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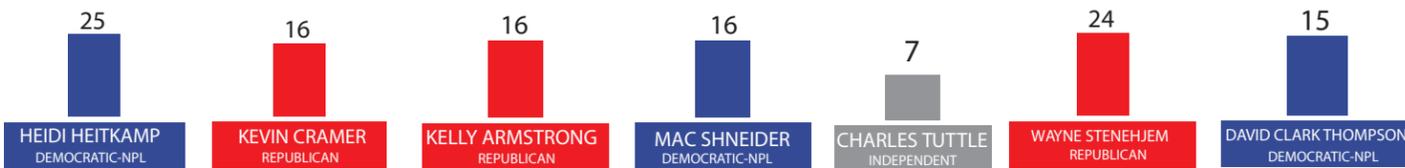
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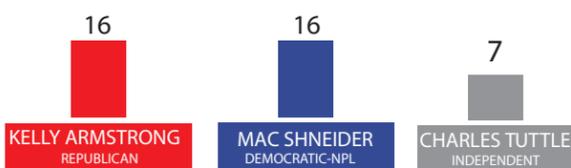
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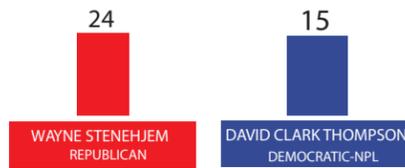
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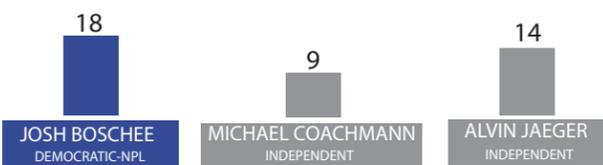
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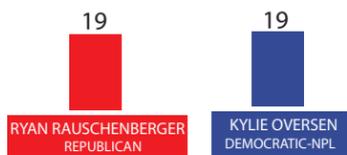
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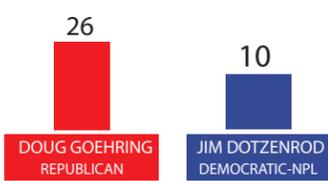
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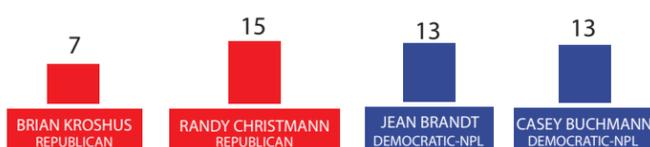
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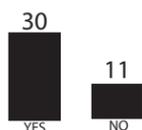
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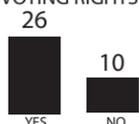
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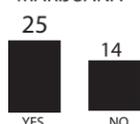
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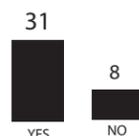
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### NOVEMBER 1

**Baroque Concert**  
Leach Music Center 177 12 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 5

**Wind Ensemble Concert**  
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 6

**ELECTION DAY**

### NOVEMBER 7

**C.L. Lindsay's "Computing and the Law"**  
Free, NECE Basin Electric Auditorium  
12:50-1:50

### NOVEMBER 8

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

### NOVEMBER 11 - 12

**VETERANS DAY BSC CLOSED**

### NOVEMBER 13

**Chili & Cinnamon Rolls**  
Free, Student Union 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Veterans Day Concert**  
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 14

**Gradfest & Transfer Day**  
Student Union 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 15

**Chamber Concert**  
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 16

**Women's Basketball Game**  
Armory 6 p.m.  
**Men's Basketball Game**  
Armory 8 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 17

**Women's Basketball Game**  
Armory 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Men's Basketball Game**  
Armory 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 20

**Jazz Concert**  
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 22 - 23

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
BSC closed Nov. 22 reopens Nov.23

### NOVEMBER 28

**Nacho Bar**  
Free, Mystic Marketplace 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### NOVEMBER 30

**Women's Basketball Game**  
Armory 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
**Men's Basketball Game**  
Armory 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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# NEWS

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FOR NORTH DAKOTA

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT  
THE CANDIDATES AND MEASURES  
FOR THE ELECTION

# NORTH DAKOTA NOVE

## SENATOR

Each state elects two senators to represent the state in the Senate. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BRAYDEN ZENKER

### KEVIN CRAMER

Kevin Cramer is the Republican nominee candidate. He has been this states only member of the House of Representatives since 2013. He is considered conservative in his views.

#### Health Care

He is in favor of repealing the Affordable Care Act and replacing it with a program that is more patient-centric, flexible and more affordable while giving the state more control over health care.

#### Agriculture

He would like to amend the Agriculture Risk Coverage program while maintaining crop insurance and livestock forage programs. He would also pass a new legislation to provide N.D. farmers with relief because of drought and low crop prices.

#### Energy

He is in support of what he refers to as "all-of-the-above energy." He supports

all energy sources like coal, natural gas and renewable energy sources like wind. He will support these industries and work to prevent regulations.

Social Security and

#### Medicare

He supports Medicare and social security programs and works to prevent legislation that harms them. He also wants to make changes that will strengthen these for future recipients.

#### LGBT Rights

He does not support same-sex marriage and sought out and received support from Public Advocate of the United States, an anti-LGBT group, during his 2018 campaign. "This was another example of activist judges overstepping their authority," Cramer said about the Supreme Court's ruling to legalize same-sex marriage.

### HEIDI HEITKAMP

Heidi Heitkamp is the Democratic candidate. She is seeking re-election in 2018 after winning her seat in the Senate in 2012 for North Dakota. According to the National Journal she has a rating of 53 percent liberal and 47 percent conservative.

#### Health Care

According to Heitkamp's re-election website, she has introduced legislative fixes to the Affordable Care Act to improve care and reduce the cost for N.D. residents without repealing it. She has opposed the Health Insurance Tax, which is a tax that would increase the cost of healthcare, as well as any bill that would raise health insurance premiums and kick residents off their insurance. She also supports the Family Act that would provide workers for paid family leave.

#### Agriculture

She is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and worked to pass a Farm Bill with solid crop insurance programs and a farm safety net. She fought against EPA regulations set against N.D. farmers. She also made sure that these farmers were eligible for federal relief programs and more staffing for Farm Service Agencies after low crop prices and drought.

#### Energy

She helped pass legislation that ended the 40-year ban on crude oil exports. She supported the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. She is looking to insight new federal tax incentives support wind and other alternative energy sources. Her goal is to keep working to diversify N.D.'s energy production with a larger goal of making American energy independent.

#### Social Security and Medicare

She is a supporter of social security and Medicare programs and works against any cuts to these programs.

#### LGBT Rights

In 2013 she announced her support for same-sex marriage. She criticized the N.D. State House in 2015 when for the third time in six years failed to pass a measure that would ban bias for housing and employment because of sexual orientation or gender identity. "We can't be a state that is seen to discriminate," Heitkamp said.

## REPRESENTATIVE

The number of representatives elected for each state in the House of Representatives is based upon population. The state of N.D. has one representative.

### KELLY ARMSTRONG

Kelly Armstrong is the Republican candidate. He has been a part of the N.D. State Senate since 2013. He served as the chair for the N.D. Republican party from 2015-2018.

If elected he would, give less power to the federal government and give that power back to state government, work to make abortion illegal after 20 weeks, defund Planned Parenthood and further the pro-life ideals.

- He also is running on creating legislation that will tackle the opioid crisis by providing more treatment options and furthering education on addiction, while also making sure people are held accountable for their actions.
- He plans on securing America's borders not only to stop immigration, but to stop human trafficking and from drugs entering the country.
- He doesn't support the Affordable Care Act and would like to replace it to reduce health care costs for N.D. residents.
- He supports simplifying gun laws to give more second amendment rights and last year voted for Constitutional Carry which allows someone 18 or older to carry a concealed weapon without a license.

### MAC SCHNEIDER

Mac Schneider is the Democratic candidate. He was a part of the N.D. State Senate from 2009-2016. He served as the Senate Minority Leader from 2013-2016.

If elected, he would promote the passing of a five-year farm bill instead of the one-year alternative that the US has been currently operating under.

- He doesn't support the expansion of corporate farming and would work to protect export markets for farmers and ranchers by maintaining trade relationships and stand up against trade wars.
- He approves an all-of-the-above energy initiative with new coal technology, new projects to expand oil resources, and new policies to support the development of renewable energy sources.
- While in the state senate, he voted to increase funding for pre-kindergarten programs and increase the state's amount of K-12 funding. He also had making college more affordable a primary issue.
- He also will work to preserve Medicare and Social Security programs.

