

# *FYI* **Campus Newsletter**

**Bismarck State College ~ August 18, 2005**

## **BSC offices observe extended business hours Aug. 21-26**

Some BSC offices will observe extended hours during the first week of classes, Aug. 21-26, to facilitate book purchases, tuition payment and other college business.

Extended hours will be observed in the Admissions, Business, Financial Aid, and Student Records offices and Computer Center in Schafer Hall, Campus Information Center in Jack Science Center, and the Bookstore in the Student Union.

During Aug. 22-26, those offices will be open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Evening classes begin Monday, Aug. 22; day classes start Tuesday, Aug. 23.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, the offices mentioned above and the BSC Library will be open from noon to 3 p.m. Students who will be living in the residence halls will move in that afternoon between noon and 5 p.m. The snack bar in the Student Union will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for students and their families.

After the first week, regular hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays will be observed by the offices and Bookstore. BSC Library hours during the academic year are 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays, and 4 to 8 p.m.

## **Summer busy with remodeling, construction and move of allied health programs**

BSC will have a presence in downtown Bismarck with the opening of the Allied Health Campus at 500 E. Front St. Students enrolled in massage therapy, nursing, and surgical technology will find improved facilities for their classes and labs in the newly remodeled space. The Certified Nursing Assistant program offered through Corporate & Continuing Education is also located there. In addition to the classrooms and labs, there are two IVN classrooms, a conference room, a 10-station computer lab, and a library reference room.

Some of the allied health programs were located in Werner Hall's lower level, and the visual art program will now use that space.

Remodeling is nearly complete in Schafer Hall's first floor foyer/hallway and Admissions and Student Records offices. The remodeling has provided more efficient workspaces and improved reception areas for students. Bob Kuntz, chief buildings and grounds officer, said work in the foyer involved covering the various brick, block and rock walls of the interior corridors with sheetrock painted white.

In July, construction began on Phase 1 of the Career and Technology Institute (CTI), which involves site preparation, utilities, wells for ground source heating and cooling, and parking lots. Kuntz said there will be very little effect on campus traffic as crews continue the Phase I work until freeze-up.

In early September, the street between the Annex and the Law Enforcement Center will be rebuilt. Kuntz expects that work to take about two weeks.

The Career and Technology Institute will be built southeast of the BSC Armory on seven acres donated by the city of Bismarck. It will house a Workforce Training Center, Higher Education Center, and National Energy Technology Training and Education Center.

BSC also will build a new residence hall in 2006 on the east side of campus. Crews have completed moving dirt from the residence hall site to the CTI site, where fill was needed. The remaining work at the residence hall site this summer will involve general landscaping, removing rock, and seeding to prevent erosion.

Phase II for the Career and Technology Institute building will be bid in early 2006 with construction beginning in June 2006. Completion date is December 2007.

## BSC welcomes new employees

**Karla Buzick** is BSC's one-stop source for help. She began her job as office assistant in the Campus Information Center in the Jack Science Center July 18. Her position involves scheduling campus facilities for the college and public, preparing the Daily Chronicle, answering toll-free lines, and other duties. Buzick took computer classes at technical colleges in Fargo and at Minnesota State University Moorhead and has a data entry certificate from Northwest Technical College. She was employed for 15 years at MeritCare in Fargo in the clerical field and also worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota. Buzick grew up in Gardner, N.D., and enjoys her Harley motorcycle, golf, pitching for a softball team, and city league sports.

**Nicole Gustafson** became Swensen Hall residence supervisor July 6 and is preparing for students' arrival Aug. 21. She graduated from the University of Mary in 2004 with a BS in elementary education, BA in theology, and minor in music. Last spring she was a substitute teacher in the Bismarck and Mandan schools and Theodore Jamerson Elementary at UTTC. Gustafson has lived in Montana and several other states and enjoys working, bowling, sewing, reading, and E-bay.

**Dan Swift** is residence supervisor at Werner Hall. He spent the past two years in Selfridge as head basketball coach, dean of students for the school district, and acting elementary principal. Swift graduated from Mayville State University in 2001 with a BS in education and major in physical education. He is completing a master's degree in education from Bemidji State University. Swift grew up in Mayville and enjoys working out, reading, and friends.

**Kristin Larson** assumed the new advisor coordinator position July 19. Her office is in Schafer Hall, Room 212A. She is responsible for coordinating and distributing materials used in advising students and for providing training on advising. Larson has a BS in psychology from NDSU and earned her master's degree in education from Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, in 2001. She spent 13 years in Big Spring, Texas, working as a special education teacher and school counselor for Big Spring High School, and rehab therapist at Big Spring State Hospital. Larson grew up in Hazen and has two children, Kyle, 7, and Sydney, 10. She volunteers for Special Olympics and enjoys biking, walking, and reading.

