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Campus rec turns lemons into lemonade

By Matt Auvil Editor-in-Chief

the fall season continues to move forward with the cold weather coming in and the leaves beginning to change colors, one part of SCSU stands amongst the seasons, the Husky Dome.

However, the dome normally doesn't stay up this long. It was due to come down, but with the COVID-19 restrictions put in place, the dome has stayed up since last

Calvin Diggs, the Director of Campus Recreation told the *University Chronicle* that while they had intended to have the dome taken down, with the dome.

primarily of COVID-19 and also but it was left up as the school uncertainties in regards to year was about to start. when the NCAA would give Minnesota High Association," said Diggs.

Diggs added that the



The Husky Dome stands tall on the field. Photo credit: Matt Auvil

there were some uncertainties Husky Dome did come down relating to sports going on momentarily in the summer on two separate occasions for "The dome didn't go some repairs and that they because could have taken it down then,

The repairs included approval for sports and the patching up tears that, if left outside rentals from the unattended, could result in School holes from the wind that can stretch up to six feet.

Scott Underwood, the

Director of Halenbeck Facilities, said the dome costs \$65,000 to \$80,000 to install over the field and the utilities cost is split 50% by the Sports Facilities/ Campus Recreation via dome rentals and club/intramural fees and the other 50% is from Athletics.

"The fall [season] was upon us and there was about about a six to seven week

window where we could have taken it down but it was much more cost efficient to leave it up," explained Diggs.

The Husky Dome has plans to come down in the spring of 2021, though Diggs feels it could stay up longer because of COVID-19 policies.

The dome would be taken down by staff and students and other organizations on campus.

"With COVID-19 and the Protect the Pack plan in place and everything evolving the way it is in the winter and fall, the dome will probably stay up," said Diggs. "We have expectations for it to come down in the spring, but we just haven't gotten that far yet." Students don't seem to mind that the dome has stayed up this long and actually see it as a great way to stay active while it gets colder.

"I feel like the dome affects us so positively," Syed Faheel Aziz, a student athlete at SCSU, said. "We can play sports in the peak time of fall and winter where temperatures can get so low and we can enjoy recreational sports like football or soccer."

Aziz, who was practicing for an intramural soccer match, said that the Husky Dome is a positive outlet for students who may get cooped up inside when it is cold out and that the physical activity can keep you in a good mood. Intramural teams will meet and play in the dome for tournaments or other recreational activities.

Poehling brothers sign pro deal to AHL

By Sam Goetzinger Staff Writer

After four strong years at St. Cloud State University, Jack and Nick Poehling moved on to the professional level. In early October, the brothers both reached a two-way deal in the AHL with the Ontario Reign for the upcoming 2020-2021 season.

Natives of Lakeville, Minnesota, the Poehlings came

to SCSU after strong high with their younger brother Ryan who is now in the NHL with the Montreal Canadiens. The former alternate captains helped lead the Huskies to two winning seasons that led to consecutive regular season championships in the NCHC. Jack finished his career in the cardinal and black with 61 points off of 30 goals and 31

The 30 goals throughout and Patrick Russell. school careers back in 2016 his four-year career has him tied for 53rd in program history for goals in a career with the likes of Nate Dey, Patrick Russell, and Vic Brodt. Nick also put up very strong numbers in his four years as well with 66 total career points in 143 games at St. Cloud State. Nick's productive four years put him tied for 74th in program history for points in career with Judd Peterson

the Reign, they join the likes of former Teammates Blake Lizotte, Mikey Eyssimont, and soon David Hrenak in the Los Angeles Kings organization. Eyssimont just re-upped his deal with the Reign for another year after putting together an impressive season last year recording 28 points in 56 games. The Kings AHL affiliate Ontario competes in

the Pacific Division and With their recent deal with struggled last season with a fifth-place finish at a 29-22-5 overall record.

A start date for the upcoming season is still under discussions with the league. With this entry into the professional ranks for the Poehlings they hope to become the 37th and 38thHuskies since the 1930's to make it to the NHL.

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SCSU continues to update the husky community

THROUGH TOWN HALLS

By Anna Panek Managing Editor

SCSU held multiple town halls throughout October.

Speakers at the town hall included Robbyn Wacker, SCSU President; Brent Nielsen, Medical Director; Jenn Furan Super, Director of Emergency Preparedness; Jason Woods, Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management; Dan Gregory, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Clare Rahm, Student Life and Development Interim Vice President; and Phil Thorson, Deputy Chief Information Officer.

University Information

"Our COVID numbers are really being managed well and that's due to everyone here on campus," shared Wacker. "We have folks really doing an amazing job to keep everybody here on campus safe."

Conversations are taking place regarding the spring semester timeline. A decision has not been made yet.

Homecoming events took place the last two weeks of October.

Health Matters

The number of cases are increasing; however, due to more people being tested, the percentage of positive cases is staying roughly the same.

Anyone who is a close contact with someone who was diagnosed with COVID-19 should quarantine. Any questions can be directed to the SCSU Medical Clinic.

A negative test for COVID-19 does not mean that one's 14-day quarantine is over.

If you become aware you are a close contact of a positive case, you should wait 5-10 days before getting tested.

There was a communication sent out by the MINNSTATE Chancellor, Devinder Malhotra in mid-October about saliva testing.

"Saliva testing will be free and available to all Minnesotans with or without symptoms." shared Wacker.

Wacker asked listeners to reach out to their fellow huskies and ask how people are doing and to let them know you care.

> General Campus Operations

Anyone entering campus needs to complete and pass the self-assessment every day. If you get a "red" screen contact your professors and/or supervisors about how to proceed with not going to campus that day. The questions were also updated on Oct. 9, 2020, so be sure to carefully read the questions to avoid getting an accidental "red" screen.

There was a community testing event in mid-October at the River's Edge Convention Center.

There is now a self reporting tool available on the Bring Huskies Home section of the website. The tool is for people who want to inform the University of a positive case or exposure, not for getting help with the situation.

Strategic Enrollment Management Update

There will be an in person fall commencement ceremony on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020. More information will be coming.

Academic Affairs

Spring registration is now open. Gregory walked through how the spring semester

will be offered, at least what the plan is right now. More information was shared in the spring registration explanation article.

IT

D2L is being utilized significantly more this semester than in previous semesters.

Amazon Alexa devices now offer St. Cloud State skills such as asking about locations on campus and events being hosted.

Thorson reminded everyone that October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

"Since COVID-19 began, the U.S. FBI has reported a 300% increase in cyber crimes," shared Thorson.

"Multi-factor authentication requires individuals to login to a system with more than one verification method," explained Thorson.

IT is working towards implementing multi-factor authentication into the MINNSTATE system in efforts to reduce the risk that hackers pose to the MINNSTATE community.

Resources

Rahm shared some ways to cope and protect one's mental health including keeping a routine, taking care of basic needs, and getting outside.

Q&A

Daniel Gregory, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, explained the plan for after Thanksgiving. The academic calendar has remained the same as before COVID-19 and that at this time classes will continue through the end of the semester as planned.

The Atwood Testing Center was relocated to the Miller Center in order to make space for the Women's Center. The testing center is currently closed and is planned to reopen at the beginning of the spring semester.

More information was shared during the town hall. Only new information was shared in this recap. For all information, please check out the previous town hall recaps on universitychron.com

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REGISTRATION

By Anna Panek Managing Editor

The course schedule for spring was released in late September and can be viewed on e-services. Registration for students began at the end of October.

All courses that were scheduled to be offered this spring, will be offered. However, as usual, there have been changes as to how many sections of each course will be offered due to changes in enrollment.

Courses will be offered in similar formats as the fall semester. The breakdown of formats is as follows: completely in-person (24%), hybrid (32%), hyflex (5%), online synchronous (19%), and online asynchronous (20%).

