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RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA INCLUDED ON NOVEMBER'S BALLOT

BY JUSTINE EMILY SMITH

As of Monday, Aug. 13, recreational marijuana was certified for North Dakota's ballot. Only 13,452 signatures were required for this measure to be approved, but more than 18,000 North Dakotan signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State to support the measure .

According to Measure 3, if voted yes, it will support the legalization of recreational marijuana usage for residents of the state age 21 and over. It will also create an automatic expungement process for individuals with convictions of a controlled substance that have been legalized.

"I've read the bill for recreational marijuana, and it's very poorly written," Zac Winking, a student at Bismarck State College said. "I feel that this bill needs to go back to the drawing board, it's not ready yet."

North Dakota will likely have the highest rate of voters this year, due to this ballot alone.

"I think it's going to be a 50-50 toss up," Winking said.
"I feel that it will be voted yes, but when it gets to legislature, they're going to turn it down. There are just too many questions."

North Dakota will have to consider the risks and consequences on a yes vote for recreational marijuana.

"If we're going to do this bill, we have to do it right. We have to do it better than Colorado," Winking said. "Law enforcement will have a lot of work to do, [by] trying to figure how they're going to get DUIs for smoking while driving."

Medical marijuana made its way to North Dakota in the

2016 general election, over 60 percent of North Dakota citizens voted for medical dispensaries.

After being legalized, the laws for consuming medical marijuana were soon modified and changed in April 2017. Governor Doug Burgum signed off on Senate Bill 2344, making modifications for it.

The North Dakota Health Department plans to have stores up and running in the Fargo and Bismarck areas by the end of this year.

North Dakota is one of the more strict states in the country for the possession of marijuana. The first offense of possession of paraphernalia can be punishable by up to one year in prison and a maximum fine of \$3,000.

In the state of North Dakota, the laws regarding the

possession of less than half an ounce of marijuana, are punishable by up to 30 days in jail and/or a fine that could accumulate up to \$1,500. Anybody having more than an ounce of marijuana can be charged with a felony offense, and could spend up to 10 years in state prison.

"Even if the bill does go through, it won't be illegal anymore, but federally it will be still illegal, so people can still be prosecuted," Winking said. "It will go down, but the charges are going to be more severe, because it will be federally prosecuted instead of state or locally."

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OCTOBER 18-21 - DRACULA

Sidney J. Lee Auditorium Oct. 18–20 at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at 2:30 p.m.

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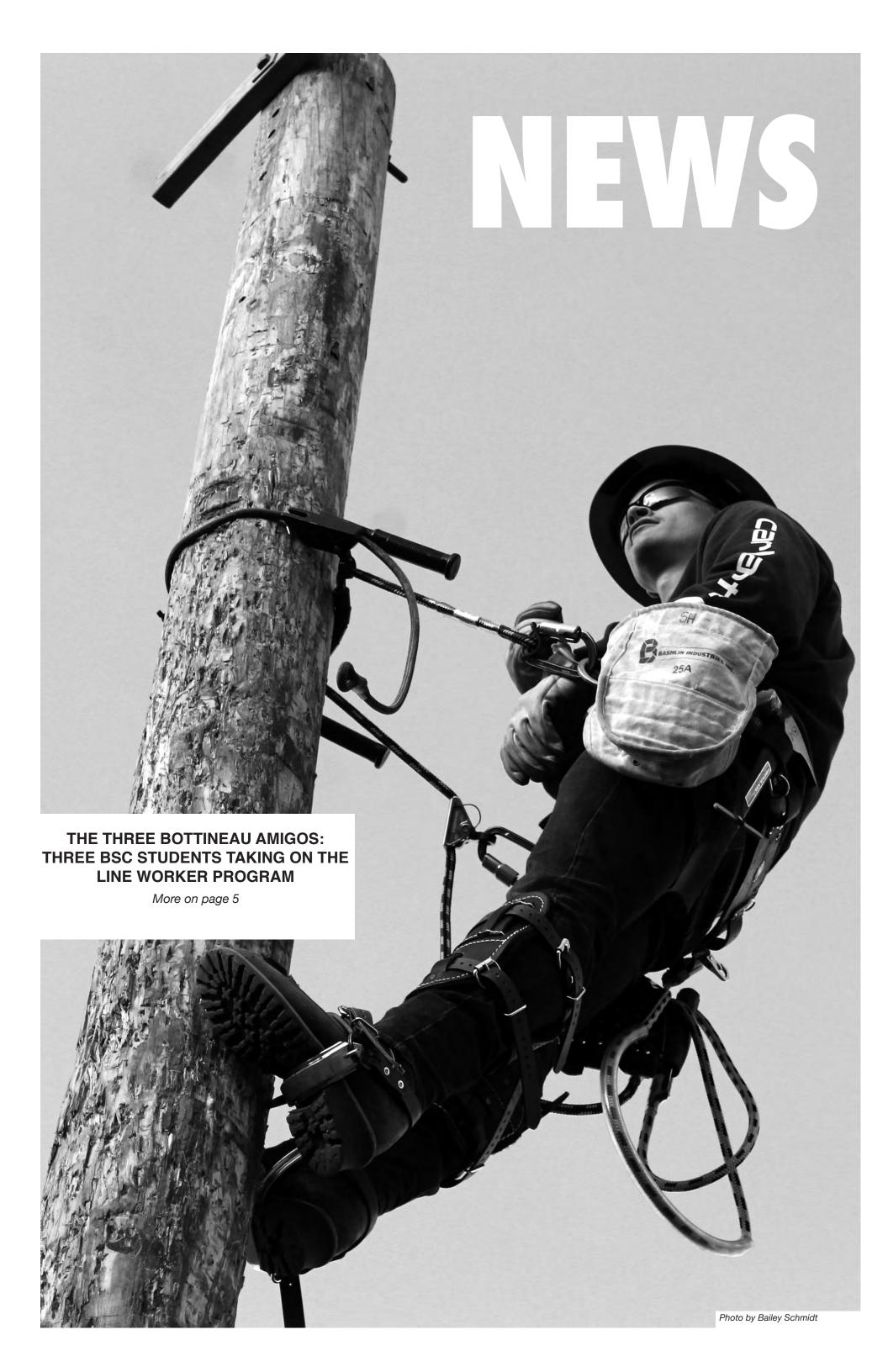
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RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA CONTINUED

Some states have started to decriminalize rather than legalize possession of marijuana. The 13 states that have lowered the charges, still prohibit the use of marijuana, but in return give the state's residents a lower charge.

Minnesota, has adjusted their laws, making possession of small amounts

misdemeanors. They have made possession of larger amounts felonies, and created harsher fines and consequences up to \$1 million and 30 years in state prison.

There are still many questions that need be answered about Measure 3 regarding recreational marijuana, one of them being the tax revenue and where the money will go.

Whether the state votes yes or no on legalizing marijuana, North Dakota is expecting a high turnout rate for the November ballot.

