

FYI Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – May 3, 2007

BSC athletics featured in JUCO Review magazine

BSC is featured on the cover and in the center spread as “College of the Month” in the April issue of JUCO Review, the official publication of the National Junior College Athletic Association. The feature story provides an overview of the college, with emphasis on BSC’s athletic program. **Vicki Voskuil**, public information specialist, wrote the feature with research assistance from **Dee Bertsch**, administrative assistant, and **Buster Gilliss**, director of athletics.

BSC welcomes new employee

Elwood Hines, mail-delivery clerk, was in the U.S. Army 12 ½ years in the logistics and supply field, serving stateside, in Korea and Somalia, and as part of the U.N. multi-national force in Egypt. He moved to North Dakota in 1995 and worked in car sales and leasing at Bill Barth Ford, as a rural carrier for the Mandan Post Office and pit boss at Prairie Knights Casino for 10 years. Hines is a graduate of Pennsgrove High School in Carneys Point, N.J., and attended Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas, in business administration. He has two young daughters and enjoys racquetball, cooking, reading, movies, and his church.

ArtsQuest 2007 in closing days

Just a few events remain for ArtsQuest: student solo music performances at noon today in the Leach Music Center, and student-directed short plays at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. today in the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium. Watch your e-mail tomorrow for the location of Rock the Lawn. If the weather doesn’t cooperate for the day-long music and comedy fest, the location will probably be the BSC Armory.

McCormack interview could be aired on History Channel

Sometime in the future, you may see our resident historian, Michael McCormack, on the History Channel. A television producer who was in Bismarck to interview Century High School teachers Mary Palmer and Perry Lee interviewed McCormack last week. Palmer and Lee, a 1980 BSC alum, are the 2007 National Save Our History Teachers of the Year, and the documentary about them will be shown at an upcoming award presentation.

The producer interviewed McCormack because for the past several years students of Palmer and Lee consulted McCormack for historical references and used him as a “talking head” in their videos. Palmer and Lee’s combined class of history and English students produced a Vietnam War documentary, which received national recognition from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in addition to the History Channel award.

McCormack said, “The producer liked it (McCormack’s interview) so much... that he had me sign a release for possible use on some History Channel ‘save our heritage’ special.”

Computer science student accepted for institute

Computer science student **Joshua Wynn** has been accepted to the Computational and Systems Biology Summer Institute (CSBSI) at Iowa State University beginning in June. The CSBSI program includes a two-week short course consisting of lectures by internationally renowned faculty, instruction in computer programming for bioinformatics, and computer laboratory sessions to apply these concepts. The short course is followed by a seven-week internship, which includes working on individual research projects with ISU faculty, preparing final project presentations, and other activities.

Originally from Anchorage, Alaska, Wynn has lived in Bismarck for 11 years. He plans to transfer to UND this fall.

Karen Arlien, assistant professor of computer science, was informed of this opportunity for her students through membership in the Association for Computing Machinery.

BSC places in computer programming contest

BSC students placed well in the computer-programming contest at the Midwest Instruction and Computing Symposium April 20-21 in Grand Forks. Students placed 21st out of 42 teams representing mostly four-year and Ph.D.-granting colleges in a six-state area. **Karen Arlien**, assistant professor of computer science, accompanied the BSC team composed of **Joshua Wynn**, Bismarck; **Jessica Boone**, Gladstone; and **Michelle Richard**, Belfield. Each competing team received a packet containing descriptions of seven problems to solve in two and a half hours. The BSC team solved one problem using logic and math skills and Java programming language to code solutions. Most of the top half of the field completed one problem. The winning team solved three problems and nearly 20 teams failed to complete any problems.

Carpentry student and MRCC student take first at SkillsUSA

Eric Wilson of Sterling took first place in Post Secondary Cabinet Making during the ND SkillsUSA State contest held at BSC April 22-24. A BHS graduate, Wilson had taken carpentry at the Bismarck Technical Center. He will represent North Dakota at the National SkillsUSA contest in Kansas City June 25-29.

Two students from the Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC) automotive technology program competed at the state contest. One was awarded first place in Job Skills Demonstration and fourth place in Job Interview. Another student placed second in Job Skill Demonstration and in Job Interview.

