

FYI Campus Newsletter

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MySpace and Facebook topics of Feb. 15 program

An attorney dedicated to helping students understand the risks of online social networking sites will speak Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium. Presentations, open to the public, are at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The BSC Board of Governors and Office of Student Development are sponsoring the program.

C.L. Lindsay III, national student rights advocate, will speak on “Campus Computing: From Free Speech to Facebook.” Lindsay will talk about legal and personal problems that students can face because their information on social networking sites is available for anyone to view. For example, employers check these Web sites when considering potential new employees, and parents can check them to learn about their child’s activities.

Lindsay will cover topics that touch on students’ online lives, including their legal rights, potential liabilities, and how to protect themselves legally and personally. In 1998 Lindsay founded the Coalition for Student & Academic Rights (CO-STAR), a national organization that helps students win their legal problems free of charge.

BSC faculty exhibit opens Feb. 27

An upcoming art exhibit here will feature pieces by faculty and staff in a variety of media. The fourth annual Faculty Exhibition opens with a public reception Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the library’s Gannon Gallery. Members of the English faculty will present readings of their poetry and other compositions during the opening.

“The overlapping involvement with other disciplines and readings by the English faculty has greatly enriched this event,” said Barb Jirges, gallery director.

Exhibitors include the visual art faculty, Michelle Lindblom, monotypes and paintings; Brian Hushagen, mixed media and sculpture; and Barb Jirges, jewelry; and commercial art instructors Lonnie Bertsch, photography, and Sean Thorenson, computer illustration.

Others in the fourth annual show are Frank Koch, retired professor of chemistry, woodcarvings; Amy Juhala, assistant professor of English, clay pottery and sculpture; reference librarian Johanna McClay, clay sculpture; and former gallery director Shawn Holz, photography and mixed media.

Participating English faculty are Julie Gard, Kitty Netzer, Jane Schreck, Tom Stein, and Erik Sakariassen.

The exhibit runs through March 30.

BSC welcomes new employee

Shacarah Gagnon-Kvale, rich media developer, graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead in 2006. She has a BS in graphic communication with an option in multi-media and emphasis in 3-D animation and Web development. She also earned an AA in applied arts from Turtle Mountain Community College, Belcourt. Gagnon-Kvale continues to work as a Web developer for Mad Media in Kirkland, Wash. At MSU, she was a 3-D lab technician/instructor and did 3-D work at NDSU in an archaeology lab. A native of Dunseith, Gagnon-Kvale worked early on as a radio deejay and audio engineer for KEYA-FM in Belcourt. She lives with her 25-pound cat, Nicholas, reads voraciously, and pursues interests in horticulture, animals, and technology. She is located on the second floor of the Horizon Building.

BSC has domain name without the “www”

BSC now has another version of our domain name to use for marketing and for getting to the college's Web site. Instead of typing “www.bismarckstate.edu” you only need to type “bismarckstate.edu” into any browser to get to BSC's home page.

This change will be helpful in marketing and printing. Any new printed materials, from business cards and letterhead to campus publications, can have the “www” removed from the reference to BSC's Web site.

According to Elmer Weigel, chief information services officer, the change that was made will point anything entered as a Web address of “bismarckstate.edu” to our campus home page just as the “www.bismarckstate.edu” address has done in the past and will continue to do.

Academic calendars up to 2012 on NDUS Web site

If you're looking for academic calendars for upcoming years, go to the link below, on the N.D. University System Web site, until the BSC academic calendar is ready for 2007-08.

<http://www.ndus.nodak.edu/students/default.asp?ID=370>

Ethanol story features BSC energy program

Daniel Schmidt, ETO program manager/instructor, was interviewed and quoted in the February 2007 issue of Ethanol Today magazine. The story on “Ethanol education – Midwestern colleges take up the banner” discussed the need for more graduates in renewable energy programs, and how industry is working with community colleges to address the demand for skilled workers.

Two-year colleges in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa have recently launched renewable energy degree programs. BSC added ethanol to its Process Plant Technology program two years ago and

graduates about 50 students a year. Schmidt explained the age demographics of BSC students, the advantage of BSC's distance/online learning, and the benefits of earning the associate degree.

Faculty and Staff News

Pat Gross, audiovisual/IVN coordinator, attended the WCET Retreat in Boulder, Colo., Jan. 21-23. Gross serves on the steering committee. WCET, the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications, was founded by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education in 1989. It is a membership-supported organization open to providers and users of educational telecommunications. Members represent the higher education community, nonprofit organizations, and corporations.

Dan Rogers, associate professor of theatre/speech, and **Craig Moxon**, technical theatre instructor, accompanied students to the American College Theatre Festival in Ames, Iowa, Jan. 21-27.

Lee Huber, OSHA consultant, traveled to Chicago Jan. 29-Feb. 9 for Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training Institute Course #2000 – Construction Standards.

Dr. Wayne Boekes, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, attended the Workforce Development Institute 2007 in San Diego Jan. 30-Feb. 3.

Tom Waddell, nuclear power technology online course developer/instructor, attended the American Nuclear Society Conference on Training and Education in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 4-7.

Sara Vollmer, CCE training manager, traveled to Memphis Feb. 4-8 for the Learning Resources Network (LERN) Winter Institute 2007.

Carla Braun Hixson, associate vice president for corporate and continuing education, traveled to Denver Feb. 8 for the Rockies Energy Workforce Collaboration Meeting.