

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

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## Alumni dinner on May 11 will honor two alums

Reservations for the Alumni Dinner honoring Linda (Hansen) Falkman and Dr. Alison Fallgatter will be taken through Friday, May 5, at the BSC Alumni Association office in the Horizon Building. Up to 200 tickets are available for the May 11th dinner, which begins with a 6 p.m. social and the dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Missouri Room. Tickets are \$20 and payable to the BSC Alumni Association.

Linda Falkman, '68, was chosen Alumna of the Year for her visionary leadership as executive director of the Minnesota Newspaper Association (MNA), her innovative approach to advocacy, and engaging the public in the newspaper association. Before joining the MNA in 1974, she taught in Europe after obtaining a BS degree in psychology and education from NDSU. Falkman, a highly skilled manager and lobbyist, has amassed a wealth of achievements and credentials on numerous local, state, and national boards of directors, including the Minnesota News Council, which hears citizen complaints about news media, and the Minnesota Compact, an organization dedicated to cleaning up political campaigns in Minnesota. Her many civic and volunteer activities include counseling brain tumor patients and mentoring Rotary International scholarships winners.

Fallgatter, '94, a native of Steele, is the first recipient of the BSC Alumni Association's Rising Star Award. A Bismarck dentist, she is pursuing an M.S. and specialty certificate in orthodontics at the University of Minnesota. Fallgatter is past president of the Missouri Slope District Dental Society. Her volunteer work includes team leader for two dental missions to Jamaica.

## BSC hosts author program on God's Child founder

Author Monica Hannan presents readings and a video presentation about her newly published book, "The Dream Maker," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, in the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

"The Dream Maker" depicts the life of Patrick Atkinson, founder of the God's Child Project, a Bismarck-based education and charitable organization in Central America. Atkinson is from Bismarck and has worked for 15 years, providing food, shelter, and education to the poor in Guatemala and elsewhere through the God's Child Project.

Hannan has worked as anchor for KFYZ-TV's NBC North Dakota News for 17 years and was named news director a year ago. "The Dream Maker" is Hannan's third book. Her book signing follows the presentation, sponsored by BSC ArtsQuest and the Arts and Communications Department.

## Choral concert rescheduled for April 25

The Spring Choral Concert has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium. It was originally scheduled on April 20. Another change on April 25 is that the readings by student writers for Figments of Imagination will be part of the choral concert, rather than a separate event at the Library. The concert features the BSC choirs, vocal ensembles, and the BSC String Ensemble in a program of diverse musical traditions. These changes were made after the printing of the postcard, but updates are being made on the Web site at [www.bismarckstate.edu/artsquest](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/artsquest).

## Groundbreaking for CTI set for May 10

Groundbreaking for the Career and Technology Institute takes place at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the site southeast of the BSC Armory. During the ceremony, remarks will be made by business, industry and government representatives who played a leading role in the capital campaign for the building. Employees and the public are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available.

The CTI will house a Workforce Training Center, Higher Education Center, and the National Energy Center.

## Retirement dinner planned for President Thigpen

The retirement dinner for **President Donna Thigpen** is scheduled Thursday, June 8, at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Bismarck. Social begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7 p.m. Employees will receive invitations in early May. Those who would like to send letters or cards for a memory book can send them to Sue Lippert in the Horizon Building by May 22.

The campus retirement coffee farewell for President Thigpen and **Jack Kline**, assistant professor of commercial art, will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 4, in the Student Union. Watch for stories on both of this year's retirees in the April edition of BSC Connections newsletter.

## Four faculty members granted tenure

The State Board of Higher Education recently granted tenure status for **Lee Friese** (automotive technology), **Dan Leingang** (mathematics), **Jane Schreck** and **Thomas Stein** (English). Rank for Leingang, Schreck and Stein now changes from assistant professor to associate professor. President Donna S. Thigpen endorsed their applications for tenure after recommendation from the Faculty Senate's Tenure Committee.

## Faculty and Staff News

**Marlene Anderson**, director of library services, took first place in the Toastmasters District 78, Area C32 Speech Evaluation contest on March 18, after winning her club's speech evaluation contest. Then on April 1, Anderson placed third in the Division Evaluation Speech Contest. Division C includes clubs from Bismarck, Mandan, Minot, Dickinson and Hettinger. Anderson is a member of the Missouri Basin Toastmasters Club, which meets at BSC at noon the first and third Tuesday of each month. She said guests are welcome to come to meetings and learn more about Toastmasters.

**Arlan Okerson**, assistant professor of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, attended the Upper Midwest Regional Association Educational Conference in Bloomington, Minn., March 31-April 2.

**Barbara Burgum Lee**, research and grants specialist, attended Council for Resource Development Specialist Training in Philadelphia March 26-April 2 and in Washington, D.C., April 2-7.

**Nancy Gordon**, counselor, attended the American Counseling Association Annual Convention in Montreal, Quebec, March 31-April 3.

**Dr. Drake Carter**, associate vice president for academic affairs, and **Dr. Wayne Boekes**, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, traveled to Chicago April 2-4 for the Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting.

**Mika Olson**, assistant professor of electrical lineworker, attended the Annual College Lineman's Rodeo at Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kan., April 6-8.

**Karen Arlien**, assistant professor of computer science, and **Vickie Wyant**, assistant professor of computer support specialist, attended the Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, April 6-8.

**April Hall**, nursing instructor/coordinator, and **Fae Glass**, nursing instructor, traveled to Bloomington, Minn., April 7-9 for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) Regional Workshop.