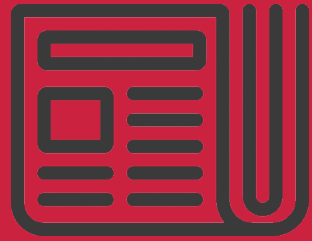


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THE GOOD.
THE BAD.
THE COACH OF THE YEAR.

THE MYSTICS MAKE A MAGICAL RUN

BSC Campus Police escort the Mystics Volleyball team as they leave for the Northwest Plains District Championship in Columbus, Neb. on Thursday, Nov. 3. The Mystics would go on to beat Central Community College and punch their ticket to the NJCAA Division II National Championship Tournament.

(Credit: Zachary Weiland)

BSC HOSTS TRANSFER FAIR AS NDUS SEES FLUX IN ENROLLMENT

By Ben Thompson
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

College enrollment numbers have been dwindling recently as many colleges around the state have been struggling to get students to enroll in their institutions.

Bismarck State College hosted a Transfer Fair on Nov. 2 in the Student Union. Students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from various 4-year colleges in the area to talk about transfer information, degree plans and how to pursue a 4-year degree after finishing at BSC.

Dickinson State University representative Nicky Kadrmys noted that more and more students are choosing to go straight into the workforce after high school.

“I think nowadays people are more money cautious. They want to save up before they go to school so that they work for a few years and then they come into school. They don’t want to take out too many loans,” Kadrmys said.

Colleges tend to see an increase in applications after transfer fairs according to Kadrmys.

“After the fairs, our applications do go up. They talk to us and then they go and apply, but most times, BSC’s advisors are really good at talking to their students and asking them where they want to go and say, ‘Oh these schools

	Percentage Difference		
	Headcount	Credit Hour	FTE
BSC	6.26%	3.21%	3.18%
DCB	-7.06%	-10.69%	-10.57%
DSU	4.10%	0.16%	0.09%
LRSC	3.58%	0.77%	0.76%
MaSU	-4.18%	-4.19%	-3.80%
MiSU	-2.08%	-3.39%	-3.35%
NDSCS	5.00%	5.03%	1.72%
NDSU	-1.76%	-1.43%	-1.47%
UND	0.76%	-0.72%	-0.76%
VCSU	-1.66%	-1.33%	-1.56%
WSC	1.76%	-3.19%	-3.29%
Total	0.37%	-0.76%	-1.00%

have these degrees,’ so I have a lot of students who actually apply way before this [Transfer Fair],” Kadrmys said.

BSC has not seen a decrease in enrollment numbers, however, as BSC’s Director of Admissions and Recruitment Anne Seidler has said.

“Actually, our most recent enrollment numbers for the Fall 2022 semester showed great growth in both headcount (+6.2%) and credit hours (+3.21%) over Fall 2021,” said Seidler. “This was the largest increase of all 11 institutions in the North Dakota Uni-

versity System.”

BSC has experienced decreased enrollment numbers in prior academic years, Seidler added, but BSC launched the Strategic Enrollment Management plan two years ago. The plan is aimed at ending a 10-year enrollment decline at BSC.

“BSC is fortunate that we aren’t facing the same enrollment declines that many institutions across the country are facing today. We attribute much of this to our new polytechnic education model, career pathway options, and the

way we deliver the education and the results our students are seeking when they come here,” Seidler said.

BSC has also been making changes in the institution to help get more enrollment and to help workforce needs in the community.

“As an answer to the needs of our community and workforce, BSC launched 24 new degree programs in Fall 2022, including two bachelor’s degrees. And new programs continue to be developed. Also, our partnerships with K-12 school districts have increased early entry and dual credit opportunities at BSC, giving high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. BSC saw a 46% increase in the number of high school students taking early entry and dual credit courses in Fall 2022,” said Seidler. “We will continue to expand these opportunities to high schoolers in North and South Dakota.”

“BSC is also cognizant of being a place for success for all learners by offering flexible program offerings to serve adult learners and part-time students balancing work, family and life commitments. It is wonderful to see the impact and the number of lives BSC touches as a college, for not only our community, but also our state and beyond,” Seidler said in her final comment.



BSC BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE POLYTECHNIC BUILDING BISMARCK, ND
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Renderings of the polytechnic education center that is planned to open in fall of 2024. (Credit: Provided)

NEWS BRIEFS

BSC BREAKS GROUND ON POLYTECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

Hands clapped in the Basin Electric Auditorium inside the Basin Electric Energy of Excellence during a groundbreaking ceremony.

BSC unveiled renderings and ground was broken on the planned polytechnic education center. The \$38 million building started construction early this month and will be opened in fall of 2024.

The ceremony featured words from BSC President Doug Jensen and North Dakota Governor Doug Bergum.

The project comes as BSC pushes more towards polytechnic education. The North Dakota State Board of Higher Education approved a charter to designate BSC as a polytechnic institution in 2018.

Governor Bergum signed Senate Bill 2345 on Nov. 15, 2021 allocating money to the project.

In a statement released by BSC, campus officials say the project is substantial and provides the resources necessary to expand academic programs and educational services to address the trends and needs of our students, communities and industry workforce.

HOW TO BE PREPARED FOR SPRING 2023

As the fall 2022 semester comes to an end, make sure you are ready for holiday break and spring 2023.

Registration has been open since October. Students that haven’t registered for classes should schedule a meeting with their advisor to make sure they have the classes they need.

Students who are renting textbooks will have to return them to the BSC Bookstore. Textbook buyback opens on Monday, Dec. 12 and run through Friday, Dec. 16.

While there, students can also start picking up their textbooks for next semester. Students can also order textbooks on the BSC Bookstore website.

That week is also finals week. Students looking for help with outstanding homework or other coursework can visit Sykes Student Success Center.

Students can find Sykes in the basement of Jack Science Center.





Student Fees



By Finn McMerty
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

When going to college, the cost can be intimidating. Looking at the cost of a semester, not only is there tuition to pay but many different fees as well. These fees can be confusing or seem pointless and it can be pretty hard to track down what they all mean. More importantly it can be difficult to understand how they impact the student.

The fees one pays on top of tuition are broken down into the College Fee, the Student Government Association Fee and the Mandatory Fee.

The college fee includes things like student life, athletics and safety and security. These are costs that allow BSC to provide the main things expected at a college or university. Student Government Association advisor Catherine Brule explains how these fees are broken down.

“The college fee is overseen by the Executive Council, it’s really them that work with [the college fee], but as student government we get to tell them what we think about it, and they do take our voice into consideration,” Brule said.

In the breakdown available on BSC’s website, the average mandatory fee for students is \$40.67 per credit

hour. This includes access to the different technological services provided by BSC. \$20.73 per credit hour goes to the college fee, and \$2.33 per credit hour goes to the SGA fee.

The fee also includes a cost that allows the college to offer memberships to the Wellness Center for free as well. This fee is not changed unless necessary and the SGA has no say in this fee whatsoever.

These costs max out at 12 credits. If less than 12 credits are taken, fees are only paid on the credits taken up to the max of 12 credits.

Fees directly help BSC’s music and publication scene. This support is what allows these programs to exist on campus for students.

SGA is in charge of maintaining the fee they receive, so it is important that they reach out to all the areas the money goes to and make sure that it is getting used to its fullest potential.

This way SGA makes sure that the allocation of the money students pay for the fee is current and up to date. By staying in touch, SGA can assure that programs are always getting the funding they need, even as the needs of programs change.

