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Go See the World



A group of traditional dancers perform during one of the Höfbrauhaus' dinners attended by the travellers from Bismarck. This was the last night of the trip spent in Munich before flying back to the United States. (Credit: Mystician Archives)

By Roger Marks IV
MYSTIC MEDIA COORDINATOR

Imagine waking up above the clouds. Looking out the window and seeing a foreign yet familiar landscape. The tires hit the tarmac and the thought comes of how far this country is from home. The air is the same, the grass is the same, something seems off yet new, a freedom only granted by a leap of faith. Bismarck State College offers an amazing experience that is available to anyone.

"The BSC May trip originally began as a Spring Break tour, an opportunity for students to travel overseas during that one-week break." Amy Juhala, Dean of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences who is the head of the program said.

Due to the timing of the trip during Spring Break, the tour ended up being in Edinburgh during one of the international rugby tournaments.

"Hotel prices nearly doubled ... If that's the case let's (trip participants) go in May,"

Juhala said explaining the reason for the schedule change.

Juhala has worked hard to keep the trips as low-cost as possible without sacrificing quality. This year's trip is set to visit Scotland and Iceland. Juhala will be leading the trip back to the town where

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Amy Juhala

she studied for five years to complete her masters and doctorate degrees. People interested can expect to spend around four days in Scotland and for the last two days,

tour Iceland and head home from there. This differs from past Scotland trips as the Edinburgh marathon occurs towards the end of the trip.

"Again streets get closed and hotels get expensive," said Juhala.

Students that are interested should start to think about getting passports if they do not have one or renewing if theirs may be expired. Passports can take up to six months to be processed. However that is not a set amount of time. Juhala has witnessed some students getting theirs back in as little as a month.

Students can also take the Course that goes along with the trip for

one to three credits. The work involved is reflected by the amount of credits taken. The course that accompanies the trip is HUMS 211 for the summer of 2020 term.

Interested travelers can expect to pay 3,850 dollars plus insurance per individual to go on the trip. This includes tickets, bus fare, some meals and hotels. Accommodations are set up for double occupancy, though there is an option for single booking if one prefers to travel alone for an extra 510 dollars. Hotels are centrally located with free wifi, private bathrooms, and morning breakfast buffets. Jahala has set the trips up through a local agency located in downtown Bismarck for easy access to interested travelers which keeps the cost low.

Jahala admits that the hotels add to the trip cost but said, "Cheap hotels are not fun to stay in for a long time."

Jahala puts the experience first and gives the group an experience that is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Any questions about the trip should be directed to amy.juhala@bismarckstate.edu.

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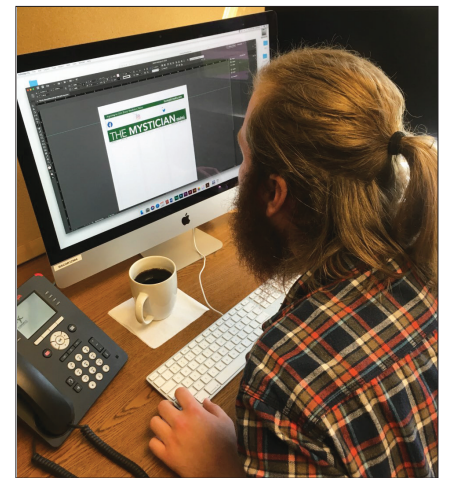
Letter from the Editor

I am happy to hear praises regarding the last release of The Mystician. There was a great deal of late nights put into its release and in my opinion, it all paid off. Now I have a wonderful and dedicated staff putting in as much effort as they can to better our vision. It is wonderful to see dedication in not just our cozy Mass Communications department but across the school.

Student involvement is an important part of college living. With that in mind it is fantastic to see so many attendees at both the volleyball games and the club fair. Our school's volleyball team has been working hard and showing results evident on the court. Various other sports teams are gearing up for the seasons. I hope they put their best effort in and that the students follow and cheer them on.

There's still a lot more to come this year outside of our department and athletics. The student, staff and faculty can look forward to events hosted by clubs, plays and speaking events on campus. Campus Read, a semester long event open to everyone, will be reading the book, "Running with the Antelope: Life, Fitness, and Grit on the Northern Plains" by Melanie Carvell. It's like a giant book club with a chance to meet the author as well. For more information on the event, go to the Campus Read section of the Bismarck State College website, located under community.

Speaking of clubs and activities, Mystic Media is always looking for fresh faces to join us. For any interested out there amongst the student body, come down and give a look to our gorgeous new studio and office spaces. I promise that we do not bite and have a fresh pot of coffee on the pot. If media production interests you in any regard, give a visit to the Armory Room 125, stick your head in and say hello. Thank you for your time BSC, now let's do our best.



