

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

**Bismarck State College – February 5, 2008**

## **BSC theater students win regional award**

BSC theater students came back from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival with a third Award of Merit for ensemble acting. The full cast of “Picnic,” BSC’s fall play, received recognition for outstanding achievement during ceremonies at the Region V festival in Omaha, Neb., Jan. 20-27.

Director Daniel Rogers, associate professor of theatre/speech, said he was pleased because the award wasn’t based on a few outstanding performances, but the cast working as a strong cohesive group.

“It re-enforces some basic ideas I teach: listening and responding to each other, being honest and basing your performance on the action of others, not what you want to do with your lines,” he said.

BSC students Farren Gunderson, Mandan, and Justin Welton, Washburn, performed a scene from “Picnic,” chosen as one of six performances for the Showcase of Invited Scenes by ACTF judges, who viewed the production last fall.

Klarissa Pudwill and Emily Eslinger of Bismarck competed in the Irene Ryan National Audition Contest with two prepared scenes and a monologue. Brandon Forde of Mandan was their scene partner. Several other BSC students attended workshops and events. Craig Moxon, BSC technical theater instructor, also accompanied the students.

## **BSC students win awards in business plan competition**

BSC students in Agriculture, Technology and Natural Resources (ATNR) and Business Management programs received recognition at Marketplace for Entrepreneurs Jan. 15-16 in Grand Forks. Three teams placed in the Be Your Own Boss business plan competition.

Ryan Jarrett of Bismarck and Doug Oe of Belfield were awarded second place and \$2,000 for presentation of Dakota Land & Livestock Service. The company would provide a recipient cowherd for embryo implantation.

Sommer Hunke, Lily, S.D., received \$750 and tied for third place with a Dickinson State University team with her plan for Dakota Healthy Wonders, a nutritional wheat grass juice.

Sharing fourth place with DSU were Haylee Wax, Regent; Brady Carlson, Rolla; and Branden Hoheisel, Bowbells, with a plan for CHW Delivery, a delivery service for farm parts. The BSC

team received \$500 from judges, who functioned as venture capital investors deciding where to put their money.

Four other BSC teams were chosen to participate in the Be Your Own Boss competition.

“Some of these are actual businesses that will start up if they get the funding,” said Carla Bickert, BSC associate professor of management. BSC was the only community college competing against four-year schools. Be Your Own Boss is intended to simulate the real-world process of soliciting start-up funds from investors and venture capital firms. The competition seeks to encourage people to “grow North Dakota from within” by starting a new business or considering self-employment as a career option.

## Safe Space Project to host speaker Feb. 11

The Safe Space Project at BSC hosts a discussion of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Issues with guest speaker Gina Powers from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Student Union Prairie Room. BSC students, staff and faculty are welcome. Refreshments and goodies will be served.

Powers, who lives in Fargo, is probably best known for her role in fighting against the 2005 amendment banning same sex marriage in North Dakota’s constitution. She has worked on issues relating to homelessness, poverty, race and gender equity.

## Speaker with dyslexia/ADHD shares success story Feb. 13

Jonathan Mooney didn't learn to read until he was 12. But he created coping methods to deal with his dyslexia and other learning disabilities and graduate from Brown University with honors. Now a gifted speaker and author, Mooney shares his story in a free public presentation Wednesday, Feb. 13, at BSC. He delivers two 50-minute presentations at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium, Schafer Hall.

Once labeled “severely learning disabled,” Mooney now spends his life empowering people who learn in nontraditional ways. He is founder and president of Project Eye-to-Eye, a mentoring and advocacy nonprofit organization for students with learning disabilities and their families. For more information, visit [www.jonathanmooney.com](http://www.jonathanmooney.com).

## Feb. 11 is deadline for entering PBL state competition

Faculty members are encouraged to inform students about a statewide competition in a variety of business-related events, including accounting, management, computer skills, public speaking, job interviews and more. For details, contact **Lynette Borjeson Painter**, associate professor of computer information systems and adviser of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL). The PBL State Leadership Conference and Competition takes place in Fargo April 3-5. PBL is the largest business-related student organization in the nation. Read the news release at this link: [bismarckstate.edu/news/spotlight/](http://bismarckstate.edu/news/spotlight/)

## PBL members raise \$1,000 for March of Dimes

BSC's Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) members presented a check for \$1003.67 to the ND March of Dimes on Jan. 24. The PBL students raised the money in the Fall 2007 semester by hosting a Wonder Walk on campus, hosting a Jeans Day the day of the Wonder Walk, and selling teddy bears and T-shirts. A brass quartet from the BSC Music Department provided lively music to start the Wonder Walk. For further information on the BSC PBL and the Wonder Walk, please view their webpage at [www.bismarckstate.edu/pbl/Service.asp](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/pbl/Service.asp).

Pictured from left are: Dominic Murek, PBL president; Tia Wegner, PBL secretary and chairperson of the Wonder Walk; Charmaine Boehler, PBL treasurer; Karin Roseland, state director of the ND March of Dimes, located in Fargo; Ashley Gerner, March of Dimes community director; and TC Cermack, PBL vice president.

## Dave Clark appointed CACUBO vice president

**Dave Clark**, executive vice president, was recently appointed second vice president of the Central Association of College and University Business Officers (CACUBO). Clark will serve on the CACUBO Board, the Committee on Committees, and the Nominating Committee. CACUBO is a nonprofit association representing chief business officers at more than 700 institutions throughout the North Central region of the U.S.

## Auto Tech program at Correctional Center wins award

The Automotive Technology program at the Missouri River Correctional Center received the 2007 Automotive Industry Planning Council Award for Excellence in December. This is the 11th time the program received the state-level award. **Bill Cossette**, program instructor, said students are educated in automotive electrical systems, tune-up, brakes, suspension and steering, air conditioning, engine repair and engine performance.

The program is certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) in automotive electrical/electronic systems, brakes, engine repair and air conditioning, and meets standards set by education and industry. The program is offered through BSC and the N.D. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

## Correction on Energy Club news

In the story about the Energy Club (Jan. 18 FYI Campus Newsletter), **Kyren Miller** should have been included as an adviser of the Energy Club. The Club donated toys and learning materials to the Mandan West River Head Start. **Miller** and **Ryan Kaya**, who share adviser responsibilities, are assistant professors of power and process plant technology.

## Faculty and Staff News

**Kari Knudson**, vice president, Energy Technology Programs and director, NECE, and **Alicia Berger**, energy technology programs training manager, traveled to Raleigh, N.C., Morrisville, N.C., and Springfield, Va., Jan. 14-17 to present information on BSC's energy education programs to military bases.

**Dr. Larry C. Skogen**, president, was off campus Jan. 22-29, attending the Presidents' Forum of Excelsior College in Washington, D.C., and the Association of Governing Boards Conference in Newport Beach, Calif.