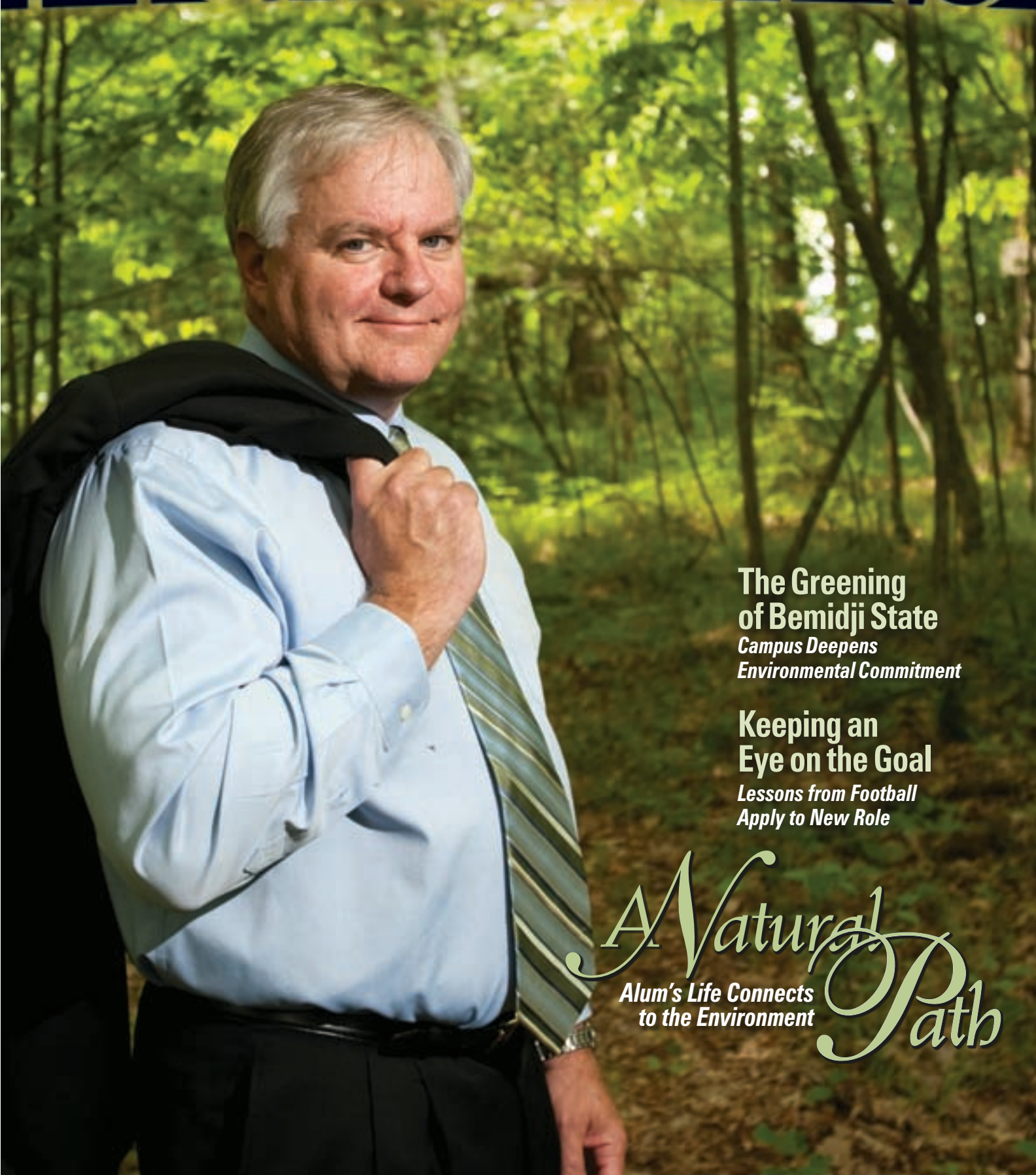


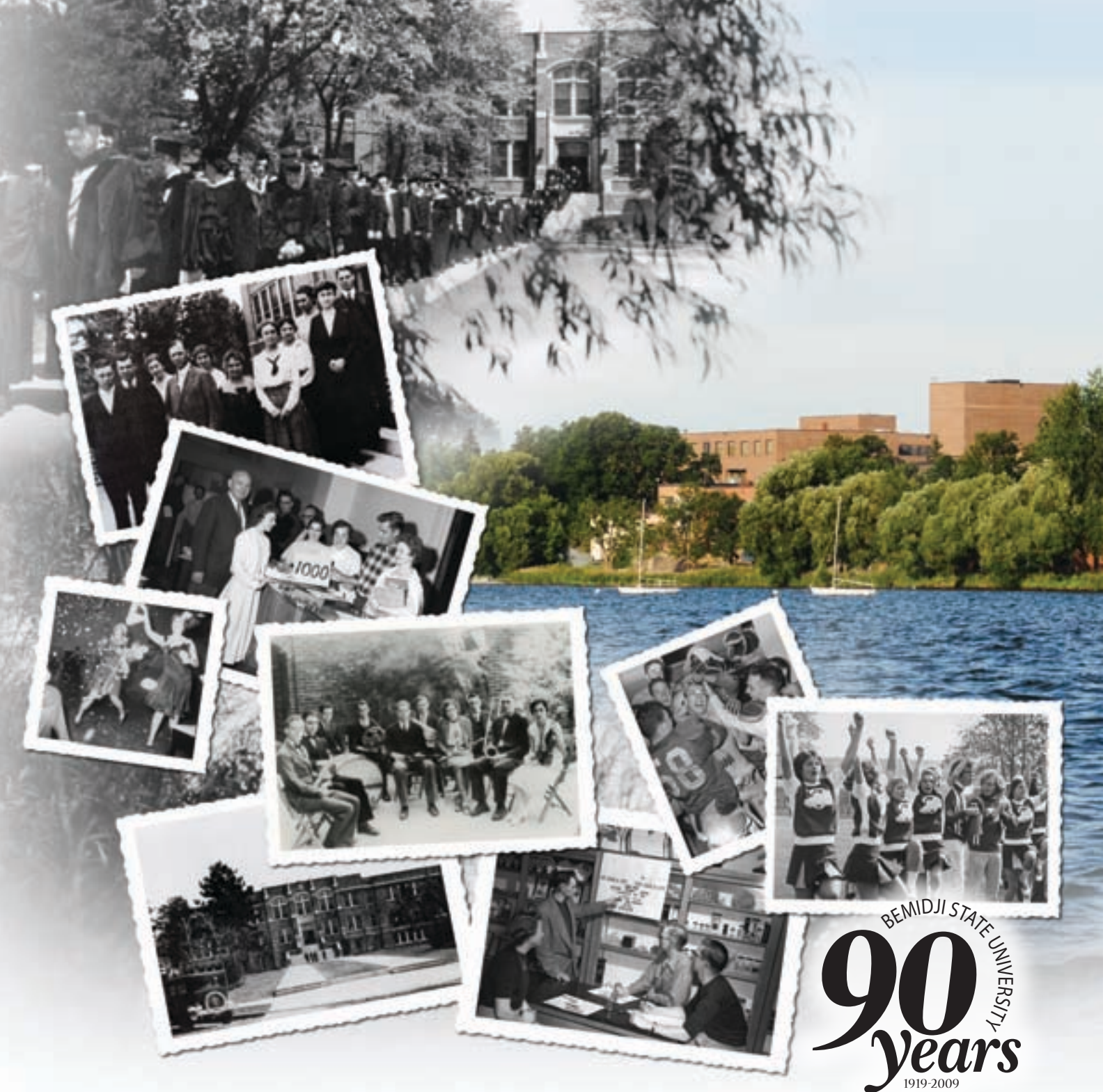
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BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY  
**90**  
 years  
 1919-2009

# Celebrating 90 Years!

Decade Facts from *University In the Pines* and past issues of *Horizons*

## 1919-1929

- Indiana native Dr. Manfred W. Deputy named first president of the new normal school located in Bemidji.



- Bemidji State Normal School accepted its first students on June 23, 1919. Enrollment totaled 130 students, only 6 of them men, from 17 counties in Minnesota.

- In 1920, school colors of green and white adopted after a spirited debate on campus. Student Cyrilus Freeman glanced out a classroom window and, seeing fresh green pines against pure white snow, asked what could be more appropriate than green and white?

- Four students graduated in 1920 during the school's first commencement.

- In the 1921-1922 school year, Fremont Wirth organized the first basketball team, which won their inaugural game against Kelliher High School on December 17, 1921.



1921 Graduating Class

- Ballad "Hail to Thee Bemidji College" was written in 1920.

- Name of school changed to Bemidji State Teachers College (BSTC) in 1921.

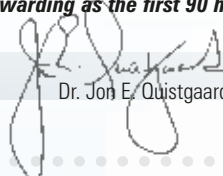
- BSU Alumni Association was organized in 1922.



- In the 1924-1925 school year, students paid \$6 a week for room and board. Sanford Hall was the only campus dorm, and it housed about 50 women.



**Just imagine** the excitement of the very first fall term on campus. After a successful summer session that served 130 students, the new Bemidji State Normal School started fall classes on September 2, 1919. Early visionaries had fought hard to gain state support for Minnesota's sixth normal school, one that would serve the state's northwest region. Sharp differences were set aside as the decision was made to locate the campus in Bemidji. Town folks rallied to provide housing for the first class since a dormitory, Sanford Hall, wouldn't open until 1920. Nevertheless, the main building, later named Deputy Hall after the school's first president, was ready. And so the first strides were taken in what would become a 90-year institutional mission of service to northwest Minnesota, the state, and the far reaches of the globe. As the 2009 fall term begins, we're mindful of those first footsteps. The semester opens with what promises to be one of our largest freshman classes in history. Sattgast Hall has been remodeled and expanded. Its new state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms have expansive views of Lake Bemidji, a symbolic link between the important work inside the classroom and nature's own open-air laboratory. Across the lake, the Bemidji Regional Events Center, future home of Bemidji State hockey, is emerging. Imagining what the needs of Bemidji State University will be in 90 years is difficult, if not impossible. However, the early campus community left remarkable footsteps to follow. Like them, we will march toward our vision and remain true to our mission. We will capitalize on the numerous opportunities to shape the potential of those we educate, so they, in turn, will have numerous opportunities to shape the worlds in which they live and work. **Happy 90th birthday, Bemidji State University! May your next 90 years be as exhilarating and as rewarding as the first 90 have been.**

  
Dr. Jon E. Quistgaard, President

- The college charged \$8 a term in 1926, which included use of all textbooks in the library and admission to lectures, concerts, entertainment, athletic events, and other college functions. Tuition was free to students who signed a declaration to teach in Minnesota for two years; the rest paid \$20 tuition a term.

- In fall 1926, R. E. Mendenhall organized the college's first football team with 26 players. Known as the "Peds," short for pedagogy, the team's record was 1-2-1.
- The *Northern Student* was first published in the 1927-1928 school year. The issue contained summer session information, a calendar for the next school year, and

four faculty-written articles on educational topics.

- First Homecoming celebration was held in 1927.



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The environment has always piqued alumnus Mike Spry's interests. Today his company cleans up land impacted by the cold-war development of nuclear weapons.

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## TRiO/Upward Bound Receives Vet Grant

Through a new \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Bemidji State will launch a program through TRiO/Upward Bound this fall to help military veterans prepare for post-secondary education. Program services will include intensive basic skills development, short-term remedial or refresher courses, help in securing local agency support services, core curriculum instruction, personal and academic counseling, tutoring services, academic assistance in course selection, exposure to cultural events, and individual mentoring programs. Military veterans, regardless of age, may participate in the program if they meet the eligibility requirements. Participants must be potential first-generation college students or low-income individuals who have a determined need for academic support.

## Gangeness Teaches in Samoa



In December 2008, Dr. Jeanine Gangeness, chair of the Department of Nursing, joined the World Health Organization's (WHO) Pacific Open Learning Health Net initiative to instruct a group of Samoan nurses and health professionals on developing and teaching online courses.

Gangeness traveled in March and again in June to the nursing department at the National University of Samoa to teach on-site courses that she had developed with Minneapolis-based Seward Inc. The training helped Samoan nurses and health professionals expand their ability to provide continuing education courses to current nurses and extend the Samoan university's graduate nursing education into an online environment, broadening its reach throughout the South Pacific.

Seward, Inc. developed and oversaw the WHO project.

## Grants Total Nearly \$2.75 million in 2009

Faculty and staff at Bemidji State generated more than \$2.75 million in grants last year, with amounts ranging from \$1,100 for sponsorship of Bike Bemidji! events to nearly \$482,000 for the Upward Bound program.

Of the 2009 funds awarded to the University, \$1.8 million came from 18 recurring grants awarded in previous years, while \$950,000 were generated from 16 new grants. These grants provided funding for a variety of projects and programming, including TRiO/Upward Bound services, nursing, mathematics instruction for secondary school teachers in northern Minnesota, and a baseline inventory of the University's greenhouse gas emissions.

## Nursing Program Offered at Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus

Beginning this fall, registered nurses in central Minnesota may complete their bachelor's degrees in nursing, thanks to a university portal program that brings Bemidji State's baccalaureate nursing program to the Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge campus.

The program will offer a combination of on-campus and online courses, allowing registered nurses to pursue their bachelor's degrees. Featuring full- and part-time enrollment options with block scheduling on Fridays, students will study at the Cambridge campus during the first two weeks of classes, then return every three to four weeks while completing their coursework online during alternate weeks. Clinical experiences will be arranged at a variety of sites, keeping them as close to a student's home as possible.

## Bridges Earns Honors

Dr. Barbara Bridges, professor of professional education, captured several state education awards this year. She was named the Minnesota Art Educator of the Year by the Art Educators of Minnesota in November and also received the organization's Higher Education Award. In April, she was named the Minnesota Art Educator of the Year by the National Art Educators Association.

The Art Educators of Minnesota award is the second for Bridges, who garnered the organization's 1998 Minnesota Higher Education Art Educator of the Year honor. She also received the 2004 Exceptional Program Award from the Higher Continuing Education Association.

Bridges has been with Bemidji State since 1998.

