

FYI Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College ~ November 17, 2005

ChoirFest draws top singers, concert set Saturday

BSC hosts nearly 70 singers from area high schools during the 11th annual ChoirFest, a two-day music education and concert event for talented vocalists in their junior and senior years.

Guest conductor Dr. Matthew Fritz, a clinician and performer who teaches and directs choral activities at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania, leads the 107-voice Festival Chorus of high school and BSC students in a public concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

Students from 11 high schools will spend Nov. 18 in workshops and rehearsals with Fritz and receive mentoring from BSC choir members. Participants were selected by their high school choral directors based on musical ability, interest in music, and commitment to their high school chorus. ChoirFest is funded by a grant from the BSC Foundation.

TV program on energy in North Dakota airs Nov. 17

Several BSC employees talk about BSC's energy programs in the Prairie Public Television documentary "Energy: Powering North Dakota's Economy." The one-hour program airs at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday Nov. 17) on Prairie Public TV. Interviews in the latter part of the program were videotaped in the BSC Technical Center.

Bismarck dealership donates vehicles to BSC

Bismarck Honda Nissan Hyundai recently donated a 2002 Infiniti Q45 and a 2001 Infiniti I30 to BSC's Automotive Technology program. The dealership's general manager, Daniel Dwyer, and Tom Wolbaum, parts and service director, presented the vehicles to BSC faculty members.

Lee Friese, chairperson of the BSC Transportation and Construction Department, said the vehicles will be used for teaching vehicle electronics, chassis and power trains. He said donations of this type give students additional learning opportunities for import vehicles and provide them with a greater breadth of knowledge across diverse car lines.

Jazz and chamber groups perform Nov. 22

The BSC music program presents the Jazz Ensemble and BSC chamber groups in concert Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

Leading off the concert is the Woodwind Ensemble with Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusic" arranged by **Dr. John Darling**, assistant professor of music. The group also performs the Lennon/McCartney tune, "When I'm Sixty-Four."

Darling directs the Brass Ensemble in three selections, including Johann Pezel's Sonata No. 1. Adjunct instructor **Adam Halverson** leads the Percussion Ensemble in "Matrix Minuet" and a Latin-inspired piece.

The Jazz Ensemble concludes the program with jazz standards including a swing number arranged by Darling that features fiddler Preston Schmidt. Other student soloists are Andrea Ficek, trumpet, and vocalists Courtney Olson and Danielle Stadick.

Spanish 101 for health-care workers begins in January

BSC is offering Spanish 101 for health-care workers during the 2006 spring semester. Anyone can enroll in the class, which will teach participants how to collect clinical data such as medical history and symptoms from Spanish-speaking patients. The Bismarck area medical community requested the course.

BSC adds night classes for transportation program

BSC will offer two evening classes spring semester in its new Transportation and Supply Chain Management program. Classes will meet once a week to accommodate the many working people who have expressed interest in the program, said **Dr. Jane Schulz**, BSC dean of instruction.

Introduction to Transportation will be held Mondays from 5:20-8 p.m. and Transportation Regulation and Safety is scheduled Thursdays from 5:20-8 p.m. These two courses fulfill half the required technical courses for the two-year program, which emphasizes the business end of the industry. Study also includes a general education component and specialized classes in business, accounting, management, electronic commerce, and geographic information system (GIS) technology.

Allen will write professional paper

Zachery Allen, Energy Technology Online research and development coordinator, has received notification that his abstract for a proposed paper on "WebLab – Comprehensive Remote Laboratory System" was accepted for possible presentation at the American Society for Engineering Education convention next summer in Chicago. Allen submitted the abstract to the Division of Experimentation and Laboratory Oriented Studies (DELOS) at Millersville University in Pennsylvania for review and nomination. A decision by DELOS is expected by Feb. 17.

The American Society for Engineering Education is a nonprofit organization of individuals, colleges, corporations, professional associations, and government agencies committed to furthering engineering education and technology.

Bertsch recognized as Optimist volunteer

Lonnie Bertsch, assistant professor of commercial art, has received his second Roger L. Haas Memorial Outstanding Optimist of the Year Award from the Dakota Minnesota Manitoba (DMM) District of Optimists International. Bertsch received the award during the district's convention Oct. 22-23 in Worthington, Minn. He is the only person to have received the award twice.

The local Missouri Valley Optimist Club nominated Bertsch, current board director and club-building chairman, and DMM governor's assistant for the fourth year. The award recognizes, in part, his volunteer activities and efforts to organize two new clubs this year – the BSC Energy Club, the first college club in the district, and the Missouri Valley Octagon Club, a group of home-schooled young people. Bertsch has gone on to mentor four other DMM clubs trying to organize college affiliates, and two were chartered Sept. 28.

Hurricane Relief Team raises about \$400

The BSC Hurricane Relief Team has raised about \$400 since launching the project Oct. 26 on Campus Development Day. BSC has contacted Louisiana Technical College, where officials will accept the monetary donations to purchase school supplies for their students affected by the recent hurricanes in the Gulf Coast. Sponsors are the BSC Energy/Optimist Club, BSC chapter of SkillsUSA, and the BSC Building Community Team.

Faculty and Staff News

Carla Braun Hixson, associate vice president for CCE, and **Karen Selensky**, conference manager, presented a session on conference management at the National Council for Continuing Education and Training conference Oct. 16-19 in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, attended the Central Association of Colleges and University Business Officers Meeting in Dallas Oct. 28-29.

Dr. Donna S. Thigpen, president, traveled to Washington, D.C., Nov. 1-3 for meetings with Senator Dorgan, Senator Conrad and Congressman Pomeroy, and the American Association of Community Colleges fall commission meetings.

Richard Malsam, assistant professor of automotive collision technology, traveled to Las Vegas Nov. 1-4 to attend the National Automotive Expo.

Zachery Allen, ETO research and development coordinator, and **Dan Schmidt**, ETO program manager, attended the Midwest Individual System Operator/System Operator Trainers Working Groups Conference in Minneapolis Nov. 9.

Kyren Miller, ETO instructor, met with Omaha Public Power District in Omaha Nov. 15-16.