Robert Mechaley III
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Event Calendar October- November 2019

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| <p><u>Oct. 10</u>
 -Mystic Media Day (SU) 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 -Mashed Potato Bar (SU) 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 -National Student Day (Bookstore)</p> <p><u>Oct. 11</u>
 -Funky flavor Ice Cream FREE (MM) 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 14</u>
 -Game Day FREE (SU Game Room) 9 a.m.- 3p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 15</u>
 -Volleyball (AR) 7 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 16</u>
 -BSC Job & Internship Fair FREE NECE 4 - 6:30 p.m.
 -Volleyball (AR) 7 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 17</u>
 -Fall Play (SJL) 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 18</u>
 -Funky Ice Cream FREE MM 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 -Fall Play (SJL) 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 19</u>
 -Fall Play (SJL) 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 21</u>
 -Volleyball (AR) 7 p.m.</p> | <p><u>Oct. 22</u>
 -Grand Theatre Movie Night (Get Free Tickets at SRL)</p> <p><u>Oct. 25</u>
 -Funky Flavor Ice Cream FREE (MM) 10 a.m. - 1:30
 -Haunted Theater (SJL) 6 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 26</u>
 -Haunted Theater (SJL) 6 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 28</u>
 -Mask Decorating FREE (SU) 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p><u>Oct. 31</u>
 -Halloween
 -Donuts & Slushies FREE (SU) 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p><u>Nov. 3</u>
 -Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p><u>Nov. 5</u>
 -Election Day
 -Pancake Bar FREE (SU) 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
 -Wind Ensemble Concert (SJL) 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Nov. 7</u>
 -Mystic Media Day (SU) 11 a.m. - 1p.m.
 -Mystic Help Mystics FREE (SU) 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 -Baroque Concert (LMC 177) 12 p.m.
 -Chor Concert (SJL) 7:30 p.m.</p> |
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The purpose of college media is to serve and give voice to the students. We, as the student-based forum of journalism on the Bismarck State College campus, provide content that is informative, fair, concise and of importance to BSC. With this goal in mind, The Mystician staff is dedicated to accuracy and maintaining ethical journalistic practices. We strive to give a voice to student issues and policies within the local community. Our goal is to incorporate as many students as possible and be an outlet for student expression. The BSC Mystician strives to be objective and is not affiliated with any outside organization. The Mystician upholds the principles guaranteed by the First Amendment and utilizes these rights to bring diverse, entertaining and thought-provoking material to the college community.

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Answers to the Crossword Puzzle on page 7

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| 2. shoddy | 18. indentre |
| 3. haughty | 17. loquacious |
| 4. didactic | 16. indelent |
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| 6. conformist | 11. disparate |
| 7. matriculate | 10. vernacular |
| 8. conformance | 7. obfuscate |
| 9. sublime | 6. amok |
| 10. quibble | 4. didactic |
| 11. renege | 2. shoddy |
- DOWN**
- ACROSS**

Concerns and Health Risks Raised on Vaping

By Kyleigh Hilbert
REPORTER

People have fallen ill and died with symptoms ranging from sore throats and coughs to chest pains and trouble breathing. An investigation has revealed the cause is connected to the vaping and Juul craze.

The news has been filled with stories of teens and young adults being hospitalized due to what doctors believe is an issue to do with vaping, Juuls, and e-cigarettes. Take 18 year old Adam Hergenreder for example. He started vaping 2 years ago and is now laying in the hospital with lung damage similar to a 70-year-old-man. Doctors believe this is directly connected with his use of vape equipment.

People have come to many different conclusions as to how this can be stopped, such as putting bans on flavors and banning certain products that may look appealing to the younger generation.

"There is always a risk with everything in life," Alexis Newton, who works at Infinity Vape Shop in Bismarck, N.D. said. "Take caffeine for example, it is really harmful as well with an extensive use and it is also addicting."

The CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, gives statistics that nicotine is highly addictive and can potentially harm young brain

development, mostly because development of the brain continues into a person's early to mid-20s. The purpose of these products, e-cigarettes and Juuls, were made to help wean people off from constant use of regular cigarettes and nicotine.

"With e-cigarettes the customer is able to choose their own levels of nicotine and eventually even get it down to zero nicotine at all," Newton said. "Most of the time smoking or vaping is a habit and gives the person something to do with their hands. It also helps with calming a person because while smoking or vaping a person is able to focus on ones breathing."

The products have gotten into the hands of the younger generation and have become an on-going trend.

Some students at Bismarck State College in Bismarck, N.D., said they started using these products because of their friends showing or influencing them.

Newton says that she believes, "These kids are overusing these products way too much or way more than the products are intended to be used."

There has been a lot of talk about whether or not there should be bans on these products. Some of these products can be helpful for people trying to stop their addiction but they can also help these young people with starting an addiction.

Students Balance Work and School

By MOLLY FETZER
REPORTER

Wake up, school, work, repeat. Many students find themselves having to work while attending school at some point. People's reasons for working vary depending on their situations, yet many struggle to find a balance between working and attending school.

It is important for students to be able to find a balance between work and school, but because people's lifestyles are so different, there is no set way of handling the stress. It comes down to the individual student.

Students are working a variety of schedules, while some don't work at all.

"I typically see any range of hours," said Mandi Talbacka a counselor in the

Mystic Advising and Counseling Center.

"Some are carrying a full time work load on top of a full time student caseload."

Some stress relievers that students might consider: working out,

meditation, journaling and reading books. It's a matter of finding what works best and fits with personal needs and lifestyle.