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE IS ON TRACK TO SOMETHING BIG.

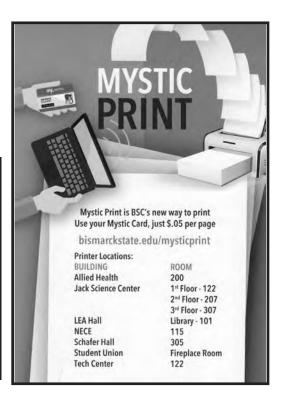
BSC's President Dr. Larry Skogen said that the State Board of Higher Education has given the college the approval to become a Polytechnic Institution if it is supported by the Higher Learning Commission.

Skogen said his view of BSC as a polytechnic institution is the continuation as a community college but adding four-year Bachelor of Applied Science degrees to some technical programs.

Becoming a polytechnic institution will mean changing the mission statement of BSC.

There is, "more work to do to change our mission," Skogen said. "This is a big step for us and for our communities."

BSC already has a BAS in Energy Management and will be adding a BAS to the cybersecurity program in the fall of 2019.





(Photos by Dylan Kahl) BSC'S Reading Room located in the library in the LEA building.

EXPLORE MYSTIC MYSTERIES: LEA'S READING ROOM

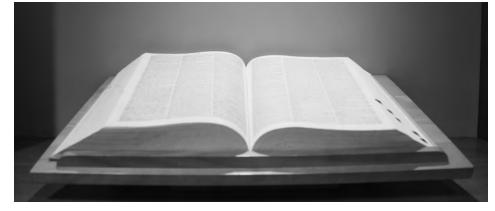
BY JACOB IRVING

College students have a lot on their plates. The hustle and bustle of daily life on campus, and sometimes nights on campus for those who live in the dorms, it can get to be a bit much at times.

Working 20 to 40 hours a week and taking four to six classes, can lead to a lot of time spent talking and listening and being around others in the same mindset and pace that you are in.

When do you find time to just.. get away? Where is a place that is actually quite, a place of solitude and relaxation that can calm those crazy nerves and bring you back to a place of Zen? A place like that is becoming more and more or a luxury today, and definitely a rarity.

Bismarck State College has a place just like that. This special room in the LEA building has become a personal retreat of mine. BSC's very own Reading Room is a place of exquisite excellence. From the warm, welcoming colors to the comfortable furniture that just envelops you as you



take a seat, this room is the perfect place to escape.

I spoke with Marlene Anderson, who has been working at BSC for 25 years. She had such a fire inside her when I brought up the reading room and everything the library has to offer. She really expressed to me her love for knowledge and the availability of it to the students here on campus. There are video resources, maps, music, and art archives all available in our very own library. The librarians are just waiting for you to ask them about

something so they can share their love of knowledge with you.

The Library, as well as the reading room, is open from 7:30am to 9:00pm Monday through Thursday, however they close at 4:00pm on Fridays. Saturdays they are closed, but then they open up again on Sunday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. However, all of the Libraries resources are available online, 24/7.

While the Library is a perfect place to study, she explained that the reading room is designed to be the quiet space. People are more than welcome to collaborate softly with friends in the common area, but stepping into this room is like stepping into this air of calm and peace.

The beautiful aesthetic is worth the visit alone. Breathtaking works of art adorn the wall: pieces by Clell G Gannon, Arnold "Arnie" Lahren, and Salvador Dali. Fancy pottery stand tall on the shelves, each of which are works from BSC's own students.

The color coordinated oversized collection is just mesmerizing. There's everything from collections of Rolling Stones to books on North Dakota History. If there is any sort of question on a word, there is an ever-present dictionary that looms in the corner. It is quietly in control and sets the tone of the space.

Spending time in the Reading Room is quite the pleasure. Take a load off, grab a book, and relax. There are endless possibilities that await you in the serenity of the Reading Room.

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BOTTINEAU BOYS LINE UP

BY BAILEY SCHMIDT



Bismarck State College lineworkers Luke Wilkie (top) and Jarek Dolbeare (bottom) work on their skills on the practice poles every morning before starting regular classes (Photos by Bailey Schmidt)

When people mention the word lineman, they instantly think about football. This time, it is not the case. Bismarck State College is the only college in North Dakota that has an electrical lineworker program. At the beginning of this year, three students from the same town and the same graduating class got the acceptance to come on board to become future lineworkers. Jarek Dolbeare, Riley Gallagher, and Luke Wilkie have taken this challenge.

The Lineworker program at BSC is open to anyone who lives for heights, and all three students said they are enjoying every second of the program.

"I love having class with the boys," Dolbeare said. "Walking by the poles and saying something funny to Luke or racing Riley up the pole are the best times of the day."

Dolbeare, Gallagher and Wilkie have been attending school together since their freshman year of high school. They didn't just decide to go into the program together by chance, they each had their own way of getting interested.

Gallagher's father is a lineman for the Otter Tail Power Company in the Bottineau area. He said that his dad influenced his decisions in his career path.

"I liked what he did, he told me good and bad [things] about it." Gallagher said.

Wilkie's decision came forth at an event at the Dakota College at Bottineau.

"When we went to the career fair our senior year, I saw the booth for the lineworker and it just drew me in." Wilkie said.

Dolbeare had his interests peaked starting at a young age.

"My family and I used to take a lot of road trips," Dolbeare said. "I'd always see linemen on the pole working. I'd just fascinate and watch until they disappeared."

Even though BSC has the only lineworker program in the state, they each decided to stay here for their own reasons: this program was shown to be the best in the country, to stay close to family, and it was the fastest program to get a lifetime job.

Brad Anderson is an assistant professor for the lineworker program. He has had many students throughout the years, but he says it's unique to have three people from the same town and from the same graduating class.

"I could see them working together for a long time." Anderson said.

Even though Dolbeare, Gallagher and Wilkie are in different crews, Anderson said he believes that they would work well together "Honestly, getting into this school and going through it has been a huge turning point in my life and I have never been happier." Dolbeare said.

Each of them will be graduating in May 2019 with a one-year certificate. Wilkie plans to go back to Bottineau to stay connected with family, and hopefully get the job of his dreams. Gallagher doesn't plan on moving back home, and Dolbeare would like to travel with a lineman or construction crew and see the world.

"Line school has been a great time," Gallagher said. "I've met some great people who I'll always be close with."

They've all said that the BSC lineworker program has been a good choice for them.

"It's fun, something different, and I get to stay active every chance I get," Wilkie said. "I absolutely love it."

From small town living, to crossing the interstate to get to class, these boys are ready for the lineworker challenge.



BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE LINEWORKER QUALIFICATIONS

The Lineworker program accepts 60 students every year with 10 to 15 on a waiting list. This program offers mainly a one-year certificate, but allows two-year degrees if students do one year of general classes. Students must go through the summer climbing class and pass, as well to determine if they want to continue. At the end of each spring semester, the program has a Lineman Rodeo. Students can invite family members and watch them compete against each other.

