

# *FYI* **Campus Newsletter**

Bismarck State College ~ February 20, 2009

## **BSC posts record spring enrollment of 3,586 students**

Bismarck State College has posted a record spring enrollment for the 2nd consecutive year. BSC has 3,586 students enrolled this spring, according to the official fourth week enrollment report of Feb. 10. This is an increase of 1.5 percent compared with last spring's total enrollment of 3,531.

The report indicates that of the total, 2,284 students are enrolled full time, and 1,302 are part-time students.

BSC's fall enrollment was also a record at 3,788 students.

Dr. Drake Carter, BSC provost and vice president for academic affairs, said, "Our enrollment continues to be strong, reflecting BSC's commitment to providing great educational opportunities for students. We're affordable, we are committed to innovative, high quality programs, and we provide the support needed for student success."

## **BSC offers online training resources for industry**

Innovation continues at BSC with the launch of the online Industry Resource Center (IRC), a virtual place for energy companies to have continuing access to selected BSC training materials.

Made available by the college's National Energy Center of Excellence (NECE), the IRC contains multimedia simulations and animations designed for training employees in the electrical transmission industry.

Company supervisors and trainers can access the interactive learning tools for six months through a licensing agreement with BSC. The trial period for these educational products extends through June 30, 2009. Introductory rates are \$500 prior to March 31 and \$375 after March 31.

"We can classify this as a first step to creating a curriculum resource center where the NECE licenses and customizes training products for industry," said Daniel Schmidt, manager of the Electrical Transmission Systems Technology and Process Plant Technology programs. "These same learning tools are used in our classes, but students wanted ongoing access after the classes ended."

He said BSC developed the Industry Resource Center at the request of company representatives, who wanted such tools for their internal training programs.

For more information, visit [bismarckstate.edu/irc/](http://bismarckstate.edu/irc/) or contact Alicia Berger at [Alicia.Berger@bsc.nodak.edu](mailto:Alicia.Berger@bsc.nodak.edu) or 224-5764.

## Early broadcast news is topic for Feb. 20 presentation by Clay Jenkinson

Tonight BSC presents its fourth in a series of public humanities programs on how early television newscasts were put together at the beginning of World War II.

Clay Jenkinson, BSC distinguished scholar of the humanities, speaks on “Eric Sevareid, William L. Shirer and the Invention of Broadcast News” at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

Jenkinson will explore ways in which Eric Sevareid, North Dakota native son and a European correspondent, cobbled together evening news broadcasts with Edward R. Murrow, Howard K. Smith and William L. Shirer, author of the “Rise and Fall of the Third Reich.”

His presentation concludes with a discussion with BSC President Larry C. Skogen and the audience. Remaining programs are March 11 and May 5.

Jenkinson, a Rhodes and Danforth scholar, is a published author and one of the leading public humanities scholars in the United States. He hosts a nationally syndicated radio program from Bismarck, “The Thomas Jefferson Hour,” and works as a speaker, consultant and facilitator.

## BSC welcomes Tammy Becker

**Tammy Becker**, student finance relations coordinator, has worked 19 years in state government. Becker was assistant finance director for the attorney general 12 years and later added grant manager to her duties. Her most recent position was budget specialist for the Office of State Treasurer. She did similar work for the departments of Health and Human Services, and the Public Employees Retirement System. Becker has a BS in accounting from University of Mary. She also has a medical lab technician degree from BSC and worked five years for Q&R Clinic. Becker grew up in Bismarck and enjoys walking, baking and gardening. She and husband Todd are parents of Matthew, a U-Mary freshman, and Olivia, a CHS junior.

## Faculty art exhibit on display in BSC Library

The sixth annual exhibit by BSC’s visual art and graphic design faculty is on display in Gannon Gallery.

Media includes paintings by Michelle Lindblom, associate professor of visual art and Arts and Communications Department chair; paintings and ceramic heads by Brian Hushagen, associate professor of art; jewelry by Barb Jirges and mixed media by David Lewellyn. Both are visual art instructors.

The two members of the Graphic Design and Communications program showing work are assistant professors Sean Thorenson, digital media, and Thomas Marple, pastel and linocut.

The exhibit runs through March 11.