PHOTO CUTLINE: The BSC Concert Choir sang for residents of the Waterford on April 27. Two BSC former presidents enjoyed the concert. On the left, Dr. Kermit Lidstrom is standing behind Ralph Werner, who is a resident at the Waterford.

Energy career open house set May 8

Those considering a career in the energy industry can learn more about Process Plant Technology and Power Plant Technology education programs at an open house for high school students and parents from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, in the Technical Center, Room 202. Enter the building through the south doors.

Program instructors will answer questions and conduct tours of the lab facilities. Students also can talk with admissions and financial aid staff and representatives from the ethanol, refining, and power generation industries.

For more information about the open house and pre-registration, visit bismarckstate.edu/openhouse/ or contact **Ryan Caya**, assistant professor of power and process plant technology at 224-2412.

Summer hours begin May 14

BSC offices and the Bookstore will observe summer hours May 14 through August 10. During those 13 weeks, offices and the Bookstore will be open to the public 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fridays. A flyer for posting these hours will be e-mailed soon. Some employees may also want to change their voice mail message and e-mail signature information.

Faculty and Staff News

Jason Matthews, alumni coordinator, graduated from Leadership Bismarck-Mandan this spring. He was selected to be the class representative for the Leadership Class and gave comments at the graduation. Sponsored by the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce, the seven-month program prepares young professionals to become effective and progressive community leaders.

Dr. Donna Fishbeck, dean of student development, attended the 2007 National Association of Personnel Administrators Conference in Orlando April 1-4.

Albert Koch, OSHA manager, traveled to Newport, R.I., April 9-13 for the Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Manager's Conference.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, traveled to Indianapolis April 12-13 for the Central Association of Colleges and University Business Officers Workshop.

Daniel Leingang, associate professor of math, **Michelle Lindblom**, assistant professor of art, and **Dr. Larry C. Skogen**, president, accompanied students to the Phi Theta Kappa International Conference in Nashville April 12-14.

Mika Olson, assistant professor of electrical lineworker, accompanied students to the Annual College Lineworker's Rodeo at Pratt Community College in Pratt, Kan., April 12-16.

Dr. Wayne Boekes, provost, traveled to Tampa April 14-17 for the 87th Annual American Association of Community Colleges Conference.

Karla Gabriel, dean of admissions, attended the Second Annual Conference on the Prairie in Aberdeen, S.D., April 15-17.

Attending the Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting in Chicago April 20-24 were **Dr. Larry C. Skogen**, president; **Dr. Jane Schulz**, dean of instruction; **Dr. Drake Carter**, associate vice president of academic affairs; **Dr. Amy Juhala**, assistant professor of English, and **Dr. Wayne Boekes**, provost.

Martin Nielsen, OSHA Safety and Health Consultant, is attending the Safety and Health in Chemical Processing Industries OSHA #3300 Seminar in Wilmington, Del., April 23-May 7.

Lane Huber, director of distance education, attended the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Steering Board meeting in Portland April 24-26.

Daniel Schmidt, energy technology online program manager/instructor, traveled to Bellingham, Wash., April 30-May 1 for the Center for the Advancement of Process Technology National Steering Committee meeting.

Technology Occupations Student Loan Forgiveness Now Available

College graduates employed in technology-related occupations in North Dakota may be eligible for student loan forgiveness through a program coordinated by the North Dakota University System and the Bank of North Dakota.

The program provides loan forgiveness of up to \$1,000 per year for a maximum of three years. To qualify for loan forgiveness, an applicant must have:

- Graduated from a college approved by the State Board of Higher Education (including public and private colleges and universities)
- Successfully completed an SBHE-approved, technology-related program
- Maintained at least a cumulative 2.5 grade point average based on a 4.0 grading system
- Obtained a student loan from the Bank of North Dakota or other participating lender and must not be in default on that student loan and
- Been employed in an SBHE-approved technology occupation in North Dakota for at least one year following graduation.

Applicants who meet these qualifications will be considered based on the date their applications are received in the NDUS office, but no later than June 30, 2007. Award recipients will be notified by July 31, 2007. Applicants must apply or re-apply annually for new or continued funding.

More information is available by calling Peggy Wipf, NDUS director of financial aid and federal relations, at 328-4114 or at www.ndus.nodak.edu and clicking on Student and Parent Information/Financial Aid.