

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College ~ April 30, 2009

## Ed Schafer to speak at commencement May 15

Ed Schafer, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and former North Dakota governor, is the guest speaker for Bismarck State College's 69<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the Bismarck Civic Center.

Schafer will be presented with an honorary associate in applied science degree in agriculture industry and technology. BSC President Larry C. Skogen will present the honorary degree in appreciation of Schafer's support of the college and North Dakota in his official capacities as North Dakota's governor (1992-2000) and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture (January 2008-January 2009).

Student speaker will be **Dawn Archer**, who will receive an associate in arts degree. She is an editor of the *Mystician* and senior editor of the 2009 edition of *Figments of Imagination*, the student literary/art publication. Several of her pieces were chosen for this year's edition. A member of Phi Theta Kappa, Archer won first place in the BSC Campus Read essay scholarship contest for the past two years. She recently accepted a position as associate pastor at United Church of Christ in Bismarck.

The class of 2009 consists of nearly 1,000 students receiving associate degrees, diplomas, certificates and bachelor's degrees. This is the first year BSC will grant the college's bachelor of applied science degree in energy management. Six students have completed requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

During the ceremony, President Larry C. Skogen will confer the rank of full professor on **Bob Arso**, associate professor of electronics/telecommunications technology.

## BSC to offer welding program in Halliday this fall

BSC is adding an instructional site for its welding technology program in Halliday through an affiliation with the Halliday Public Schools. Students can earn a program certificate or an associate in applied science degree.

"BSC saw this as a unique opportunity to partner with a public school district in rural North Dakota to meet the needs of students and industry," says Drake Carter, BSC provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The demand for welders in the oil fields and the rest of the energy industry remains strong despite a weaker national economy."

The BSC program will begin this fall; however, the workforce-training component that the Halliday Public Schools system has conducted for three years will be ongoing this summer.

Ron Biberdorf, program administrator for Halliday Public Schools, says the school has 27 welding stations. Over the past three years, 125 welders who received training there have been placed in jobs, he says.

BSC received approval to provide the welding technology program in Halliday from the N.D. State Board of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Faculty members granted tenure

The State Board of Higher Education recently granted tenure status for **Dr. John Darling** (music), **Jayne Kiner** (biology), **Art Rude** (mathematics/physics), and **Trudy Riehl** (surgical technology). Rank for Darling, Kiner and Rude now changes from assistant professor to associate professor. **Provost Drake Carter** endorsed their applications for tenure after recommendation from the Faculty Senate's Tenure Committee.

## BSC welcomes new employees

**Nancy Weisbeck**, CETI database specialist, was employed with Basin Electric Power Cooperative for 12 years in its IT department, where she worked on operations, programming and network systems. Her most recent position was data specialist for North Dakota Teen Challenge in Mandan. Weisbeck has a BS in computer science from North Dakota State University and did supplemental training in computer hardware, software and networks. A native of Buffalo, N.D., she enjoys reading, scrapbooking and supporting her children's sports activities. Weisbeck was executive director of the Bismarck Soccer Club and the Capital City Soccer Club for eight years. She and husband Al Weisbeck have three sons: Mike, 21, Adam, 19, and Ben, 14.

**Karla Monson**, custodian in the Student Union, did cleaning at Annunciation Priory the past 13 years. She also worked for American Linen Supply in the laundry area. Monson graduated from Bismarck High School and attended BSC on a volleyball scholarship. She was a member of the volleyball and track teams and qualified for nationals in 1981 to compete in the discus throw in Texas. Monson grew up in Bismarck and holds the 8-pound shot record at BHS. She enjoys drawing in pencil and charcoal, animals and her cat Kitter.

## Three students place at ND SkillsUSA

Josh Gendron took first place in the Automotive Service Technology contest at the 2009 ND SkillsUSA contest in Wahpeton April 26-28. His first place award qualifies Gendron to represent North Dakota at the National SkillsUSA contest in Kansas City June 21 -26.

In the Automotive Refinishing Technology area, Clancy Rangen placed second, and Shawn Heaton placed third. Two other BSC students also competed.

## New elective/enrichment courses start this fall

BSC has three new fall classes for elective and/or enrichment credit for the fall semester. You may want to tell students about these new opportunities, or consider a course yourself.

- Introduction to Automotive Technology (AUTO 101) is an online course highlighting eight automotive systems to provide insight and talking points when it comes to talking to a mechanic.
- Introduction to the Green Environment (CARP 112) will cover everything from global warming theory and carbon dioxide emissions to recycling, landfill operations, geothermal and solar systems, and more.
- Darkroom Photography (GDES 292 and GDES 292L) emphasizes 35mm photography and provides a great introduction to photographic theory.

