The members of North Dakota’s 63rd Legislative Assembly have convened and are working to reconcile North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple’s proposed budget with their individual and political perspectives of North Dakota’s booming economy, rapid growth, opportunities and challenges.

As the assembly hashes out the budget’s final form, BSC President Larry C. Skogen will be called upon to testify, justify and reply to the several items that affect BSC, its students and employees.

The governor recommended an increase of $89 million, or 14 percent over the last biennium, in funding for higher education. Some of the specific items that affect BSC include:

- Four new full-time security positions on campus
- 100 percent health care premium benefit continuation for employees
- Four percent pay raises for all system employees in 2013 and 2014
- Two percent increase per year in contributions to employee retirement plans shared equally between the state and the individual
- Operating budget increase of more than $7 million that includes both an equalization and a funding formula payment
- $13.3 million general fund appropriation for the Communications and Creative Arts Center

Not every item requested by BSC or the university system was recommended, but overall, Skogen is satisfied with the Governor’s recommendations, including the proposed $13.3 million for the Communications and Creative Arts Center, which will, among other purposes, replace the deteriorating library.

“My job is to go for a grand vision for the campus,” Skogen said of the $40 million he originally proposed for the center. “The governor recommended funding for our most immediate needs. That $13.3 million will ensure that the library, which has serious structural issues, can be replaced with a 21st century learning commons.

“Not only will we establish a better learning environment, the Center will bring our communications faculty together and allow us to move our art department out of the men’s residence hall – adding more beds on campus.”

Adding beds directly addresses the critical need for additional housing on campus.

In addition to advocating for BSC’s interests during the session, Dr. Skogen will provide support as requested to the North Dakota University System on the budget items affecting the whole system. One of the most significant of these is the new funding model for higher education.

According to Dave Clark, BSC executive vice president, the new funding model is a significant change for North Dakota. With the current model, funding increases year over year incrementally determined by the governor and the Legislature each biennium. The new model reflects enrollment and completion rates at each campus.

“The focus is on completed credit hours, so campuses receive the benefit of that,” Clark said. “The new model also considers the cost of providing courses and aligns the credits and cost of providing those credits. It’s a fairer approach to funding.”

As the numbers guy, Clark appreciates that the new model funds growth.

“As a growing campus we’ll see increased dollars,” he said. “In the past
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we’ve seen increased tuition collections when we grow, but not state support.”

Skogen said the Legislature has always been a strong supporter of higher education. According to the American Council on Education, since 1980 only North Dakota and Wyoming have increased state funding to higher education -- North Dakota by a conservative .8 percent, although the increases over the last four years have been much higher. All other states have reduced support anywhere from 14.8 to 69.4 percent during that timeframe, affecting tuition rates.

While support has been steady, the North Dakota higher education system has been under increased scrutiny in the past several years due to what Skogen calls “self-inflicted wounds.”

“Some legislators and citizens will be skeptical of what the system wants to do because of these, but North Dakotans know that what’s good for the state of North Dakota is good for the university system and vice versa,” Skogen said. “We have been blessed with great support historically and at BSC we take our stewardship of that support very seriously.”

The governor’s budget is a starting point for the 2013 Legislative Assembly, not the final product. Over the next almost four months the budget will be molded, edited and reshaped. According to Skogen, his goals are to see the governor’s proposed budget passed as close to its proposed state as possible.

BSC plans for a 21st century learning commons

A study funded by a grant from the North Dakota Office of Management and Budget showed that the BSC Library is deteriorating significantly due to movement in the building foundation. The survey, conducted in the summer of 2012, determined that the cost of repairing the library is prohibitive, recommending replacement over reparation.

The results of the study drove the development of plans for a Communications and Creative Arts Center, funded in part by the state. The original vision included theater space and enhancements to the music program. With the funding proposed by Gov. Dalrymple less than originally requested, BSC is now looking at a phased project that will first address the college’s immediate needs.

The Communications and Creative Arts Center will bring the communications programs together into a single academic area and relocate BSC’s Visual Arts from the men’s residence hall into a modern space. It also will house a 21st century learning commons, a facility that reflects today’s learning environment.