### CHARLES TUTTLE

Charles Tuttle is an Independent candidate running for the House. He is considered a conservative Republican and describes himself as a citizen activist. He submitted over 1,300 signatures to get on the ballot.

- He is campaigning on securing U.S. borders and building the wall between on the Mexico and United States. He will work to repeal Common Core and return the curriculum guideline power to local school boards. He is a supporter of many Trump policies including imposing tariffs to bring jobs back to the United States.

## SECRETARY OF STATE

In the state of N.D., the Secretary of State is the chief election officer and is in charge of licensing businesses and keeping a central indexing system for the state.

### JOSH BOSCHEE

Josh Boschee is the Democratic candidate. He has been a member of the N.D. House since 2013. He is the first openly gay candidate elected to the N.D. legislature.

- As Secretary of State he will streamline the office to reduce wasteful spending, remove identical regulations and expand support for small businesses, nonprofits and farmers.

### MICHAEL COACHMANN

Michael Coachmann is an Independent candidate. In 2016 he was previously a Republican candidate of lieutenant governor. As Secretary of State he will protect N.D. residents from unconstitutional mandates from the federal government that would violates citizen rights.

- He would provide N.D. higher education work-study programs and internships for students looking to be employed in state positions.
- He would work to strengthen Tribal relations and provide fair and balanced election procedures to assure only legal N.D. residents are able to vote in state elections.

### ALVIN JAEGER

Alvin Jaeger is another Independent candidate. He is the current Secretary of State and has held the position since 1992.

As Secretary of State, he has established a 24/7 statewide cache where lenders file security agreements for loans made to individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers.

- He established a new software for filing reports online, registering new businesses and licensing for contractors.
- He worked with the N.D. Legislature on a voter ID bill for the state.

# NOVEMBER 2018 ELECTION

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Attorney General is the chief legal counsel and adviser for N.D. and represents the state in legal proceedings. This position acts as the superintendent of Bureau of Criminal Investigation and is a member of N.D. Board of University and School Lands, Industrial Commission, Drug and Alcohol Commission, Judicial Council and the Pardon Advisory Board.

### WAYNE STENEHJEM

Wayne Stenehjem is the Republican candidate. He is the current Attorney General and has served since 2001.

Since 2001, he has prioritized drug enforcement by advance legislation to create a drug enforcement initiative. This involves law enforcement, health and human service agencies, addiction counseling, youth education and more serious punishments for offenders. He also started the state's sex offender website that contains information on the state's sex offenders.

- He created a "Do Not Call List." This prevent calls from telemarketers and an online program for identity theft that provides a streamlined site for information and forms to report identity theft.
- He also created N.D.'s 24/7 Sobriety program that requires DUI offenders to abstain from alcohol use by taking a breathalyzer test twice a day. He is a supporter of all legislation that works to end domestic abuse.

### DAVID THOMPSON

David Clark Thompson is the Democratic candidate. He has been working in private practice law firms since 1984.

In 2012 it was documented that the N.D. Industrial Commission members (the Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, and the Governor), who regulate the oil and gas industry of the state received campaign contributions from oil and gas industry interests. After accepting the funds, the Industrial Commission approved the benefactors' projects.

- He wants to ensure that all N.D. citizens are able to vote. He opposes Stenehjem's support of the 2017 law that caused many N.D. residents to be unable to vote because they don't possess a certified voter ID.

## AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

Duties of the Agriculture Commissioner include protecting livestock and other domestic animals from disease; inspecting farms and processing plants; regulating pesticide production, use and disposal; working with local jurisdictions on crop control; supplying mediation services to farmers; and certifying the state's commodities.

### DOUG GOEHRING

Doug Goehring is the Republican candidate. He is the current Commissioner and has held the position since 2009. He has extensive experience in farm-related groups, as well as being a farmer and rancher. He served as vice president of the N.D. Farm Bureau, is a member of the N.D. Stockman's Association, N.D. Grain Growers, North Dakota Soybean Association, N.D. Corn Growers Association and the National Association of Corporate Directors.

- He is an advocate of agriculture-based renewable fuels and supports research in other biofuel crops.
- He supports enhanced crop insurance and risk management products for farmers and ranchers as well as more research into cereal grains.
- He supports expanded oversea trading and new technology to aid farmers.

### JIM DOTZENROD

Jim Dotzenrod is the Democratic candidate. He is a member of the N.D. Senate and has held the position since 2008. He also served in the Senate from 1978-1994.

As Commissioner, his priority would be to act on the behalf of all the farmers and ranchers in the state. He supports stronger trade relationships for farmers and ranchers alike with fewer tariffs.

- He is also a supporter of ethanol and will provide support to create
- a secure industry.

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

The N.D. Public Service Commission is a three-person state executive board. The Board controls electric and gas utilities, telecommunication companies, railroads, pipelines, electric and heat companies, grain elevators and warehouses, the location of energy plants, transmission facilities, claiming of mined lands and all other public utility work in the state.

### BRIAN KROSHUS

Brian Kroshus is a Republican candidate. He was appointed by Governor Doug Burgum in 2017.

- As Commissioner, he will maintain a balance between infrastructure development while taking care of the environment and ensuring private property rights.
- He will work for safe, reliable and affordable energy sources and will ensure to do what is best for N.D.

### RANDY CHRISTMANN

Randy Christmann is a Republican candidate. He has been a member of the Public Service Commission since 2013. Previously, he was a member of the N.D. Senate from 1995-2013.

- He is a supporter of building the state's infrastructure to create safer and more cost-effective ways to transport crude oil and natural gas.
- He supports oil pipelines to make N.D. roads safer with less truck traffic and reduce the cost of transports.
- During his last five years on the Public Service Commission, he has been working to approve new high-voltage power lines in western N.D.

### JEAN BRANDT

Jean Brandt is a Democratic candidate. She currently serves as director of North Central Electric Cooperative, Central Power Electric Cooperative and N.D. Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives. She has extensive farming and ranching experience from living and working on a family farm.

- She will work to cooperate with N.D. farmers and ranchers. She has previously worked for an oilfield service company and will also bring that previous knowledge to her service.

### CASEY BUCHMANN

Casey Buchmann is a Democratic candidate. Previously, he has ran for the N.D. House in 2012 and 2016.

While on the Public Service Commission, he will work to lower energy costs for N.D. residents as well as make sure every part of the state has access to the internet.

- He also would like to inspect current pipelines for structural integrity, as well as develop new policies to protect lands around pipelines and work to be proactive against leaks.

## TAX COMMISSIONER

The main duty of the Tax Commissioner is to collect tax revenue that is required by N.D. law.

### RYAN RAUSCHENBERGER

Ryan Rauschenberger is a Republican candidate. He is the current Tax Commissioner and served since he was appointed to the position in 2014.

As Tax Commissioner, he worked to reduce the tax commissions budget and still provide N.D. with fast tax refunds and protects residents against fraud.

- He has previous experience with N.D. tax law having audited 500 large companies in energy, manufacturing and financial services.

### KYLIE OVERSEN

Kylie Oversen is a Democratic candidate. She served on the N.D. House from 2012-2016.

As Tax Commissioner she will create new tax policies to support working-class families and businesses and still create stable funding for government programs.

- She will work toward creating property tax reform by working with both parties at all levels of government.
- She plans on working with the legislature to provide tax relief for veterans and senior citizens whose benefits are being taxed.

## MEASURE 1

This initiated measure would add a new article to the North Dakota Constitution establishing a North Dakota ethics commission.

The commission, using funds provided by the legislature, would be responsible for adopting rules related to corruption, elections, and lobbying and for reporting and investigating alleged violations of those rules and related state laws.

The measure would provide for prohibitions for lobbyists related to gift giving and delivery of campaign contributions and prohibitions for public officials against lobbying, use of campaign contributions, and conflicts of interest in certain proceedings.

The measure would direct the legislative assembly to enact laws that require electronically accessible public disclosure of the source of funds spent (in any medium and in an amount greater than two hundred dollars) to influence statewide and legislative elections and statewide ballot measures or to lobby or otherwise influence state government action.

In a conflict between this article and any other provision in the North Dakota Constitution, the provisions of this article would control.

## MEASURE 2

This initiated measure would amend Article II of the North Dakota Constitution to state that "only a citizen" of the United States is a qualified elector, instead of the current provision that states "every citizen" of the United States is a qualified elector.

The measure also would state that only a qualified elector may vote in any general, special, or primary election for a federal, statewide, state legislative, district, county, township, city, or school district office or ballot measure.

## MEASURE 3

This initiated measure would amend the North Dakota Century Code by removing hashish, marijuana, and tetrahydrocannabinols from the list of schedule I controlled substances in section 19-03.1-05.

