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Twitter is officially banning political ads from its site. The Internet holds a lot of power, and Jack Dorsey, chief executive of Twitter, is actively recognizing this power, and attempting to do some good with it. Dorsey has expressed concerns over the power, manipulation, and influence ads can produce, some of which can be false or misleading. The New York Times writes quoting Dorsey, "He said he was worried the ads had significant ramifications that Twitter's democratic infrastructure may not be prepared to handle." Dorsey recently tweeted that "political message reach should not be determined by money." However, he did not go so far as to detail how this is Twitter’s approach.

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Airbnb is proving how they value the safety and comfort of their customers by making sure that all the listings currently on Airbnb are verified and meet certain criteria. This will primarily be a community-based system. APenya-Enabled Christmas Tree

BY HALLE MARTIN

Alexa, turn on the Christmas tree! That’s right. Amazon is now offering an Alexa-enabled Christmas tree, dubbed Mr. Christmas. On November 28, the day of the tree’s release, users can look forward to pre-lit lights, customizable lights, and automated features. The tree will light itself up by the sound of your voice. In November, the leader in e-commerce introduced the “smart tree” on their website, retailing at $299.99. The artificial Christmas tree is modeled after the famous Douglas fir and stands seven feet high. It comes pre-lit with LED lights, eliminating cumbersome wires and cords. Within minutes, your home will transform into a beautiful scene, thanks to Alexa.

With the rigorous upgrades to the system and rules, Airbnb is doing its best to keep its customers and renters safe from any form of harm. With the start of the 2019 school year, the violation of drivers failing to stop for school buses continues to affect the safety of Minnesota’s children. The fine for this violation has increased from $300 to $500 within the month of August.

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With all the backlash and controversy over this, it really begs the question, what are our values online and what should be represented? This small debate has erupted into a volcano of bickering, name-calling, and anger. One seemingly simple tip of the iceberg with what’s to come in the upcoming election year.

Explore Airbnb

By LUCY VANG

For the state of Minnesota, drivers are expected to stop at least 20 to 30 feet from a school bus, and school buses to turn on their amber flashing lights 100 yards before the destination. As soon as the lights come on and the stop sign pops down, drivers behind the bus and from other directions are expected to stop at least 20 to 30 feet from the bus. Drivers are also expected to wait until the stop sign has been raised, and the red lights have stopped flashing. These are the rules and regulations that are to be followed by Minnesota State Law.

In 2017, Minnesota had 1,099 school bus stop-arm violations, and in 2018, a total of 1,052. Records in 2018 showed that 2,800 people reported seeing almost 600 illegal passes of drivers in a day. Although the numbers did decrease, violations of drivers not stopping for school bus stop-arms continue to be a threat raising the concern for parents and bus-drivers who continue to pick up and drop off the students.

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Airbnb is putting a great amount of effort into improving the safety of its customers. This all started after several incidents, including but not limited to a recent shooting in Orlando, CA. This has also led to a ban on Airbnb party houses. Recently tweeted, "Starting today, we are banning party houses, and we are rebuilding our efforts to combat unauthorized parties and get rid of abusive host and guest conduct, including that leads to the terrible event in Orlando. Here’s what we are doing: First, we are expanding manual screening on high-risk reservations flagged by our risk detection technology. Second, we are creating a dedicated ‘party house’ rapid response team. Third, we are taking immediate action against users who violate these enhanced gate policies, including removal.” With the rigorous upgrades to the system and rules, Airbnb is doing its best to keep its customers and renters safe from any form of harm.
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Despite the United States backing the new interim government, the issue is having a rippling effect on the rest of Latin America. Brazil is not missing the possibility of a coup, others like Chile and Peru are not necessarily taking sides right now, but they are watching closely in case things go sour. Mexico, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela are condemning the situation as a coup. Morales had argued prior to the election that he needed more time to address the issue at hand, but it seems like time has run out in a way that nobody expected.

**ISIS Leader Dead but the Fight is Not Over by ETHAN LANGEMO**

Since the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) conception in 2014, many have been wondering about its leader and founder Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. With videos of the police cutting the indigenous Bolivian flag through days of protest, some are worried that the power vacuum left by Evo Morales could open doors to a much more dangerous political environment for Bolivia.

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**Protests and violence took over the country after days of October’s elections, which led up to Morales’s resignation, and ultimately caused him to flee the country.**

To further understand the chaos in Bolivia, it’s important to know some details about Evo Morales’s presidency, as well as what triggered this. According to the BBC Monitoring statistics, Evo Morales was president of Bolivia for 13 years and nine months. He was also the leader of the Coca growers’ union, and their choice of leader was an estimated 50% of the votes in 2005, 2009, and 2014. His support of coca legalization in Bolivia led to strained US relations, and the suspicion against Morales’s administration led to accusations of the government supporting the opposition against Morales.

Morales faced for the majority of his presidency on wealth distribution, but the biggest win for Morales was the drop of poverty from 38% in 2006 to 17% in 2016, as reported by BBC. The tipping point for many came as results of a 2016 referendum were ignored. Morales asked his country whether or not they wanted men in the world, with a $25 million bounty on his head. The resulting vote was a narrow yes, but it resulted in a constitutional alteration legalizing the use of coca in the area in which the coca was conducted is also inhabited by other militantistic groups. US soldiers infiltrated the structure and pinned al-Baghdadi in a dead-end tunnel. He had taken two children around the age of 12 with him into the tunnel, then proceeded to kill himself along with the children by detonating his explosive suicide vest. Several children, in addition to a few women of al-Baghdadi, were captured in the process. Part of the victory can be attributed to Conan, the hero dog, Conan chased the ISIS leader into the underground tunnel, allowing troops to track his location and capture the man. The man he was chasing submitted themselves and had to be rescued. He was flown back to the United States and received a personal invitation to visit the White House from President Donald Trump. Earlier this summer, he was arrested again for what he took playing in a war that posed an existential threat to the region and the world. After not being able to defend himself, he was convicted on two counts of soliciting the prostitution of children under the age of 18, and had to be rescued. Epstein ended up on watch in a special unit with extra security, including two guards instructed to watch over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. He died shortly after he was taken off watch. An initial evaluation by NYC Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Barbara Sampson concluded in his death being an apparent suicide. How his body was found over him and a new court date in September. His support of cocaine legalization in Bolivia led to strained US relations, and the suspicion against Morales’s administration led to accusations of the government supporting the opposition against Morales.

