

# *FYI* **Campus Newsletter**

**Bismarck State College ~ March 6, 2007**

## **BSC welcomes President Skogen to campus**

Dr. Larry C. Skogen became president of Bismarck State College on March 1. The State Board of Higher Education selected him for the position in October 2006 after a national search. He is the college's sixth CEO during its 67-year history.

Retired from a career in the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Skogen most recently served for six years as Academic Dean and Deputy Superintendent for Academic Affairs at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell. A native of Hettinger, N.D., Dr. Skogen holds degrees from Dickinson State University (B.S. in secondary education), Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg (M.A. in history), and Arizona State University, Tempe (Ph.D. in history).

Throughout his career, he has been involved in education as a high school teacher and as a college instructor in a variety of military and civilian institutions, including the United States Air Force Academy. During 2004 he also served as an educational consultant to the United Arab Emirates.

Dr. Skogen is author of "Indian Depredation Claims, 1796-1920," published by the University of Oklahoma Press in 1996. He has also published articles and reviews in refereed historical journals.

He is married to Alison, a native of Cape Cod, Mass. They have a family that includes two sons, a daughter-in-law, three granddaughters, and an incorrigible Shih Tzu.

## **President Skogen to hold news conference March 7**

BSC President Larry Skogen will meet the local media Wednesday, March 7, in a news conference at 10 a.m. in the Student Union Prairie Room. NDUS Chancellor Eddie Dunn is expected to be present to introduce Dr. Skogen.

## **Qwest Foundation awards BSC \$10,000 for TNT Conference**

The Qwest Foundation recently announced an award of \$10,000 to BSC's Teaching and Technology conference to be held June 12-13 at BSC. The conference will provide North Dakota kindergarten through grade 12 educators, technology coordinators and administrators with information and training on the latest in technological advances for teaching and learning.

"This grant provides a unique opportunity for Qwest to make a difference in the lives of North Dakota students and help inspired teachers do their important work," said Scott Macintosh, Qwest state president for North Dakota.

"The conference planners are very thankful to Qwest for the funding," said **Karen Selensky**, BSC conference manager. "This grant will help us bring in experts on nanotechnology and weblogs. Without the funding, our conference participants would not have the benefit of learning about these state-of-the-art technologies."

## BSC welcomes Susan Hartley

**Susan Hartley**, administrative assistant for College Advancement, has an AA degree in legal secretary from Valley City State University. She has worked for an insurance agency, a law firm in Willmar, Minn., and at Maslon Edelman, Borman, and Brandt LLP in downtown Minneapolis. Other work includes executive assistant for the benefits department at the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod headquarters in St. Louis. Hartley has been an historical interpreter at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn the past three years. A native of Edgeley, Susan and her husband Dean and son Ross live in Underwood, where she volunteers at her church and enjoys scrap booking.

## Nuclear Power Technology approved for Project SAIL offerings

BSC now has all five of its nationally recognized energy programs available to community college students through the League for Innovation in the Community College, an international consortium serving two-year colleges.

The Phoenix-based league recently approved BSC's Nuclear Power Technology program for its Project SAIL (Specialty Asynchronous Industry Learning), an exchange network of colleges and businesses working to promote industry-driven programs and to fill immediate workforce needs.

Project SAIL was created in 2003 to build a national clearinghouse for colleges to license, lease, or purchase specialized distance learning curriculum and programs to provide fundamental training in a trade or profession anywhere and anytime.

BSC was among the selected pilot colleges for Project SAIL and first offered Electric Power Technology from its new Energy Technology Online Department. BSC has subsequently added Process Plant Technology, Power Plant Technology, Electrical Transmission Systems Technology, and now Nuclear Power Technology.

Another recent addition to Project SAIL is Basic X-Ray Techniques for Limited Diagnostic Operator Training for medical workers. The state-mandated, non-credit program was developed by BSC Corporate and Continuing Education in March 2005 for medical workers without radiology technologist certification.

Regardless of the specialty, Project SAIL has taken advantage of the growth and availability of online learning to link employed workers and non-industry students with training not offered by their community college. The collaborations enable students to earn credits and graduate from their local institution.

In August 2006, BSC entered into a partnership with Turtle Mountain Community College in Belcourt, N.D., to provide 15 students with training that will lead to a degree in Process Plant Technology.

“The students want to support their local college,” said **Alicia Berger**, training manager for BSC Energy Technology Online. “Turtle Mountain Community College, in turn, has the opportunity to employ coordinators and tutors for their students and to raise their visibility in the community by marketing the distant learning program.”

## Alumni Association holds first membership Phonathon

Exactly 100 alumni either joined or renewed their association membership as a result of the first membership Phonathon held during the evenings of Feb. 26-March 1.

Students and advisors from the Agribusiness and Energy clubs made phone calls to alumni from their respective programs and to past association members. More than 200 alumni requested information about the association and about the agriculture and energy education programs. Callers also were able to update alumni contact information.

The Alumni Association will make a donation to both clubs in appreciation for their assistance, said Alumni Coordinator Jason Matthews.

“This was a limited effort in order to gauge the possibility of doing a full-fledged annual Phonathon. Because of the success of this effort, the association has decided to go ahead and conduct a full-fledged Phonathon this fall,” Matthews said. “This is another sign of the Association’s evolution and growth.”

All student groups and clubs will be invited to participate.

## Faculty and Staff News

**Michael McCormack**, professor of history, spoke to the Bismarck-Mandan Corral of Westerners on Feb. 5 on the topic “Why Don't Western Historians Agree With Each Other?” The Westerners is an international organization of Western history “buffs.”

**Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for corporate and continuing education, and **Tom Waddell**, nuclear power technology online course developer/instructor, attended the Energy Providers Coalition for Education meeting in Miami Feb. 21-23.

**Robert Kuntz**, chief buildings and grounds officer, traveled to San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 16-21 for Technology Conference 2007.

**Dave Clark**, executive vice president, attended the Central Association of College and University

Business Officers meeting in St. Louis Feb. 14-16.

**Pam Torgerson**, hospitality management instructor, and **Ken LaMont**, assistant professor of hospitality management, accompanied students to the Upper Midwest Hospitality Trade Show and Seminar in Minneapolis Feb. 18-21.

**Taunia Welch**, grants/financial accountant, attended the Employment and Training Administration 2007 Fiscal Conference in Phoenix/Mesa Feb. 20-23.

**Carmel Miller**, assistant professor of agriculture, traveled to Denver for the AgrowKnowledge National Visiting Committee Meeting Feb. 21-23.

**Dan Leingang**, associate professor of mathematics, and **Michelle Lindblom**, assistant professor of art, accompanied students to the Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention in Coon Rapids, Minn., Feb. 23-24.

**Dan Schmidt**, ETO program manager/instructor, traveled to Maysville, Ky., Feb. 28-March 2 to participate in the National Visiting Committee Meeting of Maysville Grant Group.

**Dr. Jane Schulz**, dean of instruction, and **Dr. Wayne Boekes**, provost and vice president for academics and student affairs, attended the Community College Baccalaureate Association Seventh Annual Conference in New Orleans March 2-4. They presented a session on the process BSC used to develop the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in energy management.