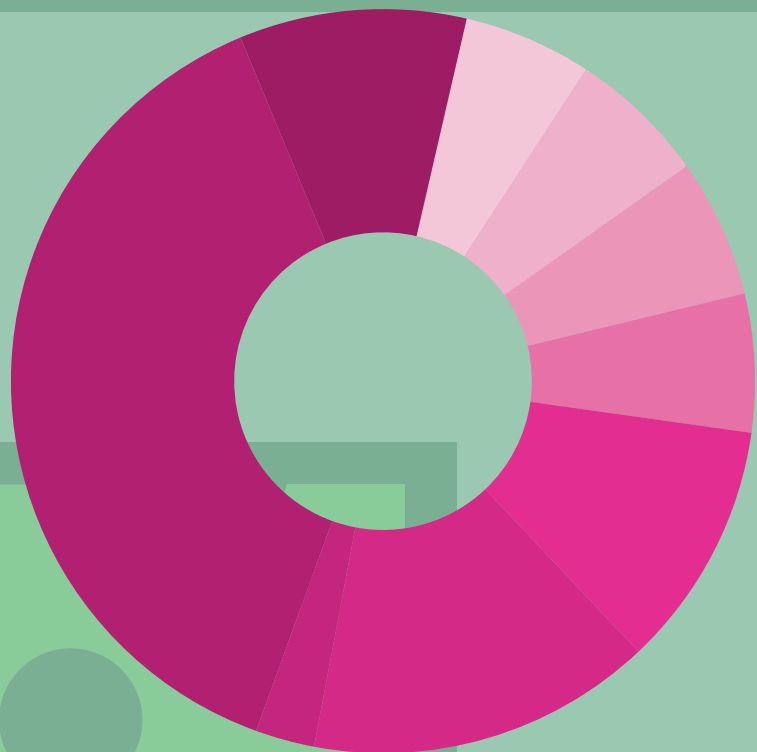
Student Government Fees



TOTAL SGA FEES

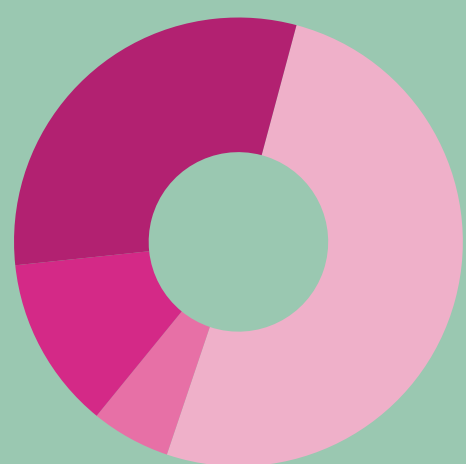
\$2.33

COST/ CREDIT ON FIRST 12 CREDITS



- Intramurals
- Choral Music
- Drama
- Instrumental Music
- Student Publications
- Student Government Association
- Special Projects
- Student Activities
- Student Organizations

Where Does the Money Go?



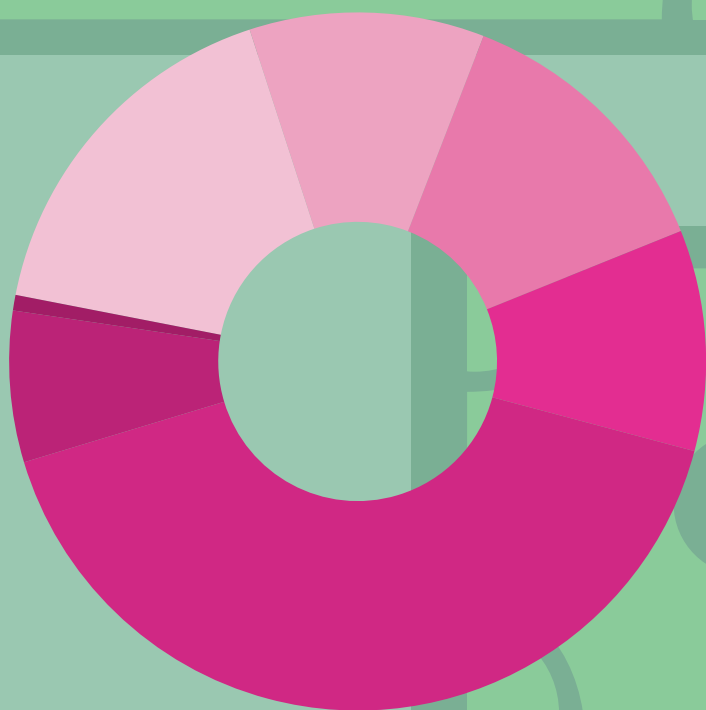
- College Fees
- Student Government Fees
- Technology Related Costs
- Wellness Center Fee

TOTAL STUDENT FEES
\$40.67
 COST/ CREDIT ON FIRST 12 CREDITS

\$12.54
 TECHNOLOGY FEES

\$ 5.07
 WELLNESS CENTER FEE

College Fees



Student Union - Operations	3.52
Student Life	2.26
Athletics	2.70
Safety & Security	2.12
Student Union Bond Requirement	8.54
Parking Lot Improvement & Repairs	1.45
BSC Alumni Association	0.15

- Student Union Operations
- Student Life
- Athletics
- Safety & Security
- Student Union Bond Retirement
- Parking Lot Improvement/Repairs
- BSC Alumni Association

TOTAL COLLEGE FEES
\$20.73
 COST/ CREDIT ON FIRST 12 CREDITS

NEWS

SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER WHILE DRIVING THIS WINTER

By Irie Townsend
MYSTIC MEDIA CREW/REPORTER

Slow down, be aware and stay in control. Those are some of the many skills needed to be prepared for driving in the upcoming winter weather. Every road is slippery during winter, but there are certain roads where people need to be careful.

There are two different types of driving: in town driving and on the road traveling. There are ways to prepare for each differently.

“In town, you should definitely allow for extra time especially now with the snow falling,” Campus Police Chief Matt Giddings said. “Students, staff and faculty should always plan extra time for when they’re trying to travel to and from campus or if they’re traveling longer distances.”

Always think and watch out for intersections; they are usually the iciest. It is advised to be aware of this and stop or slow down farther back then when road conditions are normal. Make sure if sliding to pump the brakes.

“Intersections typically are where people are starting and stopping all the time. So when their exhaust hits the ground it forms condensation and then creates ice,” Giddings said.

The BSC campus is built on top of a hill with beautiful views, but driving is not always convenient at all times.

“In order to get up here in either direction you have to go up a hill,” Giddings said. “A lot of people that don’t have four-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive vehicles find themselves getting stuck in some areas.”

Certain roads on campus are even

harder to drive on due to ice and the slope of the road. Edwards Avenue is especially difficult because of the hills on both sides of the street.

“We have lots and lots of calls for the road over by Swenson Hall going down Edwards Avenue. That is a very notoriously bad hill for trying to get up when it’s icy,” Giddings said.

Another road that Giddings said people should avoid is College Drive.

A potential for danger is at the numerous street crossings on campus. Pedestrians should be aware of vehicles and vice versa. There are times when a car slides and can’t stop right away.

“Part of it also would be to make sure you identify yourself as a pedestrian when you’re coming up to a crosswalk,” Giddings said. “Look, make eye contact with the driver, especially when it’s icy outside because they may be trying to stop but they may not be able to.”

Snow removal is delegated between the campus and the city. BSC is responsible for maintaining sidewalks and parking lots while the City of Bismarck is responsible for clearing roads.

“Typically if we notice the city streets are getting a little snow filled or icy, we’ll get a hold of the city street department and public works,” Giddings said.

Regardless of how much work goes into clearing roads and sidewalks, they can still be slippery.

WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES AT BSC

WHEN TO EXPECT A CLOSURE.

- Typical winter snowfall or low temperatures are normally not reasons to close BSC
- Significant amounts of snow may warrant a delayed start
- Snow combines with severe wind chills or blizzard conditions may warrant closing BSC

If campus is closed due to weather, all classes and events will be canceled, and offices closed.

CLOSURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY 6AM ON THE DAY OF CLOSURE.

