

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

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## BSC Foundation holds ground breaking ceremony in Mandan

About 100 community leaders, energy industry representatives and educators attended the ground breaking ceremony for a new facility to house BSC's Industrial Maintenance Technology program on Monday in east Mandan. The 12,500 sq. ft. facility is being built at 1901 Twin City Drive S.E., Mandan, on the Bismarck State College-Mandan Campus.

Interim President Gordon Binek opened the brief ceremony, and others speaking were U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan and Mandan Mayor Ken LaMont. Sen. Dorgan secured a \$500,000 earmark and the City of Mandan contributed \$200,000 through its Growth Fund toward the building costs.

Sen. Dorgan said he has introduced legislation to establish and fund a Great Plains Energy Corridor Coordinating Office on the BSC campus. He said an Energy Corridor will help tap into western North Dakota's potential to lead the Upper Great Plains in energy development, spurring the state's economy and creating new high-paying jobs.

Classes in the Industrial Maintenance Technology program will begin in January. It is the first program of its kind within the North Dakota University System and the region. Industrial maintenance technicians install, repair and maintain industrial production and processing equipment. Typical wages for industrial maintenance technicians in North Dakota range from \$38,400 to \$42,000.

Managers at regional energy plants requested that BSC develop this program to prepare graduates to fill job vacancies that will occur in the near future.

## Semifinalists for BSC president narrowed to five

The presidential search committee for BSC's next president narrowed the field of 11 semifinalists to five candidates for the position on Aug. 10.

The committee conducted brief videoconference interviews with the 11 semifinalists, and then selected the five who will move forward in the process. The 11 semifinalists also completed a written assignment for the committee before the interviews. The remaining semifinalists are:

- **Alex Capdeville**, chancellor of Montana State University-Northern in Havre;
- **Gary E. Johnson**, assistant vice president for research at the University of North Dakota;
- **David J. Mathieu**, vice president for academic and student affairs at Normandale Community College, Bloomington, Minn.;
- **Jerome R. Migler**, provost, Moorhead Campus – Minnesota State Community & Technical College;

- **Larry C. Skogen**, academic dean and deputy superintendent for academic affairs, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell.

These candidates will come to BSC for interviews with the search committee and open forums for campus and community input Sept. 25-28. The committee will then recommend unranked finalists to the North Dakota University System chancellor and State Board of Higher Education (SBHE). Later, the finalists will be interviewed by the chancellor and the SBHE. The state board selects the president.

Additional information on the five semifinalists can be viewed on the Presidential Search Web site at [www.bismarckstate.edu/hr/Semifinalists.asp](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/hr/Semifinalists.asp)

## Nielsen to volunteer for Katrina assistance

Martin Nielsen, OSHA safety and health consultant, will be part of a FEMA effort to assist companies in New Orleans as they continue clean-up efforts from damage of Hurricane Katrina. Nielsen will be gone Aug. 20 to Sept. 3 and will work as an industrial hygienist, doing air sampling and conducting noise studies.

Al Koch, OSHA consultation program manager, said Nielsen will help companies ensure that all OSHA standards are being followed. Mirroring the work he does in North Dakota as a consultant, Nielsen will provide advice on correcting hazardous conditions at worksites, but will not issue citations.

Koch said this is a volunteer effort that will mean 10-12 hour days, seven days a week. Koch and consultant Jason Rosdahl also have volunteered, but they have not been assigned yet. He said FEMA requested the OSHA regions to seek volunteers from the federal compliance offices and state consultation programs.

## Elizabeth Pross is director of Dakota Nursing Program

Dr. Elizabeth Pross became the first permanent director of the Dakota Nursing Program on July 1. Her responsibilities include coordinating, assessing, and evaluating the Dakota Nursing Program at Bismarck State College, Lake Region State College, Minot State University-Bottineau, and Williston State College.

Dr. Pross holds a B.S. in nursing from the University of Mary, M.S. in nursing from the University of North Dakota, and Ph.D. in nursing from the University of Colorado, Denver. Most recently she was employed for 14 years at Minot State University, where she was associate professor of nursing and chair of the Nursing Department. Her office is located in Minot, with this contact information: 701-837-1387, [elizabeth.pross@min.midco.net](mailto:elizabeth.pross@min.midco.net).

The Dakota Nursing Program is provided through a consortium of four North Dakota community colleges. The colleges offer training for practical nurses and associate degree nurses through the consortium.

## Donna Fishbeck earns Ph.D. in educational leadership

Dr. Donna Fishbeck, dean of student development, graduated from the University of North Dakota Aug. 6 with a doctorate of philosophy (Ph.D.) in educational leadership. Her dissertation topic was "Professional Development Needs of Student Affairs Professionals Within the North Dakota University

System.”

Dr. Fishbeck said she presented the results of the dissertation to the NDUS Student Affairs Council, as this topic has been discussed by the council for the past few years. The Council also asked her to present the information to the State Board of Higher Education after the Council has completed a recommendation for a system-wide or campus-based professional development plan.

A recipient of the Jack Fellowship from the BSC Foundation in 2001, Dr. Fishbeck said, “I would not have been able to accomplish this educational goal without the financial support of the fellowship. The support and encouragement from the BSC community also was instrumental in making this educational endeavor possible.”

## Faculty/Staff News

**Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for Corporate & Continuing Education, and **Lori Heinsohn**, director of CCE, attended the Workforce Development Academy in Philadelphia Aug. 3-4. The focus of the academy is the sales process and training staff in all aspects of sales planning.

**Ken Paulus**, professor of welding, and **Steve Petron**, adjunct instructor, attended the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 13-20. Petron took Plumbing Code and graduated from the five-year Instructor Training Program. Paulus is a past graduate and took the OSHA 500 Course on Construction Safety. Paulus and Petron teach Bismarck-Mandan's Local 300 Apprenticeship Program thru BSC-CCE.

**Albert Koch**, OSHA consultation program manager, attended the Annual Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Manager Meeting in Dallas Aug. 7-10.

**Julie Erickson**, director of resource development, and **Barbara Burgum Lee**, research and grants specialist, traveled to Casper, Wyo., Aug. 8-11 for the Region VIII meeting of the Council for Resource Development.