

Former chancellor honored as Alumnus of the Year

The BSC National Alumni Association board has selected William G. Goetz as the 2013 Alumnus of the Year. Goetz, '64, was chosen for his extraordinary professional achievements in higher education, public service and continued leadership. BSC honors him May 9 at a dinner in the Bavendick Stateroom of the National Energy Center of Excellence and during commencement May 10.

In his preparation for public service, William Goetz became a full circle man. He circumnavigated through North Dakota's entire education system from rural grade school to its top job as chancellor of the state university system, overseeing 11 institutions and a \$1 billion budget. Having studied through three college degrees and taught for 30 years, he knew the learning process inside and out, knowledge he applied and transposed into strong interpersonal and leadership skills that propelled him through his distinguished career.

When Goetz retired as chancellor in 2012, he had fostered an environment of collaboration between college presidents and their campuses, brokered a new strategic plan for the North Dakota University System (NDUS), and established a working relationship with the five tribal colleges to develop a seamless transfer process and greater student satisfaction. The NDUS aligned community colleges with the state's research universities to undertake the remedial education function on those campuses and initiated a Community College Awareness Project funded by the Legislature.

"It was very rewarding to be chancellor – a humbling appointment that gave me a tremendous opportunity to address some strong convictions I had about higher education," said Goetz, whose education experience at BSC enhanced his role as chancellor. "We needed to do something to create awareness that attending a community college was OK – a conviction I conveyed to the State Board of Higher Education in development of the strategic plan, and to the Legislature that the community college in North Dakota is critically important to expanding opportunities for students."

In 1962, BSC had everything Goetz needed: small campus near home, small classes with access to faculty, flexibility to work part time – an easy transition from the small town rural environment and his family's farm near Hazen. Undecided, he took general education classes to earn an



Bill Goetz

Associate in Arts. Economics from Eskey Solberg and government from Warren Henke were highlights, as well as physical education from coach Bob Johnson.

"I couldn't speak more highly of that [BSC] opportunity and fantastic faculty," said Goetz, who also enjoyed speech from Jane Gray Smith. "She truly cared about a student and was very influential in teaching me the expectations of giving a speech and being able to converse with people. She was tremendous, outstanding."

His part-time job while attending BSC was at Gold Seal Company, founded by renowned entrepreneur Harold Schafer. Goetz was a clerk in the mailroom, along with Harold's son, Ed, future governor of North Dakota. Summers, Goetz worked for Harold mowing his yard and cleaning windows, and eventually in Medora, N.D., managing stores and scheduling employees in Schafer's enterprises. Goetz said being around company management at Gold Seal influenced his work ethic.

He transferred to Minot State University, choosing business administration as a foundation to build a professional life rather than a business career. After graduating in 1966, he entered graduate school at University of North Dakota and completed a master's degree in business in one year, so he could apply for a rumored teaching job at Dickinson State University. He was 23.

Goetz stayed 30 years at DSU teaching business and later becoming dean of the School of Business and Management, executive vice president of the DSU Foundation, and briefly director of continuing education. In these years, he carried out programs based on his belief that higher education should build links to business. His work involved curriculum changes, raising money, internships, and taking students on trips to study companies in Minneapolis and Denver. Goetz helped dispel the common view of business versus academia by helping establish the Business Challenge program, a cooperative agreement between DSU and the Greater North Dakota Chamber that brought students and business professionals together for a week. His leadership earned him North Dakota Educator of the Year.

People recognized he could get things done and Goetz subsequently spent 20 years in the state Legislature, winning his first election to the House in 1975. He spent 12 years there and eight in the Senate, serving as assistant majority leader in both chambers.

"I had an interest in leadership and was encouraged to run," Goetz said. "I thought floor leader could help me contribute to issues that were prevalent

Goetz has career in service, continued

at the time. There was value being involved in decision-making, but I also enjoyed the parliamentary process, dealing with actions on the floor and conducting committee work.”

Among his legislative responsibilities was service on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the House Finance and Tax Committee, where he also applied himself to water and energy issues, especially in western North Dakota and the Dickinson district he represented.

