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CTI is now National Energy Center of Excellence

National Energy Center of Excellence is the new name of the Career and Technology Institute. The name was unveiled May 10 during the ground breaking ceremony for the \$15,400,000 building. As donor of the \$2 million lead gift in the capital campaign, Basin Electric was given the opportunity to name the building. May 2008 is the expected completion date.

Jane Schreck honored with higher education award

Jane Schreck, associate professor of English, was named "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" for higher education by the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce on May 9. Pictured here with Jane is Kelvin Hullet, president of the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce, who presented the award.

This statement about Jane was included in the Chamber e-newsletter: "Jane teaches and is an academic advisor, along with serving as a lead faculty for the English Department at Bismarck State College."

CCE earns LERN certification, ranked "one of best"

BSC's Corporate and Continuing Education recently became certified by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), the leading training and consulting service for lifelong learning professionals.

LERN had this to say about BSC's CCE: "CCE is a strong corporate and continuing education unit with a great deal of potential and opportunity. We were impressed by the programs being offered, many of the processes being followed, and the unit's willingness to prepare for the future. We would rank CCE as one of the best lifelong learning units we have had the opportunity to review."

LERN provides the only review and certification specific to the field of continuing education and lifelong learning. The Program Review and Certification meets at least three needs of continuing education units:

- To provide central administration with an objective assessment of the success of the continuing education unit.
- To provide the continuing education CEO with standards by which to evaluate the strengths and improvement areas of your program
- To provide an in-depth analysis vital for training and professional development of your continuing education staff.

Benchmarks and standards used in the review were developed from a North American consensus of successful continuing education practices researched over 20 years. The development of the review took place over three years, involving a review of the literature, case studies, focus group, advisory board, and involvement of continuing education CEOs.

Two sets of performance criteria are measured during the review. The first group relates to the unit's current bottom-line measurement of success. All four of the following performance criteria must be met:

1. Be financially self-sufficient.
2. Demonstrate a long-term pattern of increasing services.
3. Exhibit quality programming by attaining a median average of 3.5 rating by participants.
4. The institution's CEO (president, chancellor) or representative states the program is important to the institution's mission.

The second group measures how well the unit is positioned for future success. A continuing education unit must meet at least 60% of the several criteria in this category.

Students place in communications contest

Jennifer Weisgerber, editor of the *Mystician*, received six awards for writing and editing in the College Communications Contest sponsored by the North Dakota Professional Communicators. Weisgerber won three first place awards in the categories of Poster/Flier for BSC's spring musical, in Special Supplement for a *Mystician* feature about a student journalism conference in New York City, and best overall Yearbook/Literary Magazine for her editing and production work on "Figments of Imagination." Her second place awards were in Personality Profile for a piece on BSC English instructor John Berry, and in the Short Fiction/Poetry category for writing published in "Figments of Imagination." Weisgerber's personal column for the student newspaper received third place. **Wade Shaver**, a member of the *Mystician* staff, received honorable mention in the Personality Profile category.

Weisgerber has been editor of the *Mystician* since Fall 2002. She is a collaborative student pursuing a B.A. degree from Dickinson State University and works as textbook coordinator in the BSC Bookstore.

BSC staff members present at HEUG Conference

More than 20 BSC employees attended and five were presenters at the N.D. Higher Education User Group (HEUG) Conference in Minot April 11-12.

The N.D. HEUG Conference was patterned after the annual conference of the nationwide HEUG and featured topics and information geared specifically to North Dakota users of PeopleSoft/Oracle products. Campus and NDUS staff members presented the sessions and led the discussions.

Linda Fossum served on the NDUS Inter-Functional Team that worked with the various ConnectND user groups to plan and organize the conference. She said the conference was very helpful to staff.

“The user groups had a chance to network in person and find out how staff on other campuses resolve common problems with ConnectND,” Fossum said.

BSC employees presented the following sessions:

Sandy Fried (co-presenter):	Making the Pieces Fit: Student Program/Plan Strategies
Kathie Bourgois:	National Student Loan Clearing House
Karla Gabriel (co-presenter):	Road to Success Birds of a Feather Shortcuts and Lessons Learned
Linda Greenstein (co-presenter):	Loan Processing Roundtable Pell Grant Reconciliation
Karla Mongeon Stewart:	Balancing Accounts Receivable to the General Ledger

Other BSC employees who attended the conference were **Andrene Krein, Deidre Pugh, JoAnna Smith, Jeff Jacobs, Tom Leno, Tammy Heupel, Mike Kubisiak, Darwin Fitzgerald, Mary Eisenbraun, Stefanie Two Crow, Greg Ross, Kevin Kyes, Rita Lindgren, Paula Kemnitz** and **Carla Sivesand**.

Faculty and Staff News

Lynette Borjeson Painter, assistant professor of computer information systems, passed the CIW (Certified Internet Webmaster) v5 E-Commerce Designer exam in early May. This was the third of a series of three exams required for the Master CIW Designer track. **Borjeson Painter** also was chosen to be one of two state advisers for the North Dakota Phi Beta Lambda for the 2006-07 academic year. PBL is the collegiate version of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

Amy Helgeson, assistant professor of computer information systems, recently re-wrote the CIW (Certified Internet Webmaster) Site Designer exam giving her the title of CIW Associate Site Design Specialist. The Site Designer exam is prepped for in the Web Page Development and Design course CIS 251 Site Design.

Michelle Lindblom, assistant professor of art, and **Dan Leingang**, associate professor of math, advisors for BSC's chapter of Phi Theta Kapa, attended the Advisor Education Pre-Conference before the Phi Theta Kappa International Conference in Seattle in April. **Leingang** gave two presentations with Norm Bates of Cochise College of Arizona titled, "Building a Chapter Officer Team." The pre-conference featured intensive instruction for new and seasoned advisors in program implementation, chapter success strategies, and opportunities for networking with peers.

Bruce Emmil, ETO program manager/instructor, and **Joan Kleven**, ETO advisor, attended the Electric Power Conference in Atlanta, Ga., May 1-6 to market the energy programs.

Jan Dralle, CCE information processing specialist, and **Julie Wilson**, CCE office manager, traveled to Niagara Falls, Canada, May 3-5 for the 10th Annual ACEware Users Conference.

Carla Braun Hixson, associate vice president for CCE, and **Lori Heinsohn**, director of CCE, attended the Minnesota Council for Continuing Education and Customized Training Conference in Alexandria, Minn., May 3-5.

Daniel Schmidt, ETO program manager/instructor, attended the Center for the Advancement of Process Technology National Steering Committee Meeting in Newark, N.J., May 8-10.