

FYI Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College ~ March 19, 2008

Ag students take honors at national convention

BSC students were among 37 North Dakota college students who recently competed successfully at the 28th annual National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) Convention in Dallas.

BSC students won two first place awards, four second place awards, a third place team award, and participation in a first place team award. Winners came home with cash awards and plaques.

First place award winners were **Doug Oe**, Employment Interview, Livestock Production division, and **Adam Balk** in Career Planning, Agribusiness division.

Second place winners were **Walker Sabin** in Career Progress, Animal Production division; **Molly Backhaus** in the Ag Sales Specialist Program; **Adam Balk** in Employment Interview, Ag Equipment division; and **Doug Oe** in the individual rankings, Overall division of the Livestock Specialist Awards Program.

Doug Oe was part of a first place, three-member team with Dickinson State University students. The team took first in the Overall division of the Livestock Specialist Awards Program.

The third place team in the Beef division of the Livestock Specialist Awards Program included BSC students **Walker Sabin**, **Haylee Wax** and **Jessica Hauge**.

Also participating in the convention March 12-15 were student **Chelsey Johnson** and **Carmel Miller**, associate professor of agriculture, technology and natural resources.

BSC ATNR instructor **Bobbi Bingeman** said that Doug Vannurden, state assistant supervisor of ag education, believes this is the best showing ND PAS has ever had at Nationals. North Dakota students won 32 plaques and \$2,650 in cash awards.

Campus Emergency Notification System in testing

Tuesday was a key day for BSC's new Campus Emergency Notification System, with employees receiving their first test message, and students receiving an e-mail requesting them to sign up for the system.

The Campus Emergency Notification System (CENS) will be used by BSC to contact students and employees about emergencies regarding campus safety issues or severe weather emergencies.

The new system allows BSC to send time-sensitive, pre-recorded messages via voice messages, e-mail and text messages.

Dave Clark, BSC executive vice president, said the CENS will help the college provide a safer environment, enhance emergency preparedness, and keep students and employees better informed.

Clark said that 243 employees who had signed up received the test message, and that 609 contact points were reached. Contact points include live calls, voice mail, text messages and e-mail messages.

A test message for BSC's full group - students and employees - will be sent in the next two weeks.

Employees and students who have not yet signed up can do so by providing contact information for the system via a link on BSC's Web site at bismarckstate.edu.

A campus committee has been working on this project for several months. BSC and Minot State University are the first two institutions in the N.D. University System to implement the Connect-ED communication service, which has been successfully used by schools across the country. Other NDUS colleges plan to implement a similar system in the fall.

BOG raises funds for RSVP

Members of BSC's Board of Governors were among several groups, including the Bismarck Bobcats, who participated in the first Penguin Plunge Carnival for RSVP at the Mandan Community Center on Feb. 9. In addition to helping raise money for RSVP, the BSC students spent time in the dunk tank.

RSVP is the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, an organization that hosts 1,100 volunteers who assist 150 non-profit and public entities. **Heather Sheehan**, director of student life and adviser to BOG, accompanied the students. BSC's group raised \$150.

Participants, pictured from left were: **Toby Lund**, Student Body President; **Shawn D'Hoose**, Energy Optimist Club representative; **Matthew Powell**, Student Body Vice President; and **Garth Weir**, Psychology Club representative.

BSC welcomes new employees

Jennifer Klesalek, systems administrator, is a 2000 BSC graduate with AS and AA degrees in business and computer science. She received a bachelor's degree in management from University of Mary in 2007. Klesalek became a certified Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer in 1999. She worked for Connecting Point in Bismarck five years as a certified professional trainer for computer networking applications, and Sykes Enterprises Inc. five years as technical team lead and senior trainer. In 2006 she joined the Missouri Valley YMCA as information systems administrator. Jennifer, a Bismarck native, enjoys photography, reading and family activities. She and husband Kerry have a daughter Haley, age 2.

Wayne Heckaman exchanged his adjunct teaching and coaching duties at BSC for the admissions counselor job. Heckaman is a 1999 BSC graduate and played Mystics basketball. He graduated from Dickinson State University in 2002 with a BS in physical education. The next year he was assistant basketball coach at Bismarck St. Mary's. Heckaman began part-time coaching and teaching at BSC and the Mandan School District in 2004. At BSC, he was head golf coach and assistant basketball coach for the men's and women's teams. He and his wife, Meagan, work part-time for Oak Tree Realtors, enjoy the outdoors, and are expecting their first child in June. Heckaman is a native of New Rockford.