“Water was an area I really worked hard on and, in my mind, serves as a template of how things should get done,” he said. “We had a coalition – representatives from education, farm organizations and others – that took a common sense approach. I also worked to get legislators to come together and collaborate. To me, it was very fulfilling personally and meant a lot to the citizens being impacted.”

Goetz took a liaison role with energy, helping work through tax policy and reclamation laws for a growing lignite industry and proposed gasification plant at Beulah. The progressive process involved several state agencies, the Industrial Commission, citizens, and local and county governments coming together with a common objective. Goetz helped establish the Energy Impact Office and the Water Resources Trust Fund that sent coal and oil tax money back to local affected areas to help meet their needs.

His work was informed in part by independent research he did in the 1980s with a regional council regarding the implications of oil and gas development on schools, counties and local populations in western North Dakota.

“I felt energy was an area that needed to have some focus and a proactive approach. I believe strongly that you have to look at the issues before you, gather as much information as you can, and from that build your case politically. You have to work together. It is a matter of listening. We all have to become investors in the process. That has always been my objective at DSU, in the Legislature, and as chancellor.”

In 1997, Goetz left DSU to accept an offer as chief of staff for Gov. Ed Schafer. He was asked to serve in the same capacity under Gov. John Hoeven. For 10 years, Goetz dealt with communication between the governor’s office and 17 reporting agencies on multiple issues and policies. He held constituent meetings and represented the governor on numerous occasions.

While acting as chief of staff, he stepped back into education in 1999 as an appointed member of the North Dakota Higher Education Roundtable, a constituent collaboration between institutions and business assembled to help advance the state’s economy and higher education. With the

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Major life accomplishments

North Dakota University System Chancellor (2007-12)

Chief of Staff for Gov. John Hoeven (2000-07)

Chief of Staff for Gov. Ed Schafer (1997-00)

Dickinson State University:

-Associate Professor of Business (1967-97)

-Chief Academic Officer, School of Business and Management (1983-97)

-Executive Vice President of DSU Foundation (1983-95)

-Director of Continuing Education (1995-97)

North Dakota Legislature

-Representative, District 37, Dickinson (1975, 1981-89):

Assistant Majority Leader

House Finance and Tax Committee, vice chair

National Resources Committee

Agriculture Committee

Caucus chair for two sessions

-Senator, District 37, Dickinson (1991-03)

Assistant Majority Leader

Appropriations Committee

Additional legislative service

-National Conference of State Legislatures - Science, Technology and Resource Planning Committee

-Advisory Committee - Governor’s Committee on Department of Corrections Formulation and Transition

Other service

-National Advisory Council on Educational Research and Improvement – appointed by President Ronald Reagan (1990-92)

-Midwest Higher Education Compact, chair and treasurer

-Greater North Dakota Chamber, state director, two terms

Awards

-GNDA North Dakota Educator of the Year (1990)

-Hydro Award from Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce for development of Southwest Water Project (1991)

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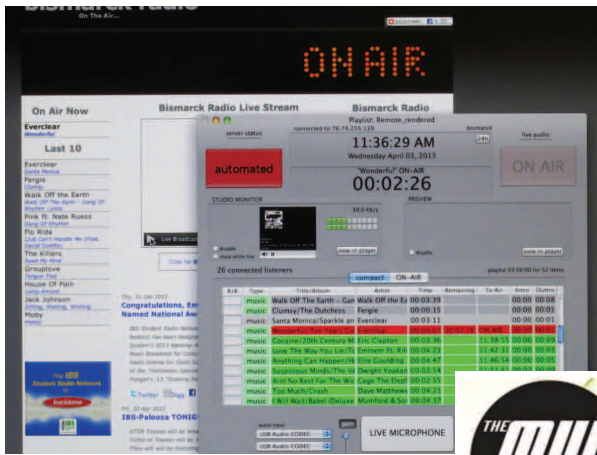
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Mass communications program Myx-es it up



BSC employees Dusty Anderson and Kevin Kyes launch The Myx live from the Student Union in early April.