- Text
- Phone call
- BSC Email
- BSC official Facebook and Twitter feeds
- The BSC website: Bismarckstate.edu
- Local and regional media outlets including radio and television

DEPARTMENTS/SERVICES OPEN DURING CLOSURES:

- BSC Food Services
- BSC Police Department
- BSC Housing: On-call Resident Hall Coordinators and Assistants
- BSC Police Department Call 224-2700



WINTER DRIVING facts

24% of weather-related vehicle crashes occur on snowy, slushy, or icy pavement.

\$ Winter road maintenance accounts for about 20 percent of state DOT maintenance budgets.

State and local agencies spend more than **\$2.3 BILLION** on snow and ice control operations annually.

CALL 511 This is a national telephone service for drivers to get the information they need to travel safely on the roads. **It provides weather and road information, road construction reports, and road restrictions.**

SEATBELTS SAVE AN ESTIMATE OF **15,000 LIVES** EACH YEAR.

WINTER SURVIVAL kit

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Ice scraper and brush
- A cell phone
- Jacket, gloves, and a hat
- A first aid kit
- A blanket
- Food and water
- A small shovel
- Jumper cables

IT TAKES **10x** LONGER TO STOP ON SNOWY ROADS.

Information by Federal Highway Administration, USDOT, and NDDOT.



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MYSTICS VOLLEYBALL GOES TO NATIONALS



A line of Mystic volleyball players exchange pregame high fives before a match against Dickinson State on Aug. 29, 2022. (Credit: Zachary Weiland)

By Ash Presser
MYSTIC MEDIA CREW/REPORTER

Bismarck State College's women's volleyball team bumped, set and spiked their way to victory; making it to regionals, then the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Tournament.

The Mystics took on the Central Community College Raiders in Columbus, Neb. during the Northwest Plains District Playoffs. After losing the first two sets in the five-set match, they won the game, earning their spot at nationals.

The victory marked the third time BSC volleyball has gone to nationals.

Head Coach Kyle Kuether was awarded Coach of the Year after the Mystics' victory at the Mon-Dak Conference. He said that it's an honor to receive the award, but it's a reflection of the team and their accomplishments, since they're the ones who played and won the game.

"We're definitely a high energy team. The team loves to have fun. Just keeping that energy that it's just a game to have fun — I think that's our biggest strength," Kuether said.

Middle hitter Jenna Rust is a super-sophomore who's been playing volleyball for BSC for two years. She said her favorite part of volleyball is the atmosphere.

"How the crowds and the fans just get jacked up about any kind of point. Just that kind of support is what I feed off of," she said.

Outside hitter Madelyn Jennings has been playing volleyball at BSC for two years. She said that the team has a lot of confidence and trust in each other when they are on the court.

"We just do our jobs a lot of the time, and we have confidence in each other that we're just going to play as a team and just get us further in the season," Jennings said.

The Mystics took on Cowley County Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the opening match of the NJCAA Division II National Volleyball Championships. They were defeated 3-1.

Their season came to an end with a 3-1 loss to Muskegon Community College in the consolation round. The Mystics finished their successful season with a 33-5 record.

"I would describe [this season] as unreal and just outstanding with what we've been able to accomplish as a team," Defensive specialist Kiara Johnson said.

Kuether said he is thankful to the BSC community for supporting the team and coming to games and send-offs this season.

"It's just awesome. It brings a sense of family to the team; it's not just our team. It's like everybody's just really rallying around us and it's awesome," Kuether said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BSC'S SKJOD COMPETES AT NJCAA NATIONALS

Running on just a few hours of sleep following a nightmare travel day due to the blizzard that had postponed his flight to Florida, Bismarck State College freshman Raine Skjod finished 112th Saturday in the NJCAA national cross-country championship in Tallahassee, Fla.

Skjod, the only BSC runner at the meet in the program's first season, completed the 8K course at Apalachee Regional Park in 29:45. The field consisted of more than 220 runners, including Mon-Dak Conference rival Connor Chase of Dawson Community College. Chase was 135th in 30:38.

Skjod's flight was delayed due to the blizzard that struck Bismarck-Mandan on Friday. He did not arrive at his hotel until 12:30 a.m. Saturday morning and was at the course before 8 a.m.

Skjod's qualified for nationals by meeting a standard set by Dietrich prior to the start of the season. His best time this season was 28:10.

MYSTIC'S VOLLEYBALL PLAYER BEASLEY GIVEN SPECIAL HONOR

BSC sophomore setter Cam Beasley was named an NJCAA Honorable Mention for All-American.

Beasley played a leading part in the Mystic's 33-5 season, a season that found them in the National Tournament.

Beasley played all 38 matches, and racked up 1,266 assists in what will be her final season for the Mystics. She also finished this season with 86 service aces, 350 digs and 40 kills.

Over her Mystics career, Beasley tallied 86 service aces, 350 digs and 80 kills. She amassed 2,246 assists over two years.

Beasley had a .2365 career hitting percentage.

Along with this honor, Beasley was named Mon-Dak Conference and Region XIII Most Valuable Player this season.

Beasley was named to the all-conference and all-region teams.

Consider Communications

COMM 272 Advanced Video Production:

Learn to use video as an effective form of communication. Work as a crewmember of the student video production *MystiCast*. TTh 1 p.m.

COMM 283 Video lab: *MystiCast*

TTh 2:30 p.m.

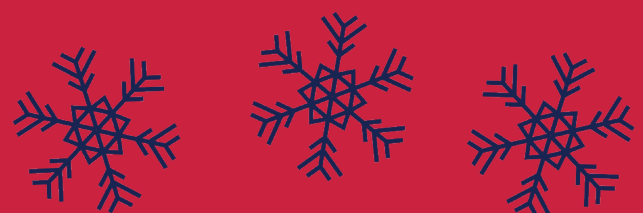
COMM 206 Digital Communications Fundamentals:

Learn the basics of Adobe CC software and create portfolio productions.

TTh 9 a.m.



Spring Semester 2023



SPORTS

WINTER ACTIVITIES TO DO THIS SEASON: BSC INTERMURALS

By Emily Tryon
MYSTIC MEDIA /REPORTER

Amanda Morse is a Residence Hall Coordinator at Bismarck State College, and she also helps implement Intramural Sports on the BSC Campus.

“Intramurals are a great way for students to compete in different sports, meet new people, and have a good time,” Morse said. “Intramurals is a great way for students to be involved on campus while participating in exercise and good competitive fun.”

Intramural registration runs through a platform called IMLeagues. All BSC and collaborative students are able to register for events through the IMLeagues website.

“I send out emails and we hang up flyers when registrations are open and when they’re near the close,” Morse said. “Intramural sports are sponsored through student fees, so any registered student can participate for free.”

- ◇ Sledding
- ◇ Ice-skating
- ◇ Snowmobile
- ◇ Skiing
- ◇ Snowboarding
- ◇ Make gourmet hot chocolate
- ◇ Make snow angels
- ◇ Make a snowman
- ◇ Create a snow fort
- ◇ Have a snowball fight
- ◇ Play ice hockey
- ◇ Build snow tunnels
- ◇ Relax in a hot tub
- ◇ Eat lefse

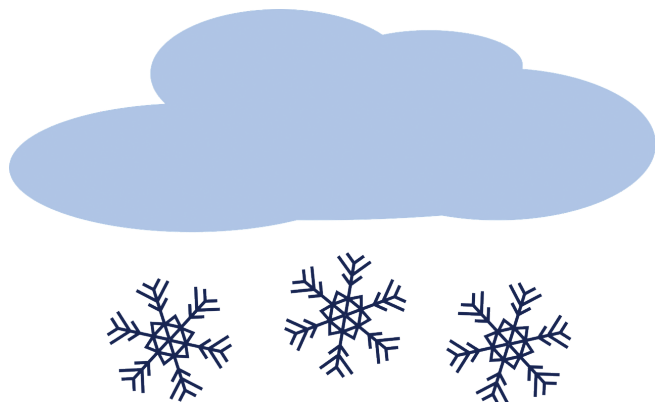
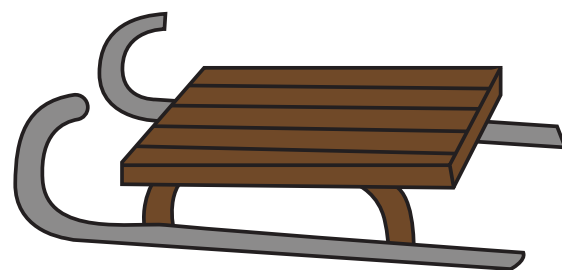
Depending on the sport, they might play at the Armory, Midway Lanes in Mandan, the Community Bowl, or the Four Seasons Golf Dome.