**Jeoffrey Epstein Didn’t Kill Himself by ETHAN LANGEMO**

Any of us have seen our social media feeds filled with memes that often make fun of celebrities. We are used to seeing the funny side of people we otherwise respect. It is common to see memes like that time has run out in a way that nobody expected.

In an interview with WCCO, Ganda Yang expressed her frustration. In another instance at the Arden Hills DMV, Kerr 11 reported them letting a handful of cars through the gates at around 7 am. Meanwhile, a superior emerged from the building and told the following cars still waiting to turn back. “We’re not taking any more walk-ins at this time.”

Word of Epstein’s death began a conspiracy theory that he was killed by someone hired by the powerful people in his close social circle to keep him from saying their names in his next trial.
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Back in December of 2018, Bloomberg magazine praised Minneapolis for possibly becoming the first city to make such a necessary change in housing single-family zoning. The publication shared that due to how the current impact of housing zoning is to our environment, the rising middle class, and for communities of color, this is a necessary move if cities want to flourish rather than watch their economies start to fail. Single-family zoning may no longer be supportive of our evolving economy; in the opinion of Bloomberg magazine, this type of zoning has historically been the status quo has now “made it a lot harder for people of modest means to live in a thriving area.” The MyEdSD Downtown Council also has a plan for 2045. In a video sharing what they hope to accomplish by then, they include two additional light rail lines, 3 million square feet of downtown office space for companies to create jobs, entertainment for residents, green projects throughout downtown, and small business-friendly environments not only for its current residents but also the doubling digits of incoming resident population they expect to house by 2025.

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The process of Duluth’s return was not easy. It started in 1990 when 1.5 acres of the Duluth land went up for sale. The people from Duluth who were interested in buying the land joined forces and successfully bid on the property. The bid was raised, so they continued to fundraise until this 1.5 acres were theirs. In 2004, the city of Eureka decided to donate another 45 acres to the tribe. The tribe was beyond grateful for this bid, but there were another 200 acres of land that they still did not own. The journey of gaining these 202 acres would take another 15 years to achieve.

The reason the island was taken over so quickly was that a massacre had occurred before one of their sacred ceremonies, which is where they were at their most vulnerable point. They were not prepared to protect themselves in any way because of their preparations for their “world renewal” ceremony, which could be considered their new years celebration. Up to 250 tribal members were killed, the majority being women, children, and elders. After this massacre, the world renewal day celebration went unceremonial. This had marked the start of a long and systematic attempt at the erasure of Wiyot culture. Not only were the Wiyots suffering, but their land was, too. This was all caused by a white settler named Robert Gunther, who had bought some of the land and turned it into a cattle ranch. He took the area where the renewal ceremony was once held and

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Not Enough Space for a White Picket Fence: The Minneapolis 2040 Housing Plan

By Victoria Turcios

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nce upon a time, the dream of owning a white picket fenced home in the city, settling down, having a family, and a garage big enough for one or two cars was a core part of the American Dream. Could it be that this part of the dream is now facing Americans as a whole? Zoning regulations may be unknown territory for the average individual, but with the Minneapolis 2040 plan to stop single-family zoning, it’s crucial to understand what the conversation is all about. The plan that passed 10-1 in question what the future looks like for Minneapolis and the surrounding Twin Cities suburbs. Single-family zoning is when a residence doesn’t share walls, roofs, or any part with other buildings. The thing about the zoning of where these homes are meant to be built is that many are mandated to be larger. Single-family zoning is when a residence doesn’t share walls, roofs, or any part with other buildings. The status quo has now “made it a lot harder for people of modest means to live in a thriving area.” The MyEdSD Downtown Council also has a plan for 2025. In a video sharing what they hope to accomplish by then, they include two additional light rail lines, 3 million square feet of downtown office space for companies to create jobs, entertainment for residents, green projects throughout downtown, and small business-friendly environments not only for its current residents but also the doubling digits of incoming resident population they expect to house by 2025.

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Why Snow is the Worst
BY ANNA FRITZE

Hello humans, and thank you for tuning into another edition of The Sword! Now, before we delved into the main topic for today, every human has an opinion on snow, and most of these opinions fall on the side of love or hate. Of course, I, for one, am the latter. Every single time I see snow, I close the windows and turn on the heat. Don’t get me wrong, I love a white Christmas like the next person, but I cannot get past the fact that snow makes my life harder. And I don’t mean cute and cozy, no, I mean it literally makes it harder. No, not only for me, but also for everyone else out there who has to deal with this white stuff. Honestly, I think snow is the worst thing to have on the ground. People have to shovel it away. Then I have to walk back while the tears are streaming down my face, which turns to ice and freezes my eyes shut—no cup of tea.

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Ok Boomer. Some may view this as an insult, while others see it as an innocent joke. In 2019, many trends have surfaced in the media, but this trend has left a divided taste between the older and younger generations. It is often recognized that the Baby Boomer generation criticizes the Millennials and Gen Z for various behaviors, and for policies that they have to implement. This work the other way around as well. Now the Millennials are firing back with the phrase “ok boomer” as a way to reflect the many “W”-Millennial” insults that have surfaced from the older generation.

The trend surfaced recently on the social media platform TikTok, this year TikTok is famous for creating comical videos, and “Ok Boomer” is no exception. This trend is mainly aimed at older generation. Soon enough the trend moved on to other platforms like Instagram and Twitter. This trend all started with an older man criticizing Millennials and Gen Z saying that the younger generation has Peter Pan Syndrome or the fear of growing up. There was then a response from a member of one of the younger generations who made a reaction video on Tik Tok saying “Ok Boomer” saying “Ok Boomer” is meant to mock the Baby Boomer generation.

