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Effect Animation Alumnus Earns Prestigious Annie Award

Yancy Lindquist may have had music on his mind when he started at Bemidji State University in the late 1980s, but it was a curiosity in a new field for the time, three-dimensional animation, that started him on a career path where he would earn international recognition.

For his artistry on the DreamWorks movie *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron*, Lindquist earned a 2002 Annie Award — the highest honor given for excellence in animation and the equivalent of an Oscar in the field. Specifically, he won the award for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Effect Animation for his computer-generated water sequences in the fully animated feature film.

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Lindquist, a Bemidji native and 1992 BSU graduate, was more musically inclined when he hit campus. “I originally went to BSU to start a band with my friends,” he said. “They were all in the design program, and I decided to give it a try.”

At the time, the program was geared toward the design of publications, advertisements and product packaging. But members of the BSU faculty had open minds when it came to Lindquist’s calling.

“During my junior and senior year I became much more interested in 3D animation,” he said. “Since there were no courses on that subject, I decided to ask the faculty if I could take some independent study courses, which they agreed was OK.”

Those courses counted as credits toward his degree in technical illustration/graphic design. But



Lindquist won an Annie Award for his work on *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron* produced and distributed by DreamWorks.

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one cannot discount the importance of his exposure to other types of art.

“The teaching staff also exposed me to a multitude of media including drawing, painting, sculpture and computer art,” he added. “They then gave me the freedom to take those skills and apply them to something that interested me — 3D animation.”

Lindquist’s first jobs out of school were with print graphics production houses in the Minneapolis area. Those jobs led him to television station WCCO, the CBS affiliate in the Twin Cities, where he was a broadcast designer, making animated news graphics and promotions.

But Hollywood would come calling.



Yancy Lindquist

“While working at WCCO, I met a freelancer from Hollywood who had a 3D animation project,” Lindquist said. “He asked me if I wanted to come out and work on it for a few months. I quit my job the next day.”

Upon completing that job, Lindquist and two others started a 3D animation business called

Xor Animation working primarily on Japanese commercials and video games. After four years, Lindquist headed to DreamWorks, the movie studio launched in 1994 by Steven Spielberg, Jeffrey Katzenberg and David Geffen and considered by many to be the industry leader in digital film production technology.

In addition to his work on *Spirit*, Lindquist has done animation for *The Road to El Dorado* and *Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas*. He is currently working on his first fully 3D animated feature due for a November 2004 release. Titled *Sharkslayer*, it is a gangster comedy set in the ocean.

With his Annie for animating similar sequences, the ocean should be a familiar environment for his work. He should be comfortable as well since, even though he is from the Midwest, Lindquist has proven he is not a fish out of water in Hollywood. ■

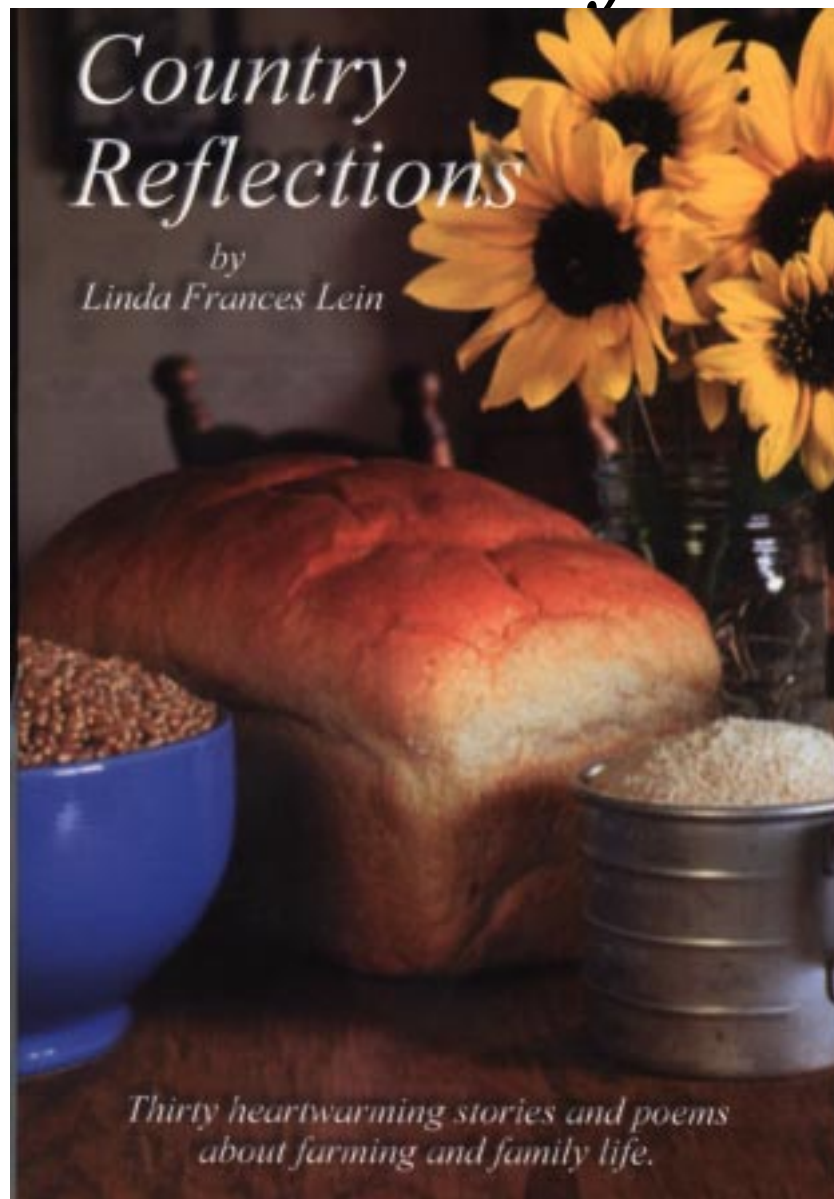
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Family Farm Life Inspires Writer



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Linda Frances Lein tried to teach her two boys that snakes are to be avoided, not something to be brought into the house.

But dead gophers turned out to be another story when her then three-year-old son Kristofer decided that his furry find was a keeper, dead or alive. With the little critter tucked safely inside his father's shoe, Kristofer was determined to take care of his new pet.

How this incident sorted itself out is one of many reflections of farm life found in Lein's book *Country Reflections*, a collection of essays and poems. The book gives readers a glimpse of life on the 360-acre grain and cattle farm in rural Fergus Falls, where Lein lives with her husband, Keith, and their two sons, Kristofer, 7, and Matthew, 5.

Lein, who graduated from Bemidji State University with an English degree in 1986, has honed her writing talents by reflecting on the sometimes quirky, sometimes miraculous and mostly ordinary moments that weave themselves into the fabric of family farm life.

Her personal reflections and Christian perspective have attracted many Midwest readers, and helped book sales extend far beyond the region.

Her largest following comes from readers of her column, "A Day in the Life of a Farm Wife," which appears in *AGRI-GUIDE*, a bi-monthly farm publication with circulation in Minnesota, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Montana.

So far, Lein has published three of her own books and contributed to two by the Otter Tail County Historical Society. In addition, she has produced a collection of children's art books that encourage youngsters to create and keep their own impressions on various topics.