“This year we had Co-Ed Basketball, a Billiards Tournament, and are currently in our Bowling League,” Morse said.

Sports such as Co-Ed Volleyball, Cornhole and Bowling will be held in the spring.



A snowman overlooks part of the frisbee golf course on the BSC campus. (Credit: Amber Kaiser)



THE MYX ON-AIR SCHEDULE

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:00	Pop	R & B	Alternative	Hip Hop	Rock	Blues	Alternative
8:00	Country	Taylor	Pop	R&B	Alternative	E.V Podcast	contemporary
9:00	Ash	Zachary	Seth	MyxTalk 2	Ash	Amy	Rock
10:00	Hip Hop	Humanities	Irie	Zachary	Hip Hop	MyxTalk 1	Hip Hop
11:00	Taylor	MyxTalk 1	R & B	Blues	Country	Irie	Country
12:00	Humanities	Country	Amy	Humanities	MyxTalk 1	R & B	Humanities
13:00	Alternative	Seth	Blues	Hip Hop	Taylor	Ash	Seth
14:00	Pop	Blues	Alternative	MyxTalk 1	Pop	Humanities	Blues
15:00	Zachary	Ash	Zachary	alternative	Seth	MyxTalk2	Alternative
16:00	R&B	MyxTalk 2	pop	Irie	Amy	Blues	Rock
17:00	Contemporary	Rock	Taylor	alternative	Hip Hop	R & B	Irie
18:00	Alternative	Amy	Hip Hop	Taylor	Blues	Zachary	Alternative
19:00	Hip Hop	contemporary	Alternative	Pop	Hip Hop	Alternative	R&B
20:00	Amy	Country	Country	Seth	MyxTalk 2	Country	contemporary
21:00	Blues	Irie	R & B	Blues	contemporary	Alternative	Country
22:00	Pop	Blues	Ash	Rock	R & B	contemporary	Hip Hop
23:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random
0:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random
1:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random
2:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random
3:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random
4:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random
5:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random
6:00	random	random	random	random	random	random	random

MENS DECEMBER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri. 2	Dickinson State University JV	7:30 PM CST	Home
Fri. 9	University of Jamestown JV	7:30 PM CST	Home
Sun. 11	Dakota College at Bottineau	2:00 PM CST	Home
Sat. 17	Anoka-Ramsey Community College	7:00 PM CST	
Sun. 18	Rochester Community and Technical College	12:00 PM CST	
Thu. 29	Cochise College @ Pima CC	1:00 PM CST	
Fri. 30	Pima Community College	3:00 PM CST	

WOMENS DECEMBER BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Fri. 2	Dickinson State University JV	5:30 PM CST	Home
Fri. 9	University of Jamestown JV	5:30 PM CST	Home
Sun. 11	Dakota College at Bottineau	12:00 PM CST	Home
Sat. 17	Anoka-Ramsey Community College	5:00 PM CST	
Sun. 18	Rochester Community and Technical College	10:00 AM CST	
Thu. 29	Pima Community College	9:00 PM CST	
Fri. 30	Mesa Community College	5:00 PM CST	
Sat. 31	Cochise College	7:00 PM CST	

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ART PROFESSOR SHARES HER TALES

By Emily Tryon
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

The first thing a student walking into Assistant Professor of Art and Art Gallery Coordinator Andrea Fagerstrom's office will notice is her hands. Her hands are covered with a dye derived from the leaves of the henna plant. When applied to the skin it can create temporary tattoos.

Fagerstrom has worked at Bismarck State College since spring of 2009. She teaches a variety of visual art classes including Introduction to Visual Arts, Two-Dimension Design, Art History

and Drawing.

She grew up in Riverdale, N.D. and went to school in Fargo for her undergraduate at North Dakota State University.

She earned her graduate degree in art at University of Montana–Missoula. To her, art is a passion.

"Working here allows me to share the joy of creating artwork, which deepens the experience of being here on this planet," Fagerstrom said. "Art is a lifelong skill that will follow those of us lucky enough to get to old age. I get to meet and work with people in a wide variety of disciplines and every day is

different."

Fagerstrom said her favorite art styles are narrative which she sees as a broad category.

"I enjoy artwork that I get an emotional reaction to—artwork that is narrative and tells a story. The kind that pulls you into a different world," she said. "I also love artwork that has a sense of play—I love play. I tend to lean towards artwork that is a bit broken from reality, a bit abstracted."

Most artists have a piece of art that brings them joy or strong emotions. Her current favorite artwork is a series of works by Lino Azevedo called



Andrea Fagerstrom is Assistant Professor of Art at Bismarck State College.

"Raphael Lobotomy". The series shines a light on society's unhealthy attitudes towards consumerism.

The series also explores the negative aspects of the technology meant to connect us.

"I love the content of his artwork and he is a master at his mediums," she said.

Fagerstrom is currently working on a piece involving drying leaves. Some of the leaves in her collection are four years old.

"As for a favorite piece of my artwork, I would consistently say the artwork I'm currently working on. If I'm making artwork, it means I'm playing, exploring and expressing," Fagerstrom said. "Lately it has been my leafy assemblage work. Working with colorful fall leaves. [The work] will likely be part of a traveling exhibit with several NDUS art departments."

Fagerstrom has other interests beyond visual art. She plays piano, guitar, ukulele and flute.

She also makes camping and hiking a big part of her life.

And, of course, spending time with her friends.

Andrea Fagerstrom shows some sketches during an art class.
(Photos Credit: Taylor Aasen)



NEWS MEDIA
ALLIANCE

"Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts."
—Daniel Patrick Moynihan

BOOKS TO READ THIS WINTER SEASON

By Finn McMerty
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

With the winter season approaching, many will find themselves with more time on their hands. With this downtime, reading is a great option to pass time and entertain oneself. The experience of sitting down with a good book is like none other, and this winter is a great time to try it out.

Bismarck State College Director of Library Services Marlene Anderson shared some recommendations going into this holiday season.

“First of all, I think people should read what they like ... there is a book for every reader,” Anderson said.

“I read one recently that I really really liked. Do you remember Andrew Snowden?... He wrote a book called ‘Permanent Record.’ It was riveting, just riveting,” she said.

The best way to find an enjoyable book is to look within a specific genre that is of interest. The library is always wanting to get new books in to meet the needs of students.

“One of the authors that I really knew nothing about, but more than one person asked about— Colleen Hoover.” Anderson said.

It never hurts to try reading a new genre or topic. This winter might be the perfect time to explore something new. It might even be a great time to try a holiday-themed book.

“The O. Henry story ‘The Gift of the Magi,’ I think—isn’t that what it’s called? It’s a classic,” she said.

BSC offers a suggested campus read every year. The library usually plans campus events related to the book.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed on Saturday

Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

“With campus read, we are always hopeful that people on campus will read it on their own. You know: faculty, staff, students, [and] some instructors in the English department have adopted it for their classes this year,” Anderson said.