## Bemidji State Admitted to WCHA

Bemidji State's men's ice hockey program added another achievement to its remarkable 2009 season by gaining membership into the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, widely regarded as the most successful and most competitive conference in college hockey. Bemidji State applied for association membership in March and formally presented its case in April at the organization's annual meeting in Florida.

WCHA affiliation solidifies an already close relationship between the Beavers and the association. Since elevating its program to NCAA Division I status in 1999, Bemidji State has played more non-conference games against members of the WCHA than any other program in the nation. In addition, Bemidji State's historical rivalries with association members St. Cloud State and Minnesota State, Mankato have existed for several decades when all three competed in the small-college Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

Earlier in the year, Bemidji State signed a 20-year lease to make the Bemidji Regional Events Center, now under construction, the home of Beaver hockey, and, in May, the Beavers captured the national spotlight by becoming the first No. 16 seed in the NCAA playoff history to reach the Frozen Four.

For a virtual tour of the Bemidji Regional Events Center, go to: [www.bemidjistate.edu/athletics/info/BREC/BREC.htm](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/athletics/info/BREC/BREC.htm)

## 1930-1939

- Alumni Association offered its first Alumni Scholarship in 1928.
- The lakeside fireplace was constructed in 1932 by M. O. Morse and dedicated by President Deputy June 6, 1932. The fireplace was moved to its new location east of



the student union in the 2008-2009 school year.

- The 1933 Minnesota Legislature introduced a bill that would change the state's colleges to mental asylums, reform schools, or prisons.
- In 1935, a four-year curriculum was adopted, with general education the first two years

and majors and minors the last two years. A total of 192 quarter hours of credit were required for graduation.

- Dr. Charles R. Sattgast began his Bemidji State presidency on February 1, 1938.
- The first tunnel connecting buildings on campus was completed in 1936.



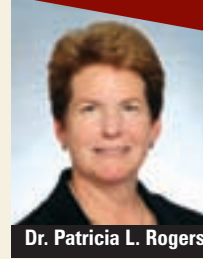
## 1940-1949

- Early in his presidency, Dr. Sattgast observed football practices and noted that the team may not win many games, but worked as hard as beavers. The BSTC athletic teams were thus renamed the Beavers.
- BSTC acquires the Hobson Forest in 1939.

- Despite having few men on campus, BSTC was the only state college to continue football games without interruption throughout the war years, compiling an undefeated season in 1944.
- After the war, enrollment spiked 300 percent to 575, and the *Northern Student* noted the return of 50 new male students

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## Deans Named in Two Colleges



Dr. Patricia L. Rogers



Dr. James Maxwell

This summer, permanent deans were named for two of Bemidji State's three colleges as Dr. Patricia L. Rogers was named dean of the College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology and Dr. James Maxwell was chosen to lead the College of Business, Technology and Communication.

Rogers was selected permanent dean after serving interim positions since 2007, first in the College of Social and Natural Sciences and later in the College of Health Sciences and Human Ecology. She joined Bemidji State in 1996 as an assistant professor in the professional education department. She left BSU in 1999 for an eight-month assignment as interim system director for instructional technology in the Office of the Chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system. Returning to BSU in 2000 as a full professor, she left again in 2006 to serve as dean of the School of Education and Graduate Studies at Valley City State University (ND) before returning to campus in 2007.

Prior to joining the Bemidji State faculty, Rogers spent 10 years in the health studies section of the Division of Environmental and Occupational Health at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

Maxwell comes to Bemidji State from Ashland (OH) University, where he had been dean of the Richard E. and Sandra J. Dauch College of Business and Economics since July 2008. Prior to that, he spent one year as department chair of the visual communication and technology education department at Bowling Green State University and two years as a professor of industrial technology education at Indiana State University.

Maxwell began his higher education career in 1998 as an associate professor of strategic management at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. In 2002, he moved to the business department at Buffalo State College, a State University of New York institution, where he remained until moving to Indiana State in 2005.

He previously spent 28 years in private industry, including 13 years with Emerson Electric Company as regional vice president, and 15 years as vice president of sales and marketing with Toshiba Inc.



## Nine Earn Emeriti Status

Nine faculty members with a combined 240 years of service to Bemidji State received emeriti status during the University's 90th commencement exercises in May. Faculty who retire from the University with at least 15 years of service are eligible to receive emeriti status.

The 2009 emeriti were: Ms. Sandra L. Rasmus, assistant emerita to the vice president for academic affairs, 34 years; Dr. James L. Richards, professor emeritus of computer science, 33 years; Dr. David E. Kingsbury, professor emeritus of technological studies, 31 years; Dr. Stephen I. Gurney, professor emeritus of English, 31 years; Ms. Kathleen C. Hatch, director emerita of First Year Experience/orientation, 29 years; Dr. Ranae Womack, professor emerita of nursing, 23 years; Dr. Dale L. Sakrison, professor emeritus of education, 21 years; Mr. Leo D. Morgan, Jr., director emeritus of academic technology, 20 years; Dr. Mark Schmit, professor emeritus of technological studies, 18 years.

## Newscaster Don Shelby Named Distinguished Minnesotan

Twin Cities newscaster Don Shelby received BSU's 2009 Distinguished Minnesotan Award during the University's 90th commencement ceremonies in May.

Shelby joined WCCO-TV in 1978 as a reporter and has been the 10 p.m. news anchor since 1985. He founded the WCCO I-Team for investigative journalism and today leads "Good to Know," an edgier news commentary. He also has a weekday radio show on WCCO-AM.

In recognition of his life's work, Shelby was inducted into the Minnesota Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2007. He has won all five of the nation's top awards for journalism, including three national Emmy Awards. In 1997, he received his second Peabody Award, the broadcast equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize, for his ongoing work for Minnesota youth. Shelby also has received honors for his work in the community, including Minnesota Sportsman of the Year, Martin Luther King Humanitarian of the Year, and the Great American Traditions Award by B'nai B'rith.

First presented by Bemidji State in 1981, the Distinguished Minnesotan Award acknowledges the contributions of current or former state residents who have performed exemplary service to the people of Minnesota or the United States.

to campus with a banner headline reading, "Men, Men, MEN!"

- Former prisoner of war barracks were moved to campus as temporary campus housing in 1945. They remained on campus for nearly 25

years and, at one time, housed the entire art department.

- The first student dance show, held in 1946, became the longest running annual student performance at BSU. It is now known as the Funtastic Dance Follies.
- Also in 1946, the State College Teachers Board authorized the granting of the bachelor of arts degree.
- By 1947, students paid \$20 tuition per quarter and the activity fee rose to \$8, but students had to buy or rent their own books.
- Dr. Ron Gearman and his music class wrote the "Go Bemidji Beavers" fight song.
- Men's hockey started in 1947, but had a shortened infancy. The team discontinued play in 1949 when the



roof collapsed on the City Arena, where they played. Games were then cancelled at a rink on Lake Bemidji after a bulldozer clearing snow went through the ice.

- MusiCamp was started in 1948 and continues to bring campers to campus for summer musical learning experiences.

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# Champions On and Off the Field

## Lee Ahlbrecht Inducted into NSIC Hall of Fame



**Lee Ahlbrecht**, who coached Bemidji State's varsity intercollegiate swimming program from 1968-1991, is the latest Beaver to be inducted into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Hall of Fame. Ahlbrecht graduated from Bemidji State in 1966.

During Ahlbrecht's tenure, he led the Beavers to a 150-49 dual meet record. He also coached 151 All-America honorees, four national champions, and seven U.S. Olympic Trials qualifiers. Fifty-six of his former student athletes became coaches. Ahlbrecht's swimming teams finished among the top 20 ranked programs in the nation every year, including 12 Top 10 finishes and four fourth-place finishes. He was named the National Coach of the Year by both the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and the College Swimming Coaches Association of America in 1980 and 1990.

The NSIC honor is Ahlbrecht's third Hall of Fame induction. He was named to the Minnesota State Swimming and Diving Coaches Hall of Fame in 1996 and the Bemidji State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000.

## Track Athletes Garner Accolades

Junior sprinter **Kristi Buerkle** of Stacy and senior decathlete **Zac Preble** from Coleraine were named to the 2009 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's Division II All-Academic Track and Field Teams. Buerkle was the 2009 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champion in the 400 meter race and set school indoor records in four events. Preble finished fourth in the decathlon at the 2009 NCAA Outdoor Championships and holds the school as well as conference records in the event. Preble won the decathlon at the NSIC Championships each of the last three seasons.

The pair helped the Bemidji State men's and women's teams earn All-Academic Team status, as well. Bemidji State and Augustana were the only NSIC schools to have both their men's and women's teams earn All-Academic Team status.

## Phelps Attends Vikings Mini-Camp

Former Beaver defensive back **Terrell Phelps** participated in a free-agent mini-camp with the National Football League's Minnesota Vikings, becoming the fourth Beaver since 1996 to earn a spot in the league's mini-camp. Michael Nordyke (2005) and Anthony Schreiber (2008)

also tried out for the Vikings. Jonathan Hawks was in the New Orleans Saints' 2007 mini-camp.

Phelps, from Lincolnton, NC, was named First-Team All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in 2008.

## Hockey Players Earn All-District Academic Honors

For the seventh consecutive year, Bemidji State men's hockey had a skater recognized on the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District V At-Large Team. Defenseman **Cody Bostock**, a senior from Salmon Arm, British Columbia, was named to the first team, while center **Travis Winter** of St. Cloud, MN, made the second team for the second consecutive year. Since 2003, 12 Bemidji State men's hockey players have been named Academic All-District.

Women's hockey defenseman **Brooke Collins**, a senior from Pilot Mound, Manitoba, was also named Academic All-District, earning a spot on the second team.

## Spring Sports Honors

Softball's second baseman, **Mara Johnson** of Bemidji, earned Second-Team All-NSIC laurels. In tennis, senior **Kali Welu** of Pequot Lakes was named Second-Team All-NSIC, and freshman **Nicole Christiansen** was an honorable-mention all-conference selection.



Kristi Buerkle    Zac Preble    Terrell Phelps    Cody Bostock    Travis Winter    Brooke Collins    Mara Johnson    Kali Welu    Nicole Christiansen

## 1950-1959

- In 1950, the college was authorized to award a four-year B. S. degree in business education.
- Also in 1950, the 20-acre campus was expanded for the first time with the addition of 54 acres.



- Honors to graduates began in 1955, designating cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude.
- "The Main," the first building constructed on campus, was officially renamed Deputy Hall.

- In 1957, the school's name changed from Bemidji State Teachers College to Bemidji State College.
- By 1959, students paid a total of \$750 for tuition.
- The state's college board authorized Bemidji State to offer an M.S. degree in education.

- Dr. Sulo Havumaki started St. Urho Day celebrations on campus to counter the influence of St. Patrick's Day.

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# A Matter OF Priority

## SYSTEM SET FOR HOCKEY SEATING OPTIONS AT THE BREC

With the opening of the Bemidji Regional Events Center (BREC) in fall 2010, Bemidji State University's Department of Athletics faces a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge: how to best determine who gets the first choice of seating options in the new arena. The opportunity: the chance to reward and thank the University's most loyal supporters.

The BSU Division I men's hockey program opens as a WCHA member at the new arena in fall 2010. The University's Division I women's hockey program, a member of the WCHA for the past 10 years, will also move to the new arena.

Current season ticket holders with the men's program will begin choosing seat preferences for 2010. To determine the order for seat selection, the University will use a loyalty point system to calculate current and longtime supporters' financial and volunteer contributions to the hockey program, athletics in general, and the University overall.

"We wanted a process that would recognize and thank our most loyal supporters in the fairest way possible," says Dr. Rick Goeb, BSU director of athletics. "We looked at the different processes followed by other Division I programs. We did a lot of research and found that a point system would be the fairest method."

The point system will reward BSU supporters based on nine factors: years as season ticket holders for BSU hockey, lifetime contributions to athletics, lifetime contributions to the University, volunteer service to athletics, support of athletics through advertising and events, support for the move to Divi-

sion I hockey in 1999, BSU alum, an alumni athlete, and current membership level in Beaver Pride, which is the annual fund-raising mechanism for BSU athletics and the athletic scholarship fund.

"We're really encouraging Beaver Pride membership as part of this process, so we can establish a strong and consistent annual fund-raising plan for all BSU athletic scholarships," explains Goeb. "Contributions to Beaver Pride will help us be more competitive in all our sports."

In addition to priority seating, Beaver Pride membership, depending on contribution level, includes benefits such as preferred parking, admittance into the Club Lounge in the new arena, season tickets to the NSIC sports, and discounted membership at the Gillett Recreation/Fitness Center.

