

FYI Campus Newsletter

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Admissions to hold help sessions for new students

The Admissions and Enrollment Services Office is inviting new students who have not yet applied for admission to come to campus March 16 and 17 for assistance applying online. Sessions are scheduled at 2 p.m. March 16 and at 10 a.m. March 17.

Brian Bernat, admissions counselor, said they are targeting local students and those who will be Bismarck for the boys state Class B basketball tournament. Those interested are to meet in the lobby of the Jack Science Center shortly before the sessions. A tour of campus will be available after each session.

Admissions staff held similar meetings at Bismarck, Century and Mandan high schools in February.

“Students appreciate the hands-on assistance from an admissions representative when dealing with applying to college for the first time,” Bernat said. “We walk them through the process and advise them on what materials they need when applying, what scores are required for limited enrollment programs, and we answer other academic questions.”

Energy Optimist Club project provides joy to children

If you saw this morning’s Bismarck Tribune, you saw the illustration to this story on page 1.

The BSC Energy Optimist Club presented a children’s audiovisual cart to Medcenter One’s Children’s Hospital on March 8. The Optimist Club initiated a fundraising campaign for the children’s entertainment center in conjunction with fundraising for the club’s education travel.

John Holtan, club advisor and assistant professor of power and process plant technology, has first-hand experience of long hours spent in a hospital.

When he was a child, his older brother endured a broken neck and both boys ended up spending a great deal of time in hospitals.

Holtan proposed the idea of providing the audiovisual cart to officials at Medcenter One, and to the student club as a community service project.

The cart includes a variety of hands-on electronic activities including an electric guitar, television, VCR, Play Station and Game Cube video game systems and various video games and movies.

Medcenter One Children’s Hospital manager Randi Schaeffer said the cart will be put to great use.

“This amazing gift will be enjoyed by many children for years to come,” Schaeffer said. “We appreciate the students’ hard work to make this gift happen.”

Holtan said the club intends to add new games and movies to the cart in coming years.

BSC Agribusiness program joins national consortium

BSC's Agribusiness program is a new associate partner with AgrowKnowledge, a national consortium of community colleges that focuses on technology in agriculture.

Carmel Miller, assistant professor of agriculture, attended the AgrowKnowledge 5th Annual Emerging Technologies Conference "Technology, The Heart of Agriculture" in Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 27-March 3.

Two BSC students - Angela Keller of Mandan and Katie Conklin of Garrison - received the consortium's Pioneer Scholarship, a \$500 award based on their knowledge and interest in agriculture technology. Only 22 scholarships were offered nationwide.

Miller said BSC is one of six associate partners with AgrowKnowledge, a new resource that places the BSC agribusiness program among the top colleges integrating the newest ag technology into their curriculum. AgrowKnowledge is based out of the National Center for Agriscience and Technology Education at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Associate partners are committed to becoming model schools in agriculture education by integrating mathematics, science, and technology into their programs.

Faculty and Staff News

Dave Clark, executive vice president, attended the Central Association of Colleges and University Business Officers board Meeting in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 16-17.

Dr. Jane Schulz, dean of instruction, and **Alicia Berger**, ETO training associate and co-leader of the Learning First Managing Excellence Team, attended the "Building a Learning Centered Institution Conference" sponsored by the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning in Bloomington, Minn., Feb. 17-18.

Ken LaMont, assistant professor of hospitality management, and **Pam Torgerson**, hospitality management instructor, accompanied students to the Upper Midwest Hospitality and Lodging Show in Minneapolis Feb. 20-21.

Jeff Jacobs, financial aid director, attended the Image Now Software Training provided by Perceptive Software in Kansas City, Kan., Feb. 20-23.

Jay Meier, director of counseling and career services, and **Bill Wahlman**, director of energy technology online programs, were in Dallas Feb. 21-23 to meet with the executive committee of Texas Utilities to discuss energy programs.

Robert Kuntz, chief buildings and grounds officer, traveled to San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 25-March 1 for the Technology 2006 Seminar.

Kevin Holmstrom, ETO program manager/instructor; **Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for corporate and continuing education; and **William "Tom" Waddell**, nuclear power technology online course developer/ instructor, attended a meeting with the Energy Providers Coalition for Education (EPCE) in Scottsdale, Ariz., March 1-3.

Dr. Thomas Porter, professor of music, accompanied three students to Omaha March 1-4 for the American Choral Directors Association Regional Convention.

Bruce Emmil, ETO program manager, traveled to Philadelphia March 7-8 to co-present with the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) to Exelon Training Directors.