## President Thigpen participates in Oxford Round Table

BSC President Donna S. Thigpen was one of about 40 education leaders from around the world invited to participate in the Oxford Round Table July 3-8 at St. Antony's College in the University of Oxford, Oxford, England.

The Oxford Round Table was established as a colloquium for small groups of academic, governmental and business leaders to engage in discussions that affect states and nations. Presenters and discussion leaders were from the United Kingdom, Canada, Russia, India, Israel, China, Japan, West Indies, Nigeria, the USA, and other countries.

President Thigpen said participating in the Round Table was an incredible experience. "The sessions made me pause and think about how we fit into the international scheme of operations," she said. "For example, countries like India don't have an equivalent to our community colleges. India turns out engineers and teachers, but they don't educate people in vocational-technical areas." She said this made her realize even more the importance of community colleges.

"We were in such a cloistered, scholarly atmosphere, that we were inspired to think and reflect, which none of us get enough time to do," she said.

Topics included "Effects on the Institutions of the Clash of Civilizations," "Effects of Rising Costs on Minority and Low-Income Students" and "Universal Access, American Democracy, and the Community College."

She was in Oxford on the day of the bombings in London. "I was in Oxford, which is at least 70 miles from London, but the atmosphere was very tense, it reminded me of 9/11 in this country," she said. "However, the British people were very stoic and determined not to let this incident disrupt their way of life. The bombs went off at 9:30 a.m. and by 5 p.m. that afternoon the buses and many of the subways were operating again."

## Improvements made to IVN classrooms equipment

Users of the IVN classrooms can expect to see and hear improvements because of new equipment installed this summer. **Pat Gross**, audiovisual/IVN coordinator, demonstrated and helped train other technical coordinators on the new equipment, Polycom Weboffice, in June. The IVN network is upgrading the 52 higher education classrooms to the new equipment for fall classes.

Gross said BSC receives new equipment first because he and **Lloyd Hieb**, audiovisual/IVN assistant, have a background in electronics, and because ITD is located in Bismarck. "We can handle situations that require changes to make things more user friendly for other technicians across the state," Gross said.

He said benefits of the new equipment include a clearer image of PowerPoint presentations with new 42-inch plasma screens, improved audio quality, and excellent video quality because of less lag time.

Gross served on the planning committee for the Higher Education Site and Technical Coordinators annual face-to-face meeting, held at BSC June 14-15. In addition to the training, topics included equipment and security issues, studio scheduling processes, and class technician responsibilities.

## Your idea could be worth \$2,000!

As a North Dakota State employee, you can receive an award of up to \$2,000 for making suggestions that cut costs of state government. The State Employee Suggestion Incentive Award Program was approved by the 1993 North Dakota Legislature.

Submit your idea on the employee suggestion form (SFN 19291) available from your agency, the Suggestion Incentive Award Committee, or use the fillable form on the state forms page at <http://www.state.nd.us/eforms>. The committee will review your suggestion. If approved, it will be forwarded to your agency administrator, who will make the final decision. If your idea is approved, you will receive 20 percent of the first years savings realized, up to a maximum of \$2,000. The cash award will be received 12 months after your idea has been implemented.

Submit recommendations to: Jim Poolman, Chairman, Suggestion Incentive Committee, Office of Insurance Commissioner, 600 East Blvd. Ave., 5 th Floor, Bismarck, ND 58505. Phone: (701) 328-4638 Email: [jpoolman@state.nd.us](mailto:jpoolman@state.nd.us)

## Faculty and Staff News

**Ken Paulus**, welding professor, and **Steve Petron**, adjunct instructor, attended the 52nd annual United Association Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 6-13. Petron took classes on technology teaching techniques, soldering and brazing. Paulus completed and passed the requirements for the American Society of Sanitary Engineering for Backflow Protection Assembly Tester and Tester Instructor. Petron and Paulus were sponsored by Local 300 Plumbers and Pipefitters Joint Apprenticeship Program. Paulus spent June and July testing welders in the BSC Mobile Welding Unit at power plants in North Dakota and Wyoming.

**Albert Koch**, OSHA manager, traveled to Chicago July 18-22 for training at the OSHA Institute on Construction.

**Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for CCE, traveled to Centralia, Wash., July 19-21 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Energy Technology College Summit.

**Bill Wahlman**, director of energy technology online programs, attended a meeting with Xcel Energy in St. Paul July 26-27.

**Zachery Allen**, ETO multimedia coordinator, and **Marjory Zalk Enerson**, marketing coordinator, traveled to Las Vegas Aug. 3-5 for the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) Trainers Workshop.