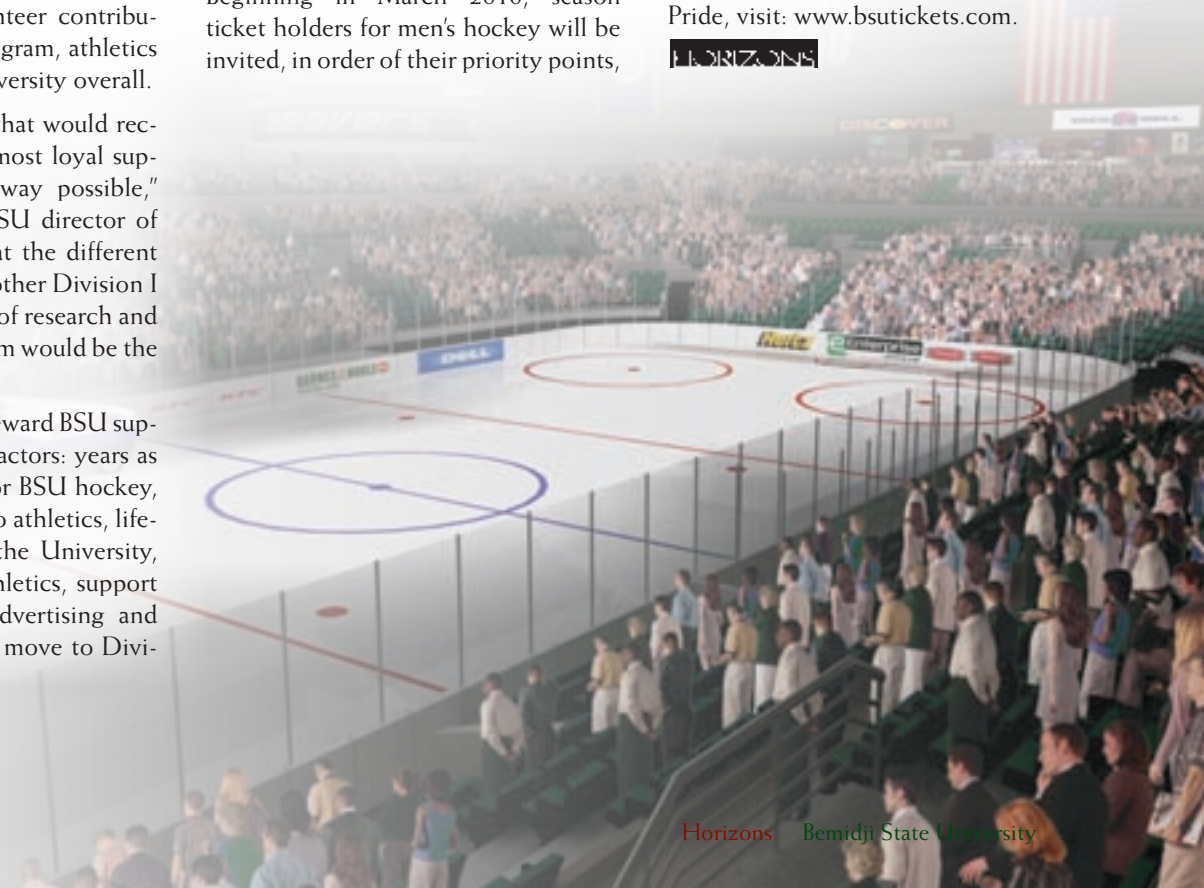
Beginning in March 2010, season ticket holders for men's hockey will be invited, in order of their priority points,

for a one-on-one session with foundation staff to choose their preferred seating in the new arena. Those who join Beaver Pride this year will also be included in the process if they wish to contribute at a level that includes season tickets. Once current season ticket holders have chosen seats, the remaining seats will be available to those on the season-ticket waiting list.

"There will be great seats for all ticket holders in the new arena, whether they become Beaver Pride members or regular season ticket holders," says Rob Bollinger, executive director of University Advancement at BSU. "Our main concern is rewarding longtime fans and supporters with the seating location of their choice."

For more information about season tickets, the point system, transition to the new facility, a virtual tour of the events center, and how to join Beaver Pride, visit: [www.bsutickets.com](http://www.bsutickets.com).

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**N**athan Sannes has always played offense, seizing opportunities to advance his team, first on the football field and now in commercial insurance sales.

The Bemidji State University quarterback thrilled Beaver fans with his offensive moves, setting 17 BSU records, 16 of which still stand. After graduating with a business administration degree in December 2005, he started setting records of a different kind.

Sannes, 26, is among the fastest rising stars in company history at Federated Insurance, based in Owatonna, MN. He was hired while finishing his senior year and, two months after graduation, entered a nine-month training program at Federated's headquarters. He then became a marketing representative in Fergus Falls, MN.

Within two years, he transformed the under-performing territory and earned top incentive awards both years for sales in property, casualty, group, life, and disability insurances. Promoted to district marketing manager, he is now responsible for 10 marketing representatives across northwestern Minnesota and northeastern North Dakota.

He's one of the youngest district marketing managers at Federated with half of his sales reps at least 18-year veterans. Yet, the age gap doesn't faze Sannes.

"If you tell me I can't do something, I tend to want to show that I can," says Sannes, who thrives on competition. "There was no sleep that first year or two. A 70-hour week was average."

Sannes' success is turning heads at Federated. There may be other young



The business and accounting programs in Bemidji State's College of Business, Technology and Communication, including its online business options, recently received accreditation from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education. That's good news for students who want to be more competitive in the marketplace and in graduate school.

To maintain accreditation, BSU will test all students entering its business and accounting majors and re-test them at graduation to measure gains in their performance. Those test scores will be compared with results from universities across the country, so prospective students and others can see the value added by a BSU education.

"When graduates apply for a job or graduate school, they can show empirical, objective evidence that they've completed a rigorous program at Bemidji State," says Douglas Leif, professor and chair of the Department of Business Administration.

Accreditation also will make BSU more competitive in recruiting international students as well as those closer to home who, in the past, may have been attracted to accredited programs at other universities.

Bemidji State's accounting program becomes just the third in Minnesota to receive specialized national and international accreditation, while the business program is the sixth in the state to gain this recognition.

## LESSONS FROM FOOTBALL APPLY TO NEW ROLE

managers in newer districts, but not in the company's home state.

"Federated was founded in Minnesota in 1904," says Sannes' regional marketing manager Travis Hoaglund. "For him to do it here is unheard of because we've been here forever, and we have a lot of talent here. He's smart, he's mature, and he gets back to people when he says he will, and that's what makes the difference."

Sannes credits his work ethic to his upbringing in Fertile, MN, a farming community of about 900. The oldest of three boys, his parents expected him to balance athletics with schoolwork and household chores. He brought those same principles to Bemidji State, where he received the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's Glen Galligan Award for academic excellence and positive contributions as a student-athlete. While at BSU, he also mentored high school students in Upward Bound, a program encouraging youth to attend college.

On the football field and in life, Sannes wants to be a positive contributor.

"One of the best things about my job is hearing my clients' stories," he says. "People starting businesses in garages, you'd be amazed. With my company, if the worst thing happens to them, we write them a \$1 million check. That's a pretty amazing experience."

As a manager, Sannes recruits and trains his sales staff, making sure his reps have the support they need and that the territories are performing. He often seeks new hires from Bemidji State, where he maintains good rapport with coaches and faculty whose insights he values.

"When I go back, I still know most of the people, and they know me," says Sannes. "I trust them, and they give me good young people."

In his new role, hiring effective sales representatives is important to Sannes. He wants to see them start strong, knowing that the success of the district depends on the accomplishments of each rep and each territory. As for his achievements, he hopes they're just the beginning of his success story.

"I want my district to be the best district in Federated," says Sannes, who prefers to take his long-term goals one play at a time, much like he once did on BSU's Chet Anderson football field.

"I'll take care of my little world, and the rest will come."

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Nathan Sannes



Sannes with agent R. Scott Pearson and clients Mike and Randy Gregg.



# The Greening of Bemidji State

*For decades, hope of protecting the environment for future generations was dampened by a burgeoning global carbon footprint. However, recent individual actions and large-scale events have rekindled the environmental movement and a sense of optimism. At Bemidji State University, the campus community has united in bringing luster to going green.*

## A Green Backdrop

Since 1919, the woodlands and waterways surrounding campus have helped draw students to the University. During Bemidji State's early years, interest was, perhaps, more about being in the green – to fish, canoe, or ski – than it was about going green.

Perspectives began to shift when the Center for Environmental Studies opened in 1969, first as a regional research service and later as an academic unit. The center propelled the University into the international arena with its scientific research while graduating hundreds of students who became researchers, worked on environmental projects, or brought an ecologically sound foundation to businesses. This focus continues today in classrooms and laboratories, where work ranges from advancing environmental economics to cleaning Minnesota's lakes.

"We took the steps from saying we want to do regional research because the environment is important, to saying we should have an academic program to serve students, and then to saying we need to practice what we preach," observes Dr. Pat Welle, professor of economics and environmental studies. "Students who want to make a difference are drawn to BSU. Here, they can be involved in campus and community outlets for what otherwise could turn into a sense of doom. It doesn't have to be that way. We're helping people see they have a place to devote their efforts."

In the 1990s, the University established the Environmental Advisory Committee, which promoted campus recycling and reduction. The group of students, faculty, staff, and administra-

tors also identified ways the University could proactively become greener in the next decade.

## Signature Themes

In 2004, Dr. Jon Quistgaard, BSU president, held meetings with University friends and stakeholders on campus and across the region. As a result of those conversations, three signature themes emerged – environmental stewardship, civic engagement, and international/multicultural understanding. The signature themes represent core institutional values designed to guide University decisions regarding curriculum, services, and actions.

"I think the environmental stewardship theme cemented the relationship of being green and BSU," says Bill Maki, vice president for finance and administration. "Not only was there an internal demand to do that from our students,

academic departments, and campus committees, but also our external constituents were seeing, wanting, and expecting us to be a leader in this area."

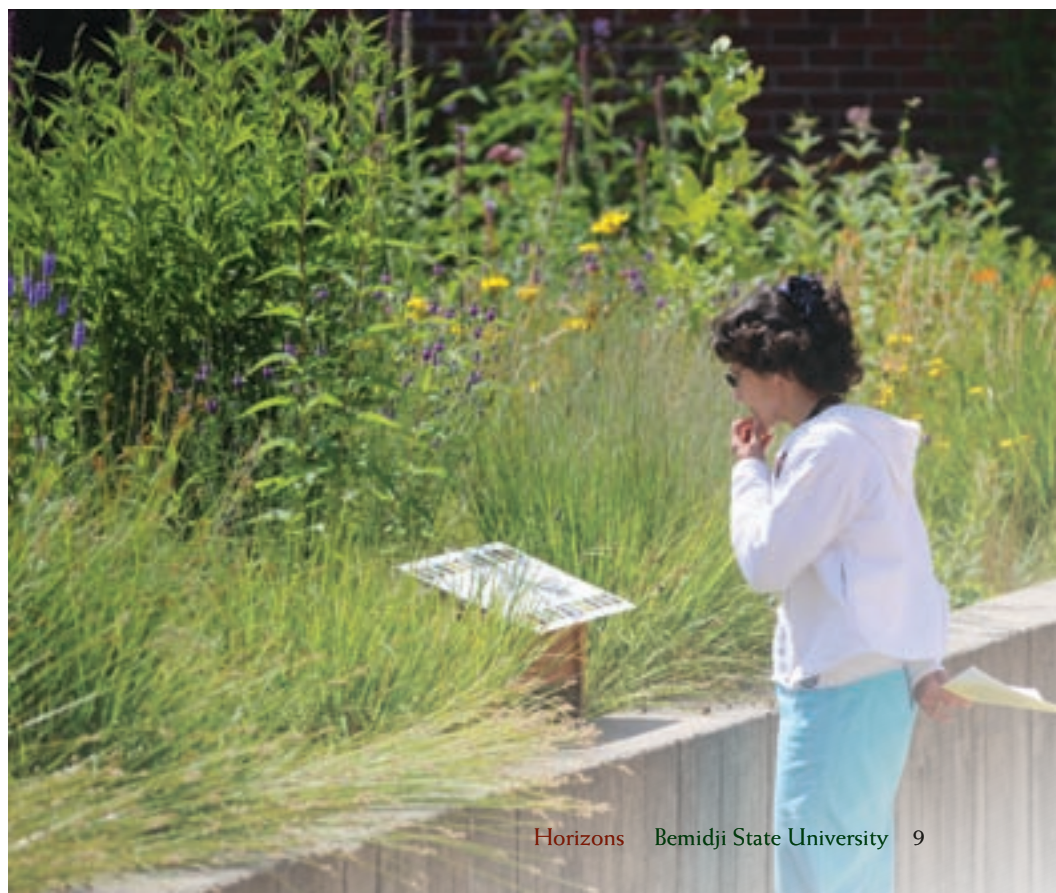
The civic engagement component brought the effort to a personal level. It encouraged the campus to pursue change. Students rose to the challenge, bringing enthusiasm and high expectations to the process.

"It came about as it should happen," says Erika Bailey-Johnson, who participated as a graduate student and later as the University's first sustainability coordinator. "Once students are passionate about something, then the administration and others figure they better think about it too."

While thinking about something doesn't always translate into action, conditions were conducive for addressing it on campus.

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**BSU staff member Deb Krueger pauses to study a listing of native plants found in the campus butterfly garden.**



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"A change in administrative approaches, personnel, and interpersonal chemistry in the last decade produced a lot more accomplishments than earlier," Welle explains. "Some of the support was grassroots, coming from the bottom up. Some was orchestrated from the top down."

### **Winds of Change**

Students fanned the first tangible winds of change, bringing wind-generated, turbine-produced electricity to campus.

As a sophomore in 2004, Tessa Haagensohn used a National Wildlife Federation fellowship to initiate education projects on renewable energy across campus. She and other student leaders worked with BSU administrators to use fees paid by students to power Hobson Union with wind-generated electricity from the Otter Tail Power Company's Tailwinds program.

That same year, University administrators signed the Talloires Declaration, a 10-point plan to address fundamental environmental problems and reverse trends in pollution and depletion of natural resources. Through it, the administration promised to create a culture of sustainability, educate for an environmentally responsible citizenship, practice institutional ecology, and foster environmental literacy.

The administration endorsed the President's Campus Climate Commitment five years later. This document set Bemidji State on a course to achieve climate neutrality. It requires a plan and a timetable for eliminating BSU's campus carbon footprint.

"The University's role is to lead in knowledge," says Welle. "A university should also be a thought leader, designing the organization to behave in ways that are sustainable. So much of what



As part of its environmental stewardship, BSU hosts public forums like the legislative panel on global warming moderated by Dr. Pat Welle in 2008.

we are about is the future, and sustainability is a concept directly related to quality in the future."

The Campus Climate Commitment required the University to measure its carbon footprint by inventorying its greenhouse gas emissions. Graduate student Anna Carlson conducted the study in 2007 by analyzing 10 years of actions that create emissions. Carlson found the University consistently produced 20,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually, a figure similar to other institutions of the same size. She also noted Bemidji State needs to gather more

data in certain areas, such as vehicle usage, to obtain a clearer picture of its footprint.