Throughout the years, you can see that Millenials and Generation Z are in this non-stop battle to prove that their generation is the worst generation. The younger generations are too spoiled and babied with all the new technology. Since Baby Boomers grew up during the Depression and World War II, they think that the younger generations are not capable enough to handle any of this. They think that the younger generations are not capable enough to handle any of this. Baby Boomers are scared of the younger generations because they think they are lazy and they do not care about anything. This is not the case. Millennials and Baby Boomers are trying to live their life to the fullest, but they are dealing with the wrath of the Baby Boomers for something they cannot control, like the internet and other advancements. Climate change and social security also play a part in this feud.

In all, “Ok Boomer” is a witty remark to fire back at the Baby boomers when they try to call us out Gen Z or the Millennials. Some may argue it is harsh, considering that we live in 2019, while others see it as simply a clap back to the Baby Boomer generation when they try to blame Gen Z and Millennials for something they cannot control.

2020: The Year to Turn Blue? By Richard Mahle

In our crazy political atmosphere, two questions on the mind of every American are: Who supports Trump, and how will people vote in 2020? In regards to President Trump, the Democrats want his head. They will reconvene in the event that he is impeached, but if he is not, the fate of the leftists lies in the shifting political atmosphere in key states. With the way the states are flipping, there could be hope for those wishing this. Virginia has turned blue yet again this year, and it’s a clear indicator that the US is entering a consecutive blue year. A surprise within the political world is Kentucky was fighting for different reasons in 2019. In the event that he is impeached, the vote pending on the event that he is impeached, the vote pending is scheduled for 2020. This is not the only state with such an alarming near 50/50 split. Other states, including Mississippi, Virginia, and Maine, showed the same trends. Although these states are not swing states like California, they are important to account for because they could be the cause of a recount, or could result in the win. Only five presidents have won state with not having this popular vote.

An interesting view on voters comes with examining the current voting habits of the millennial generation. Some might say that this generation is one of the most voting-happy. For example, Pennsylvania has a near four-way tie between two separate Democratic candidates. As a whole, Millennials have a tendency to be more interested in politics, and they are more likely to vote. They are the first generation in the millennial generation that are in college and have young children. Millennials are the generation that is voting in large numbers that is being called the baby boomer generation. It is now, more than ever, that the millennials have the power to make a change in the political system. This is why I think that the millennial generation should vote in the upcoming election.

The next generation is the baby boomer generation. This generation is the last generation that lived through the civil rights movement. This generation was the generation when they try to blame Gen Z and Millennials for something they cannot control.

I Survived my Student Teaching Clinical (and yes, I still want to be a teacher) By Cournti Holloway

By the time you are reading this, I will have completed my 15-month student teaching clinical and will be on the verge of graduating with my degree in Secondary Education. When I was first accepted to the Program of Education lore at Concordia, I promised myself that I would use my two years as an Education undergrad to learn as much as possible about the world of teaching. I worked my best off in my methods courses, made a point to be extra reflective (even when writing dinky little reading-reponses), and followed teacher blogs and YouTube channels to get fun, engaging lesson ideas. I was, as the kids say, “doin’ the most.” I finished last of my methods courses last spring, and I remember being in the feeling of accomplishment after writing all of my final ED paper. "I am so ready for student teaching." (saw a very naive Cournti as she dove away from campus for the summer).

Flash-forward: It’s the first day of my high school placement. I walk into the school with a big smile and a pep in my step. Then I walked into a raging fight between two 10th grade boys. Flash forward some more: My cooperating teacher is unexpectedly absent one day, and I am forced to teach all five classes since I have myself with no preparation. I spent that evening crying in a Taco Bell parking lot. I did not take a “How to deal with a physical fight in school 101” course or own a textbook on improvises lesson planning, so these situations were new to me. It was in these moments that I learned that teaching is so much more than the decorative PowerPoints and elfish sayings that some people think I had come in with.

Though I have painted all the unexpected situations that come with a job in teaching as a negative, I promise that my horror stories are just a small portion of the insight that student teaching has taught me. In fact, I have been the one to learn the most from my struggles.

Liberalism and Green party members are on the rise. These parties have been growing and have been the center of attention the results of the critical 2020 elections are being decided by who votes third party. It can cause a fracturing in the Republican party because the number of libertarian Conservatives has been rising since 2000. If enough people vote third party, the Presidency is in the hands of the Libertarian party. In the 2016 election, there was a small presence for third parties. The question still stands: Will 2020 be the year of the Libertarian party? The Libertarian party has always had a hard time building with your students and the new and exciting things you experience each day. I formed some of the greatest bonds with my students as the days went on, and it’s a bond that will last a long time. Then I started to think about the students I have had so far, and the things that I have learned about these teens both as students and as humans. This is one of the greatest things about teaching: you are exposed to a hundred different

Trends Only Last So Long
By Matthew Iung

S tarted by someone who may be another self-help guru, Ruby Warrington, in the ticket-selling era around being ‘sober-curious’. Sober only by name (a trend/movement) seems to be perpetuated by people who want to go well-to-do individuals that have the time to post about it. So, on the whole, this is not a terrible movement or a bad idea. At its core, it’s about stepping back and assessing one’s relationship with alcohol specifically. It’s something we could all take a minute to do if so inclined. There is also a fascinating aspect of the peer review process of sobriety, that movement is there. Public and trendy support for this idea making it easier for young people to get into, and it’s probably less intimidating than Alcohol Anonymous or some of the other movements.

Quick aside – it’s worth noting that there are organizations built for this sobriety thing. Organizations for Sobriety, and Moderation Management, to name a few. All of these have different mission statements, methods, and do not rely on a traditional 12-step program. It may be that there is something in this statement.

The way that the trendy Instagram culture has made it quasi-socially normative to talk about sobriety with a degree of flippancy and casual ease. This may help to normalize discussions about the reasons and origins of the movement. In a New York Times piece by Alex Williams, they recount Warrington’s story in this way. Warrington started a 12-step programs briefly but decided that “Ruby, alcoholic” was not the person she wanted to be. She then took her experience, and she termed them: young professionals who were “kind-of-just-a-little-bit-addicted-to-bus.”