The library also offers an annual book discussion which always has a theme. It’s a great way to enjoy new books and learn something new. The campus has been putting on these discussions for a few years now.

“During January, February and March we pick three books related to a theme, and this year our theme is braided lives. The first one we are doing is ‘The Night Watchman’ by Louis Erdrich,” Anderson said.

The annual read this year will also feature “Yellow Bird” by Sierra Crane Murdoch and “The Grass Dancer” by Susan Power. For more information on the annual read, stop by the BSC Library.

“The library is here to help. That is one of the things we always want people to know,” Anderson said.

The BSC library is located on the main floor of LEA Hall.
(Credit: Zachary Weiand)



BISMARCK-MANDAN AREA ACTIVITIES

By Caleb Herr
MYSTIC MEDIA REPORTER

As the snowy, extensive and chilly North Dakota winter comes, students may find themselves bored from being stuck inside their dorms. From indoor to outdoor, the Bismarck and Mandan area has plenty of activities to do for entertainment throughout the winter.

Grand Theatres is open all year long and has the latest movies playing daily in the afternoon and evening. The Bismarck State College Student and Resident Life Office will be giving out free tickets to students for Grand Theatres on Dec. 6.

BSC has scheduled their annual winter play for Dec. 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. BSC’s annual holiday concert will be later that week on Dec. 14 and is free and open to the public. Both of these events are located in the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

For sports fans, the BSC men’s and women’s basketball season started in

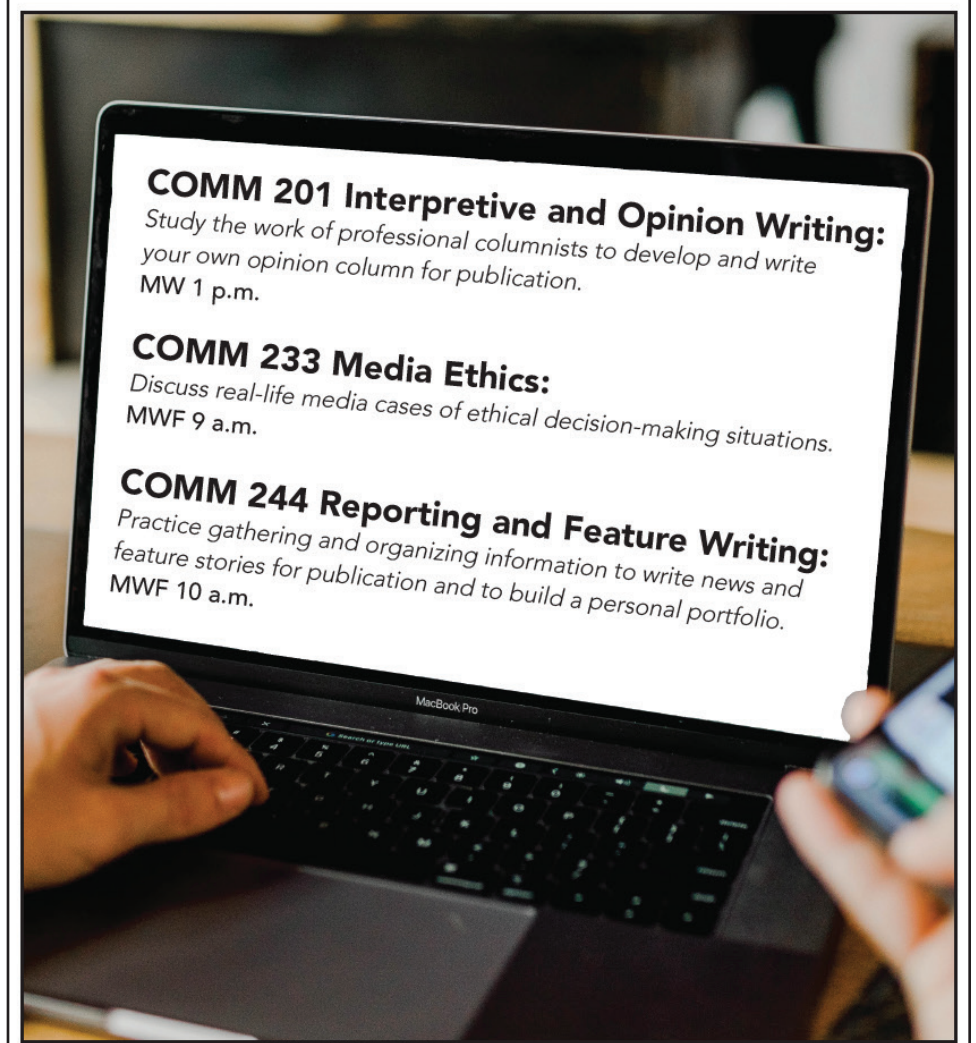
November and will end in February. The men’s team has 11 home games and the women’s team has 13 home games this season. All home games are played in the BSC Armory. To visit the teams’ schedules visit the BSC Official Athletics Site.

Along with basketball, sports fans can enjoy the Bismarck Bobcats at the V.F.W. Sports Center. The Bobcats’ season started in September and continues throughout the winter, ending in April. The Bobcats have 17 remaining home games this season. Tickets range from \$10 to \$30 and can be found on bismarckbobcats.com.

The annual Bismarck Santa Run is on Dec. 10. Registration is open now on their website. All participants run the 5K in Santa suits and bring awareness for addiction.

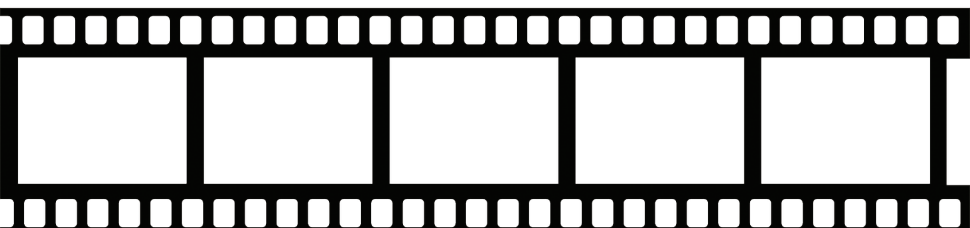
Another winter activity is located south of Mandan. Huff Hills Ski Area is open for the winter. Season passes start at \$390 for adults and can be bought at Scheels, 701 Cycle and Sports or online at huffhills.com.

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INTEREST INQUEST

FINDING ARTISTIC INSPIRATION: A JOURNEY BACK INTO PHOTOGRAPHY



By Zachary Weiland
THE MYSTICIAN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With so many hobbies to choose from, it's hard sometimes to find something that interests you. However, occasionally a flash of inspiration occurs that puts a potential interest in focus.

For me, that was photography.

I had always had an interest in photography. When I was younger, I would often take random pictures with the camera on my iPod Touch. For the longest time, I even had a little red Sony point-and-shoot camera.

When I progressed into my pre-teen years, I was involved in organizations that allowed me to learn a bit about photography.

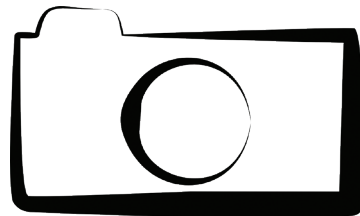
I had a very minor stint as a Boy Scout, but one of the first "merit badges" that I completed was the photography badge. This is where I would start to learn the basics of composition.

Despite developing a love of taking pictures, my interest in photography went dormant, but that changed last year when I started taking courses here at Bismarck State College.

I transferred to BSC at the beginning of 2021 joining the Mass Communications program. I had always fostered an interest in media, and writing was a skill that I was actually good at, so why not go into journalism?

I completed Spring 2021 semester and I registered for my fall classes, continuing in Mass Communications.

One required class in the BSC Mass Communications program is Introduction to News Photography. I



enrolled in the class excitedly and was not disappointed.