Kramer said in order to combat the stress of work and school she, "Hangs out with friends, and watches her TV shows."

If students find themselves struggling to find a good balance and need additional help, the Mystic Advising & Counseling Center is available to all. This service provides a safe space for students to openly communicate and is free of charge.

The MACC is located in the lower level of the BSC Student Union. Their hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and for more information 701 224-5752.

"I work 24 hours a week, every other weekend, but I'm always able to pick up shifts if I need too."

Abi Kramer, BSC student

The National Education Center for Education Statistics stated that 80 percent of students worked part time while enrolled in school at some point during their education.

"I work at Sanford on the 4th floor as a CNA," said Abi Kramer, a full-time student at Bismarck State College. "I work 24 hours a week, every other weekend, but I'm always able to pick up shifts if I need too."

Along with work and school comes stress.

"Working can be stressful because I want to have time for homework and studying, and at times after work I'm too exhausted or there just isn't any time," Kramer said.

Former BSC Student Takes on Dorian

By Caden Sheen
REPORTER

Hurricane Dorian's time has come and gone; however, even though it may not have directly hit its intended path, the Florida coast was still affected. This category 5 hurricane's wind speeds reached up to 183 mph. It left many people without food, water, electricity and even many without a home. This was not how Leah Woods expected to spend her first year of school in the Sunshine State.

Woods, a former Bismarck State College volleyball player and student, just moved to Florida this past summer. She now attends Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, where she continues her volleyball career and academics.

For a first timer in the sunshine state, Woods knew that there could always be a chance of a hurricane, especially at this time of year. Leah had only been in school for a few weeks before having to pack up and leave her dorm but instead of worrying about what would come next, she decided to make the most out of the situation.

"The evacuation was honestly really fun," Woods said. "The vibe on campus was all excited and a little jittery, comparable to a huge blizzard coming but on a higher scale. It was all crazy because people I hardly knew were offering me places to stay, which was super nice."

Dorian was slowed down by the impact it had on the Bahamas, so Florida did not get hit as bad as they initially thought they would.

"Even though the storm didn't hit us directly, there was still some flooding on campus and in dorms since we are so close to the beach," Woods said.

Woods had mixed emotions about the scenario that took place.

If I'm being honest, she said, "At first I was a little disappointed that the hurricane didn't hit since we had our snacks and games and friends in one place that it would have been fun. However, after seeing the crazy devastation to the Bahamas, it made me really grateful it didn't hit us like it was intended to."

With Dorian being out of the way, Palm Beach Atlantic is now back in school and classes are running again. Leah is back in her dorm and back to her regular life. The storm may not have hit but Leah said, "I know that one day she may have to pack up and do it all again."

"Even though the storm didn't hit us directly, there was still some flooding on campus and in dorms since we are so close to the beach," *Leah Woods*

BSC Presidential Search Committee Named

Bismarck State College has launched a search for the next president of BSC.

The new president will succeed Larry C. Skogen who will retire June 30, 2020.

The next president will lead BSC forward in its new mission as North Dakota's first polytechnic institution. Co-chairing the BSC Presidential Search Committee are Tim Mihalick, SBHE, and Dr. Dan Leingang, BSC vice president for Academic Affairs.

Other committee members include: Dean Bellin, BSC Associate Professor of Technical Theater; Marko Davinic, BSC Assistant Professor of Agriculture, Technology and Natural Resources;

Lee Friese, BSC Department Chair, Transportation and Construction; Ashley Mattson, BSC Admissions Counselor; Alicia Uhde, Department Chair, BSC National Energy Center of Excellence; Courtney Bernhardt, Administrative Assistant, BSC Continuing Education; Debra Gallagher, BSC Foundation board member; Jason Herner, BSC Alumni, High Point Networks; Nicole Myers, a BSC student.

The ex-officio member of the committee is Dr. Alan LaFave, President of Valley City State University. For more information about Bismarck State College, visit bismarckstate.edu.

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NEWS



Top: Vanessa Taylor, Associate Professor of Surgical Technologies, teaches students to properly prepare surgical equipment.
 Middle: The immediate first wing of the renovated building contains a simulation operating room with surgical dummies that can be cut open and practiced on.
 Below: The Nurses Station provides a semi-realistic experience that ties into the mission of the Health Science programs.
 (Credit: Robert Mechaley III)

Health Science Building Seeks to Fulfill Community Needs

By Robert Mechaley III
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Health Sciences returns triumphantly to the Bismarck State College home campus with a facility dedicated to teaching the next generation of healthcare professionals. The Health Sciences students no longer commute to a building on Front Avenue in downtown Bismarck but now to College Drive.

The new building boasts not just updated classrooms but rooms meant to simulate the hospital setting as close to life as possible. “This is way fancier,” said Vanessa Taylor, Associate Professor of Surgical Technologies. “We have a lot more lab space because that’s most of what you’re doing with these programs is teaching people how to do the job more so than just lectures.”

The hospital aesthetic and atmosphere add to the experience based teaching. Immediately to the right from the building entrance are double doors reminiscent of an actual hospital.

