

FYI Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – March 22, 2005

Phi Theta Kappa wins four regional awards

BSC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter garnered four awards at a regional conference in March, including the Pinnacle Gold Award for increasing membership by 10 percent for three consecutive years. BSC was one of two chapters to receive the Spirit Award for reinvigorating the chapter. For the Distinguished Chapter Award for activity and group effort, students had to write four major essays outlining their activities.

In addition, **Dan Leingang**, PTK advisor and assistant professor of mathematics, was named regional Advisor of the Year. The region consists of colleges in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and includes about 53 chapters.

The regional conference was held at Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Coon Rapids, Minn. Leingang will accompany four students to the international conference in Dallas in April.

BSC welcomes Mary Morrell

Mary Morrell is Dr. Drake Carter's administrative assistant and a 1988 graduate of BSC's legal secretary program. She was parish administrative secretary for St. Catherine's Church in Valley City and office manager for Aid Association for Lutherans. Morrell also did commercial propane sales for Ferrellgas, Inc. in Minot and was a bookkeeper for Bismarck Lumber. Active in local and state Jaycees activities, she is a state officer and enjoys horseback riding. Mary and her husband Raymond have four children, ages 3, 5, 7, and 11.

Ashley Sieg is the state's New Century Scholar

BSC sophomore **Ashley Sieg** of Drake, N.D., has been selected as a 2005 New Century Scholar for outstanding academic excellence and scholastic achievement. Her selection was based on scores earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition. As the highest scoring student in North Dakota, Sieg will receive a \$2,000 stipend funded by the Coca-Cola Foundation and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Sieg will be recognized during the convention of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) in Boston April 9-11. Accompanying her to the convention will be **Michelle Lindblom**, co-advisor for Phi Theta Kappa and assistant professor of art.

Notification of this honor from the national office of Phi Theta Kappa indicated this award does not guarantee placement on the All-USA Academic Team. However, New Century Scholars will be featured in the College Times publication of the AACC and in PTK's Golden Key News Briefs.

Arlene Gray receives NDCA grant

Arlene Gray, adjunct music instructor, was successful in her quest for funding from the N.D. Council on the Arts and was awarded a \$500 professional development grant. The grant will help Gray with expenses of attending the Music Teachers National Association Conference in Seattle April 2-6.

Summer hours in effect Monday, May 16

Summer office hours will be in effect Monday, May 16 through Friday, Aug. 12. Hours that BSC will be open to the public during summer are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays. The President's Cabinet recently decided to institute the summer hours again, with the only change being that we return to regular office hours one week earlier than last summer.

Academic Calendars through 2007 on Web site

With a quick click to BSC's Web site, you can find dates you may need to know for planning ahead. Academic calendars through the summer of 2007 can be found by clicking on "Academic Calendar" in the Current Students box on the upper right of the home page. You can also get to the calendar via the "News & Events" page. There's lots of great info there, including recent or still relevant news releases sent to the news media, The BSC Chronicle (weekly calendar and announcements), College Calendar (BSC events for next two months), Athletics pages, and more. "News & Events" is in the Campus Links box on the lower left of the home page.

Faculty and Staff News

Tanya Fuher, bookstore manager, attended the Camix and C₂One Conference in New Orleans Feb. 25-March 1.

Trudy Riehl, surgical technology instructor, attended the Assessment: Informing Teaching, Learning and Institutional Change Conference in Bloomington, Minn., Feb. 17-19.

Zachery Allen, energy technology online multimedia coordinator, traveled to Denver Feb. 28-March 9 for onsite work at WAPA's Electric Power Training Center for BSC's electrical transmission systems technology program.

Bill Wahlman, energy technology online programs director, and **Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for corporate and continuing education, met with WAPA's Electric Power Training Center representatives and a representative of Excel Energy's St. Paul office in Denver March 9-10.

Buster Gilliss, director of athletics, attended a NDJC state meeting and a NJCAA men's and women's annual meeting in Minneapolis March 20-21.

Julie Gard, assistant professor of English, traveled to San Francisco March 13-19 for the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

Information from ND University System

The ND University System Office recently sent a news release and an op/ed piece to the media and to various campus offices. The news release deals with a clarification on the ConnectND consulting contract.

The opinion/editorial piece is by Bruce I. Christianson, president of the State Board of Higher Education and is titled "Understanding the University System Finance Plan." It provides background on the many stories you've seen in the newspapers recently about equity funding for higher education. Click on this link to read "Understanding the University System Finance Plan."

NDUS Provides ConnectND Clarification

BISMARCK, N.D. – Dickinson State University President Lee Vickers, chairman of the North Dakota University System's ConnectND executive steering committee, has issued the following statement to clarify media coverage related to a ConnectND discussion at the March 2005 State Board of Higher Education meeting.

At the March 10 SBHE meeting, NDUS Chancellor Robert Potts was authorized to extend a consulting contract with the firm assisting with implementation of the grants and contracts module of the NDUS ConnectND project. The extension covers an additional nine weeks of assistance beginning April 1 and also includes additional "reserve" hours that can be used later as implementation and system fine-tuning continue. The cost of the extension is \$440,000 and will be absorbed by the consulting partners and/or the 11 college campuses. No part of this additional cost will be passed along to students.

Project needs for the FY 2006, which begins July 1, are currently under review as reported to the SBHE. However, no decisions have been made on these project needs or the funding source to cover any new costs. The SBHE sets the ConnectND student fee in the spring of each year at the same time tuition rates are set.