The Myx, found at BSCMyx.com, plays a variety of music based on student and host playlists.



BSC's Mass Communications department launched a new addition to its evolving hands-on media dynasty, with the early April debut of The Myx, an Internet radio station.

The Myx joins two other mass communication media outlets, the college newspaper, The Mystician, which has been in place for nearly 75 years, and MystiCast, a news broadcast in its third year.

Students, staff and faculty jumped in to establish the radio station which can be found at bscmyx.com.

Kevin Kyes, a 1995 graduate at BSC who now works as collaborative process and graduation coordinator in Academic Records, worked with BSC videographer and faculty member, Dusty Anderson, '02, to get The Myx off the ground.

"I was very interested in radio even as a student at BSC, in the pre-computer and Internet days when it was all low signal antennae and expensive," Kyes, a former Mystician editor, says.

While Kyes and others talked about radio over the years, not until he and Anderson secured a Wild Endeavor grant from the BSC Office of Innovation, did the project launch.

Beginning with the live remote kickoff April 3, The Myx will be as student run as possible. Students, staff and faculty are being recruited "for fun" now, Kyes says, with a for-credit class option in place by fall semester.

"By mid-semester next fall we hope to have students running the station with an advisor on hand – like the Mystician," Kyes says.

The station is not genre-based, according to Kyes. "Students are invited to bring in their play lists, iPods and mp3 players."

Anderson expects The Myx to be a creative outlet for employees too. Several staff and faculty have expressed interest in hosting shows, and sports broadcasts are tentatively planned in cooperation with MystiCast.

To listen to The Myx, visit bscmyx.com.

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Roundtable, little remained to close the circle and Goetz became chancellor eight years later.

"One is given many opportunities, and part of making a difference is based on what a person does to prepare. But it's really a collective process of individuals who help make that difference."

Goetz said his professional life was made possible through the love, support and teamwork of his wife Marion, a native of New Leipzig and DSU graduate; and their three children, Marcia Goetz, Bismarck; and sons Paul, Chicago, and Mark, Seattle. They have two grandsons, Ethan and Isaac, in Bismarck.

"We are put on this earth to be good stewards of our environment, resources, and the fellowship we have with all people. If one can participate in public service and truly contribute and make a difference with the objective of doing what's right for those around you, to me that is life fulfilling."

Rising Star Sam Coleman finds his mission

The Rising Star Award honors alumni age 40 and under who have shown exceptional achievement in a career, public or volunteer service, or reached a position of distinction for someone so recently graduated. Sam Coleman, '99, was selected for his exceptional art career and dedication to youth ministry.



Finding his love for art by first grade, Sam Coleman, 35, spent much of his time growing up in rural Bismarck exploring art and testing what else he wanted to do in life. He grew in faith at Shiloh Christian School, was homeschooled between fourth and 10th grade, and spent his last two high school years in Michigan. By age 18, the seeker had a paramedic license and was gaining political experience as a page in

the 1997 Legislature. While at BSC studying health education, he earned a semester credit by working in a Russian orphanage for three months.

"I always liked medical stuff, people, ministry, politics, arts – I tried a ton of different things," Coleman said. "It was always a process of narrowing down what I thought my strengths were."

After graduating from BSC in 1999, he was off to Minneapolis and The Atelier art school for three years of studio training in classical realism. As one of 17 accepted students, he painted all day expanding his skills into portraiture, landscape and still life. Nights and weekends, he attended seminary at Magdalen College, receiving his ordination as a licensed minister and a bachelor's degree in biblical studies in 2003. Students were taught in the Oxford University-style, their knowledge tested after four years in one massive three-day exam.

"One of my first memories was going to the top of a hill and gazing at the sunset with my father and little sister. I also spent a lot of time wandering the prairie, hunting with family, riding horses in the badlands, and having many pets and animals on our hobby farm. From these experiences and many others, I came to love beauty, animals, and the grandeur of the created world."

