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## The Forgotten Heroes Who Make Bismarck State Shine

Hunter Andes for The Mystician

They are the ones who work late, rise early, empty the trash and make the bathroom a tolerable place to visit: They are the custodians of Bismarck State College.

These are the people who more often than not are either forgotten about or go unnoticed, yet they almost always have a smile on their face. Whether it's in Schafer Hall, the Tech Center, or any other BSC building, no one exemplifies the love for their job better than the custodians.

"I like knowing what I'm doing is contributing to the education of the students," Greg Achtenberg, BSC's longest serving custodian, said. "In the past 28 years, I've seen a lot of smiles, and that just brightens my day."

Achtenberg just conquered his second bout of cancer, and he said he is now cancer free. He said it's seeing those smiles, especially from the students, that makes his job so gratifying.

"Being next to the education process and seeing it every day makes me feel like I'm a part of it in a way," Achtenberg said. "I get to see the students grow into their own throughout their time at BSC; it's such a great thing to be able to witness."

Darvis Helm, custodian in The Armory at BSC also alluded to the students he gets to see every single day. He said the students make the job more than just an ordinary job.

"Helping the students out is my

favorite part about working here," Helm said. "Unlocking doors, returning a lost item, or really just anything that helps a student or another co-worker out is

**"Helping the students out is my favorite part about working here." -Darvis Helm**

really satisfying to me."

Helm has been at BSC for six and a half years. Prior to his job now, he worked 18 years at Bobcat and eight years at the Radisson Hotel. He said out of the three, BSC is his favorite.

"My job here at BSC is my favorite," Helm said. "I get to interact with the public more and the students as a whole. At my other jobs, there wasn't much interaction. There are more people around here, and because I'm a sociable person, I really enjoy that. It's the small interaction – the 'Hey, Darvis! How are you today?' coming from the students that is really the best part of the job."

Helm also said his supervisors are great people to work with because they are always there if him or one of his co-workers need something.

Jean Berger is the BSC's custodial supervisor; she said the students and co-workers are the best part of the profession.

"When I see students, it just brightens my day—it's such a fun environment,"

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*Jamie Gable, Werner Hall's custodian at BSC, has dedicated approximately 23 years to keeping the college clean for the students. Photograph by Hunter Andes*

## BSC's Student Journalists Win Numerous Midwest and N.D. Awards



*After winning a Mark of Excellence Award for their "\$186,000 Admissions Move" story, Alicia Larsgaard and Hunter Andes pose with Dr. Larry Skogen.*

After Figments of Imagination, MystiCast and The MYX all won Pinnacle awards last fall, The Mystician's very own Hunter Andes, and Alicia Larsgaard, would become award winning reporters on the regional level Friday, April 13, in Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minn.

The story the two wrote about the Bismarck State College admission's office move, which is set to cost \$186,000, won a Society of Professional Journalists "Mark of Excellence Award" in Region 6's "In-Depth Reporting" category.

Andes and Larsgaard's story was up against colleges and universities from

around the Midwest: Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The story ran on the front page of The Mystician's Christmas Issue (79.6) on Dec. 1, 2017. It will now move on to the national level.

That's not all, however. Andes also brought home a Region 6 finalist award for his story from April 2017: "Reality Check: Reporters Talk Real News." The photo illustration for that story won a Mark of Excellence Award, as well.

Then, on April 27, in Fargo, N.D., The Mystician brought home six North Dakota Society of Journalist awards.

Brett Williamson, a former Mystician

reporter, won first place in the Review category for his "Master Sword" column, Mason Thorenson, The Mystician's sports reporter, won an honorable mention on his "Volleyball Wrap Up" story, and Andes took four more additional awards: First place in Special Supplement (The Spectator), second place in Personal Column (His Letters from the Editor), an honorable mention in News Reporting for "Reality Check," and then he took second place overall in the Sweepstakes category.

The 25th Anniversary edition of Figments also won second place in the Annual Literary Magazine category.



# NEWS

## Seven U.S. college students participate in the 2018 NNAF News Fellows program: One from Bismarck State College

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. Seven college students came to Washington in mid-March to participate in the National Newspaper Association Foundation's News Fellows Program. This is the sixth year the foundation has offered the program.

Those selected travel to the Washington area, funded by the state association or their association's foundation, to report on a topic of national importance. The program ran during NNA's Community Newspaper Leadership Summit, March 14-15.

This year, the topic was how major political parties find ways to work together—"Red State, Blue State; What a State of Affairs!" The students met with policymakers and policy influencers during their time in the city. Some of them also met with their home states' congressional representatives in Washington. To help with their meetings and getting around town, the students were matched with veteran journalists, who acted as mentors during their stay.

Students were given assignments during their visit. One was to determine

the facts of a story from the "spin" the sides of the issue present to the public.

The students were also required to write an article for publication on the topic. These articles may be placed in school papers or published locally through their state newspaper associations. They're also printed in Publishers' Auxiliary, NNA's trade publication.

This year, the students were: Hunter Andes, from Bismarck State College, sponsored by the North Dakota Newspaper Association; Cassie Buchman, from Eastern Illinois University, sponsored by the Illinois Press Association; Monica Diaz, from Kansas State University, sponsored by the Kansas Press Association; John Hammel, from the University of Georgia, sponsored by the Georgia Press Association; Lauryn Higgins, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, sponsored by the Nebraska Press Association; Mady Johnston, from Alvernia University, sponsored by the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association; and Elissa Kedziorek, from Western Michigan University, sponsored by the Michigan Press Association Foundation.

Their first day, the students had a news briefing with Diane Randall, executive secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation at the group's headquarters. After that, they met with Donna Murphy from Better Angels, a citizen's group focused on facilitating communication across political differences. The next day, the students travelled to the Newseum for a briefing by Jan Neuharth, chair and chief executive officer of the Freedom Forum, and for a tour of the



*The 2018 National Newspaper Association Foundation News Fellows and their mentors pause for a photo op on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court Building during NNA's Leadership Summit. From left to right are Liz Parker, with the News Jersey Hills Media Group; Merle Baranczyk, with Arkansas Valley Publishing in Salida, Colo.; Elissa Kedziorek, Western Michigan University; Cynthia Haynes with Haynes Publishing Co. in Oberlin, Kan.; Monica Diaz, Kansas State University; Lauryn Higgins, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Hunter Andes, Bismarck State College; Mady Johnston, Alvernia University-Madelyn; John Hammel, University of Georgia; Cassie Buchman, Eastern Illinois University; Chris Eddings, retired publisher from Baltimore, Md; and Steve Haynes with Haynes Publishing Co. in Oberlin, Kan. Photograph by Stan Schwartz*



*Hunter Andes and Lally Graham-Weymouth at the National Press Club*


Newseum by Shelby Coffey III, vice chair of the Newseum.

After the tour, the students went over to Capitol Hill for their scheduled visits with their representatives or their staffs. Later in the day, they attended a briefing by Reps. David Trott, R-MI and Debbie Dingell, D-MI, at The Capitol Club. That evening, the students gathered at the National Press Club for dinner and to hear the summit's keynote speaker—Lally Weymouth, senior associate editor of the Washington Post, and

the daughter of former Washington Post publishers Donald Graham and Katherine Graham.


The next day, the students made their way to the Gallup building for a briefing about data on how and where the nation is split but also on issues where it seems more united.

They finished their time in Washington with a lunch meeting with the NNA board to talk about their experiences with the News Fellows Program.



