

FYI **Campus Newsletter**

Bismarck State College – August 13, 2004

Some offices will extend business hours

Some BSC offices will extend business hours on Mondays during the academic year and the first week of classes each semester. Extended hours will be observed in these locations/offices:

Admissions, Business, Financial Aid, Registrar,
Corporate and Continuing Education,
Campus Information Office in Jack Science Center
Bookstore

Week of Aug. 23-27

7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon-Thurs

7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri

Remaining weeks of the academic year

7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues-Thurs

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fri

Campus Information Office in Jack Science Center

Open until last class has started (usually 7 p.m.)

first two weeks of each semester

Also on Sunday, Aug. 22, the above offices and the BSC Library will be open from 1 to 4 p.m.

“Some of our evening students may have had difficulty doing face-to-face business with the college, especially if they are at their jobs during traditional business hours,” said Dr. Wayne Boekes, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs. “We hope the additional time during the first week each semester and then on Mondays will help us provide better service to our students.”

NOTE: Because of a misunderstanding regarding the new extended hours before the BSC Planner went to print in June, the hours listed on page 8 are incorrect for Admissions, Business, Financial Aid and Registrar offices. Opening times are 8 a.m., except on Mondays, when those offices open at 7:30 a.m.

Employees praised for upbeat attitude

During the week of July 6 the Student Administration side of ConnectND went "live" on our campus. Here to assist with the cutover were HECN staff, as well as module leads and subject matter experts from other campuses.

Mike Lenhardt, associate vice president for student affairs, said the off-campus folks were pretty impressed with the dedication, optimistic spirit, and hard work that BSC staff demonstrated throughout the week.

“Despite an intense, hectic, and frustrating four days of getting the software up and running, and in correcting conversion errors, the BSC staff from Admissions, Financial Aid, Records, Student Financials and the Student Affairs office maintained an upbeat, can-do attitude,” Lenhardt said. “Compliments from Minot State University, NDSU, Valley City State University and HECN were flowing by Friday. Even the then interim Chancellor Michel Hillman of the NDUS made a point of complimenting the staff based on what he had heard about their upbeat efforts.”

Lenhardt said he is sure the staff in Human Resources, Payroll and Business offices also exhibited this type of spirit during their “go live” weeks.

BSC welcomes new employees

Editorial comment: New employees continue to fill up the new and remodeled spaces around campus. If you're having trouble keeping track of who's new or not so new, or who's in what office or building, you are not alone. If we get to a point where things seem somewhat settled this fall, maybe we'll print a guide!

Kudos to the Human Resources staff members, who have been especially busy this summer creating new job descriptions, writing job announcements, reviewing applications, interviewing, etc. And doing all this while training and testing for the transition to ConnectND. What a crew!

Tammy Dillman has the new position of career services assistant in the Career Services Office in the Student Union. An account representative at Great Plains Rehabilitation Services for four years, she worked as a temporary employee in Career Services earlier this summer. A graduate of Century High School, Dillman attended BSC for one semester in 2002. She will be attending classes here this fall, with plans to major in communications. She has a four-year-old son, Chase.

Greg Ross was hired for the new position of financial/grants accountant with the Business Office. A December 2003 graduate of Jamestown College, Ross worked in the accounting department at Aaction Movers/United Van Lines in Bismarck before applying at BSC. Ross was raised and educated in Spruce Grove, Alberta. He played varsity baseball for Jamestown College for four years, and also met his wife there. He and Tessi (Etzold) Ross were married May 15.

Randy Binder recently joined the custodial staff. He's assigned to the Vocational Technical Center now, but expects to help out in other buildings. He worked for AMS janitorial service for nearly three years and also was employed through temporary services. He graduated from high school in Grays Lake, Ill., and moved to North Dakota about seven years ago.

Dawn Schneider, registrar clerk, is a 1993 BSC graduate with an associate in applied science degree in

administrative assistant/general. She graduated from Bismarck High School in 1991, and was previously employed by the Bismarck Public Schools for ten years as a technology secretary. Schneider has two daughters, Malaya, 11 years, and Cieana, 9.

Partha Dhar joined the Energy Technology Online Department as an enhanced web application developer, another new position. He is located on the second floor of the Horizon Building. He is close to completing his second master's degree in industrial and mechanical technology from Indiana State University in Terre Haute. Dhar holds an MS in mathematics and computer science from Indiana State, and a BS (honors) in economics from Calcutta University. Dhar moved from India to Indiana to work on his advanced degrees. He has several relatives who live in Terre Haute.

Zak Allen gets first-hand look at review process

Zak Allen, energy technology online multimedia coordinator, was asked to be a panel reviewer of National Science Foundation Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement grants. He spent July 28-30 in Washington, D.C., to assist in the process, the same as other reviewers would have used for the WebLab Power Grid proposal BSC submitted and was awarded this spring by NSF.

Allen said the panel he served on reviewed engineering, specifically electrical engineering, in power systems and electronics. The three-day process involved reading proposals, writing reviews, and then meeting as a group to discuss and write a panel review.

“The experience gave me good insight into how the NSF reviews proposals and what the individual reviewers look for in good proposals,” Allen said.

Faculty/Staff News

Dan Schmidt, energy technology online program manager, attended a meeting of the Rockies Alliance for Process Technology in Denver Aug. 9. He will be in Minneapolis Aug. 12 for an Electrical Transmission Systems Technology Advisory Board meeting.

Al Koch, OSHA consultation program manager, is in Chicago Aug. 9-13 for OSHA Systems Administrators Training.

Bill Walz, energy technology online instructor, is attending the American Coalition for Ethanol Conference in Duluth Aug. 10-12.

Bonnie Weisz, testing and assessment coordinator, is attending the National College Testing Association annual conference in New Orleans Aug. 11-14.