That was one of my favorite classes that I've ever taken. The class pushed me creatively and reignited the creative spark I needed to get back into photography.

I started taking pictures again. At first with a loaner DSLR—a Canon Rebel that I was allowed to check out while in the course. At the end of the semester I did have to check it back in.

After that, I transitioned to a 12-year old beginner Nikon DSLR that my mom had. It wasn't bad. I took some nice photos with it.

I wanted something better though. Currently, I'm in the process of upgrading my gear. I purchased a new camera, and got a lens for it too. I hope that I will be able to purchase a few more lenses throughout next year, along with some other accessories.

Gear is nice, but knowledge is just as important. I've been on a complete binge of photography related content on YouTube in a herculean effort to expand my photography smarts.

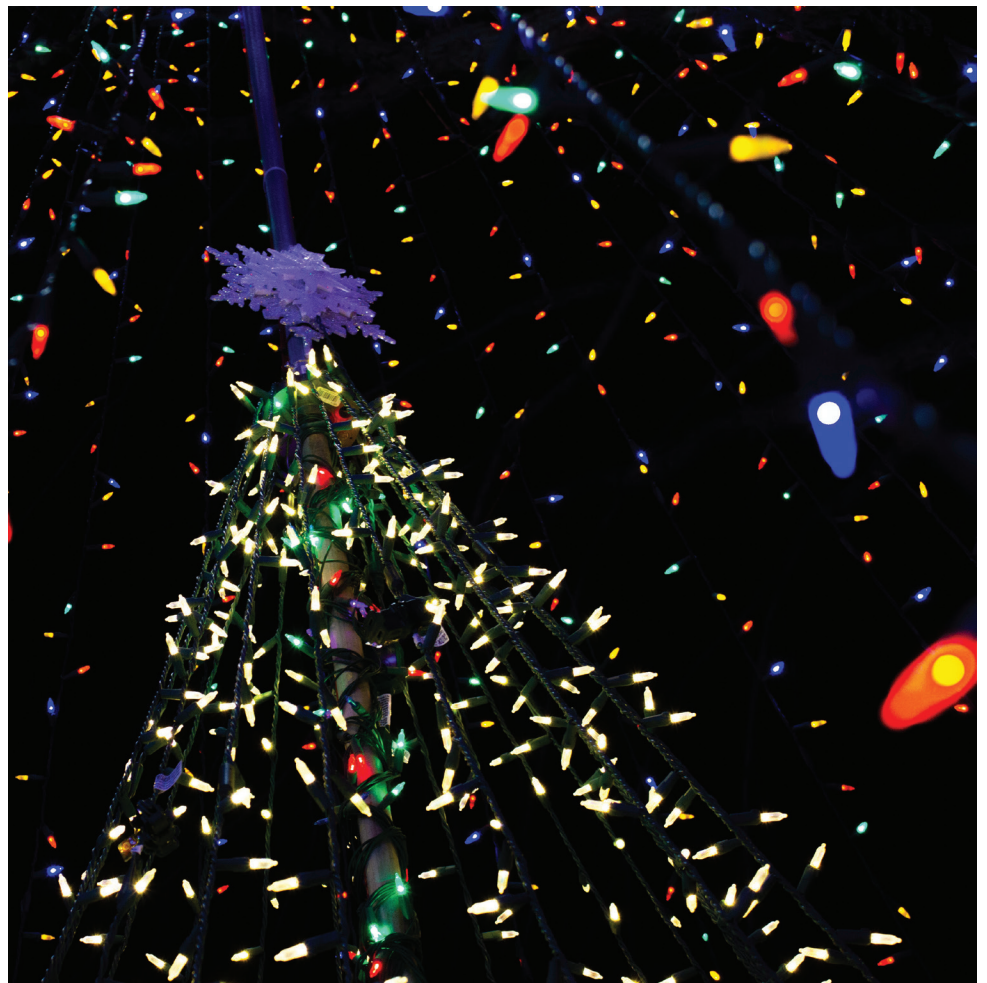
Whether it's point-of-view style vlogs or Adobe Lightroom tutorials—you name it, and I've probably watched it.

As I dive back into photography, I'm also thinking about my future with it. Photography mostly serves as a hobby at the moment, but it would be incredible to have the opportunity to be a freelance photographer in the future.

I've been able to do some "professional" photography this year, though it has been limited to newspaper photography for this publication and The Bismarck Tribune.

I'm sure that as I grow in the artform, my goals will become more clear. For now, however, my focus will be on practicing and honing my skills.

There is always room to improve, and I know for sure that I have a long way to go.



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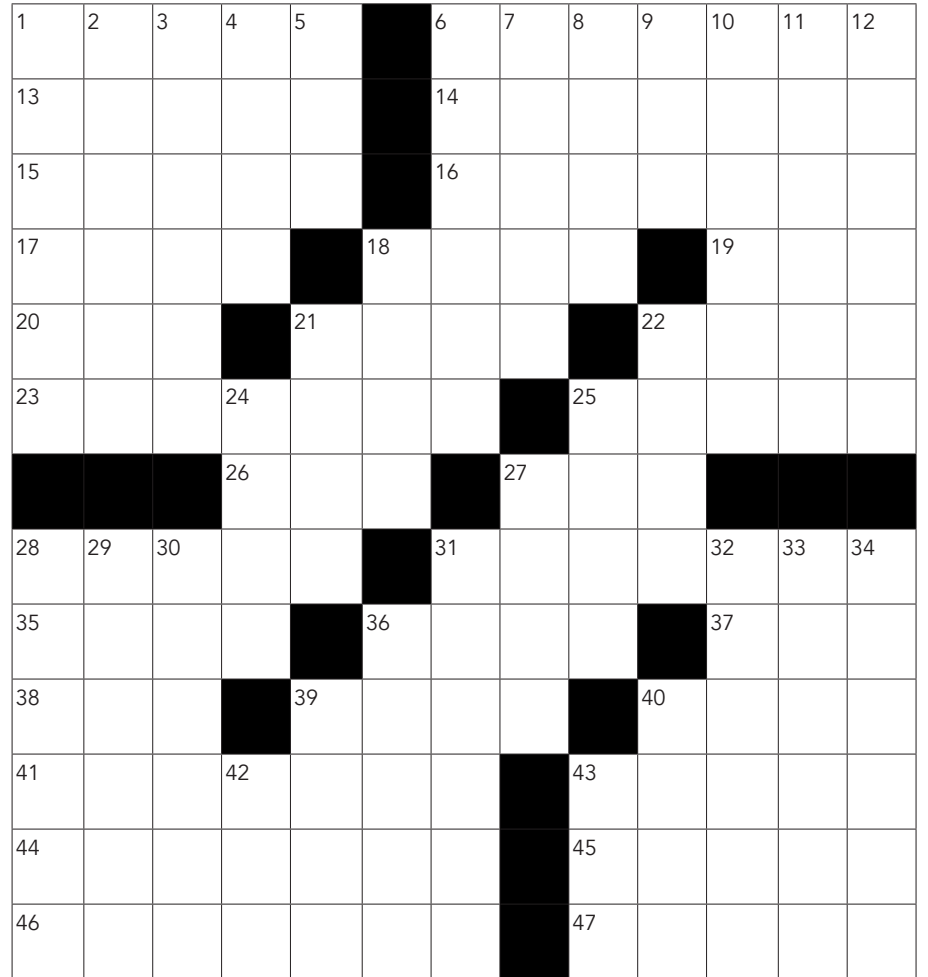
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November 2022—No theme Michael Tomaneck



ACROSS

- 1 Hide
- 6 Wrestle
- 13 Senate division
- 14 Graduation garb
- 15 Rhythm
- 16 Ham it up
- 17 Commentary, in the paper
- 18 Patriot's target
- 19 Definite article
- 20 Patrick Stewart's title
- 21 Leave in a hurry
- 22 Keg contents
- 23 Ring-like
- 25 Bugs _____

