

Teachers Give Advice to Incoming Students

By Hunter Andes

The 2017-2018 academic year is getting underway at Bismarck State College. The incoming freshman will replace the void of the outgoing sophomores that graduated in May, which means there will be a plethora of new faces at BSC. Many of these, high school students, beginning to write a new chapter in the book of life.

Over the summer incoming freshman came in and registered for classes at the National Energy Center of Excellence. One of these students was Kaelan Macdonald from Bismarck.

“It seems like Bismarck State is laid back and welcoming,” Macdonald said. “Everybody has helped me out a lot so far, which I think will lead into the professors being welcoming and willing to help in the classroom.”

Some students at BSC come for a little while and then transfer to another institution. This is the case with Alysse Charlesworth who is from Glendive, Mont. Charlesworth has been to the campus a few times before, as she was in high school track.

“BSC is beautiful,” Charlesworth said. “It actually looks bigger than DSU [Dickinson State University] so that is nice.”

She plans on being here one semester.

“I am going to med school for physical therapy, and I am short just a few credits,” Charlesworth said. “BSC had just what I needed, so I can finish them up here.”

Neither of these students are living on campus, but instead with family.

Regardless of living on or off campus, students must have their priorities straight in order to pass their courses. Some may have legitimate priorities that come before school, but for most students, school is first and foremost.

“Go to class and do your homework,” Wendy Pank, associate professor of sociology said. “Most teachers do not accept late work, so don’t procrastinate on your assignments – especially in online classes. Teachers also expect you to read the book even when we don’t specifically say it. You are not fooling us



Associate Professor of Music Dr. John Darling, assisting a student in signing up for classes.

by not reading it; we can tell if you have or not. We wouldn’t have you go and buy the book if we didn’t want you to read it.”

Pank went on to say, “Don’t cave into peer pressure – stay true to yourself and your values. The truth is that not everyone is drinking, doing drugs and participating in risky sexual behavior.”

Every professor has office hours open to students in order to help their students. These hours are usually printed clearly at the top of the syllabus that is handed out at the beginning of the semester. The student who utilizes these office hours could go from getting a B or C to getting an A.

“Students who are afraid to utilize office hours usually don’t do as well as the students that do utilize them,” Michael Tomanek, assistant professor of English said. “Students need to make an effort to get to know their professors; once they do it pays off. It does not mean

they are a bad student or a good student – for those who choose to come, it shows in their work.”

College is all about time management. Director of Athletics Buster Gilliss, said that it is of utmost importance that students implement their time management skills from the start.

Administrative Assistant of Athletics Dee Bertsch, said students need to go to their classes every day, and they should also set time aside to come to BSC athletic events.

“I’ve had a lot of first-year students tell me they were caught off guard by how much they have to be self-starters and really take homework seriously,” Dr. Kimberly Crowley, assistant professor of English said. “Many students are used to high school where they are reminded of the work they have to do every day, or they are given a lot of time in class to complete assignments. In college,

students have more responsibility to do the work independently and also to be sure to ask for help if they need it. It’s important to remember that the expectation is that there are a few hours of homework each week for each credit a student takes, so just showing up for class isn’t enough.”

Of the faculty and staff interviewed, there was not one that left out the importance of student involvement around campus. Set time aside for a club on campus and other activities. Get out of the dorm and go meet people.

“Get involved with campus activities/clubs so that you will want to go to classes,” Mike Homan, associate professor of electronics said. “It will also help you meet new people with similar interests. Do not skip classes; your success in classes is dependent on your participation.

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Buster Gilliss



Mike Holman



Dee Bertsch



Kaelan Macdonald
(Student)



Bob Arso



Wendy Pank



Michael Tomanek



Kim Crowley

Letter from the Editor



School is back in session at Bismarck State College; if you are a new student, a returning one, or even a member of this college's faculty and staff, I want to personally take the time to thank you for reading this publication. My name is Hunter Andes, and for this academic year, I am the new editor-in-chief of the BSC student run school newspaper The Mystician. Some of you may have noticed a stylistic change in The Mystician from last year. We are no longer a news magazine and have switched back to our roots of the newspaper format.

Do not fret, we will still be bringing you the quality news stories in our 79th edition that you as students and faculty have come to expect in all preceding editions. I am also excited to announce that I have been digging through our paper's archives and have quite a few surprises up my sleeve for the upcoming year. Keep reading The Mystician throughout the year to see what these surprises are.

