

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – June 11, 2007

## Lidstrom Hall ground breaking ceremony scheduled June 15

BSC will hold a ground breaking ceremony for Lidstrom Hall at 10 a.m. Friday, June 15, in the east parking lot of the Student Union. The new residence hall, which will open in fall 2008, is being named for Dr. Kermit Lidstrom, BSC president from 1977 to 1995. He will attend the ceremony and give remarks after several other speakers. Employees are invited to the ceremony and a reception in the Missouri Room.

## BSC receives national designation in federal energy legislation

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan announced May 21 that U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman has officially designated BSC as the National Power Plant Operations Technology and Education Center. Dorgan said the designation is a recognition of the school's cutting-edge education and training program. This designation will help attract students, industry, and federal funding to help carry out BSC's mission. View the news release and a related photo.

## Foundation provides funds for laptops, other technology

The BSC Foundation is providing \$120,000 to pay the third year of the lease on the laptop computers used by faculty and some administrators. Through the Foundation's technology grant program, more than \$1,030,000 has been invested in the college's technology.

"The BSC Foundation Board of Trustees recognizes that replacing and upgrading technology is important to BSC and our students," says **Gordon Binek**, vice president for college advancement and federal relations. "The Board considers technology an important investment in BSC."

**Elmer Weigel**, chief information services officer, said he is certain that if it were not for the Foundation technology grants, BSC would not have its current technological environment. "We would not be able to provide our students with the technological tools required for them to succeed in our society today," he said.

Weigel explained that in 1997, BSC had a dire need to not only update technology, but to also expand technology on campus.

"We were very short on funding. The Foundation came to our rescue, providing the campus with a \$50,000 grant to purchase computers," he said. "Since that time, the Foundation has on an annual basis provided BSC grants which have grown to \$120,000 annually to be used on technology."

He said the Foundation's very generous gifts have allowed BSC to increase the number of computer labs on campus, add multiple smart classrooms annually, purchase file servers and data switching equipment

needed to accommodate the increased demands for technology from our students, employees and for work force training. The grants have also allowed the college to establish a replacement cycle for aging computers, servers and smart classrooms.

## BSC one of ‘Top 10 Places to Work’ for young professionals

The Bismarck-Mandan Young Professionals Network recently named BSC one of the “Top 10 Places to Work” for young professionals.

**Rita Lindgren**, chief human resources officer, said, “HR is particularly pleased with the award. This is another great way to enhance BSC’s visibility in the community and help attract future employees.”

**Angie Friez**, human resources specialist, submitted the nomination for the award. Following are some statements from the nomination:

- “People at BSC seemed to care that I succeed. I had both a great mentor who motivated me to do better and colleagues who pushed me forward.”
- “BSC offers flexible work schedules, summer hours, and family sick leave... BSC employees also receive free admittance to many BSC events. This culture and camaraderie is very important. BSC is more than a place to work. It is a family.”
- “Promotions and internal recruitment are not a rarity. This is motivating to a lot of people.”

The Young Professionals Network is comprised of about 500 individuals between the ages of 20 and 39 who strive to enhance the social, professional, cultural and service opportunities for young professionals in the Bismarck-Mandan area by connecting young professionals to one another and to the community.

## Eleven faculty members are granted tenure

The State Board of Higher Education recently granted tenure status for 11 faculty members. President Larry C. Skogen endorsed the application of tenure for the 11 after recommendation from the Faculty Senate’s Tenure Committee.

Those granted tenure on May 3 at the SBHE meeting in Wahpeton are **Karen Arlien, Lonnie Bertsch, Amy Helgeson, Jean Hinton, Mike Holman, Michelle Lindblom, Carmel Miller, Lynette Borjeson Painter, Ryan Pitcher, Sean Thorenson, and Vickie Wyant.**

Five of the faculty members were granted advancement in rank to associate professor. Holding a master’s degree is a requirement for this change in rank. They are **Hinton, Lindblom, Miller, Borjeson Painter, and Pitcher.**

## Darling composition to be performed this summer

A composition for band written by **Dr. John Darling**, assistant professor of music, will be performed at this summer’s concerts by the West River Winds, Mandan’s community band.

The band’s remaining performance schedule is June 11, 18 and 25, and July 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Dykshoorn Park in Mandan and July 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Dykshoorn Park as part of Art In The Park. A special performance will be presented on the lawn at the former Governor’s Residence in Bismarck at 2 p.m.