Sobriety is not a concept of addiction towards insensitive, and gets me wondering about the people who is this for. Looking at the sober influencers posting before and after pictures and chasing them with cute graphics is not the right approach to dealing with aspects of alcoholism. This may be perpetuating other harmful trends. Places like L.A., New York, and Austin all have the youth and trend market to sustain involve with it. This makes you think that this movement moment makes it feel temporary or casual. One of the hardest parts of social change is creating something that is a long-term change to the world. It’s too early to tell if this trend is doing any good for anyone but the influencers using it to build their brand and add one more “do to” their to-do lists. On the flip side, it may help to start conversations, and public discourse, at the very least that would help, and possibly provide a place for people looking for a more existing community to go.
**By LUCY VANG**

**The Five-Hour Work Day**

Neither a college student or a full-time worker, we all know how our work is constantly interrupted by social media and cell phones. Lasse Rheingans, a business owner from Germany noticed this difficulty of balance in his own work-life, and decided to develop a plan that could alter the traditional outline of a nine to five office job. As chief officer of Rheingans Digital Enable, Rheingans proposes that rather than an eight-hour workday, employees work for only five hours. To ensure that the company is able to run just as efficiently as before, Lasse Rheingans’ business rule, expects employees to keep small talk at a minimum, and limits email-checking to twice a day. When ghost hunters are looking for spirits, they rely on an EMF meter to identify a presence. This device is a thermometer that can identify cold spots and wireless microparticles that eliminate background noise.

The motion and vibration device is used to pick up any movement in empty rooms. It can be placed anywhere in an empty room as long as you carry a receiver with you for evidence. When the device has detected something, the alarm on the device will go off (epidemic). A ghost box is used to verbally communicate with spirits. It scans radio frequencies, creating a din of white noise that spirits can use to communicate. The Pew Research Center found that only 18% of humans have seen ghosts or have been in the presence of a ghost. 65% of Americans believe in the supernatural and 29% believe they have felt in touch with a dead person.

Personal story: I remember when I was a kid around the age of eight or nine and my family lived near Phelan Lake. One day, my family and I went out for a drive. When we came around Phelan Lake, I looked across the big lake and saw an old white lady in the middle of the lake on a tiny boat. I remember seeing a white translucent glow around her. I wasn’t sure what I was seeing. I remember telling my parents that an old woman was swimming across the lake and they said that they didn’t see anything. I repeated myself over and over, and eventually, my parents told me to stop looking at her. When I did, I realized that she was the ghost of a woman who had drowned in that lake.

**The Most Wonderful Time of The Year**

BY HALLE MARTIN

I was recently talking to some friends about how excited I was for Christmas to begin playing at work, which drew up the response, “Halle, you’re probably the only person I know who works in retail that doesn’t hate Christmas music.” For me, as a sophomore in my first year, it’s the only world Christmas. Once all of the leaves have fallen, I’m ready to go ice skating and sing Christmas carols, knowing full well that I’m terrible at both. I always end up with a cup of hot chocolate and a snowglobe by myself. I’ve always wanted to bake cookies while the sounds of Bing Crosby and Nat King Cole flood the kitchen, and watch the Christmas decorations on TV. That’s the Lamport’s Christmas Vacation after eating and saying cookies.

It’s the most wonderful time of the year; the city glistens under a blanket of sparkling snow while providing me with enough cash to go and buy more presents. It’s the perfect opportunity to do the New Year’s Resolution.

**Why You Shouldn’t Set a New Year’s Resolution**

BY KENNEDY WILLIAMS

Every gym rat knows that the best month to join or continue to exercise at your local gym is in February, because then, what is commonly known as the New Year rush has ceased to exist. Companies like Weight Watchers, grocery stores that sell organic materials, and health plan expects revenue in a rise in business during the first month of the year. The typical practice of making a New Year’s resolution draws America into a phase of motivation and personal change, but usually, that phase only lasts for a couple of weeks. 80% of gym memberships peter out within six weeks of starting. Gym-goers are able to get just as much done in less time. Makes sense, right? Workers get the same benefit and get to spend less time at work and more time with their families. So, is it really the case that we turn our lives around? Experts actually believe that a New Year, January 1st is the very worst day to make a resolution of any kind.

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**The Five-Hour Work Day**

BY KENNEDY WILLIAMS

Neither a college student or a full-time worker, we all know how our work is constantly interrupted by social media and cell phones. Lasse Rheingans, a business owner from Germany noticed this difficulty of balance in his own work-life, and decided to develop a plan that could alter the traditional outline of a nine to five office job. As chief officer of Rheingans Digital Enable, Rheingans proposes that rather than an eight-hour workday, employees work for only five hours. To ensure that the company is able to run just as efficiently as before, Lasse Rheingans’ business rule, expects employees to keep small talk at a minimum, and limits email-checking to twice a day. When ghost hunters are looking for spirits, workers are able to get just as much done in less time. Makes sense, right? Workers get the same benefit and get to spend less time at work and more time with their families. So, is it really the case that we turn our lives around? Experts actually believe that a New Year, January 1st is the very worst day to make a resolution of any kind.

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Where to Hit the Books

BY ALEXANDRA GOSSEN

The first and most obvious location is your own bedroom. It’s familiar, fairly quiet, and you’re not gone completely. However, this can be a risky choice if you decide to go solo. I constantly get distracted by noises. Though I have my headphones on, I often get distracted by random noises. To help solidify your focus, I recommend putting a blanket on your bed and making sure your room is quiet.

1. Dorm Room

The best place to hit the books is a library. Libraries are open and available to all students, and they provide a quiet space to study. Libraries also offer resources such as study guides, textbooks, and access to online databases.

2. Library

Another great place to study is a bookstore. Bookstores are a great place to find a quiet spot to study. They also offer a variety of resources, such as books, magazines, and newspapers.

3. Barnes and Noble

If you’re looking for a more casual place to study, a coffee shop might be a good option. Coffee shops are a great place to study and work on a laptop. They also offer a variety of resources, such as books, magazines, and newspapers.