With that, I would like to address an issue this publication has been faced with in the past. Some administrators, staff, and faculty do not seem to understand that this is strictly a student run publication; we are not, will not, and refuse to ever be public relations for this institution. What does this mean you may ask? It means that my staff and I will strive to share fair and balanced news stories that are relevant to students at this college. We also have an opinion section just as every other publication has. This section contains the personal opinions of the writer(s),

and does not reflect the views of BSC or of this publication.

I have personally looked into the student demographics of BSC and have also spoken with countless peers in the last two years. I can affirm that I have a grasp on what the student body wants in their student run newspaper. We will continue to have articles that interest the majority of the student body.

I, as editor-in-chief, determine what will be published in this publication and what will not. If you as the reader have any concerns please contact me. If you decide to go over me and contact my adviser, karen Bauer, she will direct you back to me. Her role is to advise this staff on the consequences of our actions, but she does not have a say as to what is published.

We are protected by the John Wall New Voices Act of North Dakota and are also a proud member of the Student Press Law Center and reserve all the rights therein.

If any student has an aspiration of becoming a journalist or if you want to be involved, come by Room 125 in the Armory and inquire. You are welcome to join our staff, as we are aspiring to give every BSC student a voice.

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Hunter Andes

Hi, I'm Hunter, a third year student at BSC. I have an AAS degree in Engineering Technology from BSC, and am currently pursuing an AAS in Mass Communications and an AA English Transfer to Minot State. This is my second year on The Mystician.



Amanda Joyce

Hey pals, I'm Amanda. For anyone who wants to know a little bit about me, I have a plethora of animals, and I love hot chocolate. My life goals are to travel the world, and open an animal sanctuary. This is my second year on The Mystician!



Brianna Svihl

Hey there! I am Brianna Svihl, a second-year student at Bismarck State College, working toward a degree in Graphic Design and Communications. This is my first year on staff of The Mystician. In my free time, I enjoy taking pictures of just about anything. I am very excited to see where The Mystician will take me this year.



Michael Sims

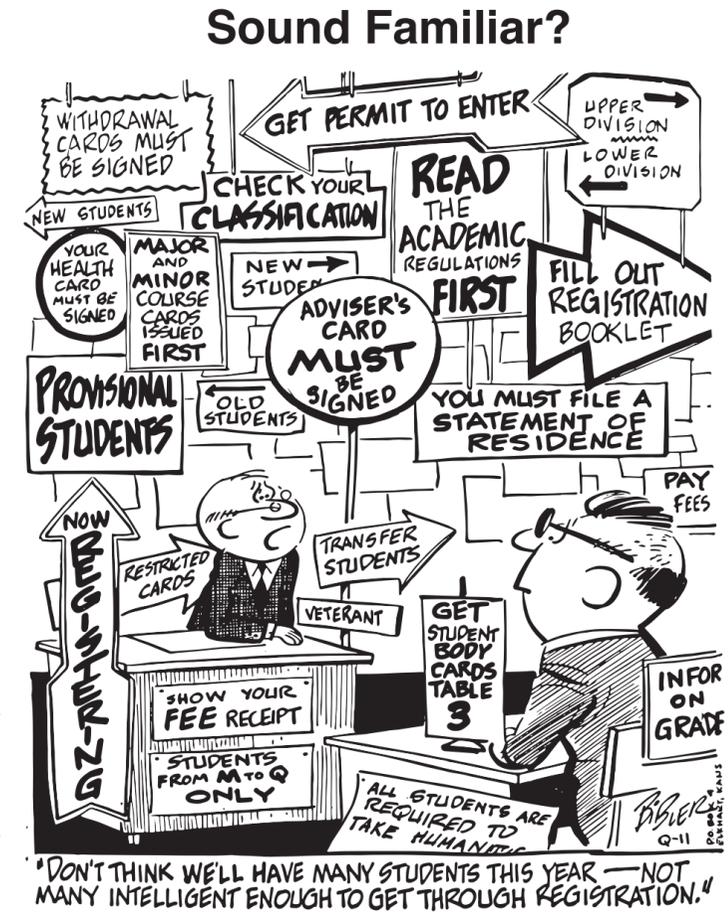
Hi! I am Michael Sims. I am currently a second-year student at BSC. I am studying to get my degree in Graphic Design. I like to do a number of things in my free time. Whether I am hanging out with friends or doing homework, I am always loving life. This is my first year on The Mystician, and I am excited to see where it takes me.