Beyond them are two operating rooms with surgical mannequins and arrays of equipment that can be prepped for as close to surgery as possible.

The rest of the building is similar with patient rooms and an ambulance, even a functional nurse’s station.

The students who are taught in this building are being prepped to be the next

generation of caregivers for the state of North Dakota and beyond.

“This semester is their last semester with us so we run them through as much simulation as we possibly can doing mock surgeries said Taylor on the goals of the Surgical Technologies program. “We do a mock surgery so that they learn before getting into a real operating room.”

The newly renovated building seeks to address the needs of BSC and the greater community. A larger building means that

“There’s a big shortage in North Dakota and the Upper Midwest.”

Vanessa Taylor, Associate Professor of Surgical Technologies

more students can enroll in the program and add more healthcare professionals in the field.

New equipment allows for in depth training ensuring students are well prepared to become the best providers they can be.

The students beginning clinicals at the end of the current semester are entering the workforce well trained and according to Taylor, there just needs to be more of them.

“There’s a big shortage in North Dakota and the Upper Midwest,” said Taylor. “I keep getting a lot of inquiries about graduates because they have so many openings around us.”

The impact is being felt statewide in both urban and rural areas. Travelling nurses and surgical technicians are being brought in to meet demand in the areas where they are needed most.

Putting the shortage into perspective, Taylor said, “If it’s any indication, just in Bismarck right now, I mean, there’s probably for Surgical Tech, just in Bismarck, probably ten openings and we have eight students right now.”

There is a larger demand in Fargo for twenty-five surgical technicians needed. This number doesn’t account for the health needs of smaller towns across the state. Every person requires medical care and the Health Science department hopes to bring in more students with the new facility to address the medical necessities of the North Dakota community at large.



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A Sit Down with The Mystic Volleyball Captains

By Robert Mechaley III
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Mystic Volleyball Captains Alie Glasser, Amy Jacobson and Bailee Otterness managed to find time to interview in the Mystic Media Studio earlier this month. They were asked about what they enjoy doing in their spare time outside of school and off the court as well as ambitions for the future. Here are their answers.

Q: What do you like to do for fun outside of volleyball?

Alie Glasser

A: Outside of volleyball, I like spending time with my friends and family; the casual answer. But, I also like to do a lot of outdoor activities like camping, fishing. I paddleboard in the summer and then in the winter ice fish and snowmobile. Other than that, just watch Netflix and do homework.

Amy Jacobson

A: I really like to binge watch Netflix, and I also like to hang out with my friends a lot, that's really it. We just do whatever, like, it doesn't matter what we're doing, I just like to be around them, you know just hanging out. That's really it.

Bailee Otterness

A: When I can find free time, I love reading a book on the couch or snuggling up and watching a movie and hanging out with my friends.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

Alie Glasser

A: I mean I'm leaving BSC coming this spring semester to go to Moorhead Minnesota State University to do speech pathology. I hope to work in a clinic someday. I will probably start in a school working with middle school or grade school, but then I'd like, I dream of liking to work as my own clientele and do my own clinic someday with pediatrics.

Amy Jacobson

A: I am going to school for elementary ed and I also hope to minor in special ed or like physical education maybe, I'm not really sure yet because I'm deciding still. In the future I don't know where I'm gonna go. Hopefully, I can stay in Bismarck I'm not really sure yet. I might go to Fargo, but I don't know, everything's up in the air. I obviously hope to teach in the future, I hope to teach kindergarten, if not I'll teach anything in the elementary area.

Bailee Otterness

A: I'm doing my generals right now at BSC but I plan to go to either Wahpeton or Moorhead Tech for dental hygiene next year. So I hope to graduate with an Associates in dental hygiene and then hopefully get a job somewhere her in Bismarck and then maybe even go on to get my Bachelors in hygiene so I could one day teach as a professor or I could sell dental equipment.



Top: Volleyball Captains Amy Jacobson, Alie Glasser and Bailee Otterness spend time off the court together and with friends. Bottom Left: Amy Jacobson spends time with former BSC Student, Bailey Willhelm. Bailey still helps keep score at volleyball games Bottom Right: Alie Glasser enjoys the outdoors. After Bismarck State College she hopes to go to school for speech pathology and eventually open a pediatric clinic in the future. (Submitted by: Alie Glaser and Amy Jacobson)



			
<h2 style="color: green;">Sports Calendar</h2> <h3 style="color: white;">Oct - Nov 2019</h3>			
<u>Oct. 14</u>	Mon.	7 p.m.	Miles Community College Bismarck, N.D.
<u>Oct. 16</u>	Wed.	7 p.m.	Dawson Community College Bismarck, N.D.
<u>Oct. 18-19</u>	Fri.-Sat.	TBA	Lake Region State Tourney Devils Lake, N.D.
<u>Oct. 21</u>	Mon.	7 p.m.	North Dakota State College of Science Bismarck, N.D.
<u>Oct. 23</u>	Wed.	7 p.m.	Lake Region State College Devils Lake, N.D.
<u>Oct. 30</u>	Wed.	7 p.m.	Mon-Dak #5 @ #2 & #4 @ #3 TBD
<u>Nov. 2-3</u>	Sat-Sun	12/2 p.m. & 1 p.m.	Region Final Four Championship at #1 TBD

OPINION

Staff Ed Are We Responsible for our Posts on Social Media

In the article “6 People Who Were Fired for Social Media Posts” on the Workopolis blog, a student tweeted “close school tammarow PLEASE” at his public school account. The social media manager for the account replied “but then how would you learn to spell “tomorrow?” :)” The seemingly harmless reply caused the manager of the account to be let go. What you say online can have serious consequences and even lead to losing your job.

