Commanding Presence

Troops inspire
Lieutenant General Waldhauser
COVER STORY
Lieutenant General Thomas Waldhauser, a Bemidji State alumnus, commands the 57,000-troop I Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton, CA. His leadership style was honed by emulating the positive qualities of the leaders he’s experienced, including BSU’s venerable coach, Bob Peters.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

A few years ago, an economic research study indicated that Bemidji State University adds approximately $1.5 billion to the area economy each year. The July opening of AmeriPride’s national accounting headquarters in Bemidji is a recent example of the University’s potential for local impact.

AmeriPride, a North American supplier of linen and uniform rental services, selected the site as the site for its newly consolidated accounts receivable offices. The availability of high-tech offices and a pool of skilled people, including several Bemidji State accounting graduates whom they hired, drew them to our region.

Working together with several community organizations and businesses, Bemidji State was able to help sway the company into moving its accounting operations to northern Minnesota. Bemidji State’s strategic partnerships are a win-win for all involved: the company obtains the facilities and resources it needs to flourish. The city of Bemidji adds a new dimension to its role. Bemidji State and its sister institution, Northwest Technical College, have a new employment connection for their graduates. The results are evident — and we have the potential to transform the region’s economic landscape.

Another area of BSU impact emanates from its transformational learning environment, which this issue of Horizons reflects. From getting second chances and critical support services to capitalizing on faculty encouragement and leadership opportunities, those featured in this issue point to BSU as the foundation of the learning environment, which this issue of BSU Today celebrates.

FROM PRESIDENT R. HANSON

1. Interim vice presidents named
Bemidji State announced recently the appointment of two interim vice presidents: Dr. Mary Ward was named interim vice president of student development and enrollment in July. Ward has been the director of BSU’s Advising Center since 2005. She fills a position vacated by Dr. Lisa Ervin, who is now vice chancellor at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Ervin had been at BSU since 2005. In June, Bob Grigs was named interim vice president for academic affairs. He fills an interim position vacated by Dr. Nancy Erickson, who served in that role since 2006. Erickson is taking a planned sabbatical for a year before returning to full-time work. Grigs has served BSU in a variety of administrative roles since 2000.

2. New chancellor visits Bemidji
Dr. Steve Rosenthal, who officially took office as chancellor of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system in August, visited Bemidji State in early July as part of a statewide tour of the system’s campuses. While in Bemidji, Rosenthal and President Richard Hanson toured Northwest Technical College and Bemidji State. At BSU, they toured the newly renovated Sartega Hall.

3. RN-to-bachelor’s nursing programs full
Bemidji State’s nursing program continues to be in high demand, with its RN-to-bachelor’s program at three different locations already at capacity for 2011-12. BSU serves 40 students at each of its sites: on campus, Lake Superior College in Duluth, and at Lake-Va-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge campus. Debuting this fall, the Lake Superior site reached capacity just two weeks after initial information sessions were held. The May Hall location opened in 2009.

4. Annual faculty art show opens
Bemidji State’s visual arts faculty opened their annual show in the University’s Talley Gallery in May. The show features work from Betsy Bolen, Natalie Nimniska, Jason Clark, Dennis Peterson, and Steve Sundahl. Their art media includes ceramics, painting, printmaking, sculpture and silversmithing. The show runs through September.

5. Fourteen earn BSU emeriti status
Fourteen faculty members were named to the list of BSU emeriti during the August 27 commencement exercises at Bemidji State’s Sanford Center in May. Faculty who retire from the University with at least 10 years of service are eligible to receive emeriti status. The 2011 emeriti were: Dr. William Bower, professor emeritus of art\/art history; Dr. James Brouwer, professor emeritus of professional education; Dr. Donald Carlson, registrar emeritus; Dr. Philip Dalin, professor emeritus of PRSS\Student Support Services; Dr. Elaine Hoffman, professor emerita of technological education; Dr. Stuart Rosselsky, professor emeritus of music; Dr. Robert Levy, professor of economics; Dr. Donald Leach, professor emeritus of German and French; Dr. Mary Ann Reitmeir, professor emerita of mathematics; Dr. Stuart Rosselet, professor emeritus of music; Dr. Mary Lou Rich, director emerita of the International Program Center; Dr. Patricia Riley, professor emeritus of music, 38 years; Dr. Kathleen Hayrick, director emerita of the International Program Center; Dr. Dennis Peterson, professor emeritus of library and library services, 28 years; and Dr. Rachel Schueller, professor emerita of nursing, 28 years.

6. BSU co-hosts International Trumpet Guild conference
Bemidji State University was one of the sites for the 2011 Conference of the International Trumpet Guild. The conference was held by Dr. Lynne, professor of music at BSU, and Steven Wright, associate professor of music at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. The conference drew hundreds of trumpet enthusiasts from all over the world to compete in the competition’s, clinics, and concerts during the five-day event. The conference kicked off with a trumpet rendition of the “Star Spangled Banner” at a Minnesota Twins game and closed with a two-hour, grand finale concert in downtown Minneapolis’ World’s Oldest United Methodist Church.

