

FYI Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – June 28, 2007

Large group honors Lidstrom during ceremony

The threat of rain forced the ground breaking ceremony for Lidstrom Hall indoors June 15. Family, friends and colleagues of Dr. Kermit Lidstrom filled the Missouri Room to capacity for the event to honor Lidstrom, BSC president from 1977 to 1995.

Attendees were able to watch the construction progress on the new residence hall from the east-facing windows. Lidstrom Hall will open in the fall of 2008. Approximately 76 students will live in the 35,000 square foot facility, which will consist of suite living arrangements.

Bremer Foundation grant will aid Clinical Lab Tech program

BSC has received a \$68,400 grant from the Bremer Foundation to address the shortage of laboratory technicians in North Dakota. Job Service North Dakota projects that 161 new and replacement positions will need to be filled by 2014.

BSC plans a statewide initiative to provide career information and recruit students into the Clinical Laboratory Technician program, the state's only accredited two-year lab program.

Angela Uhlich, BSC clinical laboratory technician director, will manage the project. BSC will partner with rural and urban health care providers, including those in Bremer Bank communities, to inform high school students, faculty and advisors, incumbent health care workers, and lab-related employers about the program and opportunities in the field.

The grant will fund a full-time position, Clinical Laboratory Science Outreach Coordinator, who will implement the outreach plan, advise enrolled students, convert the introductory science course to online format, and build a primary partner network to foster long-term support. In conjunction with healthcare partners, BSC also will conduct an annual seminar for students and professionals to extend the impact of the project.

The demand for laboratory technicians exists on a national and international scale and is being driven by advances in technology and increases in staff for hospitals, physician offices, and other health care services.

Students interning at area industries

Students in the mechanical maintenance technology program are interning at area industries this summer.

Dennis Ziniel, instructor, said the internships provide invaluable experiences for the students.

"These internships not only help the students with income and knowledge, but they also help the companies who can give us feedback on the student's progress and give us valuable input on the program," Ziniel said.

"None of this would be possible if local industry did not participate in the intern program. We appreciate the companies who agreed to take interns and hope that we will be able to expand on this program in the future," he said.

Students are interning at Great River Energy's Coal Creek Station and Stanton Station; Bobcat in Bismarck; Great Plains Experiment Station near Mandan; Minnkota Power at Center; and Basin Electric Antelope Valley Station near Beulah.

Mechanical maintenance technicians install, repair, adjust, design, build and maintain industrial production and processing equipment. The BSC program, the only one in the state and region, was developed at the request of local industries. A grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration provided funding for the program's development.

BSC welcomes new employees

Cindy Sanford was hired recently as coordinator for the new Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Energy Management. Not a stranger on campus, Sanford was coordinator for Dickinson State University's baccalaureate program on the BSC campus for six years, overseeing 17 degrees. Her office is located in the Office Annex, Room 103B. Sanford grew up on a farm near Rhame and has a BS in home economics from NDSU. She begins a master's program this fall in higher education administration. Her previous work experience includes managing food service contracts for Marriott Corp. Sanford, an avid reader, has three children and is active in Junior Achievement and her children's activities.

Tamara Njos Barber was hired for the new position of associate vice president for finance and operations. She previously worked for BSC as director of finance from 1996 to 2003, and spent the past four years at the North Dakota University System office as director of financial reporting. Barber, a CPA, worked in Minneapolis for eight years as vice president of finance for Resource Trust Co., a private company, and as a public accountant for McGladrey & Pullen. She has a BA in accounting from the University of North Dakota with class credits toward an MBA. Born in Bismarck, Barber graduated from BSC in 1985 with an AA degree. She is married to Troy Barber and has two children, Bryttny and Cody, and three stepchildren, Becki, Chris, and Erin. Outdoor sports and scrapbooking enrich her leisure time.