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**This is the last issue of The Mystician. Make sure to grab The Spectator, as well. Volume 80 Issue 1 of The Mystician is scheduled for release in August 2018. Stop by Room 125 in The Armory for more information.**



# NEWS

## North Dakota Politicians set a Precedent by Bridging the Divide

WRITTEN BY HUNTER ANDES FOR THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The U.S. is politically split among the political ideologies of Red, Blue, and in some cases Purple. Each one represents certain values and understandings.

For many, these political ideologies are passed down from generation to generation, with little thought as to why they believe what they believe. For others, a lifetime can be spent trying to understand, what their ideologies actually are.

Sen. John Hoeven, R-ND, wasn't always a Republican. He started his political career as a Democrat, but then decided the Republican Party was a better fit for him.

"Whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, it's a matter of your philosophy," Hoeven said. "Generally, Republicans believe in more limited government, more individual freedom, empowering individuals, more individual responsibility.

"And Democrats," he added, "generally believe in more government. It just kind of comes down to your philosophy—what's the best fit for you."

Hoeven alluded to how the multiplicity of information outlets today makes it particularly difficult for people to find ways to compromise.

"The challenge is for all of us to hear both sides of any given argument—hear both sides—and then, while still honoring our principles, finding ways to reach out to the other side and craft something that is a reasonable solution for everyone concerned," he said. "That is how we have to do it, but it's hard to do—because our structure now in government is for everyone to advocate for their position, and they do that very aggressively. At the end of the day, there has to be some give and take—some recognition that no solution is perfect. We have to find a way that everybody benefits."

**"Let's cooperate and do what's right for North Dakota. Cooperation, after all, is a lot easier in solving problems than conflict is."**

**-Kenton Onstad, Former House Minority Leader**

Some politicians in Washington may not work with the other side of the aisle, but for those who do, it doesn't go unnoticed. The Center for Effective Lawmaking recognizes the top 10 most effective members in each house



Hunter Andes, the 2018 National Newspaper Association Foundation's Fellow from North Dakota, interviewing Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., about the political divide in her Washington, D.C. office. Photograph courtesy of Sen. Heitkamp.

of Congress, and Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-ND, made that list according to an Oct. 5, 2017, news release.

**"North Dakotans understand that they're not going to agree with someone 100 percent of the time."**  
-Sen. Heidi Heitkamp

Heitkamp said that she had been judged on where her voting record was on the spectrum. CEL's findings showed she was literally right in the middle in terms of her voting.

"I'm one of the most moderate members of the U.S. Senate," she said. "I think that reflects the people of North Dakota—I do. It's really important that we try and maintain moderate voices."

"There are a lot of examples where I haven't seen eye to eye with my party," Heitkamp said. "In the category of environmental regulation, there's a lot of provisions that I thought were extreme and overreach. On a number of issues, whether it concerns the Second Amendment, or whether it has to do with Supreme Court nominees—I definitely have not been with the party positions. I have found a way to get things done even though it's difficult, but that's not to say there aren't challenges."

Heitkamp acknowledged that it's impossible to make everybody happy all of the time, but she said if they, as politicians, vote for what they think is right, their constituents usually recognize that.

Heitkamp said, [North Dakotans]

understand that they're not going to agree with someone 100 percent of the time, but if you're achieving results, if you're actually getting something done, and if you work hard, they tend to reward hard work."

However, there are times when that hard work doesn't get rewarded. In a 2016 state house race, North Dakota District 4 constituents voted out a local farmer. They voted for two, out-of-state men, who may now be facing a recall.

Kenton Onstad, a District 4 Democrat from Banner Township, southeast of Parshall, ND, was the minority leader of the state House of Representatives until the 2016 election. Onstad grew up on his family farm and still lives there.

During his years in the House, Onstad said he always tried to present bills that his constituents wanted—no matter the party line.

"I always thought we were there [in the state capital] to serve the people," Onstad said. "No matter if they voted for me or not."

He said the best legislation comes when all the ideas are brought to the table.

"It's OK to disagree, but let's at least sit down and listen to both sides," he said. "Let's cooperate and do what's right for North Dakota. Cooperation, after all, is a lot easier in solving problems than conflict is."

Even though Onstad lost, he is staying true to his small-town principles by remaining active in his party and community. He said he still takes phone calls and tries to help his former

constituents in any way he can, stressing that that's the North Dakotan way.

"People do, and need to, adhere to their principles," Hoeven said. "You also have to find a way to work together—we always have to try and find ways to work together."

Hoeven said he tries to work across the board in the Senate with Democrats and Republicans alike because in order to pass a bill, votes from both sides are needed.

"I have a lot of background doing that," he said. "As far as being in elected office, you have to work with everybody, and I try to do that. Sometimes I do think that voting with the party is the

**"Whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, it's a matter of your philosophy."**

**-Sen. John Hoeven**

right vote, and sometimes it's not. I base my vote on what I think works for North Dakota and the people I serve."

Heitkamp and Hoeven have a record of collaboration in a number of areas. Whether it be agriculture, energy, Indian affairs, or anything that is for the betterment of the state, the two senators are usually on the same page.

"For the things that are truly unique to North Dakota and that benefit North Dakota, I think you're going to see Hoeven and I working together," Heitkamp said. "It's really helpful, in my opinion, to have someone in the Democratic Caucus and someone in the Republican Caucus working for North Dakota—then you have both sides covered."

# NEWS

## Tschider Economics Nearing its End

Hunter Andes for The Mystician



from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Then, in 1976, he graduated with his Juris Doctor from the University of North Dakota School of Law and his MBA degree from Drake University.

From 1977 to 2015, Tschider was an Attorney at Law, where he specialized in private practice. Before

Most Bismarck State College students probably know of, or at least have heard the name, Ivan Tschider. Tschider is the associate professor of economics at BSC and has been teaching here for 25 years—this year is his last.

Some may find it hard to believe, but Tschider, like all instructors, were college students at one time, as well. Tschider has the get-it-done mentality as he completed over nine years of higher education in a little over six years.

In 1973, he graduated with honors

his storied career at BSC, Tschider taught in the business department at University of Mary, worked at the North Dakota Real Estate Commission where he gave monthly seminars on real estate law, and was an instructor in the department of finance at UND.

Tschider explained that one of the main keys to success in life is treating people well. He said he attributes many of his successes to that philosophy, and it's something he strives to do every day.

"To be successful in life you have to

figure out how to treat people," Tschider said. "If you treat them well, you will be successful. It's no mystery—it really isn't a difficult thing to do."

There is no doubt Tschider has led a busy life. He talked about how he has witnessed many individuals who often take the things around them from granted. While pointing to the Missouri River

**"Smell the Roses and Remember the Golden Rule."**  
-Ivan Tschider

view from his third-floor office in Schafer Hall, Tschider said at times, people are so caught up with money or the future, they forget to stop and notice the little things – like the beauty around them.

"If I'd have to do it over, I think I might have slowed it down a bit during college to smell the roses and take more in, rather than loading up on so many classes," Tschider said. "When you're taking 21 credit hours, you don't have much time for a lot of other activities."

Without hesitation, Tschider dove into

the three most important things in his life.

"My most important things in life: Faith, family, my students—those are the three," he said.

Tschider has a few recommendations for students, and people in general, as they proceed through life.

"Number one: Develop some critical thinking skills," he said. "That means before you make a big decision take a step back and do some reflection on the positives and negatives of your decision. Maybe some of this just comes with age, but boy, it's never too early to start."

Tschider said the second and third are just as important as the first.

"Number two: Start saving when you're young, and take care of yourself financially," he said. "Then number three: It's the ol' Golden Rule—treat people as you want to be treated. This makes such a big difference because it opens so many doors. It's such a mystery to some people, but you know, just treat them how you want to be treated."

