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- Bismarck State College launched its student-led online radio station, The Myx, April 3rd, <http://76.74.255.139/bismarck/>.
- BSC Theatre presents “Gypsy” the acclaimed musical based on the memoir of 1930s burlesque queen, Gypsy Rose Lee, and the stage-mother antics of her mother, April 3rd-7th, <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/news/?NID=276>.
- A Roast was held for President Larry Skogen, March 21st, as a fundraiser for the “Figments of Imagination” publication. Guest speakers were Clay Jenkinson, Sheila Schafer, Niles Hushka, Mike McCormack, and Monsignor James Shea, <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/news/?NID=271>.
- Bismarck State College Staff Senate sponsored Staff Day March 14th for all BSC staff. Sessions included Personal Safety, Managing Stress, Taking the Cuss Our of Customer Service, and Dealing with Change.
- Construction Updates:
 - ❖ Construction continues on the MDU Resources Community Bowl.
 - ❖ First Phase construction is set to start on the Student Union this month.
 - ❖ Also, construction starting on the Meadowlark Building soon.
- Planning is in the works for the Campus Read 2013-2014, 10th Anniversary.
- Bismarck State College is planning its 75 Year Celebration with a kickoff August 6th and ending with an All School Reunion and celebration August 23, 2014. Activities include BSC Alumni Art Exhibit, JFK Symposium, JazzFest, Video Documentaries, and much more, <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/75Years>.





- Mark Mudra, a student at Lake Region State College, has been named a 2013 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver and 50 Bronze Scholars, and providing nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Each Gold Scholar receives a \$1,500 scholarship and a special medallion.
- The Lake Region State College Playmakers presented *Moon Over Buffalo* by Ken Ludwig, February 21-23 at 7:30 pm and February 24 at 2:00 at the Robert Fawcett Auditorium.
- About 300 middle school students met at Lake Region State College April 4 to participate in Rural Collaborative Opportunities for Occupational Learning in Health (R-COOL-Health) Scrubs Camp. R-COOL-Health Scrubs Camps aim to increase awareness, interest, and understanding of health careers available in rural North Dakota through creative and interactive activities. The Devils Lake R-COOL-Health Scrubs Camp featured hands-on activities to learn about the health occupations of dentistry, radiology, nursing, mental health, music therapy, physical therapy, pharmacy, and emergency medicine. Local medical professionals have developed exciting sessions to engage the students while learning about the tasks, education, and career expectations for the individual careers.
- Lake Region State College played host to the state Phi Beta Lambda Conference April 5-6.



- Sixteen of the 19 MaSU students who participated in the North Dakota Collegiate DECA Career Development Conference February 10 and 11 qualified for participation in the international competition. The international competition will be held in Anaheim, Calif. April 17-20. MaSU student Wesley Bernier was elected as 2013-2014 state vice president for Collegiate DECA.
- MaSU STEM Coordinator Sarah Konschak represented North Dakota at a national convocation of education leaders regarding the implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC), a national collaborative of states committed to the development of next generation assessments aligned to the CCSS, sponsored the gathering held in Chicago in February.
- We have 4 students traveling to Milwaukee, WI this Saturday, April 6th to attend the "Walk Now for Autism Speaks". To read more about the team and their project raising

money for this wonderful cause, please go to <http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1041221&lis=1&kntae1041221=409EE18FC5BE44778F78B4A2DA550213&team=5467349&tlteam=0>



- Minot State University is challenging its campus, community, alumni and friends to complete a service project in honor of Minot State's 100 years of service. MiSU Staff Senate is spearheading a silent auction April 8-12, and all funds brought in will benefit the Minot Domestic Violence Crisis Center's new transitional living apartments. DVCC lost two shelters and its administrative building in the 2011 Souris River Flood. Consequently, its board of directors voted to build a complex with shelters and an office building.
- The Election Committee is preparing for elections.



- NDSCS will hold its 32nd annual Employee Recognition program on April 26. During this event we honor Years of Service Award, Meritorious Service Award and Excellence in Teaching Award recipients.
- The NDSCS Staff Senate recently sent a letter of support for the college's Strategic Goals draft that were presented by President Richman at our April 3rd regular meeting.



Staff Senate Updates

NDSU Staff Appreciation Day - NDSU Staff Senate hosted an open house on Wednesday, March 27th. This was an opportunity for staff to enjoy music, refreshments, networking, and a short program. The event recognizes the many contributions NDSU staff make to the university community. Over 260 staff was able to attend as well as many campus administrators and leaders to acknowledge staff across campus.

Staff Senate Video! Staff Senate, along with the help from the Bison Information Network (BIN), created a promotional video. This video is located our Staff Senate website as well as on the University website where other departmental YouTube videos are located. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuOpXEoN0DE&feature=youtu.be>

Nominations and Elections for 2013-2014 – Elections are now open for the 2013-2014 year. Elections are scheduled for May 1, 2013.

Staff Recognition and Gunkelman Awards - Staff Senate coordinates several awards including the Staff Recognition Awards and the Gunkelman Award. The Staff Recognition Award recognizes current, broadbanded,

staff members for their hard work and ingenuity in making North Dakota State University a better place. Mary McCannel Gunkelman Recognition Award recognizes one NDSU student or employee who has made the most significant and unselfish contribution to creating a happy environment for NDSU students.

Relay for Life - Staff Senate is proud to sponsor a Relay for Life team for the event being held at NDSU from 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, to 6 a.m. Sunday, April 28, 2013 at the Bison Sports Arena.

NDSU Day of Honor – The President’s Cabinet supports Staff Senate’s efforts to create an NDSU Day of Honor. This day recognizes members of the Bison family; students, faculty and staff who passed away.



- Election results for new senators are in.
- On Wed we will be holding our VP/President elect presentations and elections along with the election of new officers. We have 3 excellent candidates for VP/President elect.
- We have 3 Ombuds candidates coming to campus for interviews this week.
- Staff Recognition committee is working on our annual spring fling.
- Briefly discussed the student resolution and decided to do nothing at this time. This subject has been left open for possible future discussion if needed at a later date.



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- Staff Senate is preparing for upcoming elections.