Green School

In April, President Hanson signed a policy preventing the use, distribution, or sale of tobacco, including any smoking device or lit smoking instrument, anywhere on campus or in university-owned vehicles. American Indian spiritual or cultural ceremonies on campus are exempt from the regulations. Implementation began with an awareness month this spring and is being followed by full enforcement this fall. The Student Senate passed the tobacco-free policy in 2010, drafting a proposal in January 2011.

Guilfoile publishes book on HIV/AIDS
Dr. Patrick Guilfoile, interim associate vice president for academic affairs, has written HIV/AIDS, published recently by Chelsea House Publishers. The book is part of the publisher’s 54-volume Deadly Diseases and Epidemics series.

Epidemics series. His other volumes are Anti- biotic-Resistant Bacteria, Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Oxygen, published last year.

Guilfoile’s book describes the symptoms, treatments, and prevention of HIV/AIDS, and the Centers for Disease Control estimates that a percent of them are unknowing they have it. Although no known cure for HIV/AIDS exists, this book is a good place to start.

NSF’s Primer in Museum Studies

Scientists at Bemidji State University have used a National Science Foundation grant to develop a new, hands-on course for museum professionals.

The course, titled “Beyond the Label: Developing Field-Ready Professionals in Museum Studies,” is designed for museums and other institutions that want to hire employees with a Museum Studies degree.

The course includes a three-week intensive session at Bemidji State University that focuses on the skills needed in the field, such as collections management, exhibition design, and public programming.

The course also includes a six-week field experience at a museum in the region, where students can apply what they learned in the classroom.

Since the course started in 2010, 12 students have completed it, and all of them have secured jobs in museums or related fields.

AIRC receives state award for diversity efforts
In May, BSU was one of seven colleges and universities in the Minnesota State system honored for outstanding achievements in diversity leadership, programming, and services. BSU took second place in the system’s “Best Practices in Diversity” category for the American Indian Resource Center and its programs. The program’s awards recognize programs and services that support access and success in higher education for all Minnesotans, especially those from traditionally under-represented in higher education.

BSU team competes in Dragon Boat races
Bemidji State University was named one of the nation’s 35 most eco-friendly campuses by the U.S. Green Building Council and The Princeton Review.

A guide of those 35 institutions provides information for students looking to attend a college or university that demonstrates a strong commitment to creating and maintaining a sustainable campus. BSU has held a student-implemented green fee of 50 per semester in place since 2008. The school funds environmental stewardship, education, and awareness activities on campus. Under the guidance of a full-time sustainability officer since 2008, BSU has participated in a variety of energy-savings competitions, including Minnesota’s Campus Energy Challenge. Student competition among schools in the state. BSU has won the challenge twice.

Erika BailEy-Johnson, sustainability coordinator, talks about BSU’s “Green” Efforts during a spring tour of projects.
REGIONAL & ALL-AMERICA AWARDS

Spring Sports Recaps

BASEBALL completed its season with an 18-29 record, the program’s most wins in a season since 2002, and finished ninth in the NSIC with a 12-21 conference mark ... MEN’S GOLF garnered seventh at the NSIC Championships in April, with sophomore Chris Curb of Bemidji earning 14th among individuals. BSU later ranked 10th at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships ... WOMEN’S GOLF placed eighth at the NSIC Championships, behind a 29th-place individual finish from Kathryn Stoffels, a sophomore from Maple Grove. TENNIS ended the season 7-12 overall and 2-9 in the NSIC under first-year head coach Beth Campus ... TRACK & FIELD Kristi Buerkle, a senior sprinter from Stacy, was one of Bemidji’s most decorated female athletes of all time. This spring, she won NSIC Championships in the 200- and 400-meter races and earned her sixth career All-America honor with a fourth-place finish in the 400-meter event at the 2011 NCAA Outdoor Championships. In May, she was named the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association’s Central Region Female Athlete of the Year. Holder of two BSU outdoor records and six indoor records, she was also a member of two school-record relay teams. In June, she became the fourth Bemidji State track and field athlete and 15th BSU student-athlete overall to earn Academic All-America honors. Majoring in elementary education, she carried a 3.86 grade point average into her final semester at BSU.

Twenty-seven Beavers earn NSIC all-academic honors

Twenty-seven BSU student-athletes earned a spot on the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) spring Academic Team. Baseball, men’s track and field, and women’s track and field led the way with six honorees each. The All-Academic Team recognizes student-athletes on varsity traveling teams with cumulative GPAs of 3.20 or higher.

BSU wins NSIC Sportsmanship Award

For the second time in three years, BSU has won the NSIC Sportsmanship Award. First awarded in 2008, the NSIC Sportsmanship Award is given to the school exhibiting the best sportsmanship of its players, coaches, fans, and staff, as voted upon by NSIC head coaches and a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee member from each school.

Trip Hedrick gets NSIC Hall of Fame nod

Trip Hedrick, a BSU swimmer from 1975-77, was inducted into the NSIC Hall of Fame in July. Hedrick was a three-time All-NSIC selection from 1975-77, and he won the NSIC 100-meter freestyle title in 1977. He was a two-time, First-Team All-NAIA honoree and nine-time, All-America honoree during his career. A BSU Student-Athlete of the Year in 1977, he was inducted into the University’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.