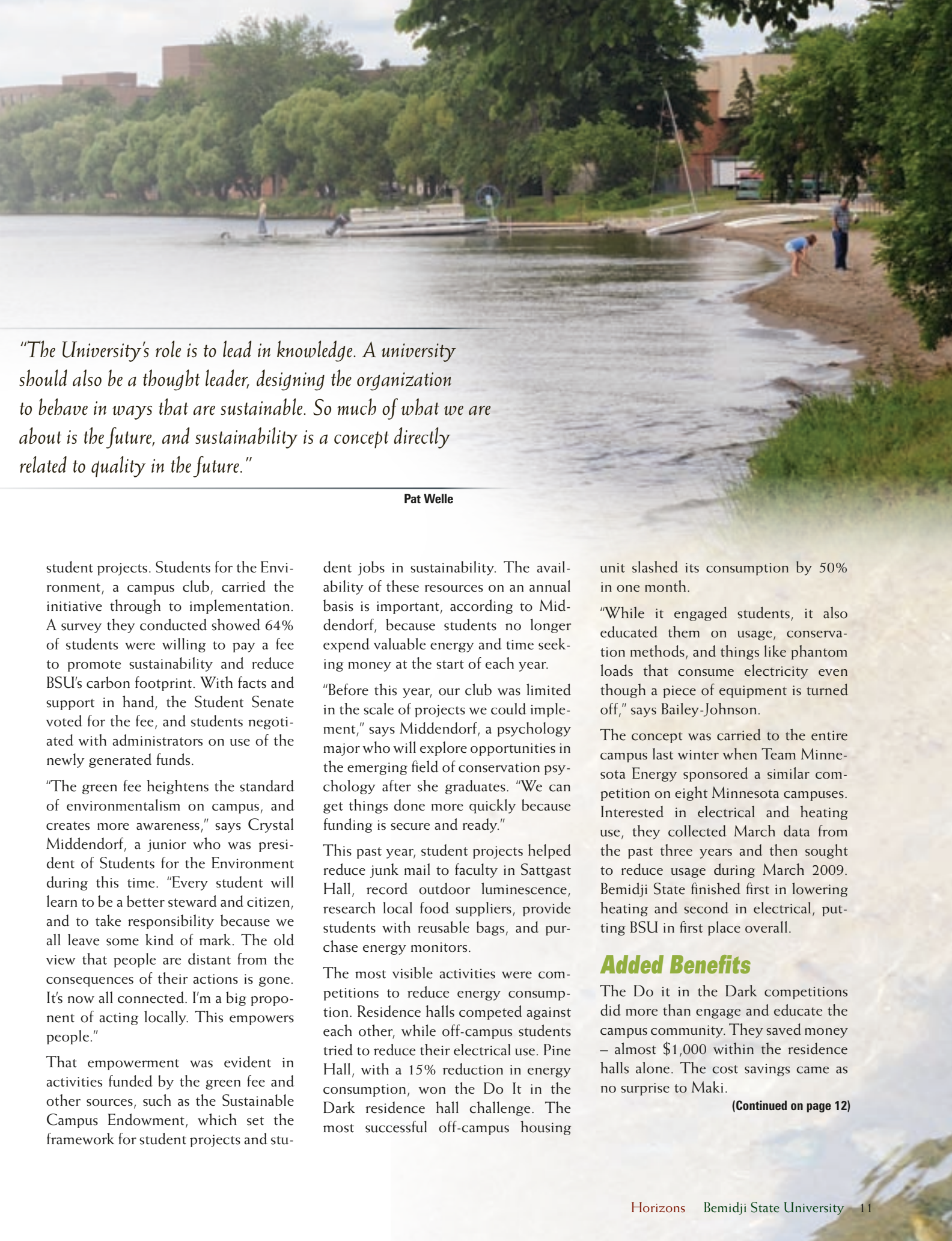
"Twenty thousand metric tons is not a large amount on a global scale, but the University is one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gases in the Bemidji area," comments Carlson. "It is important to look at this issue as spheres of influence. I don't pretend to have a global sphere of influence, but I do affect my family, my friends, my classes, and my city. Knowing we have a sphere on campus that we can change, we can then affect change on the next sphere, which is Bemidji."

### **Expanding Influence**

Students took a major step in their sphere by endorsing a \$5 per semester green fee in 2007, which has generated more than \$40,000 to support a new sustainability coordinator and fund



The university maintains over 600 feet of campus shoreline restored with native plants and rocks, thanks to a project completed in 2003.



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**Pat Welle**

student projects. Students for the Environment, a campus club, carried the initiative through to implementation. A survey they conducted showed 64% of students were willing to pay a fee to promote sustainability and reduce BSU's carbon footprint. With facts and support in hand, the Student Senate voted for the fee, and students negotiated with administrators on use of the newly generated funds.

"The green fee heightens the standard of environmentalism on campus, and creates more awareness," says Crystal Middendorf, a junior who was president of Students for the Environment during this time. "Every student will learn to be a better steward and citizen, and to take responsibility because we all leave some kind of mark. The old view that people are distant from the consequences of their actions is gone. It's now all connected. I'm a big proponent of acting locally. This empowers people."

That empowerment was evident in activities funded by the green fee and other sources, such as the Sustainable Campus Endowment, which set the framework for student projects and stu-

dent jobs in sustainability. The availability of these resources on an annual basis is important, according to Middendorf, because students no longer expend valuable energy and time seeking money at the start of each year.

"Before this year, our club was limited in the scale of projects we could implement," says Middendorf, a psychology major who will explore opportunities in the emerging field of conservation psychology after she graduates. "We can get things done more quickly because funding is secure and ready."

This past year, student projects helped reduce junk mail to faculty in Sattgast Hall, record outdoor luminescence, research local food suppliers, provide students with reusable bags, and purchase energy monitors.

The most visible activities were competitions to reduce energy consumption. Residence halls competed against each other, while off-campus students tried to reduce their electrical use. Pine Hall, with a 15% reduction in energy consumption, won the Do It in the Dark residence hall challenge. The most successful off-campus housing

unit slashed its consumption by 50% in one month.

"While it engaged students, it also educated them on usage, conservation methods, and things like phantom loads that consume electricity even though a piece of equipment is turned off," says Bailey-Johnson.

The concept was carried to the entire campus last winter when Team Minnesota Energy sponsored a similar competition on eight Minnesota campuses. Interested in electrical and heating use, they collected March data from the past three years and then sought to reduce usage during March 2009. Bemidji State finished first in lowering heating and second in electrical, putting BSU in first place overall.

### **Added Benefits**

The Do it in the Dark competitions did more than engage and educate the campus community. They saved money – almost \$1,000 within the residence halls alone. The cost savings came as no surprise to Maki.

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A self-imposed student green fee helped fund the state system's first sustainability coordinator position, which is held by Erika Bailey-Johnson.

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"No matter how you phrase it, conserving energy saves on the bottom line while we're being responsible citizens and a responsible organization," he notes. "Many of the green things we're working on have elements that are positive, and one often overlooked is saving money."

Maki points to a student union project where staff retrofitted the facility with a more efficient lighting system, reducing operational costs by almost \$8,000 a year. Efforts to stimulate change in food services were even more dramatic as requests for proposals (RFP) on the dining bid included an environmental component for review by students prior to awarding the multi-year contract.

"It was the first time I had seen an interest in environmental issues in the RFP process," says Dave Souba, who has 30 years experience in dining operations on college campuses for ARAMARK. "It is certainly a shift in the culture on campuses. Higher education, with its thinkers and doers, will lead the way on this issue."

Souba manages BSU's food services and, working with students and campus personnel, has enacted change. Since Jan-

uary, campus cafeterias have been trayless, which saves two quarts of water in the washing process and reduces waste by 1.5 ounces per customer per meal.

"It may not seem like a big deal, but we serve large numbers," Souba explains. "By the time you do the math, it really turns out to be significant over time." The math shows that going trayless could mean BSU will use nearly 100,000 fewer gallons of water and should reduce waste by almost ten tons each year.

### A Green Future

As the University's full-time sustainability coordinator, Bailey-Johnson helped facilitate the transition to a trayless environment. It's all part of a job description where she collaborates with students, faculty, staff, and administrators in moving BSU toward an environmentally sound mindset.

"The ultimate goal is for everyone to do their job in a sustainable way, whether it is dealing with waste in a building, purchasing supplies more wisely, or adding a sustainability component to a course," she says. "There's a lot of support for this. People here have information and a passion for the environment. I don't have to seek them out and ask them to the table. They're already there."

She will need to muster all of her campus resources when tackling her next challenge – developing the actual plan to move BSU to the carbon neutrality detailed in the Campus Climate Commitment. The plan to rid the campus of its use of fossil fuels will require action for many years.

"After one year with the sustainability coordinator, you can see things implemented that were talked about for four



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**Erika Bailey-Johnson**

or five years," says Maki. "We're seeing this just isn't the hot topic of a certain one- or two-year period. It's been proven over the course of several years that this is important to the type of student Bemidji State attracts and, therefore, should be important to the University, its mission, the things we do."

Carlson, who will enter a doctoral program this fall at Denmark's Alborg University, where she will study sustainable energy planning and management, sees a deeper importance. "The most inspirational part of my education was seeing people who acted and said, 'If you can't do anything to stop the horrifying things happening in the world, you will become immobilized. If you look at what you can really do, that gives you energy to fix what you can.'"

For BSU, going green means hope for a sustainable future is flourishing.

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**Growing native plants – like the ones these volunteers planted by the library this spring – are part of BSU's sustainability efforts for they're easily maintained and don't require fertilizers.**

# *Alum's Life Connects to the Environment*



## *A Natural Path*

*Growing up on the White Earth Indian Reservation, alumnus Mike Spry explored the countryside for hours at a time, walking along the Buffalo River and often wondering about the prairies that unfolded to his west and the forests that stretched to his east.*

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"The environment had my curiosity," says Spry, a 1983 Bemidji State graduate. Scavenging through rock piles that farmers created after culling the rubble from their fields, Spry found fossils and other organisms he wanted to investigate. He also spent time hunting and fishing with his grandparents. In many ways, the outdoors became Spry's companion – a source of comfort as well as fascination.

Reared in Callaway, a town of 200, Spry's family settled on farmland long before the town existed. With a Native American and French heritage, Spry grew up feeling he never really belonged. "Because my family was of mixed blood, it felt like we were living between two worlds."

As a result, Spry found his place in the natural world. "Like most kids growing up in northern Minnesota, I wanted to stay in Minnesota and work outdoors."

In high school, he dreamed of becoming a bush pilot but was steered toward college by his guidance counselor. Following his counselor's advice, he began considering colleges, including Bemidji State where he had competed in annual high school math contests. Intrigued by the University's interdisciplinary approach to education and its progressive environmental studies program, Spry enrolled in 1979.

At the time, he was told that the critical characteristics of an environmental professional were mobility and adaptability. "That served me well," Spry notes.

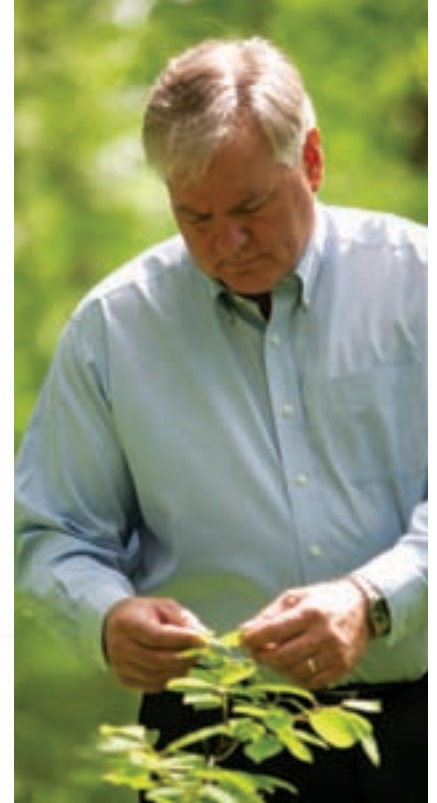
"It meant broadening your horizons and getting out of your comfort zone."

He tested his ability to adapt soon after graduation, moving his young family to Montana where he enrolled in a Montana State University master's program with a specialty in land reclamation. "We did that with the intention of coming back in 18 months," Spry says. "It took 26 years."

During those years, Spry worked in the environmental field in Wyoming, North Dakota, Montana, and Idaho. In Idaho, he and three partners jumped on an opportunity to start a company, Portage Environmental. The company focused on cleaning up hazardous waste sites. Learning as they went, the young entrepreneurs ran all aspects of the business, from cleaning the offices to marketing their services.

Thriving today as a government contractor, Portage Environmental consults in the environmental services, engineering, and project management areas. The company primarily cleans up sites affected by the development of nuclear weapons. "It's part of the cold war legacy – very complex and involving billions of dollars," Spry says. "We spend a lot of time and effort determining risk assessment and helping the government determine what is an acceptable level of risk."

For one of its current projects, the company is excavating a landfill where waste from the development of the first atomic bomb was disposed. The site lies within



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**Mike Spry**

100 feet of a commercial building in Los Alamos, NM, which makes the project particularly challenging and critical. "There's not a lot known about what's in this landfill," he says. "We need to develop a lot of safeguards to keep the community and our employees safe."

Other Portage projects include cleaning up an enriched uranium plant in Kentucky and helping the U.S. Air Force manage the environmental aspects of new construction. Looking ahead, the company plans a future focus on what it calls "green assistance."

"As companies become greener, we are very interested in assisting in alternative energy development," Spry says. "As the remediation market matures,

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**Mike Spry**



eventually a lot of the big projects we specialize in will wrap up, and we will move into a more proactive stance."

Besides its U.S. government contracts, Portage works on many projects for small communities and tribal governments on a pro bono or cost-reduced basis. "A lot of contracted work we do is somewhat frustrating because you can't always see the real impact of what we've done," Spry explains. "That's why we like the smaller community projects. They offer more immediate rewards."

Spry is aiming for even more community-level impact in the future. After 26 years, he and his wife returned to Minnesota two years ago and reside in Nevis, a small resort town just south of Bemidji. Now that he's back, he hopes to be an active part of life in northern Minnesota, becoming involved in area communities and working with local businesses. While they have lived in some of the nation's most beautiful country – near Glacier, Yellowstone, and Tetons national parks – the Sprys are at home in Minnesota. "We feel a connection to the land here we never felt anywhere else," he observes.

Spry is uncertain whether his connection to the land is rooted in his Native

American heritage or simply an outgrowth of his own curiosity and love for nature. "It's hard for me to claim a Native American influence, but maybe there's a connection to the land that's in the blood," he says. "Either way, I appreciate the native way of looking at the world. I think we have a lot to learn in terms of taking what the environment offers but minimizing our impact at the same time."