Tschider said his plans for retirement include some travelling and just simply enjoying the beauty the world has to offer.

## Mrs. Carol Cashman Says Good-Bye

Hunter Andes for The Mystician

"Just off 10, away from the pen, Bismarck!"

There are two famous Cashmans in Bismarck: Dan the Tree Man, and his wife, Mrs. Carol Cashman, associate professor of speech communications at Bismarck State College. She retired in 2016 but decided to teach a couple more years.

Mrs. Cashman grew up in Brooklyn and Long Island, N.Y., and graduated with a B.S. and M.S. from the University of Dayton. After graduating, she went back to New York, before moving to Fergus Falls, Minn., and then finally settling in Bismarck.

"I'm a New Yorker," Cashman said. "I have been in Bismarck since 1973, and by 1985, I was wanting to get back into academia. I applied for a part-time position and started teaching speech as an adjunct that fall."

Cashman taught part-time until 1992, when Dr. Kermit Lidstrom, then president of BSC requested she go to full-time.

"In 1985, I did not want to take on a full-time job since I had a young

family that needed full-time attention," Cashman said. "But in mid-August of 1992, after being asked to teach full-time, and because BSC had a daycare at that time, I was able to pursue that path."

Cashman said her favorite part of

**"Follow the Yellow Brick Road..."**  
-Mrs. Carol Cashman

teaching has been the variety.

"Every class is different," she said. "Every student is different—they all have a unique story, and I get to hear them first hand in my classes. It's a humbling experience getting to witness that."

Everyone knows how to speak, but public speaking, like anything, takes practice. Mrs. Cashman is a specialist when it comes to helping students find their voice.

"The students know how to speak," she said. "I'm just here to give them little hints. The main thing is to get out of yourself and into your message; if you do that, you'll be fine. It takes

practice just like anything; 99 percent of communication is practice.

When Cashman sees former students, she said she really enjoys it because they all have stories to tell from when they took her class. She said one time on the last day of class the students wouldn't leave after they were dismissed as they didn't want the course to be over.

"The things the students learn in speech classes are things they will always carry with them," Cashman said. "These concepts don't just last as long as the class lasts—they really last for the rest of your life. To be successful, you have to be able to communicate your ideas in order to get them across."

Cashman said one of the things she's going to really miss is the interaction with her students.

"I have yet to have a bad day at work," she said. "It's been a real growth experience for me; I've had a wonderful run, and I have a million stories I can treasure for the rest of my life."

The famous yellow brick road from "The Wizard of Oz" is the theme



Cashman has used in her class since day one.

"It's like the Wizard of Oz," she said. "Just like the lion, scarecrow and tinman: you gotta have courage, you gotta have brains, but most importantly you gotta have heart. Then, when you find the yellow brick road, follow it—it will show you the way."

Mrs. Cashman, like the Beautiful Witch of the North, has been helping BSC students find their way to yellow brick road for the past 32 years.



# NEWS

## BSC's SGA takes on the North Dakota Student Association

Chase Schuh for The Mystician

At the final 2017-2018 North Dakota Student Association meeting April 13-14, delegates from Bismarck State College created a resolution to establish a new form of representation of students from all schools in NDSA.

The original resolution, created by BSC's Student Government, called for the establishment of a senate in the general assembly of NDSA. This system would have been similar to the way how the federal government works.

The first chamber would introduce resolutions and budgets to the general assembly of NDSA where the votes attributed to each school are based on the total population of each school.

This is similar to the House of Representatives where votes are based on state population. This chamber is how NDSA is currently formatted with schools such as BSC who have six votes, Valley City four votes, and large schools such as the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University holding 16 votes each.

The second proposed chamber in BSC's resolution would create a senate to confirm or deny legislation from the general assembly. The senate would consist of one member from each of the 11 institutions

in the North Dakota University System, similar to U.S. Senate. This would give all schools an equal playing field when it comes to voting on resolutions, bylaw changes, or budget proposals.

Many opponents and skeptics to the resolution voiced concerns over

**"I don't want UND's aviation program telling us how to run our teaching program, and I don't want our teaching program telling BSC how to do their nuclear energy program."**  
-Mike Moen

the logistics of establishing a senate in NDSA. Some claimed it was extra bureaucracy while others thought it was completely unnecessary.

During the February meeting, the resolution was tabled until April while a taskforce was established to iron out any flaws in the original resolution or create a compromise.

BSC wasn't alone in alluding to an imbalance in NDSA's voting system. Mike Moen, head delegate at Mayville State University shared his concerns about the majority of votes being concentrated in just a handful of schools.

"I don't want UND's aviation

program telling us how to run our teaching program, and I don't want our teaching program telling BSC how to do their nuclear energy program," Moen said.

When NDSA reconvened for the April meeting, taskforce members brought forward their ideas to the Internal Affairs Committee meeting April 13. After a long debate the resolution was amended to exchange the two-chamber plan to create a double majority system instead for the sake of logistical concerns.

The double majority system would still retain the population-based vote NDSA currently operates by. This would also require a simple majority of each school present

at the meeting to vote yes to pass any legislation. This amended resolution received a do pass recommendation in the Internal Affairs committee.

Later that night, in the general assembly, the resolution narrowly failed the 60 percent vote required for it to pass. Skeptical concerns brought up in the general assembly mostly came from UND and NDSU. Delegates from NDSU expressed concerns over the need for the system and a couple delegates from UND wanted to simply increase the number of votes for each school except UND and NDSU.

Ashley Thornton, the head delegate and student body president of Williston State College, expressed her thoughts on the failed vote after the meeting on April 14.

"As a head delegate, I am really disappointed that our system wasn't able to come together for the compromise," Thornton said. "A lot of complaints were stated that it wasn't investigated enough, but I feel like our taskforce and our time spent on it was more than efficient. I believe truly that there is inaccurate representation across the university system that could be solved and ought to be solved as a number one priority of the coming 2018-2019 school year."

**"I am really disappointed that our system wasn't able to come together for the compromise."**

-Ashley Thornton

Although NDSA won't meet again until the beginning of the next school year, there is a motivated effort within the general assembly to reintroduce the resolution with proposed bylaw changes. Copies of the original resolution proposed by BSC, and the amended resolution, are available in the SGA office inside the Student Union.

## Forgotten Heroes of Bismarck State College: Continued



Mike Schumacher, custodian in the Student Union, emptying a trash can during the noon hour. Photograph by Hunter Andes for The Mystician

she said. "From day one, I have always went out of my way to say hello to as many students as possible when I see them. I think sometimes people tend to forget that if it weren't for the students, none of us would have a job."

Berger said she has loved her time at BSC, especially being able to work as a team with her staff.

"Going in and getting dirty right alongside the custodians under me is the best," Berger said. "I don't feel like they should have to do something I don't have to do. I can't expect my staff to do something I can't do or wouldn't do."

Right across the street from where Berger works is Werner Hall: Jamie Gable's territory. Gable is the second longest serving custodian for BSC, polishing off a total of about 23 years.

"The thing that stands out to me the most is the observing the growth of the students during their time at BSC," Gable said. "From the time the students

are getting out of high school and just starting college, until the time of they graduate—it's just remarkable to see how they grow."

Gable said the other thing that stands out to him is the growth of the college itself in the last 20 years. He said when he started, there wasn't nearly as many things as there are today.

Brenda Austin, who worked beside Gable for many years when he was still in Schafer Hall, also loves interacting with the students.