Mission Statement:

The purpose of college media is to serve and give voice to students. We, as the student-based forum of journalism on campus, provide content that is informative, fair and concise. With this goal in mind, this news publication is dedicated to accuracy and maintaining ethical practices.

The Bismarck State College 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.

Below is one of the surprises mentioned in the letter from the editor. Volume 79 will be featuring slices of past editions of The Mystician. This comic was published in Volume 13, Number 1 of The Mystician on October 2, 1959.



HAVE AN OPINION OR STORY IDEA?

Write a letter to the editor

contact: 701-224-5467

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Agenda:

We, as the student-based forum of journalism provide information that is important to Bismarck State College's campus. The Mystician staff strives 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 truth, fact-based opinions and informative sources are important to us as a staff. With these three standards, The Mystician will be well-written, respected and relevant.

Advice

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The more you attend the better you will do. Make sure you ask a lot of questions and communicate with your instructor." Students also must determine if they are pursuing a two-year degree or a four-year degree. There is a big difference and not knowing could cost a lot of extra time and money.

Robert Arso, professor of electronics technology/telecommunications technology, entering his 49th year of teaching said, "They really need to focus and talk to a career counselor to make sure they are in the right field. First you need to determine if you're in a two- or a four-year program. If it's a two-year they should be satisfied here on campus; if it's a four-year program they need to talk with the terminating institution and put together a degree plan so they can take the appropriate classes at BSC. In regard to four year degrees - the university sets the bar for the classes you will need - not BSC."

Pank echoed Arso saying, "Research the career you are going into - what will be the number of job openings - where specifically do you want to work - what's the starting pay?"

Interested in being part of Mystic Media?
The Mystician Editor-in-Chief
Hunter Andes invites any student who has an aspiration for journalism - print, photography, broadcast - to please inquire at
The Mystician Editor's office
Room 125 in the Armory
or call 701-224-5467.

EVENT CALENDAR

Take a Delicious Journey Through "Chocolate: The Exhibition"
May 27 - September 6
North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum
Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat - Sun 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Adult Admission \$7

Mandan Dirt Series Championship Night at Dacotah Speedway
August 25
6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Grandstand Admission:
Adult Admission \$12
Save \$1 by purchasing advance tickets at Cenex.

GameChanger101 Community Class
August 28
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library Lower Level Room B
FREE

Community Fit Fair
September 6
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
MDU Resources Community Bowl
FREE

48th Annual United Tribes Technical College International Powwow
3315 University Drive
September 8 - September 10
Friday 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

My Endless Summer Tour 2017
September 21 - 6 p.m.
Flo Rida & Timeflies
Bavendick Field at the MDU Resources Community Bowl

Salesh the Hypnotist
FREE
Must be 18 or older
August 23
8 p.m. Sidney J. Lee Auditorium

Create a Critter
FREE
August 24
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Student Union

Auditions for fall play
6 p.m.-10 p.m.
Sidney J. Lee Auditorium

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The Mystician accepts letters to the editor, suggestions for stories, information for clubs on campus, etc. The next issue of The Mystician will be published Thursday, Sept. 7. Deadline for submissions is Aug. 28. Stop by Room 125 in The Armory for more information.

A Walk Around Campus

Schafer Hall



Schafer Hall was the first building on campus. It contains the offices of student records, finances, financial aid, admissions, classrooms, office spaces and the help desk

LEA Hall



The newest building on campus, LEA Hall, is home to the Library, the English department, the Art department and the Clell and Ruth Gannon Art Gallery.

Career Academy



The Career Academy, built in 2010, shares space with Bismarck Public Schools and many technical programs including Agriculture and Graphic Design.

Student Union



The Student Union, originally built in 1974 and remodeled in 2013-14, houses the Student Life offices, the Bookstore and Mystic Marketplace.

NECE



The National Energy Center of Excellence offers space for energy industry training, continuing education and administrative offices.

Armory



The Armory is home to the Athletics Department, Intramurals and all things sports. Students will also find The Mystician offices here.

BSC Foundation



At the Foundation House, students will find information about scholarships.

Technical Center



Classes for welding, automotive and computer science can be found in the Technical Center.

Welcome back to college!

Meadowlark



Security and Human Resources offices are in the Meadowlark Building.

Jack Science Center



Math and science classes are taught in the Jack Science Center, which was built in 1998.