DOWN

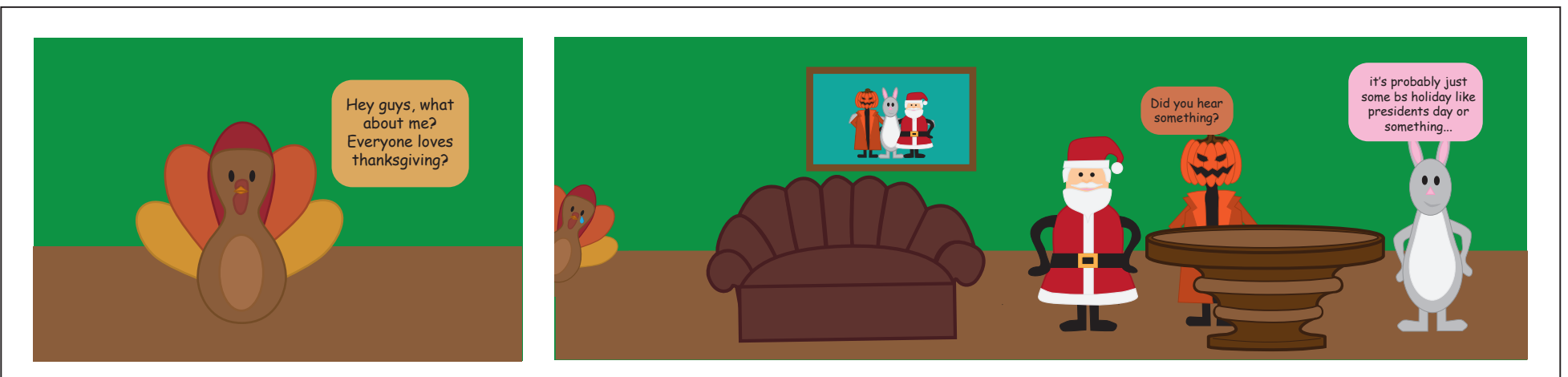
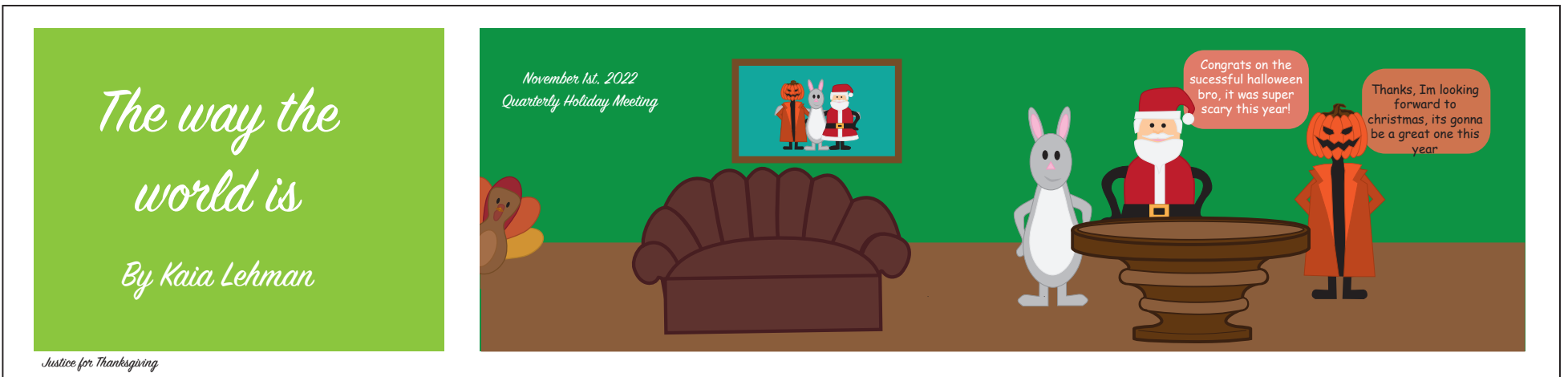
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- 27 Male child
- 28 Skill
- 31 Check-up giver, for example
- 35 _____ finder
- 36 Passing word
- 37 Pool stick
- 38 Cul-de-_____
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- 40 Loan result
- 41 Group within a group
- 43 Sex on the Beach candy bar
- 44 Ice cream job
- 45 Bias
- 46 Apple pusher
- 47 Direct

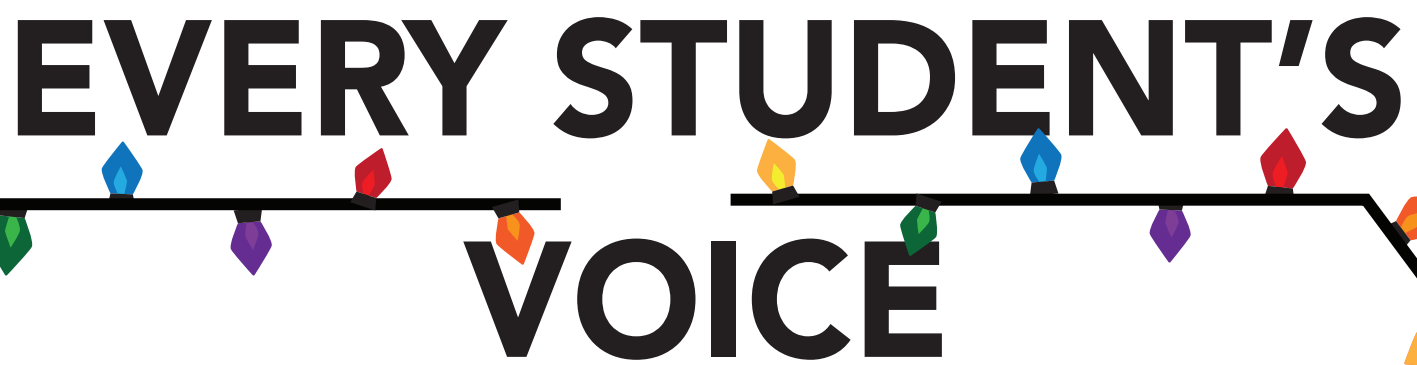
DOWN

- 1 Indian pastry
- 2 Groom's gift, perhaps
- 3 Toward the rudder
- 4 Snow-day toy
- 5 Pronoun
- 6 Shop owner
- 7 Variety show
- 8 Ripened
- 9 Even
- 10 Printing press part
- 11 Tree growth
- 12 Diner
- 18 Blind part
- 21 Non-sparkling
- 22 Cake type
- 24 Not new

DOWN

- 25 Steak leftover
- 27 Parched
- 28 Appraise
- 29 Position
- 30 Relief
- 31 Phoenix locale
- 32 Glacial period
- 33 Slight
- 34 Tie down
- 36 Sanctuary
- 39 E-cigarette
- 40 Ding
- 42 Chop
- 43 Owns





EVERY STUDENT'S VOICE

Question:

What is your favorite Holiday memory?

Ronnie Martin

"Making cookies and Christmas decorating, My Christmas is from November 1st through January 1st, It's my favorite."

Finn McMerty

"My favorite Christmas memory is just getting together with family and spending time together. It's one of the only times I get to see my distant family, and they usually come here to spend Christmas with us."

Louisa Kuhnley

"Baking and listening to Christmas music"

Noah Johnson

"Sledding down large hills around Bismarck with my family."

Irie Townsend

"My favorite memory is watching all 3 sandlot movies with my parents every Christmas."

Ben Thompson

"Some of my favorite Christmas memories were going to Big Sky Montana with my family to ski/snowboard."