## English faculty members present at Pearson eCollege Conference

Presenting a session at the 10th annual Pearson eCollege Conference on Information Technology in Education (CiTE) in Denver April 14-17 were **Jane Schreck**, associate professor of English, and **Jessica Santini Levenhagen**, adjunct English instructor. Their presentation was titled "Raiding the eCollege Toolbox: Strategies for Implementing 21st Century Written Communication Standards in Online or Blended Courses." The presentation focused on how the learning tools offered in eCollege or eCompanion can be used to improve student writing skills in online or blended classes. The presentation was based on a course Schreck designed.

Also attending the conference were **Thomas Stein**, associate professor of English; **Lane Huber**, chief distance learning and military affairs officer; **Amanda Dockter**, distance education advisor; **Byron Paul** and **Mike Holman**, assistant professors of electronics/telecommunications technology; **Wade Vogel**, energy technology programs manager; **Paul Zimmerman** and **Rick Wilke**, assistant professors of energy technology programs; and **Vance Vesey**, assistant professor of instrumentation and control technology.

## Chancellor sends appreciation to campus

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

It is with great pride that I extend a word of recognition and gratitude to all who responded to the needs of meeting the challenges presented from the flood situations in a number of locations across the state.

Your personal contribution, whatever form it took, did make a difference for both the personal welfare of individuals and the preservation of property. I am sure this experience was a process of education and an impacting life experience.

Thank you and the very best to you for the remainder of this semester.

Sincerely,

Bill Goetz  
Chancellor

## Faculty and Staff News

**Tammy Dillman**, textbook coordinator, attended the Camex-Campus Market Expo in Anaheim, Calif., March 11-15.

**President Larry C. Skogen** and **Kari Knudson**, vice president, energy technology programs and director, NECE, traveled to Washington, D.C., March 29-April 2 to visit with the N.D. congressional delegation and U.S. Navy personnel at Norfolk.

**Zachery Allen**, energy technology programs project manager, traveled to Denver March 30-April 3 for GPR Monitor Prototype completion work with Western Power.

**Jeanne Masseth**, CETI training manager, attended the Development Dimensions International (DDI) Summit 2009 - Complex Times: Advancing Your Business Through Talent in Chicago March 31-April 2.

**Nancy Gordon**, counselor, accompanied members of the Anime Club to St. Paul April 3-6 for the “Anime Detour” Anime Convention.

**Amanda Dockter**, distance education advisor, traveled to San Diego April 7-13 for the Service Members Opportunity College Workshop.

**Dan Leingang**, associate professor of mathematics, and **Michelle Lindblom**, associate professor of art, accompanied three students to the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention in Dallas April 15-18. More than 3,400 students and advisors were in attendance. **Leingang** presented two sessions: “Building a Chapter Officer Team” for the Honors in Action Academy, a leadership event; and “The Faculty Scholar Experience,” co-presented with fellow faculty scholar Sarah Nichols from Mississippi.

**Karen Arlien**, assistant professor of computer science, accompanied students involved in the programming contest to the Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium in Rapid City April 16-18.

**Kevin Holmstrom**, energy technology programs manager, and **Bill Walz**, energy technology programs instructor, traveled to Washington, D.C., April 19-21 for the Nuclear Uniform Curriculum Program meeting.

**Wayne Heckaman**, admissions counselor, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Little Conference on the Prairie” ND/SD Joint Conference for International Educators in Aberdeen April 19-21.

**Dr. Larry C. Skogen**, president, attended the Rocky Mountain Collaborative to Transform the Health Professions Workforce Conference in Denver April 20-22.

**Anthony Musumba**, assistant professor of physics, traveled to Avondale, Ariz., April 22-26 for the Instructional Strategies for Introductory Physics Workshop.

**Dr. Amy Juhala**, assistant professor of English, **Dr. Jane Schulz**, associate vice president for academic affairs, **Dr. Drake Carter**, provost and vice president for academic affairs, **David Sagsveen**, assistant professor of civil engineering technology, and **Wendy Pank**, associate professor of sociology, traveled to Chicago April 17-21, for the Higher Learning Commission’s 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

**Bruce Emmil**, associate vice president for energy technology programs, and **Alicia Berger**, energy technology training and partnership manager, traveled to Las Vegas April 20-24 for the Utility Workers Union of America Conference.

**Paul Zimmerman**, assistant professor of energy technology programs, traveled to Sidney, Mont., April 21-22 to provide training to Bear Paw Energy.