“We’re not building a new library,” said BSC President Larry C. Skogen. “We’re building a learning commons that includes space to collaborate, study, do research, as well as provide access to library services.”

Skogen said there will still be some volumes of books available there, but many will be transitioned to electronic books and resources.

“It’s not going to be your grandfather’s library,” he said. “A library with stacks and stacks of books is not today’s learning environment.”

The Communications and Creative Arts Center also will provide a physical touchstone for the college’s emphasis on liberal arts.

“Our campus has focused on our technical programs over the past several years, more than on the soft skills required of an employee and a good citizen. It’s time to address creativity, collaboration, and communication at the same level that we address STEM and technical programs,” he said.

If the Legislature approves the budget proposed, the facility is expected to be complete by 2015.
75 years of change, growth and good people

Bismarck State College will celebrate 75 years during the 2013-14 school year. In 1939, the college was established on the fourth floor of Bismarck High School in response to community demand for a local college. The first 104 students and 12 instructors were a close-knit group. While they set the tone for the camaraderie of BSC then and now, they likely didn’t imagine the size and scope of BSC today.

By chance and role at the college, the planning committee for the celebratory year is a mix of longtime employees and relatively new employees. The combination has given rise to a fresh approach grounded in institutional memories. Team member Carolyn Twingley, ’68, BSC archives librarian, is part of the planning despite her approaching retirement after 38 years at the college.

“Even though we have grown tremendously and have become a part of the university system, I still think we have retained the ‘community’ in our name,” she said. “It was the community that got us started in 1939 and it is still a big part of whom we are as a college today.”

According to BSC video production specialist and committee member Dusty Anderson, ’02, good people and the right leadership at the right time are the two themes that have arisen during the 56 interviews conducted to date for a BSC documentary being developed as part of the celebration. Documentary interviewees have ranged from all living past presidents to current students and alumni from each decade. Some excerpts:

Mary Klecker-Green, ’95, on the Mystician:
“I formed this unique group of friends, people from all walks of life that I’d have never met otherwise … and we had a cause greater than ourselves and that was to put out the best newspaper ever. We had so much fun!”

Keith Landeis, ’96, associate professor in the Electrical Lineworker program, on BSC’s place in the community:
“BSC is a cornerstone of the Bismarck-Mandan community. It’s a great asset to our local community and BSC in general, and it’s a great place to send your children.”

Sheila Schafer, ’10 (who graduated from BSC at age 85), on longtime history professor Mike McCormack:
“Whoever took a class from Mike McCormack will talk about it ’til their dying day. … My daughter told me, ‘Mom don’t worry about the book, just take notes on everything Mike says because he is the book.’”

Dr. Kermit Lidstrom, BSC president 1977-1995, on the early days of his tenure:

“We didn’t have an HR department. Everyone was doing their own hiring and jobs descriptions. We didn’t have a policy manual of any kind. Our famous Power Plant Technology program was located in a barn on the strip in Mandan, and it was heated by a pot-bellied stove, if you can imagine.”

Debbie Van Berkom, ’93, 75-year committee member and longtime assistant to BSC’s presidents for 35 years, notes that celebrating 75 years makes us pause to consider what’s been achieved and why BSC matters.

“Students come here committed to learn. They trust that we will do whatever we can to help them reach their beyond. As employees, we take pride in that work.”

Rita Nodland, ’76 and ’05, alumni coordinator and member of the committee, says her work with alumni reiterates what the committee is learning.

“BSC is about connections and the pride we all have in a place that started during the depression and has done so well for so long.”

The documentary is tentatively scheduled for debut in January 2014 and is one of several events being planned. As additional celebratory events are finalized, they will be published at bismarckstate.edu/75years.
Alumnus maintains BSC musical legacy

Rex Waddingham

Reputation precedes some people. That’s true of Rex Waddingham, ’77. The summer after he graduated from Bismarck High School Rex worked in an apple orchard in Iowa. Knowing how well he played trumpet, legendary BSC band director Erv Ely tracked him down to play in the BSC band. So, in fall 1975, Waddingham came home to Bismarck to play music.