It would create chapter 66-01, which would define the terms marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia and prohibit prosecution of any person over the age of 21 for any non-violent marijuana related activity (including growing, manufacturing, distributing, selling, or testing marijuana) or drug paraphernalia relating to any non-violent marijuana activity, except for the sale of marijuana to a person under the age of 21.

Any language in the North Dakota Century Code that conflicts with chapter 66-01, including the prohibitions on prosecution, is nullified and repealed.

The measure also would add penalties for individuals under the age of twenty-one in possession of, or attempting to distribute, marijuana; and provide penalties for individuals who distribute marijuana to anyone under the age of twenty-one.

## MEASURE 3 contd

It would amend the definition of drug paraphernalia in section 19-03.4-01 to apply only to non-marijuana controlled substances.

It would amend section 25-03.1-45 to require the automatic expungement of the record of an individual who has a drug conviction for a controlled substance that has been legalized; create an appeals process for an individual who believes the state did not expunge a record properly; and eliminate the state's sovereign immunity for damages resulting from expungement lawsuits.

## MEASURE 4

This initiated measure would add a new section to chapter 39-04 of the North Dakota Century Code requiring the Department of Transportation to issue red personalized vehicle plates to volunteer emergency responders.

The plates would be provided at no cost to the volunteers and would serve as an entrance pass to all North Dakota state parks.

Qualifications and verification procedures for the plates would be designated by the Department of Transportation in cooperation with the volunteer organization.

# VOTE. YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

## political opinion

# AN ORAL JOUST

BY JACOB IRVING

The Bismarck Public School's Career Academy was recently home to a massive "Clash of the Titans" when Heidi Heitkamp and Kevin Cramer came to orally joust during The Donovan and Betty Witham Symposium on Excellence in Newspapers Oct. 18, 2018.

The crowd consisted of college and high school students, members of the media, Canadians, and way too many reporters to count. The panel was made up of locally esteemed North Dakotans including Korrie Wenzel and Cecile Wehrman.

After introductions, everything was off to quick start. Debates give people a chance to see the candidates in a civil setting and serve as a window into democracy and U.S. politics at work.

The interesting thing about the two candidates is their similarities. Heitkamp and Cramer both talked about the joy of being from North Dakota, their backgrounds at school here in the state, and how much they both appreciate the openness of debates in politics.

They have both been in their current respective positions for six years and were elected on the same day. In the beginning, they seemed to rejoice at this. A harmonious tone filled the air.

That was the last time harmony would be felt that evening.

As the debate roared on, their opinions and stances were torn apart by each other and criticized in front of the entire crowd. There were verbal jabs thrown back and forth. The atmosphere got tense and heated. The debate was well under way.

Heitkamp and Cramer did have many similar viewpoints on a range of subjects. When asked about security at schools, they both thought an increase was neces-

sary. When asked about border security, they both were in support. They both spoke of the farmers and of the families of North Dakota. "We need to Fight-Fight-Fight- for our farmers," said Heitkamp.

Both spoke with the utmost respect and love for our veterans. "Thank God for Donald Trump ...," said Cramer.

Their differences became apparent as the clock ticked on, and both made some interesting comments. When asked about Kavanaugh and voting with the people of North Dakota, Heitkamp expressed that she was "elected to exercise her own best judgment" and talked about not having time, in some situations, to gather a consensus from the North Dakota people.

One of the panel members asked about involvement of foreign governments and meddling in our election processes. Cramer did not hesitate.

He voiced that Russia and China have been doing this for a while and were both very good at it, "... and you know what, the U.S. might not be too bad at it either," Cramer said.

These two powerful individuals are more than can be explained in one debate or in one opinion column. This debate was like a free sample you get from the supermarkets; inviting you to take a look into the fully stocked aisle to the side. This debate gave us a little taste of what each candidate had to offer, and it's up to us, the people, to figure out which one is right for us when it comes time for supper.

What's important is that we all go out and vote for who and what we view is right. We all have the power to make a change and keep this freedom of democracy alive in our great nation.

# ALL EYES ON NORTH DAKOTA

BY ALEX HILZENDEGER

Not often does the political spotlight shine as brightly on North Dakota, as it will over the next couple weeks leading up to the Nov. 6 general election. The Senate race between Democrat, Heidi Heitkamp, and Republican, Kevin Cramer, is shaping up to be not only one of the most expensive races per vote in U.S. history, but also a symbolic one that will be a referendum pitting Trump era Republicanism versus a throwback moderate Democrat.

This race will play a vital role in determining which party will have the majority in the Senate. It looks more likely that the House of Representatives will swing to the Democrats for the first time since 2010. Republicans and other conservative PACs are becoming more desperate to hold on to their slim majority in the Senate.

As it stands right now the Republicans hold a 51-49 majority with John McCain's seat now vacant. It is imperative for the Democrats to hold on to Heitkamp's seat if they want to take back the Senate. As a Democrat in a state that went heavily to Trump in 2016, Republicans see Heitkamp as one of the most vulnerable candidates this election season. If Heitkamp's seat flips to Republicans then the Democrats chances of gaining a majority in the senate take a major hit.

There will be a few key issues that will determine the outcome of this race. One of which will be North Dakotans admiration for Trump.

According to FiveThirtyEight's tracker, Kevin Cramer has voted with Trump 98.8 percent of the time while Heitkamp has voted with Trump 55.3 percent. Heitkamp's 55.3 percent is the second highest for a Democrat just behind Joe Manchin of West Virginia. This exemplifies the

different roles these candidates play: Cramer as a rubber stamp for Trumpism and Heitkamp as the ever-rare moderate Democrat.

Heitkamp is using both numbers to her advantage to show that she votes with Trump when she believes it is right for North Dakota, but she will not blindly follow either party. As Heitkamp walks the fine line between parties, Cramer is trying to ride Trump's still popular but falling North Dakota approval rating into office without an original idea for himself.

The issue of healthcare is also playing a big role in this race as it is across the county. According to The Hill, Cramer has voted 65 times to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). After coming under attack for his stance on healthcare Cramer now says he supports protections for people with pre-existing conditions but his actions do not match his words.

Heitkamp, on the other hand, has voted again and again for the ACA which helps protect 300,000 vulnerable North Dakotans with pre-existing conditions according to the Center for American Progress. This issue makes it clear that Heitkamp will do what is right for North Dakotans while Cramer will only follow what the White House and Republican party wants him to do.

With millions of dollars pouring in from both candidates and outside groups, the days are counting down to Nov. 6. North Dakotans are presented with a clear choice, someone who puts North Dakota above everything else or a Republican rubber stamp. All eyes are on North Dakota as they play their part in deciding the future of the country.



Photo submitted by Hunter Andes

# JOURNALISTS ARE PEOPLE TOO

BY BAILEY SCHMIDT

The early 2000s were a difficult time. Dean Yates is currently a news editor for Reuters (news website). He has covered events from Boxing day in Indonesia's Aceh province in 2004 to the Iraq War between 2007-2008.

Yates lost three of his news crew members during the months in Iraq. A U.S. Apache helicopter killed two, and the third by gunmen in the streets.

After returning from Iraq, Yates' personality started to take a turn for the worse. According to the PBS NewsHour in 2016, Alison Stewart, a weekend news anchor asked Yates about the emotional reactions that took place after the events.

"Yes... I was in denial for years that I had a problem," Yates said. "I was in denial that I was exhibiting symptoms of PTSD."

After officially being diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), there were times when Yates didn't have the strength to get up and send an email to his boss saying he wasn't coming in to work.

"If I got really stressed, ... it would feel like I was back in my office in Iraq," said Yates.

According to the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma (DCJT), the three main mental health disorders that journalists can come by are PTSD (four-59 percent), depression (one-21 percent) and substance abuse (around 14 percent among war and 15.4 percent males and 17.4 percent females using generated content material.)

Mike McCleary, a photojournalist for the Bismarck Tribune has been in the journalistic field for 32 years. He has been to scenes that impact him to this day.

"The first picture that really affected me was when I was young ...," McCleary said. "And I had the adrenaline going and it took me awhile to finally understand what it was."

A house fire occurred in a local Bismarck trailer park.

"When we got to the scene ... one of the [EMTs] was running from this house and was carrying a toddler. I got a shot of him running towards the ambulance," McCleary said.



Photo submitted by Hunter Andes

ran the picture the next day. The mother came into the office being hysterical by yelling at the editors. McCleary was standing in the newsroom hearing everything.

Whether a journalist is a print or photo reporter, it is their obligation to think about the ethical and unethical ways something can be portrayed to the public.