Deborah Larson, CETI office manager, worked 12 years in banking and recently owned an antique business. She has a BA in business administration from Minot State University and worked six years for Midwest Federal in Minot. Larson then affiliated with Gate City Bank in Fargo, where she was a savings supervisor and branch manager. She was mortgage loan officer at Gate City in Bismarck before acquiring The Third Floor Antique Mall on Main Avenue. Larson grew up in Minot and enjoys working out, challenges, family activities, and spending time on the river. She and husband Keith are parents of Sadie, 11, and James, 4.

Ten students named to Who's Who for 2008

Ten students from Bismarck State College have been selected as national campus leaders for inclusion in the 2008 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." Students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Tawnya Cermack, Bismarck, is vice president of BSC's chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization of business-based college students. She assisted in the float committee, the PBL State Leadership Conference and several community service projects in that organization. She placed third in the PBL State Leadership Conference in Word Processing and in Computer Applications and was named to the PBL Who's Who. She had her poetry published in BSC's "Figments of Imagination," has served in the American Red Cross since 2005, was a volunteer at Medcenter One, and was named to the BSC President's Honor Roll.

Alexandra Hartwig, Mandan, is vice president of scholarship of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. Her honors include BSC President's Honor Roll, National Dean's List, and Honors Scholar Designation at the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute. She was a judge at the Academic Fair in Hazelton, and participated in Relay for Life.

Ashley Kohler, Benedict, was named to the President's Honor Roll and as BSC Outstanding Student in Anatomy and Physiology and serves as a tutor for Anatomy and Physiology and Elementary Statistics. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and Campus Crusade for Christ and participates in BSC intramural volleyball and basketball. She was a volunteer at St. Alexius Medical Center and for many community events in her hometown.

Jason Lawrence, Littleton, Colo., is a member of the BSC Board of Governors, Phi Theta Kappa, and is president of The Edge ministry on campus. He attended the Governor's School of Mathematics at NDSU, served as a volunteer musician at Trinity Lutheran Church and Dakota Hills Ministry Center and as a Senior Patrol Leader of the Boy Scouts. He was named to the BSC President's Honor Roll.

Crystal Pinks, Bismarck, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, was named to the BSC President's Honor Roll, and has served two years as a student representative of the Associate Degree Nursing class in the Dakota Nursing Program. She participates in health fairs on campus and in area flu vaccination programs, including the Bismarck-Burleigh flu vaccination drive-through clinic.

Walker Sabin, Morristown, S.D., is president of BSC's Ag Club and was named to the President's Honor Roll. He serves on the Bethesda Lutheran Church Board and is active in the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. He has been a volunteer with the Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site, participated in the state level of Envirothon and held offices in FFA.

Emily Schlosser, Edgeley, is a member of the BSC women's basketball team and was named to the BSC President's Honor Roll and the Mon-Dak Academic Team. She is vice president of the Bismarck Farmers Union Collegiate Chapter. She teaches youth classes for the LaMoure County Farmers Union and is a volunteer at basketball team camps, for ticket sales and helps clean at the Community Bowl.

Wade Shaver, Bismarck, served as vice president of communications for Phi Theta Kappa and as a lead editor for the BSC student newspaper, the Mystician. He was selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges" last year, and also was an All USA Academic Team nominee and the BSC Outstanding Student in both Foreign Language and Journalism. He was named to the BSC President's Honor Roll and the National Dean's List.

Hatti Ternes, Bismarck, is the team captain of the BSC women's basketball team. She has been involved as a volunteer in numerous community service projects and events including Community Bowl clean-up, March of Dimes, elementary and middle school sporting events, the Humane Society, Special Olympics, United Way Day of Caring and Papa's Pumpkin Patch.

Kim Zins, Bismarck, has served as historian, vice president of scholarship and president of Phi Theta Kappa and as editor, writer and copy editor of the Mystician. She was selected for

“Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges” last year, was named BSC’s Outstanding Student in Math and was on the BSC President’s Honor Roll and the National Dean’s List. She has been the vice president of the Catholic Order of Foresters, volunteered for the Relay for Life and was a judge at the Hazelton Academic Fair.

