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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Presidential Proclamation *Go Green! Fridays*

WHEREAS: Bemidji State University recognizes the importance of its collegiate colors in celebrating and promoting campus spirit among its diverse constituencies, both near and far;

WHEREAS: the University embraces its white and green color as symbolic representation of its sense of place in northern Minnesota's pristine forests and lakes region;

WHEREAS: the University reveres its colors of green and white as symbolic representation of the educational and natural environment in which individual potential is shaped and worlds are changed;

WHEREAS: the University acknowledges that its colors and insignias ignite pride and loyalty for the academe while building camaraderie among its faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters;

WHEREAS: the University encourages the wearing of apparel bearing its approved colors and insignias to build solidarity among those it serves and to strengthen the spirit of cooperation and sense of connection within the community;

THEREFORE: I, Jon E. Quistgaard, President of Bemidji State University, do hereby proclaim each and every Friday as **Go Green! Day** and encourage all faculty, staff, students, alumni, and supporters to wear apparel bearing the color green and/or insignias of the University on these days.

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Fall enrollment up nearly five percent

Head count up to 5,017; credit generation up less than one percent

► Complete story available on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/09/22/fall-enrollment-report>

The University has experienced a three percent enrollment growth in new freshmen, and overall enrollment for 2008 is expected to increase by nearly five percent.

The figures show 5,017 students enrolled at Bemidji State University on the 20th day of fall classes. It is the largest 20th-day enrollment number at BSU since 2003, when 5,019 students were registered on the 20th day of classes, and just the second time since 1998 the University has had a head count of above 5,000 at this point in the fall.

BSU's enrollment number could fluctuate as students enroll for distance learning options.

Spearheading BSU's growth for 2008 was another increase in first-time freshman students. BSU has 778 new freshmen enrolled, an increase of 26

students, 3.46 percent growth, over the 2007 number of 752. Since 2006, BSU's freshman enrollment has increased by nearly 20 percent.

BSU's 20th-day enrollment count is up in part because concurrent enrollment numbers were available earlier than they were in Fall 2007. This year, 156 concurrent enrollees were included in the 20th day headcount; in 2007, concurrent enrollment numbers were not available until October.

While headcount enrollment is up, credit generation - which plays a more critical role in the University's budget - remains relatively flat as compared to 2007. While more students are enrolled at the University, the number of credits they are enrolled in has increased by less than one percent over the same point a year ago.

Elizabeth Dunn named interim dean in CAS

Former chair of Department of History to lead College of Arts & Sciences

► Complete story available on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/09/03/dunn-named-interim-dean-of-cas>

On Sept. 3, President Quistgaard announced that Dr. Elizabeth Dunn had been named interim dean of the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

"I am very happy that Elizabeth has accepted the position of interim dean," **Dr. Nancy Erickson**, interim vice president for academic affairs, said. "She has an expansive background and experience with many different faculty members and groups on campus, and has a great deal of organizational understanding and interpersonal skills. Elizabeth is a scholar. She understands working with people and groups and she has advocated for our faculty."

Dunn has been a member of the faculty since 1999, when she joined the University as an assis-

tant professor in the history department. She was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and was the interim chair of the Department of History in 2003-04. She chaired the department from 2004-06, and in 2006 was promoted to full professor. Dunn also has been the director of Bemidji State's Center for Professional Development since 2005.

She has been heavily involved in the campus community, serving as president of the Bemidji State University Faculty Association from 2006-2008. She also was vice president of the organization from 2004-06.

Dunn is also co-chairing BSU's 10-Year Higher Learning Commission Self Study for University Re-accreditation.

Student Senate to host Sept. 30 political debate

Local candidates for city council, mayor, House 4A to debate on campus

► Complete story available on the Web:

<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2008/09/26/20080930-senate-debate>

Student Senate will be sponsoring a political debate amongst candidates running for local and state offices on Tuesday, Sept. 30. The debate will be held in Hagg-Sauer 100.

The event will begin with opening remarks at 7 p.m., and at 7:05 p.m. the debates will get underway with a session featuring candidates for Bemidji City Council seats in Ward 1 and Ward 3. A debate between Bemidji mayoral candidates will be held at 8:15 p.m., and at 9 p.m. the debates will conclude with candidates for Minnesota state repre-

sentative from District 4A.

Rachelle Hanson Houle and Kevin Waldhausen are running for the city council seat representing Ward 1; incumbent Ron Johnson and Charles "Chuck" Stombaugh are running for the seat representing Ward 3. The Bemidji mayoral race features Nancy L. Erickson running against incumbent Richard Lehmann. The District 4A state representative race features John Persell and John Carlson.

The debate is scheduled to end at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Campus Notes

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

Student Services

- **Margie Giaque**, director of career services, attended the National Association for College and Employers Conference in New Orleans, La., May 27-30. The conference provided an opportunity for career services staffs to meet directly with human resource and hiring personnel in business, industry and government.