"I like the people, Austin said. "You meet a lot of people from different places, and they're all interesting. This building [Schafer Hall] is just fantastic"

Austin said she likes talking to the students more than anything.

"Where else am I going to find something like that," she said. "It's the students, faculty and staff that make it such a fun and good place to work at. It's really what you make out of it."

Austin said she loves learning people's name throughout the year, always trying to say hi to students passing by.

"I think for a lot of the students, when you treat them as an actual individual,

**"When I see students, it just brightens my day—it's such a fun environment."**

-Jean Berger

they not only feel good, but you do, too," Austin said. "Just hearing them say hello can really lift you up when you're having a bad day."

It's hard to find a custodian at BSC without smile. It's obvious they all love what they do, which is probably why they do it so well.

"What we do is for the students," Helm said. "That's what it comes down to really – the students."

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# NEWS

## Outstanding Phi Theta Kappa Students go to Kansas City, Mo.

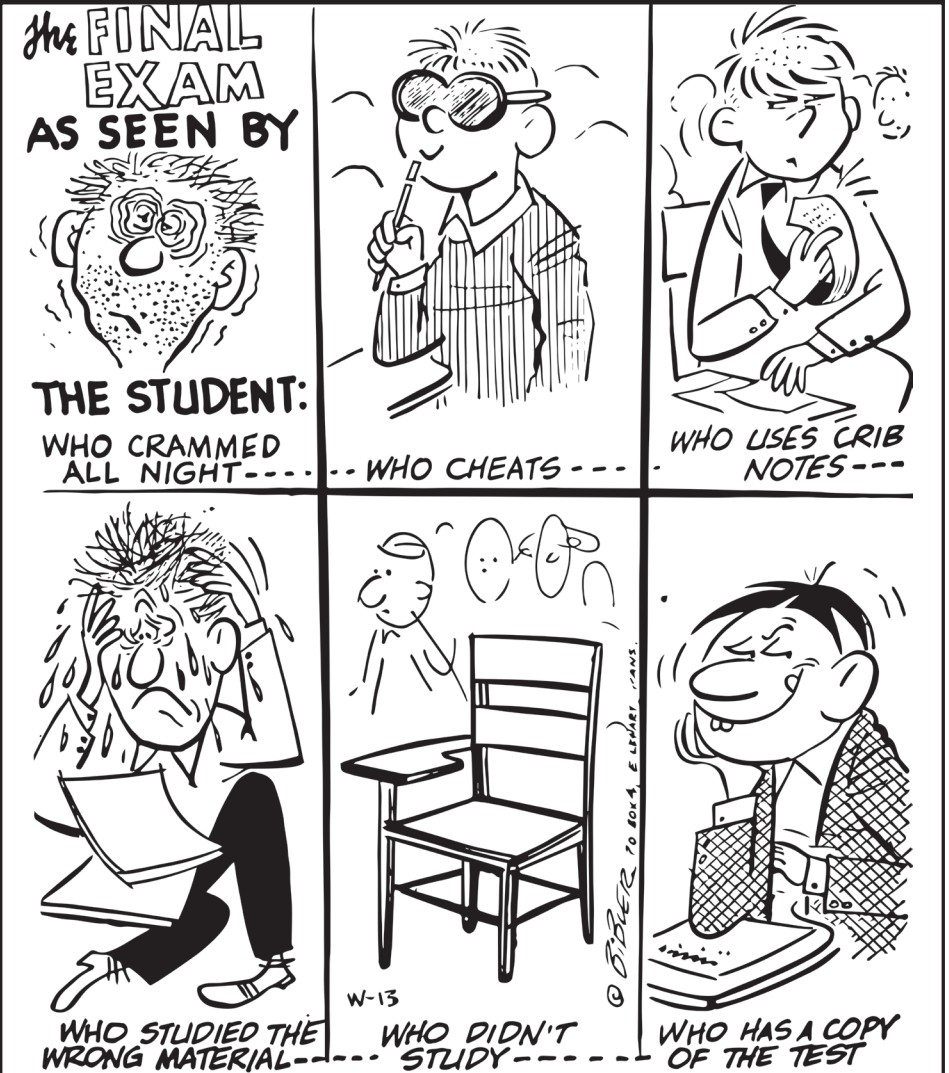


Above from left: Jenna Duttenhefner, Jessica Duttenhefner and Amanda Joyce posing for a picture in Kansas City, Mo. on the weekend of April 21-22. The three ladies are top Phi Theta Kappa students at Bismarck State College.

To the left is Professor Michael Tomanek, who is reflecting on a moment of nostalgia, in Kansas City, Mo. Tomanek is the Phi Theta Kappa adviser at Bismarck State College. He accompanied the three ladies pictured above.

The comic below was published in Volume 14, Number 5 of The Mystician on Jan. 27, 1961.

### Little Man on Campus



## Students Find Ways to Save Money in College

Chase Schuh for The Mystician

The broke college student has become an all too common trope in colleges and universities across the nation. With students finding it difficult to balance work, class, and their lives at home, they may find it difficult to keep a buck in their pocket.

Some students, like Paige Klein, work three jobs while they simultaneously take classes at Bismarck State College. Klein works full time at one job and picks up extra shifts at the other two. She shared her ideas for students who may need ideas on how to save a little extra green in their pockets.

“Don’t eat out for every meal,” Klein said. “And ride your bike or walk when it is nice out to cut cost for gas.”

There are numerous ways for students to save more of their money in the short term: Making a budget plan, riding the bus, saving loose change and carrying cash to limit spontaneous purchases.

Klein said, “You can never have enough coupons either.”

Bree Bixby, financial service representative at American Bank Center, and former student at University of Mary, advised on how students can do more on campus to make an extra buck.

“Take advantage of student work programs, especially between classes,” she said.

**“Take advantage of student work programs, especially between classes.”** -Paige Klein

Many schools, including BSC, offer student work programs where students can earn money while having a flexible schedule for classes.

There are also different ways to earn extra cash on the side before and after school. Students can mow lawns for their neighbors in the

summer, offer snow removal services in the winter, sell unwanted items online and can even donate plasma.

The only concern after making that extra buck is keeping it in your wallet or bank account. There are many short-term options including planning out budgets or putting a percentage of the money saved or earned into a personal savings account. The downside to short-term options are that the student must learn to control themselves.

“Be serious about your savings account,” Bixby said, “It’s a bad habit to get into your savings account.”

Not only does constantly taking money out of a savings account defeat the purpose to saving money, some financial institutions put limits on how many withdrawals and transfers can be made from a savings account each financial quarter.

Exceeding these limits or falling below the minimum balance can result in fees. This is to encourage

the account holder to save his or her money for longer periods of time.

**“Don’t eat out for every meal ... and ride your bike or walk when it is nice out to cut cost for gas.”** -Paige Klein

It is also not too early to take part in investing in your future, even though students tend not to have much extra. Putting even just a little money into a Roth IRA (Individual Retirement Account) while ones still a student can go a long way in the future. Investing in a physical asset such as silver is also a secure and an affordable way to invest money.

As much as online ads and scam e-mails say, there is no definitive guide that works for everyone. Plans like these are up to the individual to pick from and adjust to his or her needs in life.



# GALLERY

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE, BISMARCK, N.D. May 2, 2018

## Journalist Retires to Art

Marcie Reinbold and Hunter Andes for The Mystician

From a dedicated journalist for The Bismarck Tribune, to an artist whose work is displayed in the Bismarck Historical Tribune building, Ken Rogers is a recognizable art student at Bismarck State College.

Rogers worked at the Bismarck Tribune for over 30 years; his job titles varied from city editor, to innovations editor, to finally editorial editor at the time of his retirement.