The qualifications are:

- · Graduate high school
- · Pass a basic health physical
- ACT min. requirements: Math 15 and English 15
 COMPASS min. requirements: Pre-Algebra 33 and English 59
- Accuplacer min. requirements: Elementary Algebra 40 and Writeplacer 3



BSC RAISES TUITION WITH ONGOING BUDGET CUTS

BY DYLAN BINDER

Bismarck State College is one of the most affordable higher education schools in North Dakota. However, with ongoing budget cuts, BSC's tuition was raised for the 2019-2020 academic year, and could be raised again in the future.

"Every university in the North Dakota University System raised their tuition, because they wanted a lesser price differential." Dave Clark, Executive Vice President of Bismarck State College said.

Due to the high budget cuts, BSC was able to raise their tuition costs. Tuition costs have been steadily increasing since 2013, when it raised two percent. However, in 2015 and 2016, tuition increased almost an entire two percent again, a slight differential compared to previous years.

Tuition costs jumped back up four percent during the 2017 school year, and

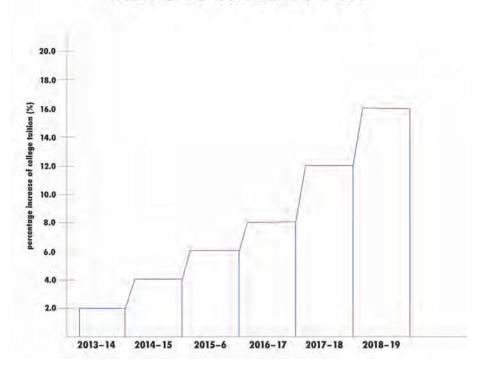
another four percent again in 2018. Room costs have increased four percent this year as well, and although board costs did not go up, meal plans will not be refunded to students if money is left over.

However, most program fees have been waived because of the higher tuition. The North Dakota economy plays a key role in how much tuition and room and board cost.

"Usually when times with the economy are good, universities will see lesser tuition rates," Clark said. "Even when the economy is good, tuition rates take awhile to match the economy."

Clark is unsure if the tuition costs will increase in the near future. Nevertheless, Bismarck State College will remain one of the most affordable institutions of higher education in North Dakota.

INCREASING COLLEGE TUITION



DON'T STRESS: IT'S OKAY TO CHANGE

BY BAILEY SCHMIDT

Many college students think that they shouldn't change their majors because they were set on it from the beginning. They become stressed and worried about money costs and even what their family members will think of them.

Changing majors or transferring to a different university is completely okay and happens more often in this generation. By doing this, a student can save a huge amount of money and become more involved in their classes and even

become happier.

Changing a major and/or transferring can be a difficult process if a student knows nothing about what they want to do.

Kene Miller is an office staff member with academic records at Bismarck State College, and helps students who are in need of a change. Academic Records handles all the student's records from the beginning, to the very end of their schooling days at BSC.

Some students think that changing a major or transferring is as easy as 1-2-3. There is actually a long process that goes into it.

Once a student gets the idea that they want something new, they need to go to their main adviser. If meeting with the adviser is something that can not be done, another route is going over to Mystic Advising and Counseling Center or the MACC, which is located on the lower level of the Student Union.

If students want to transfer to a fouryear college, the best option would be the adviser.

"They can help determine which classes at BSC are going to help prepare them for their four-year degree," Miller said. "However, we would recommend students get their associate in arts or science degree prior to transferring to another college."

Meeting with advisers can help students as well as the adviser get a better understanding on where the students wants to go with their career. Advisers, parents and guardians want the student to feel comfortable about their future and not be worried about money or homework assignments that they didn't want to do, because they weren't interested.

BSC offers a wide variety of programs with a one-year certificate, a two-year degree, transfers, four-year degrees, and non-degrees.

A lot of students know about these programs, but have never heard of a non-degree. It's for students who don't feel the need to graduate, but just want to catch up on a class for a job or for the entertainment of learning.

"A student does not have to provide transcripts," Miller said. "However, if a student is non-degree, they will not get any financial aid or be able to apply for a degree for the semester they are

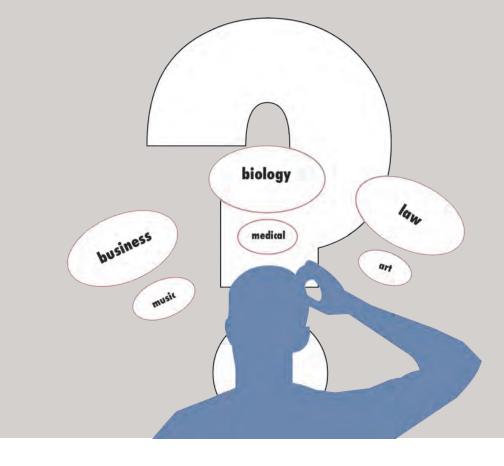
enrolled in."

Once a student has figured out their plans, and has talked with either their ad-

viser or an office member at the MACC, they can fill out the program adviser change form, which is found on the BSC website. This is under academics, then to student forms and lastly to the program adviser change form. The main thing, according to Miller is student financial aid.

"If a student is using financial aid, [they should] visit with their office about how changing a program may affect their financial aid," Miller said. "The Academic Records office is very passionate about our students and their success. Please ask us questions, we may not always have the answers, but we can direct you in the right direction."

Academic Records is located in the first floor of Schafer hall. Contact them by phone at 701-224-5420 or email them at bsc.records@bismarckstate.edu



REMINDER!

Freshman and first year BSC students need to complete their online training with SafeColleges.

If not completed, students won't be able to register for their spring semester classes.

Talk with your adviser or an office member at the MACC if you have any questions.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well, that's another issue in the books. As each one comes out, the bigger the page count it seems like we have. It's good for the reader, though hectic for us, but I'm not complaining!

I had a lot of fun on this issue especially taking the photo for the opinion cover page. I'm not one to voice my opinion on politics and such so I won't here, only because I did in the staff editorial.

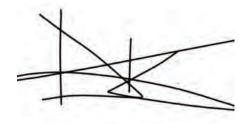
I just want to make it clear I do like Nike. Nike makes some of the best looking and most comfortable shoes on the market. I mean come on, they made the auto lacing shoes from "Back To the Future."

With the staff editorial, we decided to address Nike's ad with football player, Colin Kaepernick. We didn't have a cover photo for our opinion article last issue, so I made a mental note to come up with one for this issue, and I thought it would be fun to try and incorporate our staff ed into the mix.

We brainstormed a few ideas, and it hit me in the middle of class one day, that I should take a pair Nike's that I owned and burn them. Not something that I should be thinking about during class but I digress.

I went to an undisclosed location and, with assistance, took gasoline to some old Nikes that I wore for skateboarding, and lit them on fire.

