

FYI **Campus Newsletter**

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BSC play, 'Almost, Maine,' opens Nov. 5

Love in nine short stories sparkles and wanes under the northern lights in "Almost, Maine," a new, acclaimed romantic comedy by John Cariani presented Nov. 5-9 by BSC Theatre.

Performances of this delightful midwinter night's dream begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

The night crackles with cold and possibility as 19 residents of this mythical small town converge at the same hour on the same December evening to explore life and love under an electrifying light show.

Each scene has parts of a love story – unfinished and undefined, much like the town itself. Almost, Maine doesn't exist because it never got around to incorporating as a town. Yet in the scheme of life's important moments, Almost is everywhere.

"Just under the surface is a sense of grace that occasionally we get a glimpse of but are not always aware of," said director Dan Rogers, associate professor of theatre/speech.

300 students scheduled for Explore BSC Nov. 5

About 300 area high school students will visit BSC Nov. 5 to find out about the college's academic degrees and technical programs.

Explore BSC begins at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome in the BSC Armory. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., students will attend up to 2-3 sessions of their choice around campus to talk to faculty and view demonstrations in their field of interest.

Registered participants will have an opportunity to sign up to win a \$1,000 scholarship from the BSC Foundation. Door prizes and lunch will also be provided.

Clay Jenkinson will present humanities series at BSC

Bismarck State College has appointed Clay Jenkinson as BSC's Distinguished Scholar of the Humanities for the fall and spring semesters.

A Rhodes and Danforth scholar known nationally as an interpreter of Thomas Jefferson, Jenkinson will present a series of public lectures and discussions in dialogue with BSC President Larry C. Skogen beginning Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium. The format includes audience participation.

Jenkinson and Skogen will use the BSC Campus Read novel by Sherman Alexie, “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian,” to engage in a wide-ranging discussion of Native American issues. Topics will include race relations, the role of federal government on Indian lands, cultural resurgence, the future of dual sovereignty, and use of Native American motifs by non-Indians.

“My goal is to ensure that people know BSC has a very strong, robust liberal arts and humanities focus as evidenced by our music program, drama, Campus Read, ArtsQuest, visual arts, and so much more,” Skogen said. “Adding a distinguished scholar of the humanities to our family enhances the wonderful curriculum, and there is none better to do that than Clay.”

Read the full news release and other topics for the year at bismarckstate.edu/news/spotlight

BSC welcomes new employees

Mary Fisk, snack bar cashier, attended BSC’s Commercial Art program for one year and spent two semesters at Dickinson State University in general studies. Fisk worked 12 years as a digitizer for Dakota Collectibles in Bismarck. She also ran a daycare business out of her home for 12 years. Fisk graduated from Mandan High School and enjoys scrap booking, stamping and camping. She and husband Richard have a son, Ryan, 24.

Mary Kramer, food service worker, commutes from her hometown of Linton, where she and husband James have a farm. She became a Certified Nurse Assistant in 2005 through the Strasburg Care Center, where she was a dietary aide and did resident care. She has worked since 1994 as supervisor/trainer for Quality Photo Frame, a manufacturing company in Strasburg. Kramer was a restaurant waitress in Linton for 12 years and a girl Friday at Bosch Bayside Resort near Linton for seven years. Kramer graduated from Emmons Central High School in Strasburg. The Kramers have a son and a daughter and enjoy gardening.

Keana Schuler, energy technology programs instructor, earned a BA in university studies from Dickinson State University in December 2007. She graduated from BSC with an AAS in power/process plant technology (’97) and AS in pre-nursing (’93). Schuler worked as an operator at Dakota Gasification Co. synfuels plant in Beulah. She founded and managed her own residential and commercial cleaning company, KMS Cleaning, for six years in Bismarck. Schuler held various positions at the Bismarck and Mandan post offices over a seven-year period and was a sales and marketing rep at Cook Sign Co. A Washburn native, Schuler enjoys boating, snow skiing and traveling. She has three children, Jaden, 11, Mariah, 9, and Tanaya, 4.