Amy Sisk is a reporter for WESA, Pittsburgh's NPR station, and works with journalists who cover energy with StateImpact Pennsylvania. She also worked for the Bismarck Tribune for two years as a reporter. During those two years, she covered the Dakota Access Pipeline.

"While covering the pipeline protests, I did a story from NPR about the effort to clean up the camps," Sisk said. "One line in the story referred to the protests as 'violent.' I received an incredible amount of tweets and emails from people sympathetic to the protesters who were irate at me for characterizing the protests as anything other than 'peaceful.'"

Receiving different types of hate mail can impact a journalist's mind. Sisk stated that there could have been other words to use than violent. There was a side to her story that the public didn't see.

"What I meant was that I had seen protesters, police and security for the pipeline company all act aggressively at times. I was definitely a bit shaken up that day because I had never upset so many people before," Sisk said.

clock to report factual truths. Many pay the price of an outstanding story or photo by considering what the public needs to know.

"I think when it becomes troubling socially," McCleary said. "... there's a lot of stuff that's shot that people don't want to see, but they have to see it."

McCleary shared a story about Kevin Carter. Carter took a photo during the South Sudan famine in 1993 of a little girl struggling to crawl away to a feeding center with a vulture behind her.

The photo was published with The New York Times, and the public went in an uproar. The Times was contacted many times by the public wondering what happened to the girl. They published an editor's note about how she was able to gain back her strength, but isn't sure if she made it to the center.

According to the Archive website, "it was a rule for the journalists in Sudan not to touch victims of the famine, to avoid risk of transmitting diseases."

Carter was shown congratulations and criticism. He was given the Pulitzer Prize for the photo. Around three months later, Carter took his own life.

"I am haunted by the vivid memories of killings and corpses and anger and pain ... of starving or wounded children, of trigger-happy madmen, often police, of killer executions," Carter said in his suicide note.

Arriving at a traumatic event can

periodically be the source of obtaining a mental health disorder. But it can also be obtained by reviewing "violent graphics and/or video footage ... without leaving the newsroom," according to the DCJT.

The price of that story could even mean journalists give up things in their personal lives outside of work.

"When a story weighs on you so heavily that it affects your non-work life, then something needs to change," Sisk said. "You don't necessarily need to stop reporting on the story, but you should either take a few days off to recuperate or talk through your struggle with someone."

"I think journalists need to compartmentalize. Journalists have an obligation to do no harm as they report, and if it's going to be difficult for a subject to describe the trauma they have been through, journalists should never force them to do it. Journalists are human."

Some schools around the United States including North Dakota State University (NDSU) and the University of North Dakota (UND) teach one class about trauma in the fourth year. NDSU has a communication ethics and law class while UND has a risk and crisis communication class.

Websites, like Poynter, publish articles about going through trauma. They also offer courses to teach journalists about what they need to know while covering traumatic events, how they should cover the story and even how to cope with the trauma after it goes to print.

"Yeah, it's probably a very good idea to talk about it [how to cover and cope with traumatic events] and learn about it," McCleary said. "In a situation with law enforcement, you could be doing your job and you could be swept up with protesters. Doesn't matter which side because you probably just look like everyone else."

Journalists put themselves out there everyday not knowing how it may impact their lives and the lives of others. The journalist's job is to discover and report difficult times. Journalists are people too.

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BSC ALUMNI PHILLIP SCHULTZ  
TAKES ON THE MASSIVE  
BISMARCK PUBLIC SCHOOL  
LUNCH DEBT.

*Photograph by Wyatt Ell*



*Pictures submitted by Phillip Schultz*

## BSC ALUMNI WALKS STARTS FOOD DRIVE TO END UNPAID STUDENT DEBT

BY DYLAN KAHL

*Phillip Schultz is a BSC alumnus that has taken the time to help raise funds and awareness for a cause that hits schools everywhere nationwide.*

**DK-When and what program did you graduate from?**

PS- I graduated from the Graphic Design and Communications class in the year 2017.

**DK- Why did you start this campaign to help pay the student lunch debt?**

PS- It all started when one of my buddies got laid off from the oil field and what ended up happening there is that they ended up getting behind on their bills and they had multiple kids in the school system and it got to the point that they had to choose between bills, and the one that was harassing them most was Bismarck School District. So, I'm thinking One, I was home schooled so I never had to experience this. If there wasn't anything to eat there was at least something in the house and it wasn't an added bill on top of being financially unstable. That was the first time that I found how you had to pay for lunches. I thought they were taken out of my taxes and everything so that frustrated me. So then, I looked into it in February of 2018 and in April I called and found out that we had \$18,000 in unpaid student lunch debt and then by the time I got the ball rolling a couple months after to collect donations and raising awareness we were already at \$21,000 in debt and about a month and a half after that when we did the event we were up to \$23,000 so this is a rolling problem that none of our leaders in the town are addressing.

**DK- What is your end goal?**

PS Raise awareness and raise money for an immediate effect.



*Photographs from Phillip Schultz displaying his photography work.*

Because if people are willing to give money, then they are willing to give time. I figured if this was enough to get people going we could at least make a dent in the debt and take a little bit off of people's shoulders. To hopefully get the bigger picture started.

**DK-What was the event that you hosted to help raise awareness to this cause?**

PS- It was on August 11th, I contacted a bunch of local musicians, painters, and everybody got together at Custer Park to celebrate the funds raised. The year before or maybe two years before, the Freedom Riders also did an event raising funds for this, so there are groups that are paying attention to this and want to do something about it but no one in office is doing anything. It's crazy



because these are kids, they should be our first investment.

**DK- That's insane no kid should go to school hungry**

PS- Right? Or get bullied because they can't afford it. I have had friends tell me that they would get ridiculed. It's something that also needs to be addressed nationwide.

**DK- Graduating from the Graphic Design program in 2017 was your first time in an actual school setting, how was that experience?**

PS- It was fun, it was really fun. I thought the transition from a home-schooled environment to an established routine type thing was going to be a little jarring, but it wasn't bad at all. Plus there was a lot of room for creative expression.

**DK- What have you gone on to do with your degree after graduating?**

PS- I've gone on to full time photography.

**DK- Are you going to do anymore fundraising events in the near future?**

PS- Everything is up in the air regarding anymore events I'm planning to do one or two more. Planning late spring early summer concert for raising awareness. Do a lot more online funding.

**DK- How much money did you raise for this first event?**

PS- In total, \$3,100. We were supposed to have a little over \$4,400 but unfortunately \$1200 worth of pledges backed out.

**DK- What made you get into doing charity work?**

PS- Before my dad passed away there was this six-year period of him being sick and going through all of this medical stuff he wasn't able to work, and we had a renter who was renting the house we lived in before we moved back in and let a bunch of water damage on the roof go untouched. It was so bad that they had to rip half of the ceiling off. The cost to repair the damage was about \$26,000 that an already struggling family had to deal with. Community action stepped in and paid \$22,500 dollars so it went down substantially and helped us out a lot. Once my family got that type of help and I was able to turn my own life around I put myself through school I realized that we have had a lot of help and it's made a world of difference. So I figured this is how I could give back.

# VENOM: SO BAD ITS GOOD

BY DYLAN KAHL

Sony's "Venom" is another superhero film into a genre that has been widely successful and unstoppable since the early 2000s with films like the first Spider-man. Venom's history is actually rooted in the legacy of Spider-man first appearing as an antagonist to the "web-head" in the year 1989 in "The Amazing Spider-man" issue number 300. Venom has been a fan favorite for Spider-man fans and me especially, but when I found out that Sony was making a film about this foe with no trace of Spider-man in the film, I was hesitant.

The film's setting is in San Francisco, and the main character is Eddie Brock. A disgraced down on his luck reporter Brock is trying to uncover some shady experimentations going on in The Life Foundation and the founder, Carlton Drake. After discovering that Drake is experimenting on homeless people with symbiotic alien life forms Brock stumbles

onto the symbiote, Venom. With the help of Venom, Eddie attempts to stop Carlton and his own symbiote Riot from their evil plan with fast-paced action and violence.

Like I said earlier, I was hesitant on Spider-man not being a part of Venom's origin but did have high hopes on it being pretty enjoyable. Once I stopped taking it too seriously, I thoroughly enjoyed it. The film's downfall: the pacing is off, some cringe worthy moments and not enough Venom.