4. Coffee Shop

The last place to hit the books is a cafe. Cafes are a great place to study and work on a laptop. They also offer a variety of resources, such as books, magazines, and newspapers.

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CSP Football Clinches First Winning Season Since 2011

By ISABELLA DURBAGE

The CSP Golden Bear Football team has officially clinched their first winning season since 2011 with their current 6-4 record. On Saturday, November 9th, the team secured their first win over the Parkside Rangers, 23-20, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Following the Parkside Tournament, they will have four home games in a row, playing against Concordia of St. Paul December 2nd, Calvin December 6th, and Augsburg December 7th. Be sure to attend these home games to show your support for the Golden Bears and help keep their winning streak alive.

The win over Parkside was crucial for the team as it solidified their place in the NSIC conference standings. With the win, the team moved up to second place in the NSIC and secured their spot in the region tournament. The region tournament will take place at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where the team will next face off against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the first round of the tournament.

The key to the team’s success this season has been their strong defense, led by senior linebacker Kyle Tureen. Tureen has led the team in tackles with 88 total tackles, including 14 sacks and 32 tackles for loss. His leadership on the field has been crucial in helping the team secure their first winning season in nearly a decade.

CSP’s Volleyball Team Closes Out Regular Season

By JAY PERRY

The CSP Golden Bear volleyball team closed their regular-season games on November 16th with a sweep over the Minnesota State Mavericks, 3-0. The team had an impressive record of 14-17 on the season, with 6-4 in the NSIC conference. The team’s success was due to their strong performance on both offense and defense. The team averaged 13.9 points per game on offense and 10.1 blocks per game on defense. The team’s regulation in their third set against Minot State was instrumental in securing their victory.

The team’s most valuable player was senior setter and opposite hitter Casey Mccoy, who had a total of 327 assists and 124 digs on the season. Mccoy’s leadership on the court was evident in her ability to distribute the ball effectively and set up her fellow teammates for scoring opportunities. The team’s next game is against Northern State University, their last opponent of the regular season.

Golden Bear Men’s Basketball Aims for Bounce-Back Year

By AIDAN FARLEY

With the beginning of the season here, the Golden Bears men’s basketball team is hard at work. The team has a new coach in Jordan Coblin, who has been named the head coach for the upcoming season. Coblin led the team to a 13-15 record in his first year as assistant coach, and he is determined to bring the team to new heights this season.

The team’s point differential was -31, and with one game to go, the team has a current point differential of -17. This highlights the team’s major improvement from last year. The team’s total offensive yards last year were 3,627, averaging 349 yards per game. This year, they are averaging a total of 409.9 yards per game and a total of 3,099 yards. The team also averaged 27.8 points per game, compared to the 2011 winning season, which had 413.8 yards per game. The Bears are averaging more points this season with 23.9 points per game and only 20 last year. However, that mark still falls short of the 2013 squad, which averaged 27.8 points per game. Overall, the Bears are having a great season.

The team has given numerous hours of hard work, dedication, and pride to this team and school. Let’s go Golden Bears!

More Needs to Be Done to Increase Positive Perception of Esports

When in moderation, video games can foster creative expression, create tightly knit communities, and aid in forming life-long friendships. There is also the benefit of playing in organizations, such as the Overwatch League, where players can learn valuable communication and team skills. Comparatively, there are no benefits whatsoever for chronic smokers or gamblers. Video games aren’t the cause of the problem, the player is the problem. The player needs to change their ways of thinking and playing. More needs to be done to increase the positive perception of Esports.

BY DAVID FARREY

The Tonight Show

Michael Jordan: The man who changed the way we look at basketball.

The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon

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Champions Jay “Sinatraa” Won and Matthew “Super” DeLois. When asked what it takes to become a professional gamer, the two players stated that it takes a lot of hard work, practice, and dedication. On November 25th, they will be thanking seniors MJ Williams, Maxon Hutton, TJ Diallo, Jared Olsgaard, Marcus Gustaveson, Tristan Wehmas, Danny Laudet, Rich Kelly, Ethan Aune, Cris Wasylciw, Robel Ezana, John Damrow, Dylan Wood, and Cole Marmor. So, bundle up and show your appreciation for these seniors as they head into the winter season.
**Sports**

*Lady Bears Basketball Off to a Strong Start*

**BY JAY PERRY**

Up to this point, the Bears have gotten a few games under their belts. The team started with two exhibition games and fared well, beating both Augsburg and St. Kate’s. In a close game against the Augies, the Bears had a great team effort spreading out the stars among many of their players. Leading in points through the shots from Whitnack with an impressive 17 points. Not far behind was Dubois with 16. The success of the Bears came from the boards. They out-rebounded Augsburg 55-29 throughout the whole game. Snagging the ball down was Danielle Schub with nine rebounds and Whitnack with three. Against St. Kate’s, the Lady Bears played aggressive defense, forcing a total of 20 turnovers for the Wildcats. Jadey Hanson, a freshman, made an amazing shot by grabbing a rebound to make sure her team got an early possession. She led the team in points with 10 points and not a single turn over.

As the Bears finished up their exhibition games, they rolled into a few non-conference matchups. First, they took on Missouri-Western and came out on top with a 66-59 win. At the half, the Bears were down 41-25, however, they answered with a spectacular second half. Dubois had a career-high of 19 points, Westland put up 15 points, and Whitnack added 14 points for the Bears. For the first loss of the season, Concordia took on Fort Hays State in Missouri at the Civic Arena, coming up short with a score of 67-54. Even with a stellar performance from Schub with 17 points, the Bears could not come out on top with the win.

As the season goes on, the Bears hope to play against their NSIC foes with the same high intensity that they have showcased the season with. Their first conference game will take place on December 6th at home against Sioux Falls. From there on out, the Bears will take on every conference team two times to make sure each team placement. Be sure to go out and support the Lady Bears Basketball Team as they work hard this season!