The consensus among most is that politicians, celebrities, and those frequently in the public eye should uphold a standard of being well-mannered online. It is easy to say that public figures should behave responsibly online, but what makes those with a high profile different from the average person? If someone is only using their social media accounts for personal use, and not to push, promote, or benefit a company then they shouldn't need to abide by different standards than the average individual. There seems to be a gray area in this regard. Essentially, those in a position of power, when they are representing an organization or company, should maintain a reasonable responsibility to paint the company in a good light. They must follow company guidelines if any when it comes to a social media presence, and if what they post violates any guidelines, then face consequences for those actions.

When it comes to public figures who represent something other than themselves, they need to think responsibly about what they post and face consequences for breaking any rules or regulations.

Different rules should apply when a public official is only advocating their views and not necessarily representing

anything other than themselves. They are essentially the same as the average person using their social media accounts. Even though they are held to a higher standard, it does not mean they have to meet it. Although what they post may be controversial, they still have the right to say it. However, this does not mean they are not entitled to backlash from those reading what they post. Just as they have the right to post it, those viewing it have the right to express their disagreement, and in some cases, they may be removed from the platform they are using if found to be violating the terms of use.

Public officials, if using common sense, would use their accounts in a positive light, especially if they are representing something other than themselves. However, just because they should, doesn't mean they have to.

It is also important to remember that you as an individual have a responsibility online too. You may think that what you post will only reach a few people, but later in life it may come back to haunt you. If you're applying for a new job, it may only take your employer one quick Google search to find anything you've ever posted. They may decide to not hire you solely based on your use of social media in the past. Also, take into consideration that what you post reaches a lot more people than you may think. Your online persona becomes an extension of who you are as a person, whether it is an accurate perception or not. Once people gain a certain perception of you, it is hard to change their minds. Using media responsibly can help secure a future career representing something other than yourself, and help you promote a positive online persona that many others will see.

Shower Thoughts Samsung or Apple?

By Daniel Burbank
THE MYX PRODUCTION MANAGER

Recently, a professor gave us a Ted Talk to watch as an assignment. We had to decide whether the speaker was credible or biased. The speaker's topic was about the security of Apple vs. Android products. This opinion piece won't focus on the security realm of the products, that's a thought for another time.

One of my first 'smartphones' was at the beginning of lower cost Android devices. The tech was pretty good for the time and the back came off to replace a battery if needed. However, as all technology does, it gets old.

I once again was at a crossroad, Apple or Android? So I did the intelligent thing and purchased a Windows Phone. That phone had the best battery life of ANY smartphone, ever, to date. Three days on one charge. Fast forward to my summer experience with an iPhone and later on, another Android. Although buying Android products wasn't in my DNA, growing with the new systems was fun.

Now, after one week with the iPhone 11, I'm loyal to Apple for the next couple years. This was the first time since my first

smartphone that I felt trendy, and could utilize all of the features on my phone. The camera is great, though not much different from the iPhone X series. Battery life is slightly better than the previous phones, but it's all relative. For a current iPhone XS Max user, it's probably not a good idea to switch to anything other than the 11 Pro Max, if you're a fan of more cameras and a few more minutes of battery life.

Overall, Samsung phones are for techy people who enjoy manipulating technology, but have to deal with constant updates. Apple iPhones are best for the 'masses'. It's more simple and easier to use with easily defined ideas.

(Credit: Daniel Burbank)



The Customer Isn't Always Right

By Brenna Malard
EDITOR/COLUMNIST

As a retail employee, you're always informed by your employer about the old cliché “the customer is always right.” It is probably one of the most annoying things to be told because if you've ever worked in any realm of retail then you'd know that 99 percent of the time, the opposite is true. I think the phrase gives customers a sense of confidence, and they just assume they can do or say whatever they want because who's going to tell them no?

I worked as a cashier at Dan's Supermarket for a little over two years, and I have compiled a list of stories from fellow cashiers, and myself, that I think sum up the worst customers of all. So sit back and enjoy the horror stories coming to you from across the street at Dan's Supermarket.

For the most part, incidents happen quickly and conflicts are over pretty fast. One fellow cashier remembers a night working in produce when suddenly, a bag of potatoes came flying at her face. The culprit? A middle-aged woman who then told her to “wake up, you're looking a little tired.” Apparently throwing a bag of potatoes at a teenage girl's head is the best way to wake her up.