While helping to minimize the effect humans have on the environment, Spry is making certain that he has an impact on those who may follow in his footsteps at Bemidji State. He has contributed to the American Indian Resource Center and the University Fund as well as established the Environmental Studies Scholarship for Native American students majoring in science. In 2003, he received the University's Outstanding Alumni award for his professional accomplishments and service to others.

"I appreciate the opportunities the University provided me," Spry explains. "Kids from small towns get the opportunity to learn about the rest of the world and experience beyond what they grew up with. At the same time, it's located in a beautiful area that maintains the quality of life they grew up with. We need to do as much as we can to continue providing opportunities."

It's sage advice coming from someone who first found opportunities to expand his own world by looking under rocks and beyond the horizon.

**HORIZONS**



# SENIORS

TO Watch



**Meet Nicole, Mitch, and Matt.**  
**These seniors found their niches in BSU's research labs, on stage, and with MARS.**



## Nicole Haugen

**T**he problem with me as a student is that I like everything," says Nicole Haugen, who approaches academic choices like a kid in a candy shop. "I was kind of interested in every class in high school, so it was hard to narrow it down in college."

That's not all bad. The standout student from Grygla, MN, will graduate from Bemidji State University in December with a double major in mathematics and biology, a unique and coveted combination. She'll also have a minor in chemistry.

The double majors worked to her advantage in landing two highly competitive undergraduate research internships offered by the National Science Foundation. For her internships, she worked on bioinformatics at Iowa State University this summer and on a nematode sperm cell study at San Diego State University last summer.

Her team's nematode research, which includes applications for nanotechnology and human immunology, was recently published in the scientific journal, *Cell Motility and the Cytoskeleton*. Her name is listed among the authors, an unusual accomplishment for an undergraduate, according to Dr. Elizabeth Rave, BSU professor of biology, who reviewed Haugen's research in a senior capstone project.

"I was really impressed with what she had done," says Rave, noting that while Haugen is quiet and unassuming, she is

an outstanding student. "This is someone who can go anywhere she wants when she graduates."

Haugen plans to pursue a doctorate in an emerging field that combines math and biology with computer technology. She'd like to use gene sequencing to explore how species are related through evolution.

For Haugen, whose high school class had 21 students, attending a small liberal arts college has been a good fit and filled with advantages. In conducting research, she noticed that some students from larger institutions didn't have her breadth of knowledge, in part, she believes, because larger schools often require more specialization.

"A liberal arts education is good because you need viewpoints from other fields, too," observes Haugen. "It allows you more creativity."

In addition to science, she enjoys reading, creative writing, drawing, music, and community service. As a freshman, she participated in Student Senate, band, and choir. Throughout her four years at BSU, she also has been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

While she plans to attend a larger, research-focused university for graduate studies, she appreciates her BSU experience. "I didn't want to go to a big university right away," recalls Haugen. "I wanted that one-on-one with faculty like I had in Grygla, where I've known all my teachers since the first grade."

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**M**itch Lattimer of Little Falls, MN, ran for the Bemidji State University Student Senate as a freshman with no experience in student government and no idea his decision would lead to so many rewarding opportunities.

"I just knew as a freshman that I wanted to get really involved at BSU," says Lattimer, who graduates in December with a business administration major and a psychology minor. "I'm definitely happy that I did. I learned so much about the campus and worked closely with the BSU administration."

As Lattimer gained confidence, he found himself taking on new challenges, including legislative lobbying on behalf of students. Last year, he co-chaired the Student Senate's student affairs committee and participated in a student-led movement that eventually brought a coordinator to campus to help the University become more environmentally sustainable, one of BSU's signature themes. He also led the BSU 2008 Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign, organizing on-campus debates and voter registration. "I liked to see the students getting engaged," notes Lattimer, who never before followed an election so closely. "I think a lot of students go to the polls without really knowing the candidates. We worked to get them informed."

In addition, he joined the Marketing Assistance and Research Services



(MARS), a faculty-directed, student-led BSU program that pays students to conduct market research for clients on diverse topics from banking to race relations. His work impressed Dr. Dave Smith, MARS director, who recognized Lattimer's potential after having him in class.

"He was a good student, but it was his personality that really stood out," says Smith. "He was interesting and fun, and when he got involved in MARS, he excelled. His efforts translated well into his classroom work, and that's a mark of what to expect from him in the future. He represents the University well."

Although market research can be tedious, Lattimer keeps the big picture in mind, noting that the work is important to clients and can lead to interesting discoveries.

"Telephone surveys are not something I want to do, but analyzing data and looking for trends, that's what I enjoy," says Lattimer, who plans to pursue a career in marketing and advertising before eventually earning a graduate degree. Some day, he'd like to manage advertising and marketing campaigns, creating strategies to help clients succeed.

In the meantime, he's keeping his job options open. After all, it's a tough market, and Lattimer knows from his BSU experiences that trying new things can lead to unexpected and rewarding opportunities. **HORIZONS**



**M**itch Lattimer



**M**att Goinz

**W**hether he's playing the fool in Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, the romantic foil in *Kiss Me Kate*, or the larger-than-life Officer Lockstock in *Urinetown*, Matt Goinz is in his element on stage.

"He has the ability to totally step aside from himself and be the character without feeling self-conscious about it, and that's a real gift," says Ellen Jones, assistant professor of theatre at Bemidji State University. "He's very smart, very funny, very witty. Plus, he has a pretty tremendous voice."

Goinz, a Bemidji native with a baritone voice, will graduate from BSU in May with a degree in music and a minor in theater. Although he's interested in both fields, he plans to focus on a master's degree in voice.

"There are a lot of people who act as well as I do, but it's my voice that really sets me apart," says Goinz, who would also like to study conducting, theater, and orchestral music if he had unlimited time. "There's so much I'd like to do."

Already, Goinz has an impressive resume. He's been an actor, pianist, vocalist, director, box office worker, and conductor. He's participated in theater, jazz, barbershop quartet, and opera; toured Great Britain with the Bemidji Choir; and auditioned three times with the Metropolitan Opera

National Council. Last year, he also managed the BSU scene shop, where Jones says his dedication and maturity proved invaluable. This spring, he impressed audiences as a lead in *Carbaret*, where he played The Emcee, a soulless character of evil wit.

"That was the most fun I've ever had on stage," acknowledges Goinz. "It was just a thrill to be able to play that character."

Finding success hasn't come without personal challenges. Goinz took a detour in life that's familiar to anyone addicted to alcohol. He flunked out of college twice before transferring to Bemidji where, as a junior, he found the insight needed to quit drinking. In August, he celebrates 12 months of sobriety and says that coming home was a good move for him.

"I've had a lot of BSU people at my back," says Goinz, noting that friends and family, as well as BSU faculty and staff, have supported his efforts.

As Goinz finishes his last year, he looks forward to continuing voice lessons, taking his career on the road, and pursuing a master's degree. At 29, he figures he needs to make up for lost time. And now, there's nothing holding him back. **HORIZONS**



# Behind THE Scenes

**A** lot has been going on behind the scenes of Bemidji State University's theater program. With a recent academic reorganization and the addition of faculty member Ellen Jones, assistant professor, the program is broader in its philosophical scope and more refined in its teaching of production.

Recently aligned with the newly formed humanities department, the theater program incorporates themes from the department's philosophy, art history, and history curricula, as well as from other disciplines across campus. At the same time, the addition of Jones last year has brought specialized skills in set design and technology – the nuts and bolts of dramatic production.

Jones grew up in small-town Tennessee, where, she says, theater meant watching the church choir. Having worked from Chicago to Florida in commercial and academic theater roles, she joined BSU's program in order to work at a midwestern school with a liberal arts focus. She sees opportunity in being at an institution that is large enough to be a university yet small enough to foster collaboration between disciplines.

Among Jones' responsibilities at BSU is stimulating student interest in design and technical theater. So far, the results of her work in this area are positive. "I have students really interested in lighting," she says. "And I love teaching them scene painting. A lot of them think they can't draw or paint, but it's so exciting how they end up invested in their work and how proud they are at the end."

## FACULTY MEMBER HELPS SET STAGE FOR CHANGE

Likewise, Jones' experience teaching scriptwriting, technical production, and scene painting last year left her feeling proud of her students, too. "By and large," she observes, "students at BSU are unique because so many of them come from a background that values hard work. For most, there is a sense of responsibility for their own education. They're willing to work hard and put in the time."

Joining BSU's theater faculty provided Jones a chance not only to lead students in designing professional-level sets in an academic setting, but also to work with colleagues redesigning the program. Within the last year, the plays produced have demonstrated the program's new positioning and mission. "We wanted to unveil the program as part of this department with a broader focus," explains Jones.

With *No More Peace* last fall and *Cabaret* this past spring, the program has already executed productions touching on four areas of the humanities. The spring production, the pinnacle of the theater's performance calendar, *Cabaret* drew full houses where audiences were moved by the strong political message, Jones feels. On stage the acting, music, and elaborate set design all helped tell the story.

With reorganization, the program has addressed some practical aspects of its stage and backstage areas, including safety. "The theater is an easy place to get injured," Jones explains. Because of this, the program places a strong emphasis on safety and, with the assistance of University administration, has made improvements. "The administration has been phenomenally sup-



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**Ellen Jones**

portive," Jones says. "I've been a pretty expensive date this first year."

Looking ahead to this school year, Jones is inspired. She will be involved in two major productions, another smaller scale or co-produced play, and possibly a collaborative production with community members. The *Crucible* and *Man of La Mancha* are two of the productions slated for the 2009-2010 season. "We're hoping to do something with The Boys and Girls Club in town or the Social Work Club – something that would address a broad range of people in the community," Jones notes.

This year, in addition to set design and lighting courses, Jones will be teaching courses with topics related to the plays, such as the portrayal of class and gender in *The Crucible*. She also plans to expand the program's outreach to metro theater companies such as the Penumbra Theatre. "I think it's important to have a link to Minneapolis theater," she says.

What Jones contributes in set design and technical aspects of theater, along with the program's multidisciplinary approach, results in a comprehensive experience for students. "We focus on student growth," Jones says. "Student involvement is very important to us.

"Our goal is to give students experience in all areas of theater while impressing the value of self-determination, personal responsibility, communication, and the collaborative process. These are tools they can apply to any professional path."

**For Department of Humanities information go to: <http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/humanities/>**

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# A Legal Precedent

GRAD'S LAW CAREER CENTERED ON COMPASSION

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*"My clients have rare insight on life. Their life-changing experiences are my life-changing experiences."*

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**Paul Godlewski**

**W**ith accolades naming him a "Super Lawyer," one of the "Best Lawyers in America," and an invitation-only member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, it's evident Paul Godlewski knows what he's doing as an attorney. What may not be so obvious is the source of this success: his compassion.

"When I graduated high school, all I wanted to do was play college football," Godlewski says. "I wasn't particular which division, I just wanted to play." And play he did at Bemidji State. But a series of injuries sidelined that dream permanently, and Godlewski quickly realized he needed a new game plan. "What am I going to do?" Godlewski recalls asking himself. "For the first time in my life, I started focusing on my studies."

Well into his college career, Godlewski refocused his goal on studying, setting a high standard for himself. "I read each of my textbooks three times – cover to cover," he recalls. "And I never missed a class." By the time he finished college,

Godlewski was consistently on the Dean's list and an "A" student, missing the chance to graduate with honors by a mere tenth of a point.

This redirected determination awakened in Godlewski a desire to make a difference, leading him to a profession where both empathy and determination have proven highly valuable. As an attorney for some 36 years, Godlewski has worked on countless cases, helping numerous people find justice and establishing new legal precedent along the way.

During his first significant case, Godlewski's talents as a personal injury lawyer emerged. In the case, he represented a young northern Minnesota mechanic whose skull had been crushed while changing a tire. The case was against tire-industry giant Goodyear, and Godlewski won.

"Up until then, there was no responsibility required by manufacturers after the product left them," notes Godlewski, a 1970 graduate with a major in psychology. As a result of the case, Minnesota was among the first states to require warranties after production. As for the client, he received some \$7.5 million to live a better life despite a multitude of health problems.

In other major cases, Godlewski became a champion for victims and their families. "When we can prevail in cases and create some quality of life for our clients, it is really rewarding and

fulfilling," Godlewski says of emotions that remain tempered.

"There is no elation. Nothing will put them back to where they were. It's very sobering, very humbling," he observes, noting that his most significant reward is the honor of serving people who've lost and suffered so much.

Today, as a partner at Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben in Minneapolis, Godlewski appreciates the path he found at Bemidji State that led him from the football field to the courtroom. "God had a different plan," he says.

Part of that plan now involves a new position as board chair of the Brain Injury Association. "It's humbling working with the people on the board," Godlewski says. "The association has provided a lot of services to my clients; it's my turn to give back."

It's apparent Godlewski gives a lot to his clients and the system they depend on for justice and restoration, to the extent it is possible, when faced with unfair losses. Yet, Godlewski's wise and selfless nature is apparent when recounting what his work and clients give him. "It's an honor," he says. "My clients have rare insight on life. Their life-changing experiences are my life-changing experiences." **HORIZONS**



# Class Notes

To have your information included in **Horizons**, contact the Alumni Association Office (email: [alumni@bemidjistate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjistate.edu); toll free: 1-877-BSU-ALUM).

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**2008** Jon Seykora displayed his art in a show last winter at the Owatonna Arts Center. Entitled "Blurred Lines," the exhibition included three-dimensional renderings, silk screens and clay sculptures. Seykora works for Flint Interactive in Duluth as an interactive graphic designer... **Katy Denny** served as interim activities director for the Floodwood schools. Denny was the assistant volleyball coach and junior varsity coach for the school district... **Belinda Snyder** is a part-time special education teacher for the Chokio-Alberta school system. She previously served the district as a substitute teacher. She and her husband, Mike, live in Morris and have three college-aged children... **Anna Carlson** of Bemidji was named as a 2009 Rudd Mayer Memorial Fellow by the Women of Wind Energy, an organization that promotes the engagement, professional development, and advancement of women in the wind industry. The fellowship enabled Carlson to attend the annual WINDPOWER conference. In October, Carlson will begin the three-year doctoral program at Aalborg University in Denmark where she will study sustainable energy management and policy... **Kari Amber Geror** and **Randy Wayne Lowe** ('05) were married last August in Bemidji. The couple resides in St. Petersburg, FL, where they both work in the Pinellas School District... **Emily Halla** of Bemidji has been hired as a reporter for *The American* newspaper in Blackduck... **Kyle**

**Backer** graduated from the Minnesota State Patrol Academy and will begin serving as a state trooper. He is from Bagley.