“Erv knew I wasn’t attending any school. He needed a trumpet player and was quite convincing,” Waddingham says of BSC’s legendary band director at the time. “Erv found as many classes as he could to squeeze me in second semester. In fact, I had overloads taking things like horticulture and advanced salesmanship. But I didn’t know what I wanted to be. I was just playing in the band.”

Waddingham came from a family known for music, namely his big brothers, Bob and Lloyd, and his dad, Lloyd (Waddy) Waddingham. During high school, in addition to the BHS band, he established his own reputation playing in a bunch of local rock bands, including Zapateados (“tap dancing”) with buddy Bob Peske. Later, he played with The Big Dogs, Missouri Breaks, and many more.

At BSC, Waddingham commanded first and second trumpet parts in the concert, jazz and pit bands for the plays. But it was the annual BSC Jazz Celebration that made his college experience unforgettable. There he gained access to such great musicians as pianist Jaki Byard, trumpeter Clark Terry, and Cat Anderson, Duke Ellington’s lead trumpet man from L.A. and high note expert at that time.

“What a big influence it was to meet these guys and stand on stage and play with them – it was just amazing for such a young kid,” Waddingham said. “I still remember it vividly. Cat came into town and my friend with a Cadillac and I picked him up at the airport. We were his chauffeur all week and got to learn as much from him as he would tell us.”

After BJC, Waddingham went to North Dakota State University, where he met his wife, Kelli, in the NDSU Gold Star Band. They still play together in the local Missouri River Community Band. Rex graduated in 1980 with a BS in music education and took a job in New Salem, where he is today teaching middle school and senior high instrumental and vocal music.

In 1982, he again joined up with Ely and several BSC grads, who had come back to the Bismarck area after college. Ely put together the Tuesday Night Jazz Ensemble and recruited Waddingham and community musicians to play for fun and perform around town. The ensemble played for the BSC Foundation Ball for nearly 20 years. Ely directed the group until his retirement in the mid-1990s. His departure caused a void that members filled by reconstituting the band as Big Al’s Big Band under Al Bertsch.

The Waddingham sound

The Lloyd Waddingham family first lived in Iowa, where Rex’s trumpet-playing father sat in with big bands throughout the 1930s and ’40s, including the Cliff Kyes orchestra, a Midwest territory band that toured several states.

With big band era music in their ears all through childhood, Lloyd and Leah Beth’s children were inspired to take up the craft themselves. Rex, brother Bob, and sister June played their dad’s instrument. Brother Lloyd, now deceased, chose drums. Other siblings took piano. As time went on, Lloyd Sr. considered a job offer from Osco Drug in Bismarck, but not until he did some research.

“The first thing Dad did before moving the family was look at the Bismarck school music program to see if it was up to his standards,” Waddingham said. “It was important for him that strong musicians were leading the program.”

Music teachers Gordy Knaak, Harold Kepler and Harold Van Heuvelen were in charge of junior and senior high band and orchestra then. But music never ended at school. The Waddingham basement was always full of sound.

“All of us had bands and practiced in that basement. Mom spent a lot of hours listening to us make mistakes,” Waddingham said. “Dad had quit playing, but every once in awhile he would pick up his trumpet and show us what it’s supposed to sound like. He charged us a quarter for every mistake. I don’t know if we ever paid him.”
Faculty member illustrates children’s book

A BSC faculty member has illustrated the first book in a nine-part series of juvenile fiction. Thomas Marple, assistant professor of graphic design and communication, drew and colorized more than 30 illustrations for “Dad’s Best Present Ever” by Kathy Kinnischtzke of Bismarck.

Based on true stories about Socks, the Kinnischtzke’s dog, the “What’s Next” series revolves around a litter of puppies, whose antics tend toward mischief. They take over the house and family and things are never the same again.

Marple’s task was to create six different looks for the dogs to convey personality and illustrate action.

“She gave me the transcript and I laid out the pages,” Marple said. “I’m in the process of doing the second book now.”