I can't complain with the results, but if you see me walking around campus barefoot you know why. I'm just Kidding with that last part, but whatever your stance is on that issue, I hope you enjoy this one, because it's chocked full of goodness.



Dylan Kahl, editor-in-chief

GET YOUR SASS BACK TO CLASS

BY AMANDA JOYCE

Great news everyone, it's spook season once again! With the weather getting colder and the days getting shorter, my power is at its peak, and it's my time to thrive.

This is my favorite time of year. Not because I'm basic, but because the I love the pretty colors. I can wear black all day everyday with no one judging me, no one will think I'm weird for wearing huge sweaters like I do year round, and all the bugs die and descend back into Hell where they rightfully belong.

If I'm being serious, this time of year just makes me super happy. I get to binge scary movies, eat a lot of candy and dress up in different costumes.

What people don't seem to realize, is that this isn't just a season, it's a mood. There are so many little things that people don't pay attention to individually, but when put together, they make up the best season. I'm going to provide a small list I've made over the past few weeks, just to help get everyone else in the spooky mood.

-Hearing the satisfactory crunch of crisp leaves under your boots

-Hot chocolate in cute mugs on cold and rainy mornings

-Cuddling under comfy blankets watching scary movies with soft pjs and fuzzy socks on

-Looking at the pumpkins on everyone's doorsteps

-Watching the trees change colors

-Taking pictures at the pumpkin patch

-Drinking hot apple cider and eating pumpkin pie

-Taking long baths, with scented candles and reading a new book

-Mid morning naps and cold mouth kisses Just thinking about half of these things makes me happy, so I hope it makes everyone else happy too. I know that a lot of people get upset because the weather is getting colder, but that's no reason to hate the entire spooky season.

I hope everyone has a safe, happy and spooky Halloween, because the snow will be here before we know it, and then we can all complain. Seriously though, don't be stupid. Don't mess with ouija boards, don't try and conjure up any spirits, don't scare little kids and don't buy bad candy to hand out. That's all this time folks, have a happy Halloween and get your sass back to class.

STAFF ED

Although Colin Kaepernick never truly left the media's spotlight, he's back in full swing. Most know that he is now the face of Nike, which has caused many Nike supporters to give backlash toward the brand, but there are those who support his cause and think his spotlight is for the better.

We here at The Mystician have waged our wars on the subject, and have put together our many mixed opinions into this month's staff editorial.

The ad featuring Colin Kaepernick that Nike released, is one of the most powerful ads in awhile. The whole point of advertising is to get people's attention, and by Nike choosing to use a public figure who believes in standing up for your rights and peaceful protesting, shows what an innovative company Nike truly is.

There was a lot of media outrage after the release of the ad and people were going as far as threatening to boycott the company and burn the products they already paid for. Nike weighed their risks and decided to produce an ad that will probably be remembered forever. This shows that Nike supports the idea of equal rights and anyone who thinks that is a negative thing, can go ahead and buy another brand.

He believes in standing up for his ideas and fighting for what he thinks is right. This whole Kaepernick issue started as a protest against injustice and oppression in the USA. After being garbled up and having the message scrambled by the media, it was a great marketing decision for Nike to pick up Kaepernick.

This shows that for one, Nike stands with Kaepernick and the others in the belief that there are definite injustices happening in the world around us. Number two, it shows that Nike supports people fighting for what they believe is right. We need more companies that support the individual and the big picture like Nike.

The move by Nike was very smart, outrage marketing is a very real and very powerful tool. Colin Kaepernick is a notable figure in the public eye, and Nike choosing to use his face to market themselves is a smart move.

This is Nike flexing their muscles on the NFL and the consumer market. Nike has a contract with the NFL regarding their jerseys for the next few years and if the NFL was truly upset by this and wanted to pull their sponsorship, it would cost them a lot of money. So while people are outraged at Nike, they

still have to look at their logo every game day.

To all the people burning their Nike products or saying they are done supporting the brand, listen closely: Nike doesn't care. They don't care about what they think, how they feel, or how they stopped supporting them. Chances are, those people only bought shoes from them once every year or so.

Those people aren't paying Nike's bills. The people who do, are the ones waiting in line for the next exclusive pair, and the athletes that need to constantly replace their shoes. They don't care about someone's grandpa who buys the old white puffy Nikes every spring, just because he needed new walking shoes. Nike had more to gain than to lose with this venture.

In this deal, Kaepernick is obviously making money, therefore he is mostly just damaging his reputation. On the side note, most will still be fans of Nike. Even if Kaepernick is the so called new icon of the brand, people are not going to stop buying Nike products.

Although Colin Kaepernick's stance on the National Anthem has both supporters and opposers, it's hard to not be able to respect his courage to do it in front of millions of people. The United States is a free country, and he has the right to protest via the Bill of Rights, if that's what he wants to do.



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LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD

BY ALEX HILZENDEGER

It's the middle of the afternoon on Nov. 6 and you're wondering whether you should go home and take a nap, or go to your local polling place and cast your vote in the 2018 midterm elections. The first option might seem more appealing to young college students, but the second is vastly more important in deciding the direction of

You may think that voting is too much of a hassle and that your vote doesn't matter. We live in a small state, but in reality, voting in North Dakota is easier than in other states. We have many competitive statewide races, plus one of the most important races in the country happening right in our state.

Tesident in the Senate race is 26 times more important than the average American voter in determining who control the Senate.

If you're tired of hearing about the Senate race, there are many other important races down the ballot. The Secretary of State race is pitting 26 year incumbent

Voting in North Dakota is unique, because we are the only state that doesn't have any voter registration. This will make it even quicker to get in and out of the voting booth. All you need to bring to your polling place, is a form of ID with your birthdate and address on it, such as a driver's license or a tribal ID. If you can't provide an ID with a current address, you can always bring in a bank statement, utility bill or any other document that would have your address on it.

There is also the option of voting through the mail. If

you do this, you'll receive a ballot in the mail before the election. All you have to do is fill out it and send it back.

I'd recommend voting with an absentee ballot if you're a student at Bismarck State College and Bismarck is not your hometown. You can request an absentee ballot online at vote.nd.gov. If you don't know where your polling place is, you can also find that on the same website.

However, even if you know how and where to vote, if you're not an informed voter you won't make a positive impact

Everyone has seen the countless commercials for the Senate race between Heidi Heitkamp and Kevin Cramer. What you may not know, is that according to Nate Silver from FiveThirtyEight, a vote from a North Dakota resident in the Senate race is 26 times more important than the average American voter in determining who will control the Senate.

If you're tired of hearing about the Senate race, there are many other important races down the ballot. The Secretary of State race is pitting 26 year incumbent Republican, Al Jaeger, versus young state legislator, Josh Boschee, who is looking to modernize the office and bring it into the 21 century. In North Dakota, it can take four to six weeks for a business to send documents to the Secretary of State's office, because it still runs on faxes and mailed in documents.

