

BSU Insider

When the Unthinkable Happens

events at Northern Illinois remind us of the importance of preparedness

Yesterday, the unthinkable happened again. A gunman, carrying a shotgun and two handguns, walked into a lecture hall full of college students and opened fire. In mere seconds, the Northern Illinois University campus in DeKalb was catapulted into chaos.

As the horrific news blared across news channels, I was reminded once again of the importance of remaining vigilant in our efforts to protect the safety and vitality of campus life.

I was also impressed by the swift reaction of emergency personnel to the situation. Within minutes, police were at the site, students received emergency notices and the campus was soon in lockdown mode. While life was lost, it's likely that casualties were reduced because of NIU's emergency preparedness

Bemidji State has undertaken substantial emergency planning within the past 24 months. Just last week, we tested the newest addition to our communication alert system, Connect-ED. That system enables us to reach students, faculty and staff quickly through email addresses and telephone numbers. I'm pleased to report that 75% of the 6,138 telephone test messages sent were delivered successfully. Bad phone numbers and no one answering the line were the main causes for unsuccessful calls.

Other technology upgrades are also being made. We have begun installing an alert system in campus buildings that uses speakers and strobes to warn people of an emergency. Bridgeman Hall has been fitted with this system. Soon others will be. We have also begun implementing a keyless entry program that will strengthen the security of our buildings.

Having updated our campus emergency plan last year to address the potential threat of avian flu, we are now developing a companion piece, the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). This plan will guide us in maintain-

ing essential processes, minimizing damage, and restoring operations if an emergency occurs or a disaster strikes that disrupts our normal operations.

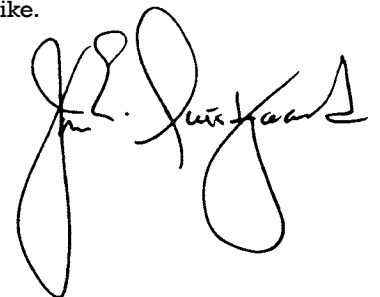
Recently, the campus community began receiving user-friendly emergency guides and having an opportunity to discuss the guide with safety and emergency staff. This guide explains steps to take in a variety of emergency situations.

I'm heartened by the emergency preparedness efforts being undertaken on campus. The key to successfully implementing those plans, however, rests with each of us. Please take time to read the emergency procedures guide and post it in a place where everyone in your office can access it. Review and update your building's emergency plans. Also, take

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the fire and tornado warning drills seriously. What may be a practice drill today, may become a lifesaving action tomorrow. Finally, please be sure that your telephone contact information is correct. Directions on updating your contact information will be sent out soon.

Expecting the unexpected is a daunting task. Yet, because of our planning efforts, use of technology, and commitment from staff, we are better equipped to respond quickly and effectively should an emergency arise or disaster strike.




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Bemidji State tests Connect-ED alert system

first campus-wide test of e-mail, phone contact system ran on Feb. 5

► Complete story on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/02/15/connect-ed-alert-test>

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, Bemidji State University conducted a test of the Connect-ED emergency notification system. Connect-ED allows administration at Bemidji State to deliver messages to students, faculty and staff via telephone and e-mail in a matter of minutes.

Bemidji State's adoption of a campus-wide notification system was part of a MnSCU initiative which began over a year ago.

"We had the same rationale as many campuses that have been seeking solutions like this in the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings - making sure the campus was prepared for emergencies," **Bob Griggs**, interim associate vice president of information technology services, said. "MnSCU found that individual campuses were negotiating with vendors for these types of services, and found that as a system we could work more collaboratively to serve students."

As a result, Bemidji State became one of approximately 12 MnSCU schools to participate in a pilot program with Connect-ED.

"We signed up last spring, did some training over the summer and began testing internally in late fall," Griggs said. "That all helped lead up to the Feb. 5 campus-wide test."

BSU's test of the system attempted 6,138 unique telephone message deliveries and 8,871 e-mail messages to students, faculty and staff at the University. More than 75 percent of the telephone messages were delivered successfully, with the majority of the unsuccessful deliveries occurring due to a bad telephone number or no answer on a line.

"This was a good first campus-wide test

for the system," Griggs said. "The positive thing is that now we have this system, and an emergency management team that has been identified to use it to distribute messages to our faculty, staff and students.

"Based on the test, we now know a few problem areas based on bad telephone numbers and other incorrect contact information," he added. "That will help us better prepare the system for use in an actual emergency situation."