NSIC expands with two new teams

The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Bemidji State’s home in NCAA Division II, is expanding to 16 teams. The league announced in January that Minot State University (ND) and the University of Sioux Falls (SD) will join the conference in the 2013-14 season.

WCHA prepares for 2013-14 changes

Although the NCAA Division I college hockey landscape will undergo a significant transition in 2013-14, the Bemidji State men’s hockey program will remain a committed member of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA). Seven teams have announced they will leave the WCHA, including the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin, which will head to a new 12-team conference. In the meantime, BSU is working diligently to retain regional rivalries that have developed over the history of the program, aiming to provide BSU hockey fans a schedule featuring the best competition college hockey has to offer.

A COMMANDING PRESENCE

TROOPS INSPIRE LIEUTENANT GENERAL WALDHAUSER

In the weeks following the terrorist attacks on 9/11, BSU alumnus Tom Waldhauser was more focused on national security than most Americans. A U.S. Marine Corps officer, he was tapped to command the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit Special Operations Capable, the first conventional unit to deploy into Afghanistan after the attack on the Twin Towers. A few years later, that same unit — also commanded by Waldhauser — was among the first to cross into Iraq at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
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THOMAS WALDHAUSER

Today, Lieutenant General Thomas Waldhauser commands the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton in California. President Barack Obama nominated him for the position in 2010. In his role, he oversees the training, organizing, and equipping of Marines and sailors in California and Arizona. Serving also as commanding general of Marine Forces Central Command, he is responsible for employing, deploying, and sustaining forces engaged in the Central Command region of the Middle East.

The 2010 promotion prompted a strong endorsement from the commander of the U.S. Central Command, General James Mattis, who called Waldhauser one of the most operationally experienced and tactically savvy officers in the military today. He said Waldhauser’s leadership style made him the perfect choice for the assignment.

No matter the task, Waldhauser makes it his mission to learn from those he admires and to develop a leadership style that works for him. “A leader is one who needs to ask the right questions, does not take no for an answer, and demonstrates the competency required to be in charge of large and complex organizations,” the South St. Paul native observes. “There are many long days, many grueling requirements, and you’ve got to be able to power your way through. A good leader is one who can do that.”

The Making of an Officer

Waldhauser started on the road to leadership while at BSU, where he pursued a psychology degree and skated for Beaver hockey as a forward. The four-year letter winner played on the 1973 NCAA championship team.

“Looking back, I had a very wonderful college experience,” he says. “Coach Bob Peters was the main reason I ended up going to BSU. The ability to watch him as a leader and a coach—how he organized, how he motivated—was very beneficial.”

Although he wasn’t certain about pursuing a military career, Waldhauser participated in the Platoon Leaders Class, where college students train for two summers at the Marines’ Officer Candidates School in Quantico, VA. Program participants, under no obligation to join the military, are offered a commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps when they complete the class.

Waldhauser attended the training after his freshman and junior years at BSU. The physically intensive experience, coupled with the emphasis on leadership and responsibility, struck a chord with him. After completing the program, he signed on for a three-year commitment.

“To be truthful, I really didn’t have any intention of staying beyond that initial three-year requirement, but I had some very positive experiences as a young lieutenant,” he recalls. “I had the opportunity to work for some very inspiring leaders. Being around very engaging young Marines was something that was a good fit for me.”

Learning from Others

For Waldhauser, the fit has led to military decorations as well as promotions. Over the course of his career, he has earned the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with combat “V,” Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Navy Achievement Medal with one gold star, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

The lieutenant general, however, is humble about the recognition he’s received, preferring to focus on the job at hand and the people who serve alongside him every day. “Personal decorations are all well and good, but they don’t define you as a leader, and they really don’t define who you are,” he says. “It’s all about getting the job done. It’s all about making sure the Marines have what they need. It’s all about providing an environment that allows everyone to do their part and let them do their jobs.”

Even with his stellar accomplishments, Waldhauser says he continues to learn from those around him—no matter their rank—and strives to lead by example. He also reflects fondly on his time at BSU and the lessons he learned from those around him.

“The guys I played hockey with were some truly great individuals and great human beings. You learn a lot from your friends and peers,” he says. “I’ve been fortunate, since I’ve been in the Marine Corps, to work for a large number of really tremendous men and women who have demonstrated a commitment and competence that was very impressive.

“As you move up the ranks, you always are trying to emulate those who have gone before you, and you’re always trying to duplicate all the positive things they were able to show you.”

DEFINING MOMENTS

Experiences as a Beaver hockey player and as a Marine Corps officer have influenced his leadership style.
AN ADVOCATE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN RIGHTS

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over the course of his legal career, Robert Anderson has advocated for the rights of American Indians as a public-sector attorney, an advisor to two presidential administrations, and a professor at two well-known universities. While his nearly 35-year career has been filled with personal and professional success, the Ely native and member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa still views his time at Bemidji State as paving the way for a varied and fulfilling career.

