

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College ~ August 25, 2005

## Eleven new faculty members join the campus

Eleven new instructors were hired over the summer to fill teaching positions in physics, chemistry, biology, nursing, English, agriculture, computer information systems, criminal justice/sociology, process plant technology, and electrical lineworker.

### **JOHN BERRY, English Instructor**

Berry received his MA in English with emphasis in creative writing from the University of Oklahoma at Norman in May. He earned his bachelor's degree there in 2002 and has an associate degree in liberal arts from Oakland Community College, Royal Oak, Mich. As a graduate teaching assistant, he taught composition and was a writing consultant. Berry was editor of "Windmill," the university's student literary journal, and is the author of several published short stories. Berry grew up in Pleasant Ridge, Mich., and worked as a welder and metal finisher at a Detroit foundry while attending college. He was a volunteer for the Big Brother Big Sister program and Norman (Okla.) Animal Shelter and enjoys reading and his pet dog and cat, Honey, and Krazy Kat. His office is in Werner Hall.

### **JULIE BRUNS, Criminal Justice/Sociology Instructor**

Bruns has an MS in criminal justice from St. Cloud State University. Next spring, she plans to enroll at North Dakota State University to finish a Ph.D. program she began at Sam Houston State University in 2001. While in Texas, she co-authored a publication on racial profiling within the Houston Police Department. Bruns worked three years as child support officer for the Texas Attorney General's office in Houston and was a presenter at the 2002 American Society of Criminology Conference in Chicago. She developed curriculum in criminal justice topics for two Minnesota counties through the Minnesota Department of Human Resources and led change in child support policy. Bruns has a 1-year-old daughter, Sierra.

### **MATT FROHLICH, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems**

A recent graduate of the University of Mary, Frohlich has a bachelor's degree in CIS with a business administration minor. He worked in Starion Financial's IT department doing network administration and help desk, was a teller at Dakota Community Bank, and a computer support specialist intern at Montana Dakota Utilities Company. In college, Frohlich was an honor student in the Harold Schafer Leadership Academy and received the Qwest Spirit of Service Award for developing a computerized tracking system at Cathedral School. He grew up in Mandan and enjoys music, building computers, and a number of sports.

### **DR. JUAN GOMEZ, Assistant Professor of Physics**

Dr. Gomez received his Ph.D. in space plasma physics with a specialty in computational physics, and an MS in physics from the University of Kansas, Lawrence. He spent the past two years as visiting assistant professor of physics at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. Dr. Gomez also taught physics and math at Bennington College in Vermont, Lyons College in

Batesville, Ark., and Phillips Community College in Helena, Ark. He is an expert in FORTRAN and skilled in the electronic classroom. A passionate Red Sox fan, Dr. Gomez jogs and is a former marathon runner. He and his wife Thelma enjoy their dog Spyder.

**GREG HUTZENBILER, Assistant Professor of Electrical Lineworker**

Hutzenbiler, a native of South Heart, graduated from BSC's electrical lineworker program in 2000 and was named the program's outstanding student. He earned his journeyman license from Missouri Valley Apprenticeship and Training, Indianola, Iowa, and hopes to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. Since leaving BSC, he has worked as a lineman in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. Hutzenbiler served four years in the U.S. Navy and worked for oil drilling companies in Williston and Belfield during the 1990s. He is married to Stacey and they have four children ages 2, 4, 6, and 8. In his spare time, he enjoys camping and fishing.

**CRAIG KLEVEN, Assistant Professor of Agriculture**

Kleven has worked for the NDSU Extension Service as Kidder County extension agent in Steele since 2001. He graduated with a BS in agriculture education from NDSU in 2000 and spent the next year as agriculture instructor and FFA advisor at Towner Public School, teaching crop and animal science, welding, and electricity. Kleven has a production agriculture background and was raised on a small grain farm and livestock ranch near Maddock. He has an AS degree from BSC and is pursuing a master's degree in agriculture education from NDSU with graduation expected in fall 2006. Craig is married to Joan Kleven, BSC Energy Technology Online advisor, and they have an infant daughter Paisley. He enjoys the outdoors and hunting.

**GRETA KNOLL, Nursing Instructor**

Knoll, a registered nurse, has 13 years experience in several pediatric areas. She was program administrator for the state Department of Human Services Children's Special Health Service, where she helped establish the asthma task force and directed specialized clinics for children with cleft palates. Knoll has eight years with Medcenter One Health Systems as a pediatric ICU and oncology nurse. Her most recent position was clinic nurse, coordinating and giving care to children with bleeding disorders and coordinating the conscious sedation program. She also taught, providing learning experiences for families, staff, and student nurses. Knoll has an AS degree in pre-nursing from BSC ('90) and bachelor's in nursing science from Medcenter One College of Nursing ('92). She will complete a master's degree in nursing from University of Mary in May 2006. Knoll and her husband Rob have a son, 18, and daughter, 3 1/2. She enjoys running, boating, family time, and watercolor painting.

**DR. NOAH KOVER, Anatomy and Physiology/Biology Instructor**

Dr. Kover, a chiropractor at a multidisciplinary practice at Amsterdam Memorial Hospital in Amsterdam, N.Y., graduated from New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 2002. He tutored at the college's Center for Academic Support and also held an adjunct position at Fulton Montgomery Community College near Albany, N.Y., teaching anatomy/physiology and general biology. Kover, a native of Amsterdam, received his BS in pre-med from the University at Albany. He volunteers for Special Olympics and enjoys basketball, golf, and other sports.