Emily Tyron

"My whole family was there even my aunts and cousins. I don't remember much of what I got but I do remember hanging out with all the family members and my grandma trying to herd us into a Christmas picture."

Tenley Evans

"I like driving around and looking at Christmas lights."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TUNE IN



CAMPUS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 12-16
Final Exams

DECEMBER 12-16
Textbook Buyback/Rental Returns

DECEMBER 12
Spring Books Available to Purchase

DECEMBER 12
Therapy Dogs for Finals
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

DECEMBER 13
Donut Stress for Finals
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

DECEMBER 14
Holiday Concert
SJL Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 16
Residence Halls close at 4 p.m.

DECEMBER 17-JANUARY 8
Winter Break

DECEMBER 18
Hanukkah begins at sundown

DECEMBER 21
First Day of Winter

DECEMBER 25
Christmas– BSC Closed

DECEMBER 26
Kwanzaa begins

DECEMBER 26
BSC Closed

JANUARY 1
New Year's Day

JANUARY 2
BSC Closed

JANUARY 3-6
Math Boot Camp
JSC Room 119 – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Cost to Register is \$50

JANUARY 4
Financial Aid charging begins

JANUARY 8
Residence Halls open at noon

JANUARY 10
Nacho Cheese Fountain
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

JANUARY 11
Intention Bracelets
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

JANUARY 12
BSC Mystics W & M Basketball
Vs. Lake Region State College
Women's – BSC Armory 5:30 p.m.
Men's – BSC Armory 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 13
Brownie Bar
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

JANUARY 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
BSC Closed

JANUARY 18
Craft
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

JANUARY 18- MARCH 7
"The Art of Writing"
BisMan Writing Guild

JANUARY 19
BSC Mystics W & M Basketball
Vs. Williston State College
Women's – BSC Armory 5:30 p.m.
Men's – BSC Armory 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 23
BSC Mystics W & M Basketball
Vs. ND State College of Science
Women's – BSC Armory 5:30 p.m.
Men's – BSC Armory 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 24
Knoephla Tuesday
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

JANUARY 26
Popcorn Bar
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

JANUARY 30
BSC Mystics W & M Basketball
Vs. Miles Community College
Women's – BSC Armory 5:30 p.m.
Men's – BSC Armory 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 31
Grand Theatre Movie Night
Free Tickets at Student &
Residence Life Office

JANUARY 31
Cancer Awareness Fair
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 1
Mac & Cheese Bowl
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2
Groundhog Day

FEBRUARY 2
BSC Mystics W & M Basketball
Vs. Dawson Community College
Women's – BSC Armory 5:30 p.m.
Men's – BSC Armory 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6
Cocoa & Canvas
SU 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 7
Chili & Cinnamon Rolls
SU 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

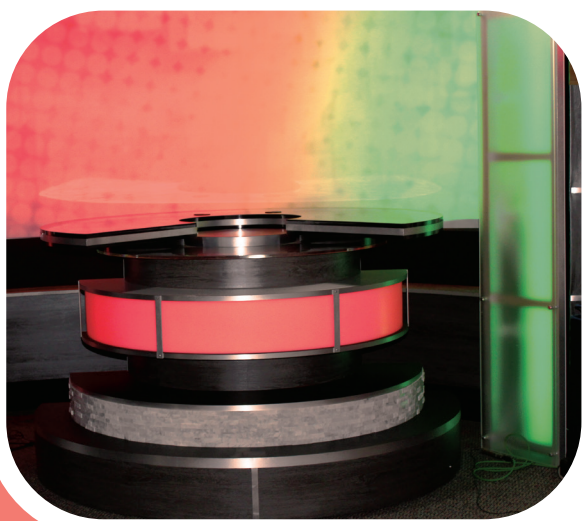
FEBRUARY 22
Artist Reception Gannon Gallery
LEA Hall 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.



Mystic Media STUDIOS

A DAY IN THE LIFE

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MystiCast Studio Desk



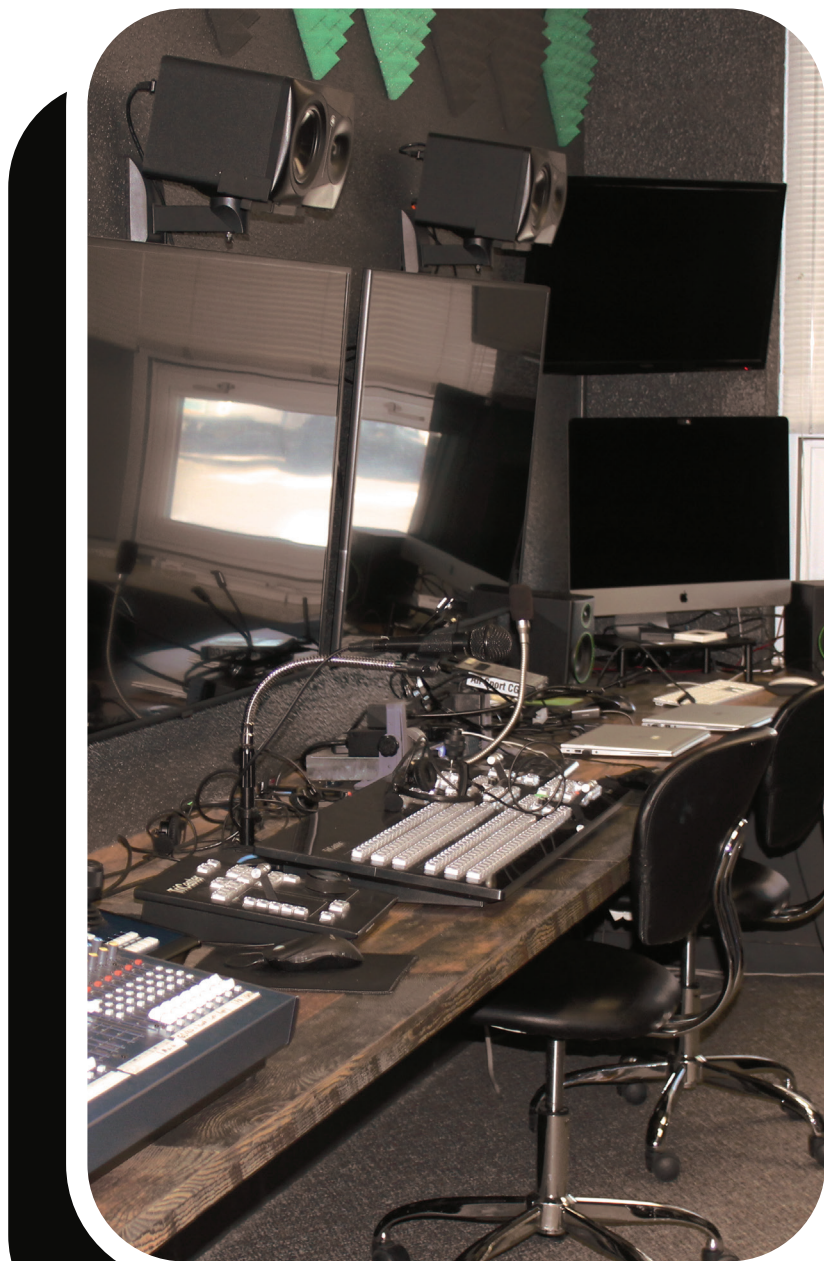
The MYX Recording Studio



The MYX Vinyl Players



The Mystician Office



Mystic Media Control Room

Bismarck State College Proudly Presents...

PETER WENDY



December 8-10 at 7:30 PM
December 11 at 2:30 PM

Sidney J. Lee Auditorium
Schafer Hall, BSC Campus

By Jeremy Bloom

Tickets \$12 in advanced, \$15 at the door
Tickets Available at BSCTheatre.com

Reduced rates available for BSC students,
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Adapted from J.M. Barrie's Peter and Wendy
Directed by Erin Weichel



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