Her most recent book is *Hannah Kempfer An Immigrant Girl*, a biography of the first woman legislator in Minnesota. The two-part work focuses first on Kempfer's courage and perseverance through a childhood of poverty and adversity before telling the story of her political life and fight to protect disadvantaged children.

A friend prompted Lein to pursue writing more seriously after she shared a collection of letters she had written to Biblical mothers about the joys and worries of motherhood. Each letter followed a Biblical excerpt where Lein related some of her own experiences as a mother.

Frustrated with rejections from publishers, Lein started her own company, Annika Publications, and in 1999 published her first book, *Mother to Mother: Letters About Being A Mom*.

Annika Publications reflects her Swedish heritage and is named after the Swedish word for grace. Its success has her juggling more responsibilities than ever. In addition to writing and publishing, Lein teaches English courses in the mornings at Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Fergus Falls.

As a publisher, Lein must find time to promote her books, something she does through speaking engagements and other public appearances. She also relies on the Internet, sending thousands of e-mail letters and excerpts from her books to librarians, along with a link to the Annika Publications website, annikapublications.bigstep.com. Her efforts are working. Lein's books have sold west to California, east to Pennsylvania, north to Alaska and south to Texas.

"Publicizing my books always takes time away from writing," Lein said. "However, whether I publish commercially or as a self-publisher, I still have to promote my books."

Owning a publishing business also has its rewards. Lein now has a chance to read and publish others' writing, as well as her own.

"I've always enjoyed helping others realize they are writers and that they have a story to tell that's worth reading," Lein said. "I suppose that's the teacher in me. I've mentored many young teens and adults. Seeing their work in print brings joy and satisfaction to my heart."

Lein first thought of becoming a writer and teacher as an eighth grader in Milaca, where her teacher read one of Lein's haiku poems out loud to the class. The poem about the solitude and undisturbed beauty of a fawn tucked into a wooded area is long gone, but the favorable response from her teacher made a lifetime impression. Lein has been writing ever since.

Plans for other books include *Places*, a collection of 44 stories, poems and essays about favorite places in Otter Tail County.

She also has received a grant from Carlisle Co-op Oil to write and publish the story of the making of Carlisle, a rural community in Otter Tail County. She plans to interview residents this fall and winter and complete the book in 2005. A sequel to *Country Reflections* is also likely along with a book of Christmas reflections.

So how does she balance all her demands?

"People tell me I have a gift of organization," she said. "I'm highly task-oriented. I understand prioritizing what's important. Unimportant things – things that don't have eternal value – get left undone."

Window cleaning mostly goes undone. Making time for her boys, husband and the farm animals is essential, and of course daily writing. Sometimes that means multi-tasking. It's not unusual to find Lein writing a column while dinner cooks in the Crock-Pot, bread bakes in the bread machine, a load of towels tumbles in the drier and a load of jeans goes through the wash cycle.

"I teach my college students at MSCTC that we all have 24 hours in a day," she said. "How we spend that time indicates what is truly important to us." ■



Bob Dettmer (left) with CW4 Garth Maynard during their recent tour of duty.

Citizen Soldiers *Doing Their Duty*

In mid-November of 2001, Bob Dettmer was teaching classes and getting ready to coach another wrestling season just like he had every year since 1973 at Forest Lake High School.

A few days later, he was on his way to Fort Gillem, GA, to begin what would become two tours of duty in the war against terrorism. He was among the first reservists called to duty in a military buildup that would activate 263,000 citizen soldiers to support missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"I was preparing for my first hour class at school and received the call from my unit," he remembered. "I had five days to get my things in order and report. After watching the tragic events of September 11, 2001, I had a gut feeling that my unit might be activated."

A 1973 graduate of Bemidji State, Dettmer started teaching in Forest Lake schools following

graduation and became the head wrestling coach in 1975. During this time he compiled a 301-117-2 record, coached 65 state individual place winners as well as 13 state titlists, and guided his 1993 squad to the Minnesota team championship.

At the age of 34 and at the start of what was an already busy career in education, Dettmer followed his instincts and decided to add the title "citizen soldier" to his resume. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1986, working his way through the ranks over the next 17 years to achieve his current commission as chief warrant officer (CW3).

"I always had an interest in the military and, as an educator, a second career is common," he said. "Our citizen soldiers have been fighting for freedom since the birth of our nation."

Dettmer defines citizen soldier as a person who believes in the American way of life and is willing to be actively involved in preserving the country's solvency as well as willing to support missions that bring freedom to others throughout the world.

He certainly fills that uniform. In mid-August of 2003, he returned from active duty when he was stationed at Fort Gordon during Operation Enduring Freedom and at Camp Doha in Kuwait for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

A specialist in military intelligence, Dettmer utilized satellite and aircraft platforms to gather and send information to commanders on the ground, who used the reports to conduct specific missions.

"It was definitely a stressful, tense, uncertain and exciting time," he commented. "We dealt with the uncertainties by working 12 to 18 hour days, seven days a week during the war. We had a mission to accomplish and the troops on the ground depended on the intelligence we produced."

The shifting from teaching high school physical education, health and outdoor education to monitoring, reading and interpreting data from multiple electronic sources went smoothly from the soldier perspective, but the citizen part had some barriers.

"As reservists, we were integrated very quickly and accepted immediately by the active components," he explained. "We found ourselves in positions of leadership because of our rank and experience. We provided the majority of senior warrant officers and senior non-commissioned officers for many positions.

"As a reserve soldier, my teaching and coaching career was basically put on hold. I was not able to advance or progress in my career. In many cases the reserve soldier has to take a large reduction in income, which put additional stress on families, because some employers do not make up the difference in salary and benefits."

The family stress was increased for the Dettmers as two sons, both graduates of West Point, serve in the military. Travis is still stationed in Iraq and Robb was preparing for transport to the Middle East when his unit was ordered to stand down following the fall of Baghdad.

That left wife Colleen and daughter Krystle, who graduated



Bob Dettmer

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from Forest Lake High School last spring, to hold down the home front.

"My family was very supportive," Dettmer said. "I received many care packages, cards, emails and letters. I was able to share some of these with other soldiers, and this brought a little bit of home to our lives in a war zone.

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Chemistry

Applying Chemistry to the Football Field

While nearly every college campus can say it has a respected professor of chemistry as well as a talented football coach, few can say they have one person who is both. Entering his seventh year as an associate professor of chemistry and his sixth season as an assistant football coach, Dr. Ken Traxler serves both roles for Bemidji State University.

Traxler was propelled down this path following a series of injuries at Minnesota-Morris that started when he was a sophomore linebacker with the Cougars. Sidelined for two seasons, he met with the head coach to discuss his playing future.

The coach told Traxler he'd rather have him as a defensive line coach. Traxler became an ex-player and immediate coach, a capacity he filled for two years.

The experience was rewarding, but left Traxler at a puzzling crossroad – continue his education in chemistry, or abandon it and pursue a future in coaching. He chose to pursue chemistry, leaving for the University of Denver.

After receiving his doctorate from Denver in 1994, Traxler accepted a position at Gustavus Adolphus College where he also had an opportunity to spend a season coaching the defensive line as a football coach.

Traxler made the move to the BSU chemistry department during the fall of 1997. While he found his academic pursuits enjoyable and rewarding, after the first year he came to miss the camaraderie and competition of the gridiron.