**2007** **Jenna Pulkrabek** of Madison is the school social worker at Lac Qui Parle Valley Schools, where she also coaches the speech team... **John Knisley** married **Brooke Schneider** ('06) last May in Bemidji. John serves as the district manager of the Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District based out of Bagley, where Brooke is employed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. They live in Bemidji... **Kari LeAnne Olson** married **Stanley Ray Townsden** ('06) in Walker last summer. Kari teaches eighth grade earth science at the middle school in North Branch, while he is an industrial technology teacher at Mora High School. The couple resides in Rock Creek... **Dan Heinicke** has been named the assistant director of finance at Bigfork Valley, a diversified health care provider that includes a hospital, clinic, and long-term care facility in Bigfork, where he resides.

**2006** **Herman Rolando Durazno** is a construction coordinator working for GE Real Estate's construction division in Toronto, Canada. He also is currently pursuing a master's degree in construction management from North Dakota State University.

**2005** **Scott Alton** received the Elementary Educator of the Year Award presented by the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. He teaches at Pine Hill Elementary and lives in Woodbury... **Heather Kerber** works for Beaver's Pond Press in Edina, which is publishing the book *COLORS – Pro Football Uniforms of the Past and Present* by

alumnus **Jim Finks, Jr.** ('77). Kerber lives in Chaska... **Joshua Goudge** has graduated from basic combat training with the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, OK... **David Zothman** married **Megan Kern** in Grand Rapids last fall. David is a store team leader at Target in Cambridge, and Megan is an executive team leader for the same company in Plymouth. They make their home in New Brighton.

**2004** **Aubree Stewart** married **Lane Schiller** last fall in Knife River. Stewart teaches elementary school in Virginia, where the couple resides, while Schiller works at Super-One Grocery... **Jeff Jones** of Little Canada is currently working as a special education para-professional for Roseville Area Schools. During the Minnesota Twins baseball season, he is a team leader for game-day guest services... **Mitch Blessing** had two of his life-size sculptures included in this year's Bemidji Sculpture Walk. Blessing, who received a master's degree in sculpture from the University of Miami, and his wife, **Alice Linda** ('03), recently returned to live in the Bemidji area with their young daughter... **Jason Swanson** is the new executive director at Valley View Manor, a facility for elder care operated in Lamberton by Tealwood Management. He previously served as the housing manager at Country View in Walnut Grove. He and his wife, **Devon**, live in Revere with their young son.

**2003** **Rance Bahr** has been named the head wrestling coach at Bemidji High School. Bahr, who teaches special education in the school district, had previously coached on the middle school and junior varsity levels in Bemidji... **Dan Walseth** and **Kelly (Wieck) Walseth** announced the birth of their first child, a son born in March. Dan is teaching fifth grade and Kelly kindergarten in the Mounds View school district. The family lives in Shoreview... **Stephen Booth**, a third-grade teacher at Laporte Elementary School, was one of six state teachers to receive a 2009 WEM Outstanding Educator Award for Teacher Achievement. Presented by the WEM Foundation and the Center for Academic Excellence, the award

Professor Emeritus Dr. Paul Brandvik directs the BSU Alumni Choir as they sing the "National Anthem" prior to the start of the Minnesota Twins game on July 7.



## 1960-1969

- In fall 1960, 1,543 students registered for classes.
- In 1961, the new Minnesota Vikings football team chose Bemidji State as their NFL training camp site. Staying in Pine Hall, they ate at the

dining hall, but from a different menu than the students.

- **Dr. Harry F. Bangsberg** becomes the third president of Bemidji State in 1964, but was tragically killed while on an educational mission to Vietnam in 1967.



- Beaver hockey team resumed play in 1966 and won its first national hockey title in 1968.
- The first campus radio station went on the air with KBSC broadcasting in 1968.
- **Dr. Robert Decker** was inaugurated as the school's fourth president in 1968.



- In 1969, BSU launched Madrigal Dinners, Eurospring, Bemidji State Foundation, Honors Program, Indian Studies Program, and the first intercollegiate conference for women athletes.



- Coed dorms became an option for students in 1970.
- The annual yearbook, the *Ah-Mic*, ceased publication in 1972.

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recognized exemplary teachers who support, inspire, and assist students to attain greater learning as evidenced by student achievement. An educator for 16 years who was awarded a Fulbright Teacher Exchange to England in 2004-05, Booth and his wife, Kristi, live in Laporte with their two children... **Ara Gallo** married Ruth Wilson last March in Butler, PA. The newlyweds live in Pohang City in the Republic of Korea, where both are English teachers in the Korean public school system.

**2002** Michael J. Thomas was among 66 new physicians who graduated in June from Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine, which is based in Carbondale, IL, and Springfield, IL. Thomas is married to Kayla and entered a general surgery residency at the SIU School of Medicine and its affiliated hospitals in Springfield... **Zach Hitchcock** was named promotion and design director for Grandma's Marathon in Duluth. In this capacity, he is responsible for creating and designing all printed materials needed for the marathon and supporting events. He had previously been an artist at the *Duluth News Tribune*... **Dusty Rhoades** started a green energy club called Team NRG (energy) at the Cloquet Middle School. Last year the group focused on wind energy and worked on a wind turbine, which they plan to finish next year. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children and live in Cloquet... **Todd Knott** has been named as an assistant hockey coach at Minnesota State University, Mankato. Prior to accepting the position with the Mavericks, he spent six seasons working in junior hockey, most recently as head coach and general manager of the Sioux City Musketeers of the United States Hockey League. At Mankato, he will be responsible for both recruiting and on-ice coaching.

**2001** John Broda was one of 10 recipients of the 2009 Arch Coal Teacher of the Year Award in the state of Wyoming. Broda teaches general education subjects to fifth-grade students at Buffalo Ridge Elementary. Broda and his students received national awards from the Renaissance Corporation for successfully implementing individualized, computer-gen-

erated educational software in the classroom. In 2004 he was one of 200 educators selected nationwide to represent the U.S. educational system in Japan as part of the Fulbright Memorial Fund. A nine-year teaching veteran, Broda lives in Cheyenne, WY.

**2000** Christina M. Giles has authored a book of poetry entitled Reflections on Life's Lessons. The collection reflects the enduring presence of sorrow and joy in everyday activities. Giles, whose works have appeared in several anthologies, is a sixth-grade teacher who lives in Lake Jackson, TX... **Angie Lindberg** and **Brian Hugdahl** were married last August. Lindberg is the director of the Upward Bound Program at the University of Wisconsin in Superior, where the couple currently resides... **Mark Palmer** has been hired as the plant manager for Highwater Ethanol, LLC, in Lambertton. He previously had been employed by Fagen, Inc., the general contractor for the project... **Dan Johnson** was recognized as the Brandon Teacher of the Year for 2008-2009. He is a social studies instructor at Brandon High School. He is married to **Amanda (Lee) Johnson** ('02), who is a math teacher at the Runestone Area Learning Center in Alexandria. They have two children and live in Brandon... **Clayton Lilleby** has been named assistant vice president and store manager of Wells Fargo in Detroit Lakes.

**1999** Amber (Martin) Block has started a second career in health care and currently is employed as an urgent care nurse by Lakewood Health Center in Staples. She lives in Wadena... **Tina Carlson**, operations manager for Woodland Bank at its headquarters in Remer, was named Employee of the Year for 2008. She started at the bank nine years ago as a part-time proof keyer and later took on additional auditing duties. She was named the operations manager seven years ago. She and her spouse, Chris, have three children and live in Remer... **Kelly Hill** of Harmony taught first and fifth grade at Bamber Valley Elementary School in Rochester.

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**Friday, February 19**

**Beaver Pride Lunch, Walnut Hall**, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
 Coaches' update on the sports in season. Recognition of Hall of Fame members and inductees

**Women's Hockey vs. UMD**, John Glas Fieldhouse, 2:07 p.m.

**BSU State of Athletics Address**, American Indian Resource Center (AIRC), 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Athletic Alumni Social at AIRC**, 5:30-9:00 p.m.  
 All BSU athletic alumni invited to attend

**Men's Hockey vs. Niagara University**, John Glas Fieldhouse, 7:35 p.m.

**Saturday, February 20**

**Athletic Hall of Fame Brunch and Induction Ceremony**, Hampton Inn Ballroom, Bemidji, 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Women's Basketball vs. Winona**, BSU Gym, 2:00 p.m.

**Women's Hockey vs. UMD**, John Glas Fieldhouse\*, 2:07 p.m.

**Men's Basketball vs. Winona**, BSU Gym, 4:00 p.m.

**Men's Hockey vs. Niagara University**, John Glas Fieldhouse\*, 7:05 p.m.

**Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees**

Rickie "Rick" Engh '73, wrestling; Charles "Charlie" Knott '74, wrestling and football; Frank Kopetka '75, basketball; Jean Musgjerd '85 & '92, volleyball and basketball; Joel Otto '80-'84, hockey

**BSU Alumni Coaching Achievement Award\*\***

James "Jim" Lind '73, collegiate and professional football

**Team Hall of Fame Inductees**

1966-67 and 1978-79 Men's Swimming Teams

\*Final hockey games in the John Glas Fieldhouse. In 2010-11, BSU hockey is played in the new Bemidji Regional Events Center (BREC).

\*\*New award recognizing an alumnus' coaching achievements after graduating from BSU

**Hotel Information**

**AmericInn Hotel** (218-751-3000): \$85.00 + tax

**Best Western** (218-751-0390): \$64 + tax on Thurs. and \$69 + tax on Fri. and Sat.

**Hampton Inn** (218-751-3600): \$109.00 + tax

**Holiday Inn Express** (218-751-2487): \$104.95 + tax

**Super 8 Motel** (218-751-8481): \$60.00 + tax

Please make your reservations no later than January 19, 2010. Ask for the **BSU Athletic Hall of Fame** rate

**1970-1979**

- In 1972, George Welte became the first graduate to be named an Outstanding Alumnus by the Alumni Association.
- The requirement for all new freshmen to wear beanies during their first days on campus was dropped in 1972.



- In 1972, Title IX became a law requiring gender equity on sports teams, and by 1979 women had intercollegiate teams competing in tennis, track, volleyball,

basketball, field hockey, softball, and swimming.

- KBSU Television aired its first programming in 1974.
- In 1975, Bemidji State College became Bemidji State University. A new logo, consisting



of three trees and a single starburst, was adopted.

- For the first and only time in school history, streakers in 1978 crashed the spring commencement exercises.

**1980-1989**

- Dr. Rebecca Stafford became the first female to head BSU when she became the University's fifth president early in 1980.



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**1998** Jennifer A. Wright worked last summer in the extras casting department for the Coen brothers feature film, *A Serious Man*, which was filmed in the Twin Cities. Wright has worked for CBS Radio in Minneapolis for the past 10 years, both as an on-air talent and a producer. A resident of Brooklyn Park, she recently completed a degree in film making.

**1997** Todd Williams recently had his photographs featured in the Whitby Gift Shop and Gallery at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. Williams has been a professional photographer based in New York, NY, since 1997. His clients have included National Geographic Adventure, Mammoth Records, AMC Networks, ELLE Girl, WE Entertainment, NIKE, American Hardcore Choppers, VIC Motorsports, and Polaris Industries...

Jenny Loeck has been named the principal at Roseville Area High School. She had served as the school's associate principal for activities and operations after working as the assistant principal for activities at Blaine High School for three years. Loeck, who lives in St. Paul, began her education career at the Roseville school as a physical education and health teacher as well as volleyball and softball coach.

**1995** Aaron Olson has been hired as the marketing representative in Madison for Rice Home Medical, a company that sells or rents medical equipment and supplies for home use. He makes his home in Dawson with his wife, Ilse ('95)... **Ryan Brovold** was named commander of Group II of the Minnesota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) with 245 members in Anoka, Crow Wing, Hutchinson, St. Cloud, and Wesota squadrons. A CAP member since 2001 with the current rank of major, Brovold is the academic dean at Rasmussen College. He and his wife, Kristin, reside in Becker.

**1994** Charlie Beavers joined Edina Realty as a sales associate in Crosslake. He and his wife, Traci, make their home in Pequot Lakes... **Scott Gengler** has been named the principal at Irondale High School. He previously was the principal of Watertown-Mayer High School and an associate administrator for three years at Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis. Gengler and his wife, Lori, live in Victoria.

**1993** Nona Willet had a role in Summit Production's staging of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* last winter in Detroit Lakes. She played the role of Miss Casewell, an unusual woman with a cynical view of the world. Willet spent 10 years as a business entrepreneur before she began teaching business and infor-

mation technology at Northwest Technical College in Bemidji. In 1998, she transferred to Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes, where she now lives... **Renee Gunneau** was chosen for a Bush Leadership Fellowship to complete a master's degree in indigenous knowledge and philosophy at the Seven Generations Educational Institute based in Fort Frances, Ontario. She lives in Shevlin... **Jeff Opelia** was one of three teachers named as Minnesota Science Teachers of the Year by the Medtronic Foundation. From Swanville, Opelia teaches at Little Falls Community Middle School and had previous teaching experience in both Perham and Frazee.

**1991** Mike Crocker married Christina Cook last March in Phoenix, AZ. He is employed as a security guard for the Arizona Diamondbacks National League baseball team, while she is currently continuing her education. They reside in Phoenix.

**1990** Michelle Meyers is selling print, web, and other direct marketing services to the creative sewing industry as a business development specialist at Palmer Printing. She previously worked as a senior account director for 11 years at Baker Associates, a branding and packaging design firm. She and her husband, Greg, live in Elk River... **Mary Rettig-Marinucci** is retiring after teaching in the Aitkin School District for 34 years. She initially taught consumer homemaking for grades 7-12 before teaching sixth grade in 1991. She lives in Aitkin.