Retiring from the newspaper only four years ago, Rogers began his artistic career with a fresh start—he found himself attending BSC.

Growing up in Hebron, N.D., Rogers has always been fond of art because of his mother's knowledge of the craft.

"My mother had gone to a year of college and studied art," Rogers said. "She incorporated that into what we did for play."

Art classes were not available when Rogers was young, so most of the knowledge he gained came from his mother.

Rogers' interests in art and painting piqued

while working with the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial in 2004, where he was taking pictures for a publication.

He found himself learning about the history of Karl Bodmer, an artist who traveled with Prince Maximilian on the Missouri River. Rogers explained that since there was hardly any photography in the 1800s, Bodmer would sketch the landscapes with watercolor.

"It occurred to me when I was doing this [the bicentennial] that you could take a photograph of the landscapes," Rogers said, "You can take a picture, but if you're doing a watercolor sketch of the landscape, you have to pay more attention to the detail."

Rogers continued his art journey when he set aside his camera and began watercolor sketching outside his house, or other places that interested him, much of which involves North Dakotan landscapes.

"It snowballed my interest in visual arts," Rogers said.

Growing up in a time when the humanities were not prominently

provided in the education system, Rogers said he regretted the lack of an art education.

"I had to go back and learn to draw," Rogers said, "because it is pretty hard to paint or sculpt or whatever you are going to do if you can't draw or don't know the basics of drawing."

He has learned to draw in order to enhance his other artistic skills. The latest classes he has been excited about is the print making classes.

"The first print making class was a survey class," Rogers said. "You do a little bit of everything, and the last thing you did in the class was an etching – a copper etching using acid."

The following fall, there was no printmaking class, so Rogers took an independent study in order to continue working with the aquatint technique.

Rogers took two years of art classes and continues

taking independent study courses to be able to work in the space and have the advice from a faculty member.

"I pay a price for that, but it's worth it for me," Rogers said.

During the summer, Rogers practices en plein air painting, which gets him out of a studio space.

"It's different in that you're creating a painting in about two hours," Rogers said. "It takes all of your concentration; there's nothing in the world except the landscape—it's like meditation."

Rogers recommends that no matter a person's level of artistic experience, one should be patient, learn to draw a little and to not be afraid of failure.

"And you just have to start," Rogers said.

Students on campus can probably find Rogers painting in the BSC art studio. His artwork can be found at the Bismarck Downtown Artist Co-op (BDAC) 222 North 4th Street, Suite 202 in the Historic Tribune Building.

His work is also on display in the Gannon Gallery in LEA Hall this month for the BSC Student Art Show.



Once a journalist and newspaper editor, Ken Rogers found a new passion in his retirement: art in many forms, including painting, drawing and metal etching printing. Below is his oil painting *Badlands' Gold*, which is Best of Show in the BSC Student Art Show in the Gannon Gallery.





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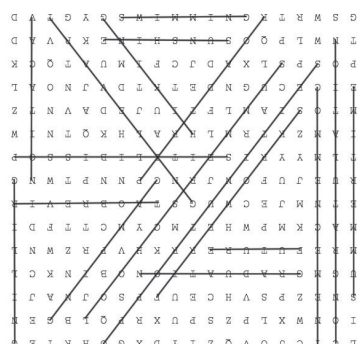


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# Campus Camera

Thank you to everyone who has uploaded pictures to Instagram this year.  
 We hope you enjoyed seeing your photos.

And thank you to the art class who submitted to the coloring contest. Congratulations to the winners, Jessie and Meagan.



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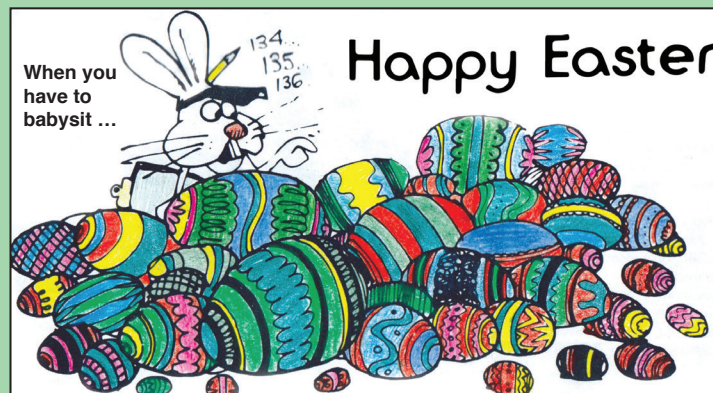


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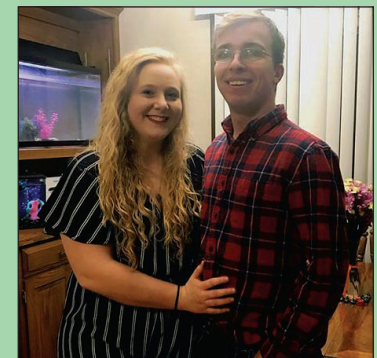
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# GALLERY

## Dr. Kajencki's Fiction Class Writes Short Stories

Editor-in-Chief Chose His Favorite Two out of the Dozen Submitted

### "On His Leash" By Simone Marchus

I grew up in an uncomfortably strict household. My parents were very aloof and cold and treated me as if I were merely another body to feed. The relationship that my mother and father shared was business-like. They did not love or care for one another, but they benefited from being married. Rather than swooning over me and encouraging my emotional growth, my parents taught me to be studious, stern, and subservient. I was treated like an adult, and I learned at a young age not to act like a child. Growing up this way was painful at times because I witnessed other parents showering their children with overzealous affirmations, warm hugs, and, sometimes, even kisses on the cheek. This love between family members was unfathomable to me. I was eleven years old when I was walking home from school and saw a boy my age in his yard with his dog. It dawned on me that I could possibly have my own dog that would appreciate my company and long for me to come home. My dog would genuinely desire to spend time

with me. My dog would respect me, listen to me, and obey me. I ran home in a frenzy and pleaded to my mother and father. Without missing a beat, my mother shut down my proposal. She told me we would not speak about it again. I quickly forgot about my silly wish and moved on with life. And then I moved out of my parents' house. I am currently renting a 900 square foot home forty-five minutes out of the town my parents live in. The house is a bit run down, but I've never had an inclination for luxurious things. My pet doesn't mind, either. It's enough space for the both of us, but I like for us to be close anyways. Out here, at our home, it's just he and I and the love we share. Our relationship is robust and healthy. He spends all day at my side, on his leash, obeying my commands and fulfilling my wishes. When I'm feeling ambitious, I take him outside and we play fetch. I always knew as a young boy that my favorite part of having a pet would be playing fetch. He is a bit slow, but I am patient with him, reveling in

the sight of him crawling for the ball. At night, I take him downstairs where he sleeps. I am always sure to tell him "I love you. Goodnight" as I climb the stairs and lock the basement door. Sometimes I hear him whimper in response, and I know that's him professing his love back to me. He always has a surplus of food at his disposal. He eats a balanced diet of raw beef and gizzards. I know his animal instincts make him crave fresh meat, so I respectfully feed him what he deserves. He can be very timid and nervous at times, but I could not have a better companion. He is obedient and subservient, just like a pet should be. From time to time, on my way into town, I'll stop at Georgia Wellfore's home. She is four miles away and is my closest neighbor. When I stop by, she is always sorrowful and quiet. Each time I'm there she asks, hopefully, "Have you seen my husband? Have you? You don't understand how much I miss him." And I always shake my head, pitifully. That poor woman. She doesn't understand how much I love him, my pet.

