

Bismarck State College – July 22, 2005

BSC Archives gets boost through summer intern

Great progress is being made in the BSC Archives located in the BSC Library this summer through the work of intern Zach Heuer of Fargo. He's using his knowledge as a major in public history at NDSU to assist Carolyn Twingley, librarian in charge of the Archives.

His work has ranged from organizing photos from the Athletic Department to itemizing formal and informal documents from President Donna Thigpen's office.

Jim Kautzman, athletic equipment technician for 30 years, helped Heuer identify students in the Athletic Department photos. "To me, they were just photos, but to him, they were people he knew," Heuer said.

"The presidential papers were already somewhat organized, so I'm keeping things in their original order," Heuer said. Part of his work involves preparing a finding aid for researchers.

"Anything that has BJC on it is like gold," he said, explaining that the college does not have many of the college's original, early records, because BSC started out as a city college (Bismarck Junior College) governed by the Bismarck School Board.

"The craziest year was 1986-87," he said. "I kept coming across different names for the college." Governance of BSC had been transferred from the Bismarck School Board to the State Board of Higher Education in 1984. For about four months in 1987, the college's name was Bismarck State Community College, but the Legislature changed it to Bismarck State College in April 1987.

A sweatshirt displayed in the Archives has each name with a strikethrough on all but "Bismarck State College." Heuer said he came across a volleyball photo that has BJC on the team members' shirts and BSC on their shorts.

He is impressed with the quality of guest speakers and musicians who came to the college for the Visiting Scholars Series in the 1960-70s and the Jazz Celebrations of the 1970s and '80s.

"One of your speakers, James Doohan, just died today," he said. "And William Westmoreland was here, too." Doohan, who played Scotty on Star Trek, was a guest in 1979. General Westmoreland, commander of U.S. ground forces during the Viet Nam war, also died within the last few days.

"You have a very nice start on your archives," Heuer said. "Before I came, I was expecting it would be chaos, because there's always some chaos in an archives, but this is good."

A senior, Heuer will earn nine credits for the internship that ends Aug. 5. His campus housing is paid through a BSC Foundation grant, and Food Services is providing two meals a day. His "dream of dream job" after graduating would be in the flag preservation program at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond.

Twingley said Heuer is the first intern to work in the Archives, and she will continue to seek summer interns.

"He's given me years of work at the rate I go, because I don't have time to work in the archives with much regularity during the academic year," Twingley said.

Others who have assisted as volunteers are Warren Henke, retired history professor, and Deb Igoe, a 1971 alum. Igoe is working on a library degree and as a project has been gathering Jazz Celebration materials.

"I couldn't be happier with what we've done this year," Twingley said. "Deb and Zach are knowledgeable and can take the lead with their work. We collaborate on certain decisions we need to make."

Carpentry program house included on national Web site

The house built this year by carpentry students under the instruction of assistant professor Earl Torgerson is included on the Web site Homes Across America. The site is a resource for “green” technology and resource-efficient homes. For the past three years, BSC has received a grant from the N.D. Department of Commerce Energy Office to use energy-efficient features in the design and construction of the house and to expose future builders to sustainable building design.

The Web site indicates that this home demonstrates the use of passive solar and geothermal space and water heating, within an airtight building envelope. Supplemental electric and natural gas systems provide backup. The house built in 2003 is also included, and those two houses are the only ones representing North Dakota. The site is <http://www.homes-across-america.org>. Once on the homepage, click Search in the upper right-hand corner. Then scroll down to search by state, check North Dakota and select the Find Homes button beneath the list of states.

BSC will offer evening classes in Mandan

BSC will again offer three college credit classes in Mandan, continuing the collaboration between Mandan and BSC begun last fall. These are courses offered for college credit; they are not enrichment classes.

Courses scheduled to begin the week of Aug. 22 are College Composition I, 5:20 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays; Introduction to Computers, 6 to 8:20 p.m. Tuesdays; and Elements of Accounting I, 6 to 8:40 p.m. Thursdays. BSC faculty members will teach the classes at Mandan High School.

“The classes will be open to any BSC student who wishes to enroll, but the Mandan location will be especially convenient for students living in Mandan, Morton County, and the surrounding area,” said Dr. Jane Schulz, dean of instruction.

BSC welcomes new employees

Eric Exner is the new grants accountant/compliance officer in the business office. He was business manager during the PeopleSoft transition at North Dakota State College of Science last year and worked for a Wahpeton accounting firm for eight years doing income tax, auditing, and accounting. A golf enthusiast, Exner grew up in LaMoure and has a BS in business administration from Mayville State University.

Jennifer Hieb is the student development office assistant, located in the Student Union. She will assist with housing, the Phoenix Program and the Multicultural Program. A North Dakota native, Hieb lived in Phoenix for six years. She graduated from BSC in 2004 with an associate in applied science degree in medical administrative assistant. She has two sons, ages 12 and 4, and a daughter who is 10 years old. Hieb’s BSC phone number is 224-5464, and she says most of her time will be spent in the Union office upstairs.

Summer enrollment is 1,118 students

BSC’s summer enrollment is 1,118 total students. This is a slight decrease (5.8 percent) from last summer’s record enrollment of 1,188 students.

Faculty and Staff News

Vickie Wyant, assistant professor of computer support specialist, recently received the Esprit de Corps Award from the staff of the Abused Adult Resource Center. The award is given to community members in recognition of their public spirit, empathy, devotion and sense of honor in ending domestic violence. Wyant assisted the AARC with developing statistical databases.

Kevin Holmstrom, energy technology online program manager/instructor, and **Mike LaLonde**, energy program placement and assessment coordinator, traveled to New Orleans June 15-22 and June 19-23, respectively, for the Western Utilities Training Advisory Board Conference.

Dean Gunsch, assistant professor of automotive technology, attended the Daimler Chrysler Summer Workshop in Plymouth, Minn., June 20-24.

Wesley Braun, energy technology online program manager/instructor, traveled to Las Vegas June 19-22 to work at BSC's booth at the Edison Electric Institute Conference.

Margie Enerson, marketing coordinator, and **Kyren Miller**, energy technology online instructor, attended the Skills USA conference in Kansas City, Mo., June 20-22.

Kyren Miller, energy technology online instructor, and **Chad Wetzel**, power and process plant technology instructor, attended the Fuel Ethanol Conference in Kansas City, Mo., June 28-30.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, attended the National Association of College and University Business Officers annual meeting in Baltimore July 9-12.