**1989** Scott Phaneuf of Pengilly has opened a franchise of the Pizza Ranch in Hibbing. He started the new venture after teaching and coaching in Long Prairie for 14 years and working on the Iron Range in a variety of occupations... **Daren Berglund** graduated from the Minnesota State Patrol Academy and will begin serving as a state trooper. Berglund entered the State Patrol training through a program that allows candidates with no previous law enforcement experience to apply. He and his wife, Kelly, have two daughters and three sons. The family lives in Becker.



**The Class of 1959 celebrated their 50-year reunion on May 7 in conjunction with BSU commencement. Many 1959 class members returned to campus, as well as several members of the 1958 and 1960 wrap-around classes.** *First Row (l-r):* Carol (Oxtra) Schrum '58, Margaret (Bowers) Chase '58, Jerry Green '60. *Second Row (l-r):* Don Fiskum '60, Betty (Edmundson) Porter '59, Helen (Efshen) Wagner '59, Marcia (Olson) Vena '59, Patricia (Young Halliday) Smith '59, Alice (Nelson) Baumgard '58, Stan McReynolds '59, Guy Vena '60. *Third Row (l-r):* Pauline (Lindseth) Golden '58, Jan (Johnson) Fiskum '59, Dolly (Oaks) Talbert '59, Mona (Erickson) Wolff '59, Bobbie (Miller) Keegan '59, Linda (Lee) Love '59, Don Kassube '59. *Fourth Row (l-r):* Glenyce (Evans) Coffin '58, Dean Affeldt '59, Pat (Rohrbaugh) Green '59, Zeld (Lehse) Little '58 & '60, Will Antell '59, Bill Wagner '60 & '67. *Fifth Row (l-r):* Dan Mandich '58, Larry Golden '59, Ramond Miller '59 & '72, Kermit Anderson '59, Larry Engebretson '59 & '74, Russell Swenson '59, Roger Chase '60, Malon Wareing '60. *Sixth Row (l-r):* Russ Coffin '59, Lloyd Schrum '59 & '61, Bob King '59, Virgil Mears '59 & '63, Roger Nornes '59 & '64, John Buckanaga '59, Jim Bensen '59.

## 1980-1989

- In 1980, the public television station KAWF started broadcasting from studios on campus.
- Bemidji State adopted dual intercollegiate athletic national affiliations in both the NAIA and NCAA in 1983, with men's teams competing in the Northern

Intercollegiate Conference and the women's teams competing in the Northern Sun Conference.

- On August 1, 1982, Dr. Lowell R. (Ted) Gillett became BSU's sixth president.



## 1990-1999



- In 1990, Bemidji State became the first public college or university in the country to offer single parent housing with Pine

Hall renovated into a series of 28 apartments. There were over 300 single parent students enrolled at BSU at the time.

- In 1990, Dr. Les Duly became the seventh president of Bemidji State. He died suddenly in 1993.



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**1988** Greg Goode was named the first president of Salina Area Technical College in Kansas. Goode has 10 years experience in technical education and 17 years as a college administrator in Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas. An associate degree granting institution, Salina Area Technical College is in the process of becoming independent from the Salina school district and is seeking accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission. Goode lives in Salina.

**1985** Paul Tschida has come out of retirement to fill the chief of police position for the community of Pierz. The former sheriff of Morrison County for 20 years, Tschida has been working as a consultant with Construction Analysis and Management in Brainerd, a role he will continue on a part-time basis. He and his wife, Lila, live in Pierz.

**1984** Joey Hallstrom operates the Black Cat bar, which received a Business Award of Excellence from the Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce. Hallstrom opened the establishment in 1997 with an Arctic Cat theme, featuring memorabilia from the company where he had worked as a snowmobile product manager. He lives in Thief River Falls...

**Glen Heppner** had an exhibit of his paintings shown at the ArtHouse in London, England. Heppner, who lives in London, has gained an international following with his pop-icon style of celebrity portraiture. His clients have included Matt Damon, Wolfgang Puck, Patti LaBelle, Chaka Khan, Johnny Depp, and Prince.

**1983** Lance Chambers was inducted this past winter into the Bemidji High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He is currently the principal at Jordan High School and lives in Belle Plaine... **Jim Strandemo** was inducted into the Northland Community and Technical College Hall of Fame. A championship golfer at Northland and at BSU, he has worked for the school district serving Prior Lake and Savage for the past nine years. He and his wife, Sharon, reside in Savage.

**1982** Lee Hanson ran in the Boston Marathon last April. He is married to **Marcy (Ozdowski) Hanson** ('81) and lives in Bemidji.

**1980** Antonio Zeppa has been named as the director of national accounts for General Tobacco, based in Mayodan, NC. Zeppa will be responsible for overseeing the national account team and will be working with key regional and national accounts to improve the company's market penetration. Before joining General Tobacco, Zeppa held various management positions over 27 years with Brown & Williams and RJ Reynolds. He has a master's degree from Central Michigan University and makes his home in Prospect, KY.

**1979** Rick Nelson is a faculty member in sports management at Century College in White Bear Lake and is a lobbyist for Minnesota state college faculty at the Legislature. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Kaari.

**1978** Brad Homstad was named as the 2009 District 32 Administrator of the Year by the Minnesota Association of School Administrators. Homstad has served as superintendent of Lancaster schools for the past three years and continues to serve as the Lancaster High School principal, a position he has held since 1988. Homstad and his wife, Cathy, live in Lancaster and have three grown children.

**1977** Jim Finks, Jr., has published the book *COLORS – Pro Football Uniforms of the Past and Present* through Beaver's Pond Press in Edina. Finks lives in Newport Beach, CA.

**1976** Luann Schultz Rice of Baxter was inducted into the White Rose Circle commemorat-

ing 50 years involvement with the Kappa Delta sorority. Rice was an initiate of the Sigma Meta Chapter of the sorority at the University of Minnesota in 1959. She is a retired teacher in the Pequot Lakes school system... **Dennis Perreault** has retired after

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## Save the Date

### Beaver Pride Walk for Women

Gillett Rec-Fitness Center, BSU  
Saturday, September 26

### Alumni Honors Banquet

Beaux Arts Ballroom, BSU  
6:30 p.m., Friday, October 2

### Homecoming 2009

*It's Been Easy Being Green for 90 Years*  
Saturday, October 3

### Alumni and Friends Reception

Washington, DC (time & location TBD)  
Saturday, October 17

### BSU Alumni Athlete Social

American Indian Resource Center, BSU  
5:30-9:00 p.m., Friday, February 19

### BSU Athletic Hall of Fame

Induction Brunch and Ceremony  
Hampton Inn and Suites, Bemidji  
10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 20

### Ceremonial Closing of the Glas

*Final home hockey game at the John Glas Fieldhouse, BSU*  
Bemidji State vs. Niagara University  
7:05 p.m., February 20

### Alumni and Friends Dinner and Golf

Oakwood Country Club, Sun Lakes, AZ  
Saturday, March 6

### Contact the Alumni Office for information on each event

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Web: www.bsualumni.org.



• In December 1991, the University purchased the David Park house, the only single family residence in Bemidji that's listed on the National Register of Historic

Places. Situated adjacent to campus, the Park House became home for the foundation, alumni, and special events offices. Subsequent adjacent properties now include the Sauer House and Ronglien House.

• The Beaver men's hockey team won back-to-back NCAA Division

II national hockey titles in 1994 and set a national single season win record in the process.

• On July 1, 1994, Dr. M. James Bensen, the first BSU graduate to lead the University, began serving as its eighth president.



• In 1997, the Center for Research and Innovation was opened to link business and education endeavors with the campus.

• Men's and women's athletic teams competed in the newly co-joined Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference and officially dropped their national affiliation with the NAIA to compete only on the NCAA Division II level.

• The largest single gift to BSU at that time was received from the 3M Foundation, which endowed the 3M Chair in Accounting for a Native American.

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erving education in Minnesota for 34 years, including over two decades as principal at Conner-Jasper Middle School in Bovey. The recipient of two Principal of the Year awards from the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals, Perreault lives in Grand Rapids with his wife, Debra.

**1975** Randall Cedergren retired from teaching in 2006, but continues to volunteer as an instructor in Scottish highland and beginning salsa dancing at senior centers across northwest Minnesota. Cedergren lives in Lancaster... **Bob Whelan** was inducted into the Bemidji High School (BHS) Athletic Hall of Fame. A Bemidji entrepreneur and businessman, he also coached BHS wrestling for two years in the 1980s and helped his son coach the same program over the past three years... **Pat Carroll** was a member of the Nort'landers Swim Club relay foursome that set new state records in the 55 and over age group. The records in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays were set at the U of M Aquatics Center. He lives in Rochester with his wife, Carol.

**1974** Jim Mergens has been inducted as a coach and athletic administrator into the Bemidji High School (BHS) Athletic Hall of

**THANK YOU** to all alumni who participated in the Alumni Online Survey. Results of the questionnaire are available at [www.bsualumni.org](http://www.bsualumni.org). The Alumni Board of Directors will use the survey results as they plan this year's events and communications.

Because completed surveys did not contain names or other identifying information, alumni who used the survey to request changes to their mailing address or other contact information should contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@bemidjibemidjstate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjibemidjstate.edu) or toll free at 1-877-278-2586 to request the changes.

Fame. Mergens came to the Bemidji district in 1975 and coached Nordic skiing and boys' golf. His teams captured two state titles, and he won both state and region Coach of the Year awards in 1992. He was the BHS athletic director from 1994 to 1998. He coached the BSU women's golf team from 1998-2001, winning the conference title in 1999 when he was named NSIC Coach of the Year. He and his wife, Karen, live in Bemidji... **Mary Homan** has retired after teaching for 35 years at Murray County Central West Elementary School in Slayton, where she lives... **Chuck Stewart** was a member of the Nort'landers Swim Club foursome that set new state records in the 55 and over age group. The records in the 200, 400, and 800 freestyle relays were set at the U of M Aquatics Center. He and his wife, Brenda, live in Eden Prairie.

**1973** Lonni Whitchurch recently opened a new restaurant called the Loon Lake Café at the Lincoln Center in Tampa, FL. The café features a Minnesota cabin theme with knotty pine and cedar shakes, snow scenes, loons, ladyslippers, sports memorabilia, and Native American crafts. Whitchurch and her husband, Ron, recently sold a chain of five Lonnie's Sandwiches, Etc. restaurants in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties. The couple lives in Clearwater, FL... **Greg Beaumont** has been inducted into the Bemidji High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Beau-

mont had a successful teaching and coaching career at Rocori High School, where he guided the girls' basketball team to 266 wins in 18 seasons. Named section Coach of the Year five times, he took two teams to the state tournament. He and his wife, Joan, live in Rockville.

**1972** Rod Brixius has published the book *Hanging onto Sanity as State Hospital Staff*. He is a 43-year veteran of working in the Minnesota state hospital system and lives in Lastrup... **Bob Bjorklund** will be retiring in November as the director of internal audit for the city of Minneapolis. He lives in Sauk Rapids... **Nancy Sertich** is retiring after a 35-year career in education. Sertich has been a Title 1 instructor with the Chisholm school district for the past 13 years. Her previous experience includes teaching mine safety and health at Hibbing Community College and also in Hudson, WI, schools. She and her husband, Joe, reside in Chisholm... **Tom Welle** was installed as the chairman of the Minnesota Bankers Association during its annual meeting in June. Welle is a third-generation banking executive at First National Bank in Bemidji, where he lives with his wife, Paulette. He has served as chairman and president of the bank since 2002.

**1971** **Carl Baer** has been selected to participate in the U.S. Army War College National Security Seminar for 2010. The week-long seminar includes civilians in analyzing current issues from the broadest perspective to allow interchange between the college's graduates and the society they serve. Baer and his wife, Terry ('95), live in Bemidji... **Bruce Falk** was a member of the Byfluglien Trucking team, based in Roseau, that won the 60 & Over National Elite Hockey Championship held last winter in Florida. The team won five games over teams from four states to earn the crown. Falk and his wife, Mary Jo, reside in Salol... **Sandy Bertilrud** has retired after teaching 34 years at J. A. Hughes Elementary School in Red Lake Falls. During her tenure in the district, she taught first grade, kindergarten, pre-school and Title 1. She and her spouse, Allen, live in Red Lake Falls... **Jude Boulianne** was a member of the Byfluglien Trucking team, based in Roseau, that won the

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2010 BSU OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Nominations are now being accepted for candidates to be considered for the 2010 Bemidji State University Outstanding Alumni Award. The honor recognizes alumni for exceptional service to Bemidji State University and to their community, state, and nation. / Presented annually during Homecoming, the Outstanding Alumni Award is the highest honor presented by the Bemidji State University Alumni Association. Individuals honored bring much recognition to their alma mater through distinguished and professional achievements. / All nominees must have graduated from Bemidji State University no less than 10 years ago. Nominations, accepted until February 1, 2010, can be made by anyone except an immediate family member. Current faculty, staff, and members of the Board of Directors of the Bemidji State University Alumni Association are not eligible for consideration. A nomination form can be obtained by calling the Alumni Office at 1-877-278-2586 (toll free), 218-755-3989 (local), via email at [alumni@bemidjstate.edu](mailto:alumni@bemidjstate.edu) or by going to the alumni association website at <http://www.bsualumni.org/awardPrograms/outstanding.html>.

## 2000-2009

- A rock-climbing wall was added to the Gillett Recreation/Fitness Center in fall 2000.
- The winter of 2000 marked the inaugural season of Division I play for both the men's and women's hockey teams.
- The first Student Scholarship and Creative Achievement Conference was held in 2000.
- Dr. Ron Quistgaard became the ninth president of Bemidji State University in 2001. Responsibilities as president of Northwest Technical College in Bemidji were added in 2003.
- In spring 2001, BSU adopted a new logo and icon for the institution.



- The BSU logo replaced one used by the institution since 1975 and added a water element to the familiar three pine trees.
- American Indian Resource Center opened in 2003 to promote



- cultural understanding and student support for campus and area communities.
- In fall 2003, 27 percent of BSU students were enrolled in online classes.

- BSU adopted signature themes in 2005 in areas of environmental stewardship, civic engagement, and global and multicultural understanding.
- In 2006, six of 10 USA Olympic men's and women's curlers were BSU alumni. The men's team earned the bronze medal, the first ever for U.S. curlers.

