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A Time for Optimism

University determined to overcome challenges which lie ahead

Like many of you, I listened to President Obama's economic speech to the nation this week. His declaration that we can – and we will – find our way beyond these turbulent times and emerge as a more united, stronger nation was uplifting.

In particular he noted, "The answers to our problems don't lie beyond our reach. They exist in our laboratories and universities, in our fields and factories, in the imaginations of our entrepreneurs and the pride of the hardest-working people on Earth. What is required now is for the country to pull together, confront boldly the challenges we face and take responsibility for our future once more."

President Obama's optimism stems from the historical resiliency of the American people to forge ahead, find new solutions to seemingly insurmountable challenges and emerge stronger than before.

The more I reflected on his message, the more I could see the transference of his ideas to Bemidji State University. While our scope is smaller, our reality is no less vivid than the one at the national scene. The challenges we have faced together over the past eight years have been many. Indications are that the road ahead will remain bumpy and uncertain.

From my interactions with faculty, staff and students, I sense the anxiety of this uncertainty. Yet, I also detect a genuine resolve in meeting the University's mission in a spirit much like the one President Obama ascribed to the American people.

Winston Churchill once said, "A pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity and an optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."

Yes, we have challenges, and we may not all agree on the solutions that will be proposed to meet them. However, with the wealth of human capital at Bemidji State, we will use our creativity, resourcefulness and good old fashion smarts to come through these difficult times strong.

This campus community, along with our growing number of friends, is persistent. We

exhibit a steadfast determination and unwavering commitment to making a difference, regardless of role and responsibility. Our inventiveness has enabled us to develop new programs, build new buildings, attract and maintain a talented group of faculty and staff, and draw a diversity of students.

As the effects of the shifting global economy persist, Bemidji State, like colleges and universities across the country, must confront its fiscal realities.

While we focus on these demands, let us not forget to celebrate our successes. These achievements not only bring us pride, but also shed light on the possibility of a brighter tomorrow – one that is grounded in collaboration, focus, determination and a shared vision for the future. Ours is a vision that continues to shape the potential of our students, so they may, in turn, shape the world.

Taking our cue from Winston Churchill, we must remain optimistic about the future and our aspirations for the University.

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.



Accounting students offer free tax help

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program runs through April 15

► Complete story available on the Web:
<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/on-campus/2009/02/19/vita-tax-assistance>

Bemidji State students who have completed the Tax I course and passed Internal Revenue Service certification tests are donating their time to the community for the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

The free workshop is open from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays through April 15 in Decker Hall 14.

The student volunteers will use their tax knowledge to provide assistance to other students, including international students with special requirements, low-income and elderly individuals in the area who may be

uncomfortable or unfamiliar with tax law and filing requirements.

The program not only offers free preparation, but also free e-filing for those who qualify. With e-filing and direct deposit, those who qualify typically receive their refund in 8-10 days. In the preparation process persons who qualify for Earned Income Tax Credit are able to receive a larger refund than just the taxes that have been withheld from their paychecks over the tax year.

For more information, please contact the Department of Accounting at 755-2907.

Nursing to induct inaugural class of four-year students

Feb. 28 ceremony to welcome first group of 36 students into program

► Complete story available on the Web:
<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/news-updates/2009/02/18/nursing-white-coat-ceremony>

The Department of Nursing will officially induct its first group of 36 students into its new four-year baccalaureate program during a Saturday, Feb. 28, induction and scholarship ceremony.

The ceremony, which the department expects to draw approximately 200 people, will begin at 3 p.m. at the American Indian Resource Center. The department will announce the winners of its six scholarships for the 2009-10 academic year, followed by a "white coat ceremony" in which the inductees will have their name tags affixed

to their lab coats to mark their transition into the study of professional nursing.

"Students will be welcomed into the socialization process that transitions them from basic studies into professional nursing," said **Dr. Jeanine Gangeness**, chair of the Department of Nursing. "Nurses have the honor and responsibility to care for individuals during all phases of their lives, and bringing aspects of health, nursing, environment and people into each moment of their future practice is fundamental to the profession."