"I loved the sport of football," Traxler said. "I missed the competition on Saturday afternoons. It's a fun sport to be around and involved in."

So prior to the 1998 season, Traxler approached BSU head coach Jeff Tesch about coaching opportunities and eventually received a position as a volunteer assistant. With Tesch wary of the possibility of overwhelming Traxler with coaching duties and possibly interfering with his role as a chemistry professor, he initially assigned Traxler to assist with linebackers.

"Ken called when he was hired at BSU and said he might have an interest in coaching," Tesch said. "Once he got acclimated and settled in, he got in touch with us and felt with his schedule he'd be able to do it. You can never have too many sets of eyes and ears out there, and with his background we thought it would be a nice fit for us."

Traxler enjoyed the first year back coaching, didn't miss a practice, and felt there was an opportunity to do more. So he became the position coach for defensive tackles, a move that required a larger time commitment and had greater rewards.

"He's a guy who puts in a long day between teaching and doing almost everything the other guys on the coaching staff do," Tesch said. "Sometimes he takes film home to watch it at night, and sometimes he has problems with practice if he has a class or a meeting, but 99 percent of the time he's there for us."

"It's been a blessing for us to have a guy on campus who likes football as much as he does. We're very thankful the Chemistry Department has allowed him to do this. We can keep continuity at that position, which is really good for us."

According to Traxler, the department has done much to make his dual role easier to manage, allowing him to schedule labs around practices and



Chemistry faculty member and coach Ken Traxler (center) explains the elements of chemistry to defensive linemen (left to right) Mitch Hecker, Gabe Rodriguez, Ben Jacobson and Nic Wentz.

remain engaged in the classroom. Traxler has helped develop several standout chemistry students while numerous BSU students have presented chemical and biochemical research under his tutelage at the BSU Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement conferences.

In addition, Traxler's work in the biochemistry field continues to be published. During the summers, he performs collaborative research with Dr. Gerald Carlson in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Kansas Medical Center on muscle contractions and energy production. Their collaboration has led to four articles being accepted by peer-reviewed publications.

Traxler is also heavily involved in Beaver Pride, the official fundraising organization for BSU athletics focusing on raising scholarship money for student athletes. After joining Beaver Pride, his involvement has steadily increased, and he has served as chair of the committee for the last few years.

"I saw the good things Beaver Pride was doing. I wanted to be involved and see if I could help," Traxler said. "The philosophy of Beaver Pride is to try and help all athletes. I help with football, but I

want all athletics to be successful. It's a carryover of my belief that college athletics can be a valuable experience for students."

Traxler's role as an educator isn't limited to students or student-athletes. With academics and athletics too often enjoying an uneasy relationship on many college campuses, Traxler gives Bemidji State an ambassador for both.

"Maybe it's helped bring an understanding to the different sides of campus a bit – bring them closer together and have an understanding between the two," Traxler said.

Even with the great time commitment during the fall with 12-hour days, Traxler relishes his career as professor and coach. "We expect our student athletes to do well in both academics and athletics, so why can't I do both?" he said. "Just because you are involved in athletics doesn't mean you can't excel in the classroom, and vice versa. At BSU, we have so many examples of students doing just that."

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Where We Are ... What We're Doing



ALL CITIES ARE LOCATED IN MINNESOTA UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

1940s

Louie Marchand ('48), a retired Bemidji State University professor, is in the rough draft stage of a new book detailing the history of country schools entitled *Don't Build a Schoolhouse in a Swamp: The Country Schools of Beltrami County*. The schools he is focusing on were called common schools and were operated by a county superintendent.

1950s

Dick Green ('56) of Bloomington has been teaching painting for 45 years, 35 in public schools and 10 at local art centers. This year he had his paintings accepted for display in six national exhibitions. He and his wife, Janet, have two grown children, Kristin and Kent.

1960s

Donald Pollary ('64) is enjoying retirement by spending time at Lake Leander and was anticipating the birth of his first grandchild this summer. He retired in 1998, having spent 34 years teaching chemistry and math at Chisholm High

School. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Chisholm and have two children, Derek, 30, and Kimberly, 28... **Bob Glaesman** ('65) and **Joni (Pierce) Glaesman** ('64) of Willmar are enjoying their retirement and spent 10 weeks last summer exploring Alaska. They are anticipating the birth of their first grandchild in October... **Thomas Gulovich** ('66) is retired and living in Grafton, WI. He and his wife, Marg, have two children, Tim, 33, and Stephanie, 29, and one grandchild, Ellie... **Rich Siegert** ('67), owner of BJ Lodging in Bemidji, began construction this summer on a new Hampton Inn and Suites and Green Mill restaurant on the south shore of Lake Bemidji at the site of the old Edgewater Inn, a hotel he owned and operated since 1971. The new hotel will feature 70 guest rooms, 30 suites and 3,700 square feet of conference space... **Robert Jernberg** ('64) and his wife, Marilyn, live in Detroit Lakes... **Kitty Krueger** ('69), principal of Perham's Prairie Wind Middle School, has been named Western Division Middle School Principal of the Year. The honor is awarded by other principals with the Western Division being made up of 58 principals. She's been in her current position since

1995... **Margaret Mickelson** ('69) and her husband, Carl, have been honored posthumously by the Grand Rapids Kiwanis Noon Club which, along with the Mickelson family, recently established the Carl and Margaret Mickelson/Kiwanis Scholarship... **Alan Twietmeyer** ('68) and his wife of 34 years, Patricia, recently moved to Comstock Park, MI. Last fall, Alan accepted a position as professor of kinesiology at Cornerstone University, MI, after spending 16 years at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI, in a similar position... **Dale Wolden** ('63) and his wife, Linda, moved back to Bemidji in September, 2002, to enjoy their retirement. Dale had retired in 2000 after serving 37 years as a manager with the U.S. General Accounting Office - in Seattle, WA, from 1963-1977, Minneapolis from 1977-1990 and Kansas City, KS, from 1991-2000. They had three grown children, Kyle and Stacie and Bruce, who is deceased... **Thomas Moberg** ('64) serves as director of information technology services



Dorothy Berntson

with North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND, where he lives with his wife, Mary... **Dorothy Berntson** ('62) of Chisago City taught school for 26 years and then retired in 1983.