**New-Look Timberwolves Already Seeing Signs of Improvement**

**BY ANDREW WYLIE**

After reaching their first playoff series in over a decade in 2018, everything came to a quick halt as the Timberwolves struggled to replace many key pieces. With Karl-Anthony Towns, Jimmy Butler and Andrew Wiggins, the new NBA style was born.

This approach has proven to be very beneficial so far. Andrew Wiggins, the talented but under-performing max contract starting small forward, has a shot a high percentage of their shots so far and has also shown a willingness to drive to the basket where he has been very successful. Wiggins has previously relied far too much on his mid-range jumper, which has frustrated fans and frustrated his coaches for years. However, Wiggins has evolved into the star that everyone knows he has the talent to become, this could make him one of the best forwards in the NBA for years. A player with few issues to fix is center Karl-Anthony Towns. Towns continues to improve every season and looks like he is now a top ten player and a perennial All-Star Selection. Towns is elite on the drive, plays great defense, has an incredible low post game, and is the Wolves’ best 3-point shooter by far. He is already the Wolves’ second-best player in franchise history behind Kevin Garnett, and the 24-year-old is just getting started.

The Wolves are playing the Wolves via the draft: G.S. Jarrate Cuber, who the Wolves selected during the 6th pick. Cuber has shown some skill early in the season but looks like he needs some time before he gets comfortable and learns his role with this team. Cuber’s development will need to advance quickly during the season if the Wolves will compete for a playoff spot this season. So far, he is averaging just over 7 points a game. The Wolves are healthy and are playing well so far in 2019 and should improve on last year’s let down. They will have a hard time fighting for the playoff, but they should be hot competing for the 8th playoff seed if they are not hampered again by the injury bug or distractions like they were last season. Saunders and Ruffin need to sort out the program for best finish at the Central Region Championships, which was set in the 2018 season. For the women at the region championships, it was junior Lucia Mesfin leading the charge for the Golden Bears with an 8k of 29:28, earning All-NSIC First Team honors for the first time in his career. Allen wasn’t the standout for the Bears in that meet as senior Travis Couzens took the win with an 8k of 29:28, earning All-NSIC First Team honors for the first time in his career. Allen wasn’t the standout for the Bears in that meet as senior Travis Couzens took the win with an 8k of 29:28, earning All-NSIC First Team honors for the first time in his career. Allen wasn’t the standout for the Bears in that meet as senior Travis Couzens took the win with an 8k of 29:28, earning All-NSIC First Team honors for the first time in his career. Allen wasn’t the standout for the Bears in that meet as senior Travis Couzens took the win with an 8k of 29:28, earning All-NSIC First Team honors for the first time in his career. Allen wasn’t the standout for the Bears in that meet as senior Travis Couzens took the win with an 8k of 29:28, earning All-NSIC First Team honors for the first time in his career.

As the Central Region Championships in Jordan, Minnesota, men were held once again by Benjamin Allen. Allen finished with a 10k of 32:42, landing him 46th overall in the meet. As the meet was completed, he finishes with an 8k program record for best finish at the Central Region Championships, which was set in the 2018 season. For the women at the region championships, it was junior Lucia Mesfin leading the charge for the Golden Bears with an 8k of 29:28, earning All-NSIC First Team honors for the first time in his career.

As the Cross Country season draws to a close, the Golden Bears can look back with pride at their accomplishments. The 2019 season was filled with several all-conference records, individual records, and awards. The team has scored 28+ points per game this season. Of the nine teams in the NSIC, the Golden Bears once again took first in the South Division regular season, with 21-4-1 record that should easily get them in the playoffs. Ten weeks in, the team’s record sits at 9-0 for the first time since 1904. From being the popular pick for the Rose Bowl to making the Associated Press Poll’s top 10, the Golden Bears have exceeded all expectations this season. Fox 9 News reported that TCF Bank predicted the Golden Bears as a #4 team in the nation since late December.

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**Midseason Hot Streak Keeps Playoff Hopes Alive for the Vikings**

**BY ANDREW WYLIE**

The Minnesota Vikings have had a very impressive season so far. The team is coming off a 7-3 record and is well-primed to earn a trip to the playoffs after missing out during the previous few seasons.

A major turning point came after a humiliating 16-6 loss to the Chicago Bears that dropped the team to 2-2 and left fans and players alike feeling if this would be another year to forget. Kirk Cousins was clearly ratted and played horribly early in the season. However, after his struggles, ‘Biffen’ and Steffes Digs took notice. Steffes criticized the game plan afterward, and Digs ditched his game plan before going to a more diverse and confusing press-conference.

This point of grievances was a boiling point for the team and was in the team’s favor after several close games out of the box. The team that was not targeted nearly enough, even though they were wide open on multiple occasions. The message was received, and Kirk Cousins had his finest month of football yet for the Vikings, winning all four games in October and receiving the NFL player of the month award for his efforts.

The Vikings have caught steam again as Offensive Coordinator Kevin Stefanski gets his feet wet in many aspects for the Concordia racking up 7.4 points per game, 72 assists, and adding 124 rebounds on her sophomore season. In addition to Westlund’s offensive efforts, sophomore Megan Dubois can finally contribute her offensive and defensive skill set. As a freshman, she scored 75 points, had 23 assists, played down 29 turnovers, and added a solid 78 steals. Dubois will step up into a larger role this year for the Bears as they get farther into their season.

**Turf Football Remains Unchallenged in Uncharted Territory**

**BY VICTORIA TURCOS**

The Gopher football team is on an unprecedented run. While new seasons always offer promising potential, Minnesota sports fans have been through enough to be nervously optimistic at the start of each new year. Despite the fan sentiment, the Gophers have been on fire this season. Ten weeks in, the team’s record sits at 9-0 for the first time since 1904. From being the popular pick for the Rose Bowl to making the Associated Press Poll’s top 10, the Gophers have exceeded all expectations this season. Fox 9 News reported that TCF Bank predicted the Golden Bears as a #4 team in the nation since late December.

