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BSU students perform during the annual Jingle Bell Jazz concert, held Dec. 5 in Bangsberg's Thompson Recital Hall.



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Shaping Potential, Shaping Worlds

Bemidji State University's impact felt on a global scale

No matter where I travel, whether it is the forested byways of northern Minnesota, the expressways of an American city or the exotic streets of an international setting, I am almost always assured of meeting – through a planned gathering or a chance encounter – a Bemidji State University graduate.

What stands out from the thousands of conversations I have had with our alumni is the frequent discussion of a common topic. No matter how different their experiences at BSU may have been, our alumni always seem to credit the University with shaping their potential and giving them the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in their personal as well as their professional lives.

Our new five-year plan at Bemidji State captures this dramatic contribution to people's lives by setting our vision on shaping potential that subsequently shapes the world. While the

starting point for each entering freshman is often unequal because of economic, social and educational factors, we are committed to shaping each person's potential through a rich blend of liberal arts and professional programs, active learning experiences in the classroom and the community, career development opportunities and student services. Our students will leave the University equipped to help shape the communities in which they live and work.

Reinforcing our commitment to the well being of our local and global communities, Bemidji State's core values are realized through three signature themes -- multicultural and international understanding, environmental stewardship and civic engagement. Woven into the fabric of campus life through course offerings and university activities, these signature themes call upon our campus community to learn about, experience, reflect on and integrate these values.

Like our students, we are working diligently everyday to reach our fullest potential. In less than 100 years, Bemidji State has transformed from a teacher training school with some 38 students to a major regional university with nearly 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and a robust online learning community complements our vibrant campus.

Surrounded by the unmistakable beauty of northern Minnesota's lakes and forests, we are fortunate to have faculty, staff and students who are committed to building and sustaining community vitality worldwide while supporting individual development and growth here on campus.



Industrial tech program receives accreditation

NAIT accreditation for the program will run through Oct. 2011

► Complete story on the Web: <http://students.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/article.aspx?ArticleId=1209>

The industrial technology program in the College of Professional Studies recently received full accreditation from the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT).

The accreditation became effective in November and continues through October 2011.

NAIT accreditation ensures that an institution has met a series of standards to provide industry with highly competent employees and assures the graduate of a NAIT-accredited program that they are receiving a market-

able degree through relevant curricula.

"I would like to say that the recent accreditation of the industrial technology program is an accomplishment that we are all proud of," said **Darren Olson**, chair of the Department of Technological Studies. "We believe that it will increase recognition of the University and the department at the national level. We hope that interest in the program among potential students and their parents will increase."



Men's basketball to play at Target Center

Beavers to play North Dakota Fighting Sioux on Dec. 29

Later this month, Bemidji State basketball fans have a rare opportunity to watch the Beavers play a traditional rival in an NBA arena, as BSU will host the North Dakota Fighting Sioux in a non-conference game at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

The Beavers and Fighting Sioux will square off on Saturday, Dec. 29 in a 7 p.m. opening tip on the home floor of the Minnesota Timberwolves.

The \$14 ticket to the Bemidji State / North Dakota game also will allow fans to attend one of six Minnesota Timberwolves games between Jan. 30 and April 1. The two-in-one ticket will allow fans to select a \$20 seat for one of six Timberwolves

games later in the year:

- Jan. 30 vs Chicago Bulls
- Feb. 19 vs Philadelphia 76ers
- Feb. 26 vs Utah Jazz
- March 2 vs Seattle Sonics
- March 22 vs New York Knicks
- April 1 vs Detroit Pistons

Tickets are available through the Department of Athletics at 755-2041. Following the BSU/UND contest, fans will need to mail their vouchers to the Timberwolves and indicate which NBA game they would like to attend. Tickets to the Timberwolves game will then be mailed back.

Alumni, Admissions travel to Alaska

BSU looks to extend its presence to the Last Frontier

The Office of Admissions and BSU Alumni Association made a trip to Alaska, Dec. 3-6, to hold a series of in-school visits for Alaska high school students and a pair of alumni events for the nearly 240 Bemidji State University alums living in Alaska.

The admissions office, which had received regional recognition in November for announcing its efforts to recruit college-bound students from Alaska as part of its efforts to overcome shrinking demographics in Minnesota, visited 10 Alaska high schools in five cities from Dec. 3-6.