- **Nancy Haugen**, associate director of career services, attended the National Career Development Association Global Conference in Washington, D.C., July 8-11. The conference included a professional development session entitled "A New Approach to Counseling for Career Indecision."

September 26, 2008

Random Acts of Kindness Funds Available

For a third year, The Kopp Family Foundation has provided funding to the BSU Foundation for the Random Acts of Kindness Program. The Random Acts of Kindness program awards funding to students currently enrolled at Bemidji State University who are in a financial crisis. The primary goal of the program is to improve overall student retention and success.

Guidelines for the distribution of funds:

1. BSU students may access Random Acts of Kindness funds one time per academic year.
2. One-time awards will be made for a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$100.

Accessing Random Acts of Kindness Funds:

1. When a University faculty or staff member identifies a student in financial crisis and in need of a small amount of cash to hold them over or to get them through, an award may be requested. Simply e-mail a request for funds to Dr. Lisa Erwin (lerwin@bemidjistate.edu).
2. In the request for a Random Acts of Kindness award, provide to the name of the student, their Tech ID#, how much money is being requested and how the funds will be used.
3. Upon receipt of an e-mail request for an award, Dr. Erwin will communicate approval and when the check will be available. Award recipients will be encouraged to send a thank you note. Contact information for the thank you will be provided to the faculty/staff member.
4. The check will be made in the student's name and can be picked up at the 2nd Floor Cashier's Office in Deputy Hall. In all cases, names will be held in confidence!

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.

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Personnel News

New faces and old friends in new places

• **Maria Denomie** named office specialist at the Center for Research and Innovation, effective Sept. 3.

• **Ryan Lavinger** named athletic equipment manager for women's hockey, effective Aug. 25.

• **Sudhi Upadhyaya** named assistant professor in the Department of Technological Studies, effective Sept. 2.

Things to Do on Campus

Upcoming Events at Bemidji State University

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

Intercollegiate Athletics

Friday, September 26

4:00 p.m. **Soccer: Minn. State Moorhead**
BSU Soccer Field

5:07 p.m. **Women's Hockey: Manitoba (exh)**
John Glas Fieldhouse

7:00 p.m. **Volleyball: Winona State**
BSU Gymnasium

Saturday, September 27

9:00 a.m. **Cross Country: Homecoming Run**

1:00 p.m. **Football: Northern State (S.D.)**
Chet Anderson Stadium

3:07 p.m. **Women's Hockey: U.S. National Team**
John Glas Fieldhouse

4:00 p.m. **Volleyball: Winona State**
BSU Gymnasium

Sunday, September 28

1:00 p.m. **Soccer: Minn. Crookston**
BSU Soccer Field

Saturday, October 4

1:00 p.m. **Soccer: Winona State**
BSU Soccer Field

Sunday, October 5

1:00 p.m. **Soccer: Upper Iowa**
BSU Soccer Field

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 p.m. **Volleyball: Minn. Duluth**
BSU Gymnasium

Lectures & Presentations

Monday, September 29

5:00 p.m. **Speaker - Mike McKinley**
Business Entrepreneur
Ed-Arts 115

Tuesday, September 30

10:00 a.m. **Dr. Barb Hanus**
Academy of Lifelong Learning lecture series
"Understanding 3D Stereoscopic Imaging"
Bridgeman 100

7:00 p.m. political debate

Ward 1 & 3 City Council; Bemidji mayoral;
Minnesota District 4A state representative
Hagg-Sauer 100

Wednesday, October 1

7:00 p.m. **Dr. Barb Hanus**
Honors Council lecture series
"Understanding 3D Stereoscopic Imaging"
Bridgeman 100

Thursday, October 2

9:00 a.m. **Terri Pemberton**
Regional Employer Support Network
"Employee Reward and Recognition Programs"
CRI

Tuesday, October 7

10:00 a.m. **Michael Hansen**
Academy of Lifelong Learning lecture series
"Minnesota: 150 Years Ago a State Is Born"
CRI

Wednesday, October 8

noon **Rick Demers**
Brown Bag Lunch training series
"Business Grammar"
CRI

Music, Theater & Art

Sept. 22 through Oct. 3

Gallery X - **Cody Bartz**
"Smash"

Sept. 29 through Oct. 24

Talley Gallery - **Anne Mondro**
"Introspectional"

Sunday, September 28

3:00 p.m. **Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert**
Thompson Recital Hall; \$5 adults/\$3 seniors

Saturday, October 4

9:00 a.m. **Autobiography Through Dollmaking**
Hands-on artistic workshop
AIRC; \$15

Wednesday, October 8

7:30 p.m. **Richard Dowling**
solo piano concert
Thompson Recital Hall; free