Aug. 12.

Darling's piece, titled "West River Jubilee," was commissioned to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of West River Winds. According to director Ernie Borr, the composition "expresses the vibrant nature of a western community, based on simple values."

## Johanna McClay to present at conference in South Africa

**Johanna McClay**, reference librarian, will attend the 27<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians June 17-22 at Helderberg College, Somerset West, Republic of South Africa. McClay is doing a joint presentation with her father, Bruce McClay, associate librarian, Walla Walla College (Wash.) School of Nursing, titled "Elements of the Unusual." The conference theme, "Developing People Through Libraries," will address ways in which librarians and libraries can better serve people on a more personal level.

## BSC welcomes Gregory Gruidl

**Gregory Gruidl**, custodian in the Library, attended Detroit Lakes Technical College in marine mechanics and took general courses at a junior college in Chicago. He grew up in Dellwood, Ill., worked in retail selling shoes in Chicago and for a marina on Ottertail Lake in Minnesota before coming to North Dakota in 1995. Gruidl was employed at Twin City Marine, Bismarck, until the business closed. His most recent position was at MedCenter One, where he has been a custodian for 11 years. Gregory is married to Marie and has six stepchildren. He enjoys tennis, swimming, and the outdoors.

## Western North Dakota companies earn SHARP status

Two companies recently earned SHARP recognition status, according to Al Koch, program manager of the N.D. Occupational Safety and Health Consultation. The companies are United Building Center, Williston, and Steffes Corporation, Dickinson. To earn SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) status, companies must have an outstanding OSHA program, pass an inspection by NDOSH (Bismarck State College) and have a low injury rate. NDOSH is maintained by BSC through an OSHA grant for small businesses.

## Faculty and Staff News

**Nancy Gordon**, counselor, was appointed to serve a two-year term on the board of the Bismarck Tobacco Free Coalition. Her term begins this month. The Coalition is a pro-active organization dedicated to promoting a healthy, tobacco free environment. Organized in 1992, it is funded by the Community Health Grant Program, Centers of Disease Control, community contributions, and private foundation grants.

**Chuck Barth** and **Gary Morman**, maintenance, attended a Cramer Building Systems Seminar on Advanced Operations for Energy Management Systems May 14-17 in Minneapolis.

**Pam Torgerson**, hospitality management instructor, and **Ken LaMont**, assistant professor of hospitality management, accompanied students from the Hospitality Club to meetings and tours with industry management for the MGM Grand, Las Vegas Convention Center, University of Nevada-Las Vegas and others in Las Vegas May 14-18.

**Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for continuing education, training and innovation, traveled to South Bend, Ind., May 14-17 for a meeting with Colleen Sweeny, the innovation mentor at Memorial Hospice and Health System in South Bend.

**Kevin Holmstrom**, ETO program manager/instructor, attended the CEWD Midwest Regional Workforce Development Meeting in South Haven, Mich., May 15-17.

**Alicia Berger**, ETO training manager, attended the Upper Midwest (UMW) Area American Power Dispatchers Association Inc. (APDA) Conference in Omaha, May 17-18.

**Dr. Larry C. Skogen**, president; **Karla Gabriel**, dean of admissions and enrollment services; and **Jason Matthews**, alumni coordinator, traveled to Minneapolis May 18-19 for the Bismarck Mandan Development Association Event.

**Dr. Barbara Belle Perry**, professor of speech, traveled to West Hartford, Conn., May 19-20 for the Psych-K Centre Basic Workshop.

**Trudy Riehl**, assistant professor of surgical technology, traveled to New Orleans May 21-27 for the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual National Surgical Technology Conference.

**Jean Hinton**, associate professor of surgical technology, traveled to New Orleans May 21-24 for the Association of Surgical Technologists Instructors Workshop.

**Bruce Emmil**, ETO program manager/instructor, attended the Working Together on Workforce Skills Development in Rural and Remote Communities for North America Conference in Montreal, Canada, May 23-25.

**Jeanne Masseth**, training manager for continuing education, training and innovation, attended the American Society for Training and Development (ATSD) 2007 International Conference in Atlanta June 2-6.

**Dave Clark**, executive vice president, traveled to Chicago June 6-8 for the Central Association of Colleges and Universities Business Officers Board Meeting.