1970s

Jeff Baumgartner ('77) the Owner of American Time and Signal Co. in Dassell, MN recently had his company mentioned in Minnesota Business magazine in recognition of their method of gathering innovation ideas in order to grow their product line and establish innovation as an integral part of their company culture. Jeff brought in Prism Consulting to help his company come up with a staged reward process to keep employees excited about innovation and excited about their new products and their continued growth. Jeff and his wife Kathy live north of Bemidji, MN... **Trudi Campbell** ('72) was one of six teachers from Central Elementary, Bemidji, to participate in a Different Ways of Knowing conference in Michigan recently... **Joe Aitken** ('72), former director of the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Program, was honored in May when he received an award from the Minnesota Financial Aid Administration for his "dedication and exemplary service" to the association, Indian student community and citizens of Minnesota. Bemidji was the headquarters for the scholarship program of the Minnesota Indian Education Office. He was also honored by Augsburg College American Indian Services in Minneapolis for helping the college increase

Indian enrollment. Aitken had served as director of the Indian Scholarship Program for 29 years in Bemidji prior to October when the Department of Children, Families and Learning closed the Bemidji office due to budget cuts, a move that area legislators are still working to reverse... **Julie (Lund) Fallgren** ('79), is now working at the newspaper in Silver Bay where she lives with her husband, Roger... **Bill Pettit** ('73) is an obstetrician-gynecologist with the Fergus Falls Medical Group. His wife, Mary, is an instructor, choreographer for the Fergus Falls School of Dance. The couple has two children, Hannah, 14, and Joey, 11... **Gary Torstenson** ('75) is teaching fourth grade at Beatty Elementary in Beatty, NV. He and his wife, Mary, are celebrating their 27th anniversary this summer. They have two sons, David, 22, and Daniel, 18... **Randy Bowen** ('73) and **Marlene (Schuld) Bowen** ('73) live in Hermantown and have two grown children, Matt, 24, and Leah, 21... **Gordon Sirvio** ('75) of rural Deer River is an author with three novels in e-print and four novels in paper print, distributed nationally. He has also started a publishing company for short run and book packaging called Taconite Runes and has two short stories that have been published in two separate anthologies... **Bill Armstrong** ('75) is employed as the director of product management with USADATA in Hamilton Square, NJ. He lives there with his wife, Maryrose... **Jane Linde Capistran** ('79) has been hired as senior high symphony orchestra conductor of the Fargo Moorhead Area Youth Symphonies. Her history with FMAYS goes back to 1973 through 1975 when she was a student



Muriel Gilman, Ruth Howe, and Myrtie Hunt (left to right), current and former faculty members of Bemidji State University.

Howe Inducted into NSIC Hall of Fame

Dr. Ruth Howe has been inducted into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Hall of Fame for her efforts and achievements at Bemidji State University.

A true pioneer in women's athletics, Howe was the first head women's basketball coach in Bemidji State history. During her tenure she amassed a record of 95-50-1, a record that is still the best winning percentage of any BSU coach of more than one season. While at BSU, Howe also coached softball and tennis.

An original member of the Minnkota Conference committee, she served on the Minnesota Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women as president and board member. Active in many professional organizations, Howe most recently was on the United States Curling Association (USCA) board of directors and helped curling become an international and Olympic sport.

A member of the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame, her numerous honors include Women's Sports Foundation and Senior Sportswoman of the Year Award; Delta Kappa Gamma, Tau State, Mu Chapter Woman of the Year Achievement award; MAHPERD Pathfinder Award; and National Association for Girl's and Women's Sport Pathfinder Award. She continues to be active as a member of the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, Beaver Pride, and BSU Legacy Society.

The BSU Foundation holds an endowment created in Howe's honor. Additional donations to recognize her achievements and to further women's athletics can be made by contacting Doug Peters at the BSU Foundation, 1-888-234-5718.

In Memoriam

- Mae T. Dufseth ('73) - Tenstrike, MN
- Barbara J. Cary ('93) - Park Rapids, MN
- Theresa C. Anderson ('62) - Bagley, MN
- Doloris Reitmeier ('70) - Moorhead, MN
- Roger J. Gordon ('52) - Duluth, MN
- Frances B. King ('70) - Tucson, AZ
- Gwen M. (Ranzau) Campbell ('86) - St. Paul, MN
- James "Jim" Reil ('70) - Bemidji, MN
- Margaret H. Johnson ('41) - Bloomington, MN
- Bruce E. Graves ('94) - Redlake, MN

BEAVER PRIDE ANNOUNCES FALL SCHEDULE

Fans, friends, and family members are invited to the scheduled fall semester events for Beaver Pride.

Beaver Pride is the official fund raising arm for Bemidji State University athletics. The mission of Beaver Pride is to raise money for athletic scholarships and to increase the interest and excitement in Beaver athletics.

The Beaver Pride events include a Beaver Pride pre-game party when the Beavers take on the Wayne State Wildcats in the Metrodome Classic November 7.

The always entertaining Beaver Pride luncheons allow fans to get the inside scoop on a full weekend of sports on the BSU campus. Coaches and players give recaps on past games and update schedules. All luncheons are held in Walnut Hall on the BSU Campus and are open to the public. The doors open at 11:30 a.m. with the program starting at noon. Cost is \$6 and includes an all-you-can-eat lunch.

Individuals with questions about the organization or interested in joining Beaver Pride may call 218-755-2827.

September 12	Beaver Pride Luncheon
September 13 (at noon)	Tailgate Party
October 3	Beaver Pride Luncheon
October 4 (at noon)	Tailgate Party
October 10	Beaver Pride Luncheon
October 17	Beaver Pride Luncheon
October 18 (at noon)	Tailgate Party
October 24	Beaver Pride Luncheon
October 31	Beaver Pride Luncheon
November 1 (at noon)	Tailgate Party
November 7 (time TBA)	Metrodome Classic Pre-Game Party time TBA
November 14	Beaver Pride Luncheon
November 15 (at noon)	Tailgate Party
December 5	Beaver Pride Luncheon



The BSU Alumni Association and BSU Foundation purchased and renovated the white house located next door to the David Park House. The house, formerly owned by the late Dr. Phil Sauer, BSU professor emeritus, and his wife Betty, is the new location of the Alumni Association offices and includes office space for the Foundation accounting staff and researcher.

member of the orchestra. She returned to the organization from 1990 to 1996 and founded and conducted the Junior High Concert Strings and for two seasons was the executive director of FMAYS... **Kelly Rae (Olson) Waterhouse** ('79) works in the Transit Information Center at Metro Transit in Minneapolis. She lives in Blaine and has three children, Dustin, 21, Devin, 18, and Brianna, 14... **Gloria Gervais** ('70) retired this spring from the Tower-Soudan School concluding a 33-year teaching career there... **Carol Alstrom** ('70) retired this spring from the Tower-Soudan School after 33 years of teaching there... **Vance Balstad** ('73) and **Susie Balstad** ('74) of Bemidji celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in June... **Terri Otterstad** ('74) of Bemidji was recently elected vice president of the Bemidji Visitors & Convention Bureau which advertises and promotes Bemidji as a tourism, recreation, sports and convention center... **Cleo Johannsen** ('78) and her husband, Cal, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary along with their 50th birthdays... **Dorothy Jorgensen** ('74) and her husband, Floyd, of Pinewood recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary... **Earl Beitzel** ('77) was recently hired as vice president and chief financial officer for NaviCare Systems, Inc., a provider of operations management, resource optimization and dynamic patient-flow solutions for hospitals and clinics. He has extensive health care industry experience, previously serving as a senior principal of MedTrust, Inc., a privately held consulting and business development firm, from 1993 to 2002. In addition, Beitzel was vice

president and chief financial officer of Physicians Surgical Services from 1992 to 1993 and Group Health, Inc. (now HealthPartners, Inc.) from 1984 to 1992. He is also a certified public accountant... **Cindy Johnson-Groh** ('79), a Gustavus Adolphus College professor from St. Peter, has been honored twice this spring for her teaching. She received the 2003 Edgar M. Carlson Award for Distinguished Teaching and the 2003 Swenson-Bunn Teaching Award. The Carlson award, the college's highest teaching award, honors professors who demonstrate effective and exceptional teaching skills. The Swenson-Bunn award honors professors whose teaching is judged extraordinary by the student body. This is only the second time in the history of these Gustavus awards that both were won by the same person in the same year. Johnson-Groh has been a member of the Gustavus biology department since 1995 and is nationally known for her field and laboratory work on moonworts, a rare type of fern.