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## Class Notes

60 & Over National Elite Hockey Championship held last winter in Florida. The team won five games over teams from four states to earn the crown. Boulianne lives in St. Anne, Manitoba, with his wife, Yvonne.

**1970 Bryan Grand** was a member of the Byfuglien Trucking team, based in Roseau, that won the 60 & Over National Elite Hockey Championship held last winter in Florida. The team won five games over teams from four states to earn the crown. Grand lives in Bemidji with his wife, **Paulette** ('83).

**1969 Bill Hoffman** is planning his second retirement, this time as principal of the Queen of Peace school in Cloquet. He accepted that position after retiring from Winterquist Elementary in Esko, where he had served as principal for 26 years. His classroom experience also includes stints in Fosston and at Garfield School in Cloquet, where he lives with his wife, Jaunita.

**1966 Andy Wells**, as Minnesota's Small Business Person of the Year, attended May events in Washington, DC, as part of National Small Business Week. During the event, President Barack Obama congratulated him for using his corporate profits to create Wells Academy, a machinist training program for people seeking jobs. Wells is president of Wells Technology, an industrial manufacturing business based in Bemidji, where he resides with his wife, Carol.

**1964 Bob Schulze** continues teaching metal technologies, computer aided design, traditional machining, welding, and other classes at the Iowa School for the Deaf. In addition to teaching, he has worked as a machinist, owned a gun repair store, and written a fix-it column for *The Daily Nonpareil*, a newspaper in Council Bluffs, IA, where he lives.

**1963 Howie Schultz** was named the recipient of the Lumberjack Award during Bemidji High School Athletic Hall of Fame ceremonies. The award is presented to individuals who supported Lumberjack athletics and contributed in many ways to the success of the athletic program. A retired teacher who also was a member of the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office, Schultz was an assistant coach in the

Bemidji High School football and wrestling programs for 30 years.

**1962 Jim Wise** and his wife, Sue, have moved to Johnson City, TN, to be near their children and five grandchildren.

**1960 Jerry Musburger** and his wife, Carol, purchased a retirement home at the Lynx National Golf Course outside of Sauk Centre. The couple spends winters in Panama City, FL.

**1947 Betty Rossi** is writing a history of the loggers and homesteaders in Birch Township, where her family settled near Hines in the early 1900s. It also includes stories on what old timers called Rebedew Lake, which is listed as Lake Rabideau on state maps. Rossi has been a book publisher since 1980 and currently lives in Bemidji.

**1940 LeRoy Maas** was inducted as a Pioneer Coach into the Region I Wrestling Alumni Hall of Fame. The founder and long-time coach of the wrestling program at Albert Lea High School, he started a scholarship program that has raised over \$150,000 and awarded 34 scholarships to students at the school. He and his wife of 68 years, Lillian, still reside in Albert Lea.

**OTHER ALUMNI** Dr. Richard Tollefson has been reappointed to the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners for another four-year term by Governor Tim Pawlenty. Tollefson has been a chiropractor in Minnesota since 1987. His North Suburban Chiropractic Clinic is located in Coon Rapids, where he lives... **Joe Edlund** was inducted into the Bemidji High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Edlund is a chiropractor with a practice in Bemidji... **Perry Brown** of Eveleth was a member of the Nor'landers Swim Club foursome that set new state records in the 55 and over age group. The records in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays were set at the U of M Aquatics Center... **Dale Smedsmo** was a member of the Byfuglien Trucking team, based in Roseau, that won the 60 & Over National Elite Hockey Championship held last winter in Florida. The team won five games over teams from four states to earn the crown. He lives in Roseau.

### HORIZONS

## IN MEMORIAM

Glendon D. Abrahamson '59, New York Mills, MN  
 Harry K. Barron '50, Dade City, FL  
 Bruce L. Becklund '73, Deer River, MN  
 Shirley J. Borud '64 & '68, Fosston, MN  
 Winifred (Peterson) Brodeen '32, Chippewa Falls, WI  
 Allan M. Bursheim '60, Hibbing, MN  
 Joanne M. Christensen '77, Bagley, MN  
 Janet L. (Anderson) Cooper '90, Fort Frances, ON  
 Stuart E. Desjarlait '80, Red Lake, MN  
 Donald H. Fink '87, Rochester, MN  
 Winton Gackstetter '50 & '68, Red Lake Falls, MN  
 Malcolm F. Glenn '90, Bemidji, MN  
 Lorene (Polkinghorne) Haaversen '29, Bemidji, MN  
 Lois A. Hanson '70, Eden Prairie, MN  
 James J. Henkes '54, Staples, MN  
 Geneva M. (Annonson) Jacobson '48, Bemidji, MN  
 Myra L. (Heieren) Johnson '64, Minneapolis, MN  
 Russell L. Johnson '52 & '56, International Falls, MN  
 Todd R. Johnson '94, Bemidji, MN  
 Phillip R. Kangas '59 & '62, Gilbert, MN  
 Robert W. Kentner '79, Hasting, NE  
 Ardele M. (Rhodes) Kimball '76, Aitkin, MN  
 Ray Kinnunen '63, Grand Rapids, MN  
 Thomas D. Labernik '91, Bemidji, MN  
 Louise (Sowder) LaBonte '52, Park Rapids, MN  
 Thomas R. Mathews '68, Blackduck, MN  
 Elbert Mattson '55, Hayden Lake, ID  
 James "Jim" A. McGrath '76, Fairmont, MN  
 Dr. Dorothy M. Moore '49, Statesboro, GA  
 Darrel E. Newell, '64, Tucson, AZ  
 Reinhardt "Ron" Newmann '64, Bemidji, MN  
 Gerald Nichols '47, Bemidji, MN  
 Janice M. Nickl, Wichita, KS  
 Stanley R. Nix '71, Bovey, MN  
 Doris (Anderson) Pesola '35, Moorhead, MN  
 Merton R. Peterson '61, Wenasha, WI  
 Josephine H. (Malland) Purmort '30, Livermore, CA  
 Nicole D. (Black) Reed '98, Williams, MN  
 Leslie Russell (Faculty), Valley City, ND  
 Edith I. (Bromaghin) Salvold '39, Bemidji, MN  
 Jill A. Sandberg '78, Annandale, MN  
 Lawrence B. Sattgast '54, Spearfish, SD  
 Morris D. Sattgast '49, Portland, OR  
 Peter Schloss '47, Crete, IL  
 Donald J. Staples '87, Cass Lake, MN  
 Marnie M. Thoreson '08, Bagley, MN  
 James M. Thorne '71, Crookston, MN  
 Cynthia "Cindy" Thorstad '78, Hastings, MN  
 Gary A. Tomasetti '71, Chisholm, MN  
 Patricia L. (Maney) Trebesch '59, Salt Lake City, UT  
 Debra L. (Therneau) Wendlick '83, Hudson, WI  
 Bruce E. Wilcox '53, Rochester, MN  
 Vienna (Oja) Wistey-Dexter '34, Squaw Lake, MN  
 Louisa May "Weezy" Wold '44, Moreno Valley, CA

- The 2006 football Beavers won the NSIC title and were the first BSU team to receive a bowl bid by playing in the Mineral Bowl in Excelsior Springs, MO.



- Spring 2008, the Outdoor Program Center moved to lakefront facilities in Diamond Point Park.

- During the 2008-2009 season, the BSU men's hockey team advanced to the Frozen Four in the NCAA Division 1 hockey championship bracket. To reach the elite playoff, the Beavers defeated Cornell and Notre Dame only to lose in the semi-final round against Miami University of Ohio.
- By 2008, BSU enrollment grew to nearly 5,000 students, enrolled from 34 states and 40 countries.

- In fall 2008, Dr. Jon Quistgaard signed the American College and University Climate Commitment, and thus set BSU on a course to neutralize campus greenhouse gas emissions.
- State-of-the-art nursing clinical laboratory open house was held on February 24, 2009.

- In 2008-2009 school year BSU was named Tier 1 Midwestern university by *U.S. News and World Report*.

### HORIZONS

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[www.bemidjistate.edu](http://www.bemidjistate.edu)



# BSU HOMECOMING

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

**Homecoming 5K Run/Walk.** 9:00 a.m.  
Course includes a tour of campus. Check in, registration, and start location at the Chet Anderson Stadium at 8:00 a.m. Registration fee of \$10 per person includes T-shirt and beverages. Pre-registration available at [www.vacationsports.com](http://www.vacationsports.com).

**Class of 1969 40-Year Reunion.** 9:00 a.m.  
Crying Wolf Room in the lower Hobson Union. Reunion brunch for 1969 members and the 1968 and 1970 wrap-around classes. Registration information will be sent to class members.

**Tour of Sattgast Hall and the New Nursing Clinical Resource Center,** located in Memorial Hall (M11). 10:00 a.m.-Noon.

**Bemidji State University Homecoming, Tailgate Party, and Carnival.** 11:00 a.m.  
The enclosed pavilion in Diamond Point Park, next to the Chet Anderson Stadium. Co-sponsored by the BSU Alumni Association, Beaver Pride, Hobson Union Programming Board, and Paul Bunyan Broadcasting.

**2009 Homecoming Football Game.** 1:00 p.m.  
Chet Anderson Stadium. The BSU Beavers take on the St. Cloud State Huskies.

**BSU Women's Volleyball vs. Wayne State.** 3:00 p.m. BSU Gymnasium.

**Luthern Campus Center Open House** located at 1221 Birchmont Drive. 3:00-5:00 p.m.  
For all alumni, friends, and their families following the football game. Come for some munchies, reminiscing, tours of the building, and good times. All are welcome!

**Football Alumni Reunion.** 4:30 p.m. Bemidji Elks Club. Following the game. All football alumni are invited and encouraged to attend. BSU football coaches will be participating.

**BSU Homecoming Street Dance.** 8:00 p.m.-Midnight. Downtown Bemidji on Beltrami Avenue between 3rd and 4th streets. Gather with friends for live music, fun, and lots of BSU spirit. Hosted by the Bemidji Area Alumni Chapter and sponsored in part by Paul Bunyan Broadcasting and Coca-Cola.



## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Beaver Pride Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m.  
Walnut Hall. \$8 per person. Join other BSU Athletic fans as they listen to the coaches and student athletes talk about their seasons.

**Sattgast Rededication.** 2:30 p.m.  
Celebrate the expansion and renovation of Sattgast Hall.

**Tour of Sattgast Hall and the new Nursing Clinical Resource Center,** located in Memorial Hall (M11). 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**BSU Alumni Association Honors Banquet.** 6:30 p.m. Beaux Arts Ballroom. \$25 per person. Join alumni, faculty, and friends of BSU for the presentation of the 2009 Outstanding Alumni Awards.

**Social Hour,** 6:30 p.m.

**Banquet,** 7:00 p.m.

**Awards Program,** 8:00 p.m.

Advanced registration is required no later than September 25, 2009. Register by calling the Alumni Office at 755-3989 (local) or 1-877-278-2586 (toll free). Registrations will be accepted over the phone if payment is being made with credit card.

**BSU Women's Volleyball vs. Augustana College.** 7:30 p.m. BSU Gymnasium.



# October 2-4, 2009

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

### Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert.

3:00 p.m. Thompson Recital Hall in  
Bangsberg Hall. Tickets available at door.

### Hotel Room Blocks

Support these contributors of the BSU Foundation and take advantage of discounted room rates for BSU alumni. When making your reservation at any of these hotels, ask for the BSU Homecoming rate (for double occupancy). Please make reservations no later than September 1, 2009.

**AmericInn Hotel:** (218-751-3000) \$85.00 + tax

**Best Western:** (218-751-0390) \$69.00 + tax

**Hampton Inn:** (218-751-3600) \$109.00 + tax

**Holiday Inn Express:** (218-751-2487) \$99.95 + tax

**Super 8 Motel:** (218-751-8481) \$60.00 + tax

### University Bookstore Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

### BSU Admissions Office

Campus Tours

Weekdays, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

755-2040 (local) 1-877-BEMIDJI (toll free)

### Gillett Recreation/Fitness Center

Friday, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Enjoy a great workout with family and friends at the Gillett Recreation/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.



# 2009 AWARD *Outstanding Alumni* RECIPIENTS

### Paul A. Hedtke '81

Sr. Director Business Development,  
Qualcomm, Inc., San Diego, CA

### Kevin L. Jackson '85

Program Director/Sports Director,  
Paul Bunyan Broadcasting, Bemidji, MN

### Gordon J. Johnson '71

Music Director/Symphony Conductor, Great  
Falls Symphony Association, Great Falls, MT

### Michele M. Leonhart '78

Acting Administrator, U.S. Drug Enforcement  
Agency, Arlington, VA

### Adele P. (Levchak) Munsterman '74

Spanish Teacher, Fridley High School,  
Brooklyn Park, MN

### Col. Gregg P. Rice USAF Retired '69

Retired, U.S. Air Force/Retired, Commercial  
Pilot, Colorado Springs, CO

### Linda K. (Christofferson) Shadiow '69

Program Director/Professor, Northern  
Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

### David L. Sorensen '72

Retired Vice President, General Mills Corp.  
Minneapolis, MN

### Dr. Ranae D. (Erickson) Womack '87

RN, Retired Professor/Administrator, Bemidji  
State University, Bemidji, MN



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## CAMPUS *Calendar*

Oct. 2-4 **Homecoming**

Oct. 3 **Night at the Cabaret**  
7:30 p.m., Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex

Oct. 23-24; 30-31 **The Crucible**  
7:30 p.m., Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex

Nov. 1 **The Crucible**  
2:00 p.m., Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex

Dec. 4-5; 11-12 **Madrigal Dinners**, Beaux Arts Ballroom

Jan. 11 **Spring Semester Begins**

Feb. 20 **Ceremonial Closing of the  
John Glas Fieldhouse**



### ADMISSIONS

**Minnesota Education Fair, BSU** Sept. 25

**Fall Visit Days** Oct. 15 and 16

**Campus Preview Days** **Fridays**

Sept. 25  
Oct. 30  
Nov. 6, 13, and 20  
Jan. 15, 22, and 29  
Feb. 26  
Apr. 16

**Admissions Tours** **Monday-Friday**  
10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**First Saturday of each month**  
11:00 a.m.

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