Women's History Month activities announced

Women's Center, women's studies program host activities throughout March

► Complete story available on the Web:
<http://www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday/on-campus/2009/02/13/2009-whm-activities>

Bemidji State University, its women's studies program and its Women's Resource Center will host or be involved with a month-long series of activities to celebrate March as Women's History Month.

The activities kick off Saturday, Feb. 28, with induction ceremonies for the Northwest Minnesota Women's Hall of Fame and ends Saturday, March 28 with a downtown performance of the "Sister Song Project."

Events surrounding the Women's History Month celebration include:

- March 5-6: "Vagina Monologues," Beaux

Arts Ballroom.

- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 18: Film, "Born in the USA." 3-5 p.m., Crying Wolf Room.
- March 20: "Dust and Fire" reception for women authors. 6:30 p.m., AIRC.
- March 25: "Women's Role in Conservation: A Historical Perspective." Noon, CRI.
- March 28: "Sister Song Project," 6:30 p.m., Wild Rose Theater, downtown Bemidji.

More information on each event is available by visiting the BSU events calendar at <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/calendar>.

Campus Notes

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

College of Arts and Sciences

• **Dr. Wendy Greenberg**, adjunct instructor in biology, is second of 14 authors for the children's soil science book titled "Soil: Get the Inside Scoop," published by the Soil Science Society of America in July 2008.

The 36-page book explores how soil is part of our life—the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we drink, the houses we live in, and more. Along the way, readers learn about different kinds of soil and meet the scientists who work with soil every day.

College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology

• **Dr. Pat Rogers**, dean, is one of six editors of the four-volume "Encyclopedia of Distance Learning, Second Edition." The encyclopedia encompasses the latest concepts, trends, issues and technologies in the field of distance learning, providing its audience with a critical mass of knowledge on an emerging and significant field of study. It contains over 100 research articles by experts in the field.

Student Affairs

• **Mary Tosch**, interim director of the Hobson Memorial Union, presented at the Minnesota College Personnel Association Career in Student Affairs Drive-In conference, on Feb. 6, 2009. The presentation title was "The First Year Rollercoaster" and discussed the transition of the first year of employment. She also assisted with resume critiques and mock interviews.

President starts official blog

President Quistgaard has started a blog where he will post periodically his thoughts and observations on a variety of topics. His first entries include his reflections on the presidential inauguration and his observations regarding proposals to lower the drinking age. You'll find the blog on his official Web site at <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/president>

Open forums with dean candidates

Two finalists for the position of dean of the College of Business, Technology and Communications will be on campus Monday, March 2 and Thursday, March 5. Additional finalists will be named later.

• **Monday, March 2: 3:00 p.m., Bridgeman 100**

Dr. James Maxwell, dean, Dauch College of Business and Economics at Ashland (Ohio) University

• **Thursday, March 5: 3:15 p.m., Bridgeman 100**

Dr. Kurt Linberg, dean, School of Business and Technology at Capella University, Minneapolis, Minn.

Higher Learning Commission offices moved

The offices for the Higher Learning Commission have moved to Hagg-Sauer 379 and the HLC graduate assistant's office has moved to Hagg-Sauer 352.

The phone numbers of these offices will remain the same, 2385 for the HLC office and 2540 for the grad assistant office.

Also, the HLC office now has a dedicated e-mail address, hlc@bemidjistate.edu. Please direct your questions and other e-mail regarding HLC to this address.

FY2009 purchasing deadlines

• **FY2009 Purchasing Deadlines**

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

Purchases requiring a sealed bid process: April 20, 2009

Purchases above \$3,000: May 25, 2008

Purchases \$3,000 or less: June 15, 2009

The purchasing system will be shut down at the end of the day, June 15, 2009. It will be restarted for FY 2010 on July 1, 2009.

