

FYI Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – October 18, 2006

Dr. Skogen delighted to return to North Dakota

Dr. Larry Skogen will become BSC's sixth chief executive officer on March 1, 2007. He was named president by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education on Monday, Oct. 16. (Read NDUS news release.)

An impromptu press conference took place after Dr. Skogen, along with his wife, Alison, returned to campus to accept the position.

Dr. Skogen, who was born and raised in Hettinger, said he was "ecstatic to be coming back to North Dakota and back to his roots."

Retired from a career in the Air Force, Dr. Skogen is academic dean and deputy superintendent for academic affairs at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N.M.

He said his initial interest in moving back to this part of the country from New Mexico was related to his desire to see his parents more than once a year. His parents are in their 80s and live in Spearfish, S.D. Once the decision was made to move, he said he began searching for positions.

He said when he started doing research on the Bismarck State position, he saw that BSC is was a very different place than when he had last been here in the '70s.

"I'm excited by the community college mission," he said. He cited BSC's wonderful transfer, technical, and the energy education programs, and the "wonderful concept" of the National Energy Center of Excellence. Asked by a reporter what his priority would be when he started, Skogen said, "Energy has to be a priority. The faculty and staff will also help me determine other priorities."

He said the timing of beginning March 1 was good for him because he will be able to participate in the legislative session in New Mexico in January and February.

Jenkinson discusses issues of the poor as Thomas Jefferson

BSC presents humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson in the character of Thomas Jefferson discussing issues of the poor in his time, followed by contemporary commentary by Jenkinson at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium.

The public appearance by the third president is presented at no charge and associated with the BSC Campus Read, a college-wide initiative in which faculty, staff and students read the same book. This year's choice is "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by social critic Barbara Ehrenreich.

The Thomas Jefferson presentation, introduced by history professor Michael McCormack, is one of several events taking place this fall based on the Campus Read, including classroom projects and discussion, and the theater department's staging of the play based on Ehrenreich's book.

Jenkinson, a native of Dickinson, has presented Jefferson in character since 1984 with portrayals in nearly every state before thousands of gatherings, from school children to state assemblies and the Supreme Court, and a White House event hosted by President Bill and Hillary Clinton. He is known among historians for his complete reading and study of Jefferson's writings and critical resources about Jefferson and was a major contributor to Ken Burns' public television series, "Jefferson."

For more information on the Campus Read, see the news release and flyer. PAT - CAN YOU PUT LINKS TO THE NEWS RELEASE I sent last week AND to the FLYER

BSC welcomes new employees

Kayla Heth earned an AA from BSC in 2004 and AAS in administrative assistant in 2006 before the college hired her Oct. 5 for the Student Development Office assistant position. Kayla most recently worked as a bookkeeper/receptionist for Johnson, Rodenburg, and Lauinger law firm in Bismarck. She was also a teacher aide at a Bismarck day care and office assistant at the Sheridan County courthouse in her hometown of McClusky. Heth loves animals and enjoys visiting her boyfriend's family farm in New Salem. She also enjoys basketball and volleyball.

Kate Swanson, cashier/accounts receivable, has a BS degree in accounting from the University of Mary and earned her AA from BSC in 2002. Swanson was administrative assistant for Midwest Business Systems in Bismarck for four years and also worked the front desk at the AmericInn. She grew up in Bowman and Bismarck and enjoys movies, shopping, watching the Minnesota Vikings, and being with friends and family.

David Ell, the new custodian in Werner Hall, worked for the City of Bismarck for 29 years and retired as building maintenance supervisor of the police department. Ell is a graduate of Bismarck High School and is married to Adele. They have one daughter who was married in May, and a cat named Goldie. Ell enjoys hunting, fishing, and gardening.

Lindblom paintings accepted into East Coast exhibits

Michelle Lindblom, assistant professor of art, had two pieces accepted into East Coast exhibits curated by the National Association of Women Artists, Inc., the oldest professional women's fine arts organization in the United States. Her painting "State of Flux" is currently on display at the Interchurch Center in New York City in a show called "Women and Spirituality." Lindblom's monotype, "Towards the Light," appeared this fall in the association's small works exhibit at Karpeles Library Museum in Newburgh, N.Y., and Port of Call Gallery in Warwick, N.Y.