Deb Kraft, account technician for Continuing Education, Training and Innovation, worked for International Netherlands Group (ING), the old Provident Life Co. of Bismarck, from 1990 to 2006, when the offices moved to Minot. She was senior policy service coordinator, monitoring premium limits under federal guidelines. Kraft graduated from BSC in 2003 with an AA degree and AAS in computer support. She earned her BS in management from Minot State University through BSC in 2006. This fall she will graduate with an accounting degree from Dickinson State University. Deb was raised in Raleigh and enjoys walking and reading. She and her husband Bert have six children and four grandchildren.

Borjeson Painter honored with adviser award

Lynette Borjeson Painter, associate professor of computer information systems and adviser to BSC's Phi Beta Lambda chapter, received an award from the Mountain-Plains Region for Outstanding Local Adviser for North Dakota. The award was presented at the National Phi Beta Lambda (Future Business Leaders of America) Leadership Conference in Chicago June 23–26. Borjeson Painter accompanied nine students to the conference, where many of them placed in individual or team events.

BSC student is designer of McQuade tourney t-shirt

Amy Schmidt of Beulah, a 2007 BSC graduate and Outstanding Student of Commercial Art for 2006-07, was one of the designers of the McQuade softball tourney t-shirt. According to Sean Thorenson, assistant professor of commercial art, she is currently employed with CWC in Mandan doing web design work and will continue her design education this fall with Minot State University.

Sidewalks requested for safety

You probably noticed the fast-working construction crew putting in new sidewalks recently along the west side of Schafer Street across from the Technical Center, and on the south side of Edwards Ave.

Bob Kuntz, chief building and grounds officer, says BSC requested that the City of Bismarck add the sidewalks for safety of students and other pedestrians.

He said next summer sidewalk will be put in on the north side of Edwards Ave.

Faculty and Staff News

Three employees traveled to Grand Forks on May 22-23 to attend a workshop for emerging student affairs professionals in North Dakota. Topics included student affairs as a profession, assessment and outcomes, and budget and financial management. The workshop was sponsored by the NDUS Student Affairs Council. Attending from BSC were **Sandy Fried**, associate registrar; **Lonna Meier**, Academic Support Services coordinator; and **Jay Meier**, director of Counseling and Career Services.

Donna Fricke, SW career tech prep coordinator, attended the Career Clusters Institute in Phoenix June 9-13.

Sean Thorenson, assistant professor of commercial art, traveled to Atlanta June 10-13 for the How Design Conference.

Kristin Ellingson, financial aid associate, attended the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Summer Institute in Golden, Colo., June 10-15.

Deidre Pugh, admissions counselor, attended the 2007 Annual Dakota Association of College Admission Counseling Conference in Rapid City June 11-13.

Mark Holkup, adult farm management instructor, traveled to Rochester, Minn., June 10-14 for the National Farm and Ranch Management Conference.

Tom Stein, associate professor of English; **Wendy Pank**, associate professor of sociology; and **Carol Cashman**, associate professor of speech, attended the National Great Teachers Leadership Colloquium in Santa Barbara, Calif., June 16-22.

Dean Gunsch, assistant professor of automotive technology, attended the Daimler/Chrysler Automotive Workshop in Minneapolis June 17-22.

Dan Leingang, associate professor of mathematics, traveled to Wheaton, Ill., June 18-23 for the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute.

Alicia Berger, ETO training manager, traveled to Kansas City, Mo., June 18-21 for a Western Utilities Training Advisory Board meeting.

BSC President **Dr. Larry Skogen** attended a Presidents Fundraising Workshop in Santa Fe June 20-22. The workshop was sponsored by the Council for Resource Development

Bill Walz, ETO instructor, attended the Energy Summit at Centralia College in Centralia, Wash., June 20-22.

Carolyn Twingley, library associate, attended the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., June 22-26.

Alicia Berger, ETO training manager, and **Bruce Emmil**, ETO program manager/instructor, attended a meeting with Fox Valley Technical College for a potential partnership. The meeting was held in Appleton, Wis., June 26-27.

Kyren Miller, assistant professor of power/process plant technology, and **Dan Schmidt**, ETO online program manager/instructor, are attending the Fuel Ethanol Workshop and Expo June 26-29 in St. Louis.