The breakdown looks a little different than fall semester simply for that fact that MINNSTATE changed the definition of what hybrid means. Many courses got their format label shifted from hybrid to online synchronous.

"Once a student's life gets structured, it can be very disruptive to change that structure."

Daniel Gregory, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Formats of delivery are not set in stone due to the nature of the pandemic and ever changing circumstances. It is very likely that there will be times where students or instructors will have to quarantine and not be able to attend classes on campus. The



Registration is open. Photo credit: Anna Panek

flexibility of delivery formats will allow students and instructors to still be present in the courses, even if they are in quarantine.

Daniel Gregory, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, explained three other reasons why formats of delivery may change during the spring semester.

"Not every department has submitted their spring [delivery formats], there are always adjustments based on enrollment, and the University is constantly adjusting to whether our faculty can teach or not if they were to become ill," explained Gregory.

That being said, Gregory reassured that students would be given advance notice to any changes in course delivery.

"Once a student's life gets structured, it can be very disruptive to change that structure," explained Gregory.

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Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan visits White Horse Bar on Small Business Listening Tour

By Matt Auvil Editor-in-Chief

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan visited the St. Cloud area on her Small Business Listening Tour in mid October. This tour goes across the state of Minnesota visiting small businesses and farms to listen to the owners and to employees about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected them.

Flanagan stopped at the White Horse Bar in downtown St. Cloud to talk with owner Jackie Lee and to Representative Dan Wolgamott of District 14B about the restaurant and what changes have been made in response to the pandemic.

"My first priority is to keep my employees, customers, and the community safe," said Lee. "I was adamant about that from the beginning."

Lee pointed out the changes that had to be made including the separators at tables, extra cleaning supplies, curbside pickup on food orders, and enforcing a mask for those eating inside the restaurant. Lee notes that the mask mandate has not caused any major issues in the restaurant and that the mandates also help keep things clean.

Lee told Flanagan that the support from customers in this tough time had been extremely loyal.

"During the take out only orders in the beginning we had so much support and heard so many nice things



The outside of the White Horse bar and restaurant in downtown St. Cloud. Photo credit: Matt Auvil

from customers throughout this time," explained Lee.

Lee then told Flanagan that some customers who could not make it to the restaurant were even giving her checks just to show appreciation and to give back to the restaurant even if they couldn't be there to eat or get drinks at the bar.

Lee had mentioned that the forgiveness loans were extremely appreciative and the grants she had applied for had been wonderful for the restaurant. The White Horse has not received any local funding through the city of St. Cloud or the county, but Lee said she had applied for the Initiative Foundation and other grants and did not hear back on any of those.

While business and the loans and grants have been great for the restaurant, Lee said she wants to prepare more for the winter as the temperatures drop and the snow begins to fall. The

capacity of the restaurant and bar is at half, hours of operation have changed, and labor costs have been cut.

Flanagan told Lee that there needs to be more advocating towards the congressional delegation and to the people in Washington D.C. that more additional funding should be made for local restaurants and businesses to get through the winter months. Lee said normally in the winter business wouldn't be too bad with the Paramount Theater being right down the street. but because of COVID-19, it changes how things will look.

"Without [the Paramount], with no performances ... it's going to be really different," explained Lee.

Wolgamott took time to point out the resilience of the White Horse during the pandemic and how strong they have been throughout this time.

"[The White Horse] right [the White Horse] is a family

away got creative with the curbside delivery system and getting that set up," said Wolgamott. "The White Horse is a staple of this community and so many restaurants across the state are the heart and soul and character of their communities as well." Lee is familiar with hardships, the White Horse opened during the recession in March of 2008, but did not imagine anything like that would happen again.

"Those first couple of years were very hard, but I tell you what, it is almost harder now," said Lee.

When asked by Wolgamott what other things he and Flanagan should know about during this uncertain time and as winter approaches, Lee told them to remember that small businesses are struggling and may continue to struggle as the months go

"We are struggling and the White Horsel is a family business," said Lee. "It is really hard and we do want to stay in the area because we know we have loyal customers that think we are pretty good."

Lee said she would rather operate safely than to open up and try and go back to the way things used to be because right now, it is the right thing to do.

Flanagan admired Lee's enthusiasm with how she is operating the restaurant and said she admires how Lee is working through this with her staff.

Flanagan brought up how important it is to continue wearing a mask, that it can help prevent the spread of COVID-19, whether it is going out to a restaurant or even just going to the store.

"If people would consistently wear masks for about three to four weeks we would really get a hold on this [Coronavirus] and we want things to open back up," explained Flanagan.

Wolgamott added that families going out to restaurants and other places can't just pretend things are going to go back to normal because there could then be a reversal in stopping the spread and causing more cases.

Lee closed with hopeful remarks saying the restaurant will adapt and work forward as the winter begins and as the pandemic continues.

"My mantra in the beginning was 'It could be worse and it can't last forever,'" shared Lee. "I had it written up on my chalkboard."

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What seniors need to know about graduation

By Jessica Krull
Contributing Writer

If you are a senior planning to graduate in the spring, you need to make sure that you submit your application for graduation. It is recommended that students apply for graduation a semester before they are expected to finish their degree requirements. In order to submit your application, you must be formally admitted to your major(s) and minor(s).

When filling out the application you must verify your personal information such as: your full legal name, the address your diploma will be sent to, your completion term and year, your major(s) and minor(s), and when you plan on participating in the commencement ceremony.

"The biggest challenge is

making sure students submit their application at least a semester before they plan to graduate," Sampada Lehman, who works in the Office of Records and Registration, said.

She wanted to highlight that it is very important for students to check their DARs and make sure it is complete.

"If their DARs is complete they will graduate on time," Lehman explained.

If it is a small issue or requirement it can usually be easily fixed. However, for large issues and major requirements there is not much else to do, but wait another semester. If there are problems with your application or if you submit an application and then unexpectedly have to stay an extra semester, your application can be moved to another term. Refunds can be

submitted if needed. Lehman would like to encourage students to apply as early as they can.

Once your application is submitted, you'll receive an evaluation of your individual degree requirements via your school email. The email is also sent to your advisors listed on your DARs. This will give you the information you need to resolve any necessary issues before graduation. There is a \$30 processing fee for your application. This fee is applied to your student account once you submit your application. Schedule a meeting with your advisor before applying to ensure that your academic requirements will be met by the term you plan to graduate.

"I always check my DARs at the beginning of each semester, but I haven't looked at it recently, Jacinda Phan,



A graduate standing with Harry the Husky. Photo courtesy of the School of Public Affairs.

a senior at SCSU, said. "I should probably double check that everything is on track for me."

It seems that most students aren't sure how to apply and how easy it is.

"I actually don't [know how to apply]," said Phan, "I

guess I've just never had to think about it much until this year, and now I just keep forgetting that it's coming up soon."

Students can apply for graduation on the University's website.

Press Bar Update



The Press Bar site is sitting vacant waiting to see what will become of it in the future. Photo credit: Sarah Bunich

By Sarah Bunich Staff Writer

Downtown St. Cloud this past spring lost a popular and long-standing business when the Press Bar burned down. The owner was accused of starting the fire in

the basement.

Since the spring the site was full of debris, over the summer the city of St. Cloud worked with the courts and owner to legally work on the site to clear out the rest of the debris and clean up the site as much as they can.

"There were a lot of legalities the city had to go through to be able to clean out the rest of the debris because the site is still privately owned," Dave Kleis. Mayor of St Cloud, said.

Since the city paid for all the contractors and companies

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to clean up the debris the cost will go on to the selling price of the property or to the owner if they do not sell it.

Since the site is sitting empty, community members have looked at how the downtown area has changed over the years and are now looking forward to what is to come for the site.