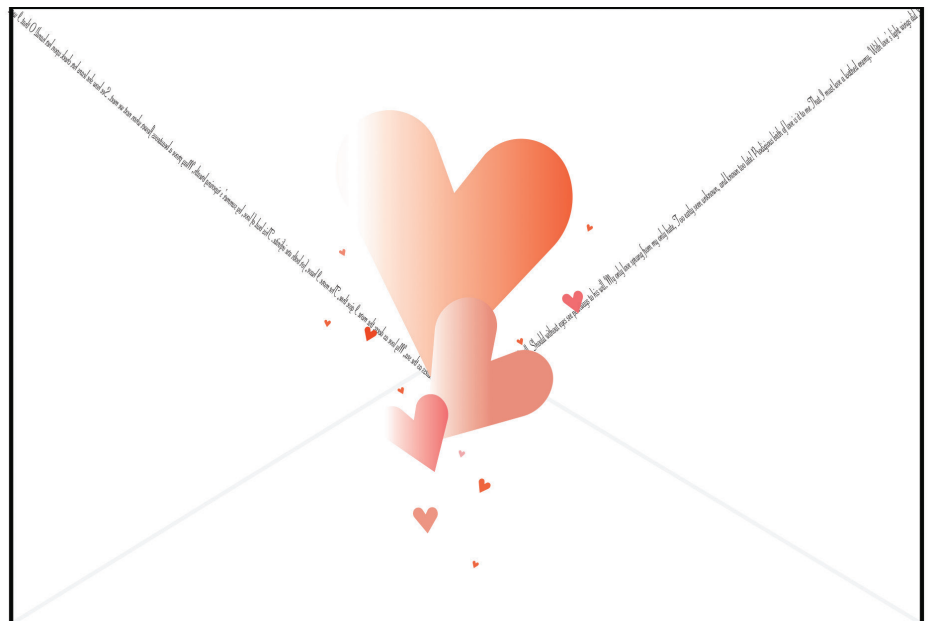
Another cashier recalls an incident that occurred in the meat department. An older man requested chicken from the meat case, and when informed none could

be cut for him that night, he proceeded to try and come behind the counter to cut his own. The cashier placed himself between the man and the counter in an attempt to subtly keep him from going back there. Unfortunately, the man began to forcefully push himself past the cashier and step behind the meat case. A manager was soon informed of the incident by those witnessing the event and removed the man from the store. Something that should have been a minor inconvenience turned into a whirlwind of complaining and a physical altercation.

The most common occurrences at Dan's are as follows: grown adults scream at cashiers for pricing- yes they will ask for the manager. People come through the lines crying, and I'm talking full-blown sobbing, and no, there is no good way to address the awkwardness. The grossest things are found on the shelves when facing products ranging from empty beer cans to a cup full of chewed sunflower seeds. Finally, you will always have a Karen that can find anything to complain about.

Overall, the experience working in retail is truly humbling. You learn to treat other retail workers with immense respect. You bond with coworkers over the craziest experiences. At the end of the day, you can all agree that the customer is seldom right, but for their sake, we'll just act like they are.

Introducing: Letters to Petra



By Petra Davidson
MYSTICAST EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

A relationship may be one of the most important things a human can have in the world. Whether it's a relationship with a man, woman, mother, father, or sibling, it signifies togetherness.

Letters To Petra is a column based on the movie “Letters to Juliet” and is associated with the actual wall in Verona Italy where hopeless romantics pin their love letters to the wall in hopes of receiving an answer to their dire messages.

There will be a pinboard in the Student Union where BSC students may pour their hearts out in letters and place on the board so that Petra may answer with her relationship advice. The individuals sending the letter will remain anonymous so you may give yourself a pseudonym for confidentiality.

If you live in the 21st century and wish to send your letter digitally, email at bscmysticianeditor@bismarckstate.edu

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

Every College Student Should Watch Community

By Robert Mechaley III
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

“Community” is a six season comedy television series that premiered on NBC in 2005. Created by Dan Harmon, it received praise on account of its acting and writing. This series in its run is not just a good show, but in my own opinion, a staple for college students at any institution.

The show centers on the experiences and antics of Greendale Community College and the students in a study group for a Spanish 101 class. While the hijinks are overblown and unrealistic, there are small lessons interspersed within that deal with relatable subjects of self-doubt, friendship and as the show comes to its

conclusion, saying goodbye and moving forward. The humor is offbeat and a little strange, but thanks to Harmon’s writing and stellar delivery by the cast it never feels awkward or forced.

The main cast is phenomenal with names such as Joel McHale, Chevy Chase and Alison Brie. Their abilities to fully embody the characters on screen feel genuine and fitting. Even with ludicrous plotlines such as school wide paintball, exploration of other timelines and a hostile takeover by the chief of security, the characters manage to hold a semblance of relatability. Even when major changes in cast take place the show manages to hold its ground.

The writing and direction are so intertwined that it is difficult to analyze them on their own. One of the

series’ triumphs is the ability to blend visual storytelling with the immediate performance. There are fun and easy to miss bits hidden in the background that add to the show without losing focus. The most notable side of the writing is the way it subverts common tropes in other television, frequently throwing jabs at “Friends” or “Who’s the Boss?”.

