

# *FYI* Campus Newsletter

Bismarck State College – September 7, 2007

## Jenkinson speaks on U.S. Constitution Sept. 17

Humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson becomes President Thomas Jefferson to discuss America's most important document on national U.S. Constitution Day.

The third president, who penned the Bill of Rights, discusses how he viewed the Constitution and how it has shaped our nation on Monday, Sept. 17, at Bismarck State College. Jenkinson's portrayal begins at 7:30 p.m. in Sidney J. Lee Auditorium and is presented at no charge.

"You couldn't get a better history lesson in terms of what it is to be an American," said Lynn Severson, BSC associate professor of English.

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. Jenkinson's radio program, "The Thomas Jefferson Hour," is heard Sundays at 11 a.m. on Prairie Public.

The program is part of a Constitution Day celebration on campus. Employees will emphasize signers of the Constitution by writing their names on sidewalks, while students have the opportunity to sign enlarged copies of the Constitution around campus. Enactors costumed in 1787 attire will serve refreshments at 11 a.m. in the BSC Student Union.

Activities are sponsored by BSC's Embracing Diversity Standing Committee. For details, call Lynn Severson at 224-5521.

## BSC signs support statement for National Guard & Reserve

BSC President Larry C. Skogen has signed a Five-Star Statement of Support of the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR). It is the highest level of commitment to reserve component employees that an employer can attain.

Major General David Sprynczynatyk, Adjutant General of the N.D. National Guard, soldiers of the reserve components and family members, ESGR Committee members, and BSC employees attended the signing Sept. 6 in the Student Union. Vern Fetch, executive director of the N.D. ESGR Committee, said this was the largest ESGR ceremony ever held in the state.

The statement of support confirms that BSC:

- Promotes training for managers and supervisors to effectively manage its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.
- Signed a Statement of Support publicly demonstrating its support for its employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.
- Reviewed its human resources policies to ensure compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-Employment Rights Act (USERRA).

- Adopted policies and programs that are “Above & Beyond” those required by the USERRA Law.
- Is an advocate for employee service in the National Guard and Reserve and will help to promote the mission of ESGR.

BSC joins several other Bismarck employers among 135 locations in the state that have signed the statements of support. Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense agency established in 1972. More information is available at [www.esgr.com](http://www.esgr.com)

## BSC will have float in parade Saturday

BSC will be represented in the United Tribes Parade of Champions on Saturday, Sept. 9, thanks to the efforts of **Karen Bauer**, journalism instructor; **Toby Lund**, president of the Board of Governors; and many others on campus. Bauer said students in BOG and other groups, visual art and other faculty, and staff are helping to make the entry successful.

BSC President Larry Skogen and Alumni Association board members will ride on a float, while students and others will walk the route and hand out BSC paraphernalia

Bauer said any students and employees who want to join the walkers should wear green and a BSC T-shirt, and meet at the northwest corner of the Capitol mall before the start of the parade at 10 a.m. Contact Bauer at 4-5522 for additional details.

## BSC welcomes new employee

**Lance Hendrickson**, rich media developer, graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead in 2003 with a BS in graphic communications. He worked in Bismarck for KAT Communications as a multimedia developer for three years and did Web design for Applied Engineering, Inc. A Dickinson native, Hendrickson enjoys golf, sports, and family activities. He and his wife, Melissa, are parents of Andrew, 1, and are expecting their second child.

## Gomez’s work with Space Grant Consortium results in scholarships

**Dr. Juan Gomez**, assistant professor of physics, attended the annual meeting of the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium in Mandan in May. As a result of his involvement with the Space Grant Consortium, BSC was awarded \$3,500 in scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year. Gomez says the scholarships will be awarded as one \$3,500 scholarship, two scholarships of \$1,750, or three scholarships of \$1,166. They are funded by NASA through the North Dakota Space Grant Consortium, of which BSC is a member.

## Tom Porter appointed vice-chair of Council on the Arts

The North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) recently announced that board member **Dr. Tom Porter**, BSC professor of music, was appointed as NDCA vice-chair. The board consists of eight members and one member-at-large, each of whom is appointed by the governor for a five-year term. More information on each of the board members, as well as the regions they represent, is available on the NDCA’s web site, [www.nd.gov/arts](http://www.nd.gov/arts).

## Faculty and Staff News

**Albert Koch**, OSHA consultation program manager, traveled to Arlington Heights, Ill., Aug. 20-23 for Applied Welding Principles Training at the OSHA Training Institute.

**Dan Schmidt**, energy technology programs manager, attended the Biofuels Financial Conference in Sioux Falls Aug. 21-23.

**Dr. Larry C. Skogen**, president, and **Bruce Emmil**, associate vice president for energy technology programs, traveled to Albany, N.Y., Aug. 26-28 to meet with officials from the U.S. Navy and Excelsior College about potential partnerships.

**Jason Rosdahl**, OSHA safety and health consultant, attended Industrial Noise Training in Arlington Heights, Ill., Aug. 27-31.