

FYI Campus Newsletter

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New homepage design to be launched Friday

If you've been hearing about a newly designed homepage for BSC, you've been hearing correctly. On Friday you will see the results of this months-long project.

Work on the new design has been a collective effort with assistance from the Web Advisory Committee (part of the Infusing Technology Team), and other departments, including marketing and communications. Assisting Web development specialist **Dr. Patrick Bjork** with design work were **Doug McClay**, multimedia specialist/online instructional design, and **Crystal Forster**, public information assistant.

A survey by the Web Advisory Committee last spring served as the impetus for the project. In addition, a beta testing group provided feedback on the new design. Many of the suggestions were incorporated into the product you'll see tomorrow.

Throughout the summer, the entire Web site will be revised to reflect the new homepage design.

Here are some tips for getting accustomed to the new homepage. When in doubt about where to find information, use the Quick Links. The Site Index link (bottom, right corner) is also very helpful, or you can always do a search.

New transportation program begins this fall

BSC begins a new two-year degree program this fall that will educate graduates for work in the transportation industry. Transportation and Supply Chain Management was developed in collaboration with the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) and North Dakota State University in Fargo and emphasizes the business end of the industry.

“The program deals with the movement of people, raw materials, and finished goods,” says **Dr. Jane Schulz**, BSC dean of instruction. “Graduates will have opportunities in trucking, airlines, transportation agencies, shipping services, distribution centers, and other supply chain employment.”

Study includes a general education component and specialized classes in business, accounting, management, electronic commerce, transportation regulation and safety, and geographic information system (GIS) technology. Students earn an associate in applied science degree and can qualify for a variety of jobs. Contact person for the program is **Jim Wright**, associate professor of management and chair of the Business Department.

To read the news release, go to “News and Events.”

BSC program presents first safety designation

It was a first for North Dakota and for the North Dakota Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program at BSC. During a news conference in Fargo May 19, the NDOSH awarded the first Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) designation to a North Dakota company.

Gov. John Hoeven presented a plaque recognizing Tecton Products LLC as the first North Dakota company receiving the SHARP designation to Tecton president John Jambois. The Fargo-based company is a major supplier of components to original equipment manufacturers in the window, door, building and refrigeration industries.

Al Koch, manager of the NDOSH Consultation Program at BSC, spoke at the news conference. He said the company began the voluntary SHARP designation process with a comprehensive site audit conducted by the program he manages. In addition to the audit, companies must correct all identified hazards, demonstrate effective safety and health programs, and maintain injury rates below the national average for their industry for three years.

The NDOSH program consultants work for BSC through an OSHA grant, which was established to help small businesses with fewer than 250 employees with high hazards. The safety and health consultations are free, non-punitive and confidential.

BSC Foundation approves grants

The BSC Foundation Programs Committee recently approved a total of \$29,676 in grants to fund equipment, speakers, student publications, campus events, and educational travel by students and faculty. Fourteen projects were funded with distributions between \$300 and \$5,948. Applicants and their grant awards:

- Paramedic Technologies Program – \$5,948, video enhancement equipment for BSC/F-M Ambulance program to provide skill demonstrations and program marketing to rural networks over IVN.
- English/journalism discipline - \$5,000, partial-publishing costs for Figments of Imagination.
- Music discipline - \$3,500, BSC ChoirFest music, guest conductor fee, marketing.
- Phi Theta Kappa - \$2,400, PTK international convention in Dallas.
- BSC Security - \$1,980, Public Access Automatic external defibrillator for VocTech building.
- Surgical Technology - \$1,900, surgical instrument tray.
- Chemistry - \$1,700, regional junior and senior high school Science Olympiad, elementary Science Olympiad; supplies and participant and team awards.
- English discipline – \$1,500, Visiting Writers Series ('05-'06), speaker fees.
- Board of Governors - \$1,500, National Student Advocacy Conference, Washington D.C.
- BSC Library - \$1,448, summer student internship at BSC Library Archives worth nine credit hours in Public History from North Dakota State University.
- Corporate and Continuing Education – \$1,000, BSC Music Institute, Suzuki-based instruction for students age 4 to 18; instructor fees, supplies, marketing.

- Certified Nursing Assistant Program - \$1,000, geriatric manikin for teaching personal care.
- Staff Senate - \$500, Staff Development Day, presenters.
- Automotive Technology - \$300, information booth at N.D. Automotive Dealers Association Convention.

Padgett brings nuclear power expertise to faculty

Raised in San Antonio and on the seas 30 years as a U.S. Navy commander, **Phil Padgett** says North Dakota looks like Texas hill country near his hometown. Padgett does online course development and instruction for BSC's Nuclear Power Technology program. He is currently sharing office space in VocTech Center Room 212B with instructional designer **Michelle Olsen**. Padgett most recently designed curriculum and databases for schools and colleges through his company Paragon Consulting in Pocatello, Idaho, and San Antonio. He also worked at a DOE nuclear facility in Golden, Colo. Padgett has a BS in marine engineering and naval architecture from the U.S. Naval Academy and master's in education from Idaho State University. He has a son and daughter and enjoys sailing and fly fishing.

Mary Jo Prochnow retires May 26

Mary Jo Prochnow has spent the past 14 years helping students and others who visit the Student Union – and that's a lot of people. Prochnow is retiring May 26 from her position as administrative secretary for the Director of Student Life. The front line person in the Union greeting people who needed questions answered, she also was the contact for students applying to live on campus.

"It's been a fun job," she said. "I've enjoyed working with the students and helping them in any way I could."

She also worked with the Board of Governors, assisting with their student dances and other campus activities. A member of the N.D. Statewide Housing Officers Association, she helped host the association's Strength Through Sharing conference two years ago.

Prochnow is planning plenty of activities to stay busy. She'll spend the summer golfing on sunny days, and working on a water pond in the back yard to enhance their rock garden. Since her husband Dennis retired last year, they will be free for more visits to grandchildren – seven in Wahpeton and two in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Faculty and Staff News

Margie Enerson, marketing coordinator, traveled to Orlando, Fla., May 8-10 for the Platts-Managing the Aging Energy Workshop.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, attended the Central Association of College and University Business Officers board meeting in Cincinnati May 15-16.

Bruce Emmil and **Kevin Holmstrom**, energy technology online program managers, **Dave Clark**, executive vice president, and **Bill Wahlman**, ETO programs director, attended the EPCE Coalition meeting in Richmond, Va., May 17-20.

Jeanne Masseth, training manager, traveled to Chicago May 24-25 for a workshop on "Developing a Sustainable Mentoring System."