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This season’s success is the emergence of Dalvin Cook. The running back is fully healthy for the first time in his three seasons and is playing as well as anyone in the league right now. He has 533 rush yards and 36 touchdown and has close to 1,000 all-purpose yards. He makes defenders miss regularly and is an adequate blocker and an excellent receiver. Opposing teams must worry about Cook burning them in the run and screen game, which means a lot to the Gophers’ 29-0 shutout against Alabama, their fastest start since 1978 which was set in the 2005 season.

The Vikings have some tough tests coming in their remaining six games, with road games against the Baltimore Ravens and Tennessee Titans. As well as the always tough divisional games against the Bears, Lions, and Packers.

There is no reason the Vikings, with playmakers on both offense and defense, shouldn’t have just as good a chance as any other team. They have been somewhat lucky when it comes to injuries this season so far, but likely needs to continue to achieve sustained success. The only significant injuries have been to Steffes and stellar defensive coordinator Smith, both of whom should only miss a few games.

If the team can keep up their momentum and continue to play at a high level, they will have a good shot as any team to be playing at Super Bowl LIV in Miami on February 2nd.
Food Review: Hi-Lo Diner A Minneapolis Gem

BY BROOKE STEIGAUF

The Hi-Lo Diner is a unique spot, providing an authentically retro atmosphere, a vibrant ambiance, and really good food. Not sold yet? Let me explain.

The restaurant is a 1957 Fodero Diner Car, you know, like Mickey’s in downtown St. Paul or those you see in old movies. The structure alone is reminiscence of simpler, seemingly more enjoyable times. It’s located just 10 minutes from CSPU’s campus, across the Mississippi River, on Lake Street. The inside is lit with colorful lighting that is reflected and dispersed by shiny metal and mirrors that decorate the interior. (They also have a seasonal patio; not only that, but dogs are welcome on it too!)

The menu has lots to offer: cooking up many traditional American favorites that accommodate a range of dietary restrictions such as vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free. Their breakfast menu, served all day, features classic dishes known for filling even the most voracious customers. The Tea Mix and Hash社会稳定 are guaranteed to satisfy large stomachs, while those that are looking for something special to start their morning might be interested in the lavender creamed french toast.

If you’re there for lunch, dinner, or dinner, consider their sandwiches, burger, and juicy pork.

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The restaurant is known for its fast and ready hot pot that comes served

Book Review: Snow Crash

BY AIDAN FARLEY

Snow Crash, by Neal Stephenson, takes place in a world where the Mafia delivers pizzas, the United States Government is effectively dead, and every aspect of modern society is privatized. As an alternative to being citizens of the dwindling United States, most people living in America choose to join joint military and military communities called barbellias. These barbellias are new countries split into chunks the size of an average suburb and divided across the continent. They function like fast-food restaurants in our universe. If you’re a member of Mr. Lu’s Greater Hong Kong, for instance, you have citizenship at any of the franchise locations and can travel and stay in each one freely. This franchising practice extends to every facet of society, including hospitals, police departments, jails, roads, and even religious institutions. As a result, the planet is a mess of conflicting laws and franchises, where the populace isn’t always sure what’s going on.

The main character of Snow Crash is a freelance hacker and pizza delivery man for the Mafia named Hiro Protagonist. His electric delivery car travels over 200 miles per hour, he wears a bulletproof jumpsuit, and he carries twin katana for protection. The plot follows him across the world as he investigates the verisimilitude's stays.

Snow Crash is filled with car chases, gunfire, and sword fights, both in the real world and in virtual reality. It has crazy technology like cybernetic, liquid-cooled attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns that can cool down attack dogs that can break the sound barrier and Gatling guns...

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Hot Pot Soup That Delivers Warmth in the Cold!

BY LUCY VANG

It is only the beginning of November, and we are all for a cold start! Who loves a nice and warm broth for the Fall season? Tasty Pot delivers that and more. The restaurant has no issue with the mildness of Taiwan hot pot that comes with delicious meats, seafood, and veggies.

Tasty Pot recently opened up in Minneapolis in Dinkytown, near the U of M campus in 2017 and has gained a significant amount of excellent reviews online, rating at a 4.3 out of 5. Inside, you will see a modern interior with gray walls. You will see a big, pretty black and white canvas shot of the skyline of Taipei on the left side. As for art, you will also see other small canvases shot of foods, drinks, and sorts. Sort of similar to any sushi place you enter with the same colors and designs -- which is what you can expect from Tasty Pot.

The hot pot comes in a bowl nestled into an inverted pagoda that has beautiful designs influenced by the Chinese culture. You will soon catch a whiff of the soup in the bowl that contains the broth. The hot pot contains a steady fire that hides beneath the pagoda-like bowl to keep the heat and bowl of hot pot bubbling with tarry flames. When it becomes too hot, there is a lever on the side to extinguish the fire to keep from burning your tongue and over-cooking the meats. As you are skipping away, you will also see that staff will come around and ask if you would like to refill your broth.

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**Movie Review: Arctic Dogs**

BY DAVINA BELLINGER

**Arctic Dogs** came out on November 1st, 2019, and was directed by Aaron Woodley, who has made a humorous movie that the whole family can watch together. This film demonstrates the importance of honesty and friendship, no matter the size, shape, and species. While the voice cast of the movie is strong, the film was also easier for children to understand the storyline that these characters are going through.

The setting of this film takes place in the arctic, where speakers animated animals live in a small town. The citizens are separated from the rest of the world and rely on huskies to run the mail. The main plot revolves around a giant’s destructive device to end their town. The citizens are separated from the rest of the world and rely on huskies to run the mail. The main plot revolves around a giant’s destructive device to end their town.

My favorite parts of the movie were the battle scenes and the one-on-one fight between Henry and some rebellious lords. The film plays into the fact that fighting is tiring; the soldiers and Henry all fight with ferocity and tenacity until they simply get tired. Which, in reality, is what fighting someone really looks like, especially if the combatants are wearing a full set of armor. There are brutal scenes that depict the French countryside, in爱国主义，as a hellish landscape where men die in the crack of way. Michod pulls some punches during the siege of Harlequin, Henry's first conquest after landing in France, but makes up for it with the final scene. Instead of a siege and invasion of Harlequin like in Branagh and Shakespeare, the castle is surrendered after countless trebuchet bombardments being the French to their knees.