The high school visits were hosted by BSU Admissions Representative **Molly Aitken**.

The BSU Alumni Association also held two gatherings for alumni and others interested in learning more about BSU, and admissions office representatives were on hand at both events for anyone unable to attend the high school visits.

"We have a strong alumni base in Alaska, and I think there's great potential for recruiting students from there," said Director of Alumni Relations **Marla Patrias**. "Especially when you consider that we offer Alaska high school students in-state tuition, it gives them another affordable college option beyond a few states on the West Coast."

Campus Notes

Brief updates on the activities of your friends and colleagues at BSU

College of Professional Studies

- **Dr. Charles E. Alberti**, professor emeritus of education, made a presentation on Nov. 28 in the Scandinavian Room at the monthly Undergraduate Teaching Associate Program luncheon. His presentation was on the topic of "Fostering Effective Classroom Discussions When Attitudes Get In The Way."

- In January 2007, **Dr. Sandra Bland**, professor and chair of accounting, submitted 20 tax questions to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for consideration for the Uniform Certified Public Accounting Exam. In November she was notified that 15 of her questions had been accepted.

- **Dr. Lorraine Boyle**, assistant professor, DLITE, Fast-Track College of Professional Studies, presented "Shake and Quake? Advisors Share Online Advising Model" at the Sixth Annual Beyond Boundaries Conference: Integrating Technology into Teaching & Learning at the University of North Dakota, Oct. 4-5. Co-presenting were assistant professors **Dr. Chad Schmidt**, and **Dr. Siri Anderson**, and Gina Skansberg, a student in the Department of Professional Education.

- **Dr. Maggie Carlson**, assistant professor of education recently attended two conferences in Little Rock Arkansas. One was a national gathering of Experiential Educators and the other was a national reading conference held by the International Reading Association.

- **Joan Miller**, Office and Administrative Specialist, Sr. in the College of Professional Studies/School of Graduate Studies recently completed the Master of Science in Higher Education Administration at St. Cloud State University.

College of Arts & Letters

- **Nancy C. Erickson**, dean in the College of Arts and Letters, published an article in a collection of critical essays dedicated to Elfriede Jelinek, winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize for Literature. Erickson's article describes Jelinek's practice of interlacing her writings with texts from other authors to bring attention to language usage. The article, entitled "Echoes of Celan and Heidegger in Jelinek's 'In den Alpen' [In the Alps], appeared in the collection published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press. The book was listed among literature titles in the November 23, 2007, edition of "The Chronicle of Higher Education."

College of Social & Natural Sciences

- **Dr. Keith Marek**, Associate Professor of Chemistry, presented a paper entitled "Polyoxoniobates are Stable in Acidic Aqueous Solution" as part of the Polyoxometalates and Related Clusters in Chemistry and Nanoscience symposium at the 234th American Chemical Society National Meeting held in Boston, Mass., August 19-23.

- The Department of Nursing was awarded HRSA funding beginning in the summer of 2007 for \$250,000 per year, renewable for up to three years. **Dr. Ranae Womack** is the principal investigator and **Gwen Verchota** is managing the grant which focuses on the expansion of both the RN-to-bachelor of science and four-year track programs.

- The nursing program was visited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education for its national accreditation on Nov. 13-15. The visitors provided preliminary feedback on BSU's program, both the RN-to-bachelor of science and four-year track, and found that it met all standards and that there were no deficiencies. Final approval will occur during a meeting of the CCNE in April, 2008.

- Five BSU mathematics and computer science majors participated in the 11th Annual Mathematics Association of America North Central Section Team Contest on Nov. 10. Teams from Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota participated in the contest. The students were presented with 10 mathematics questions and had three hours to work on the questions, which ranged in difficulty from moderately easy to quite difficult.

Student Development & Enrollment

- The Department of Residential Life has been recognized by the Association of College and University Housing Officers - International for its commitment to the use of the ACUHO's Educational Benchmarking program in assessing its program and services to residence hall students.