Young voters have a chance to elect officials that actually represent them, not only in that race, but also in the Tax Commissioner race. Kylie Oversen, a 29 year old lawyer and one of the youngest female legislators in the

nation when she served in the North Dakota legislature, is challenging Ryan Rauschenberger.

There are also important local races going on, where Democrats are trying to chip away at a Republican supermajority. There are three great, responsive and accountable candidates running in District 35 where Bismarck State College is located.

Erin Oban has already served one term in the Senate, while Joe Elsberry and Rachel Thomason are both challenging incumbents. All three of these candidates care deeply about funding for higher education, which impacts everyone involved at North Dakota's public colleges.

The ballot initiatives this election can also have a positive impact on this state. Measure One would put new, common sense, anti-corruption laws in the North Dakota Constitution. This would create ethics commission for the North Dakota Government. It would also put more limits on campaign money.

Measure Three would legalize recreational marijuana. This measure would allow marijuana to be taxed, which would raise millions for North Dakota. Both of these measures will help North Dakota immensely.

Up and down the ballot this November, there will be many decisions to be made that put North Dakota on a positive track for the future. It's up to us to make them.

MILLENNIALS BY JUSTINE SMITH Why? That's always my question when it comes to millennials and their points of having to challenge experience.

millennials and their points of having to challenge everything. Is this necessary? Is it because it's a challenge? Or is it just because you can video tape everything and post your two minutes of fame on the internet? Because hey, let's face it, everyone wants to eat tide pods and die of chemical poisoning.

I only ask because I'm considered apart of this messed

DEAR

up generation. Some time ago, I was just informed about a new challenge, where people will get out of their moving vehicles to start dancing in the street while it's being recorded. This is called the KiKi challenge. Some videos are funny, most are not, and you look stupid doing it.

The first video I watched was of two girls, the driver got out of her car at a stop light and started dancing. The passenger recorded her friend dancing, even when she got hit with the car. My opinion, this girl is a dumbass. I hope her two minutes of fame paid for her hospital bills, or worse her funeral costs.

If you're one of these people, stop. There is no point for you to be dancing in the middle of the street. Unless it's a street dance with actual music and road markers blocking the way. There is more to your adult life then posting things on Facebook or Twitter and getting thirty likes over it. Record yourself depositing a hundred bucks into your savings. Might not look as cool but you're responsible doing it.

Let's just think about this for a second. I hope that most of us can agree that there are safer challenges like Try Not to Laugh or the Whisper Challenge that will get just as many likes, shares, or followers. So millennials, let's be smarter than the next guy that runs into a poll because he can't get to his empty moving car fast enough.

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SMALL TOWN STRUGGLES

BY MACHAELA GERMANN

Living in a small town means your business is also everyone else's business by default. The gossip travels fast. Within one hour something may become "old news" because everyone has already heard of it. It doesn't even have to be exciting either. Someone may have gotten a new rain gage because the hail damaged their old one and that will be the buzz of the day.

I have to admit small town living is not for everyone. It takes a certain type of person to want to live in the middle of nowhere on purpose. One sacrifices a lot. This leads people to become a bit redneck when it comes to creativity. No one wants to drive to town if they don't have to, they won't. Tape is the swiss army knife of life. If there isn't any time to fix it, Scotch Tape it. If someone isn't really sure how to fix something, duct tape it. If you cut yourself, use electrical tape. Are any of these things the best solution? No, but it's all

about what's available, which usually isn't much.

Another fabulous thing about small town people, is that everyone knows everybody in town. When you can walk the whole town in under fifteen minutes, the whole town qualifies as your neighbor. There is bound to be elderly people who not only know your parents, but your grandparents. Everyone knows whose animals are whose too. When I sit outside and a black lab comes strolling through the backyard, I already know Fazer must have busted off his leash again.

A small town wouldn't be complete if it didn't have a town crazy. Usually this person has a nickname, for example, Ace. His real name isn't Ace, but no one remembers what his real one actually is. It may be Douglas or Keith, but everyone calls him Ace. I have personally never understood this, but I've learned to just go with the flow.





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(Photos By Matt Guenther) Kids playing a game on the field for the Ben Berg fal memorial league.

BEN BERG FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE MEMORIAL

BY MATT GUENTHER

The Ben Berg Fall Baseball League is something that is new to the Bismarck/ Mandan area, with its first season well underway. The youth baseball players of the public will now have the opportunity to improve their skills during the fall season. For Ben Berg, this was something that he really loved to do and had a passion for.

Ben Berg, a Century High School graduate and member of the Bismarck State College Baseball team, died on October 4, 2016, during a duck hunting accident. His dedication to the game of baseball is being remembered through scholarships, baseball academies held at Sanford Power, and a fall baseball league.

"It was an idea that I had for awhile

in conjunction with Mike Salwei and Sanford Power, with help from Bismarck and Mandan Public Schools, fields were provided in order for the league to begin." Corby McGlauflin, director of the league and Head Coach of the BSC

Baseball team said.

This will allow for the kids involved to enhance their skills on the field, while being coached by a knowledgeable staff.

"Players grades five through 12 are allowed to participate in the league, and will have the opportunity to be coached by current college baseball coaches and players." McGlauflin said.

Berg's passion for the game of baseball is also being remembered every time the kids hit the field.

"He was a super fun guy to be around that always worked hard, had a positive attitude, and made the game more enjoyable for everyone around him," Ian McDonald, a current BSC baseball player and teammate of Berg's said.

The league is the perfect way to memorialize Berg and all that he stood for. It shows that a person must always give everything that they have, but most importantly to enjoy the little things that make them happy.

Sunday, Oct. 7 will be the last opportunity for the kids that are participating to hit the field and enjoy the game that Berg devoted his time to and made so many memories playing.



(Photo By Levi Holzer)

LET'S GET REAL

BY LEVI HOLZER

2016 was quite a year for sports, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series ending the goat curse of 71 years. Peyton Manning won his last Super Bowl in his career with the Denver Broncos, whereas Kobe Bryant, also known as the Black Mamba, retired from Basketball along with Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett. In baseball, two greats, Derek Jeter and David Ortiz, retired after a heartfelt season for the Miami Marlins, and their star pitcher Jose Fernandez died in a boating accident.

The one moment that is still talked about from that year up to this day, is when then San Francisco 49er, Colin Kaepernick, took a knee during the National Anthem live on TV at a NFL game.

Kaepernick certainly did change an aspect of the NFL, mostly it was how people reacted to the National Anthem

across the whole world. When you watch an NFL game, you still see players linking arms, lifting their fists, or kneeling.

Roger Goodell, NFL Commissioner, wants to make a rule change making sure that those who kneel will be fined. Players and some owners argued with that rule, so the NFL Players Association came into the picture and the rule change is still being looked at.

