

FYI **Campus Newsletter**

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Senator Dorgan and DOE representative on campus Aug. 6

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan will bring Kevin M. Kolevar, a representative from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to the campus Aug. 6 for a ceremony to endorse the recent DOE designation of BSC as the National Power Plant Operations Technology and Education Center. Kolevar's visit will help the DOE become more familiar with BSC and its energy programs. U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman's designation recognizes BSC as the premier national center of education and training for operators and technicians in the energy industry.

Kolevar is the Director of the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. He will speak briefly at the ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday in the BSC Technical Center lobby. Also giving remarks will be Sen. Dorgan and John Weeda, manager of Great River Energy's Coal Creek Station. BSC President Larry Skogen will officially welcome the guests, who will see a demonstration of the power plant simulator in the Tech Center, and also tour the construction site of the National Energy Center of Excellence.

Employees are welcome to attend the ceremony and to take the tour of the construction site. President Skogen indicated in his e-mail to employees regarding this event that tours for employees will also take place later.

Higher Learning Commission approves BAS degree

Bismarck State College received notification in July that the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association has approved BSC's plans to offer a bachelor of applied science degree in energy management.

The approval came through a vote on June 25 of the Higher Learning Commission's Institutional Actions Council to extend BSC's accreditation to include this specific bachelor's degree.

Two Higher Learning Commission (HLC) evaluators visited the campus in May as part of the process to change BSC's affiliation status with the HLC.

Dr. Wayne Boekes, BSC provost and vice president for academic affairs, said this approval is the final step in a long process. "We view the HLC approval as a stamp of quality assurance," he said.

The bachelor of applied science (BAS) degree is designed to educate energy workers to move into supervisory and management positions. Individuals who have received an

associate in applied science (AAS) degree in one of BSC's energy education programs are eligible to apply for the BAS.

BSC coordinator for the program is Cindy Sanford, who is working with students who want to enroll in the program to begin prerequisite courses. The online program will begin spring semester of 2008.

Otter Tail Power donates funds for scholarships

Otter Tail Power Co. donated \$32,000 to BSC in June for scholarships for students in mechanical maintenance technology, power plant technology, and electrical transmission systems technology. Each scholarship will be for \$2,000.

Gordon Binek, vice president for college advancement and federal relations, said the scholarship recipients must meet continuing GPA and attendance requirements. He said these scholarships offer a combination of incentive and reward. "It is an incentive to succeed as a student and a reward because they know somebody believes in them and wants them to succeed."

"It's really valuable to have the support of a company like Otter Tail Power," Binek said.

Paulus travels with Mobile Welding Lab

Ken Paulus, professor of welding, is spending much of the summer traveling with BSC's Mobile Welding Lab, to recertify welders for work in power plants. From June 25 through July 13, he was in Wheatland, Wyo., at the Laramie River Station for Basin Electric.

Paulus sent these photos from the Wheatland sessions and wrote: "As you can see the air conditioner is a blessing as on Monday (June 25) it was 104 degrees in Wyoming and the welders enjoyed being in the trailer. Since we are quite far from a training facility, the employees really like having this trailer come on site."

The next training and recertification was to be at Minnkota Power near Center July 16-27.

Kimberly Zins receives Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation scholarship

Kimberly Zins of Bismarck has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. She is one of 400 recipients nationwide who is receiving a scholarship for students attending two-year degree granting institutions. Students are chosen for their commitment to academics and their community.

Zins was named BSC's 2007 Outstanding Student in Mathematics, and was named to the 2007 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. During 2006-07, Zins served as vice president of scholarship of BSC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She has been named to the BSC President's Honor Roll and to the National Dean's List. Zins indicates her career goal is biomedical engineering.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is supported by the financial commitment of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company Midwest Inc. and the Coca-Cola Co.

Faculty and Staff News

Lonna Meier, coordinator of Academic Support Services, completed three online workshops offered through the Association for the Tutoring Profession (ATP) this summer. The workshops focused on these topics: Cognitive Learning and Its Applications to the Tutorial Setting; Outcomes, Objectives and Assessment of Academic Support Programs; and Communication, Ethics and Tutor Roles and Responsibilities.

Lane Huber, director of distance education, and **Karen Arlien**, assistant professor of computer science, attended the eCollege Instructional Design Training in Denver July 8-11.

Alicia Berger, ETO training manager, attended the Workforce Innovations 2007: Beyond Boundaries Conference in Kansas City July 17-19.

Martin Nielsen, OSHA safety and health consultant, traveled to Arlington Heights, Ill., July 16-27 for the Training for Process Safety Management, OSHA 3400 Course.

Joan Kleven, ETO advisor, spent July 18-19 at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., to learn about the training expectations of military recruits in preparation for possible agreements between BSC and the U.S. military for training in the energy education programs.

Keith Landeis, assistant professor of electrical lineworker, was re-elected from the membership to the board of directors of Mor Gran Sou rural electric cooperative on July 20. At the reorganization meeting July 23, he was elected secretary-treasurer of the board. Landeis also represents Mor Gran Sou at the state level with the N.D. Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.

Buster Gilliss, athletic director, attended the NJCAA Annual Basketball Coaches Association Clinic/Summer Summit in Las Vegas July 20-22.

Diane Eichhorst and **Arlene Gray**, music lecturers, are attending the National Conference on Piano Pedagogy in Chicago July 31-Aug. 4.

Bruce Emmil, associate vice president for energy technology programs, and **William Waddell**, nuclear power technology instructor, attended the EPCE Coalition meeting in Philadelphia Aug. 1-3.