

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College ~ February 3, 2006

## Spring enrollment is 3,286 students

BSC's spring enrollment is 3,286 students, according to the official third week enrollment report. This is a decrease of three percent from last spring's total enrollment of 3,403.

The report shows 2,009 full-time students, compared with 2,197 last spring; 1,277 part-time students, compared with 1,206 last spring; and full time equivalent (FTE) of 2,458, compared with 2,628 FTE last year.

This is BSC's 3<sup>rd</sup> highest enrollment for spring. The record enrollment for spring semester occurred in 2004, when 3,443 students were enrolled.

Dr. Wayne Boekes, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, said, "We're searching for a rationale for the downturn, but of course, it's a combination of things."

Among the reasons he cited are the growth in area with plenty of good-paying jobs with benefits, fewer high school graduates from rural areas, online education available from many types of institutions, and local competition.

## BSC hosts North Dakota's best college band musicians

The best of North Dakota's college musicians perform in concert with guest conductor Dr. Bruce Moss at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in Mandan High School Auditorium. Moss is professor of music and director of bands at Bowling Green State University of Ohio.

The fifth annual performance of the Intercollegiate Honor Band is presented free of charge by the BSC Music program and coordinated by Dr. John Darling, assistant professor of music.

Band directors from nine North Dakota colleges selected this year's 77 outstanding musicians on merit. Colleges represented are BSC, University of Mary, Dickinson State University, Minot State University, Jamestown College, University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, Valley City State University, and North Dakota State College of Science.

The Intercollegiate Honor Band will perform Carl Orff's eclectic "Carmina Burana," "The Chimes of Liberty" by Edwin Franco Goldman, and "Dusk," a simple, chorale-like work.

The concert also includes opening selections by guest ensemble, Missouri River Winds Community Band, directed by John Warren.

## Ellefson named to Who's Who for second year

**Joe Ellefson**, associate professor of criminal justice, was notified in January that he was named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 2005-06. Ellefson was also named to last year's list. The selection is based on nomination by a former student, who also has been cited for academic excellence at some point in their education. Ellefson's biography will appear in the publication, which honors a select five percent of the nation's teachers.

## Alumni Association seeks nominations for new award

Here's a chance to honor a former BSC student who has gotten an early start on outstanding career or other achievements. The BSC National Alumni Association recently initiated the BSC Rising Star Alumni Award. Nominations will be accepted through March 3.

Nominees must have graduated within the last 15 years (since 1990) and have demonstrated exceptional achievements in their career, public and/or volunteer service, and/or achieved a position of distinction unique for someone so recently graduated. Candidates for public office will not be considered.

The first Rising Star award will be presented at the annual Alumni Awards Dinner on May 11. The recipient must be in attendance. To make a nomination or for more information, go to [www.bismarckstate.edu/alumni](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/alumni) or contact alumni coordinator Jason Matthews at 224-5692.

## Deadline is Feb. 10 for Awards for Excellence nominations

The Learning First Managing Excellence Team is seeking participation of employees and students in helping to recognize excellence on our campus. To do so, consider nominating an employee who has made a special or significant contribution to BSC in the past year. Nominations for the 2006 Faculty and Staff Awards for Excellence are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 10.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit nominations, either online or by using printed forms available in most buildings around campus. Any staff or faculty member (full-time or part-time permanent) with 2 years of service or adjunct faculty member with 3 years of service may be nominated.

A selection committee selects two full-time staff members and two full-time faculty members, who each receive a \$1,000 cash award, and two part-time employees (either staff or adjunct faculty members), who receive a \$250 cash award.

Nomination forms and more details can be accessed on the BSC homepage inside the Faculty/Staff menu. Or go to [www.bismarckstate.edu/awards](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/awards)

To see a list of past award recipients, [click here](#).

## Faculty and Staff News

**Chad Wetzel**, energy technology online instructor, traveled to Goldfield, Iowa, Jan. 23-30 for

operations consulting at an ethanol plant designed by ICM Engineering. Wetzel says it is the first coal fired ethanol plant that runs on clean coal technology

**Lori Heinsohn**, director of corporate and continuing education, traveled to Sarasota, Fla., Jan. 26-29 for the Workforce Development Institute of the American Association of Community Colleges.

**Dr. Donna S. Thigpen**, president, and **Gordon Binek**, vice president for college advancement and federal relations, attended the N.D. Department of Commerce Business Gathering and Showcase in Denver Jan. 28. **Dave Clark**, executive vice president, and **Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for corporate and continuing education, attended the N.D. Department of Commerce Business Gathering and Showcase and also met with representatives from CAEL in Denver Jan. 27-29.

**Barbara Burgum Lee**, research and grants specialist, traveled to Chicago Jan. 24-26 for the Department of Education's Title III Strengthening Institutions Grants Workshop.