### "Never Enough Bananas" By Rachel Vitek

Harold is a chimpanzee with black hair and a large smile. His teeth are very crooked, but he still has fantastic smile. I bought him on a website called Adoptamonkey.com. He loves to cuddle, but only with me. He doesn't really like other people. He'll be nice though as long as you give him a banana first. His biggest talent is opening doors to sneak into people's houses and steal their bananas. If he sneaks into a house and then finds out the house does not have bananas, he will become irate and knock over everything in sight. He may even leave a couple surprises in the form of smelly droppings. I try to keep him locked up when I'm away, but I feel so

bad leaving him in the cage. He deserves to roam free, even if my neighbors might disagree. The cops were called once, and animal control came, but then Harold was super friendly as if he knew what was going on. No one felt they could take him away from me. They also thought the neighbors were just overreacting. Harold doesn't mean any harm. He's a sweetheart, and he's incredibly smart, but he just has an overwhelming love for bananas, and nothing can stop him. If my neighbors would just see what goes on when I'm watching TV or reading a book. In those situations, he just sits beside me calmly, perfectly content just sitting in silence in each other's presence.

Harold and I also enjoy taking midnight strolls around the neighborhood when everything is silent. Harold just waddles along making his little monkey noises. Then we go home, and he settles into his bed in the living room. I don't allow him into my bedroom because I don't need his monkey smells overwhelming me while I sleep. In the morning when I wake up, he's not in his bed, and when I remember that I forgot to buy bananas, then I know exactly where he is. I try to keep bananas on stock so that this doesn't happen. If I don't have bananas, then he finds the nearest house that does. I'm going to be spending the day apologizing to one of my neighbors.

## Laughing Sun Toasts to Five Years

Justine Smith for The Mystician

The Laughing Sun Brewing Company is a creative place to be. It's a small bar, making it cozy for friends and family.

Their hours are Monday through Thursday 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday 2 p.m. to midnight, and Sundays are 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Laughing Sun is located right across from Peacock Alley in downtown Bismarck. If you're looking for a nice place to kick back, play board games and listen to music, this is the place to be.

The company was created in 2012 by Mike Frohlich and Toss Sattler. Neat events tend to happen at the Laughing Sun, one of their big events was the fifth Anniversary Celebration they had in October and November 2017.

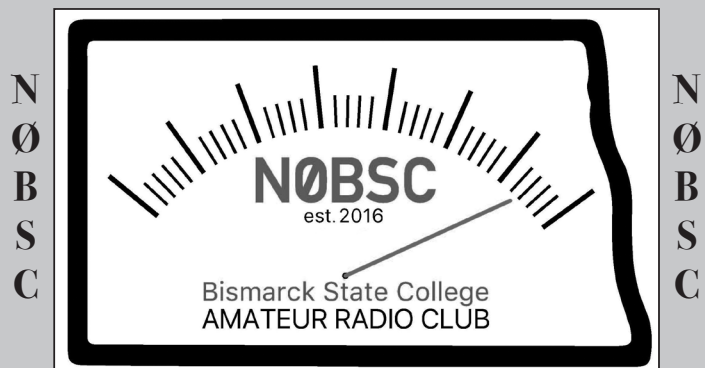
On November 10 and 11 of this year, the pub will be showcasing special beer releases in honor of the occasion. The fifth anniversary is often represented by wood, so will be obliging with oak-aged releases of Sinister, Lovely Rita, Shallow Mud Rye Stout on bourbon oak.

With many beers on tap, Laughing Sun isn't a place where you want to order a domestic beer. With Hoppy and Darker brews, their menu gives a nice tasted description on each beer.

If you haven't tried the Belgian/Amber brews, a flight is a great thing to order. A flight contains five different beers from light to dark in small oozes. This gives you a chance to find which beers are the best for you.

The Laughing Sun also encourages people to bring outside food in. Fire Flour is located right next door and often has customers stop to buy a pizza before coming in.

Talk to France, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand, Canada ...



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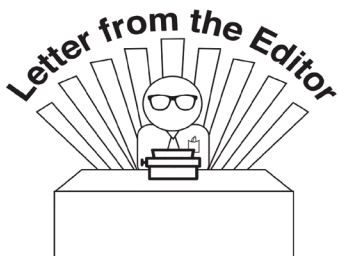




# OPINION



BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE, BISMARCK, N.D. May 2, 2018



Greetings everyone. Well, this is it: Issue 11, the final issue of the year. After three years at Bismarck State College, two of them being on The Mystician staff, it is now time for me to pack my things and move on. It's going to be a tough one, but such is life.

It's hard to know where to begin—my time at BSC has taught me a variety of different things, has given me the ability to experience a plethora of perspectives, and has led me to find my strengths and weaknesses in an array of different subjects.

In August 2015, like a pupa in a chrysalis, waiting eagerly to take its form, I moved to Bismarck from a farm out in the boondocks. I graduated high school with seven other kids – proving innocent and naïve. However, that would quickly change.

Each year and semester at BSC taught me something new: Some things positive, some things negative, yet all important pieces of my life puzzle.

Fall semester of freshman year was the one that shaped me the most. I made two amazing friends that I still talk with on the phone to this day, and that was when I began to develop a more philosophical approach—thanks John.

The spring semester of that year tested my strength as a person. That semester showed me the malice and hatred some people carry with them. It taught me not everyone in life is here for what really matters; in this particular case, the students are what mattered. These types of people will bully you to get what they want, push their own agendas, and go to whatever length possible to cover it up when they get exposed. This isn't the time nor the place to go into detail, just know that there's more to that story.

Moving on to sophomore year, this is when I realized I liked letters better than numbers. I graduated with a degree in engineering technology, to then return to BSC as a super-sophomore in the fall of 2017, pursuing journalism and a secondary English education transfer degree.

As editor-in-chief of The Mystician, with a little help, I took a white canvas

and transformed it into what it is today.

In this short amount of time, I would learn patience, time management, photography, fluent writing, but most importantly how to effectively deal with people. That, in my opinion, is one of the most important pieces attributed to success.

Most people reading this (except for my grandmas) probably don't care about my journey, and that's okay. The point of me sharing this is to exemplify how big of an impact a two-year school such as BSC can have on a person.

There are so many opportunities that are just waiting to be found, but so many students sit in the dorm room getting drunk every night. Sorry, but that is not the key to success—all it is, is a waste of time, money and energy.

I hope you as the reader have come to trust and enjoy reading The Mystician during my time as editor-in-chief. I have worked hard to make sure it's something the students on campus can be proud of.

Even though my journey here may be over, the volume numbers will continue, just as it always has. It has been an honor to serve you—I will truly miss it here.

Signing off one last time,

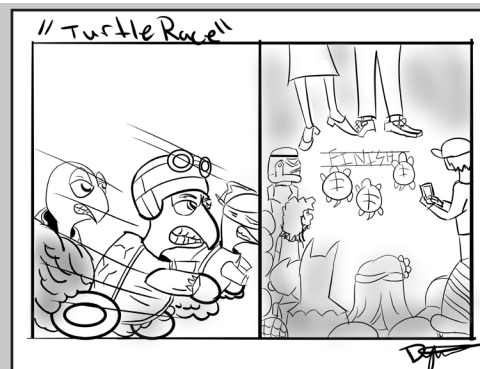
*Hunter Lee Andes*

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I couldn't help but publish this comic from The Mystician archives – enjoy.



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## Takes to Main Street in Rhame

Machaela Germann for The Mystician

As the semester comes to an end, the only thing on my mind is summer. I thought senioritis was bad, but it doesn't come close to the end-of-the-semesteritis that I now have. Slowly but surely, summer is on the way. I can't wait for all the sunburns, lake days, bonfires and fairs.