The film clocks in at two hours and twenty minutes, but honestly feels like an hour and a half long. It introduces Eddie, he gets fired, interacts with Venom, then fights in the climax. It feels like they took a lot out of the film because certain scenes are paced in a way just to further the plot and get closer to the climax. Tom Hardy plays Eddie Brock and also voices Venom, and the accent that he uses for Eddie is truly strange. It sounds like he is trying

to do an east coast accent from the 80's but falls flat and his British accent creeps in making him sound almost like Tommy Wiseau from the movie "The Room". Hardy's failed accent is what makes some of the lines of dialogue in certain scenes very cringey.

My last gripe is there was not enough Venom. I understand that they need to set up Eddie as a character, but when they first bond, they barely show Venom. It was mostly a chase scene with Eddie Brock doing impossible stunts on a motorcycle that one would find in a Vin Diesel action film.

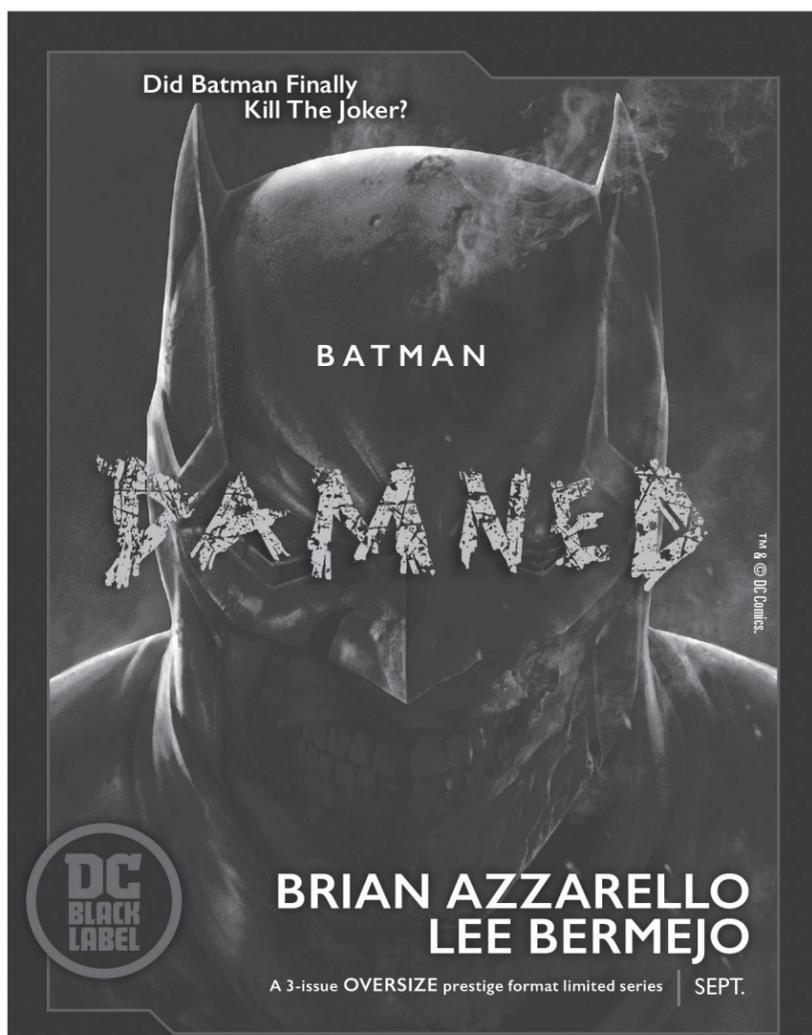
With all of that being said, after some thought and my gripes addressed, I truly enjoyed the film. I have read multiple reviews calling "Venom" "The Room of Superhero Movies" referring to Tommy Wiseau's film that has been dubbed so bad it's good. I definitely agree.

The movie Venom knows it's not

"Avengers: Infinity War" and it's not trying to be. There is a certain campiness feel to those the cringey moments that are so bad you can't help but laugh at them.

The banter between Eddie and Venom was one of the shining moments of the film that was needed to help diminish the blemishes from the film.

No matter what the reviews say, the film has been wildly successful this October and doesn't look like it's stopping anytime soon. Movie-goers are coming out and supporting it regardless of its low rotten tomatoes score of a 30 percent and hopefully Sony will improve on what was bad about "Venom" and enhance what was good in the yet inevitable sequel. The super hero genre has not been fatigued by movie goers and is going to be around for a while longer. I truly liked the movie but my recommendation is— don't take it seriously and it will be a very enjoyable film.



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# HALO: PART 2

BY NIKOLAS ZURAFF

Three years after the creation and release of the first "Halo" game, "Halo 2" was released for Xbox and PC on November 9, 2004. "Halo 2" left off from the events of the first game.

Many say it's better than the original "Halo." I also think that it is better than the original. It was one of those games I had fun playing with friends at parties and sleepovers. Just days after the destruction of the ringworld "Halo," Master Chief and Cortana travel back to Earth to prepare for the Covenant invasion.

Sergeant Major Avery Johnson makes another appearance after joining the Master Chief in the first "Halo." New characters are introduced: Covenant Prophets of Mercy, Regret and Truth, Commander Miranda Keyes, The Oracle, and Master Chief's rival, the Arbiter.

While against the Covenant, the UNSC (United Nations Space Command) discover another "Halo" and learn the Prophets plan to use it to wipe out every human and alien in the galaxy.

Master Chief and Cortana are once again called back into action. They make peace with the Elites, a species in the Covenant, and try to kill the Prophets. They also discover The Flood's new leader, Gravemind, who has plans of his own. Gravemind plans to use Halo as a way to travel through the galaxy, in order to infect

and devour all life, humans and aliens alike.

It's the best game in the trilogy. It's one of those sequels that's better than the original. Characters like Sergeant Major Johnson and Arbiter are fantastic. The action is great and the story is more interesting than that of the first "Halo." The Flood is also more terrifying, as they take on new forms.

The Flood take over one of the Prophets, become more intelligent and take over more of the aliens, creating uglier lifeforms. It does a great job of creating a bridge between the first and third "Halo."

"Halo 2" is one of the greatest games in the franchise. It is much better than "Halo: Reach." It was one of the best video game sequels with a great campaign and multiplayer.

I remember first playing it in April 2011. I was 12 and it was a great experience for me to play. I loved the characters, the story and the conflicts the characters go through, together. It led to the events of "Halo 3" which was released three years later.

I recommend it to anyone who liked "Halo: Combat Evolved" and hope they will enjoy it as much as I did. It had great story and was glad I played it during my childhood.

## TWO MAJORS CAN INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES

BY DYLAN BINDER

Bismarck State College is a two-year community college, and students come here to complete their general education classes and transfer to a four-year college or complete a program degree and go straight into the workforce. There are many options for students to pursue two degrees, which could greatly improve their employment and career opportunities as well as increase their income. Capitalizing on this opportunity can be beneficial, depending on the degree that the student is pursuing.

BSC Adviser Coordinator Sarah Olson said that depending on their career path, there are many different options for students who want to earn more than one degree. BSC currently offers one Bachelor of Applied Science degree, two types of transfer degrees, a technical program degree and certificate options.

“Many students who double major are Liberal Arts students looking to get their Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, and then transfer to a four-year college,” Olson said.

If students have a career path in mind, they can choose classes specific to their program of study while earning an AA and AS transfer degrees. Knowing where they will be continuing their education

can be helpful in order to take classes that correspond with the transfer college.

The other two-year option is an Associate of Applied Science degree, which is a technical program degree preparing students to go directly into the workforce after completion. The program degrees and certificates offer opportunities for students to work on a double major.

“Human Services and an Eligibility Workers Certificate is one example that can provide a student with a great job in the future,” Olson said.

Other programs that work well together include an associate degree and a certificate, for example, a Biology AS and Geographic Information Systems certificate of completion. Or students could combine two technical programs that are similar and share classes, such as Electronics and Telecommunications Technology AAS and Instrumentation & Control Technology AAS; or Farm & Ranch Management AAS and Agriculture Industry & Technology AAS.

A double major means extra classes, so students may need to stay at BSC longer than two

years. Working with an adviser is an important step in the double major process.

“When deciding whether or not to double major, students should visit with an adviser about opportunities to pursue two degrees at the same time,” Olson said. “After visiting with an adviser, the student can fill out a Multiple Program Request

form and select the degrees they are planning on studying.”

Double majoring in college can be time-consuming and challenging but can provide the opportunity for a unique lifetime career.