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Personnel News

New faces and old friends in new places

- **Mary Brueske** in DLiTE/FASTrack, promoted to customer service specialist, senior effective Feb.18.
- **Angela Caspers** in the Center for Extended Learning promoted to customer service specialist, intermediate effective Feb.18.
- **Matt Goinz** named student paraprofessional in the theatre program, effective Feb. 9.
- **Paul Reamer** named information technology specialist-2 in IT, effective Feb. 18.
- **Sharon Russell** named office and administrative specialist-intermediate for the College of Business, Technology and Communications, effective March 4.

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, February 27
GO GREEN! Friday
11:30 a.m. Beaver Pride Luncheon Walnut Hall

3:00 p.m. Indoor Track & Field Rec Center
 NSIC Indoor Championships

7:35 p.m. Men's Ice Hockey John Glas Fieldhouse
 U.S. Under 18 Nat'l Team

Saturday, February 28
9:00 a.m. Indoor Track & Field Rec Center
 NSIC Indoor Championships

Basketball vs Wayne State (Neb.)
 6:00 p.m. - women BSU Gymnasium
 8:00 p.m. - men BSU Gymnasium

7:05 p.m. Men's Ice Hockey John Glas Fieldhouse
 U.S. Under 18 Nat'l Team

Friday, March 6
GO GREEN! Friday
11:30 a.m. Beaver Pride Luncheon Walnut Hall

1:00 p.m. Women's Tennis Rec Center
 Minn. State-Moorhead

7:35 p.m. Men's Ice Hockey John Glas Fieldhouse
 Robert Morris

Saturday, March 7
noon Slim's Beaver Pride Winter Golf Classic Lake Bemidji \$35/\$40 day of event

7:05 p.m. Men's Ice Hockey John Glas Fieldhouse
 Robert Morris

Lectures & Presentations

Tuesday, March 10
10:00 a.m. Francois Fouquerel Academy of Lifelong Learning lecture
 "Cultural differences between the US and France" CRI free

Wednesday, March 11
noon Nate Dorr Brown Bag Luncheon training series
 Job market in NW Minnesota CRI free

Thursday, March 12
Early Childhood Mega Conference Keynote address: Jane Kitson

Events on Campus

Friday, February 27
5:00 p.m. OPC Ski Shuttle to Buena Vista Rec Center call 755-2999 to confirm

Saturday, Feb. 28
noon NW Women's Hall of Fame induction Beaux Arts Ballroom tickets \$20/\$15 students

3:00 p.m. Dept. of Nursing White Coat Ceremony AIRC free

Wednesdays & Thursdays through April 15
4:00 p.m. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Decker 14 free

Music, Theater & Art

through March 20
Talley Gallery - Jason Clark "Collecting and Transforming"

Friday, February 27
7:30 p.m. New York Woodwind Quintet Bemidji Concert Series
 Thompson Recital Hall \$20 / BSU students free

Saturday, February 28
7:30 p.m. Bemidji Jazz Quartet feat. Kevin Daley, jazz guitarist Thompson Recital Hall free

Sunday, March 1
3:00 p.m. Student recital: Emily Larson piano Thompson Recital Hall free

7:30 p.m. Student recital: Ashley Bremseth vocal, soprano Thompson Recital Hall free

Thursday, March 5
7:30 p.m. Jazz trumpeter Sean Jones accompanied by BSU Jazz I and Thompson Recital Hall \$20/\$5 students

Friday, March 6
6:00 p.m. Encaustic painting presentation Natalia Himmirska Bemidji Community Arts Center free

Sunday, March 8
3:00 p.m. Bemidji Symphony Orchestra Bemidji High School \$15/\$10 students/srs

President's Budget Web Page

The President has established a Web page to update the campus community on issues surrounding the University's budget situation. The site includes a feedback form where faculty and staff can submit your ideas for reducing expenditures, increasing revenue, or both. This page will be updated with new information as it becomes available.

- <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/president/budget>