As a work of art it holds a great deal to observe and find value in. Even without the critical analysis, it remains as a fun time and well worth watching. The ludicrous costumes of the school’s dean, played by Jim Rash, as well as flashback episodes that feature moments not actually depicted make for a memorable and fun time. Dan Harmon said that the show is based on the comradery of his own study group in college, which shows in the

production and care for characters. While said characters are self-deprecatingly loveable and broken, there is actually some solid introspection of who they are that is beautiful even while overblown.

In conclusion, college students around the world should absolutely watch “Community” for the love of entertainment value. It’s fun and cute at times with a high rewatchability. It also deals with subjects of anxiety, the dread of not having direction and the sadness of leaving beloved friends. These are concerns I’ve heard from many students and dealt with myself. This show helped me with these problems and while not everyone will learn from it, it is still a fantastic time.

A Student Shares Why He Came to Bismarck State College

By Travis Askerooth
REPORTER

Everyone has their reasons for why they chose to go to Bismarck State College. It can be for just one or multiple reasons: degrees that BSC offers (Agriculture, Mass Communications, Electronic Technology), the location is convenient or the food is good. Even in North Dakota, BSC is a fairly small college compared to North Dakota State University. People across the country come from hundreds of miles away to attend BSC.

Clay Rainwater, who has been known by his friends as Al, is a student here at BSC. He came from Sand Springs, OK and he is a freshman studying Web Development and Design. He enjoys playing video games with his friends and reading books for fun. Watching TV shows like Hart of Dixie, Avatar The Last Airbender, and Supernatural are an example of how he passes time. He daydreams of becoming a writer or a master programmer. He came from a really terrible home and he had to rely on himself for nearly everything as he grew up. He came to BSC to take control of his life, but this is not the only thing

that he came up here for.

“I have a friend up here that I have not seen in four years and that was one of the biggest things that I came up here for,” Rainwater said, “We’re like brothers. So, I wanted to come up here and live with him. Two, I like the weather up here. It’s consistently cold, so that is very nice for me...I love the cold.”

It is interesting to know why people come to BSC because it can reveal their character and bring better understanding to their backgrounds. People like Clay can relate to his wanting to take control of his life and be compelled to do the same.

Having their friends live where people want to go can have a big and positive impact in the future. Making different friends also impacts people’s character and they can learn about their experiences and struggles. They can even help solve these problems together. It is very important to know why people came to certain places because not only do people learn more about the other person, it could create connections they never thought was possible.

Raid On Area 51

By Haley Hebdon
REPORTER

A man by the name of Matty Roberts created a Facebook event titled “Storm Area 51, They Can’t Stop All of Us.” The event was posted on June 27 but was to take place on Sept. 20.

The original intention was to storm a United States Air Force (USAF) Facility within the Nevada Test and Training Range in search of extraterrestrial life.

Over 2 million people originally responded to the Facebook event with status as “going” and more than 1.5 million responded as “interested.” Between June and September those numbers varied, and only 150 people showed up to the actual raid and only two people got arrested. One for public urination and the other for trespassing.

Nevada law enforcement warned the people that would be attending the raid about the consequences that they would face for trespassing onto the property. With this information, two festivals were planned outside near the Nevada Test and Training Range. One was called “Alienstock” in Rachel, Nev. and the second was called “Storm Area 51 Base Camp” in Hiko, Nev.

Authorities and some businesses in Rachel tried to cancel “Alienstock” multiple times due to the number of people who said they were going to show up. Authorities weren’t sure of how serious the event was or the people attending it, but they were prepared.

After the morning of the raid, they began to set up the festivals with over 1,500 people showing up and throughout

the weekend a total of five people were arrested. The majority for trespassing and two for a car crash involving a cow that sent one man to the hospital.

Not a lot was released on the two that were detained for trespassing aside from a girl ducking under the gate and a man urinating publicly. The car crash with a cow happened in between Rachel and

Hiko, Nev. on Sept. 20. With the number of cars coming through for the festivals,

some drivers didn’t pay much attention to the speed limits. Although there was no human injuries, the police disclosed that the cow did not make it through the crash.

Mystic Media Poll Results

On September 12 Mystic Media released a poll to ask students what events they would like to see in the coming school year. We would like to thank all of the people who participated in the poll. One of the 82 of you also won a brand new Mystic Media t-shirt by drawing. The winner is Kennedy Sundsbak. Kennedy can claim the t-shirt in Armory Room 125.