Dorinda Sailer, biology lab coordinator, attended BSC for two years and earned a BS in biology from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion in 1996. She has worked the past 12 years in the Surgical Services Department of St. Alexius Medical Center, mostly in computer support. Sailer recently worked as the department’s institutional review board specialist, assisting with research review. A native of Bismarck, Sailer enjoys photography and exercising. She and husband Terry have two daughters, ages 9 and 11.

Anselm Ternes, residential carpentry lab assistant, has worked in the construction business since 1977. He began in his father’s company, Ternes & Sons Construction, in Mandan, which focused on home building. In 1985, he became a self-employed general contractor, forming Ternes Construction with his brothers. They focused on small commercial work. Ternes graduated from

Mandan High School and enjoys fishing, hunting, snow skiing and ice fishing. He and his wife Marilyn have three sons, Keenan, 14, Slade, 17, and Nick, 20, a BSC student.

Custodian **Karen Saylor** works in the NECE building. She was employed at the Missouri Valley Family YMCA the past eight years, first in childcare, and the last two years as receptionist for the childcare reception desk. A native of Bismarck, Saylor graduated from St. Mary's Central High School and was a stay-at-home mom for a while. She and husband Darin have three daughters ages 19, 16, 13, and a son, 11. Saylor enjoys jogging, fitness training, and teaching in her church's religious education program.

Kristi Tetzloff, customer support and transcript request specialist, was an administrative assistant at Goldmark Property Management in Bismarck. A native of Mandan, Tetzloff graduated from BSC in 2002 with an AAS in computer support specialist. She and husband, Robert Tetzloff, a Navy seaman, lived in San Diego the past five years, where Kristi worked as a graphic designer for Pacific Graphics. They have a daughter, Alayna, 3. Kristi likes to scrapbook and to sew and is a member of and volunteer for Designer Genes of Bismarck and the National Association of Down Syndrome.

NECE receptionist **Rachelle Smith** earned an AAS in secretarial science from BSC in 1990. Smith was office coordinator for the Medcenter One Foundation and secretary at Heartland Child Nutrition. She worked three years as development assistant for the Girl Scouts of Sakakawea Council and was décor coordinator at Lady J's Catering. Smith spent 13 years in California and Wisconsin doing administrative assistant work for companies in the newspaper, real estate and healthcare industries. She and husband Vince Smith, a BSC lineworker graduate, have a son, 14, and daughter, 12. Rachelle is a native of Bowbells and enjoys reading, computers and decorating.

Faculty and Staff News

Linda Greenstein, financial aid programs coordinator, attended the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Conference in Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 18-22.

Michael McCormack, professor of history, was guest speaker at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Nov. 19. With the topic "Politics and Pulpit," McCormack gave a brief overview of the early North Dakota Norwegian and German-Russian clergy's involvement on political issues.

Bruce Emmil, associate vice president of energy technology programs, traveled to Washington, D.C., Oct. 20-22 for the Dept. of Energy Visualization and Controls Peer Review Program.

Craig Kleven, assistant professor of agriculture, technology and natural resources, **Carmel Miller**, associate professor of ATNR, and **Bobbi Bingeman**, ATNR instructor, accompanied 39 students to Minneapolis Oct. 21-23 for the annual ATNR Club Fall Field Trip. Highlights included visiting the North Dakota Beef Center for Excellence, Fargo; the Cenex Harvest States Corporate Headquarters, Inver Grove Heights, Minn.; CHS Grain Terminal in Savage; Pine Bind Fertilizer Distribution Center in Rosemount; Land O' Lakes Corporate Headquarters, Arden Hills; and the Minneapolis Grain Exchange. Cenex of Bismarck-Mandan primarily sponsored the trip. The Burleigh County and Morton County Farmer's Union was also a sponsor.

Dr. Jane Schulz, associate vice president for academic affairs, traveled to Indianapolis Oct. 25-29 for the Assessment Institute.

Elmer Weigel, chief information services officer, and **Lynette Borjeson Painter**, associate professor of computer information systems, traveled to Salt Lake City Oct. 18-22 for the League for Innovation – 2008 Conference on Information Technology.

Donna Fricke, career resources coordinator, traveled to Cincinnati Oct. 21-25 for the National Career Pathways Network-Leadership Conference.

Dr. Larry C. Skogen, president, attended the Association of Community College Trustees Annual Congress in New York City Oct. 29-Nov. 1.