

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – February 8, 2005

## Spring enrollment tops 3,400 students

BSC's spring enrollment is 3,403 students, according to the official third week enrollment report. This is a decrease of one percent compared to last spring's enrollment of 3,443.

The report shows that 2,197 are full-time students and 1,206 are part-time students. The full time equivalent (FTE) number is 2,628.

This spring the method for counting students for the official third-week enrollment report has changed, so the actual number of students who will be enrolled in classes throughout the semester may be higher than the third week report shows, said Dr. Wayne Boekes, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs.

Many of BSC's technology education classes are shorter than the regular 16-week semester. For example, a course or "session" can last from one week to several weeks. Students can enroll in several additional sessions as they begin throughout the semester.

Dr. Boekes said in the past, technology education students were expected to enroll in all the sessions at the beginning of the semester.

"This change is related to ConnectND, and ConnectND has changed how we do business," he said.

## BSC welcomes new employees

**Denice Hammer** worked part-time in the Student Records and Registrar's office this summer before moving into her position as student records office assistant. She was a call center rep at Capital Credit Union for six years and handled receptionist duties at Midwest Motor Express. Hammer was educated in Napoleon and enjoys gardening. She is married to Todd Hammer and has two stepchildren.

**Nancy Gordon** will help students with personal concerns as a counselor in the Career and Counseling Services area of the Student Union. Gordon is a Licensed Certified Social Worker with a BS in psychology and MSW from University of North Dakota, and an MA in gerontology from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston. She worked in long-term care for 11 years as a nursing home social worker and facilities surveyor for the state Department of Health. Gordon grew up in Minot and enjoys her dog Annie, traveling, science fiction, and theater.

**Marjory Enerson** is the new marketing coordinator. She has 20 years marketing experience and was an account executive at Kranzler Kingsley Communications Ltd. for 11 years. Enerson helped develop BSC's campus marketing and the materials and strategic plan for energy education. She has worked for KFYZ-TV and Quality Printing in Bismarck and Prairie Public Television and two radio stations in Fargo. Enerson has a BA in organizational communications from Concordia College and enjoys traveling and cooking. She and husband Greg have two daughters.

**Rick Wilke** worked 25 years at Great River Energy as shift supervisor for Coal Creek and Stanton stations. He began his position as energy technology online course developer/instructor Jan. 31. A native of Underwood, Wilke graduated with a BS in business management from the University of Mary in December 2004. He enjoys golfing and family activities with his wife Renae and their two children.

**Clancy Keller**, CCE office assistant, has extensive experience in retail and office support and most recently worked at Logan Hill-GMAC Real Estate as an administrative assistant for 12 years. Keller was a recruiter for Snelling Personnel in Bismarck and Minot, and managed the catalog department at J.C. Penney. She attended classes at BSC in a secretarial and accounting program. Clancy and her husband Doug have three children and six grandchildren. She enjoys pinochle and the family's lake cabin.

## Minneapolis writer reads at BSC Feb. 17

BSC opens its Visiting Writers Series with Valerie Miner Thursday, Feb. 17, with a reading in the Student Union Prairie Room. Set for 7:30 p.m., the event includes a book signing. Part of her reading will be short stories taken from "Abundant Light." Other short fiction is collected in "The Night Singers" and "Trespassing." Her novels include "Blood Sisters," "A Walking Fire," and "Range of Light."

Winner of Fulbright Fellowships to India and Tunisia, Miner has written 12 books that include collections of short fiction, essays, and a memoir chosen as finalist for the PEN USA Creative Non-Fiction Award.

Miner shares her expertise with BSC students Feb. 17-18. Her appearance is sponsored by the English discipline of the Arts and Communications Department, and is funded in part by a BSC Foundation grant.

## BSC's next building project featured in industry publication

BSC's Career & Technology Institute and its proposed construction with FlexCrete is prominently featured in the Winter/Spring 2005 Ash at Work magazine. The magazine is published by the American Coal Ash Association.

The article points out that the CTI will be the first campus structure in the N.D. University System designed to use products such as FlexCrete concrete, which has a 70 percent fly ash content.

Among those quoted in the story are Gordon Binek, vice president for college advancement and federal relations. The three-page spread includes colored photos of Binek, the proposed CTI, and a campus scene. The story was written by Vicki Voskuil, BSC public information specialist.

The American Coal Ash Association's Web site is [www.acaa-usa.org](http://www.acaa-usa.org) As of Monday, this issue of the magazine was not yet online, but a previous edition is available.

## ‘Montana 1948’ interpreted by art students

Faces of imagined characters and landscapes fill Schafer Hall’s Elsa Forde Gallery. The busts, paintings, and ceramic objects are created from student impressions of a book by Larry Watson, who appeared on campus last fall for BSC’s first Campus Read. The project encouraged all employees and students to read “Montana 1948,” a novel of how a 12-year-old boy deals with family relationships, racism, crime, punishment, justice, and coming of age.

“The book is a wonderful resource because of Larry’s great images and passages,” said Brian Hushagen, assistant professor of art. Hushagen adjusted his head study in clay from a student self portrait to a character representation from “Montana 1948.” He modified the poster project for two-dimensional design into a book cover. Students talked about the book and tried to find specific passages to interpret in their mind’s eye.

Michelle Lindblom’s painting students discussed what forms, colors, and movement they visualized in the passages they chose to transfer to canvas.

The BSC Student Art Exhibit will be on display through March 3 along with paintings and sculptural ceramics by Susan Morrissey in the BSC Library Gannon Gallery.

## Faculty & Staff News

**Zachery Allen**, energy technology online multimedia coordinator, worked onsite at Western Area Power Association's Electric Power Training Center for BSC's Electrical Transmission Systems Technology program. The work took place Jan. 11-21 in Denver.

**Mike LaLonde**, energy program placement/assessment coordinator, represented BSC and the Building Community team at the Missouri Slope United Way annual meeting Jan. 21. LaLonde serves as a trustee on the United Way board.

**Bruce Emmil**, energy technology online program manager; **Bill Wahlman**, director of energy technology online programs; and **Ronald Pennenga**, nuclear power technology online course developer/instructor, attended the Energy Providers Coalition for Education meeting in Las Vegas Jan. 26-28.

**Bill Wahlman**, director of energy technology online programs, presented at the Community College Futures Assembly on behalf of BSC. BSC's proposal for the Bellwether Award was accepted as one of the top ten in the Workforce Development category. **Dr. Donna S. Thigpen**, president, **Debbie Van Berkomp**, executive assistant to the president, and **Wahlman** traveled to Orlando, Fla., for the Assembly Jan. 29-Feb. 1.

**Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for corporate and continuing education, traveled to Phoenix Jan. 26-29 for the American Association of Community Colleges Workforce Development Institute.

**Robert Kuntz**, chief buildings and grounds officer, attended an Employee Development Tour of Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Willow City, Pa., Jan. 26-28.