

March 28, 2008

BSU Insider

Dr. Joann Fredrickson, provost and vice president for academic affairs, hands out a Bucky the Beaver bobblehead to a lucky drawing winner at the March 27 Campus Conversation.



what'sinside

- New mission and vision statements guide planning for 2009 HLC visit
- 2008-09 on-campus parking permits on sale now
- Open forums with CIO candidates begin Monday
- Reminders for purchase orders and 2008-09 textbook orders
- Campus Notes
- Personnel News
- Events on Campus

BSU Insider is a publication of the Bemidji State University Office of Communications and Marketing.
Rose Jones, Director
Andy Bartlett, Associate Director
John Swartz, Photographer
Kathy Berglund, Designer
Val Mason, Office Manager
Brad Folkestad, Sports Information
Troy Berneking, Sports Information
Cedrique Flemming, Sports Information

Bemidji State University is an equal opportunity educator and employer. This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling (800) 475-2001 or (218) 755-3883.



Bemidji State University is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.

Reaccreditation: It's Everybody's Business

March 27 Campus Conversation kicks off preparations for reaccreditation

We're well prepared to begin Bemidji State's re-accreditation efforts. New mission and vision statements are in place. Steering and criterion committees are formed. Plans for the 2009 self-study are underway. And, the campus conversation this week – as much a celebration of our campus community as an introduction to the re-accreditation process – generated lively discussion and valuable input.

With end-of-the-year pressures mounting, it's tempting to set aside thoughts of re-accreditation and focus on the demands of our daily workloads. Perhaps even more enticing are thoughts of leaving the data collection and evidence gathering responsibilities to those already on committees, no matter what time of year it is.

While such thoughts are tantalizing, they are troublesome. Re-accreditation is everybody's business. Each one of us touches the lives of BSU students. In doing so, each of us helps fulfill the University's mission and vision. Re-accreditation, especially the self-study portion, calls upon us to capture and tell the stories of our touch points with those we serve. The mission is the standard bearer used to measure our results.

In the coming weeks and months ahead, I encourage you to think about how we might tell the Bemidji State story as it pertains to the re-accreditation process. Also, I ask that you begin to identify and record the critical roles you

and your colleagues play in that story. Then stand ready to share your information with the committees gathering, analyzing and verifying information.

“Whether you're in facilities or finance, health services or career services, academia or administration, your work is part of Bemidji State's story.”

The aim is to demonstrate our commitment to shaping potential and shaping worlds. We accomplish that commitment through our mission, which challenges us to engage in new worlds of thought, embrace citizenship and educate for a world that is only imagined.

Whether you're in facilities or finance, health services or career services, academia or administration, your work is part of Bemidji State's story. And, chronicling that story is everybody's business.

Ways YOU can help with reaccreditation

- Volunteer to serve on a committee or team
- Attend Higher Learning Commission campus forums and workshops
- Stay informed about the reaccreditation process
- Participate in campus surveys
- Assist with data collection activities



New mission, vision statements to guide planning for 2009 HLC visit

Bemidji State's new mission and vision statements, which were unveiled to the campus community in January, were a focal point of the March 27 Campus Conversation which served as the official campus-wide kickoff for planning efforts associated with the University's upcoming reaccreditation.

Telling the stories of the University will be a critical aspect of the reaccreditation process. The new mission and vision will help guide the development of these stories as the entire campus prepares for the Higher Learning Commission's site visit in November of 2009.

Participants in the conversation were asked to provide examples of daily activities that supported the mission and vision statements, and to develop ideas on how to promote the statements within the campus community.

The conversation attendees were also introduced to the 13-member HLC Steering Committee, which will be guiding the University's reaccreditation efforts.

Ten members of that steering committee also are co-chairing five criterion committees. These criterion committees will guide the University's efforts to successfully meet each of the criteria for successful reaccreditation: mission and integrity; preparing for the future; student learning, effective teaching; acquisition, discovery and application of knowledge; and engagement and service.

Vision
Shaping potential. Shaping worlds.

Mission
Engage. Embrace. Educate.

As northern Minnesota's university, we **engage** in new worlds of thought, **embrace** responsible citizenship, and **educate** for a future that can only be imagined.