“I really learned how to write pretty well in college, and that has been a big key to any success that I have had in my career as a lawyer and now as a law professor,” says Anderson, a 1980 BSU graduate who studied English and history. “Maybe even more important was the fact that my professors were really enthusiastic about the material I was being taught, and they motivated me to work really hard. That gave me a work ethic that has served me incredibly well throughout my career.”

Anderson’s diligence as an undergraduate paid off. He was accepted to the University of Minnesota Law School and then offered a job at the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) in Boulder, CO, one of the country’s foremost Indian law offices. During his 12-year tenure at NARF, Anderson helped settle disputes between federal and state governments and American Indian tribes in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. From the experience, he learned firsthand about the complex legal issues facing American Indians. He also discovered the rewards of making a difference in the lives of others.

“One of my proudest moments was when I was in Alaska representing a woman named Katie John, whose right to fish had been taken away by the state of Alaska in the early 1960s,” he recounts. “We sued the state in federal court, and we won the case. The court forced the state to reopen the fishery.”

Since that victory, the state has continuously challenged the ruling, and Anderson has remained abreast of the issue, making sure his current lawyers have up-to-date information and access to the facts of the case.

“These things go on for so long, and you really have to be persistent,” he says. “It’s taught me the importance of writing about these things in articles and in books so folks who come later can carry on and not only understand what happened and rely on these facts, but also learn from them to try to craft new solutions.”

Through his work fighting for land and water rights, Anderson met Bruce Babbitt, secretary of the interior in the Clinton administration. That connection led him to a political appointment as associate solicitor for Indian Affairs in the U.S. Department of the Interior. Later he served as a counsel to Babbitt, advising him directly on matters involving Indian law, endangered species, water rights, national parks, and other issues.

“It’s nice to provide a public service, to use your education, not just to make money or try to obtain prestige for yourself, but to wade into the public sector and try to help make things better through serving in the government.”

When Clinton’s term ended, Anderson headed to the University of Washington in Seattle to teach. However, in 2008 he returned to the nation’s capital to co-lead President Obama’s transition team for the Department of the Interior’s agency review.

“That was a highlight for me,” says Anderson, who wasn’t interested in moving back to DC to be part of the administration. “But I wanted to help out. I was asked to make recommendations about issues that would need to be dealt with promptly by the new administration.”

Anderson currently works full-time as a tenured professor at the University of Washington (UW) and directs the law school’s Native American Law Center. He also serves as the Oneida Nation Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, a five-year appointment where he teaches Native American Law one term each academic year.

During his 11 years at UW, he has drawn from his Bemidji State experiences to guide his teaching approach.

“They were all very enthusiastic about their subject matter, and they were all obviously great scholars and had worked hard to acquire all this knowledge,” he says of his BSU professors. “They made class fun because I could tell they enjoyed teaching the material, and they were also very supportive. That’s the kind of teacher I want to be — someone who is enthusiastic, has an open door, and wants to work with the students.”

In his role at the university, Anderson promotes the development of Indian law by nurturing student interest in the legal profession, serving as a resource for tribes, governments, and individuals, and building a network among scholars and practitioners.

He has written numerous academic articles, teaches American Indian law from a casebook he co-authored, and serves as author and editorial board member of the leading reference book on federal Indian law, Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Indian Law. The book is an information source relied upon by the U.S. Supreme Court and small-town practitioners alike.

“It’s been a wonderful career, and I’m looking forward to continuing on,” he notes. “My time at Bemidji State really positioned me well for what’s been, I’d have to say, an extremely rewarding career.”
Bemidji State is helping stellar individuals prepare for the future – here are three destined to do great things.

Dr. Anton Trouve, faculty member who teaches Ojibwe, noted her growth from an unsure first-year student to a self-confident graduate. He feels her academic preparation in medicine and understanding of cultures, as well as languages, will make her a leader among those she serves.

“I believe that health includes emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual elements,” says Walker, whose internship this fall focuses on women’s reproductive rights and justice at the Transnation Institute Reservation in South Dakota. “As a future physician wanting to serve in an American Indian community, I would like to incorporate the culture and language of our people in my practice.”

In Pearl Walker’s mind, the letters B-S-U spell opportunity. The Bemidji senior chose her hometown University for convenience, planning to transfer later to a school offering gymnastics. Now she’s more than happy she stayed.

“Every experience I’ve had has shaped me,” says Walker, who graduated this spring with degrees in pre-med and Indian Studies. “Just being involved brought me opportunities I didn’t think I’d ever come across.”

Those opportunities came her first semester when track coach Craig Hougen invited the former Bemidji High athlete to join the Beavers’ squad. She did and quickly gravitated to the tradition and athleticism where her wide-ranging talents were useful in the multiple-event competitions.

“Being part of the track team really built me up and made me feel like I really belonged at BSU,” says Walker, who graduated this spring with degrees in pre-med and Indian Studies. “Just being involved brought me opportunities I never knew existed. Intrigued, I took a closer look and liked what I saw.

“I think Bemidji State does have the feel of a private school without the cost,” Meehlhause summarizes while echoing the words of his campus tour guide. “It’s a small institution. You will see someone you know every day. Walking across campus, it’s a great place to think outside the box and expand boundaries.”