Coleman returned to Bismarck, confident he had figured it out. He launched into an art career full time. Eventually, he realized his open-ended life as an artist needed structure, plus something was missing. He started volunteering at Charity Lutheran Church in north Bismarck. After six months, the position of youth ministry director opened and Coleman applied. That was nine years ago. His job will transition in June to third pastor at Charity, where he will still work with youth.

"During high school and the two years at Bismarck State College, I often wondered what direction my life would have, and somehow I knew that art and ministry were both passions that I had."

"I was always interested in ministry, but never had any idea what part," Coleman said. "I found youth ministry is exactly where I should be. It has become food for the soul and a perfect fit for me."



His work at Charity involves organizing and speaking at weekly youth groups, events and Bible studies, organizing mission trips and fundraising activities, and talking with kids and families about a relationship with Christ and other things in their lives. The combination of youth ministry and artist are a balance for him, he said. Art can be "finished" on canvas, while ministry offers no such completion. Each allows for the other.

"Art is more than a job. It's a passion," Coleman said. "Everywhere I go, I'm looking for beauty. My mind is constantly creating paintings. The flexible schedule of ministry has allowed me to fulfill art as a passion rather than an income."

BSC helped set the trajectory for his life's work with his semester in Russia, when he kept a journal as part of a course credit.

"That speaks volumes for how BSC operates – a win-win for college students," Coleman said. "BSC was a place of learning, not dogmatic theory. Whenever I talk to young people, I always tell them what a good

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Celebrations abound in upcoming 75th year



Bismarck State College will celebrate 75 years of history with a full year of celebrations beginning in Fall 2013 and continuing through Fall 2014.

Information on upcoming events, photos and more will be posted over the next year at bismarckstate.edu/75years. Also watch for a commemorative summer edition of Connections that expands on where BSC has been and what our beyond has in store.

Major 75 year events

September 23 - October 27, 2013

BSC Alumni Art Exhibit

Gannon Gallery, BSC Library

* If you are interested in exhibiting, contact the BSC Alumni office by e-mail or call (701) 224-5692 or 800-272-2586 for more information.

November 5-8, 2013

John F. Kennedy: 50 Years Later Symposium

jfk.bsccsymposium.org/

January 2014

BSC Anniversary Video Documentary Premiere

Date to be determined

February 20, 2014

JazzFest Celebration

April 2014

ArtsQuest Celebrations

May 15, 2014

Alumni Awards Dinner

May 16, 2014

BSC Commencement

August 23, 2014

All School Reunion & BSC Celebration Day

Family fun, entertainment, concerts and more

September 4, 2014

75 Years of BSC

Vehicle donations bring Toolbox Program near goal



Dean Gunsch

Three vehicles donated to the BSC Foundation and repaired by BSC students in the automotive program, were sold in March with all proceeds going to the Dean D. Gunsch Toolbox Program.

The goal of the Toolbox program is to grow the fund large enough to purchase toolboxes for all incoming Bismarck State College automotive technology students.

“The BSC Foundation and the Automotive Technology program faculty hope to provide tool boxes for all incoming 2013 students. We’d like to fund the other half of the toolboxes in the fall

of 2014,” says Lee Friese, department chair and associate professor of automotive technology.

Toolboxes cost up to \$3,200 per student, a significant hardship for many, according to Friese. Toolbox costs can hold students back from enrolling in the program.

“Many of the students work part-time in the field which means they need one tool box at school and one at work,” he says.

The fund was one of Dean Gunsch’s final projects before his passing in 2012.

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Rising Star, accomplished artist and photographer, fondly remembers BSC, *continued from page 4*

experience I had and how you don’t come out with a lot of debt.”

Coleman joined the art club and “lived” at the campus, because the art program was so much fun under instructor Richard Sammons – “It was like a family at BSC,” he said. Coleman had great conversations with Provost Dr. Drake Carter, then a biology instructor, on science and life questions, and Frank Koch, longtime chemistry teacher. He also remembers visiting the tutors “non-stop” to keep up in math classes and taking swing dance lessons with his sister.