Keep your eyes peeled for the next poll and go Mystics! For now, here are the results:

**Would you attend a dance hosted on campus?
Yes: 65 No:15 Maybe: 2**

**Would you attend a pool movie?
Yes: 76 No: 6**

**Would you attend a music festival outside of the Armory?
Yes: 65 No: 16 Maybe: 1**

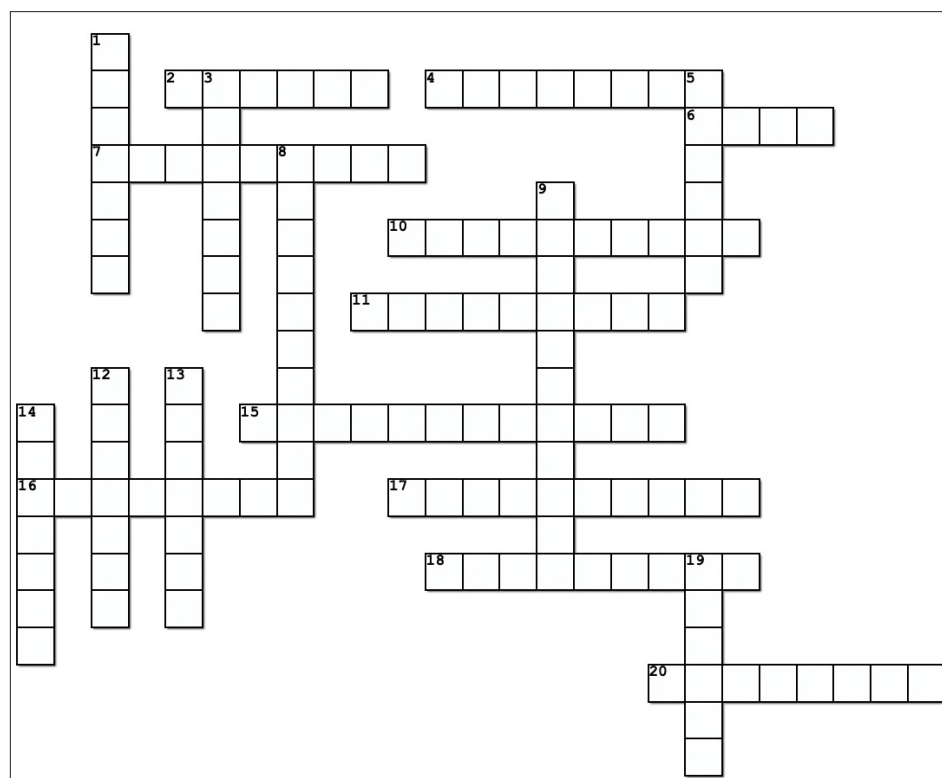
**Would you attend a campus-wide capture the flag game?
Yes: 45 No: 37**

**Will you attend volleyball games?
Yes: 51 No: 30 Maybe: 1**

**Will you attend Basketball games?
Yes: 55 No: 25 Maybe: 2**

**Will you attend Baseball games?
Yes: 39 No: 41 Maybe: 2**

**Will you watch the Esports Team?
Yes: 31 No: 51**



Dictionary 101 Pt. 2

Across

2. poorly made or done
4. designed to teach people something
6. behave in an out of control fashion
7. make something unclear and obscure
10. the language spoken by people of a certain region or group
11. different from each other, unlike
15. not honest or sincere
16. wanting to avoid activity or work
17. a very talkative person
18. a formal contract or document
20. obsessing over little details and rules

Down

1. using very few words, brief
3. arrogant and unfriendly
5. a warning about a particular statement that should be remembered
8. a person who accepts established behavior
9. become a student at a college or university
12. having or showing great knowledge
13. something excellent, awe-inspiring, or impressive
14. a minor objection or criticism
19. to not fulfill a commitment



Bismarck State College Campus Police address student concerns outside of the Student Union after a car accident. No injuries were recorded but the building was damaged in the collision. (Credit: Robert Mechaley III)

Constitution Day Student Winners and Participants:



Nathan Ball



Chelsea Braun



Daniel Burbank



Breckon Felch



Shianne Friese



Shania Harr



Shane Isaak



Ryan Johnson



Darrius Ricke



Anthony Steele

1] In the Constitution it states that nobody holding a United States office shall ever have to pass a
 a. Religious Test
 b. Mental Test
 c. Age Test
 d. All of the above

2] When the Convention of 1787 gathered, they eventually replaced our country's first nation's effort at a Constitutional government which was called ____?
 a. the Articles of Confederation
 b. the Declaration of Independence
 c. the Federalist Papers
 d. the Emancipation Proclamation
 e. none of above

3] How many of the 13 states had to ratify the newly created Constitution of 1787 before it went into effect?
 a. None, it went into effect immediately after it was written
 b. 7
 c. 9
 d. 12
 e. 13

4] What are the three branches of government that were created by the new Constitution?
 a. Executive, Departmental, Judicial
 b. Local, State, Federal
 c. Cabinet, Congress, Senate
 d. Executive, Legislative, Judicial
 e. House, Senate, Supreme Court
 f. Executive, Cabinet, Operations

5] Invoking the Fifth Amendment means an accused person
 a. refuses to testify against himself
 b. cannot be tried again
 c. demands an attorney
 d. demands to appeal his case
 e. refuses a sobriety test

Answer Key

- [1] A. Religious Test
- [2] A. The Articles of Confederation
- [3] C. 9
- [4] D. Executive, Legislative, Judicial
- [5] A. Refuses to testify against himself

For those not in attendance, on Sept. 17 there was a competition and doughnuts in the Student Union to commemorate Constitution Day. Trivia was sent out via Mystic Mobile and responded to by students in an email. First two correct answer won a gift card. For more events and giveaways, check the event calendar at [bismarckstate .edu](http://bismarckstate.edu)