Bill Jones, a longtime resident of St. Cloud states that he has seen the downtown area change a lot over the

decades and that even though it was sad to see the Press Bar go the way it did. It was time for it to move on too.

Both Kleis and Jones believe that whatever goes into the old Press Bar site it should accent and work with the existing business and culture downtown St Cloud already has. Even if it means turning it into a park to hold events at, a restaurant, or another bar.

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Minnesota politicians react TO AMY CONEY BARRETT Supreme Court Nomination



Amy Coney Barrett was sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice. Photo courtesy of whitehouse.gov

By Brendan Janostin Staff Writer

President Trump nominated Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals judge Amy Coney Barrett to fill the Supreme Court seat vacated by the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Sept. 26.

"Today it is my honor to nominate one of our nation's most brilliant, and gifted legal minds to the supreme court ... Judge Amy Coney Barrett," said Trump.

During the press conference, Barrett promised to not allow her personal political opinions to influence her supreme court rulings.

"A judge must apply the law as written," said Barrett. "Judges are not policy makers, and they must be resolute in setting aside any policy views they might hold."

During her tenure on the 7th Circuit, Barrett dissented

in two cases with the goal of restricting abortion access. Once in Box V. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky Inc., where she argued in favor of a law that required doctors to notify the parents of a minor seeking an abortion, and again in Commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky Inc., where she favored rehearing two state laws that regulated fetal remains and banned abortions for reasons related to sex, race, disability and lifethreatening conditions.

Minnesota senators Smith Tina and Amy Klobuchar both expressed disappointment in Barrett's nomination in press releases, while Tina Smith's republican opponent, Jason Lewis, praised it.

"I am disappointed the President is not honoring

Justice Ginsburg's final and November. "most fervent wish" that she not be replaced until after a new president is installed," said Klobuchar. "I be guided in my decisions with her spirit in mind – fighting for what is right for the American people and our democracy."

"Judge Barrett's record opposing the Affordable Care called upon to adjudicate the Act and reproductive rights for women shows that she is not qualified to safeguard constitutional rights and liberties as a member of our nation's highest court," said Smith. "It is for those reasons that I will oppose the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme

Lewis lauded Barrett's nomination and encouraged the senate to confirm her as soon as possible, citing the possibility that the supreme court might be required to determine the election in

"The Senate should work to confirm her as soon as possible, ensuring we have a full Supreme Court heading into Election Day," said Lewis. "The potential exists for the election results to be in question and it's possible the Supreme Court could be outcome."

Barrett's nomination was not unexpected, having been a potential supreme court appointment since the retirement of justice Anthony Ken-

"She has been in the frontrunning since Justice Kennedy retired, so it's not surprising that she was picked," said SCSU College Democrats President Carlos Camejo. "It remains to be seen how hearings will happen in the month before the election."

Barrett was comfirmed on Oct. 26.

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Some schools colleges within St. Cloud State have higher levels of online and in-person course deliveries. For example, the Herberger Business School has a higher percentage of completely online courses due to the requests of their students, whereas the College of Science and Engineering has more in-person course delivery options due to the nature of lab courses.

Before registering for classes, students should meet with their advisor, talk with their professors, and/ or reach out to the Advising and Student Transitions for students who are not able to get in contact with their advisor, or do not receive a response, they should contact the chair of the department. The chair will be able to help with advising.

"It is really okay to not know what you want to do," said Gregory. "You are trying to make a decision before you really know what your options are. . . . There may be options you have never heard of."

Roughly 10-15 percent of students switch majors at some point. Talking with your advisor, talking with professors of classes you are currently taking and enjoying, or even reaching out to the student relation directors in the college or school can all be helpful in the decision project. The best advice for students who are undecided is to ask questions.

Signing up for classes can be stressful, and likely the delivery plan for courses is not what anyone had in mind. Students who are feeling isolated or simply need to talk to someone should reach out to a professor, their community advisor if they live in a residence hall, or contact Counseling and Psychological Services.



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SCSU kicks off Homecoming with

TIE-DYE T-SHIRT EVENT

By Brendan Janostin Staff Writer

St. Cloud State University kicked off its homecoming celebration by hosting a tiedye t-shirt event in the Atwood Mall.

Students were invited to pick up a white t-Shirt with the SCSU logo and the words "St. Cloud State Homecoming," wrap up those t-Shirts in a rubber band pattern and dunk those t-shirts in tie-dye.

"The t-shirts are completely free," said Andrea Gerard, who coordinated the event. "They're for students or anybody who wants to come ... They rubber band them, and then after they're done rubber banding them, they move to our next station to tie dye them either red or black."

Considered homecoming's kickoff, the event on Wednesday was marred by one bittersweet reality – that unlike previous years, sports wouldn't be part of the celebration.

"This week is Homecoming week," Carly Fredrick, University Program Board Coordinator, said. "Even though there are no sports with it, we still wanted to celebrate homecoming, so this is kind of the kickoff event."

Like all in person events on campus, the tie-dye t-shirt event has changed considerably because of COVID-19 considerations.

"It's a lot more structured as to how many people we can have, how people come," said Fredrick. "We've really reliedon Huskies Connect for RSVPs, and we break it down by time when people can come ... We have a lot more protocol to follow, but we still want to be able to put events on for students."

Once attendees had picked up their free t-Shirt, they were directed to one of two rubber band stations, where possible patterns were described on sheets of laminated paper. After creating a pattern, attendees were then directed to the tiedye station, where they were invited to dip their t-shirts into the red and black dye.



University students rubber band their t-shirts in order to tie-dye them outside the Atwood Mall. Photo credit: Brendan Janostin

Huskies hunting for huskies

By Sarah Bunich Staff Writer

Homecoming at St. Cloud State is looking a bit different this year due to COVID-19, so SCSU added events that can take place while following all state and city guidelines. One of those Homecoming events, put on by the University Program Board, is the Husky Hunt, which ran the whole week of homecoming.

Members of the program board came up with the idea of a scavenger hunt event this past summer. When they were planning this they were thinking of fun COVID-19 safe events to add.

"Since the Hunt will take place partially inside and



Huskies are hidden all over campus for students to find during the Husky Hunt. Photo credit: Tim Speier

mostly outside – if weather permits – , we hope for students to have fun, be introduced to areas and great resources on campus, and to safely practice COVID-19 guidelines while enjoying their hunt," David Lopez, a UPB coordinator, said.

Hunting for the huskies

gave students a different type of activity to do with friends. It got them to explore campus areas that some people do not go to very often and have fun with friends while doing so.

"My friends and I have been participating in this event because it makes us go and explore the campus more than we have so far this year," Mike Johnson, a student participant, said. "It has been fun being able to do this."

Students who participated were looking for a small plush husky on a keychain. Huskies were hidden all over campus inside and outside.

When a student found

a husky, they just followed the instruction on the card attached to the key chain and took it to the UPB/ Department of Campus Involvement desk where they were entered into a prize drawing.

"The hunt was a very fun activity that had hard and easy parts to it," Sarah Huynh, one of the winners of the hunt, said "and I would definitely do another one."

With it success, UPB will be looking to do more scavenger hunts in the future and with the success of this scavenger hunt, other organizations on campus are making their own.

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HOMECOMING 5K BRINGS IN MONEY FOR STUDENT AID

HOMECOMING 2020 VIRTUAL 5 RUN/WALK OCT. 12-25

The 2020 Homecoming 5k takes places virtually. Photo courtesy of SCSU Campus Recreation.

By Anna Panek Managing Editor

The annual Homecoming 5k tradition continued, even though many sports and other traditions did not take place this year. Typically, the 5k starts at the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center and has a 3.1 mile loop that brings runners back to the hockey center. This year, participants were asked to make their own track of sorts and report their time back.

Runners could submit their times through the registration website. Participants were able to run the 5k anytime between Oct. 12 and 25, with registration closing on Oct. 18.