Schmitz sees his future in either discipline, although immediate plans include writing creatively for a year while exploring options for advanced study in physics. He figures his background should help in taking the graduate school entrance exam, which includes a significant writing component. He also hopes his BSU degrees will differentiate his application from others, further increasing the value of his two-sided, academic coin.

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MAKING COLLEGE Possible

BSU COORDINATOR CHAMPIONS STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

When Kathi Hagen’s mother lost her vision, many once effortless tasks became nearly impossible for her to accomplish, including knitting. Encouraging her to keep trying, Hagen replaced the yarn her mother was using with a sturdier cotton thread, which made it much easier to feel. The switch worked.

“She knit dishcloths, a pastime that brought her a lot of joy even though she could hardly see,” Hagen recalls. “It just shows that whatever you want to do, it doesn’t have to be done a certain way.”

Hagen brings that spirit to her job every day as the coordinator of the Disability Services Office at Bemidji State. Instead of looking at the students’ disabilities and saying, “You can’t,” she sees students’ abilities and finds ways to say, “You can.”

Colleges have provided services for students with disabilities since the 1970s, but the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), effective in 1992, more clearly defined what services were expected and who would qualify. Hagen, with an undergraduate degree in English and a master’s in behavioral science from BSU, stepped into her job in 1993, just as the ADA opened the doors to allow more academic opportunities for students with disabilities.

“Prior to 1990, students with disabilities weren’t really expected to go on to college. They were seen as less than capable of doing the work, or not being a good fit,” says Hagen, noting that nothing could be further from the truth. Her students have graduated and become successful professionals in numerous fields, including a graduate who has been a Minnesota legislator for more than a decade.

Last year, Hagen’s office served 333 BSU students with documented disabilities including physical or psychological impairments, learning disabilities, autism, blindness, deafness, emotional behavior disorders, and systemic disorders such as epilepsy, cancer, and diabetes. The number of students receiving services has more than doubled since 1995.

Typical accommodations for students with disabilities include note takers, sign language interpreters, priority registration for courses, extended test time, preferential seating in classrooms, books on tape, and scribes for dictation. Each student has unique challenges. “Two people can come in with the same diagnosis, but they have night-and-day differences in what they need,” Hagen explains.

When Hagen first started, she provided a lot of the services herself, doing whatever it took to keep academics accessible for all. “Thinking out of the box,” she says, “is essential.” Today, student workers help with many of the services. Hagen and Dr. Marsha Driscoll, associate professor of psychology, developed Prep School, an innovative program that helps high school students with disabilities acclimate to college life through a weeklong on-campus experience. Unfortunately, the program fell victim to the Minnesota government shutdown this summer when agency funds used to support participating students became inaccessible.

“It’s heartbreaking,” says Hagen of the lost opportunity. “One of the things that we had not anticipated is how the students would benefit and how much that would help them make a healthier transition to college.”

Besides fears of the summer program never resuming, Hagen is also concerned about funding cuts that could reduce the number of students eligible for the services her office typically provides during the academic year especially Hagen’s support. He saw Hagen daily for notes, test dictation, and other services. “Kathi helped me get through the whole college experience,” says Jones, who works for the Roseville Area School District during the academic year and the Minnesota Twins during the summer. “She would always take the extra step to make each student feel appreciated.”

Hagen’s devotion to students permeates her daily life, influencing even her choice of artwork. A framed print above her desk reads, “Service is the lifeblood of any organization.” The sign is of great value to Hagen, whose daily life, influencing even her choice of artwork, is marked by the same devotion.

“Service is the lifeblood of any organization.” — Kathi Hagen

“Those students have the potential to do anything they want. Most of them are highly motivated. They’re used to really working hard. Often they challenge other students to keep up because they’re so focused.” — Kathi Hagen

Vickie Kepler of Cohasset shares her concerns. “I face my dyslexia every day, but not on the scale that I do at school,” she says. Kepler, 48, is an environmental studies major and a professional landscape designer. She uses books on tape, note takers, and dedicated quiet rooms for testing where she can read and think out loud, a technique that helps her succeed. She appreciates the work Hagen does, especially with younger students, who often lack the know-how to advocate for themselves. “What Kathi does is amazing. Without people like her, we’d close a lot of doors for capable students.”

Jeff Jones, a 2004 sports management graduate who has dyslexia, says he valued the encouragement he found at BSU, the smaller classes, accessible professors, and especially Hagen’s support. He saw Hagen daily for notes, test dictation, and other services. “Kathi helped me get through the whole college experience,” says Jones, who works for the Roseville Area School District during the academic year and the Minnesota Twins during the summer. “She would always take the extra step to make each student feel appreciated.”

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“Every day I come to work, I make a difference in someone’s life,” she says of her role in helping students with disabilities reach their aspirations. “There’s nothing else I’d rather do.”