Let's get real, this kneeling thing probably won't get resolved anytime soon. There are many different ways for people to express their Freedom of Speech, but disrespecting the flag on national television isn't the way to go. I would like to say it would be nice to see Colin Kaepernick back on the football field, but that most likely won't happen ever again.

Still Hitting, Never Quitting

BY BAILEY WILHELM

The Bismarck State College volleyball team has been off to a strong start throughout the 2018-2019 season. On Sept. 18, the Mystics were ranked 16 in the nation. After three away conference games and plenty of weekend tournaments, their record moved to 3-0 In the MonDak conference and 14-1 overall.

On Sept. 19, the team took on the Lake Region State College Royals from Devils Lake. They had previously played the Royals two weeks prior in Devils Lake. After losing the first two sets, the Mystics came back to win the last three sets in the nail-biting match (25-17, 25-21, 15-8)

The first home game on Sept. 19 was hit on a high note. The Lady Mystic's volleyball team swept the Royals in three games. They took the victory in their first conference home

"Everyone had upbeat and positive attitudes which helped us with our communication and team volleyball," Sophomore setter Sidney Mann said. "Lake Region took two sets from us right away the last time we played them, so we went into the game knowing we needed to fight from the start." Smiles were beaming from ear to ear as the sold out crowd roared with cheers. So far, the volleyball team has proven that consistency is key. Currently at 4-0 in the conference and 15-1 overall, there is still plenty of the season left to be played. Fans can stay updated on the Mystic's Athletics website and hit up the BSC Armory for some quality volleyball. Get out and support the girls in the green.

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(Photos By Dylan Kahl)

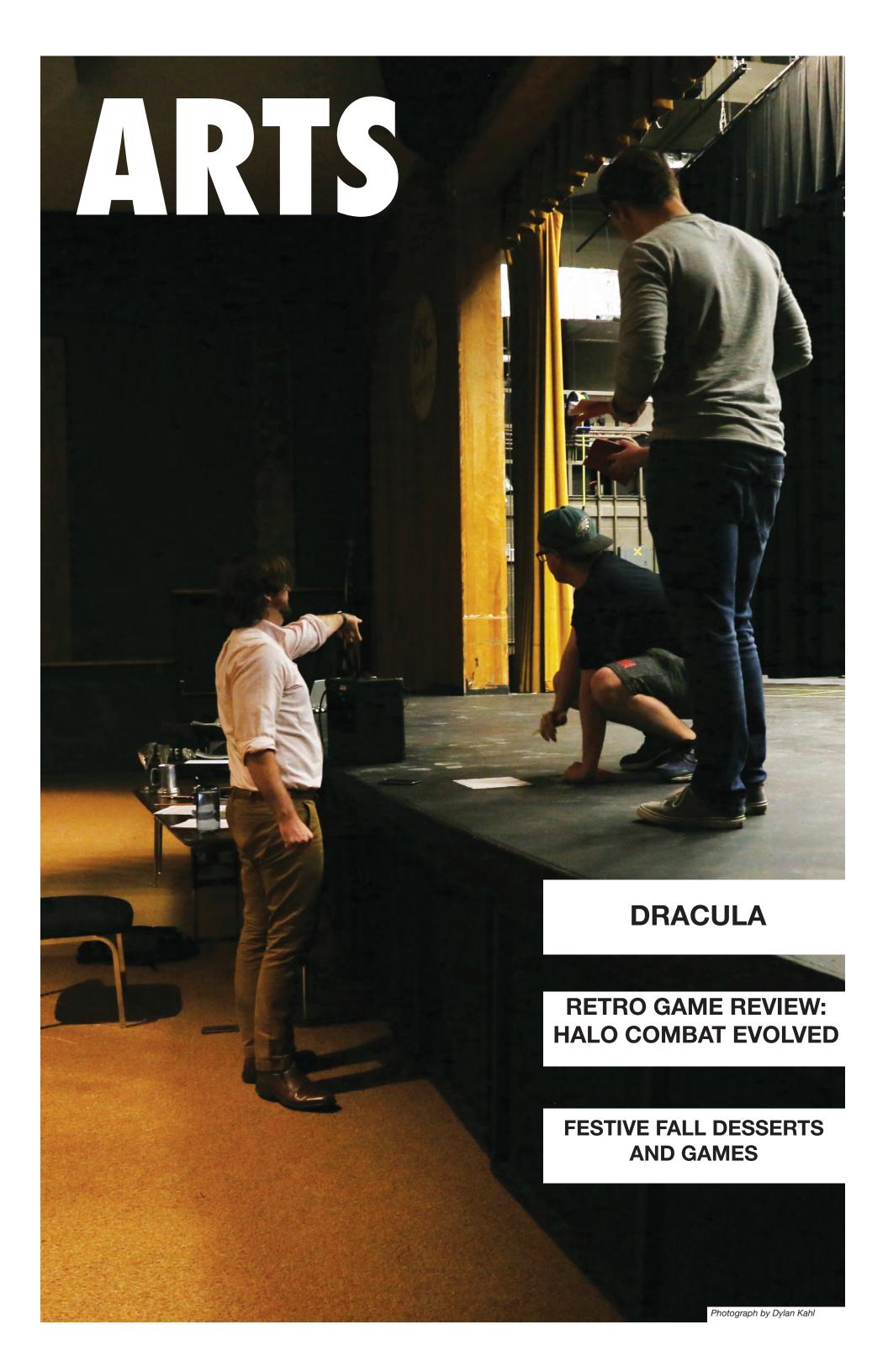
Here at the Mystician we cover all side of sports, even the "extreme" kind. Local Skateboarder Corey Peterson shows us what he can do at the Mandan Skatepark.













(Photos By Dylan Kahl) Bismarck State College Breanna Sailer top) and Nelson Abrego (bottom right) practicing their lines on set.

BRINGING HORROR TO BSC WITH THIS FALL'S PLAY: DRACULA

BY DYLAN KAHL

With October here, Halloween and horror themes are in full swing, and this year's fall play is no exception. Coming to Bismarck State College this fall, the BSC Theatre Department is putting on their production of Dracula, by Steven Dietz.

Based on the original Brahm Stoker novel with the same title, the Steven Dietz version is an eerie and suspenseful tale about the blood sucking vampire Dracula. The lead cast has to try and figure out who this man of mystery is, before he claims his next victims.

BSC Theatre Director, Danny Devlin, describes it as a gothic-romance horror show. This is a new challenge for him and everyone involved.

"The scenes jump around a lot," Devlin said. "We are in London, Jonathan's traveling or he's back in Budapest, they go to Transylvania and all of a sudden we are back to London."

With so many location jumps and different sets, it takes several months of planning. When it came to the planning process, Danny Devlin and Dean Bellin were planning this all the way back in April of 2018.

"It's been five solid months of planning," Devlin said. "Not every day, but thinking about it and

developing concepts."

Initially hesitant, Devlin would only direct Dracula if they had a few key things.