Discover more about the spring Campus Conversation on the Web

► Photo gallery from the Campus Conversation:

http://info.bemidjistate.edu/News/gallery/events/campusconversation3_27_08/

► The PowerPoint presentation shown at the Campus Conversation:

<http://students.bemidjistate.edu/BSUinsider/2008/v10/HLCkickoff4B.ppt>

Parking permits for 2008-09 now on sale

Cashier's Office begins sale of on-campus parking permits for fall

To better serve the campus community, Bemidji State on-campus parking permits for the 2008-09 academic year will go on sale Friday, March 28, at the Cashier's Office, located on the second floor of Deputy Hall.

All motor vehicles that park on campus during the academic year are required to display a current permit for the area in which they will be parked. In order to purchase a parking permit, a

vehicle must be registered. Registration requires you to provide the make, model, color and license number/state of your vehicle at the time a permit is purchased.

These permits will be valid beginning fall semester of 2008.

For more information, contact the Cashier's Office at 755-2045. The Cashier's Office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Open forums scheduled with CIO finalists

Interviews of Chief Information Officer candidates begin Monday

You are invited to meet the five finalists for BSU's Chief Information Officer (CIO) position at upcoming candidate forums that will be held from 3:15-4:15 pm in the Crying Wolf Room, Hobson Memorial Union on the following dates:

Monday, March 31: Michael Kurtz
Kurtz is the dean of strategic systems and CIO at Western Iowa Tech Community College.

Monday, April 7: Mitch Davidson
Davidson is the executive director of enterprise tech services at Western Illinois University.

Wednesday, April 9: Jason Blosser
Blosser is the CIO at Manchester Community College in Connecticut.

Thursday, April 17: Joe Whetstone
Whetstone is an independent IT consultant and former vice president of information technology and CIO at Winona State University.

Monday, April 28: Robert Paterson
Paterson is the CIO at Salem State College in Massachusetts.

During the open forums, each of the candidates will be providing a short presentation on information technology followed by a question and answer period.

These forums are your opportunity to learn more about the five finalists for BSU's CIO position, ask them questions and provide feedback to the search committee.

Campus Notes

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

College of Arts and Letters

• **David Lund**, professor of philosophy, had an article entitled, "Dualism and the Conscious Self," published in a book entitled "L'promo a Due Dimensioni," a book on the philosophy of mind whose title translates roughly to, "Mind-Body Dualism." The book was published in Italian by Bruno Mondadori, a publisher based in Milan. The main text of the book consists of 10 articles featuring authors from Oxford University, some from European universities, and some from the United States.

• **Dr. J. Thomas Murphy**, associate professor of history, is contributing an entry on Governor Andrew G. Curtin for "The Essential Lincoln: A Political Encyclopedia" to be published in Nov. 2008. He also has two book reviews forthcoming in The Historian and Annals of Iowa.

• **Susan Scrivner**, professor of English, presented a paper entitled, "Constructed Women: Replicant, Precog, Synthespian," at the Conference on Film and Literature sponsored by Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla. Using the films "Blade Runner," "Minority Report," and "S1mOne," she examined movies which have female characters who are constructs, created to embody the values of the society portrayed in each film. The use of a constructed female character in each film is a way of both maintaining a familiar cinematic paradigm while simultaneously raising questions about the otherness of females and the values of the film's social order.

• Sonsteng and Gartrell also presented at the 30th Annual Early Childhood Mega Conference held on the BSU campus on March 14, 2008. Sonsteng's session, which was presented two times during the conference, was "Early Math Development: Concepts, Ideas, and Activities." Gartrell presented the keynote address for the conference.

• **Dr. Patrick Guilfoile**, associate dean of education, authored a recently published book entitled "Tetanus" as part of a series called "Deadly Diseases and Epidemics." The book was published by Chelsea House/Infobase and is primarily intended for high school students. It is the second book he has written for this series.

Student Development & Enrollment

• **T. Todd Masman**, director of leadership and service, participated in the Pay It Forward Tour with 43 BSU students from March 7-14. The group completed service projects in Dickinson, N.D.; Gardenier, Mont.; Riverton and Jackson Hole Wy.; Roosevelt, Utah; and Denver, Colo. The group was joined in Denver by 66 other students from Illinois State University and Western Illinois University.