Coleman teaches art workshops at a local gallery and is preparing for a one-man show in November. Because he is always gathering subject matter by taking photographs, he recently started S² Photography in Mandan with his wife Sarah. They live in Mandan with their two children, Gabriel, 3 and Cassia, 1, and a soon-to-be son. He said his greatest achievement is loving the Lord, having a family and being married.

“The greatest thing you can do is help people – that is what makes the greatest impact in the world.”

BSC professor receives \$25,000 Jack Fellowship



Dan Leingang

Daniel Leingang, associate professor of mathematics, is the 2013 recipient of the Jack Fellowship Award from the BSC Foundation.

The fellowship, valued at \$25,000, helps BSC faculty and staff further their education, conduct research or pursue other professional development.

Leingang plans to use the fellowship to complete a doctorate in educational leadership with a higher education focus from the University of North Dakota

(UND). He is nearly two years into the program with a planned graduation in spring 2015.

His current classes take place on the BSC campus through a cooperative program with UND, which runs a number of graduate programs in Bismarck. Each three-credit class meets over three separate weekends with instructors from UND.

"I always wanted to complete my Ph.D. – at the time it was in math," Leingang said. "But that was never an option because of distance and having to leave town. The UND program is perfect for me and a perfect fit for my goals."

A recipient of BSC's Faculty Award for Excellence, Leingang grew up in Mandan and has taught a wide variety of mathematics courses since 2000. He was named chair of the Geomatics, Engineering and Mathematics Department in 2005 and earned national and regional awards as outstanding advisor to BSC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honor society.

"Among my goals is to aspire to leadership roles and continue my options," he said. "I really enjoy the side of campus that is beyond the classroom."

The late Tom and Peg Jack, lead contributors to BSC's Jack Science Center, endowed the Jack Fellowship in 1999. A committee appointed by the BSC Foundation selects the recipients each year.

For a list of previous Jack Fellowship recipients, visit bismarckstate.edu/Connections.

College students reach out to pre-school students

Growing membership, successful service events and a desire to help kids inspired the BSC Energy Club to donate eight Galaxy Tablets to West River Head Start in Mandan in March.

"Head Start seemed like a great place to donate to because they provide such an important learning environment for kids," says Courtney Hausauer, Energy Club president. "The kids were just as excited to get these new "toys" as we were to give them."

The tablets will be used for educational purposes like matching shapes or colors.

"I noticed while we were there that the kids were using the instructors' iPhones so I know the tablets will be put to good use," Hausauer said.

According to advisor, Scott Agnew, title, the Energy Club students participate in various service events, such as blood drives, St. Baldrick's Day activities, and toy drives throughout the year. The students' biggest service event is the annual Energy Generation Conference in which students set up booths, help with registration, run the coat check, and tear down.

Generous service event donations have allowed the Club account to grow steadily, Agnew says. "As a result, the Club felt we had enough funds available to not only participate in Club activities but also be able to give back to the community."

Students discussed several options, including scholarships, but felt strongly as a group that the money to go to an organization that helped out kids.

Head Start provides pre-school for children age 3-5 from families with incomes below the federal poverty level. West River Head Start serves families in Mandan and five other communities in central North Dakota.

Three of the tablets stayed in the Mandan location while the other five were dispersed to West River Head Start branches in Beulah, Hazen, Carson, New Salem and Hebron.

For more information on the BSC Energy Club, visit facebook.com/BSCEnergyClub. For more information about West River Head Start, visit hitinc.org/services/west-river-head-start.



West River Head Start students don hard hats during BSC Energy Club visit.

CLASS Connections

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIVES OF YOUR FORMER CLASSMATES



Tamra Halmrast-Sanchez

Tamra Halmrast-Sanchez, '79,

2012 Alumna of the Year, has been named Director of USAID's Technical Office in Yemen. She will relocate to Yemen for two years to work with the Yemen government and its people to grow the economy, improve the government's service delivery, invest in health and education, and provide Yemeni youth with economic and civic opportunities. The Republic of Yemen occupies the southwest tip of the Arabian Peninsula

on the Red Sea opposite of Ethiopia and extends along the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula on the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean. About the size of France, the capital of Yemen is Sana'a and the official language is Arabic.