**BRENT REEMS, Assistant Professor of Chemistry**

Reems, a Mandan native, has an MS degree in chemistry from NDSU and BS in chemistry from the University of North Dakota. He has worked for the N.D. Department of Health and the Attorney General's office since 1999 as forensic scientist in the crime lab. His work involved substance and fluid analyses and training law enforcement in breath test equipment. He also

repaired lab instruments, testified in court, and assisted with software and network issues. In college, he taught various undergraduate and graduate chemistry labs, maintained lab computers, and tutored students. He and his wife Brenda have a 16-month-old daughter, Megan. Reems enjoys hunting and fishing.

### **DEBORAH SHIPMAN, Assistant Professor of Microbiology**

An adjunct instructor for 18 years in the BSC clinical lab tech program, Shipman has worked for the N.D. Department of Health since 2002 as bio-terrorism education coordinator for the state lab response network. She provided communication and training workshops on safety and sample protocol to hospital and public health lab workers. Shipman has specialized training in bio-terrorism agents. She was a microbiology technologist at Medcenter One for 20 years and a clinical lab tech instructor. Shipman has an MS in clinical microbiology from UND and BS in medical technology from NDSU. She is married to Glen and they have a daughter Holly, age 15. Shipman enjoys biking and walking.

### **WADE VOGEL, Process Plant Technology Instructor**

A 1987 graduate of the BSC process plant technology program, Vogel worked for Mandan's Amoco Oil Refinery (now Tesoro) for 13 years as a process operator relief shift supervisor and refinery process technician. As OSHA Voluntary Protection Program coordinator, Vogel provided training to more than 200 employees. Under his leadership, the VPP team received the national Chairman's Award for Team Excellence, the first in the Amoco system. Vogel was co-chair of the refinery's Combination Unit Safety Committee and has a Total Plant Solution Certificate from Honeywell Training Institute in Phoenix. He is pursuing a BS degree in organizational leadership and management from University of Mary with completion expected in 2006. In 2003, he became part owner of Total Outdoor Network in Mandan. Vogel enjoys hunting, fishing, and family activities with his wife Kaye, son, 11, and daughter, 6.

## **BSC welcomes new staff members**

**Natasha Petry** started her job as biology laboratory coordinator Aug. 15. She graduated from North Dakota State University in 2001 with a BS in microbiology and worked two years at Aldevron LLC, a Fargo biotech company, as microbiology lab coordinator and microbiology scientist. Petry grew up in Fargo and enjoys tennis and traveling. She coached girls' tennis at Fargo North High School for three years while in college.

**Diedre Pugh**, admissions/enrollment services associate, began work Aug. 17. She received her BA in human resources from Valley City State University in 2004 and has an associate degree in human resources from Northwest Technical College, Moorhead. Pugh was employed in the VCSU admissions office as an administrative assistant after graduation. A Kenmare native, she married Michael Pugh in June and enjoys walking and watching movies.

**Lynn Sabot**, a BSC graduate in commercial art ('88), returns to the college as student records office assistant. She has a BS in business administration from North Dakota State University. Her most recent position was office manager at Klemetson Woodworks in Bismarck. Other local jobs include work as a client service supervisor for Interim Personnel and customer service representative at Aetna. Sabot grew up in Bismarck and is an avid reader. She enjoys motor sports with her husband Leon and their children Layn, 11, and Luke, 6.

**Jesse Carman** has three degrees from BSC, an AA, AS, and AAS in computer information specialist received in 2003 and 2004. His BSC job as audiovisual/interactive video classroom

assistant began Aug. 22. He is enrolled in the bachelor of applied science in technology program through Dickinson State University. Carman has spent about eight years in computer-related jobs at MedCenter One and Sykes Enterprises, and at Tech Systems of Minneapolis, testing security screeners around the country. Raised in a military family, Carman has lived in North Carolina, Virginia, and Germany. He attended high school in Bismarck and enjoys boating, working out, his motorcycle and friends.

## Visiting Writers Series begins Sept. 19

The BSC Visiting Writers Series presents essayist and poet Merrill Gilfillan of Boulder, Colo., in a reading at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, in the BSC Student Union Missouri Room. He will also meet with English classes on Tuesday. Watch for more details closer to his visit.

## BSC energy program featured in Ethanol Producer

A feature about BSC's process plant technology program was published in the August issue of Ethanol Producer Magazine, an international publication based in Grand Forks.

The article is titled "Expanding the Talent Pool," and begins: "With more than 1 billion gallons of annual capacity currently being added to the ethanol industry, there is undoubtedly going to be a need for additional qualified plant operators in the very near future. Bismarck State College is enhancing its ethanol training program to fill that need."

The story describes the beginning of the process plant technology program and how it is currently being revamped to meet the needs of ethanol and biodiesel plants. Quoted are BSC employees **Dan Schmidt**, energy technology online program manager/instructor; **Kyren Miller**, energy technology online course developer/instructor; **Chad Wetzel**, process plant technology instructor; (all three are alumni) **Margie Enerson**, marketing coordinator; and alumni Mick Miller and Mitch Miller, who are managers of ethanol plants.

## Faculty & Staff News

**Marlene Seaworth**, disability support services coordinator, was accepted into The Bismarck-Mandan Chamber Leadership Program for this year. She will join other local employees of Chamber members in the program that prepares them to be effective, progressive leaders by strengthening their skills and broadening their awareness.