1980s

Teresa Galloway ('88) was one of six teachers from Central Elementary, Bemidji, to participate in a Different Ways of Knowing conference in Michigan recently... **Dave Evenson** ('84) and **Jess Ward** ('96) were married May 31 in Bemidji. He is a physical education teacher at Ponemah Elementary and Jess is employed with State Farm Insurance in Bemidji... **Lenore Ouradnik** ('81) was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2002*. She was recommended by her former student, Deann Tweten. She's taught for the past 20 years in her key areas of study which

include art, Spanish and English... **Johannes Prestemon** ('84) and his wife, Xu-yang, live in New Hope... **DeeAnn (Foley) Stenlund** ('82) has been working at Allina Laboratory at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital for 20 years as a medical technologist. She lives in Roseville with her husband, Dwayne, and their children, Katherine, 18, Benjamin, 16, and Timothy, 10... **Diane Dappen** ('85) served as a local coordinator for the 2003 MS Walk held in Bemidji recently. Money raised is used to fund research, educational programs, equipment subsidy, support groups, summer camps and other programs... **Dave Bjerga** ('80) is the new special agent in charge of the Bemidji Bureau of Criminal Apprehension lab. He'd previously worked for the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department and the BCA in Bemidji and Brainerd. This is his first administrative position. He and his wife, Karen, live near Bemidji... **Jackquelyn (Maki) LeBeque** ('85) teaches sixth-grade science at Roosevelt Elementary, Virginia. She and her husband, Nathaniel, live in Mountain Iron with their children, Katelyn, 5, and Anton, 3... **Brett Bodway** ('86) works as a television director for KVLV Television, a local NBC affiliate, in Fargo, ND. He and his wife, Karen, have a son, Grant, 3... **Barbara Keith** ('80) lives in Wells and is a registered nurse... **Kevin Barsness** ('83) and **Connie Kraepelin** were married recently in Bemidji. Kevin is the president of Balboa Anesthesia Associates, providing anesthesia care in the Bagley and Bemidji area. Connie is employed at Bemidji State University while completing her degree in psychology... **Patrick**

Lochwood ('87) was awarded the 2003 Community Service Award by the Philanthrofund Foundation of Minnesota for his efforts working with youth and families through the Bemidji/Safe Program, the only north central Minnesota program for youth dealing with sexual orientation issues. The Philanthrofund Foundation of Minnesota is a Twin Cities based community foundation dedicated to developing leaders and contributors in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community... **Ken Howe** ('87) and his wife, Kari, were selected as the 2003 fund raising campaign co-leaders for the United Way of Bemidji. Ken is the partnership director for the Custom Training Division of Northwest Technical College and Kari is the northwest regional representative for the Business and Community Development Division of the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development. The Howes will be responsible for coordinating and managing a network of 400 volunteers who will solicit funds throughout the community from July through October. The United Way campaign goal for 2003 is \$345,000... **Randy Refsland** ('81) and **Elaine Refsland** ('83) live in Montello, WI, with their three children. Randy is in his fourth year as the principal at Montello Jr./Sr. High School and Elaine is in her 16th year as a guidance counselor in the Wisconsin State Prison System... **Andra Vaughn** ('82) of Bemidji is the newly-elected president of the Bemidji Visitors & Convention Bureau. The bureau advertises and promotes Bemidji as a tourism, recreation, sports and convention center... **Joel Rohde** ('87), his wife, Polly, and their children, Derri, 11, and Cody,

15, transformed their Solway farm into a productive, sustainable operation, earning them recognition as the 2002 Outstanding Conservationists for Beltrami County and Area 1 Outstanding Conservationists. Area 1 consists of the 14 northwestern Minnesota counties.

1990s

Trisha Hansen ('95), a corrections probation officer for Beltrami County, received an appreciation award for her two-year term as treasurer with the Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers. The organization consists of more than 250 probation and parole officers in Minnesota... **Susan Morris** ('92) and her husband, Tom live in Milliken, CO, with their two Siberian Husky dogs... **Paul Kivi** ('98) and his wife, Deanne, of Bemidji, announce the June 9 birth of a son... **Cherish Erickson Prutzman** ('97) recently completed medical school at Saba University School of Medicine and has been accepted at the Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, OH, for a residency program in internal medicine. She's married to **Brendon Prutzman**... **Nicholas Neeb** ('95) and his wife, Rosalyn, are living in Northfield where he works as an educational testing consultant. Rosalyn is director of alumni and parent relations at St. Olaf. The couple has a 10-month-old son, Peter, and recently returned to Minnesota after spending five years in Massachusetts... **Luke Nemecek** ('95) and his wife, Marci, of International Falls announce the May 27 birth of a son... **Mark Kuleta** ('90) and

Communiques from the alumni director

Marla Huss Patrias

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend Homecoming 2003 – BSU – Where Dreams Come True. The dates for Homecoming are September 29 through October 5, with Alumni Association events slated for Thursday, October 2; Friday, October 3; and Saturday, October 4.

Outstanding Alumni to be Honored

Six distinguished alums have been chosen by the Alumni Association's board of directors to be honored this year during our Outstanding Alumni Honors Banquet held annually during Homecoming. Honorees include Roger Aitken '73, Nancy Bensen '57, Dr. Joanne Provo '82, Dr. Roxanne Struthers '84, Michael Spry '83 and General Thomas Waldhauser '76. The banquet is open to the public. Tickets are \$19 and must be purchased no later than Wednesday, September 24. There is a registration form on the Homecoming schedule of events on page 8. You may also register using a credit card by calling the alumni office directly at 1-877-278-2586 (toll free) or 755-3989.

40-Year Reunion of the Class of 1963

In a change from previously announced plans, the Class of 1963 will celebrate their 40-year reunion on Saturday morning, October 4, with a brunch to be held in the East Ballroom of the Hobson Memorial Union. After attending other Homecoming events scheduled for that day, class members will gather again at the David Park House at 7:30 p.m. for dessert, coffee and conversation following the 5th Quarter Reception. Detailed information and registration forms will be sent to the members of the Class of 1963, as well as the members of the wrap around classes of 1962 and 1964. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

American Indian All-Class Alumni Reunion

As part of Homecoming, as well as the week-long opening ceremonies for the American Indian Resource Center, there will be an American Indian all-class alumni reunion on Thursday, October 2, in the new facility. The reunion will run from 6-9 p.m. Letters of invitation and registration forms will be sent to all American Indian alumni for whom the alumni office has a valid address. For more information, contact the alumni office at 1-877-278-2586 (toll free) or 755-3989.

Auction Items Needed at Homecoming

The Alumni Association holds a silent auction every year during Homecoming, and we need your help in gathering items for the auction. Since the purpose of Homecoming is to welcome home our alumni, we look to our alumni to help support this event.