The results of the race were made available in late October on Pickle Events.

There were 149
participants this year
according to Chris Haukos,
Coordinator of Fitness
and Special Programs for
CampusRecreation.

Registration was \$20, with half of it going to the Student Emergency Fund.

Students can apply for funds through Huskies

Connect and are able to apply once per year according to Melissa Dobmeier, who administers the foundation that gives out the grant. All students who are currently seeking a degree are eligible.

Registration also included a t-shirt, blizzard gaiter, online certificate, race bib, which were mailed directly to participants' homes.

"We raised \$2485 for the Student Emergency Fund," said Haukos.

Participants were able to donate additional funds if they wished.



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Huskies Food Pantry brings new meaning to



Homecoming



Beth Knutson-Kolodzne weighing out the final bag of donations received during Homecoming week. Photo credit: Tim Speier

By Tim Speier

Asst. Managing Editor

Although there were no sports to cement St. Cloud State University's Homecoming week as one to remember, the Huskies Food Pantry was not going to let 2020 drag all the good things down with it.

During the week-long donation drive, the food pantry received 133 pounds of food at their drop off locations in Atwood and at the pantry.

"This is great," Beth Knutson-Kolodzne, the Associate Director of the Department of Campus Involvement, said. "Over 100 pounds [of food donated] is awesome."

While Knutson-Kolodzne

was weighing out the donations she mentioned that getting any sort of donations, during times when the country is struggling, makes a big difference in these students' lives.

Between January and August 2020, the Huskies Food Pantry has had more than 2,000 individual visits to the pantry, received over 6,442 pounds of donations, and relocated the pantry multiple times.

With many students unable to find work during the pandemic, the Huskies Food Pantry has been there to help those in need. They have moved to an online ordering system and contact-less pickup to meet the needs of students while still



maintaining state guidelines.

What started as a shelf in the Tutoring Center of the ISELF building has now grown to serve students out of Hill Hall, with over seven rooms of supplies, and operated by two staff members and one graduate assistant.

Donations are accepted throughout the year and can be dropped off at their respective locations or ordered online and sent directly to the center.

The Huskies Food Pantry is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursdays from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the St. Cloud campus and the Plymouth location is open on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and by appointment.

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ONE-ON-ONE WITH ARIC PUTNAM, Democratic candidate for State Senator

By Matt Auvil Editor-in-Chief

Oftentimes politicians are so focused on their campaign, making time to talk with the people can be difficult to do. However, that is not the case for candidate Aric Putnam, who wanted to sit one-on-one with the University Chronicle via a Zoom call.

Putnam is not a St. Cloud native; he was born in Washington D.C. and later moved to San Diego for his childhood. Putnam only came to Minnesota for his Ph.D at the University of Minnesota.

Originally, Putnam did not have an interest in running for any kind of office because of the classes he teaches at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University on the history of public arguments and social justice.

It wasn't until 2016 when he got a little more support from his daughter to run for Minnesota House of Representatives and become more involved with the community.

Putnam lost in 2016 to Republican candidate Tama Theis. This year, Putnam will go up against Republican State Senator Jerry Relph.

To Aric Putnam, being involved with politics it allows him to meet more people and see the needs that are necessary which is why he continues to work in politics.

It was no secret that the Coronavirus pandemic has candidates' affected campaigning; however, Putnam believes that how an individual campaigns is also how they will govern.

The campaign for Putnam and his team started in August 2020 with a service project. Whether it was working at Habitat for Humanity or wrapping presents at the Crossroads Mall for Humane Society, Putnam wanted to put action in the community in place even without being able to go door

"When COVID-19 hit,

instead of knocking on doors and doing political stuff in that sense, we were doing things that we believed in already, like doing food drives or bringing food to the homeless," said Putnam. "We were doing those things that I think needed to happen anyway that some politicians may not prioritize as much."

When asked what the message he wanted to tell students here at SCSU, he said that he is an educator and has given a lot of time to the education system from middle schools to universities and wants it to continue to be a fundamental part of students' lives.

"I was a horrible student, I barely graduated from high school," shared Putnam. "I know what education can do for someone's life because of what it has done for mine. I know that education and good quality teachers can change your life because it changed mine."

Putnam then went on to say more people need to go to college, not fewer. He also would like to not have tuition frozen, but a decrease in tuition.

"When you freeze tuition, you put extra burdens on the institution if you don't invest more money," said Putnam.

He then went onto add that during his college time, he could go to school and work at the same time to be debt free, "We need to get back to that and need to respect college students and the roles of the institution in the community."

Something else that Putnam noted is that politics should be founded on the concept of respect and relationships as well.

"It would be disrespectful to go and knock on doors [amid] a public health concern," said Putnam. "You don't know what life is like for that person on the other side of the door and I want to err on the side of caution because the virus is a real problem."

Putnam mentioned that



State Senator candidate Aric Putnam outside of the Atwood Memorial Center. Photo courtesy of flickr.com

anyone who is running for public office should recognize the things that they want to do and the things that they want to get done, which he believes can be separated in two ways, policy and public leadership.

"In terms of policy, COVID-19 exposed our profound need for a reform in our healthcare system," "[The Putnam explained. system] didn't work."

Putnam then said that his idea of healthcare is a part of a larger concept, including mental health care in schools, which he mentioned is a major priority to him.

"I am an educator, so I have a particular attitude towards schools," very important, they can't be everything for everyone, but they can help the social mobility for students to have more opportunities."

It was announced in late September from the Putnam campaign that former President Barack Obama had endorsed his campaign. Putnam explained how surreal of a feeling it was to have such a big name supporting him.

"It feels pretty cool," said Putnam. "I have never met him and we didn't exactly talk one-on-one about it, but I was picked from a list of candidates who had similar values and

[they] checked me off."

Putnam was one of seven campaigns endorsed in the state of Minnesota, which he noted sounds like a lot. However, considering how many people are running for office, it is much smaller of a number than people may think.

When asked about smear campaigns, defamation of someone's beliefs that comes out to essentially hurt one side and make the other look better, Putnam said that he does not want to take part in that sort of strategy to win an election.

"Moves like these are said playing on fears to voters Putnam. "I think schools are that are perhaps not getting information in other avenues, a kind of cynicism or disrespect to voters," said Putnam.

> Putnam then went back to reiterate that part of his campaign is public leadership.

"This is what public leadership is, calling crap for what [it] is, crap, and not participating in it," shared Putnam. "Right now we have horrible legislators on that front. The public leadership standing for what is true, saying what needs to be said. It just isn't being done."

On the topic of the city of St. Cloud, Putnam noted that he grew an attachment

towards the city after finishing his education.

"It was convenient to stay in Minnesota, but then I started getting more involved in St. Cloud and started to develop relationships and make friends. I enjoy the wilderness but I enjoy people and meeting people," said Putnam "At one point it is kind of cool to know the same people for ten years and that was twenty years ago. I have been in St. Cloud now for over twenty-five years."

Putnam then added that relationships over time add momentum and said he loves the city of St. Cloud and the good things still go on in the city. "There is a lot going on in St. Cloud and a lot of cool people that I don't even know all of them yet," commented

At the end of the discussion, Putnam mentioned that once a week he will be in Atwood Mall to help with voter registration and help students who may be voting for the first time learn how to vote.

The University Chronicle reached out to Jerry Relph's campaign to set up an interview. As of the printing of this article, no response has been received.

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Anna's declassified college survival guide: Tip #10 schedule downtime from school

By Anna Panek Managing Editor

This tip is different from ones I have done in the past. This tip is one that I haven't completely applied, tested, and proven to work (at least for me). For this month, I challenge you to schedule downtime from school.

Many of us get Outlook and D2L notifications on our phones and while many professors and students are working on respecting what time notifications are being sent, there are still many notifications sent after the typical business day and on weekends.