School of Integrative Studies

- no updates this issue

Administrative Affairs

- no updates this issue

Human Resources

- no updates this issue

Alumni Ass'n seeks Outstanding Alumni nominees

The Bemidji State University Alumni Association is actively seeking nominations of individuals to be considered for the Outstanding Alumni Award for 2008. Nominations forms are available online at: <http://www.bsualumni.org>

Recipients of the award are selected from nominations submitted by alumni, faculty, emeriti, and staff. If you know of a BSU alumnus/a who should be considered for this award, please fill out and

the Outstanding Alumni Award Nomination Form by the application deadline of February 1, 2008.

Nominees must:

- be graduates of Bemidji State University,
- have graduated at least 10 years ago,
- have, upon graduation from BSU, gone on to achieve a very high level of professional/personal success.

Entries for campus notes are compiled by reporters in each college, school or administrative area and submitted to the Office of Communications and Marketing for inclusion in BSU Insider.

Photos used in Campus Notes are submitted. Photos for use in Campus Notes can be e-mailed in JPEG format to: jbartlett@bemidjistate.edu



Personnel News

New faces and old friends in new places

- **Daryk Leonhardt** joined Technical Support on Nov. 29.
- **Cindy Bronczyk** and **Karen Puschinsky** have been named Child Care Assistant - Intermittent at Campus Child Care. They began on Dec. 6.

Performance Calendars

Upcoming Intercollegiate Athletics and Fine Arts events at BSU

► Complete University events calendar on the Web: <http://students.bemidjistate.edu/calendar>

Intercollegiate Athletics

Fri., Dec. 14	Men's Ice Hockey	7:35 p.m.
Minnesota State	John Glas Fieldhouse	
Sat., Dec. 15	Men's Ice Hockey	7:05 p.m.
Minnesota State	John Glas Fieldhouse	
Sun., Dec. 16	Women's Basketball	4:00 p.m.
Minnesota-Duluth	BSU Gymnasium	
Sat., Dec. 29	Women's Ice Hockey	2:07 p.m.
Vermont	John Glas Fieldhouse	
Sat., Dec. 29	Men's Basketball	7:00 p.m.
North Dakota	Target Center; Minneapolis, Minn.	
Sun., Dec. 30	Women's Ice Hockey	2:07 p.m.
Vermont	John Glas Fieldhouse	
Wed., Jan. 2	Men's Basketball	7:00 p.m.
Dickinson State	BSU Gymnasium	
Sat., Jan. 5	Women's/Men's Basketball	6/8:00 p.m.
Minn.-Crookston	BSU Gymnasium	
Sat., Jan. 5	Men's Ice Hockey	7:05 p.m.
Minnesota-Duluth	John Glas Fieldhouse	
Fri., Jan. 11	Women's/Men's Basketball	6/8:00 p.m.
Northern State	BSU Gymnasium	
Fri., Jan. 11	Women's Ice Hockey	7:07 p.m.
North Dakota	John Glas Fieldhouse	
Sat., Jan. 12	Indoor Track & Field	
BSU Alumni Meet	Gillett Rec Center	
Sat., Jan. 12	Women's Ice Hockey	2:07 p.m.
North Dakota	John Glas Fieldhouse	
Sat., Jan. 12	Women's/Men's Basketball	6/8:00 p.m.
Mary	BSU Gymnasium	

Music & Theatre

Sat., Jan. 26	Snowball	6:00 p.m.
Bemidji Town and Country Club	call 755-2915	
Sun., Jan. 27	Sarah Carlson organ recital	7:30 p.m.
Thompson Recital Hall	free	
Sat., Feb. 2	Jazz Fest Concert	7:30 p.m.
BHS Auditorium	\$5 adults/\$3 sr/free students	
Sun., Feb. 3	Sara Wabrowetz sr. recital	3:00 p.m.
Thompson Recital Hall	free	
Sat., Feb. 9	Honor Band concert	4:00 p.m.
Bangsberg Main Theatre	\$5 adults/\$3 sr/free students	
Sat., Feb. 9	Travis Sjaheim recital	7:30 p.m.
Thompson Recital Hall	free	
Sun., Feb. 10	Jake Kaehne junior recital	3:00 p.m.
Thompson Recital Hall	free	
Tues., Feb. 12	BSO Valentine's Concert	7:30 p.m.
Bangsberg Main Theatre	free	