Kari Warberg Block, '82, founder of Bismarck-based Earth-Kind, the only U.S. EPA certified natural rodent repellent, was a winner of the Ernst & Young LLP's 2012 Entrepreneurial Winning Women program. She was one of 11 recipients out of 110 applicants. This national competition and leadership initiative connects award winners with advisors, resource and insights to assist in scaling their businesses up to their full potential. Block will travel to Ernst & Young's annual strategic growth forum to connect with and present to more than 2,000 market-leading CEOs.

Randy Fix, '82, was named Bianco Realty associate of the month in February. He lives in Bismarck.

Gary Malo, '88, formerly a sergeant with the Bismarck Police Department was promoted to lieutenant in January. He has been with the department for 19 years working in patrol, investigations and on the West Dakota SWAT team.

Cathy Fuller, '92, joined KK Bold, a Bismarck advertising and marketing firm, as an account manager. She will work to develop marketing strategies for clients. Fuller has 18 years of professional experience, including 12 years in marketing and management she began her career as a graphic artist after earning an AAS degree in Graphic Communications from BSC.

Marlin Brandt, '94, was recognized with a golden citizen award for his effort in helping the Burleigh County sheriff's department apprehend an armed man in northeast Bismarck. Brandt and a friend saw the man flee, and gave a deputy a ride to the man's location in actions deemed "crucial to the apprehension of a felony subject."

Tamie Schmidt, '97, was presented with the Farmers Insurance Group-New Business Award in recognition of outstanding quarterly performance and contributions to the company's success.

Eric Wingenbach, '98, moved into a new position at the Bank of North Dakota (BND). He transferred to human resources as an administrative staff officer. He has been at BND for four years.

Victoria L. Vayda, '00 and '02, was recently recognized by Laducer and Associates for 10 years of outstanding service. She was recognized with outstanding/dedication service awards in 2006, 2007 and 2008. A Mandan native, Vayda earned AAS and AA degrees from BSC.

Justin Eninger, '05, was selected Bismarck-Mandan Ambassador of the Year for 2012. The Ambassadors participated in more than 120 ribbon cuttings in 2012. Eninger works as a credit analyst with Northland Financial.



Amanda Avard

Amanda (Zins) Avard, '07,

has had two art works selected for inclusion in the 2nd Student International Small Print Show. The pieces will be displayed at El Minia University in Egypt in conjunction with an international art conference hosted by the fine arts faculty of El Minia. From there the exhibit will move to the Opera Art Gallery in Cairo.

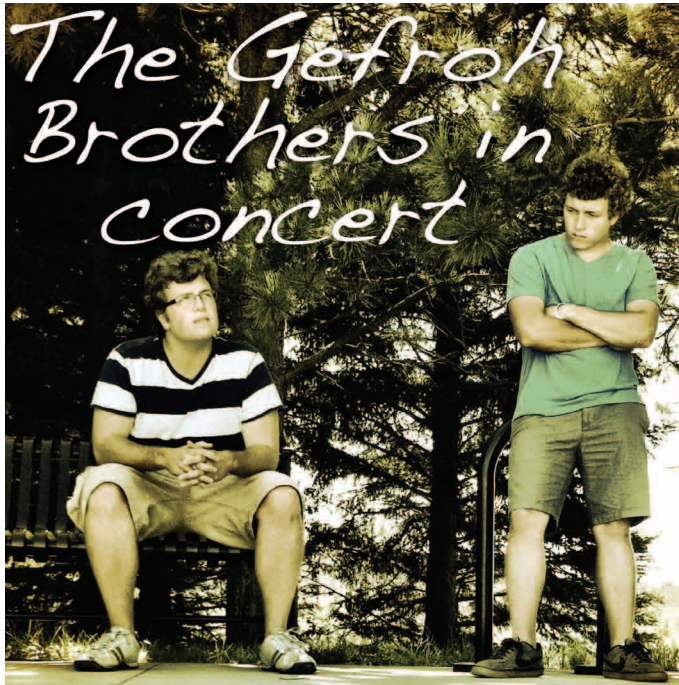
Avard is currently pursuing an Interior Design degree from NDSU. The pieces were created as part of a printmaking class. Avard has long been interested in art.

