

College of Education News August 2010

DATES OF CONCERN

August 2	Showcase of teacher preparation programs in Pierre to state high school career counselors
August 5	Schallenkamp, Haney, Hall, and Apaza hosting campus visit for new Rapid City Superintendent
August 8	David Calhoun's Birthday Faye LaDuke-Pelster's Birthday
August 20	New Student Registration COE Administrative Team meeting
August 19	Amy Gurney's Birthday
August 23-27	Welcome Week activities for all faculty
August 28	Erin Covey's Birthday
August 30	4 p.m. and later Monday-only classes begin
August 31	All other classes begin

Welcome Week

The theme for Welcome Week is *Transforming Higher Education: Learning to Change and Changing to Learn*. A detailed agenda will be sent to you soon from the VPAA office. The agenda has changed and all faculty and staff will begin on **Monday the 23rd**. In the past, the first few days of Welcome Week were used for new faculty orientation. This year, sessions for new faculty are interspersed throughout the week. All College meetings are still scheduled on **Wednesday, August 25th from 1 to 4:30**.

Campus visit planned for the SD DOE Management Team

Tom Oster, SD Secretary of Education, Melody Schopp, Deputy Secretary of Education, and Deb Barnett, Director of Accreditation and Teacher Quality, have been invited to campus September 21st. The purpose of the visit is to allow the relatively new management team to get to know us better and to meet some of the new key leaders on our campus.

Mathematics and Science Education Learning Assistant Program—Learning Assistants have been selected from a pool of applicants to participate in the fall semester pilot program. Those assistants are Nicole DeJong, a biology education major with a minor in chemistry; Kellie Kulseth, a biology major with a minor in chemistry; Dennis Albers, a biology major; Jill Tycz, an environmental physical science major; Trisha DeVries, a mathematics teaching major, and Jennifer Johnson, a mathematics teaching major. These individuals are considering teaching as a career while enrolled in a seminar class, supporting the teaching of math and science content in Math 341, Math 342, ELED 303, and CHEM 106; and participating in a research study.

Did you know?? Forty three percent of the BHSU graduates in May 2010 were students who transferred into BHSU.

Notes from summer Chair Meetings

David Calhoon and Nancy Hall interviewed **Lisa Baldwin** and hired her as a new adjunct faculty member to teach Middle Level Methods and supervise student teachers in art education. Lisa comes to us with extensive middle school teaching experience in North Carolina and Alabama (Cindi Chandler, take note. Lisa has a wonderful accent just like yours☺.)

The Department of Education will be **searching for a tenure-track reading faculty member** to join our faculty in fall 2011. David Calhoon, Pat Simpson, and Sharon Hemmingson will serve on the search and screen committee.

Betsy Silva interviewed and hired Melissa Wood as the **new secretary for the PE and Health unit**.

Len Austin has facilitated the start of **10 Project SECOND students** in online secondary certification courses this summer. The students will continue their study this fall and student teach in spring 2011.

Notes from summer Dean Meetings

Bachelor of General Studies degree—This new degree option was approved by the SD Board of Regents in June 2010. The Bachelor of General Studies degree is designed to allow students to combine sets of courses in new and creative ways to best meet their individual career goals. Its flexibility takes advantage of a student's completed courses, work experience and matured interests. In the College of Education, the curriculum lends itself well to meeting the needs of students who do not complete student teaching, yet have 128 credits toward a degree.

Hidden Prerequisites—The SD Board of Regents have asked each campus to review degree requirements for hidden prerequisites and revise the programs of study to address any concerns. In the College of Education, Chris McCart and Betsy Silva will be making recommendations regarding the following courses in the Outdoor Education program: Biol 311, Geol 340, Geol 370, PE 354, and an aquatics class required for PE 320 Lifeguard Training. If faculty members are aware of additional programs needing review, please contact your unit chair.

Construction projects-The Rapid City Higher Education Center construction project is behind schedule with anticipated opening over spring break in spring 2011. The campus science building construction project is on schedule with anticipated opening in January 2011. The renovation to the lower level of the Woodburn building (to house the student services staff currently located in the Jacket Legacy room) will begin in fall 2010.

SD Academic Affairs activity—David Haney, the new VPAA, reported that the academic affairs officers are discussing whether to change the last date of withdrawal for courses. Feedback is being gather at this time, but the thought is to move the date up in the term to about 8 weeks. Your thoughts?

Faculty News

Rob Schurrer, Jim Hesson, and Chris Klinger had a significant number of interns in field placements this summer. Exercise Science and Outdoor Education students were in

Wyoming, Colorado, New York, and South Dakota. Some of the Exercise Science students were providing service in agencies such as Aberdeen YMCA, Philip Hospital, Colorado Athletic Club in Denver, Pine Ridge HIS, Rapid City Cardiac Services, Spearfish Hospital, Sioux Falls Rehab PT, and Gillette North Platte PT.

Rich Carriveau is attending a meeting in St. James, Minnesota, to work with Directors of overseas educational programs affiliated with the Foundation for International Education. We are considering expanding our international student teaching program to include graduate opportunities.

CAMSE faculty (June Apaza, Andy Johnson, Janet Briggs) with support from **Charlie Lamb, Abigail Domagall, Micheline Hickenbotham, Jami Stone, June Preszler, and Marie Ritten** taught 19 graduate courses this summer in locations such as Murdo, Rapid City, Watertown, Sioux Falls, Pierre, Madison, Gillette, Shannon County, and Spearfish. Over 771 South Dakota teachers were served!

Diana Koch is completing her dissertation for her doctoral degree with an anticipated graduation in August. Congratulations, Diana!

Lee Pearce has submitted an IRB proposal to begin a research study with Curtis Card, Daluss Seiwert, Kristi Pearce, and Karen Mortimer. The subject of the study is the relationship between student learning and personality variables, intervention strategies and outcomes in development math classes, college algebra, and the CAAP exam.

Janet Briggs has submitted an IRB proposal to begin a research study with June Apaza, Nancy Hall, John Alsup, and Mike Zehfus. The subject of the study is the impact of the new Learning Assistant program on learning assistants' efficacy toward teaching and student attitudes toward math and science in classes supported by learning assistants.

Arlene Holmes received a letter from Mary Williams, Executive Secretary for the SD Association of College Career Centers. Mary wrote, "When I was in Elko, I had the opportunity to meet and visit with the Superintendent of the Elko School District. He indicated he had attended a job fair at BHSU a few years ago and recruited several graduates at that time. He said **they were really good teachers and were doing a great job in his district.** Just wanted to pass that pat on the back on. Keep up the good work!"