It is easy to feel constantly connected to school when you allow notifications all day. The majority of students this semester have a significant part of their course load online, with a mix of classes being synchronous and asynchronous. While being asynchronous has its benefits, it also means that there isn't that natural break between school and home.

As a student who is completely online and only commutes from her bed to her desk everyday, it is very easy for me to spend my entire day consumed in school activities: attending classes, doing homework, working with student organizations, and putting in hours for my campus job. I am spending significantly more of my time involved in school operations this semester than ever before, and it's not good. This tip is as much you, as it is for me.

I challenge everyone reading this to take a stand

for yourself; to take a stand against the nature of distance learning, to respect your time, to respect your need to unplug, and to respect your need to relax and rejuvenate.

It is possible to set "do not disturb hours" for Outlook. I'm sure you can do this for all of your apps, this is just one example.

In the mobile app, once you open it, you can click the circle (with your profile picture) in the top left corner, then click on the bell graphic, and then you can schedule your "do not disturb hours." For me personally, I scheduled "do not disturb hours" from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and on weekends, though you can pick hours that work best for you. Now, this isn't to say I won't be checking my email during those times,

but at least I won't be getting notifications that give me an additional urge to.

Being connected to your peers and coworkers is completely acceptable, but there is no shame in unplugging either. Sadly, our world will still be "on fire" tomorrow, so that email can wait until then too.

The hardest part of this for me, and why I have failed at fully implementing this is, I just love the feeling of having an empty inbox or having a clean to-do list the next day. Based on how quickly and at what times I get email replies from many members of the campus community, I have a feeling many of us are the same way. However, eight weeks into this semester and I am finally accepting the fact that my life just won't operate

this way anymore.

Also, as a leader for various organizations on campus, and an employee to multiple entities on campus, I feel a duty to respond to questions asked by people I am here to serve. The standard reply time in the business world is 24-48 hours. This goes back to my point that an email can wait until the morning. While I'd love to be able to respond to everyone within an hour like I try to do, there really are very few questions or tasks that can't wait until the morning.

Again, there are many of us on campus who feel this way and we need to realize that nothing can be poured from an empty cup. Respect your time, respect your need to unplug, respect your need to relax and rejuvenate.



SCSU HOSTS RED AND BLACK DAYS

By Sarah Bunich Staff Writer

This year St Cloud States University's Discover Red and Black days had to make a few changes to make it possible because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The biggest change the event went through was having to create scheduled times for people to come into the event. This enabled small groups to have time between each other group at all of the activities.

"We have always had small group sizes to make it feel more personalized," Danielle Olson, the Assistant Director of Marketing and On-Campus Events, said. "Adding COVID [restrictions to] our system works perfectly."



Prospective students were able to go around the fair to learn what SCSU has to offer. Photo by: Sarah Bunich

Each group started off with a short video presentation in the husky cinema afterward they were given a tour of the campus. Once the tour was over they moved on to the fair portion of the day. While

there the students could go around and visit each department on campus.

"I enjoyed seeing the campus and getting to know what there is available for me if I decided to go here," Mallory Moon, a prospective student, said.

For people who could not come due to travel restrictions or other COVID-19 reasons, the admissions department partnered with the computer science department to create a virtual resource fair. The virtual reality was offered to University. prospective students every day of the event and offered the same information and opportunities as the in-person option.

"Every college will have a table set up and a staff member for students to go to virtually," Hannah Mikels, the Director of Undergraduate Admission, said. "Students will also be able to look around the husky plaza and the campus."

In the spring, prospective students will have another opportunity to come to campus for registration where they can get more information on attending St. Cloud State.

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SCSU STUDENT DIGS DEEPER TO FIND

BIG ASPIRATIONS

By Anna Panek Managing Editor

Many seventh graders are consumed with adjusting to middle school, have their head in a book, are trying to make the JV sports team, or maybe just focused on growing taller. However, for Omanah Bultman, she was digging deeper to find what she wanted to do with her future. In the seventh grade, Bultman told her father that she wanted to be "the next Walt Disney" after he told her to dig deeper than her previous dream of being a storyteller.

Bultman had wanted to be a storyteller early into her formal education. She distinctly remembers having story time at the local library and listening to the woman in charge of story time tell traditional Africanstyle stories such as "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears" and "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters".

Bultman's father told her that a storyteller wasn't a high enough goal, so Bultman decided she was going to be a children's author. But, that still wasn't a high enough goal.

Being the next Walt Disney hit the mark, and Bultman is determined to do just that.

Her goal is to have the whole nine yards: to have her work computer animated, write many stories, share those stories with the world, and have a theme park and resort where fans can interact with the content.

Bultman started her secondary education at a two year institution, got her associate's degree, and then transferred to St. Cloud State University. She is currently working towards a degree in creative writing, but has taken classes in operations management, business. communications, and social work to give her a variety of knowledge and experience that will help her with her aspirations.

Many resources and SCSU personnel have helped Bultman reach this point. She is very thankful for the Bridge to Community Resources and the CARES grant that have assisted through the financial challenges that pursuing a degree brings.

Bultman commented that a one positive has come out of

the pandemic, saying online classes are a blessing because the lack of commuting has saved her time and money.

Like many other talented students, professors and instructors have taken notice of Bultman's exemplary work.

"I notice some of my professors paying attention to me," shared Bultman. "They see my work, my writing, and they acknowledge my hard work."

Being humble very throughout the interview, Bultman commented that she puts a lot of time into her course work and it feels good for it to be acknowledged. As a future content creator, Bultman wants to focus on the ideas, and have others help her bring those ideas to life. Keeping with that philosophy, she posts on her blog, in her Facebook group, and on YouTube to teach others how to create content.

"I want to create the ideas and then pass it on," explained Bultman. "I can do better by creating opportunities for other people."

Bultman also published character development journal through Amazon to



Omanah Bultman aspires to be the next Walt Disney. Photo courtesty of Omanah Bultman.

help writers like herself develop and keep track of their characters. In addition to her social media pages, she posts her webcomic on Tapas. Currently only the cover photo is available because she is in the process of re-writing for the next draft and hopes to have it back up soon. She

also posts her current work on her Instagram, under her pen name of Sakoiyah Asakura.

Bultman writes 10,000 words a week and takes strides towards her dream of being the next Walt Disney. St. Cloud State is a stop in her journey to many great places.

ATWOOD ACTS AS A HOME FOR A FARMERS MARKET



The community garden and its fruits and vegetables which are sold in the farmers market for its benefit. Photo credit: Ely Leslie

By Ely Leslie

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The owner of the optimistic about sales and plans to become even more independent.

Tracy Ore has worked at the local farmers market for the past 11 years. She was one of the first people to actually begin the market. Her market is located between 5th and 6th street next to the Women's Center's former location, which is the same location as the garden. The Women's Center is now located at 720 Fourth Ave. S.

Even with the pandemic, her sales haven't been negatively impacted because her buyers were already aware

of what she sells. Tracy herself is fine. As an introvert, she admits that she enjoys the amount of privacy that she's less stressed about her safety. She said she's fortunate to have a home, a job that pays the bills, and that she "really can't complain."

All of Tracy's products were made in a home kitchen, and all of her fruits and vegetables were bought from local farmers. From her buyers, to those who grow the foods, everything that she earns to make living with comes directly from the community. Currently, Tracy is in the midst of planning how she is going to sustain her market. She is working with a group of students to come

organize a new structure that will take the place of the old women's center.

The students are a part local farmers market is during quarantine, but is no of an environmental studies CAPSTONE class. CAP-STONE classes are essential; they teach students about real world work environments and what to expect once they leave college. Students cannot graduate without them.