"Ever since I was a little girl I have had a unique interest for painting and drawing. However, this was the first time trying these different printmaking processes. I found printmaking to be challenging compared to drawing and painting. Completing these pieces has been very rewarding and gratifying," she says.

The British Council in Cairo is sponsoring a catalog of the show. To see more student work, visit studentsprintshow.com.



Singing along at BSC – a family tradition continues



Jimmy and Stephen Gefroh pictured on a concert flier to promote their CD launch concert at BSC in January.

A harmonious relationship is not always the norm between brothers, but in the case of Jimmy and Stephen Gefroh, harmony is their specialty.

Shaggy-haired, warmly polite with ready, dimpled smiles, the brothers are sincere on stage and off. During a recent Gefroh Brothers show at Bismarck's Peacock Alley, they performed a wide array of songs accompanied by Jimmy's guitar.

They harmonized easily on brand new pop songs and some well-known oldies. Stephen calls it a naked sound, "two stripped down voices and one guitar."

Logistics mean the two can't practice together too frequently – Jimmy lives in Grand Forks and Stephen in Bismarck – and yet their performance was the musical equivalent of a two people so close they can complete each other's sentences.

According to their mother, Jean (Dunn) Gefroh, '83, that closeness is a hallmark of their relationship, and music comes easily.

"They've been crazy about singing since the beginning," she says.

Both brothers have long music resumes.

Jimmy started playing violin at age two through the Suzuki school in Bismarck before "going crazy for guitar in middle school" Jean says. He began writing songs at age 13, and was chosen for All-State choir and vocal jazz groups in high school and at BSC, earning numerous awards. At UND, he has sung in the concert choir, Varsity Bards and Varsity Gentlemen.

Stephen "just always sang" according to Jean. He performs in the BSC Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Men's Ensemble. He followed the same performance path as James through middle and high school, earning a slew of awards at state music competitions.

A music teacher at Mandan Middle School, Jean says she never pushed music on her sons, but music is clearly a family tradition. All three cite music-filled car trips, campfire sing-alongs and family gatherings in which singing was front and center. Stephen says dad, Scott, '83, was a major influence with "a lot of singing along to country songs in the car."

The senior Gefrohs, as well as Jean's three sisters, all attended BSC, performing in various choirs as well as some theater. The Dunn sisters performed as a group frequently at area churches and local events, including the 1996 BSC Alumni Banquet. In a 1996 article in the Update, BSC's old alumni newsletter, Jean notes that BSC was the first step in "figuring out what was right for me."



Stephen Gefroh performing at the 2012 BSC Jazz Concert.

Conversations with her sons offer up similar sentiments, along with raves for BSC's music department.

"I'm hoping BSC will become a four-year college so I can finish here," Stephen, who graduates in May, says.

Jimmy, a 2011 graduate, now a senior at UND, is equally effusive. "The professors constantly reached out, and wanted me to learn and do well.

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BSC hosts a variety of spring and summer events



Celebrating spring with commencement

Nearly 1,000 students will graduate this spring from BSC. The 73rd BSC Commencement is scheduled for Friday, May 10 at 2:30 p.m. at the Bismarck Civic Center. This year's graduation speaker is BSC alumnus and Denver Nuggets general manager Masai Ujiri. Ujiri played basketball for BSC from 1993-95. A native of Zaria, Nigeria, Ujiri is the first African-born general manager for an American major league sports team.