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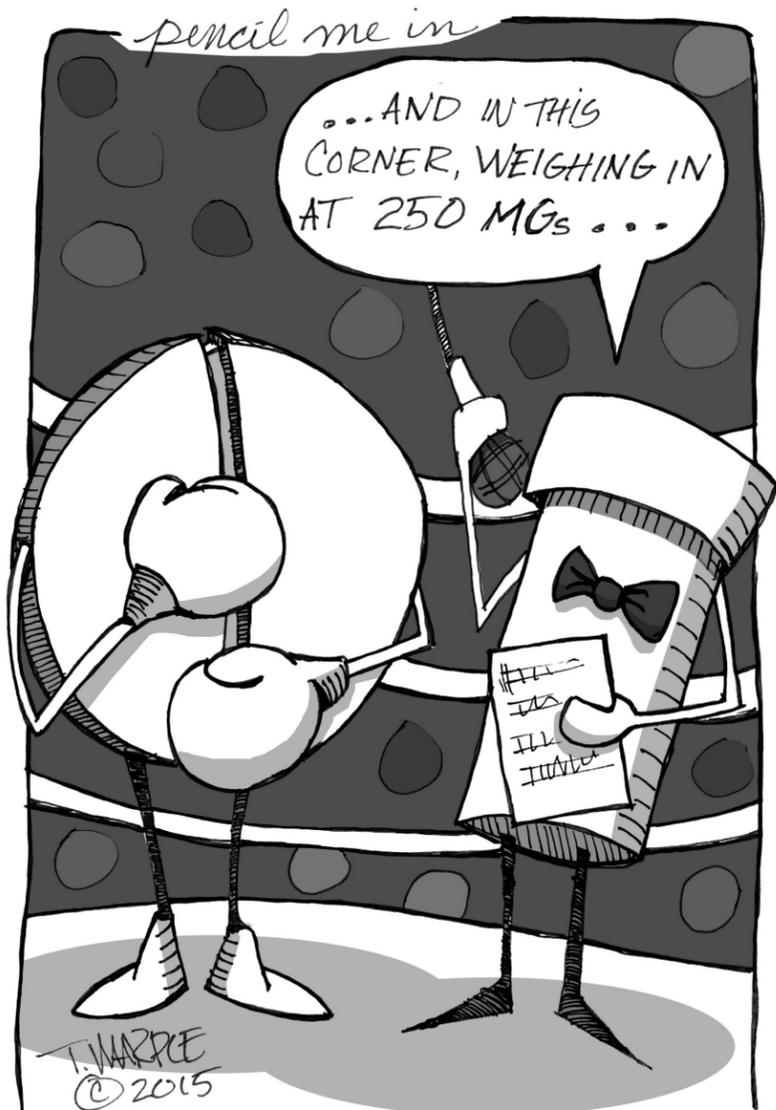
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## P.O.P!

Person on the Pavement

### Leah Woods



**Nickname:** "Melman from Madagascar"  
**Hometown:** Rapid City, South Dakota  
**Favorite Thanksgiving Dish:** box stuffing & mashed potatoes  
**Turkey or Ham?:** "turkey if it is not dry as bones, ham if it is fresh"  
**Who is a better cook your mother or grandmother?:** "My mom is probably a better cook, because I have had more of hers."  
**What are you most thankful for?:** I am most thankful for my mom, or "SoDak," or my dogs, or my ugg comforter  
**What animal best represents your personality?:** I would say I am Golden Doodle dog.

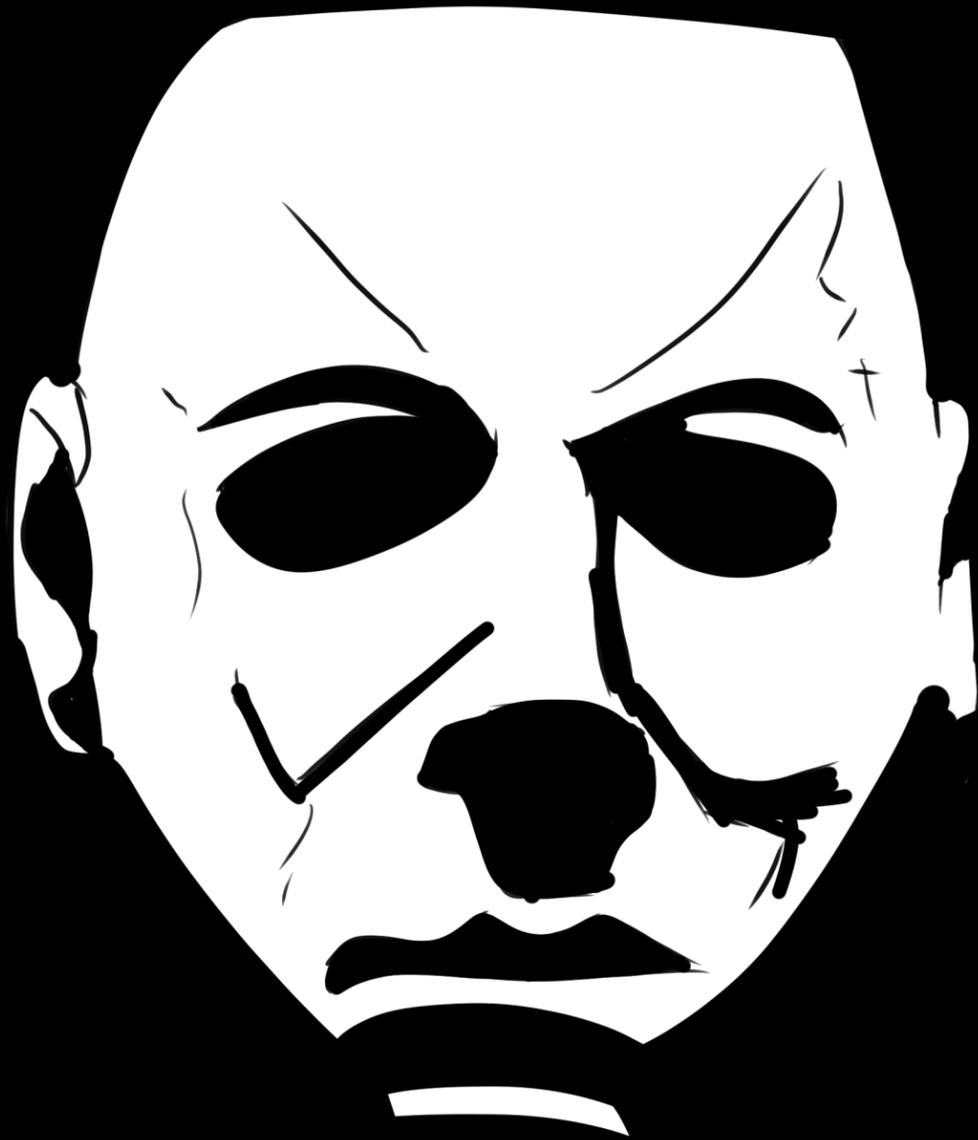
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### Lindsey Novak Assistant Professor of Agriculture



- 1. How many years have you been an educator?** 5th year, all of them at BSC
- 2. What is your favorite thing about BSC?** Family/ friendly oriented campus/ atmosphere.
- 3. What is your favorite thing about meeting new students?** Discovering their specific interests and helping them achieve their goals.
- 4. What do you want to do when you retire?** Spend time with family, travel and cook.
- 5. If you were stranded on an island, and could only bring 5 things, what would they be?** Food, water, shelter, husband, and kids.

# OPINION



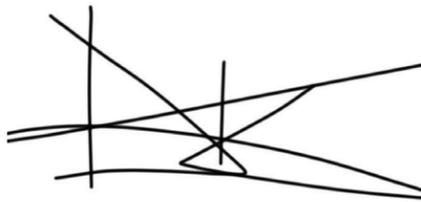
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MOVIE REVIEW**



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Procrastination. It's a killer. The only question I ask myself is why? Why do I do this to myself. I'm writing this the night before we take this to the printers because I pushed it off because I kept telling myself that "It doesn't take that long" and "I've got time to do it later". But now as I'm scrambling to get this paper assembled and taking valuable time out to write this letter. The bright side to this is that this gives me a topic to write on for my Letter from the Editor which is usually hard for me to think of because I don't like making my opinions known to the public let alone a newspaper. I really need to work on my procrastination, if any readers have suggestions let me know by emailing me at [bscmysticianeditor@bismarckstate.com](mailto:bscmysticianeditor@bismarckstate.com) or by stopping by the office in the Armory.

Until then I hope you enjoy this politically charged issue filled with some of the best content that we have had so far every issue is getting better.



Dylan Kahl

## GET YOUR SASS BACK TO CLASS

BY AMANDA JOYCE

Well it's officially November, and I'm ready to get this semester over with. It's not that I don't like school, because I do, otherwise I wouldn't be here right now.

I get to do so many amazing things through Bismarck State College that I otherwise would not get the opportunities to do. For example, I wouldn't get to be apart of Mystic Media, or be in Phi Theta Kappa as BSC's 2018-2019 president.

