

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – January 5, 2005

## BSC Foundation awards nearly \$35,000 in grants

The BSC Foundation Programs Committee recently approved a total of \$34,694 in grant funding for campus events, equipment, and educational travel by students and faculty. Applications from the ArtsQuest Committee yielded a \$10,000 grant for visiting artists during the month-long arts showcase organized by the Arts and Communications Department. The Foundation also approved \$6,439 requested by the Music discipline to replace a tuba and tenor saxophone. Other applicants and their grant awards:

- Agribusiness Club -- \$2,700, state and national conference registrations, ND Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization
- BSC Theater -- \$2,500, projection equipment to enhance the Confluence performance during ArtsQuest and future productions
- HVAC program -- \$2,100, refrigerant analyzer
- Hospitality Club -- \$2,000, trade show registration, Upper Midwest Hospitality Association Restaurant and Lodging Show
- Public access automated external defibrillator -- \$1,980 (Voc Tech or Armory)
- Energy Club -- \$1,400, community service learning and field trip for The Growing Together Program
- Drama Club -- \$1,000, Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival registration
- Chemistry Week -- \$1,000, materials to explore the chemistry of dyes
- Music student master classes with Korliss Uecker (voice), Peter Fletcher (guitar)  
Philip Thompson (piano) -- \$1,000
- Commercial Art Student Exhibit -- \$500, supplies, awards, promotion
- BSC Library -- \$500, BookTalk discussion leaders, books, marketing
- Multicultural program -- \$500, speaker series
- Faculty Senate -- \$450, Council of College Faculties meetings
- Computer Science -- \$400, robot programming contest registration, Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium
- Music Teachers Association -- \$225, national conference registration for Arlene Gray, adjunct music instructor.

## BSC welcomes new employees

**Scott Helphrey** joined BSC Dec. 15 as an enhanced Web application developer following a move from Los Angeles, where he owned Spinboy Media, a consulting service for Web development and new media. During his seven years in California, he was also a deejay in L.A.'s large clubs and did production work for several recording labels. Prior to owning his own business, Helphrey did Web development for Baxter International and its spin-off, Edwards Life

Sciences, in Irving, Calif. He has certifications in networking and Internet security from IBM. A BSC student from 1985-86, he earned a BBA in business and aviation in 1995 from UND.

**Angie Friez**, hired for the new position of Human Resources/Physical Plant office assistant, grew up in Bismarck and attended BSC from 1998-99. She obtained a BS in business administration from NDSU in 2002. Friez most recently worked as a receptionist in the student housing office at UND. She and her husband Christopher are expecting a child in April.

**Cori Otto** took over Janet Decker's job as research and grants specialist for College Advancement Dec. 29. As economic development director for the city of Washburn, she brought the national Art Train Exhibit to Washburn last summer and helped establish a revolving loan pool for businesses in McLean County. Raised in Mandan, Otto has a BA in economics from Minnesota State University-Moorhead. She enjoys reading, fishing, and camping.

**Marla Hagemester**, administrative assistant in Student Affairs, began working Dec. 28. She graduated with an AS degree in administrative assistant from BSC in 2000. Hagemester, a New Salem native, was an executive assistant at St. Alexius Archway Mental Health for three years and a medical secretary at Family Foot & Ankle. She is married to Travis Hagemester and enjoys camping and snowmobiling.

## Interview with President Thigpen to air this week

If you're curious about why President Donna Thigpen moved from the South to the Upper Midwest, you might want to watch Prairie Pulse on Prairie Public TV this week. The program airs at 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, and at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7. Of course, that's only one part of President Thigpen's interview by host John Harris. She said she also talks about future plans for BSC and other related topics.

## BookTalk discussion set for Jan. 9

BSC Library hosts its first session of BookTalk on Sunday, Jan. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the BSC Library. The 2005 installment of the book discussion series employs a "Reading Dakota" theme to explore works by North Dakota authors. Discussions are open to all.

Lynn Severson, BSC associate professor of English, leads discussion of "The Bones of Plenty," a work of historical fiction by Lois Phillips Hudson. Simmering with social injustice, the book relates the struggle of a North Dakota wheat farmer and his family during the Great Depression, when unremitting toil could not produce a living.

Hudson is recognized as a major chronicler of America's heartland during the grim years of the Depression. She was born in Jamestown in 1927 and spent her early childhood there. At age 9, Hudson moved with her family to the Pacific Northwest. In 1969, she was appointed to teach creative writing at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Other books in the series are Louise Erdrich's "The Master Butchers Singing Club" (Feb. 13) and "Justice" by Larry Watson (March 13). Books for the series are available at local libraries and booksellers. For more information, call 224-5450 or visit [www.bismarckstate.edu/library/BookTalk05.pdf](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/library/BookTalk05.pdf).

## Revised chart of organization available

BSC's chart of organization was revised recently, and is available on the BSC Web site at this address: [www.bismarckstate.edu/hr/orgchart.pdf](http://www.bismarckstate.edu/hr/orgchart.pdf) To view it in the future, click on the Human Resources link in the lower left box on the home page, and then on BSC Organizational Chart in the menu on the left.

## Faculty & Staff News

**Amy Helgeson**, assistant professor of computer information systems, recently passed the Macromedia Dreamweaver MX 2004 exam. Macromedia Dreamweaver MX 2004 is a GUI (Graphical User Interface) for building Web pages and Web sites and is taught in CIS230 Electronic Publishing, a required class in the Information Processing Specialist degree, as well as the Web option. This new certification gives Helgeson the designation of Certified Macromedia Dreamweaver Developer.

**Mike LaLonde**, energy program placement and assessment coordinator, traveled to Orlando Nov. 30-Dec. 2 for the Power Generation Conference and assisted at BSC's exhibit at the conference.

**Zachery Allen**, energy technology online multimedia coordinator, traveled to Denver for some on-site work at WAPA's Electric Power Training Center for the Electrical Transmission Systems Technology program Dec. 6-15.

**Dave Clark**, executive vice president, attended the Central Association of College and University Business Officers board meeting in Chicago Dec. 7-8. He was reappointed to the CACUBO board of directors, which provides oversight for all professional development activities sponsored by the association. Clark also attended the Department of Labor: Energy Industry Workforce Solutions Forum Dec. 14-15 in Houston.

**Dr. Wayne Boekes**, provost and vice president for academic & student affairs, attended the Association for Career & Technical Education 2004 Convention and Career Tech Expo in Las Vegas Dec. 9-11.

**Robert Kuntz**, chief buildings and grounds officer, traveled to the South Dakota School of Mines in Rapid City Dec. 7. He toured the new dorm there to help with planning for BSC's new student housing project.