Using this new structure, Tracy will create an outdoor environment for planters and benches where yet more local fruits and vegetables will grow. She will create more products for the community and become more self-reliant using these new outdoor structures.

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Coming out of left field, Minecraft Steve for Smash

By Matt Auvil Editor-in-Chief

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate fans were given less than a day to prepare for the announcement that a new character was going to be announced in early October.

At 9:00 a.m. the trailer began with an opening with fighters in an all out brawl, but then Mario was thrown off the stage and landed in a strange and dark room.

Then the walls of the room start breaking in and then our blockheaded friend appears; Minecraft's main hero, Steve, and then a creeper blows up Mario.

We are then transported back into the world of Super Smash Bros. and see Steve going into action, using a sword, buckets of lava, a pickax, a fishing rod, and even using blocks of dirt and wood to build a barrier between himself and the enemies on stage.

It is also seen from the trailer that Steve can make his own food and even use a crafting table to make other weapons of greater value like an iron sword.



The intro photo of Minecraft Steve making his debut into Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. Photo courtesy of smashbros.com

Later on in the trailer we see Steve move inside a house revealing you can play as Alex, the female protagonist in Minecraft as well.

In her portion of the trailer we see the player can use a mine cart, a diamond sword, TNT and wings.

The player doesn't have to limit themselves to just Steve and Alex. This new announcement also unveils gameplay as popular mob enemies, the Enderman and a zombie; they play similar

styles as Steve and Alex with nothing too different other than their looks.

The stages that are shown for the new character are of different hillsides in different seasons with occasional visitor NPCs (non-player characters) in the background including cows, chickens, and sheep.

At the end of the trailer, Steve uses his ultimate move which will hit a character into a dark room where they are surrounded by creepers and blown up, similar to what a creeper does in the mainline Minecraft game.

Following up after the trailer announcement, Masahiro Sakurai, the creator of the Super Smash Bros. franchise explains that putting Minecraft Steve was even a shock for himself and was not a pick of his choice.

"Even I didn't think this day would come, when thinking about new fighters for this game, we don't just pick my favorites or draw from a hat."

Sakurai then explained that ideas for characters will come to him by Nintendo and he will decide how they can be incorporated into the game.

"More often than not these discussions [ideas for characters] start by Nintendo approaching me with an idea, of course if I can't do that idea justice, I'll tell them no," Sakurai said. "But then, someone from Nintendo will come to my work place and say 'Mr.Sakurai surely you can put Minecraft in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate,' while peering at me over their glasses."

To watch the reveal trailer of Minecraft Steve, check out the video on Nintendo's Youtube page.

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She plans to create the outdoor area by next spring, and believes this spot will be valuable to students for gathering on the college campus. Erica Karger-Gatzow, the supervisor of Healthy Huskies, said that, although Tracy Ore runs the community garden, many others are involved as head gardeners. Karger-Gatzow said they could be faculty staff of SCSU, members of the community at large, or retired staff who want to continue being involved.

The garden grows a variety of greens and vegetables, Karger-Gatzow said. They've grown raspberries, strawberries, kale, swiss chard, carrots, beets, potatoes, cabbage,

She plans to create the brussel sprouts, and more. outdoor area by next spring, The farmers market and and believes this spot will the community garden are be valuable to students for directly tied to one another, gathering on the college Karger-Gatzow said. Part of campus. Erica Karger-Gatzow said. Part of the garden's funding comes Gatzow, the supervisor of from the sales earned at the Healthy Huskies, said that, local farmer's market.

Most of the funding comes from donations given by the community and other staff members. Staff can choose to donate one time to support the garden, or to willingly give a piece of their pay to support the garden. The community garden also accepts donated seeds or supplies from individual gardeners. For those who wish to give to the garden, it is located at the corner of 5th Avenue and 5th Street going toward the Pizza Hut.



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THE BATMAN: DC'S EXCITINGLY RISKY NEW PROJECT

By Myles Hoglund Contributing Writer

Ever since the release of 2017's Justice League, Warner Bros. and DC have basically put themselves in a corner with their DCEU lineup of films, with the box office not being the best, the reception being VERY polarizing and a creative shakeup being fairly controversial. But even with this going on, there were still talks for their characters to have their own films, specifically Ben Affleck's Batman.

However, this proved to be quite a challenge. With Affleck and DC Entertainment's then CCO Geoff Johns constantly going back and forth of having a script, a shakeup of whether or not Affleck will direct the film and even Affleck's playing commitment to Batman being questioned.

But it wasn't until February of 2017 where Matt Reeves was brought on to direct and produce the film, with him even working on a whole new script. Over the next few months however, things took an even sharper turn. From Reeves stating that the connections to the DCEU would be close to minimal and him wanting a younger actor for the role, this itself was amplified even more when Affleck completely stepped down from the role due to his lack of interest in the role, his divorce from Jennifer Garner and among other things. Cut to May 2019, and Robert Pattinson was cast in the role, with a teaser of him in his Batsuit releasing in February

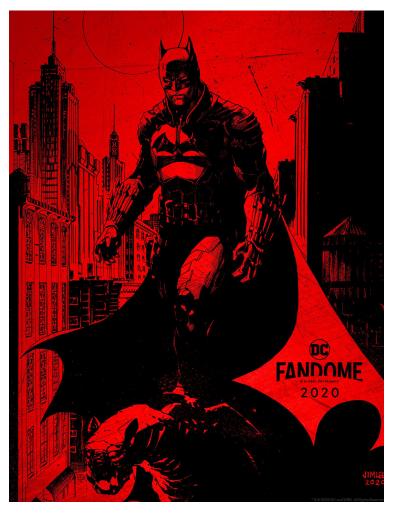
But now, a teaser trailer for the film has been released in August of that year with many people talking about

it. There's a lot to get to so let's dive in.

From the first couple seconds, it's rather apparent that the film is taking inspiration from David Fincher, and I mean that in the best way. The dour and steely colored look does surprisingly work well with Batman, and I mean that in a literal sense due to the many scenes in the trailer that are raining.

The casting is mostly solid, Pattinson is a solid choice for the role, as well as Andy Serkis, Paul Dano and Jeffery Wright Alfred, James Gordon and The Riddler. Colin Farrell especially is a great choice for The Penguin, so great in fact that his makeup makes him nearly unrecognizable.

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"The Batman" production is still in progress. Photo credit: Jim Lee

New consoles to be released before the end OF 2020: PS5 AND SERIES X

By Todd Fowler

Contributing Writer

With the year coming to a close end in a couple months, as far as entertainment/escapism, it looks like the video game industry is stepping in to make the last months of the year a little less bleak. Microsoft will be releasing the Xbox Series X and Xbox Series S on Nov. 10 and Sony will be releasing the PS₅ on Nov. 12. The anticipation for both consoles have been paramount has not been surprising considering that the consoles will be bringing in the new video game generation.

At the PS₅ showcase event in the middle of September, more information about the PS₅ was revealed. The console will have two versions, a digital version for \$399 and an ultra HD Blu-Ray disc drive version

console will include Astro's Playground, FIFA 21, Devil May Cry 5, Cyberpunk 2077, and Spiderman: Miles Morales.