As amazing as all of that stuff is, with having so much on my plate, it's easy to get burnt out. Many people know I'm on my third year here at BSC, and I'm working on getting two more degrees before I officially graduate and move on to another school in May of 2019.

That means I'm constantly busy with school, extra curricular activities, my actual job, and trying to make time for myself.

I don't see my family or friends very much with this schedule. I usually go to school around 8:30 a.m. and stay at school until 7 p.m. or until my work is finished. On the days I work, I get done with school around 3 p.m., work from 4 -10 p.m., then go home, do homework, see my family for awhile and then go to bed.

What I'm trying to say, is that it's easy to get burnt out. I know that a lot of people feel the same way, because it's hard to try and juggle your school life, work life, and personal life all at the same time.

If you are feeling burnt out, I want you

to know that it is 100 percent acceptable to take a break for a moment. Whether your break is taking a bubble bath, playing a video game, listening to music, going out for dinner, or taking the night off and doing absolutely nothing.

We get so wrapped up in trying to plan for our futures, that we forget to enjoy the present. So since it's officially the holiday season, I want everyone to remember to take some time for themselves and do what you want to do.

Don't forget that our lives are still ahead of us and that we have time to do what we need. We'll miss out on a lot if we don't slow down for a moment and remember why we're doing what we're doing in the first place.

With that being said, I'm going to try and take more time to hang out with my family. Maybe I'll bake some cookies with my mom, watch a movie with my siblings, go have dinner with my dad, or take my fiance on a day trip somewhere.

Don't worry though, after taking that time off, I'll be right back where I am, doing exactly what I was doing before. I'm still going to take time for myself though, and I hope that everyone else does the same. However, after you take that time for yourself, I suggest you hit the books to start studying for finals, and like always, get your sass back to class.

## STAFF ED

More education isn't a bad thing, so long as it doesn't impede on BSC's current academic offerings. BSC is the perfect place to become a polytechnic and for offering bachelor of applied science (BAS) degrees. It is a great jumping off point for anyone in the newly offered education.

When talking to BSC alumni, most agree on the common phrase, "I wish it was a four-year school." BSC is a step closer to achieving that. It is a great opportunity for the school along with the community. It will be affordable and attainable.

BSC is a stepping stone for those who may not know what area they want to study. After students are here for two years, some want to stay rather than transferring. This is because they became accustomed to the setting of a small college environment.

With BSC on its way to becoming a four-year polytechnic, it will draw more people in that are seeking that four year degree. These students will be able to take advantage of the internships and full and part time jobs in the Bismarck area.

Even though that Bismarck State College hasn't been officially recognized as a polytechnic institution, it is still an incredible move for the future. This decision will bring in

more students from around the state and those who are closer to the Bismarck area as they won't have to travel a far distance.

BSC has been categorized as a temporary settlement for undecided college students. If BSC becomes a four-year polytechnic institution, this stigma will be alleviated. BSC's low tuition combined with advanced technical degrees is a potent combo that is worth considering.

It is exciting that students will have the opportunity to learn more in their chosen fields of study. One area of concern to students relates to the possible increase of tuition when BSC becomes a polytechnic. We hope that will be taken under consideration as the school moves forward.

BSC adding more four year programs is opening students up to more opportunities. Hopefully, within a few more years, BSC will have more four year programs making it more of an option for students that were looking for the four year, but not wanting to have to relocate.

While BSC is still working to get all their ducks in a row for them to officially become a polytechnic, students are excited for the future of the college.

## HALLOWEEN MOVIE REVIEW

BY JUSTINE EMILY SMITH

Executive producer, John Carpenter, teams up with leading producer, Jason Blum, to create Halloween's finest film of horror.

In the original movie, Michael Myers was a disturbed child that one day snapped, killing his big sister, Judith, on Halloween night. This installment of the story takes us 40 years later, to when Michael comes back to finish the job.

He stalks through the town of Haddonfield, like the boogie man, killing any teenage babysitter that gets in his way.

Jamie Lee Curtis returns as Laurie Strode in a role that screams women empowerment. She has waited for years to finish what Michael started, and to get rid of him for good. She still sees him as the masked boogie man, someone that has haunted her dreams since high school. Now he's returned once again on Halloween night.

Over the years, Laurie has managed to slip away from Michael every time. However, now she is prepared for her worst nightmares to come to life. Little does Michael know, Laurie is smarter and stronger than ever. By using guns, knives and traps, she makes her own

personal house of hell for Michael.

There are two actors that play Michael in this newest Halloween, Nick Castle and James Jude Courtney. Castle played Michael in the original 1978 movie, where he was first made into a masked killer.

According to an article on Vulture, Courtney got all his performance tips from a good friend, who happened to be a hitman. Freaky stuff right? With the guy that has no lines in the movie, he really has a lot to say.

This Halloween is number 11, but is a direct sequel to the original. I expected big kills, and jump scares, but this movie is all about the hunt. With close up shots making intense moments even bigger, plus keeping original kills for the Halloween fans, this movie is serial killer modernized.

One scene I missed that was in the original, was Michael standing on the sidewalk with the classic Halloween theme song. This scene to me is so simple, but it's a thriller.

I don't want to give away all the good parts of the movie, but this Halloween is hands down the best horror movie of 2018. If you don't believe me, you guys will have to check it out for yourselves.

## SMALL TOWN STRUGGLES

BY MACHAELA GERMANN

I was lucky enough to attend the Ed Sheeran concert in October at the Fargodome. The night was amazing and I had a great time screaming all the lyrics at the top of my lungs. What wasn't amazing was the traffic to get into the concert.

If I had a penny for every time I said "I hate driving," I would be able to afford a private jet to fly, instead of drive.

There is so much stress involved in driving. I have to be aware of the speed (which no one follows), being aware of surrounding cars and also be able to jam to my music.

Obviously with a concert going on there is going to be traffic. The problem arises when there are hundreds of people driving to same area. Everyone has the same mind-

set of "I just want to get to a good parking spot." Every man, woman and child must fend for themselves.

"No sir you cannot just merge in front of me, you should have gotten in the lane a mile back like everyone else."

Of course, the road rage is real at this point because I could have gotten out of the vehicle and walked faster to the dome than the traffic was moving. Plus people who were privileged enough to already park their vehicles are no weaving in and out of cars. When I am a pedestrian, I walk with 110 percent confidence out in front of cars because one, I have the right away, and two hit me, I would love to sue. Butw when I am the one in the car, I become upset because how dare people just

casually walk in front of the vehicle. It's just asking me to hit them.

After waiting (which is difficult to do with low patience) it finally becomes our turn to park. All rules of parking are off at this point. I don't care if I can't open up my door, I'll crawl over to the other side. I'm not searching for the best spot. The first open spot is good enough because the main goal is to inside and enjoy the concert, not have the best parking spot of the concert.

Even though the traffic sucked, I would go through all of it again to listen to Ed Sheeran sing and say Fargo in a British accent for two hours.

## NOT GETTING SCAMMED

BY MORGAN DRAKE

Around a month ago, someone on Craigslist contacted me about a listing I posted for a computer. The computer was old and I was only selling it to make a buck off some old hardware.

This person contacted me and asked if I would be able to take a check for the computer. I said that I could. It seemed everything was going fine.

The check came on a weekend and my bank was closed, but the person who sent it was adamant that I ship the computer ASAP. The more they insisted, the more suspicious I was. Eventually, when I got to my bank, the check came back with no money in its account. I had narrowly avoided a scam.

Scams like this are common, especially on the internet. People try

to take advantage of others, since they think they'll never get caught with the anonymous nature of the internet acting as their shield. This, however, can also protect you.

Keep your information private. Never take a picture with your credit or debit card visible and never take a picture of your keys. It is very easy to make replica keys from a high resolution photo.

The next thing is being aware of phone scams. The FBI will never ask you to pay a fine in order to avoid jail time. Experion will never choose you to be part of a credit card program. No company will ever ask you to purchase anything with a prepaid card. Most importantly, if you ever win the lottery, you will never have to pay any fees out of your own pocket in order to

claim the winnings. These are all examples of very common phone calls, some of which I have received personally.

If you keep all of these tips in mind, you should be able to keep yourself safe. But there is one most important thing to be aware of, and that is your bank account.

Even if you think you're safe, even if you think no one is interested in your finances, always check your bank account just in case. Make sure you know where your debit or credit card is at all times, and never let anyone else use it. Just by using these tips, you should be able to stay safe from

scams and theft.