Kathi Hagen, disability services coordinator, talks over plans with Jacob Gunvalson, a psychology major from Gonvick, who attended three summer prep programs prior to enrolling at BSU.
Both Haley and Schendel will graduate from Bemidji State University in 2012 with elementary education degrees. Haley wants to teach in northern Minnesota, preferably in a combined classroom of deaf and hearing students. However, she observes that she, too, learned to sign as a way to communicate with others. “I learned so much more from the deaf teachers,” Haley notes. “Their way of teaching was just easier to understand. They were more expressive, and just felt like I connected better with them.”

Schenkdel agrees, noting that when deaf teachers are not available, deaf children need accommodations to learn. Schendel says that it’s important for deaf children to learn ASL, interact with deaf peers, and learn from deaf teachers whenever possible.

Today, Haley is studying to become an educator so she can help deaf children learn to their fullest potential and access the services they need to be successful. Like Haley, Molly Schendel wants to teach deaf children, although she draws her inspiration from the positive experiences she had growing up deaf. She and her younger brother were born deaf, but had hearing parents who learned to sign. In third grade, Schendel moved with her family to Fairbanks where she enrolled in the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, a residential school for the deaf and hard of hearing. She describes the school as a place where she felt happy, connected, and independent.

Today, Schendel hopes to teach third or fourth grade at the academy. “It just seems like the perfect time to be involved in a child’s life,” she explains. “It’s just that age when you start learning fast, reading stories, and developing strong friendships.”

Although it’s sometimes challenging, Schendel and Haley navigate in the hearing world and share their lives with their hearing children, who sign. Haley’s husband is also deaf, but Schendel’s husband hears and learned to sign after meeting her. At Bemidji State, Schendel and Haley depend on professional interpreters and sometimes note takers to help them excel alongside hearing students. A few of their hearing classmates also know how to sign.

When considering what makes BSU a good place for them, Schendel says, “The teachers, without a doubt. They’ve changed the person that I am. They believe in me, communicate with me, and respect me.”

“Same,” Haley adds. “The very same.” The two moms balance school, family, and separate 160-mile roundtrip commutes to get to their BSU classes. “It was just hard,” Haley says. “Then we went into the classroom, and I couldn’t tell which boy was deaf. He didn’t have an interpreter. It hit me hard. The teacher was talking. The boy didn’t know what was being said. The boy would sign something, and nobody would voice for him.” Schendel also witnessed a social interaction in which the child was excluded and misunderstood. “It just broke my heart,” Schendel says.

Haley, too, was disheartened. “I thought things had changed,” she says. Their BSU instructors shared their observations with school officials who, according to Schendel, offered to explore improved services for the child. Haley and Schendel say there is no reason for deaf children to be left behind in the classroom.

WHAT MAKES BSU A GOOD PLACE?

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“Really love kids,” says Haley, whose eldest is 16. “I have four of them, and they really inspire me. I also care about how deaf children learn.” Schendel, who has three children, ages 2-5, adds that she, too, loves kids and education. “I want to make a difference for deaf kids,” Schendel explains. “I want to be a good role model for my community and put myself out there.” By becoming teachers, Haley and Schendel hope to help deaf children realize their potential even in a hearing world. ■
GROWING UP WITH PUBLIC RADIO

When Jon McTaggart transferred to Bemidji State University as a sophomore, he had his sights set on studying history and political science with designs on law school. Fortunately for public radio listeners, his experiences on campus rekindled a connection with the airwaves and launched a career devoted primarily to Minnesota Public Radio and its parent company, American Public Media Group, where McTaggart now serves as chief executive officer.

His career interests shifted unexpectedly after signing up for an elective course in communication. During the class, the professor noticed he had a knack for words and recruited him to write a column for the college newspaper. “I kind of backed into it that way, starting as a history major who was writing a column for the Northern Student,” he recalls. McTaggart credits faculty such as Bob Treuer, Roger Paskvan, and Dr. Ray Blackwood for taking an active interest in his success and persuading him to pursue the mass communication field. “People in our lives, whether they’re faculty members or mentors, those who truly make an individual investment, can change your life,” observes McTaggart.

McTaggart’s first leap into Minnesota public radio came courtesy of an AM radio on the John Deere tractor and a license plate featuring Minnesota. As a kid, McTaggart watched his dad strap on a pair of overalls and he would take it. Those weren’t opportunities I was creating for myself.” It wasn’t long before McTaggart was putting his prior radio experience to good use as news director for BSU’s campus station. His radio savvy was also gaining outside attention. At the behest of his professors, he entered a competition held by the International Radio and Television Society, which named him one of the nation’s top 25 communication graduates.

McTaggart’s first leap into Minnesota public radio also came courtesy of a BSU faculty member. Fulton Gallagher, from the music department, heard there was a classical music station possibly coming to town, he recalls. “He stopped me in the hall and said, ‘Why haven’t you applied for that Minnesota Public Radio job?’ I had to admit that I hadn’t given it much thought.” At 23, McTaggart applied for the station manager position at KCRB in Bemidji. The role entailed creating a new station from the ground up, hiring staff, and building a local audience. Much to his surprise, he was offered the job. “Truthfully, I’m still not sure why they decided to hire me,” he admits. “It certainly didn’t make sense on paper.” That early move was the beginning of McTaggart’s long-term relationship with public radio, where he’s held increasingly more responsible positions over the years, from general manager of MPR’s multi-station group in Collegeville to senior vice president and chief operating officer to his current position as chief executive officer.