• Masman attended the 88th Annual Convention of the Association of College Unions International in New Orleans, La. March 15-20. The conference emphasized emergency preparedness and sustainability, and the association sponsored the first-ever all-conference community service project for all 1,200 attendees to provide support to ongoing post-Katrina recovery efforts.

College of Professional Studies

• **Dr. Kathleen Sonsteng** and **Dr. Dan Gartrell**, professors of education, co-wrote a column for Young Children, the journal of the National Association for the Education of Young Children. It is published in the March 2008 issue and is titled "Promote Physical Activity--It's Proactive Guidance."

Reminder: 2008-09 Textbook Orders

Thank you to all of you who have submitted textbook orders for fall and summer 2008. The book store would greatly appreciate any textbook orders you have ready up to this point.

Why does the book store need your book requests so early? Used books save students money. Students in your class this semester win if you are using the same book, we can buy them from your students and pay them up to 50% for their current text. Students in your class next semester win because we not only buy books from our current students, but we can also get an early start on sourcing books nationally to get the most used text inventory possible.

Please submit your summer and fall textbook orders! Thank you.

--BSU Bookstore

Reminder: FY2008 Purchase Deadlines

Logistical Services would like to remind you of the following upcoming purchasing deadlines:

Purchases requiring a sealed bid process:	April 25, 2008
Purchases above \$2,000:	May 30, 2008
Purchases \$2,000 or less:	June 13, 2008

The purchasing system will be shut down at the end of the day, June 13, 2008. It will be restarted for FY 2009 on July 1, 2008.

Important Reminder

Invoices for accounts beginning with a 334 or a 9 which are not paid by June 30, 2008, will be paid from FY2009 funds.

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

- **Andy Bartlett** named associate director of communications and marketing, effective March 17.
- **Dacia Dauner** returned as director of Campus Child Care effective March 17.
- **Lois Jenkins** named acting associate director of the Hobson Memorial Union, effective March 3.
- **Samuel Parsons** named ITS2 in the Department of Web Design, effective March 19.

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

Saturday, March 29

1:00 p.m. **Baseball vs Concordia-St. Paul**
BSU Baseball Fields (double-header)

Sunday, March 30

10:00 a.m. **Tennis vs MSU-Moorhead**
Gillett Rec & Fitness Center

noon **Baseball vs Concordia-St. Paul**
BSU Baseball Fields (double-header)

Wednesday, April 2

1:00 p.m. **Baseball vs Upper Iowa**
BSU Baseball Fields (double-header)

Saturday, April 5

1:00 p.m. **Baseball vs Winona State**
BSU Baseball Fields (double-header)

Sunday, April 6

noon **Baseball vs Winona State**
BSU Baseball Fields (double-header)

Wednesday, April 9

2:00 p.m. **Baseball vs Jamestown (N.D.)**
BSU Baseball Fields (double-header)

Music & Theatre

Sunday, March 30

3:00 p.m. **Bemidji Choir Home Concert**
Evangelical Covenant Church, Bemidji free

Sunday, April 6

3:00 p.m. **Steinbar & Carlson Harpsichord Recital**
Thompson Recital Hall free

Friday, April 11

7:30 p.m. **Bemidji Concert Series**
Chiu Ling Lin & Chiu Tze Lin duo piano
Thompson Recital Hall \$20 adult/\$10 student

Lectures & Presentations

Tuesday, April 1

10:00 a.m. **Dr. Russ Lee**
"Assisting the Assistants After a Disaster"
Academy of Lifelong Learning Lecture Series
Center for Research and Innovation

Wednesday, April 2

7:00 p.m. **Janet Prater**
"The Jeannette Smith Case: Defending
Battered Women at Trial"
Honors Council Lecture Series
Hagg-Sauer 112

Tuesday, April 8

10:00 a.m. **Dr. Janet Rith-Najarian**
"Dragonflies"
Academy of Lifelong Learning Lecture Series
Center for Research and Innovation

Get Your News on the Web

Check the Bemidji State University Web site daily for news and information about activities and events all across campus! Information is available on the faculty and staff portals and at BSU Today.

The Portal can be found at:
<https://portal.bemidjistate.edu>

BSU Today is located at:
<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/>