President's Cup Golf Classic

The BSC Foundation along with the Athletic department is once again hosting the President's Cup Golf Classic date at Prairie West golf course in Mandan on June 21. Team registration begins at 8 a.m. with tee off at 9 a.m. Money raised goes to athletic scholarships. Following the tournament, participants sponsors, and volunteers are invited to the social and the 2013 BSC Mystic Hall of Fame induction ceremony on the Prairie West patio. For more information or to register, contact Amy Brown at the BSC Foundation, 701-224-5700 or Amy.Brown@bismarckstate.edu.



President's Run in July

Join President Skogen on July 12 for the 6th Annual President's Run. Motorcycles and cars will travel to Garrison Dam for a tour. Lunch will be provided. Your \$100 donation will help fund the Dean D. Gunsch Toolbox Program. For more information, contact Amy Brown at the BSC Foundation at 701-224-5700 or amy.brown.1@bismarckstate.edu.



Summer Ag Academy – register by May 10

Anyone interested in a career in agriculture is invited to attend the BSC Summer Ag Academy July 16-17. This free two-day event will help incoming college students explore careers in agronomy. Pre-registration deadline is May 10. Contact bobbi.bingeman@bismarckstate.edu to learn more.

Online exclusive! ND Legislative summary

The 63rd N.D. Legislature should wrap up its session at the end of April. At press time for this publication, the higher education budget and funding model were undecided, potential building projects still up in the air, and a number of other pieces of legislation affecting BSC and its students were yet to be finalized.

We will publish a summary of the session in our online edition of Connections by early May. You'll find it at bismarckstate.edu/Connections.

Gefroh brothers, continued

My best academic years were at BSC and I still miss it," he says.

Both brothers graduate this spring, and the goal is for Jimmy to land a job somewhere that will provide a base as the brothers take some time to focus on their music. Graduation and the release last winter of their first CD, "This Dream" make the timing right.

Recorded at Makoche studio in Bismarck, the brothers launched their CD with a concert in the Sidney J. Lee Auditorium in December.

"It was the first place we thought of," Jimmy says.

Neither brother is putting a timeline on their upcoming musical journey. "We're living in the moment a little, and ready to handle whatever comes our way," Stephen says. "We want to show what we can do."

To see the Gefroh Brothers perform two of their original songs, visit bismarckstate.edu/Connections. Their CD can be purchased in Bismarck at Eckroth Music, Stringbean Music and the BSC Bookstore.

Foundation donors make a difference

Donors make an incredible difference to BSC. Their support allows the Foundation to provide scholarships to students, fund equipment and support activities that help make BSC a great place for education and training. We are so fortunate to have this level of support.

The Foundation welcomes new and renewing **President's Club** members for January 1 through March 31, 2013.

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Funds added to Toolbox Program

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"For all 34 years Dean taught at BSC, he was continually looking for ways to make the program more accessible for the students. Even when he was on medical leave, he continued to have the students' best interest at heart," Friese says.

The donated vehicles came from former BSC president Kermit Lidstrom, alumna Deb Guy Igoe and Metcalf Archeology. They were sold to BSC employees on a first-come, first-served basis at Kelley Blue Book value.

Vehicle donations serve two purposes – the proceeds benefit the Toolbox fund and the automotive students gain experience by working on the vehicles prior to their sale.

Proceeds from this year's President's Run in July also will fund the toolbox program.

Donations to the Dean D. Gunsch Toolbox Program can be made through the BSC Foundation via mail, telephone or online.

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Hoping graduates will bloom where they're planted



Marnie Piehl

After a long winter, it's finally, truly spring in North Dakota. Birds are singing, rivers and creeks running (we hope not too high), daffodils and tulips are pushing through and crocuses are blooming on southern hillsides. Spring is about new beginnings for our graduates and for our spirits. As BSC launches nearly 1,000 graduates into their beyond this month, we hope that they land somewhere in which all of the promise

they carry will thrive – a place that feels like spring. Congratulations graduates – we look forward to seeing you bloom.

Thanks for reading.

Marnie Piehl, editor

P.S. Don't forget to visit Connections online for exclusive content (including a legislative summary), photos and video of the Gefroh brothers.

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