"I told Dean that I would only do it if we can do all the special effects, use the music, and the show can never slow down," Devlin said. "It's a freight train."

In addition to the script and actors, the set design is also a key factor in making Dracula feel as scary as possible. Dean Bellin, the Technical Director and Set Designer for the BSC Theatre Department, makes Devlin's dreams into reality.

When starting on the set design, the script is key. Reading it five or six times over isn't unheard of.

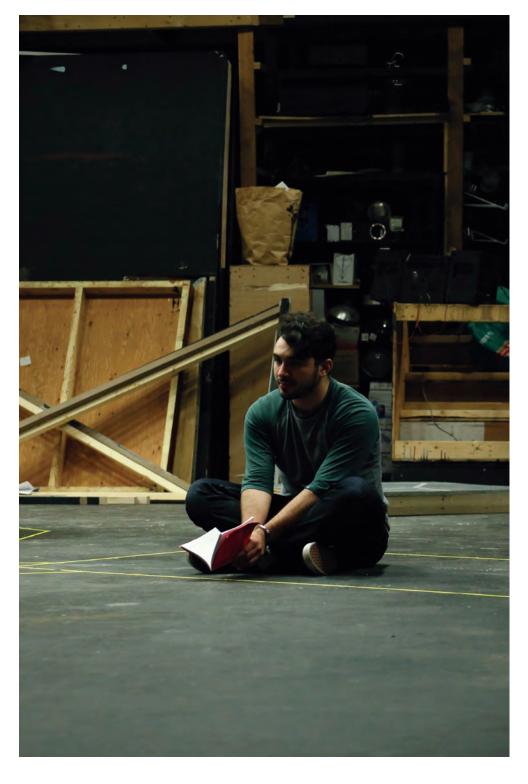
"Always start with the script," Bellin said. "Go over it with a fine-tooth comb."

When going through the script, Bellin is also researching the time period, the different styles and the architecture of that time to get as much accuracy as possible, as to transport the audience into the world of Dracula. After going through the research, Bellin starts to sketch out sets for the stage and then it's off to building them.

Special effects are a big part of Dracula, and when it comes to blood and gore, the play is not in short supply. Devlin and Bellin estimate that they will go through a gallon of blood each night.

Dracula will be performed Oct. 18-21 in the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium. For times and ticket prices, visit bsctheatre. com or call the box office at

701-224-5677.





HALO: PART 1

BY NIKOLAS ZURAFF

In November 2001, the very first game to be played on the Xbox was released in store shelves all over the United States. Halo: Combat Evolved the first in the original "Halo" trilogy. It follows the story of the main characters, Master Chief, and his AI (Artificial Intelligence) companion, Cortana, as they race against time to stop an alien alliance known as the Covenant.

Halo: Combat Evolved takes place in the distant future in the year of 2552 where the Covenant threatens to extinguish the human race as they destroy planets in their genocidal campaign. The two characters land on a ring world called "Halo,"

a superweapon used to wipe everyone and everything in the galaxy. They both discovered that it is used to wipe out the food of an army of space zombies called the Flood. After they discover this, they are tasked with destroying Halo. They have also have to keep it from falling into the hands of the Covenant.

At first, I didn't think much of the game. "Halo: Combat Evolved" was a game that didn't have the best reputation. But, I loved the game. I first played it in 2011, when I was 12 years old and it was Rated "M" for Mature. It was only for 17 years or older. The campaign had a great story and the

characters were amazing. I was impressed with the weapons in the game. The graphics weren't that great by today's standards. But the gameplay was good and continue to love it.

But what bothered me was it didn't have the characteristics of an "M" rated game. There was blood, but not a whole lot of it. The characters rarely swore and even if they did they only did once. The only characteristics of an "M" rating I saw in "Halo: Combat Evolved" was firing of weapons and war battles. Overall, it was a fun game to play and had great characters that any gamer could root for. The time

"Halo: Combat Evolved" was released in 2001, the series and the Xbox console were entirely new and successful. It set the stage for the original "Halo" trilogy that had characters like Master Chief and his AI, Cortana. "Halo: Combat Evolved" spawned two successful sequels, "Halo 2" and "Halo 3", in 2004 and 2007. The "Halo" series was one that drew gamers and inspired stand-alone franchises like "Red vs. Blue." I recommend it to anyone who loves action and science-fiction like I do and hope they'll love it as much as I do.

A SIMPLE FAVOR REVIEW

BY RJ TARE

While my bestfriend and I waited for the film to roll, we dished out ideas on how this movie will flow. Could it be another chilling and dramatic thriller, similar to "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn? Could it be a groundbreaking thriller of the year? But like these questions, "A Simple Favor" keeps its audience questioning and guessing to how all of the plot twists will direct to an inevitable solution.

"A Simple Favor" was released on Sept. 14. It's a thriller film, directed by Paul Feig, and was inspired from Darcy Bell's novel of the same name. It follows the story of Stephanie (Anna Kendrick), a vibrant and avid mom vlogger. One day, a mysterious woman named Emily picks up her son, but her son insists to have a playdate with Stephanie's son. Emily reluctantly agrees, as long as Stephanie has a drink with her at her house. As a result, the two became very close. Everything changed when Emily asked a simple favor: to pick up her son from school. After the favor, Emily never came back. The plot then progresses

to Stephanie's undying motivation to find her missing friend.

The film's plot is very heavy; there is simply a lot going on. "A Simple Favor" is not your usual thriller or mystery movie where it only has a single plot twist. Instead, the film relies on a lot of curveballs. Some may favor plot twists here and there, but the excessiveness of it made it feel like a poorly written script. I couldn't get over this one revelation, but the film ruins that twist by quickly dismissing it with another. It would have had a better effect if the film allows its audience to become hung up on it. "A Simple Favor" has the potential to achieve that breathtaking moment, but it was their choice to ruin it.

The plot may be heavy, but dialogues, along with its actors and actresses, made it a light and interesting film. "A Simple Favor" is advertised as a suspenseful and almost horrific film about a missing woman. However, there were cheeky conversations and dark humor involved

that it was more of a comedy than a thriller film. Lively's profane dialogues is the source of laughable dark humor. For example, calling one's husband a "yeast infection" is derogatory, but when Emily says it to Sean (Henry Golding), it's way too funny to feel bad about.

In addition, Kendrick's innocent and awkward personality as Stephanie makes the film a bit more light and comedic as well. There is nothing wrong with their acting. In fact, it was praiseworthy for trying to present "A Simple Favor" as a thriller even though the dialogues are comedic at best, which is probably due to the way the script was written.

There are two other elements in "A Simple Favor" that deserves recognition, and those are the music and outfits utilized throughout the film. Right off the bat, the film introduces their cast with an upbeat French song. Personally, I do not know any French nor do I know the context of the songs, but their music is so upbeat and fun to listen to. It was also

smart to employ French songs whenever Stephanie is in Emily's house, but switches back to English songs whenever Stephanie is at her own home. The same effect was also utilized with their outfits. Stephanie wears bright blouses, preppy skirts, and colorful socks while Emily wears outfit that can only be found in France fashion week collection. This shows how Stephanie has a vibrant personality contrasting to Emily's femme fatale personality.