This is Marple’s third book project. He also illustrated “Clancy’s Tree” and “Clay’s Frogs” by local author Donna Carufel.

Marple said he is self-taught and had an artistic and supportive mother to mentor him. Alice Marple drew and painted, liked to go to galleries and loved opera. Tom said, of her six children, he was the one she “lugged” around to these activities. He still enjoys doing those things today, along with his wife, Michele Doyle.

Marple has always kept one foot in the art world. Two years ago, a selection of his work was exhibited at Bismarck Art & Galleries Association.

“I’ve done art all my life and drawn since I was a kid. I start everything in pencil and have tried oil, pastel, watercolor and pen and ink mediums. My art is constantly evolving.”

While Marple’s professional and personal life is art-focused, he spent his early years working as a cowboy on ranches in Wyoming, and then 10 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in North Dakota. He ended up in Wyoming after college by hooking up with friends at North Dakota State University, where he earned a baccalaureate degree in agriculture.

“I fed cattle with a team of horses and lived in a bunk house,” he said. “We spent three years in Jackson Hole and Pinedale.”

Marple worked several years for Image Printing and enrolled at BSC to earn a degree in 1998 from what was then the Commercial Art program. He left Image Printing to teach in 2007.

“Dad’s Best Present Ever” is available on Amazon.com.

LERN recognizes BSC department for excellence

The Continuing Education, Training and Innovation Department (CETI) at Bismarck State College was honored for excellence in management practice by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), an international association of lifelong learning.

CETI received recognition for its business and marketing plan and was selected from a field of more than 100 entries from four countries.

The award letter noted, “The more programs plan, the more they succeed. The more programs write down those plans, the more they succeed. And when they attach numbers to those plans, like Bismarck State did, they set an example for other programs. A good business and marketing plan not only says where you are going, but how to get there.”

Carla Hixson, associate vice president for CETI, and CETI Director Lori Heinsohn submitted the plan.

LERN’s criteria for selection included leading-edge, lifelong learning efforts, originality, innovation, appropriateness and adaptability as a model for other programs, replicability and measurable outcomes.

Julie Coates, LERN vice president of information services, said this year’s award nominees were among the highest quality ever submitted.

For more information about the LERN Awards or about LERN services, visit lern.org. For more information about BSC CETI, visit bismarckstate.edu/CETI.
Linda (Gallagher) Collins, ‘68, was appointed by Oregon’s governor to serve as a public member on the Oregon Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability. The commission reviews complaints about state judges and investigates when the alleged conduct might violate the state’s Code of Judicial Conduct or the Oregon Constitution. She lives in North Bend, Ore., with her husband, Loren Collins.

Rick Burcham, ‘69, was elected to the Luther Seminary Foundation Board of Trustees. Rick and his wife, Deborah, are members of Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas. They also attend Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City, S.D. Rick was a former Lutheran Brotherhood representative and now has his own financial services business in Las Vegas and Rapid City. Serving a four-year term, Rick will provide leadership in establishing policies and priorities for Luther Seminary.

Gary Schmidt, ‘71, was recognized by the Mandan City Commission for 40 years of service to the city. He is a water plant operator.

Richard Barta, ‘74, was recognized by the Mandan City Commission for 35 years of service. He is an assessor/building inspector for the city.

Elwood “Woody” Barth, ‘81, was reelected president of the North Dakota Farmers Union at the organization’s annual meeting in November.

Cynthia (Gorden) Bitz ‘84, recently earned the International Association of Workforce Professionals-Workforce System Customer Service Award and an Excellence in Service Award from Job Service North Dakota and the Department of Labor Veterans’ Employment and Training Service.

Dwight Hopfauf, ‘84, is the new general manager of Hotel Julien Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa. Hopfauf earned a degree in hotel, motel and restaurant management from BSC.

Greg Welch, ‘86, was recognized by the Mandan City Commission for 20 years of service. He is the Mandan finance director.

Ray Eckroth, ‘87, was recognized by the Mandan City Commission for 20 years of service. He is a firefighter safety officer for the city.