Some types of things that make great items for a silent auction include artwork, crafts, guided fishing trips, weekend stays at a lodge or hotel, golf outings, wild rice, gift baskets, bottles of wine, golf putters or drivers, regional artwork or crafts, regional food baskets, books, and so on.

Individuals interested in donating items should send them to the BSU Alumni Association, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE #17, Bemidji, MN 56601.

Items must be received no later than Tuesday, September 30, 2003.



Pictured above is a graduation stole. These are given to graduating American Indian students each spring by the American Indian Alumni Chapter. Stoles will be for sale during the American Indian alumni reunion on Thursday, Oct. 2 for \$50 each. They are available to all BSU American Indian alumni.

NOTES ON THE AMERICAN INDIAN ALUMNI CHAPTER

by Roger Aitkin, AIAC president

In 1989 the BSU American Indian Alumni Chapter (AIAC) was established for the purpose of creating an opportunity for the BSU American Indian Alumni to reconnect with BSU. The new group adopted a charter and by-laws and elected officers. Projects initiated were to: conduct a gathering for the Indian alumni and friends at the Bemidji Holiday Inn Hotel during Homecoming; address the incoming freshmen students during the Fall orientation; participate in the planning of the American Indian Resource Center project (AIRCP); and participate in the successful lobbying efforts that secured \$2.1 million from the State Legislature in the early 1990s. We created two campus accounts that generated funds to provide \$500 scholarships to three seniors to complete their degrees, the scholarships were matched by the State Indian Scholarship Program.

A primary objective was to create a presence and participation on campus functions that promoted the recruitment, retention and graduation of American Indian students at BSU. As professionals and citizens in our communities we promoted higher education and BSU specifically wherever possible. We serve on community and campus boards and committees, and encouraged BSU to make its educational services, technology and various resources accessible to the surrounding Indian communities. Because the chapter met monthly for about five years in the mid 1990s it fell inactive probably due to burnout.

In early 2002 members of the original chapter stayed involved in the formulation of plans for the site selection, fund raising and construction of the American Indian Resource Center. We also participated in the hiring of the new center executive director, Lee Cook. These two new issues generated new interest and enthusiasm within the Indian communities and alumni, and early in 2003 a reorganization meeting was held on campus. Currently the chapter is a vital player in overall planning and development of new programs for the AIRC, Indian student enrollment and retention plans, and any key event impacting Indian students and communities. Currently there are an estimated 400 American Indian alumni of BSU and the majority of those hold positions of leadership, influence and responsibility within Bemidji and the three surrounding Indian reservations of Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth.

We are excited about the long-awaited completion of the AIRC and all the positive educational and cultural events and influence it will have on the BSU campus, Indian recruitment and surrounding communities. We expect BSU to regain its prominence in national Indian educational leadership and the BSU Indian Alumni Chapter and Indian alumni will continue to play a significant role in this event. ■

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Where We Are ... What We're Doing

(Continued from page 3)

his wife, Betsy, of Bemidji announce the May 25 birth of a son... **Angie Lauderbaugh** ('95) and her husband, Scott, of Bemidji announce the May 23 birth of a daughter... **Barb Harrison** ('91) and her husband, Tim, of Bemidji announce the June 3 birth of a son... **Michelle Vlcko** ('97) and her husband, **Aaron Vlcko** ('99) of Bemidji announce the May 30 birth of a son... **Shannon Faldet** ('96) and Gary Matthews were married July 19 in Clearbrook... **Carrie Latulippe** ('98) and Paul Bartlette were married June 14 in Bemidji... **Eric Walter** ('97) and Tracie Burnside were married July 5. Both are pilots and work for Bemidji Aviation Services... **Teri Forseth** ('90) was one of six teachers from Central Elementary, Bemidji, to participate in a Different Ways of Knowing conference in Michigan recently... **Jennifer (Lerfeld) Bodnarchuk** ('99) has been awarded a two-year doctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. She's just begun the third year of her doctorate studies in developmental psychology at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Her doctoral dissertation, currently underway, is a longitudinal infant development study... **Joanne Nigbor** ('97) is living in Coon Rapids... **Carol Satre** ('90) of Fishers, IN, has been the MSW field coordinator at the Indiana University School of Social Work for five years. She has a 16-year-old daughter, Kaela... **Sharon (Weis) Anderson** ('96) is employed by the St. Paul Companies as a senior systems analyst. She lives

in Crystal with her husband, Tom, and their eight-month-old, Jodi... **Rachelle Peterson** ('97) and her husband, Craig, of Bemidji announce the May 2 birth of a daughter... **Deanna Kruse** ('90) of Baraboo, WI, works as a pharmacy technician at Wal-Mart. She and her husband, Keith, have one child, Colton, 6... **Melissa Brand** ('99) and her husband, **Todd Brandt** ('97), announce the June 18 birth of twin daughters... **Jess Ward** ('96) and Dave Evenson were married May 31 in Bemidji. Jess is employed with State Farm Insurance in Bemidji and Dave is a physical education teacher at Ponemah Elementary... **Lance Mayer** ('98) of Albertville is teaching fifth grade at Zachary Lane Elementary in Robinsdale School District. This is his first year in his current position and his fifth year in teaching. He previously taught in New York Mills and near International Falls... **Stacy Nelson** ('97) and Peter Bahr were married recently in Bemidji. Stacy is a teacher with the Blackduck School District and Peter is employed with RP Broadcasting, Bemidji... **Karen (Wicklund) Kull** ('94) is a revenue specialist with the Florida Department of Revenue in Clearwater, FL. She and her husband, Kenneth, live in Dunedin, FL... **Curtis Anderson** ('91) is working in civil affairs with the U.S. Army. He was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January to May, working to coordinate the provision of medical, electricity and water services to the people of Western Iraq. In July he left for a one-year tour of duty in Kuwait, with the focus on working with the Iraqi people to establish their government services and controls. Previously he was deployed to

Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from November 1991 to April 2002... **Lorraine (Turgeon) Busta** ('91) is an accounting supervisor for United Healthcare. She and her husband, Lauren, live in Rogers with their son, Luke, born November 5, 2002... **Randall Wille** ('97) is a gymnasium coordinator with Columbia County Recreation in Georgia. He and his wife, Becky, live in Martinez, GA... **Matthew Cann** ('97) and Staci Wynkoop were married July 20 in a private ceremony on Lake Julia. Matthew is employed with TEAM Industries of Bagley and Staci works with the Minnesota Department of Transportation... **Rebecca (Taylor) Howe** ('99) was a substitute teacher with the Anoka-Hennepin School District during the 2002-2003 school year. Her husband, James, is a warrant officer for the U.S. Army and flies Black Hawk helicopters. The couple will be moving to Germany sometime in August... **Lisa Moss** ('95) and her husband, Kevin, of Laporte announce the June 27 birth of twins, a boy and a girl... **Beth Donat** ('98) and her husband, Mark, of Bemidji announce the June 27 birth of a son... **Krisanne Berglund** ('94) of Turtle River recently found herself at the scene of two emergencies in two days, one in Wisconsin and one in Minnesota. Berglund, who is trained in CPR, administered aid at the scene of a drowning in River Falls, WI, and then the next day at the scene of a fatal traffic accident on Interstate 94 near Rogers. She plans to take EMT training this fall and is considering studying to become a paramedic. She was recently laid off from her job teaching chemistry and physics at Blackduck

High School... **Pete Fenson** ('92) of Bemidji has been chosen as one of the United States Curling Association's Athletes of the Year. Fenson and his teammates, Eric Fenson, Bemidji, Shawn Rojas, Virginia, and John Shuster, Chisholm, won the USA Curling Men's National Championship in March. The team finished eighth at the 2003 Ford Worlds. Fenson owns and operates Dave's Pizza in Bemidji. He is married and has two sons, Alex and Graem.