Library staff, commercial art students have role in NDLA conference

Three members of the BSC Library attended the centennial conference of the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA) in Fargo, Sept. 20-22. Marlene Anderson, director of library services, was the conference exhibits chair, and Doug McClay, multimedia specialist/online instructional design, assisted with exhibitor set-up and technology at the

conference. Also attending was Liz Mason, technical services librarian.

As part of the special projects for the NDLA centennial conference, Anderson also chaired a committee to produce a cookbook and history of the association titled "Dakota Gold: NDLA Celebrates 100Years." To view sample pages, go to www.ndla.info

BSC students were also involved in the NDLA centennial through a logo design contest. Last spring, a design class taught by Sean Thorenson, assistant professor of commercial art, submitted 19 logos to the NDLA executive board for consideration. The winning design, submitted by Nicole Anderson, can be viewed on the NDLA website.

NDOSH presents 5th SHARP award

Timber Roots, manufacturer of trusses in Williston, received the fifth SHARP Award (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) in North Dakota. **Al Koch**, manager of the NDOSH Consultation Program at BSC, presented the OSHA certificate recognizing Timber Roots' SHARP status on Sept. 6.

Also attending from BSC were **Carla Braun Hixson**, associate vice president for Corporate and Continuing Education, and OSHA safety and health consultants **Martin Nielsen, Jason Rosdahl and Lee Huber**.

To become a SHARP company, Timber Roots went through a comprehensive site safety and health audit, corrected all identified hazards, demonstrated effective safety and health programs, and maintained injury rates below the national average for their industry.

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

Faculty and Staff News

Heather Sheehan, director of student life, along with **Catherine Klein**, Board of Governors and American Student Association of Community Colleges president, traveled to Washington, D.C., Sept. 18-20 for the ASACC Strategic Planning and Committee for Educational Funding Conference. Sheehan also accompanied Klein and other students to the ASACC National Student Citizenship Conference in Washington, D.C., Sept. 28-Oct. 3.

Martin Nielsen, OSHA safety and health consultant, attended the OSHA SOL Trainer Course in OSH Standards for General Industry in Lakewood, Colo., Sept. 17-22.

Dr. Elizabeth Pross, director of the Dakota Nursing Program, attended the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Technical Assistance for Grant Writing Meeting in San Diego Sept. 18-21.

Albert Koch, OSHA consultation program manager, attended an OSHA Construction

Training Seminar in Lakewood, Colo., Sept. 23-26.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, traveled to Chicago Sept. 24-25 for the Association of Colleges and University Business Officers Curriculum Taskforce Meeting.

Dr. Wayne Boekes, provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, and **Dave Clark**, executive vice president, traveled to Las Vegas Oct. 3-6 for the eCollege Presidents' Roundtable.

Dan Schmidt, energy technology online program manager/instructor, **Ryan Caya**, power and process plant technology instructor, and **Kyren Miller**, energy technology online course developer/instructor, attended the Center for Advancement of Process Technology (CAPT) Conference on Critical Issues and Best Practices in Houston Oct. 4-6.

Mike McCormack, professor of history, attended the Northern Great Plains History Conference where he served as a commentator and session chair. The conference was Oct. 4-7 in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Carmel Miller, assistant professor of agriculture, traveled to St. Louis Oct. 5-7 for the Agrowknowledge Fall Partner Meeting.

Jeff Jacobs, financial aid director, attended the Rocky Mountain Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Annual Conference Oct. 7-11 in Salt Lake City.

Dave Clark, executive vice president, traveled to Denver Oct. 13-17 for the Central Association of Colleges and Universities Business Officers Annual Meeting.

Dr. Val Howard, adjunct instructor of biology, participated as a judge for the Siemens Westinghouse Scholarship Competition, Oct. 13-17, in Princeton, N.J. The Siemens Foundation, in partnership with the College Board, established the Siemens Competition. The Competition promotes excellence by encouraging students to undertake individual or team research projects in science, mathematics, engineering and technology or in combinations of these disciplines.