## DEAR MILLENNIALS

BY JUSTINE SMITH

There's a new generation in town. The generation of multitasking, selfies and security. If you are confused on your age timeline let me clear it up for you.

Millennials age range is from years 1981 to 1995. Anyone born after the year 1995 is known as Generation Z. I would have to say, I feel old as a millennial, but being older isn't always a bad thing. We're the wiser ones, millennials. We can teach these young pups a thing or two.

It can be hard to tell between the two generations (millennials and Gen Z). One big similarity that ties us all together is technology. Millennials saw the turning point of the electronic generation, while Gen Z kids never knew what it was like to grow up without a cell phone.

Another similarity is customization. Millennials like to do their own thing. Customizing their t-shirts, cars and career paths, making every level the same.

According to Inc., 62 percent of Gen Z would like to customize their career paths rather than having the organization laid out for them.

Millennials grew up in a generation in a recession. We care about prices more than others. I won't go to American Eagle for a pair of jeans when I can get cute, reasonable price at Kohls or JCPenney. Not having the top brands isn't our biggest concern. But, we're not that great at saving our money either. Gen Z will most likely be comfortable with their funds, and retire faster than millennials will.

Gen Zs are always looking for the newest, smartest thing. They can focus on multiple tasks, making that time go by faster. For example, when high schoolers today write a paper, they might start it on their iPad, while looking up research on their phone, and snapchatting at the same time. I'm just happy I remembered to study for my math test yesterday.

Neither millennials or Gen Z are better than the other. We really are so close together that we learn everything the same way. We have no idea what technology can teach us in the future.

We are evolving in everything. I'm a little scared, but excited to see what the next generation has in store for us.

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# SPORTS



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## DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE CROSSHAIRS

BY MACHAELA GERMANN

Be prepared to see a lot of empty seats in class on Friday, Nov. 9 for opening weekend of deer season.

For many hunters, opening day is considered a national holiday in its own right so they will be out at the crack of dawn waiting. With many eager hunters out to bag the biggest buck, make sure the squad has everything they need before the trip starts.

Every hunter should have their hunter safety information with them. It is crucial that anyone handling a gun is knowledgeable on how to safely use it. With any questions regarding hunter safety, go to the North Dakota Game and Fish website where information can be found.

The first thing to pack for the road is all the paperwork. Keep all the tags and licenses together so that they are readily available.

Immediately after the animal has been

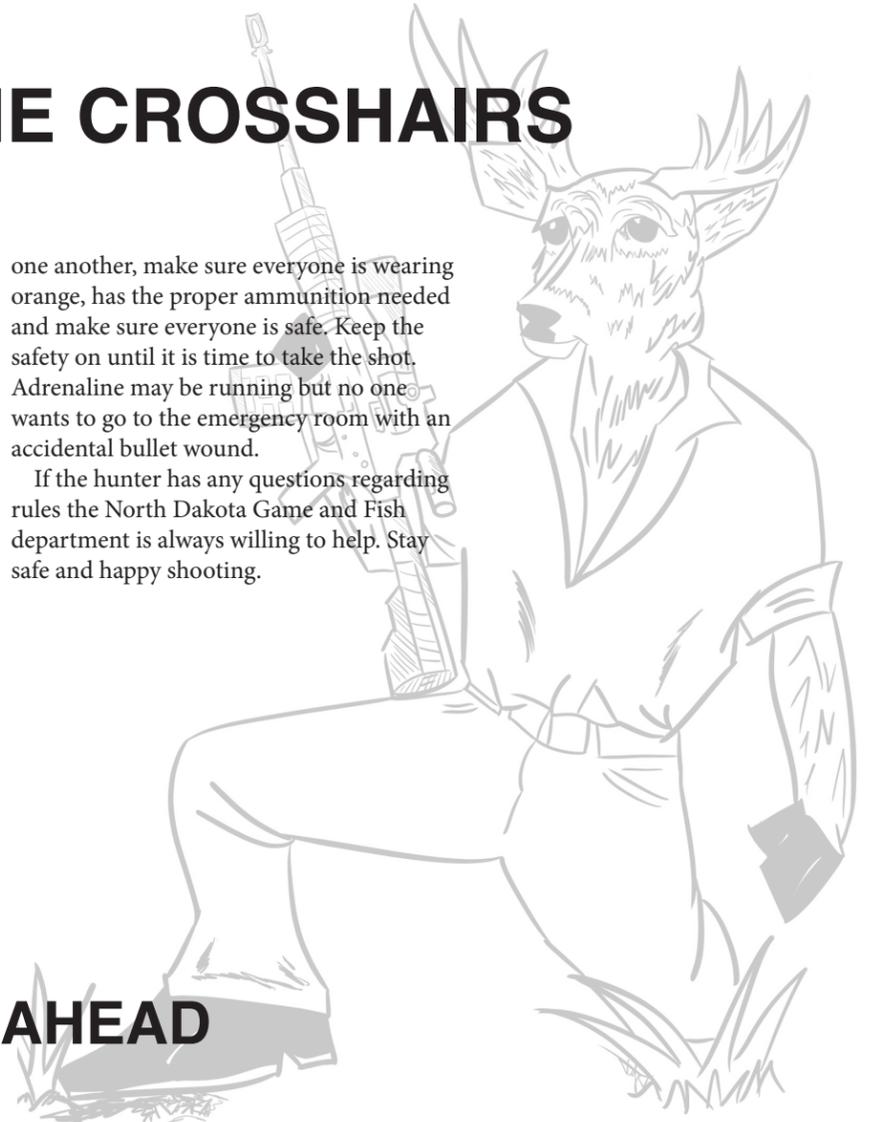
killed, the hunter must tag the base of the antler or stick the tag through the slit in the ear with the days date. The hunter is required to have their license in order to kill a deer. Without these, the hunter can kiss Bambi's dad goodbye.

Another thing to double check is the unit the hunter will be in. Make sure to stay in the unit unless permitted otherwise. Always obey private property signs. For everyone, it is illegal to hunt on posted ground unless given consent, without it the hunter can be suspended for a year. It is also illegal to hunt within one-quarter mile of an occupied house without the home owners consent. Hunters must be aware of where ranch animals may be such as cows and horses.

When hunting in a group make sure everyone is on the same page. Look out for

one another, make sure everyone is wearing orange, has the proper ammunition needed and make sure everyone is safe. Keep the safety on until it is time to take the shot. Adrenaline may be running but no one wants to go to the emergency room with an accidental bullet wound.

If the hunter has any questions regarding rules the North Dakota Game and Fish department is always willing to help. Stay safe and happy shooting.



## THE NFL HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD

BY DYLAN BINDER

Before the recent 2018 National Football League (NFL) Draft, many critics and sports experts believed that the NFL's future was doomed. There were very few start quarterbacks in recent drafts and the last good quarterback draft was in 2004.

People believed that after this draft class retired, the NFL would plummet in ratings. Fans would watch the more college leagues, or start watching the XFL, a football league that mixes entertainment with football. But with the quarterback draft of 2018, the NFL has begun to grow.

The NFL's ratings have dropped for the past three years with the opening kickoff steadily dropping since 2015. However, with the recent draft class quarterbacks such as Baker Mayfield, Sam Darnold, Josh Allen and Josh Rosen, many NFL market-

ing executives believed that ratings would improve.

The NFL is star-driven, and the quarterback is arguably the most important position in football; fans watch their teams solely because of them. Inconsistent quarterback plays can lead to people not wanting to watch their teams.

Other people watch NFL games only because of the unique and daring mentality of the top quarterbacks in the league. The teams that drafted quarterbacks this years have had wildly inconsistent plays, and have become small-market teams.

The quarterbacks drafted this year are expected to solve this issue, while also providing fans with enthralling and exciting gameplay. Yet, none of them were expected to start. Whether by injury, bad play by

the starting quarterback or beating out the starter, Mayfield, Darnold, Allen and Rosen are starting.

All of them have won a game, and they all have pumped life into their teams that drafted them. The ratings for these teams have also increased, and will continue to increase as their careers go on.

The NFL may not be as fun and exciting as college football. It may not be focused solely on entertainment like the XFL, but the NFL delivers a product that matches the best with the best.

With this quarterback class, the league will remain competitive for a long time, and we can all enjoy the National Football League with our friends and family for many years to come.

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If you are interested in having your own show, participating in live events, or just have music suggestions, feel free to visit the station in the basement of the NECE building or email Cole or Emily.

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## Top 5 Spooky Songs of The Month

1. Spooky Scary Skeletons- Andrew Gold
2. This is Halloween- Marilyn Manson
3. Time Warp- The Rocky Horror Picture Show
4. Thriller- Michael Jackson
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