2000s

Barbara Lundberg ('01) and **Daniel Leritz** ('02) were married July 11 in Wilton and are living in the Willmar area... **Kristy Matson** ('03) and Christopher Settle were married June 28 in Bemidji. They live in Norfolk, VA, and Christopher is in the U.S. Navy serving aboard the USS Oscar Austin... **Tiffany Peterson** ('00)

married Brad Olson April 5 in Bemidji. Tiffany is employed with the Bemidji School District and Brad works at Bemidji Aviation... **Brent Grebinoski** ('02) is employed as a correctional officer with Scott County... **Shelley Skerik-Borg** ('02) and **Benjamin Skerik-Borg** ('03) are teaching art in Hawaii on the Island of Kauai... **Corissa Richie** ('02) and her husband, Terry, announce the April 28 birth of a son, Blake. Corissa works in the White Bear Lake school district and she and her family live in Wyoming... **Bryan Hanson** ('02) works for Amazon.com in Grand Forks, ND... **Karen Tan** ('01) is employed at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks where she is also pursuing a master's degree in business administration... **Laura Juve** ('02) of Fosston has been hired as a communication arts and literature teacher at Lafayette High School in Red Lake Falls. This is her first full-time teaching



Kyle Shannon

Legacy Society

The Bemidji State University Legacy Society Celebrates Second Annual Banquet

An Irish Holiday

Members of the Bemidji State University Legacy Society were treated to a special evening of entertainment and cuisine during an Irish holiday banquet. Members started the evening with a private concert presented by the Elderhostel Choir under the direction of Dr. Fulton Gallagher, BSU professor emeritus of music. In the true spirit of Ireland, the choir shared a very special arrangement of *Danny Boy*.

The evening included traditional Irish music, drinks and food. Jim and Nancy Bensen, co-chairs of the Legacy Society advisory board, presented each new member a certificate and a Legacy Society lapel pin including Dorothy Moore '49; Jan Erickson; Kurt and Linda Hanson; George '49 and Betty Murray; Norm '66 and Judy Nelson; and Rohl '57 and Patricia Peterson. The Bensens also recognized members of the Legacy Society advisory board including Ted and Ardis Gillett; Lorna and Maury Sullivan; Jack and Delphine Jacobsen; Caroline Andrican; Dr. Joanne Provo; and Glen Lindseth, the Legacy's Society's professional advisor.

According to Sue Kringen, BSU Foundation director of development, membership in the Legacy Society has more than doubled over the past 18 months and now has 101 members.

"These members include individuals who have left the ultimate gift to Bemidji State University as a result of a planned gift, which might include a bequest in their will, a donation of real estate, a life insurance policy, a gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust," said Kringen. "Members of the Legacy Society are truly caring individuals who are passionate about Bemidji State University and the opportunities their future gifts will create for future BSU students".

The Lake
The Learning
The Life

For further information on becoming a member of the Legacy Society, contact Kringen by calling 1-888-234-5718 (toll free) or 755-3991. ■

The Legacy Society



During the second annual Legacy Society Banquet, an Irish holiday, Lenore Siems ('91) (left) and Fran Gack presented traditional Irish music while performing as strolling minstrels.



Bemidji State University President, Dr. Jon Quistgaard, presents Legacy Society membership certificates and pins to Linda and Kurt Hanson of Brainerd. Linda is a member of the BSU Foundation board of directors.



Bonnie Bredenberg ('65), Delphine Jacobsen ('63), and Diane Wahl recently presented a \$15,000 check to Ed McDunn ('65), executive director of the Bemidji State University Foundation, to establish the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International / Hazel Shimmin Endowment.

Hazel Shimmin, an honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, passed away on July 25, 2000. She received her bachelor's degree in education from Dakota State University in Madison, SD. She taught for six years in Bridgewater, SD, before coming to Bemidji State University in 1938 where she worked in the business office for 30 years, retiring in 1968.

"I admired her efficient manner and her ability to give clear and concise directions," stated Margaret Berg ('43/'60) of Bemidji, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, former co-worker and longtime friend of Hazel Shimmin. "She was a great role model."

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International/Hazel Shimmin Endowment will fund scholarships for female undergraduate students attending Bemidji State University who are majoring in education and will be student teaching or participating in the BSU education internship program. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate volunteerism either on campus or in the broader community.

"With shrinking state dollars and the escalating cost of tuition, scholarships are more critical now than ever before in the history of BSU," said Sue Kringen ('73/'00), BSU Foundation director of development. "I invite anyone who has a passion for education, and who believes in Bemidji State University, to consider establishing an endowment. A minimum donation of \$10,000, which can be pledged and paid over four years, will provide scholarships forever in the honor of the individual. It is truly a way to establish a legacy."

Additional donations can be made to the the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International / Hazel Shimmin Endowment at the BSU Foundation, 1500 Birchmont Drive NE #17, Bemidji, MN 56601-2699. For more information on endowments, contact Kringen by calling 751-3991 (local) or 888-234-5718. ■

job... **Eunice Wiebolt** ('01) lives in Brainerd with her husband, Ken, and recently wrote and published a book entitled *Cooking With Confidence*... **Nicole Evje** ('00) and her husband, Quintin, of Shevlin announce the May 20 birth of a daughter... **Tina Vaughn** ('01) and Jerome Myers were married July 5 in Deerwood and live in Bemidji. Tina teaches third grade in Cass Lake and Jerome has earned his bachelor's degree in youth ministry at Oak Hills Christian College... **Paul Bartlette** ('00) and Carrie Latulippe were married June 14 in Bemidji... **Kyle Shannon** ('02) of Eagan returned to the United States in May after spending three months traveling throughout Europe... **Cory Gish** ('02) and his wife, Amy, of Bemidji announce the June 3 birth of a daughter... **Erin Jaques** ('02) and Anton Sandberg were married recently and are living in North Branch... **Peter Bahr** ('01) and Stacy Nelson were married recently in Bemidji. Peter is employed with RP Broadcasting, Bemidji, and Stacy is a teacher in the Blackduck School District... **Leigh Nelson** ('02) of Fargo is employed as a creative developer at Vtrenz Marketing, Inc.... **Matthew Lechtenberg** ('00) is working as an industrial technology teacher at Central Middle School in the Columbia Heights School District. He lives in Willernie... **Joseph Wellcome** ('01) recently began a new career as a sales engineer in the machine tool division of Concept Machine Tool Sales, Inc., Minneapolis. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Big Lake and have two children, Eric, 19, and Travis, 15... **Jessica Johnson** ('02) and **Craig Johnson** ('01) live in Surprise, AZ,

where they just bought a new home. Jessica teaches third grade in the Litchfield Elementary School District... **Susan Palm** ('02) is employed as a school nurse. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Loman and have three children, Aaron, 26, Celia, 20, and Samantha, 16... **Tony Hommes** ('01) and his wife, Tiffany, of Bemidji announce the July 3 birth of a son... **Michael Mastin** ('00), a Bemidji police officer, has been awarded the Excellence in Work Award... **Olena Bartyenyova** ('02) and Chris Claypool were married recently. They are living in Little Canada... **Todd Lagergren** ('00) and Jennifer White were married August 2 in Bemidji. They plan to live in Victorville, CA... **Kenny Miller** ('00) and **Jessie Lorenzen** ('03) were married August 2 in Bemidji. Kenny has a degree in physical education and Jessie has a degree in early childhood education... **Tracy (Jeeninga) Dahlke** ('01) is a teacher at Pleasant Hill School, one of four one-room schools in the middle of ranch country in Rock County, NE. Last year she taught seven students.