Overall, "A Simple Favor" falls off quickly due to its plot. It was enjoyable as comedy, but as a thriller, not so much. The music and outfit are the elements that the film really hits on perfectly. It has plenty of potential, but it wasn't realized. Great actresses and actors made the film interesting.

Do yourself a simple favor, and watch it when it's being streamed instead. It is best to save those tickets for a film with a solid and good plot, which "A Simple Favor" should have had in the beginning. I rate this a 2.5 out of 5 clapperboards.

HORROR HYPE

BY MACHAELA GERMANN

Horror movies are scary, but a college student's checking account is even scarier. October means spooky season has finally arrived. While for many that means carving pumpkins and finding the perfect Halloween costume, others indulge in watching horror movies. These movies may come out throughout the year, but the best debut during October.

There seems to be a large group of people who are dedicated to watching the classics like "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Friday the 13th." However, there is also a lot of people who hate horror

movies and do not see the attraction of attending a movie to be scared.

Professor of Psychology, Theresa Felderman, said that there are physical appeals to attending horror movies.

"We feel adrenaline, dopamine is released and the fight or flight reaction is triggered inside of us," Dr. Felderman said.

Felderman also mentioned someone may also be interested in the story behind a horror movie. The mystery of finding out what happened or "who did it" often interests people. The sense of accomplishment when one makes

it through a movie is often reassuring, too. Confidence makes people feel more powerful.

In fact, there may even be a genetic reason why some are more drawn to horror films than others. According to GeneFood, Catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT) is an enzyme that inactivates neurotransmitters such as dopamine. This may explain why some people laugh during a scary sequence.

Horror movies are made to toy with the audiences' emotions. Senses are amplified while watching the movie. Different movie

tricks help make the experience more intense. Often the movie has dark settings which makes one more observant of their surroundings.

"Studies have shown that red makes us feel the most uncomfortable and is why you would see a lot of bright red subjects such as blood," said Dr. Felderman.

All these effects submerge the audience members into the movie. Now that everyone is on the edge of their seat, go enjoy a movie, but check that bank account first.



FESTIVE FALL DESSERTS

BY BAILEY WILHELM

APPLE CIDER FLOATS

Ingredients:

- A one pint mug
- Hot apple cider
- Vanilla ice cream
- Cinnamon powder
- Caramel Syrup
- Coconut flakes (optional)

Directions:

- 1. In a mug, add two scoops of vanilla ice cream.
- 2. Next, add a spoonful of caramel topping, a pinch of cinnamon, and 2 tbsp. of coconut flakes.
- 3. Next, pour hot apple cider over the prior ingredients.
- 4. Add one scoop of vanilla ice cream.
- 5. Repeat step two.
- 6. Stir, slurp and enjoy!

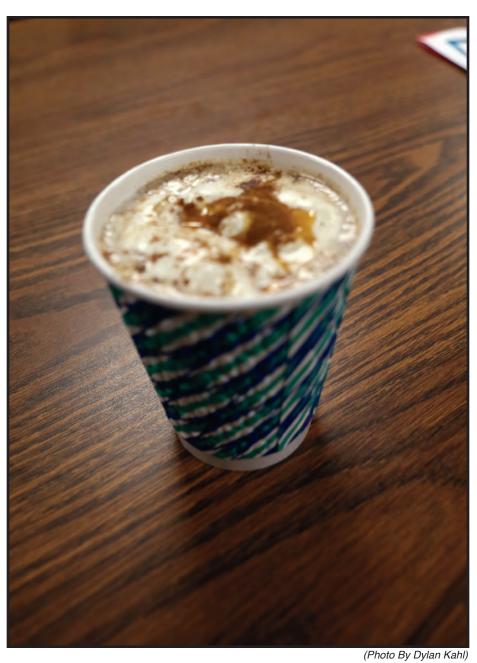
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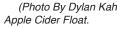
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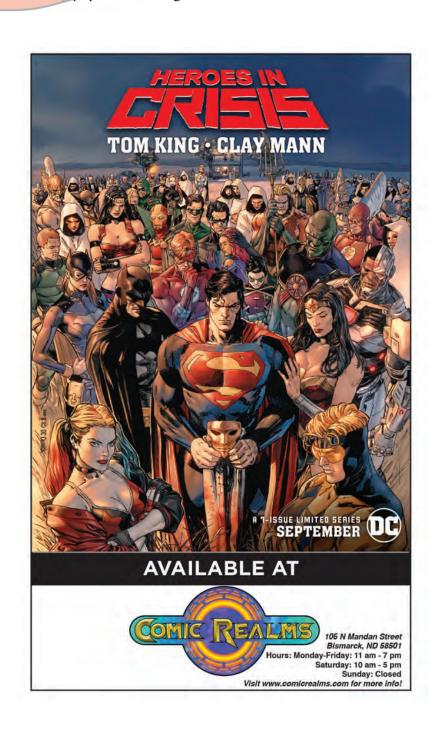
- Baking sheet
- Wax paper
- Large mixing bowl
- Pumpkin seeds
- One tbsp. melted butter
- Two tbsp. salt or cinnamon-sugar

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees fahrenheit.
- 2. In a large bowl, toss two cups of cleaned pumpkin seeds, one tbsp. of melted butter and two tbsp. of either the salt or cinnamon-sugar.
- 3. Stir ingredients and pour onto baking sheet.
- 4. Set baking sheet in oven and occasionally move the seeds around, until roasted.
- 5. Keep a watchful eye.
- 6. Take out baking sheet and let seeds cool off.
- 7. Enjoy and indulge.









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Person on the Pavement



Hometown: Beulah, North Dakota

Nickname: Dad

Favorite Fall Activity: I enjoy going for long walks and looking at all the pretty leaves on the trees, while drinking a Pumpkin Spice Latte.

Halloween Costume: A Wheaties cereal box

Do you like candy corn?: I do not enjoy candy corn. The texture throws me off, it tastes like wax.

Would you rather eat only candy apples or pumpkin pie for a month? : Pumpkin Pie

FACULTY 5!

Joseph Vuolo



- 1. What do you like most about being a teacher at BSC? Being part of developing people's futures, hopefully showing them a better way to see money.
- 2. What do you like most about meeting new students? Everything. It is exciting to meet new people with the chance to change their lives forever.
- 3. How many years have you been and educator? Thirty-one years formally, much longer informally.
- 4. What do you plan on doing when you retire?

I hope to enjoy much time with my wife at the our lake house, continue developing some of our real estate investments, spend some time with other family members and continue umpiring softball which I have been doing for 43 years.

5. What do you do for fun?

Many things, but often they involve water like boating, camping, and fishing.