my life, how I'd just be another kid who didn't have

anything to really contribute to the world.

I know I'm not the only one this has happened to, and it's plausible for almost every other type of career: "Do you really want to do that? You could make so much more money if you did this instead."

I want to do is stand up and scream I don't care about other careers and lifestyles because the only one that matters to me is what I want to do and what life I want to make for myself.

Except I didn't. I haven't. All I've done is sit back while everyone made choices for me. I did what they thought I should do. I decided to get a second degree in something that interests me but only because of how much money I could potentially make and what I could possibly achieve with it.

I hate math. I like science but only when it interests me, and I lose track of what's happening when math is brought into it. I love English, art, music, journalism and everything artistically inclined. I want to travel, write and take pictures.

I want to be happy and enjoy my life. I want to have amazing experiences by doing what I love. I don't want to be stuck at a 9-5 job, hating what I do and waiting for the weekend to have a break from my own life.

I just want to live my life, enjoy what I do and not have to listen to people nag me about how I'm not doing what they want me to do.

I know that there are people who are in the same position as me, and there are people who have everything figured out. To those who do, I'm proud of you; I hope you genuinely love what you plan on doing.

For those of us who don't, it would be great if everyone would let us figure out what we want to do and support us while we're doing it.

That's enough sass for today. I hope everyone can take something from this. Don't just earn a degree for the money or to make someone else happy. Even though it's hard sometimes, we have to try and do what we love in a world that wants us to conform to its expectations.

With that, I'm going to get back to studying my chemistry homework, and I hope you get your sass back to class.

Greatest of All Time Athlete Ranked

Levi Holzer for The Mystician

When it comes pro-sports, many argue who is the greatest of all time or simply the GOAT.

Many students wondered about the question at first, they asked in which sport or for what category, but this is for all sports and every category.

Bismarck State College students, Ian McDonald, Jared Binsfeld and Wesley Bearstail all agreed that in light of recent recent events with the Mystics, Zac Martin would be BSC's GOAT.

University of Mary sophomore, Landon DeKrey said that Wayne Gretzky would be the GOAT for what he did for the game of hockey.

Some students could not come up with a decision of who the greatest of all time was. The list ranged from Wayne Gretzky, Michael Jordan, Tom Brady, Barry Bonds, Michael Phelps

and Usain Bolt. Their lists were all different so the question is, can there simply be one true GOAT?

To some people there can be more than one athlete in any aspect of sports. ESPN, FOX Sports, and CBS Sports analysts are always arguing with each one another on who the GOAT is.

Some of the questions include: Why are they great? Which players are going to be considered an all-time great when they retire? What is their character like on and off the field? Does the number of awards, championships or achievements they have won help their case?

Athletes are getting compared to each other and it seems as if no one can come up with the conclusion of who is the GOAT. When it is all said and done, the question is: Will ever be GOAT?

Thoughts on Film: "Den of Thieves"

Robert Poe for The Mystician

Has life ever been black and white or clearly written as good and bad? I wouldn't say so. But some films portray life as exactly that, black and white; and that's perfectly fine.

That's one of the main reasons we watch movies. It makes for an interesting story. Some directors choose to blur the line between good and bad, which can make a story just as interesting.

"Den of Thieves" was written and directed by Christian Gudegast. This is his first time directing, and I must say it's a good one. Gudegast has written other films "A Man Apart" (2003) and "London Has Fallen" (2016).

With an "R" rating, "Den of Thieves" has foul language, blood and mild nudity, but none of it is a waste or over the top. Everything that was said, seen and done made sense for the story.

Gerard Butler delivered a unique character in Nick "Big Nick" Flanagan, who is a gangster with a badge. Opposite him is Pablo Schreiber as Merrimen, an ex-marine turned bank robber, who starred in "Orange Is the New Black" and "American Gods".

The film has an interesting take on the concept of good guys versus bad guys. One expects cops to act according to the law when they interrogate and pursue suspects. No one has ever walked

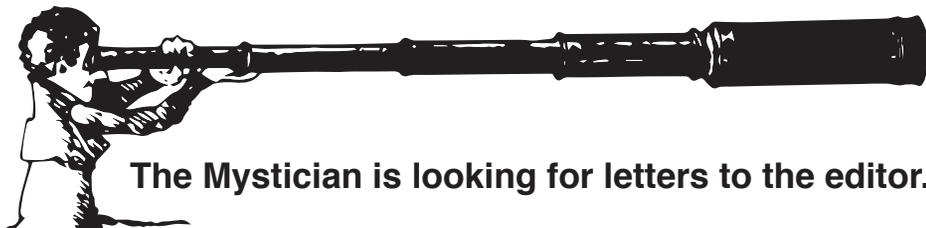
into a hotel room filled with booze, strippers and men who are putting no effort into hiding their weapons and assumed they were cops in the middle of an interrogation.

The viewer could expect a group of professional thieves, who have no qualms with shooting men and women in uniform and some with harming civilians, to act as bad guys do. No one expects one of these very same thieves doing something so mundane as seeing off his young daughter to the prom with a boy, but before doing so, with the help of his fellow men, makes sure this boy understands what will happen if his daughter isn't back by a certain time.

The beauty of this film is that the truth isn't realized until the end. Throughout the movie, pieces are missing, questions go unanswered, and the audience is left to figure it out.

