

Bismarck State College – October 12, 2004

BSC faculty and students present at arts summit

Several BSC faculty and students from the Arts & Communications Department will present topics at the North Dakota Arts and Humanities Summit in Minot Oct. 15-16.

Karen Bauer, journalism instructor, and student **Jennifer Weisgerber** will head a program on the BSC student publication, *Figments of Imagination*, a journal of literature and art.

Dr. Thomas Porter, associate professor of music, and assistant art professors **Michelle Lindblom** and **Brian Hushagen** will discuss BSC's month-long ArtsQuest, a campus-wide celebration of music, art, theater, literature, and dance held in April. **Julie Gard**, assistant professor of English, and students **Amanda Pesek**, **Jessica Nueharth**, and **Jennifer Weisgerber** will present "Making Connections: Study of Literature as Interdisciplinary Pursuit."

They are among 150 faculty and students showcasing talent from BSC, UND, NDSU, the state universities in Minot, Dickinson, Valley City and Mayville, and the University of Manitoba. Organizers say about 300 people are expected at the summit, which includes a keynote address by former poet laureate Robert Pinsky. All events are free. For more information visit www.minotstateu.edu/ahsummit/.

Dr. Kajencki has book published for educational series

Dr. AnnMarie Kajencki, associate professor of English, has been published by the Rosen Publishing Group of New York. Her book "Count Casimir Pulaski: From Poland to America, a Hero's Fight for Liberty," is part of the Power Plus Books of American Times and Lives, a biographical series of American historical figures geared for readers ages nine through adult. To write the Pulaski book, Kajencki used the original research of her father, Francis Casimir Kajencki, retired U.S. Army Colonel and military historian, tailoring the style, vocabulary, organization, and content for the educational series.

Dr. Kajencki will be featured and give a reading from her book during the opening reception of the Terry Wiklund Exhibit, "Smoke and Mirrors," in the Gannon Gallery in the BSC Library on Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m.

For more than ten years Dr. Kajencki has served as manuscript consultant for Southwest Polonia Press, critically reviewing the firm's manuscripts primarily relating to American history. She attended the Pulaski Jubilee in Savannah, Ga., this month to celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Savannah and to promote her father's most recent

work, *The Pulaski Legion*, the first comprehensive history in 225 years on the Pulaski Legion.

BSC gets notice in national Rural Electric Magazine

BSC's electric power technology program is prominently featured in Rural Electric Magazine's October issue cover story. The magazine is published by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The story focuses on efforts of electric co-operatives to stay ahead of the great number of lineworker retirements expected over the next five years. BSC is cited as a provider of online classes in electric power technology for lineworkers, meter testers and substation technicians.

Quoted in the article are BSC executive vice president **Dave Clark** and students Sherri Stout, engineering service representative at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative in Sierra Vista, Ariz., and lineman John Weisdorfer at Springer Electric Cooperative in Springer, N.M.

Lindblom's paintings are 'on the road'

"Northern Lights," a painting by **Michelle Lindblom**, assistant professor of art and Arts & Communications chair, will be part of the Celebrating Explorers traveling exhibition for Bismarck's Lewis and Clark Signature Event Oct. 22-31 at the University of Mary. Lindblom also has a solo exhibition at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo through Nov. 21. Two other works were accepted into the American Southwest Juried Art Exhibition at the Reagan Presidential Library and Museum at Simi Valley, Calif., in late October.

21 instructors become assistant professors

Twenty-one instructors moved from non-tenure to tenure track positions July 1. The following received the title of assistant professor:

Karen Arlien, computer science; **Lonnie Bertsch**, commercial art; **Julie Gard**, English; **Amy Helgeson**, computer information systems; **Jean Hinton**, surgical technology; **Mike Holman**, power/process plant technology; **John Holtan**, power/process plant technology; **Brian Hushagen**, art; **Jayne Kiner**, biology; **Michelle Lindblom**, art; **Carmel Miller**, agriculture; **Katherine Netzer**, English; **Mika Olson**, electrical line worker; **Lynnette Borjeson Painter**, computer information systems; **Ryan Pitcher**, Spanish; **Jaelyn Raw**, English; **Todd Reidman**, automotive technology; **Nick See**, computer information systems; **Sean Thorenson**, commercial art; **Shirley Wilson**, accounting; **Vickie Wyant**, computer support specialist.

The above faculty received tenure track contracts under a new policy drafted by the Faculty Senate during 2003-04 and approved by President Donna Thigpen May 1, 2004. Under the new policy, faculty hired as non-tenured instructors can convert to tenure track by qualifying under new criteria. These criteria include recommendation by department chair, dean of faculty, and associate vice president for academic affairs; being hired into a viable position and in a program with stable or increasing enrollment; being hired into a

new position that is at least three years old and stable/increasing enrollment; or holding a position previously held by a tenured or tenure track faculty member.

Faculty and Staff News

Pat Gross, audiovisual/IVN/ITV coordinator, was nominated to represent North Dakota on the steering committee of the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications (WCET). He is one of 11 official N.D. WCET official representatives. Founded by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education in 1989, WCET is a membership-supported organization open to providers and users of educational telecommunications. Members represent the higher education community, nonprofit organizations, schools and corporations. WCET's members span the globe, but most are in the U.S.

Marlene Anderson, director of library services, attended the 98th annual N.D. Library Association (NDLA) Conference in Minot, Sept. 22-24. As NDLA president-elect for 2003-04, she was the conference planning chair, and is now serving as NDLA president for 2004-05. As part of her presidential duties, Anderson serves on the N.D. Library Coordinating Council, which assists in planning, coordinating, and evaluating the services and programs of North Dakota libraries.

Keith Landeis, assistant professor of electrical lineworker, was re-elected to the board of the Mor Gran Sou Electric Cooperative at its recent annual meeting.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, attended the Central Association of College and University Business Officers Annual Meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., Oct. 1-6.

Dr. Donna S. Thigpen, president, traveled to New Orleans Oct. 7-9 for the Association of Community College Trustees Annual Conference. Attending with her were State Board of Higher Education members Dr. Richard Kunkel, Bruce Christianson (board president) and student member Kayla Effertz.

ConnectND October newsletter available

The October issue of eBulletin (the ConnectND newsletter) is available on line and in printable format at:

<http://www.nodak.edu/connectnd/repository/news/ebulletin-10-2004.pdf>

Articles include:

- State government going "live" Oct. 1
 - Grants, contracts system now NDUS major focus
 - Implementation begins on "final four"
 - System performance problems not related to software
 - Reports capture totals, tweaking provides consistency
 - PeopleSoft still battling Oracle bid
- and more...

Archived issues of the eBulletin are also available from the ConnectND Web site:

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