Melissa Gordon, ‘93, displayed her work in the exhibit “Notes from Home” at the Bismarck Downtown Artists Cooperative (BDAC) in November. She also participated in the BSC Alumni Association “Meet the Authors and Illustrators” event on campus in December. Gordon works primarily in pastels and other drawing media. She is a freelance artist with a degree in commercial art from BSC. She recently illustrated “Growing up Rich in a Poor Family” by Bismarck author Dorie Liffrig. She has done large-scale murals for Papa’s Pumpkin Patch and Martin Luther School in Bismarck. She is a founding member of BDAC.

Angel Paul, ‘93, along with husband Jeff Paul, recently opened Leaping Lizards, a new indoor fun center in Mandan, N.D. The center has inflatables, interactive games and two birthday party areas as well as concessions. The Pauls also operate JT’s Inflatable Games.

Brett Gurholt, ‘96, was named to the Prairie Business Magazine 40 Under 40 in December. Gurholt is the office manager for Kadmas, Lee & Jackson (K LJ) in Bismarck. First hired as a landscape architect in 2004, he is a member of KLJ’s long-term planning committee and the project management reinvented team. He also serves on the board of directors for Bismarck’s Downtowners Association.

Kirsten Baesler, ‘99, was elected North Dakota Superintendent of Public Instruction in the November election. Baesler has 20 years of experience as a teacher, media specialist and administrator. A Mandan resident, she most recently was assistant executive director of the N.D. School Boards Association. For the past seven years, she also has served as president of the Mandan School Board.

Jesse Thomas, ‘01, was hired as a marketing specialist at KLJ in Bismarck. He earned a degree in graphic design from BSC and has more than 12 years of experience as a graphic designer.

Luke Turner, ‘02, is interning in Sen. John Hoeven’s Bismarck office. In addition to BSC, Turner attended Minot State University and the University of North Dakota where he earned a juris doctorate and a master of public administration with an emphasis in health administration. He is a Bismarck native.

Michelle Rau, ‘07, joined Quality Title Inc. in Bismarck. She earned a degree at BSC, and also at the University of Mary.

Elisha Gratz, ‘10, was hired by AE2S Water Resources as an administrative assistant in the firm’s Bismarck office. Prior to AE2S,
Gratz worked at First Community Credit Union as a member service representative.

Tyler Bogren, ‘11, was hired by Midwest Business Systems in Bismarck as a telecommunication support specialist. He earned an associate’s degree in electronic telecommunications from BSC and previously worked at ABT Data Technologies, Inc.

April A. Eide, ‘12, earned the certified commercial investment member designation from the CCIM Institute. The designation is awarded to commercial real estate professionals who complete graduate-level curriculum and have qualifying experience. April works for Duemelands Commercial LLLP in Bismarck.

Kelly Schulz, ‘12, was promoted to internal operations at American Bank Center in Bismarck. He previously worked at the Devils Lake location.

Mike Holman, ’93, honored
“Calling all heroes.” That’s how Mike Holman, associate professor of electronics and telecommunications, usually announces the next blood donation drive at BSC. But Holman is being recognized as a hero himself for his 30 years of donations. United Blood Services has selected his story as one of 12 nationwide to be featured in the 2013 United Blood Services national coordinators’ calendar. The text reads:

“Mike Holman preaches what he practices. A 30-year donor (he recently gave his 280th blood donation to mark his 48th birthday), he began organizing blood drives at Bismarck State College seven years ago.

He grew up watching his father coordinate blood drives in his hometown. Mike says, “He always said giving blood was something everyone can do to help our community.”

With three blood drives a year on campus, Mike gets other people and organizations involved.

“If people can’t donate, I encourage them to help the drive by finding someone to donate for them. If we all work together, we can make sure patients always have the blood they need.”

Campus events incorporate arts, history, reading

BookTalk at BSC
Organized around the theme “Proving the Power of One,” the 12th annual BookTalk series began Jan. 6 with a discussion of “Mountains Beyond Mountains” by Pulitzer Prize-winner author, Tracy Kidder. Dr. Janelle Masters, BSC dean of academic affairs, led the session about Dr. Paul Farmer’s effort to bring medical care to destitute Haitians. Other BookTalk events are scheduled Sundays Feb. 10 and March 10 from 1-3 p.m. in the BSC Library. For more information visit, bismarckstate.edu/booktalk.