Another thing I enjoyed about the movie was the constant nod to and inspiration from Shakespeare and Branagh. Sir John Falstaff is a prominent character in Henry V, parts one and two, and subsequently dies sometime between Henry IV and Henry V. In *To the King*, Sir John acts as a companion to Henry, or Hal. This is what Shakespeare imagined for young Hal in his previous play. Henry IV. Michod uses this character, Sir John, to act as Hal's Uncle Exeter, who was Henry's military advisor as imagined by Shakespeare's Henry V. Instead, Sir John acts as Hal's military advisor and friend throughout his military campaign in France. Because Michod chooses to use Sir John in place of Uncle Exeter, the audience gets a glimpse into young Hal's life, which builds upon the intrigue of Hal; he is a destined prince who has disputes with his father in real life and was shunned from the throne.

The acting in this movie is superb, as represented by Timothée Chalamet, who plays Henry, and Joel Edgerton, who plays Sir John. Another highlight is Robert Pattinson, who is famous (perhaps unfortunately) for staring in Twilight. Pattinson plays the Dauphin or the French prince. He is basically Hal's French counterpart and antithesis. Pattinson does a fantastic job of representing this affluent and crazy character, and he does an outstanding job of making the audience hate his guts.

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**New on Netflix: The King**

BY THOMAS BENNETT

The great warrior king of England, Henry V, has been made famous by Shakespeare, and now his legacy is reimaged by director David Michod in the Netflix film. The movie is one of many differences and similarities to Shakespeare’s famous play, however, the best comparison would be to Kenneth Branagh’s adaptation of Henry V. Both directors take liberties in the life of a historically accurate Henry, but these imagined scenes are part of a modern Henry’s personal development to bring Henry to the screen.

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BY THOMAS BENNETT

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**The Satirical Expose of Concordia’s Writing Center**

BY THOMAS BENNETT

Throughout an average college students’ semester, there comes a time of sheer panic where the lines between academic writing and normal conversation are blurred; where drinking black coffee and smoking a pack of cigarettes becomes breakfast; where jaywalking across Marshall Avenue on the way to class without looking both ways becomes a necessity instead of a passing thought. Well, Martin Luther created Concordia University’s writing center for no other reason than helping students.

Throughout history’s language has been used to pass stories and knowledge down from parent to kin and maybe even from kin to parent, in the case of an influential bust; however, modern society has blurred these lines with the advent of the internet and social media. The writing center is a place where students can come to discuss their ideas and work together to bring those ideas to life. We are no longer just a place to get help with your writing. We are now a place where students can come to discuss their ideas and work together to bring those ideas to life.

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Kalynn Fuller tumes to many outlets in expressing her creativity. Dance is just one of them, but it is something that has been influencing her for much of her life. Kalynn has been dancing since she was a toddler, and has taken breaks to pursue other creative interests like writing and violin, but her dancing roots have always grown back.

As Kalynn started her college career at Concordia, dancing reentered her life upon hearing about the university's annual dance recital, Spring Into Dance. Suddenly, Kalynn was back at it, performing in five different dances for the show. Kalynn tells me she loves about dancing, "Dance allows for a way to just be my full authentic self. It's such a community where you can be a big goof, or you can process things that are really difficult happening in life. It's a space to really feel through movement rather than sitting still and trying to do it through a pen or pencil through writing. It's a new way of processing and feeling emotions, but also it's just super fun, and it's a good way to work out!"

Most recently, Kalynn's love of dance has brought her into a new creative field—theater. At the beginning of the Fall 2019 semester, Kalynn was approached by her friend Riley Peltz, the lead in Concordia's opera, Die Fledermaus. Riley tells Kalynn she needed dancers and encouraged her to audition. This was Kalynn's first theater production. She performed two full dances and an ensemble of scattered mini-dances throughout the show.

I asked Kalynn if the experience dancing with the theater versus at the studio differed. "A hundred percent," she tells me, "It was something that I'd ever done before. I wasn't being myself; I was acting a different character." She tells me more about the process of channeling this character while she danced, "We all had to come up with background characters. We made up our own names and our own background stories. When we were on stage for the parts that we weren't dancing, we had to play up these characters." Kalynn laughs as she tells me about her character, who she named Delia, "She was kind of a ditzy dancer because this whole show we're drinking champaigne, and so it's kind of this big party scene."

Performing in Die Fledermaus provided the opportunity for Kalynn to combine two of her great loves: dancing and theater. "I had a really fun time just with the entire process of theater because I'm a huge fan of Broadway and theater productions."

Currently, her favorite Broadway production is Wicked. She tells me more about her experience in the opera and her admiration for the actors, "It was fun to be at a table reading, and it was fun to be with actors where this is their whole life, where they're majoring in theater, where this is what they do—to see them in their element and just loving it."

For weeks, Kalynn and the other cast members kept their schedules open from 6-10 pm Tuesday through Saturday. This time was dedicated to practicing for the show, and you could be called into a rehearsal at any moment. As they get closer to opening weekend, practice intensified, and they devoted themselves to ten-hour workdays over fall break. The hard work paid off and proved itself for the show, and you could be called into a rehearsal at any moment.

Kalynn was majoring in Christian Ministries with a minor in writing and communications. When Kalynn isn't performing on stage, she has made an impact on Concordia in other ways, one of which was starting the university's first-ever women's ministry. She tells me that someone had come to her one day complaining that if there was a men's ministry on campus, why wasn't there a women's ministry? Kalynn saw this gap and decided she would fill it.

This May, she will be graduating, and her world of creativity is bound to expand. She says she would like to continue dancing, but will have to seek out those opportunities. However, her creativity and driven personality seem to follow Kalynn wherever she goes, and she is destined to incorporate this into her career. "I would love to be a storyteller. I'm really open to what that looks like. I would love to do outreach and missions at some point. I would love to travel," she says, "I would love to continue writing and being creative in any way I can and just admiring humanity."
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