Built exclusively for post-secondary institutions, the Connect-ED service allows communication through: voice messages to home, work and cell phones; text messages to cell phones, PDAs and other devices; written messages to email accounts; and messages to teletypewriters and telecommunication devices (TTY/TDD) for the hearing impaired. During a time-sensitive situation, multi-mode communication is a more comprehensive way to reach people in the environment they are in when the issue arises. Messages can be sent simultaneously to all available contact points for each person.

The system has been used by schools across the country during events such as Hurricane Katrina and to help locate missing individuals. In addition to emergency communication, some campuses use the service for more routine communications such as during the admissions process or to alert students to important financial aid or other administrative deadlines. However, Bemidji State University currently plans to use Connect-ED only for emergency alert messages.

Jerry Winans honored by MnSCU

BSU business manager receives Outstanding Service award

► Complete story on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/02/07/winans-honored-by-mnscu>

Business Manager **Jerry Winans** has been recognized by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities with a 2007 Outstanding Service Award, recognizing excellence in financial and facilities management leadership at institutions within the system. The award was presented at the system's Chief Financial and Facilities Officers meeting in Minneapolis.

"The award was a nice surprise, and I am very happy to accept it," Winans said.

The awards program, which began in 1997, publicly recognizes the outstanding contributions of the system's college and

university employees who work in finance and facilities management. The Outstanding Service awards are given to individuals who demonstrated outstanding contributions toward furthering professionalism in financial management.

"Jerry is extremely well respected by our students, faculty and staff," Vice President for Finance and Administration **Bill Maki** said. "He is seen as a go-to person on campus to get answers to just about any question someone may have.

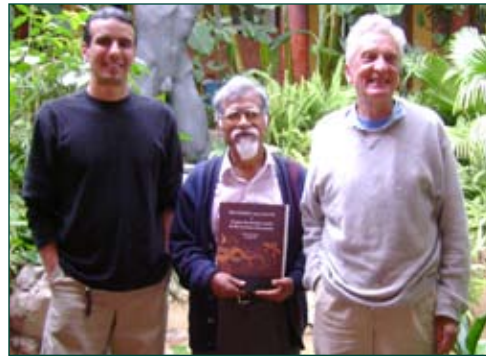
Campus Notes

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

College of Arts and Letters

• **Dr. Anton Treuer**, associate professor of Ojibwe, recently met with several scholars involved with preservation and revitalization of indigenous languages of the Americas. Their mission is to develop an international think tank to develop publications and institutions for Indian language renewal.

Pictured with Treuer (center) are **Jacinto Arias** (left), founder of the Celali Institute for Maya Languages in Chenalo, Mexico, and **Robert Laughlin** of the Smithsonian Institution. The meeting took place in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, on Feb. 8.



College of Professional Studies

• **Dr. Lorraine Boyle**, assistant professor, DLITE, Fast-Track and **Dr. Judy Olson**, chair of the Department of Professional Studies, presented "Building Intellectual Capacity: Intentional Strategies for Adolescent Readers" at the "Planting the Seeds of Success" conference in Overland Park, Kansas, Nov. 8-11, 2007. The focus of the presentation was on improving the quality of reading instruction, disseminating research and information about reading and encouraging the lifetime reading habit.

• Boyle, Olson and **Mary Ann DeZiel**, adjunct professor of college and professional studies, presented "International Strategies for Adolescent Readers" at the annual conference of the Minnesota Reading Association, Nov. 1-3, 2007, in Rochester, Minn.

• Boyle presented "Are Student Teachers in Hybrid, Online Programs as Prepared to Implement Instructionally Effective Behaviors as Peers Trained in "Face-to-face Environments?" at the Sixth International Conference on Education, Jan. 5-8, 2008 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The presentation focused on a study comparing ratings of student teachers to implement specific, instructional behaviors before and after student teaching between those students taught in traditional "face-to-face" classroom settings with those who received instruction in hybrid-online formats.



• **Dr. Dan Gartrell**, director of the Child Development Training Program and professor of education, gave the keynote address for 500 participants at the Wisconsin Head Start Association Conference in The Wisconsin Dells on Feb. 9. He used a musical slideshow of children's art and several illustrative anecdotes in his address on "The Development and Expression of Intelligence in Young Children."

• **Rich Jahner**, assistant head football coach and associate professor of physical education, health and sport, presented at *American Football Monthly's* AFM University conference, Feb. 8-9 in St. Paul. He presented three sessions, "Stopping the Run and Creating Turnovers," "Bemidji State's Gang Green Defensive Package: Pressures and Coverages," and "BSU's Complete Defensive Back Drills and Pass Coverage Variations."

Jahner will also present two sessions on the 3-4 defense at the three-day Nike Coach of the Year Clinic in Minneapolis on March 1.