“When KCRB was built, MPR offered one radio station in each of eight Minnesota communities, and that one radio station broadcast a mixed format of news and information, and classical music programming,” he says. “MPR now has more than 115,000 members, 900,000 people across the state and into surrounding states listen to our three radio services each week, and MPR’s digital audience is more than one million each month.”

Through it all, McTaggart has helped guide MPR’s growth into more areas while expanding its audiences and use of new technologies. He’s also focused on maintaining its commitment to the station’s mission of providing fact-based, non-partisan news as well as arts and cultural programming that informs and entertains its listeners.

Lessons Learned

While the bulk of his career has been spent in public radio, McTaggart took two forays away from the airwaves, first as executive director for the Reading Rehabilitation Hospital in Reading, PA, and later as vice president for advancement and university relations at La Sierra University in Riverside, CA. Both experiences offered McTaggart new challenges, new lessons to learn, and a new perspective on leadership.

“I learned the importance of leadership and being very intentional about developing who you are in your effectiveness as a leader,” he notes. “It’s part of being informed, being curious, and being awake in the world.”

Now, as McTaggart looks forward to his role as CEO, he can reflect on a career rich with opportunities. “I’ve had the good fortune of great mentors, great teachers, who have challenged me and created opportunities for me that I certainly didn’t create for myself. By taking advantage of those opportunities, or at least pursuing them, good things have happened to me. I’ve really been fortunate and blessed.”

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L-R: Roger Hellquist, Rita Albrecht and Ron Johnson

We the People

THE LINK BETWEEN CITIZENS AND THEIR GOVERNMENT

Each year, hundreds of Bemidji State University alumni exercise their civic duty by serving as commissioners, sheriffs, mayors, councilors, and school board members throughout the country. While statewide and national races grab major headlines, the democratic process is frequently felt most acutely when voters are asked to choose among local-election candidates whom they know personally as neighbors and friends.

“We might be a multi-layered and fragmented system, but it is always the most efficient because it involves citizens with their government, says Dr. Pat Donnay, Bemidji State University professor of political science, as he talks about the county’s 85,000 local governments. “The system creates a need for friends, neighbors, family members, or ourselves to step up and become elected officials.”

Donnay holds locally elected official titles in high esteem, especially in today’s environment where personal lives are closely scrutinized, instant communication can divert attention from real issues, and the political process is often viewed cynically. “One has to be willing to accept considerable responsibility for making decisions regarding public concerns where, in many cases, you get little in return,” he notes of the job that pays little and demands much. “The motivation to serve has to come from a strong civic commitment. Fortunately, in most locales, those people still emerge as leaders.”

In Bemidji, three BSU graduates comprise half of the town’s city council. Those councilors – Ron Johnson, Roger Hellquist, and Rita Albrecht – share more than degrees from the University. Besides throwing their hats into local campaigns, all are actively involved in area organizations, and each was encouraged to run for office by others in the community.

Ron Johnson, Ward 3

From Bemidji, Johnson earned his visual arts degree in 1975 and worked in graphic design and marketing before returning home in 1979 to join the staff of Lakeland Public Television, where he is now design and promotion manager. For 15 years, he also independently produced concerts featuring nationally known entertainers.

In 1994, the city’s mayor at the time asked Johnson to serve on an arc committee to explore the potential of an events center. After hundreds of meetings, numerous votes, and a very public debate, the Bemidji Regional Event Center opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony in 2010. Renamed the Sanford Center, the regional facility is now home to Beaver hockey as well as a venue for concerts, trade shows, conferences, and special events such as commencement exercises.

“The event center was a big reason,” Johnson remembers of his 2000 run for city council. “I felt the city needed to grow. The council needs to be visionary and partner with businesses, the school district, the county, and the University.”

By tracking attendance at the concerts he promoted, Johnson knew that over 75 percent of ticket holders came from outside the Bemidji area, fortifying his belief that a facility could improve the region’s hospitality industry. Yet, Johnson served a decade on the city council before other elected city officials were also convinced of an event center’s potential.

Johnson currently serves as the council’s representative on the Sanford Center’s advisory committee as well as the Airport Advisory, the public affairs committee, the Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board, and the Headwaters Regional Development Commission (HRDC). He also represents Bemidji on the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, a statewide lobbying group for which he is secretary.

“Sometimes you have activists who are on the far left and right, so you don’t have any way of coming together,” says Johnson, who is the longest sitting member of the current council. “I think 80 percent of people are in the middle. My theme is collaboration. You have to see a lot of give-and-take.”

Roger Hellquist, Ward 2

The direction of Hellquist’s future changed dramatically in 1978 when he was hit by a car while cycling. Originally from Thief River Falls, he grew up in Hibbing and moved to Bemidji in 1977 to work as an electrician. Injuries from the accident forced him to pursue a different career, which started when he earned an industrial technology degree from Bemidji State in 1986. After several years in manufacturing management and industry development, he returned to Bemidji in 1999 as the general manager of Search Resources, a full-service staffing business that specializes in recruiting, training, and supervising employees for clients.