One of my favorite fairs to attend, other than the State Fair, is the Rhame Gala Day. I may be slightly biased as it's in my home town, but small towns know how to celebrate.

Gala Day is the last Saturday in June. It starts in the morning and ends whenever everybody decides to leave Main Street. The day is full of fun-filled activities like a parade, street games, a rodeo and a concert.

The day begins with a parade down Main Street at 10 a.m. There is no need to be up at the butt crack of dawn, which I appreciate. The parade is just long enough so the children fill up their plastic bags with candy, but not enough to the point where it'll be sitting around until Halloween.

One of my favorite events is turtle racing—yes, turtle racing. Anyone can bring in a turtle for entry. It can be a personal pet or a snapping turtle caught on the side of the road.

The turtles are set in a box which is in the center of a spray-painted ring on the road. Once the box is lifted, it's off to the races. The turtle that crosses the line first gets a chance to go into the finals. The winning turtle owner receives a cash prize. The whole experience is very intense and fun to watch, I promise.

After the turtle races, comes the street games like water balloon toss and egg toss. These are the games that even the most stubborn person in the group can participate in because who doesn't want to pop water balloons on their friends?

The balloon and egg toss start out with people standing across from one another in two lines. After each toss the pair is asked to step back, creating more and more space between the two. Main Street usually is filled with people, and it is quite funny to see some people's reaction when they have an egg crack on them.

Next, it's time to eat. The Legion serves a free meal before the big event: the rodeo. The rodeo is the biggest attraction of the day. People from all over compete in events such as barrel racing, goat tying, steer wrestling, bull riding – all for a chance to win a flashy belt buckle.

There is also a Calcutta for bronco riders, which allows the audience to join in on the prize money.

With the rodeo grounds placed alongside the hill, there are great views making for enjoyable scenery.

Last is the street dance. Once the sun sets, the party begins with live band. There is open space to dance and bleachers to sit down and enjoy the show. The local bar also provides a gated beer garden.

While Gala Day may only be one day long, the memories from hanging around fun people last much longer. I can't wait for this year's summer memories to start.

### Letter to the Editor

Hunter, this is Allen Beermann from Lincoln, Nebraska. The Mystician, what a unique name—I like that. This is a wonderful college newspaper—it's stunning actually. Congratulations.

—Allen J. Beermann, former Nebraska Secretary of State, and the current executive director of the Nebraska Press Association, the Nebraska Press advertising service, and the Nebraska Press Foundation — April 9, 2018.



# OPINION



## A Bid Farewell

This issue of The Mystician marks the end of Volume 79. I have truly enjoyed serving the students and telling their stories – more than I can express in words.

The Mystician has grown tremendously since August, and it's been a joy watching it develop into what it has become. It is hard to believe it's already the end; it seems like yesterday that Issue 1 was released back when school started. Time really does fly when a person is having fun.

When stepping up to the plate as editor-in-chief in May 2017, I can say now that I honestly had no idea what I was getting myself into. Running a publication, but more importantly, running it well, is much

different than just writing for it. The role of editor-in-chief is not one that should be taken lightly.

I realized rather quickly that the power of the pen carries the power to use it wisely.

Moving on from this position will not be easy; it will be one of the toughest chapters I've had to close.

The key to success is learning people's names, being involved, attending events – earning people's trust. Earning trust is what I have worked for since the beginning, and I hope The Mystician can continue to be trusted after I pass on the torch.

Yes, an era is ending, but a new one is about to begin.

Cheers, to the end of Volume 79.

–Hunter Andes, Editor-in-Chief

## Get Your Sass Back to Class

Amanda Joyce for The Mystician



Let me start off by saying that I love Bismarck State College. I'm happy with the time I've spent here and the time I will continue to spend. I don't

have many complaints, aside that I wish we didn't have snow in spring (but we can't change that). However, my biggest issue with our college is the parking situations.

I know that the school has expanded to make room for parking, which is great. I understand that parking is on a first-come first-serve basis, and that's fine. What really irks me is the non-student related events which causes limited parking.

All I want is to have a parking spot by The Armory so I can quickly get to my classes, but there are always these non-student events in the NECE that congest the parking lot.

This happens all the time, and most recently, I got a parking ticket out of the deal. There was a huge, non-campus event in the Bavendick State Room, the attendees took all the parking spaces in both the NECE/Armory parking lot, as well as, on the streets.

There was nowhere to park and there were so many students driving around aimlessly looking for a place to park, that campus security had to block off the entrance to the lot, so students didn't illegally park.

I didn't have time to wait for a spot to open, and due to the searching, I was late to class. I decided to park on the street in front of LEA Hall. Unfortunately, that area is a no parking area but students park there anyway, because of the limited parking.

I was parked there for not even a full 30 minutes, and the City of Bismarck Parking Enforcement gave me a ticket, along with everyone else who parked there.

Yes, I know, I parked in a no parking zone, but that no parking zone is literally just a way for the city to write more citations.

There's no reason for the no parking sign to be where it's at. Where I was parked wasn't close to the crosswalk, the intersection or even the driveway behind LEA Hall. It's infuriating. The city just put the sign on that light pole so they wouldn't have to put up a sign pole.

BSC, I know that you're not really to blame for that parking sign being where it's at, but would it really be a bad idea to get someone to put up a new sign a bit further down on the street? That's all I'm asking.

Now that I've successfully shared this concern, I'm going to hit the books and study because I need a miracle to get above an 80 percent on my cumulative chemistry final.

I suggest everyone else studies as well, and to all my procrastinators out there just like me, for the last time until next year, get your sass back to class.

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## Thoughts on Film: "Ready Player One"

Robert Poe for The Mystician

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to see a film that found a way to squeeze up to 205 movie, game, and TV references into two hours and twenty minutes? That's exactly what "Ready Player One" does. On top off all that, it also has a lovable cast and a fun story line.

The amount of work put into coordinating all those references was nothing short of amazing. This movie was based the novel written by Ernest Cline, who also wrote the film's screen play.

Steven Spielberg is one of the most well-known and accomplished directors and producers in cinema history. "Ready Player One" is Spielberg's most recent projects as both a director and producer. In his career, he has produced over 168 projects (both TV and Film) and directed 57 films, some of which have become iconic: Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park, Saving Private Ryan, etc. To top that off, he has received three Oscars for best director. Anything Spielberg is involved in, is bound to be good.

Staring as the lead role is Tye Sheridan, who is best known for his role as Cyclops in "X-Men: Apocalypse," a role of which he will be reprising next year in X-Men: Dark Phoenix. Sheridan brings a lovable but naïve character by name of Wade

Watts, who has, like everyone else, let themselves be swept away by the fantasy that is the Oasis.

The Oasis is a virtual reality game that has become the cornerstone of society. Its players pour thousands of dollars into this game while thousands more stand to be made and lost by it. The creator, who was obsessed with the 80s and all things pop culture, died and left a video stating that there are three keys hidden throughout this seemingly endless world. If they are found, whoever finds them would gain not only his company shares, but ownership of the game itself. This sparks a race for ownership between Watts and a corporate stooge who hopes to run the world through debt.

Along with all the awesome references, this movie carries with it a thought inspiring message: It's okay to escape into a fantasy from time to time, but if you allow reality to fade into the background, you'll lose sight of what's important, in turn losing the ability to grow.

My thoughts on this film: This is a heartwarming story with a host of pop culture references and amazing special effects that can impress just about anyone.