PS₅ Specs:

- Internal Storage of 825 GB SSD(Fewer than Xbox infinite. Series X)
- Memory Bandwidth of 448 GB/s
- Optical Drive is 4K UHD Blu-Ray Drive
- GPU is 10.28 TFLOPS, 36 Cus at 2.23 Ghz(Offering Backwards Compatibility for PS₄ Games)

Xbox Series X and Series S

Around two months earlier in July, The Xbox Series X(Black) and Series S(White) had their own showcase. At the event it was revealed that there will be two versions of the console. The Xbox Series X, which will have the traditional disc drive (4K • Ultra HD Blu-Ray) at \$499

for \$499. Games for the and The Xbox Series S, which will be completely digital and cost \$299. Games for both versions of the console will include Gear Tactics, Call of Duty: Black Ops Cold War, Forza Horizon 4, Assassin's Creed: Valhalla, and Halo:

Xbox Series X Specs:

- Internal Storage is 1TB Custom NVME SSD
- Memory Bandwidth of 10GB @ 560 GB/s, 6GB @ 336 GB/s
- Optical Drive is 4K UHD Blu-Ray Drive
- GPU is 12 TFLOPS, 52 Cus @1.825 Ghz Custom RDNA 2 GPU
- Xbox Series S Specs:
- Internal Storage 512GB PCIe Gen NVME Card
- Expandable Storage is **1TB Expansion Card**
- GPU Power is 4 TFLOPS
- GPU is AMD RDNA

2 GPU, 20 Cus @ 1.565GHZ

Comparison

Both consoles offer specifications that will enhance the gaming experiences of buyers of the consoles. The consoles will have internal storage for downloading physical/digital games, game updates, and game saves. When it comes to the internal storage, it seems that the Xbox Series will have more to offer with having a storage of 1 terabytes, while the PS₅ will have 825 gigabytes.

In the Memory bandwidth bracket, the X Box Series again takes the mantle with 336GB/s to 56oGB/s compared to the PS₅ having 448GB/s. This means that the Xbox Series will have a better video card to produce higher state graphics for games.

When it comes to the optical drive, both consoles

are tied with having 4K UHD Blu-Ray Drive. The optical drive is simply the computer system that allows the device to use CDs, Blu-Rays, DVD, and Game Discs.

In the realm of backwards compatibility (playing games from past consoles), The Xbox Series once again takes the charge with being able to play games from past Microsoft consoles, Xbox One, Xbox 360, and the original Xbox. With the PS5, only games from the PS4 will be playable.

With the Xbox Series and PS5, it seems that the Xbox Series have just a bit more specifications than the PS5 that will enhance the gaming experience. But one surely when both systems launch, they will offer entertainment/escapism to people buying them.



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Crossword: National Novel Writing Month

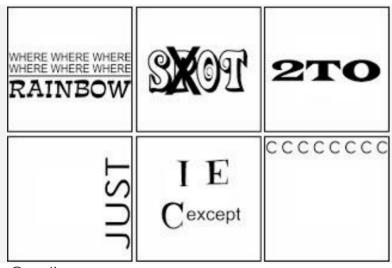
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- 6 A written or printed work consisting of pages glued or sewn together along one side and bound in covers
- 8 The abbreviation for National Novel Wiritng Month
- **9** A series of words in a sentence all beginning with the same sound
- 10 A main division of a book
- 11 To re-examine and make alterations to
- 12 A preliminary version of a piece of writing

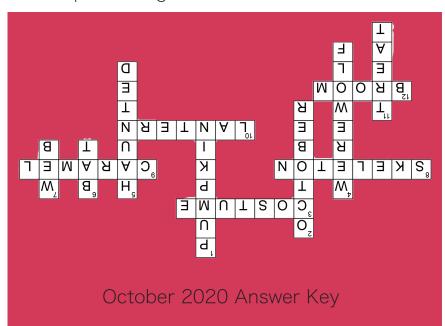
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- 2 The principal or main character in a literary work
- 3 A writer of a book, article, or report
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First person to correctly solve this sodoku by **January 1st** gets mentioned in the next edition of the Unviersity Chronicle and gets a surprise SCSU item!

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Speaking of looks, the costume designs on some of the iconic characters are unique yet fitting. Dano's Riddler goes for more of a Zodiac Killer like design compared to his last live-action interpretation, with his jagged coat and taped mask, he looks more unnerving and creepier this time around. Pattinson's Batsuit meanwhile, is rather interesting. It took inspiration from a lot of Batman media, from the collared cape reminiscent of the Gotham by Gaslight story from the comics, the armored chest plating from the Batman Arkham video games, to even the main chest symbol having a lean towards the original 1939 design. The trailer itself sets up to have multiple antagonists at once which hasn't really been done to this extent in film, with The Riddler being the main villain and Penguin and Catwoman being thrown into the mix.

This all looks amazing right? Well yes, but not without its potential red flags. While most of the casting is rather solid, the one that sticks out for me is Zoë Kravitz as Catwoman. The reasoning is that I am not familiar with her acting and with her also being a singer, I'm slightly doubtful of her performance but only time will tell.

The Batsuit for Pattinson is pretty great but there are two details that are distracting to me, the nosepiece of his cowl looks rather blocky to me. If you were to look at it from the side, it looks fine but when from the front or from another angle, it doesn't look the best. There are also these dart-like things on his wrists which are not only distracting, but also questionable of their use. If these are the films equivalent of the Batarang then it would slightly make sense, but

their design is more similar to a spear or a throwing knife rather than a type of boomerang.

But the biggest red flag for me is a complicated one, that being the film's identity. Batman has had dozens and dozens of different versions over the 80 years of his existence, 10 of which have been in film. Each of them having their own identities, Adam West's being campy and light-hearted, Michael Keaton's being mysterious and dark, Joel Schumacher's being lame and silly, Christian Bale being grounded and complex and Ben Affleck being aged and brutal. These and more do accompany everything that was and still is Batman and while they have faults, these versions do stand out. With Pattinson taking it on, I fear that he won't really have an aspect of Batman that he

can call his own. Reeves has described The Batman as a noir-driven story with a dive into the "World's Greatest Detective" aspect of Batman as well as have him be pretty early on in his life as Batman and while that's an interesting idea, it's not entirely new to the film versions of Batman.

The version with Kevin Conroy, 1992's Batman: "Mask of the Phantasm," not only gave Batman a noir-like mystery to solve but gave a dive into the early days of being Batman, the television counterpart Batman: The Animated Series dives into these aspects further. Now do I think "The Batman" is doomed from the start because of this? No, Pattinson is a talented actor and Reeves is an obviously passionate director for this material and the trailer does show promise in the aforementioned aspects.

From the overall premise of Batman trying to track down Riddler and trying to stop his serial killing, to Batman only having a year or two as the vigilante. The latter is especially highlighted by a confrontation between Batman and some GCPD officers and a random thug going to him and saying, "The hell are you supposed to be?", almost like Gotham's criminals aren't fully used to Batman or even know if he's real which is one of my personal favorites aspects to Batman.

Overall, "The Batman" trailer shows promise but not without its elements of caution. I am actually very excited for this movie and while the problems I mentioned will likely stick with me until the film's supposed release date of October 2021, it's still very interesting to see another creative team take on one of pop culture's greatest heroes.

Grant '63 and Carol Nelson Strength and CONDITIONING CENTER DEDICATION GOES VIRTUAL

By Matt Auvil Editor-in-Chief

While the Coronavirus has put a halt on many in person events, that did not stop the St. Cloud University Foundation from showcasing new strength conditioning center dedicated to Grant and Carol Nelson, SCSU Alumni from 1963.

The dedication came from a video via Vimeo on the St. **Cloud University Foundations** page as part of the Homecoming: Stay at Home 2020.

The video opens with Robbyn Wacker, St. Cloud State University President, expressing her admiration and appreciation towards Grant and Carol Nelson. Wacker went on to say that this gift will benefit student athletes and other students for generations.

Wacker also gave a huge shout-out to Grant Nelson and pointed out his excellence in wrestling for St. Cloud State while also studying his major



A photo representation of what the new strength and conditioning center will look like upon completion. Photo courtesy of Huskies Athletics

in business.

During his time at SCSU, Nelson won conference titles and set records for the University including best dual record in a season, the longest dual streak (16 matches), longest undefeated dual streak of 22 matches, and many more.

The video then turned to a one-on-one interview with Heather Weems, Director of Husky Athletics, and Grant and Carol Nelson.