These students join an elite group of students from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Faculty and Staff News

Julie Schroer, associate professor of biology, gave a presentation on perennial plants to the Bismarck-Mandan Garden Club on Feb. 19. Her presentation was titled “New, Unusual, and Underused: Perennials for Northern Climates.”

Eric Cutler, multicultural program coordinator, attended the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) Conference in Las Vegas Feb. 10-13.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, attended the Central Association of College and University Business Officers (CACUBO) Board Meeting and St. Louis Pre-Conference Workshop on Communicating Financial Information Effectively Feb. 11-14.

Carmel Miller, associate professor of agriculture, technology & natural resources, attended the AgrowKnowledge Partner-National Visiting Council Meeting in Yuma, Ariz., Feb 12-16.

English faculty **Jane Schreck** and **Kitty Netzer** attended the Professional Development Conference of the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning in Bloomington, Minn., Feb. 15-16. The theme of the conference was “Critical Thinking in the Age of the Internet.” **Schreck** was a presenter at the conference. Her presentation, “Promoting Critical Thinking in Cyberspace: We have lift-Off!” examined best practices for the use of threaded discussion questions in online or web-enhanced classes as a means of promoting critical thinking.

Attending the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) Conference in San Francisco Feb. 18-21 were **Bruce Emmil**, associate vice president of energy technology programs; **Mary Friesz**, director of marketing; **Karla Gabriel**, dean of admissions and enrollment services; **Lane Huber**, director of distance education; and **Dr. Drake Carter**, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Hospitality management faculty members **Ken LaMont** and **Pam Torgerson** accompanied students to the Upper Midwest Hospitality Show in Minneapolis Feb. 18-19.

Lonna Meier, academic support services coordinator, traveled to Boston Feb. 27-March 2 for the National Association for Developmental Education Annual Conference.

Robert Kuntz, chief buildings and grounds officer, attended the Association of Central Physical Plant Administrators (CAPPA) Technology Conference and CAPPA Committee Meetings in San Antonio Feb. 29-March 8.

Tanya Fuher, bookstore manager/purchasing coordinator, and **Jennifer Weisgerber**, textbook coordinator, traveled to San Antonio, where they attended the Camex Educational Sessions and Buying Show from Feb. 27-March 2.

Giving a presentation titled “Creating a 21st Century Organization in Higher Education” at the League for Innovation in the Community College Conference in Denver were **Dr. Larry C. Skogen**, president; **Dr. Drake Carter**, associate vice president for academic affairs; and **Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for continuing education, training and innovation. The conference was held March 1-5.

John Ell, maintenance, attended the Irrigation Technician’s Course March 3-6 in Minneapolis.

Kari Knudson, vice president, energy technology programs; **William Waddell**, nuclear power technology instructor; and **Bill Walz** and **Kevin Holmstrom**, energy technology program managers, attended an Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., March 4-7.

Daniel Leingang, associate professor of mathematics and Phi Theta Kappa co-adviser, and student **Alex Hartwig**, vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa, attended the Minn-Wi-Kota Regional Phi Theta Kappa Convention in Inver Hills, Minn., March 7-8.

Dr. Donna Fishbeck, dean of student development, and **Michael Lenhardt**, associate vice president for student affairs, attended the Annual National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Conference in Boston March 8-12.

Dan Schmidt, energy technology program manager, attended the National Visiting Committee Meeting for the Maysville Grant Project in Maysville, Ky., March 12-15.

Karen Arlien, assistant professor of computer science, traveled to Portland, Ore., March 12-16 for the 39th Annual Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education.

Karen Bauer, journalism instructor/Mystician adviser, and **Marc Moxon**, English/journalism instructor, traveled to New York City March 13-16 for the College Media Advisers Media Pro Workshops.

Accompanying art students on an educational trip to Minneapolis March 14-16 were **Brian Hushagen**, assistant professor of art; **Barb Jirges**, visual arts instructor; **Michelle Lindblom**, associate professor of art; and **Dave Lewellyn**, art instructor.

Buster Gilliss, athletic director, traveled to Minneapolis March 15-17 for the NJCAA Region XIII Annual Men’s and Women’s Division Meetings.