So, clear your schedule tonight and head over to the theatre and have some fun.



# SPORTS

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## Buster Gilliss honored for His Years of Service

Mason Thorenson for The Mystician



To the far right is Buster Gilliss, out with the Mystics' Baseball team. Gilliss is currently director of athletics, but many years ago, he was the baseball coach, as well. Without Gilliss, the BSC sports program would be nothing like it is today. Photograph by Levi Holzer

On April 5, Bismarck State College's very own Buster Gilliss, director of athletics, was awarded a plaque for his 15 years of service to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Gilliss is currently the Region XIII Men's Director for the NJCAA. He has served the previous for 15 years in the NJCAA. The award ceremony took place in Colorado Springs, Colo., during the organization's national meeting.

Gilliss has dedicated 27 years to BSC; he just started his 28th year on his favorite holiday: April 1. Gilliss has made an enormous impact on the sports program during his time at BSC. He is known for working hard so the students can have a successful college experience.

Currently, Gilliss is head coach for the Mystics' basketball team, as well as BSC's Athletics' Director. He serves on numerous committees apart from his NJCAA director position.

Dee Bertsch, administrative assistant of athletics, has been Gilliss' partner in crime for the last 27 years. She started working at BSC three weeks after Gilliss started.

"[Buster] does a lot of work," Bertsch, said. "He wants to make the region better for student athletes."

Gilliss spends a lot of time taking care of the athletic equipment, changing the cosmetics in The Armory, as well as serving on many different committees around the state to put BSC on the map.

"People know where BSC is," Gilliss

said. "We aren't just some little college in the corner that people forget about."

Gilliss said he believes most of the success of the sports programs can be attributed to the student athletes. He said he's seen a lot of improvements with the student athletes both academically and athletically.

**"The job is more like 60 hours a week ... he is very dedicated, and it is obvious that he loves to do it."**

**-Dee Bertsch**

BSC's administration has also made a huge impact on the sports program as additional funds have contributed to the

program's success, as well. Everyone at BSC has worked together to make things better for the student athletes.

For BSC to be where it is today, Gilliss has made many sacrifices. With four sports teams, the gym time has to be divided up to accommodate all the teams. Gilliss shows dedication and love for what he does with all of his time and energy.

"The job is more like 60 hours a week," Bertsch said. "He is very dedicated, and it is obvious that he loves to do it."

When Gilliss isn't working around The Armory, he is dealing with other things that come up from around the region.

Many things Gilliss has done for BSC's program is noticeable through physical changes, but the impact he has made on the region will be his lasting legacies. Gilliss is always working to make the region a better place.

"It's another job he doesn't have to do," Bertsch said. "But he does it to serve."

Gilliss tries to get to know the student athletes as much as he can. It is a bit more difficult now that he coaches the Men, but the part of the job that he likes the most is the personal interaction he gets to have with the athletes.

After all these years, Gilliss is going strong, and still doing the work of more than one person for the people he loves: the students.

Gilliss has definitely left his mark on the BSC sports program. From the weight room equipment, to the wood floor basketball court, but most importantly, his willingness to recruit nearly all local talent, he continues to do his best work every day to make BSC a better place.

"When you take on a job, you'd like to leave it in a better place than when taking over," Gilliss said.

## Mother Nature Shows Her Temperamental Side this Spring

Levi Holzer for The Mystician



The greatest time of the year has arrived – kind of.

Spring is my favorite season; track and baseball are starting to get underway in some sort of indoor practice or game facility, and it's just fun to see.

However, with Mother Nature being temperamental this spring, there hasn't been a whole lot of meets or games. At this point in the year, teams are just starting to go outside since the snow has finally melted.

I can't remember the last time we had a spring that caused sports programs to go through such pains.

As a track coach, Mother Nature

hasn't been my friend because we have only been outside like three times. Many meets have already been canceled due to this great weather.

The baseball teams haven't even had many games and they've been stuck practicing in the gymnasiums.

Don't get me wrong, living in North Dakota is the best, and I couldn't imagine living anywhere

else, but there's a point where all this cold weather gets out of control. At this point I would rather move down to Arizona where it's warm all the time – where baseball and track are year around.

Let's get real, this great state, but we don't need all this white fluffy stuff towards the end of April. I mean what's next, hurricanes?



# SPORTS

## Defending Mon-Dak Champs Swinging to Win



Levi Holzer



for



The Mystician



The Mystics' Baseball team saluting the flags before the game. They are half-staff for former First-Lady Mrs. Barbara Bush. Photograph by Levi Holzer

Due to the weather not cooperating this spring, it has been making it difficult for the Bismarck State College Mystics' baseball team to play games aside from their trip to Arizona a few weeks ago.

On April 4, the Mystics traveled to Glendive, Mont., to play the 20th ranked Dawson County Community College for the first conference game of the season.

In the first match of the double header, Zac Martin, BSC sophomore pitcher, threw five innings from the mound, and Luke Leingang scored two runs out of six. Mystics won – six to three.

The second game was about the same for the Mystics as they went on a hitting spree: They scored eight runs on ten hits.

The Region XIII Mystic champs from last year, started out their conference season 2-0 and are 7-5 on the season.

The first home games of the season were played April 15, against Minnesota State Community and Technical College. The Mystics won both games in the double header, 12-0 and 9-1.

Martin pitched a complete game shutout, only allowing five hits. He's now (3-1) on the season, striking out 11 batters. Spencer Gillund, BSC super-sophomore, also had an impressive weekend, totaling eight RBI's and hitting two homeruns.

The Mystics played their first conference home game April 18,

against Lake Region State. Drake Flesche, BSC freshman, started on the mound throwing all seven innings, only allowing seven hits.

Leingang was once again a big factor on the bases as he scored twice. In the first game of the double header, the Mystics won 7-3 with both Benson Kramer and Gillund stealing a total of six bases.

In the second game, the Mystics' bats were hot. The BSC boys scored 20 runs on 14 hits, winning in fashion, 20-10 in five innings.

On April 21, BSC went to Dakota College at Bottineau to face the Lumberjacks. They split the double header, losing the first game, 5-3, and

winning the second game, 15-6.

Martin pitched his first loss of season, allowing three runs on four hits, yet striking out four. The Mystics went through three pitchers; however, went on a hitting parade: Scoring 15 runs on 13 hits – two being homeruns.

BSC hosted DCB on April 22, where they would split the doubleheader once again. BSC won the first game 7-5. They had seven runs in nine hits. They lost the second game 11-3 allowing 11 runs on 11 hits.

The Mystics are 13-9 overall and 6-2 in Conference with eight games left to go before the Mon-Dak Conference Tournament in Williston.

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# The Heroes of Bismarck State



Ed Wushisk and Taco Marquez keeping the Tech Center in tip-top shape.



Darvis Helm, custodian in The Armory, has been on the job for nearly seven years, and like all the others, said he really enjoys the interaction with students at BSC.



Greg Achtenberg, two-time cancer survivor, doing some paper work.



Deb Heib, Jeremy Wehri and Lorelei Leithold taking out the trash in LEA Hall.



Brenda Austin emptying a garbage can on first floor in Schafer Hall.



Back from left: Brenda Anderson, Dennis Brown, Karen Saylor, Ann Werner, Mike Schumacher, Debbie Schlecht, Lorelei Leithold, Mary Ann Leithold, Darvis Helm, James Oster, Deb Heib, Jeremy Wehri, Taco Marquez, Lisa Schmidt, Jamie Gable and Brenda Austin. Front from left: Custodial Supervisor Jean Berger, Rebecca Patrick and Lenny Farley.