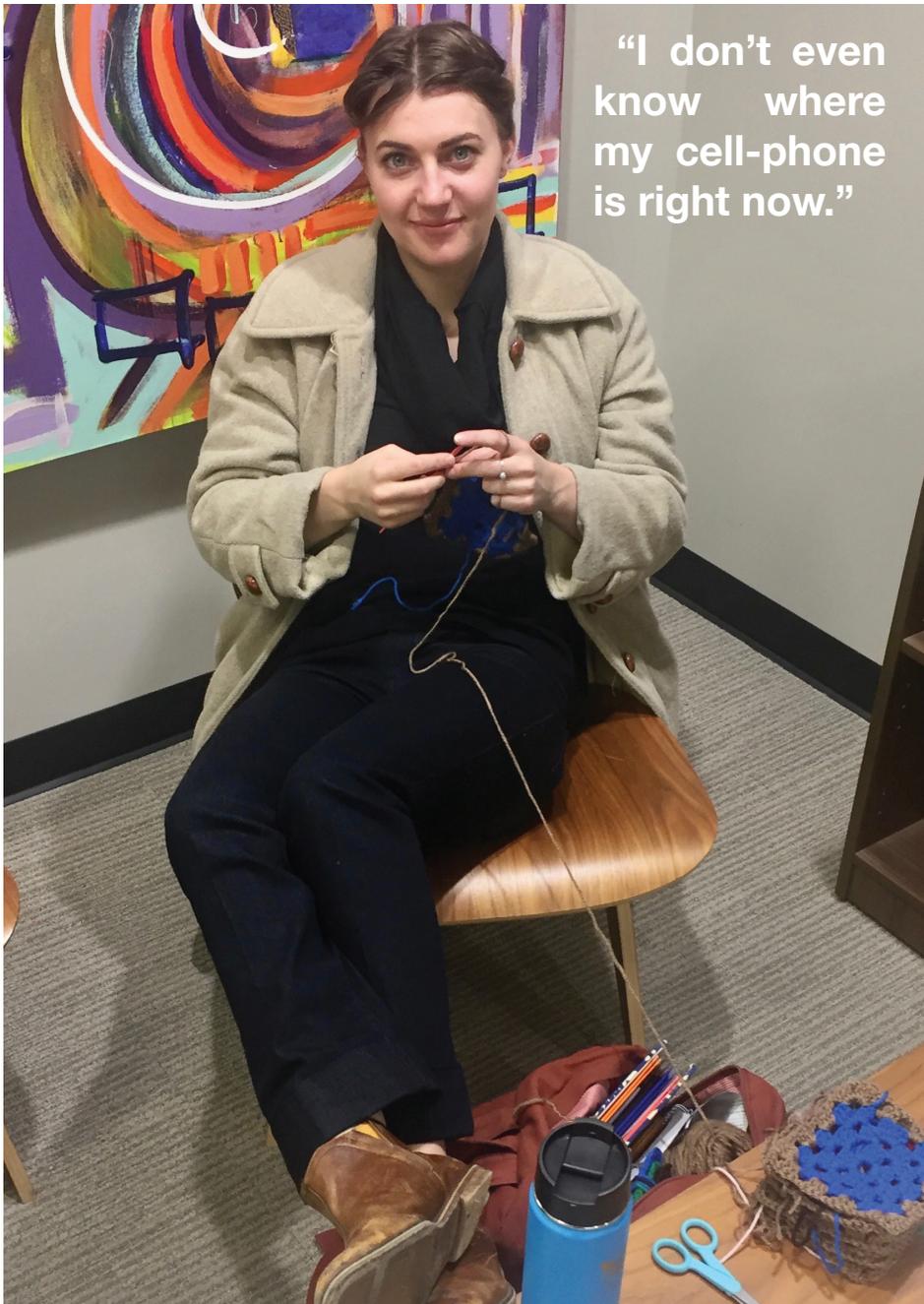
Predictability is hard to avoid for most films, especially for the age-old story of cops and robbers. However, some find a way to put in a twist, a "slight of hand" if you will. Movies like that are simply the best. They're the movies that everyone goes to see again to figure out where they missed all the hints to how it ends.

My thoughts on this film: It is most definitely worth the watch. It has action, suspense and a twist you don't see coming.



The Mystician is looking for letters to the editor.

♥ Community ♥



“I don’t even know where my cell-phone is right now.”

Rachel Patrie, Bismarck State College student from Missoula, Mont., was knitting in LEA Hall Wednesday, Jan. 31. Photograph by Hunter Andes

Students’ Affair with Cell-Phones

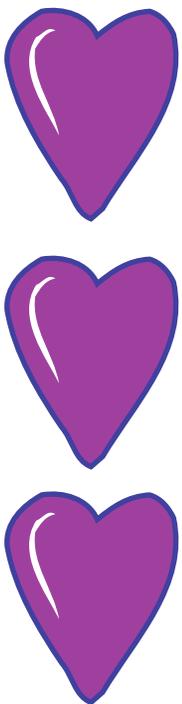
Hunter Andes for The Mystician

It’s not uncommon to be walking down the halls of Bismarck State College and see students on their cell-phones. So, in honor of St. Valentine’s Day, The Mystician staff thought it would be appropriate to picture college students with their true love, the cell-phone.

However, not everyone fits the cellular stereotype. There was one anomaly — a young woman from Missoula, Mont. Her name is Rachel Patrie; she was in LEA Hall knitting one morning, Patrie is a prime example of not all college students being addicted to, or in love with, a digital screen.



Joey McGarvey, Bismarck State College student, sitting in Schafer Hall Feb. 1 looking at his cell-phone. Photograph by Emily DeSantis



Madonna Lula, Bismarck State College student looking at her cell-phone Feb. 1. Photograph by Emily DeSantis



Kalvin Morrison and Sierra Machart, two Bismarck State College students looking at their cell-phones before astronomy class on Jan. 31. Photograph by Hunter Andes



Happy St. Valentine’s Day