• Jahner and **Brent Bolte**, assistant football coach and assistant professor of physical education, health and sport, will present three sessions on the 3-4 defense at the Minnesota Football Clinic in Minneapolis on March 28.

Finance and Administration

• **Belinda Lindell**, Director of Logistical Services, is serving on a MnSCU Purchasing Committee exploring consolidated purchasing efforts for MnSCU institutions.

• Vice President for Finance and Administration **Bill Maki** and several members of his staff attended the 2008 MnSCU Chief Financial and Facilities Officers Conference in St. Paul, Jan. 30-31. Joining Maki were: **Joann Gardner**, accounting officer, sr.; **Belinda Lindell**, director of logistical services; **Jeff Sande**, physical plant manager; and **Jerry Winans**, business manager.



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Personnel News

New faces and old friends in new places

- **Tori Dahlke** joined the Advising Success Center as a retention counselor on Feb. 6.
- **Zach Johnson** joined the Advising Success Center as a retention counselor on Feb. 6.
- **Michelle Laliberte** joined the Department of Music as an instructor on Jan. 16.
- **Lynne Lawson** joined the Department of English as an instructor on Jan. 16.
- **Annette Smith** joined the Department of Education as an instructor on Jan. 22.
- **Aaron Stodgell** joined the payroll office as an account clerk senior on Feb. 4.
- **Sarah Stoffel** joined the Department of Business Administration as an adjunct instructor on Feb. 4.
- **Holly Waisanen** joined the Department of Psychology as an instructor on Jan. 22.

Things to Do on Campus

Upcoming Events at Bemidji State University

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

Intercollegiate Athletics

Fri., Feb. 15	W Ice Hockey	2:07 p.m.
Wisconsin		Glas Fieldhouse
Sat., Feb. 16	W Ice Hockey	2:07 p.m.
Wisconsin		Glas Fieldhouse
Thu., Feb. 21	Indoor Track & Field	4:00 p.m.
	Bemidji Twilight	Rec Center
Fri., Feb. 22	M/W Basketball	6/8 p.m.
Winona State		BSU Gymnasium
Sat., Feb. 23	Women's Tennis	10:00 a.m.
Minn.-Duluth		Rec Center
Sat., Feb. 23	M/W Basketball	6/8 p.m.
Upper Iowa		BSU Gymnasium
Sun., Feb. 24	Women's Tennis	noon
St. Scholastica		Rec Center
Fri., Feb. 29	Indoor Track & Field	3:00 p.m.
	2008 NSIC Championships	Rec Center
Fri., Feb. 29	M. Ice Hockey	7:35 p.m.
Wayne State (Mich.)		Glas Fieldhouse
Sat., March 1	Indoor Track & Field	9:00 a.m.
	2008 NSIC Championships	Rec Center
Sat., March 1	M. Ice Hockey	7:05 p.m.
Wayne State (Mich.)		Glas Fieldhouse

Music & Theatre

Sun., Feb. 17	Bj. Baroque Ensemble	3:00 p.m.
	Thompson Recital Hall	free
Sat., Feb. 23	Opera Night	6:00 p.m.
	Thompson Recital Hall	755-2915 for info
Sun., Feb. 24	Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble	3:00 p.m.
	Bangsberg Main Theater	##
Wed., Feb. 27	Bemidji Jazz Quartet	7:30 p.m.
	Thompson Recital Hall	free
Fri., Feb. 29	Recital: Stephen Carlson	7:30 p.m.
	Thompson Recital Hall	755-2915 for info

##: \$5 adults / \$3 seniors / students free with ID

Lectures & Presentations

Tue., Feb. 19	Pastor Jim Holthus
noon - Scandinavian Room	brown-bag lunch discussion group
	"The Spiritual Life of College Students"
Thu., Feb. 21	NWF Web Conference
1:00 p.m. - North Conference Room	"Greener Buildings - Beyond Breaking Ground"
Mon., Feb. 25	Cat Crotchett reception
1 - 4 p.m. - Talley Gallery	"Rules of Engagement"
	Exhibition runs Feb. 25-March 21
Tue., Feb. 26	Fr. John Husband
10:00 a.m. - CRI	Academy of Lifelong Learning lecture series
	"Religious Icons and Their Impact on Our Lives"
Tue., Feb. 26	Pastor Jim Holthus
noon - Scandinavian Room	brown-bag lunch discussion group
	"The Spiritual Life of College Students"
Tue., Feb. 26	Jeanine Gangeness
7:00 p.m. - Hagg-Sauer 112	Honors Council Lecture Series
	"Rural Women and Obesity: How Built Environments Influence Physical Activity"