Grant Nelson opened the interview with his support and

dedication to St. Cloud State University and athletics as an alumni and expressing that over the years he developed a loyalty towards the University.

Nelson then explained how sports can be important for students and can offer an outlet for success.

"I think sports provides the extra component that is tied to academic excellence, it really turns athletes into leaders," Nelson said.

Nelson went onto explain how wrestling was important

to him and how the sport separates itself from others because it instills confidence and the ability to address challenges.

Later in the video, Weems talked about the new strength and conditioning center and how it is important for student athletes to have pride for their school and to remember the history of the past.

"This is a program, a department with a storied history and we don't tell that [story] very well," said Weems.

"I am hoping that [the strength and conditioning center] for our alumni tells the story, for our prospects it shows them what they can be and for our current students it makes them better."

The video ends with staff extending their gratitude and thanks to Grant and Carol Nelson for their support to funding the new athletics space.

The dedication video is posted on the St. Cloud University Foundation's website.

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SEAN HOLMES SPEAKS ABOUT THE START OF SCSU Men's Soccer



Head Coach of the SCSU Men's Soccer program Sean Holmes shares words at his opening press conference. Photo courtesy of Huskies Athletics

By Sam Goetzinger Staff Writer

The expected early Janurary start date for the NSIC is still a good distance away and with the proposed start to most SCSU athletics not likely to move up, fall athletics will more than likely not take place at St. Cloud State. This includes the first season of the newly introduced Men's Soccer program at SCSU.

The team's inception was announced following the cuts of Husky Football and Golf this past spring.

In February 2020, the hiring process for a head coach of the team concluded and Sean Holmes was deemed the newest head coach at St. Cloud State University. Holmes,

a native of Ottawa Ontario, served as head soccer coach of Division I Drake from 1998-2015. In those 17 seasons at Drake University in Iowa, Holmes saw much success accumulating 141 wins in his time with the Bulldogs.

Since the announcement of the hiring of a new head coach for a new soccer program, Holmes has settled in nicely to the St. Cloud area.

"Our family moved here, my wife works on campus, [one of] my son is a grad student, my other son is a part time student and our team manager, and I have another one in high school at Tech," said Holmes in a recent interview. "We are now in week four of training and things have been fantastic."

Building a new athletic program at a university is never easy, and with that comes some hardships especially in the time of COVID-19.

"Well most of the guys I had never seen play live, so that poses a challenge," said Holmes. "Usually you have an established team with seniors who have been in the program and know what your expectations and standards

are and then you fold in the new guys. This year, everything is new. My assistants are new, when we first started training a couple of weeks ago, I had never seen them run a session. Every guy is new, the training gear is new, the balls are brand new, everything is new, so it has been fun, and I miss games, but games sometimes get in the way of real teaching. We are not preparing for stuff tomorrow; we are doing stuff to make players better which is really gratifying."

Equipment, coaches, and players are not the only new things to St. Cloud and the soccer program because the rise of SCSU soccer creates the first NCAA division II program in Minnesota. This creates some advantages in recruiting for SCSU.

"When you're first to something like we are in the state of Minnesota, it's a tremendous recruiting advantage for us because we provide something not many other places do," said Holmes. "We had a tremendous amount of interest from Minnesota guys who wanted to come back home. We got guys from Brainerd, Marshall,

Willmar, Moorhead, Cloud, [and throughout] the state as well. That is really what our team is going to look like. We want to be as Minnesota based as possible. Seventy-five percent Minnesota [players] is our goal. There are good players all over this state."

In some ways the postponement of the season has acted as a blessing in disguise for the SCSU Men's Soccer program as this allows them time to build chemistry and structure throughout the team. Even if COVID-19 did not stall all sporting events, the regular season schedule for the Huskies on the pitch would have looked rather interesting.

"This year we would have been playing a Division I, II, III, NAIA, JUCO, University Club Schedule. It would have been the most bearing schedule in history," Holmes said laughing. "We are in ongoing meetings and will join a conference, I believe, for next year."

Coach Holmes states there is a lot of work left to do leading up to their first day of competition, but they are having plenty of fun in the process.

Freshman Veeti Miettinen selected in the sixth ROUND OF THE NHL ENTRY DRAFT

By Sam Goetzinger Staff Writer

This past NHL season had an interesting ending to say the least. With the Tampa Bay Lighting taking the Stanley Cup Final and this one of a kind season coming to the close. The NHL looks to not miss a beat moving into the next season as the NHL Entry Draft took place in early October and one Husky found his name on the list.

In the sixth round with the 168th overall pick, incoming freshman Veeti Miettinen was taken off the board by the Toronto Maple Leafs. Miettinen hopes to join the

Huskies as soon as possible last year. but is currently waiting to obtain a visa to make it to the United States. Miettinen is focusing on online classes while awaiting arrival to St. Cloud.

Miettinen, a 5-foot-9, 160-pound forward is a touch undersized at this level, but his explosiveness and goal scoring ability is what stuck out to SCSU and Toronto.

Last season, Miettinen was a star on the Kiekko-Espoo U20 program producing a league high in goals (42) and points (31) in the SM-liiga. His high level of play set a league record for most goals in a career (80) and most goals in a season (42) which he achieved

The Maple Leafs held 12 draft picks in the 2020 NHL Entry Draft.

Miettinen is not the only Toronto draft pick with ties to Minnesota as future Gopher Joe Miller was also selected in the sixth round with the 180th pick. Miller has spent the last three seasons with The Blake School in the suburbs of the Twin Cities. Toronto finished this past NHL season with 81 points in the Eastern Conference, which placed them third in the Atlantic division before falling in the first round of the playoffs to Columbus.



Veeti Miettinen selected in the sixth round by Toronto. Photo courtesy of lastwordonhockey.com

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FORMER HUSKY HELPS LEAD TAMPA BAY RAYS TO WORLD SERIES

By Sam Goetzinger Staff Writer

With the MLB postseason winding down, Husky baseball fans have extra motivation this World Series to tune in. For the second time ever, a former SCSU baseball player will compete in the grandest stage of professional baseball. Nick Anderson, a graduate in 2011, will join Jim Eisenrich as the only other Husky to make it to the World Series.

Before coming to St. Cloud State, Anderson posted some solid numbers in high school as a member of the Crosby-Ironton Rangers. Anderson compiled a couple of strong years in college, gathering 14 wins with 151 total strikeouts during his collegiate career.



Nick Anderson pitching during a game. Picture courtesy of Tampa Bay Rays

Once Anderson left
St. Cloud State, his wild
professional career began.
Anderson originally got
drafted by the Milwaukee
Brewers in 2012, but decided
not to sign with the club. He
then went on to play amateur

ball and other semi-pro competition before signing with the Minnesota Twins. After much success in the minors with the Twins, Anderson was traded away in 2018 to the Miami Marlins. A year later, he made his MLB

debut in a Miami uniform. He was traded again after a couple of appearances with the Marlins organization to the Tampa Bay Rays, and from there his performances started to skyrocket. In his two years with the Rays, he has

combined for a 5-1 record thus far and over 50 strikeouts. His impressive display on the mound this shortened the MLB season helped Tampa Bay reach the World Series to take on the surging Los Angeles Dodgers. Anderson played a key role in game two of the 2020 World Series, coming in to replace Blake Snell and hurled 1.1 innings in relief with two strikeouts and one run allowed. His efforts helped square the series at one game apiece and Anderson was deemed the winner pitcher in the matchup.

Former SCSU star Jim Eisenrich helped the Florida Marlins win the most prestigious award in baseball back in 1997.

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FALL BREAK IN TWIN CITY

FRIDAY, October 9



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REGISTRATION: Tuesday, October 6 PRE-TRIP MEETING: Wednesday, October 7

COST: \$40

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