American Indian Resource Center
Grand Opening Activities

Saturday, September 27 - Indian Community Pow-Wow and Honoring Feast, beginning at 1 PM

Monday, September 29 - Indian Education Day

Tuesday, September 30 - Tribal Leaders Day

Wednesday, October 1 - Celebrating American Indian Women

Thursday, October 2 - Indian Youth Day

Friday, October 3 - Open House

Saturday, October 4 - Grand Opening - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, to begin approximately at 10:30 AM

Call the American Indian Center at 218-755-2032 for details and specific starting times for events

HOME COMING COMMITTEES

Marla Huss Patrias, Director; BSU Alumni Association / Homecoming Co-Chair

Linda Blanchard '70/'75, Associate Director HMU / Homecoming Co-Chair

Coordinating Committee

Marion Christianson, '50/'71, Alumni Association Board of Directors; Peggy Prudhomme, HUPB, Jillian Winter, HUPB, Willis Stittsworth, BSU Professor Emeritus

Alumni Events Committee

Jerry Abbott '60, Sue Balstad '74, Kermit Bensen '60/'70, Marion Christianson '50/'71, Jess Evenson '96, Brian Fisher, Joann Gardner '93, Dick Haugo '61/'63, Delphine Jacobsen '63, Bill Kirtland '53, Suzy Langhout '93, Alice Larkin '93, John Liapis '52, Doug Peters '96, Greg Peters, Troy Reynolds '98, Willie Stittsworth '53, Ken Traxler, Jim Wheeler '72

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE DURING HOMECOMING

- University** Monday - Thursday: 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM
- Bookstore Hours** Friday: 7:45 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Campus Tours** Weekdays, 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM; BSU Admissions Office 755-2040 (local calls) or 877-BEMIDJI (toll free)
- Gillett Recreation & Fitness Center** Open Friday 6:15 AM - 9:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM and Sunday 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Come enjoy a great workout with family and friends at the Gillett Recreation and Fitness Center during Homecoming Weekend. Simply show your BSU Alumni membership card at the door and you and your family will be admitted free of charge, or stop by the Alumni Office to pick up a pass.
- KB101/KBUN** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; 12:30 PM
- Chat-a-bout** Locations across campus

ALUMNI Honors Banquet / Friday, October 3

ADVANCE RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____
 Years attended BSU: _____ to _____
 Name of Spouse: _____
 Years attended BSU: _____ to _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone: () _____
 E-mail Address _____
 BSU Alumni Honors Banquet # _____ @ \$19.00 /person. = \$ _____

____ Enclosed is a check made payable to the BSU Alumni Association.
 ____ Please charge \$ _____ to my credit card: ____ VISA ____ MasterCard
 Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature _____

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, September 24, 2003.
 Mail reservation form and payment to: Bemidji State University Alumni Association
 1500 Birchmont Drive NE #17, Bemidji MN 56601-2699

Registrations will be accepted over the phone if payment is being made with a credit card.
 Call the BSU Alumni Association Office at: 755-3989 (local) or 877-BSU-ALUM (toll free).

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Alumni Association Honors Banquet has limited seating available. RSVPs are required and **MUST** be made in advance in order to attend. Reservations must be received by September 24, 2003. All other events have tickets available at the door.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:00 AM Holy Spirit Newman Center Mass and Brunch
 Presentation of 2003-04 Cardinal Newman scholarship and service award winner, Jacqueline Tellers. All Welcome! RSVP: (218) 444-4762 or ncenter@paulbunyan.net

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM Inflatable games: Outside Lower Union
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Voting for King and Queen: Lower Hobson Union
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Voting for King and Queen: Walnut Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Voting for King and Queen: Lower Hobson Union
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Voting for King and Queen: Walnut Hall
11:00 - 2:00 Airbrushing: Lower Hobson Union

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 PM Coronation: Beaux Arts Ballroom

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM All-Class Reunion of American Indian Alumni: New American Indian Resource Center
8:00 PM Frederick Winters, Hypnotist: Hagg-Sauer 100

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Beaver Pride Luncheon: Walnut Hall
 Everyone welcome. Program begins at 11:30 AM. \$6 for lunch.

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM David Park House: Open house with tours and refreshments available.

6:30 PM BSU Alumni Association Honors Banquet: Beaux Arts Ballroom.
 Join alumni, faculty and friends of Bemidji State University for the presentation of the 2003 BSU Outstanding Alumni Awards. Award recipients include Roger Aitken '73, Nancy Bensen '57, Dr. Joanne Provo '82, Dr. Roxanne Struthers '84, Michael Spry '83 and General Thomas Waldhauser '76.

6:30 PM Social Hour
7:00 PM Banquet
8:00 PM Awards Program
 \$19.00/person (**RSVP required, use attached registration form**).

7:00 PM Women's Volleyball vs. Northern State: BSU Gymnasium
7:35 PM Men's Hockey Skills Competition: John Glas Fieldhouse
9:00 PM - Midnight Dance to Johnny Holm; Memorial 100. Tickets available at the door. Students \$6 with BSU ID, non-students \$8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 40-year Reunion Brunch for the Class of 1963: East Ballroom, Hobson Memorial Union

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM David Park House: Open house with tours and refreshments available.

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Lutheran Campus Center Open House: Refreshments will be served.

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Bemidji State University Homecoming Tailgate Party: Diamond Point Park
 Music, entertainment, food, beverages and FUN! \$5.00 entrance fee.
Co-sponsored by the BSU Alumni Association, Beaver Pride and KBUN/KB101/KZY/Z99-FM Radio.

1:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Northern State: BSU Soccer Field

1:30 PM 2003 Homecoming Football Game: Chet Anderson Stadium
 The BSU Beavers will be taking on the Minnesota State University, Moorhead Dragons in the annual "Battle of the Ax".

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Fifth Quarter Alumni Reception and Silent Auction: Lower Lakeside Union.
 Alumni, students, parents and friends of Bemidji State University are invited to attend this fantastic post-game celebration! Hors d'oeuvres provided. Cash bar. \$3 per person or \$5 per couple entrance fee.

6:00 PM Women's Volleyball vs. Minnesota State University, Moorhead: BSU Gymnasium

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM 40-Year Reunion Dessert and Coffee: David Park House

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

1:00 PM Women's Soccer vs. Winona State: BSU Soccer Field

3:00 PM Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert: Beaux Arts Ballroom, BSU Campus.
 Tickets available at the door.