ArtsQuest
April is filled with activity during the 16th annual ArtsQuest, a month-long campus celebration of the arts featuring student talent and guest artists. The spring musical, “Gypsy,” in collaboration with University of Mary, leads off the month of student concerts, art show and Campus Crawl events. The Paper Birds Theatre Company from Leeds, England, performs its award-winning production of “A Thousand Pieces” April 23-24. Author and graphic designer Chip Kidd of New York City talks about his books and work in the publishing industry April 16.

Conversations at BSC
The series of discussions by humanities scholar Clay Jenkinson and BSC President Larry C. Skogen continues Sunday, Jan. 27 from 3-5 p.m. with “Separation of Church and State: A Conversation with Thomas Jefferson.” Other programs in the series are March 24, “North Dakota Legislature: An Historic Perspective,” and May 5, “Great Conversations in History.”

United Way
For the sixth year in a row, BSC broke a record for its fall Missouri Slope Areawide United Way campaign. Donations for 2012 totaled $10,777, boosted by special events of Blog Bingo, Trick or Treat bags for co-workers, Loose Change collection, and Soup Cook-off and Book/ Movie Sale. This year’s committee from across campus consisted of Rita Nodland, Nancy Gordon, Laura Kalvoda, Joan Trygg, Kayla Seifert, Sheryl Omlid, Christina Burns, Robin Thorstenson, Mary Sennert and Lynette Borjeson Painter.
BSC honors employees for years of service

The BSC Foundation recognized 77 employees for their service to BSC at the December holiday party. President Larry C. Skogen, Foundation Executive Director Gordon Binek and Foundation President Brian Kroshus presented the awards.

Honored for 40 years at BSC were Linda Fossum, payroll accountant and James Wright, associate professor of management.

Fossum was instrumental in the changeover to PeopleSoft and subject matter expert for the Connect ND project, which replaced administrative computer systems. She earned a Staff Achievement Award.

Wright has chaired the Business program since 1975, led the Faculty Senate twice as president and served on the State Council of College Faculties. Recipient of the Faculty Award for Excellence, he is a lead advisor for students.

35 YEARS – Pat Gross, audiovisual and IVN coordinator, heads the Audio Visual Department. Gross started North Dakota’s IVN network at BSC in 1991 and adapted BSC’s interactive technology into 107 Smart Rooms across campus.

Dr. Jane Schulz, associate vice president for institutional effectiveness and strategic planning, has led several initiatives. She has coordinated accreditation efforts, created 15 new academic programs, and developed the N.D. Vocational Curriculum Library at BSC. She chairs the BSC Operations Council.

Debbie Van Berkom, executive assistant to the president, has kept three full-time and two interim BSC presidents organized. She was alumni coordinator for nine years and coordinated Learning First. Van Berkom received the Staff Achievement Award in 2006 and served on Staff Senate.

30 YEARS – Mary Eisenbraun, Student Finance operations manager, moved from Business Office secretary into managing office accounting before heading Student Finance. Active in the PeopleSoft changeover, she is Student Finance User group chair for the N.D. University System.

Pam Ogaard, computer science/math lecturer, teaches College Algebra, Discrete Math and Intro to Computers online. Formerly a full-time associate professor, she has taught most of the computer science courses and chaired the math and computer science department.

Eunice Smith, business and office technology lecturer, has taught business English online since her 2008 retirement as associate professor of business education. Smith coordinated cooperative education internships and did off-campus business workshops.

Lyle Warner, adjunct economics lecturer, retired from BSC in 2009 after 27 years of teaching agribusiness as associate professor of agriculture, technology and natural resources. He chaired the Ag program for 12 years and now teaches macro and microeconomics online.