## Al Koch makes SHARP presentation

Central Machining & Pump Repair Inc. of Minot became the 13<sup>th</sup> company in North Dakota to earn OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) certification. **Al Koch**, manager of the OSHA consultation program at BSC, presented the certificate during the annual safety and health conference in Bismarck.

To achieve SHARP status, the company went through a comprehensive site safety and health audit, corrected hazards, demonstrated effective safety and health programs, and maintained injury rates below the national average for their industry. BSC administers the SHARP program through an OSHA grant to help small businesses of fewer than 250 employees with high safety hazards. Consultations are voluntary, free, non-punitive and confidential.

## Scott Tschaekofske's February TV demo will air Feb. 26

**Scott Tschaekofske**, assistant professor of chemistry, started a series of once-a-month TV spots demonstrating scientific concepts on KFYZ-TV in January. His Feb. 19 demonstration has been rescheduled for Feb. 26. The segment airs around 6:15 a.m. on the Morning Show.

## BSC seeks nominations for Rising Star Award

The BSC Alumni Association seeks nominations for its 2009 Rising Star Award, which recognizes graduates age 40 and under. The award honors alumni who have demonstrated exceptional achievements in their career, public or volunteer service, and leadership or a position of distinction. Deadline for nominations is March 6.

Nominees must be a BSC graduate and not a current candidate for public office. Recipients must attend the annual BSC Alumni Association award dinner May 14.

An awards committee will review nominations and forward finalists to the alumni board. To submit a nomination, use the online form at [bismarckstate.edu/alumni/AlumniAwards.asp](http://bismarckstate.edu/alumni/AlumniAwards.asp). For assistance, call 224-5692 or e-mail [Rita.Nodland@bsc.nodak.edu](mailto:Rita.Nodland@bsc.nodak.edu).

## Faculty and Staff News

**Earl Torgerson**, assistant professor of carpentry, traveled to Antigua, Guatemala, Jan. 24-30 to explore the possibility of offering carpentry/construction courses as part of a partnership between BSC and The God's Child Project.

**Dan Leingang**, associate professor of mathematics, attended the Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar's Conference in Jackson, Miss., Jan. 28-Feb. 1.

**Greg Ross**, controller, attended the National Association of College and University Business Officers – Intermediate Accounting and Reporting Conference in Orlando Jan. 30-Feb. 4.

**Craig Kleven**, assistant professor of ATNR, traveled to Indianapolis Feb. 5-7 for the National Agriculture Education Leaders Summit as one of three people representing North Dakota Ag Ed. Kleven serves as the president of the N.D. Association of Agriculture Educators (NDAAE).

**Bill Walz**, energy technology programs instructor, attended the Conference on Nuclear Training and Education in Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 8-11.

**Dr. Larry C. Skogen**, president, and **Kim Christianson**, director, Great Plains Energy Corridor, attended meetings Feb. 9-10 with Sandia National Lab in Albuquerque on a possible partnership.

**Dave Clark**, executive vice president, traveled to St. Louis Feb. 9-13 for the Central Association of College and University Business Officers Conference.

**Errol Thvedt**, HVAC instructor, attended the Midwest Energy Association Operator Qualifications 2009 Conference in Las Vegas Feb. 10-12.

**Carmel Miller**, associate professor of ATNR, attended the AgrowKnowledge National Visiting Committee Meeting in Fresno, Calif., Feb. 11-14.

**Sarah Olson**, advisor coordinator, and **Kris Hendrickson**, academic advisor, attended the National Academic Advising Association/Technology Seminar in Clearwater Beach, Fla., Feb. 11-14.

**John Weiss**, assistant professor of music, was a presenter at the Northwest Division Music Educators National Conference in Spokane Feb. 11-15. The presentation, “*Taking Your Choir To Festival: An Adjudicator's Perspective*,” was an Interest Session attended by both high school and collegiate choral directors. The panel discussion was led by three experienced choral adjudicators: John Weiss, Randel Wagner (Eastern Washington University), and Reginald Unterseher (freelance-various). Topics included what choral adjudicators look and listen for regarding tone and vocal technique, diction and pronunciation, balance, blend, repertoire selection, and stage deportment.