25 YEARS - Dr. Drake Carter, provost and vice president for academic affairs; and Keith Schelske, buildings supervisor.

20 YEARS – Holly Burch, associate professor, NECE; Carla Hixson, associate vice president for continuing education, training and innovation and director of BSC’s Office of Innovation; Dr. AnnMarie Kajencki, professor of English; Michael Kern, associate professor of mathematics; Keith Landeis, associate professor of electrical lineman; Daniel Rogers, associate professor of theatre and BSC Theatre director; and Ivan Tschider, associate professor of economics.

15 YEARS – Lisa Aamodt, adjunct accounting lecturer; Carol Flaa, system administrator and computer support manager; Lee Friese, associate professor of automotive technology and Transportation and Construction Department chair; Micheal Holman, associate professor of electronics/telecommunications; Cathy Janikowski, medical laboratory technology coordinator; Sheryl Omlid, assistant professor of speech; Russell Riehl, speech lecturer; Dennis Rohr, adjunct criminal justice lecturer; Jeff Skibicki, associate professor of mathematics; Michael
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BSC honors employees

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Wardzinski, adjunct criminal justice lecturer; and Eva Wentz, cook.

10 YEARS – Chris Abbott, desktop support specialist; Darrell Anderson, automotive collision support specialist; David Bosch, energy technology lecturer; Toni Cottingham, sociology lecturer; Ben Ehmantraut, physical education lecturer; Linda Ell, cook; James Hale, electric power technology lecturer; Brian Hushagen, associate professor of visual art; James Jefferson, automotive technology support specialist; Hutch Johnson, meteorology lecturer; Michael Jordan, energy technology lecturer; Andrene Kein, academic advisor; Dan Landeis, assistant professor, NECE; Romi Leingang, criminal justice lecturer; Jeannette Rehberg, adjunct music lecturer; Darcy Roberts, admissions associate; Derri Scarlett, English lecturer; Marjorie Schirado, business and office technology lecturer; Mary Sennert, advisor, NECE; Dr. Larry Skogen, president of Bismarck State College; Danny Stoppler, mail center coordinator; Jeremy Wehrl, library custodian; Chris Beckler Yellow Bird, distance learning and military affairs assistant; and Alison Zarr, CETI program coordinator.

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Foundation passes $10 million mark

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The Foundation welcomes new and renewing President’s Club members for October 1 through December 31, 2012.

Advanced Mechanical
Aetna
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Brad and Claudia Ballweber
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Continental Resources, Inc.
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Dakota Bumper & Body Supply
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The Foundation welcomes new and renewing Executive Club members for October 1 through December 31, 2012.

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Brendel’s Lawn Sprinkling
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Patricia Hanson
Dr. Craig Johnson
Dr. Marlin Johnson
Thomas and Jana McKee
Chuck and Rene Murry
Karen Traeholt

Bakkum chairs finance committee

Paul Bakkum has been named Finance Committee chair of the BSC Foundation. He has been on the Foundation board since 2008 and has served on the Finance Committee.

Bakkum is President/CEO of Northland Financial, an organization he has been with for 24 years. He is actively involved in a number of community and regional organizations, in addition to the Foundation, including the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce, Bismarck-Mandan Development Association, and Bismarck North Star Lions. He is the past chair of the Lewis and Clark Regional Development Council and past president of both Golden Manor, Inc. and the Steele Area Development Corporation. He is also a past board member of the Steele-Dawson School District.
Foundation honors donors in premier space at NECE

Seventy-one Bismarck State College Foundation major donors were honored on October 26 at the President’s Club dinner. The event was historic for two reasons. Not only were guests the first to gather in the completed Bavendick Stateroom of the National Energy Center of Excellence, but in the past year the Foundation passed the $10 million mark for grants and scholarships.

Gordon Binek, BSC Foundation executive director, welcomed honorees whose cumulative contributions have ranged from the $5,000 level to the Lifetime Leader level of $1 million or more. Binek, BSC President Larry C. Skogen and John Weeda, foundation board chair, presented the awards.

“Donors make an incredible difference to BSC,” Binek said. “Their support allows the foundation to provide annual scholarships to students, fund equipment and activities that advance the college, and enhance BSC’s ability to create an environment conducive to learning and innovation.”

BSC provided a record-breaking $462,000 in scholarships during the 2011-2012 school year.

Lifetime Leader - $1,000,000+
Merritt Trust

Founder - $250,000 - $499,999
Otto Bremer Foundation
Lloyd Ritchie

Diamond Award - $100,000 - $249,999
Charles J. Cassano Estate
Pat and Mary Dirk
Hedahls Inc.
ONEOK, Inc.
Ken and Carmen Reno
Ed and Gladys Smith Estate

Ruby Award - $50,000 - $99,999
Basin Electric/Dakota Gasification Company
LeRoy M. and Ella L. Nayes
United Printing
Western Steel & Plumbing

Sapphire Award - $25,000 - $49,999
AES
Michael and Peggy Bullinger
Dakota Bumper & Body Supply
Kathleen Dobovsky
Bryan and Cynthia Dvirnak
Heart & Lung Clinic Foundation
Ethelene Hoovestol
Chuck and Carol Iten
Loren R. Kopseng

Betty Mills
Security First Bank
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Zuger Kirmis & Smith

Honor of Gold - $15,000 - $24,999
Central Dakota Frontier Cooperative
DarbyTech Training Equipment Inc.
Fireside Office Solutions
Golder Associates, Inc.
Image Printing, Inc.
KFYR TV
Midcontinent Communications
Mitchell International
Steve and Janet Schwan
Harley and Margaret Swenson
United Agronomy
Anita Wilson

Honor of Silver - $7,500 - $14,999
Lloyd E. Anderson Limited Partnership & Frances Anderson
Barr Engineering Co.
Don and Lynne Bigwood
Howard L. Malloy, Bismarck Title Co.
Ernest B. Bor
Fargo Bumper
Dr. Marlin Johnson
Dalles and Marilyn Krause

Lignite Energy Council
Mike McCormack
Missouri Valley Petroleum
Mountrail-Williams Electric
Greg and Lynette Painter
Jame and Gary Schulz
Telecom Training & Safety
Chad and Stacy Wachter
Stephen Welsh & G. Franklin Welsh
Xcel Energy Foundation

Honor of Bronze - $5,000 - $7,499
Cynthia Clairmont-Schmidt
Connecting Point Computer Center
George Ellefson
Victor and Mary Friesz
Dr. David and Karen Gayton
Dean Gunsch
Doris Hirsch
Dr. Glenn and Georgia Hoberg
Niles and Ginger Hustka
Rita and Dennis Lindgren
Terrance and Zanne Ness
Bill Redmond
Lon and Jennifer Romsaas
Roughrider Chevrolet Association
Mark and Stephanie Swenson

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Looking ahead in the new year

It’s a new year and at BSC that means we’re looking at the future by adding to our scholarships (page 10), planning new campus projects (page 2), and working to provide the 2013 Legislature with the information they’ll need to make some big decisions about the future of higher education in North Dakota. You can read all about BSC’s stake in the session on pages 1-2. What issues are important to you this session?

One of the wonderful things about North Dakota is that our government and our legislators are accessible. Now is the time to let your legislators know your thoughts on the challenges and opportunities facing North Dakota. Find out how to contact your local legislator at legis.nd.gov.

Thanks for caring and thanks for reading.

Marnie Piehl, editor

Three BSC programs achieve 100 percent pass rate

Students in three BSC allied health programs have achieved a 100 percent pass rate in the most recent examination schedule.

Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT), Nursing, and Surgical Technology graduates continued to prove their abilities by taking and passing their certification exams on the first try.

The MLT program accomplished its pass rate on the American Society for Clinical Pathology Board of Certification Exam for the 15th consecutive year. Since the program began in 1978, all MLT students have passed the exam.

MLT also received notice of accreditation for another five years from the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science.

Surgical Technology received a Merit Award from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for its testing on the Certified Surgical Technologist exam. This is the fourth straight year students achieved a 100 percent pass rate.

For the second year in a row, graduates of BSC’s associate degree in nursing program passed their entry into practice licensure exams.