Hellquist was a member of the planning and zoning commission for 10 years when the inclination to run for public office fully blossomed. In 2000, he earned a seat on the city council and is second only to Johnson in length of service among the current councilors.

“I always felt you needed to be part of something if you’re going to help in progress,” Hellquist explains of his reasons to seek a council seat. “You want to be a productive member of society, and this was a place where I could apply my skills and not be into politics full time.”

As a councilor, he applies his skills in several areas, including exploring downtown development, resolving rental issues as part of the Quality Neighborhood Initiative, working with the Jaycees, and sitting on the revolving loan committee, which provides short-term financing for economic development. He cites the council’s work in promoting public safety and the region’s ambience as top priorities for a healthy community.

“People have to feel safe and comfortable in the city, and I want to make sure we have an adequate number of well-trained police and firefighters,” Hellquist notes.

Rita Albrecht, Ward 4

Albrecht’s first attempt at a BSU degree was diverted in 1979 when she decided to concentrate on raising a family and operating the Bemidji A&W with her husband. When the business sold in 1998, the Big Falls native returned to campus, earning both social studies and geography degrees in 2001.

Although she taught for a while, Albrecht found her future emanating from the geography major, where she had focused on planning. She switched career paths in 2005, working for the city of Bemidji and then the Headwaters Regional Development Commission (HRDC) in planning, grant writing, and development capacities. In 2011, she began performing similar tasks as a planner and developer for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe.

Like Johnson and Hellquist, Albrecht was encouraged to run for public office by people she knew through her involvement in local organizations and nonprofits. After a successful 2010 fall campaign, she was one of two new council members seated last January.

“I found that the customer service and organizational skills I had from running a restaurant added value to my planning and development work,” Albrecht says of her impetus to run. “Having experience on boards, I felt I was ‘boots on the street,’ had a feel for what was going on, and could become a more informed voice on the council”

She uses that voice by representing the council in regional library affairs, tourism promotion, and economic development. She remains active in local organizations, including the BSU alumni board.

One of her priorities is sustainable development on two fronts. “It’s important to show leadership on community development and economic development,” she observes. “The first is the stuff that makes a community a great place to live, whether that’s schools, parks, good shopping, nice roads, or housing. Economic development encompasses the jobs and drivers that make community development possible. They go hand in glove.”

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WHEN PASSION AND PROFESSION MEET

Born and raised in Manhattan, NY, where her family had lived for three generations, Dr. Hildy McCarthy was a carefree teenager in the 1960s who nearly flunked out of Vassar College after two years. At 24, she married an Episcopal minister and followed him to a mission church on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation. Although her career path had been unclear, she began to sense a need for direction and discovered that Bemidji State University could be the steppingstone to fulfilling her aspirations - if, with her prior academic record, the college would admit her.

Today, McCarthy works as a colon and rectal surgeon in New Orleans, LA, where she’s practiced for nearly 30 years. She also pursues a passion for horses on her 300-acre equestrian farm outside of the city. “Bemidji brought me back a sense of myself,” she reflects. “When I was finishing high school and my first years at Vassar, I was very directionless and really my greatest interest was friends and parties and having fun.”

A Direction Emerges

While living in Minnesota’s north woods, McCarthy began to plot a course to what seemed almost unattainable at the time – medical school – and interviewed at Bemidji State, the only university within commuting distance of the reservation. “Here I was, a young woman who had flunked out of Vassar, hoping to reapply myself and get accepted at medical school,” she reflects. “I didn’t even breathe the ‘surgeon’ word as it sounded too much like hubris.”

BSU’s dean of admissions was skeptical of her lofty goal to take pre-med classes, especially after reviewing her dismal Vassar records. She was finally admitted provisionally with a stern warning that poor academic performance would lead to a quick exit. “So I started mapping out what I would have to do, and just proceeded to do it,” she says of her newly chosen path. “And I loved it.”

With new direction, motivation, and the support of the faculty, McCarthy thrived at Bemidji. She spent most of her non-class time studying in the library and found that the school’s resources exceeded her expectations: “My family was very provincial about schools,” she notes. “They hadn’t heard of the city of Bemidji much less the college. I learned if you have a good college library, and you have good professors who care about learning, you can attend a small, local college and get a fine education.”

The Thrill of the Hunt

Her hard work paid off. She was accepted into the University of Minnesota Medical School after graduating from Bemidji in 1974. After a residency in Minneapolis and a colon-rectal fellowship in Dallas, TX, McCarthy landed in private practice in New Orleans, a region of the country where she has flourished. Since beginning her practice, she has been named among the city’s outstanding physicians by New Orleans Magazine. She has also rekindled her childhood passion for horseback riding and fox hunting – skills learned from her grandmother and great aunt who owned a farm in Massachusetts where she vacationed as a child. “I grew up with horses, loving them and enjoying them. I was horse crazy before I became boy crazy,” she says.

“Fox hunting was always the sport that I loved because it takes you outside,” she adds. “You’re on a horse; you’re working with dogs and understanding how wild animals function. It is not competitive, but exhilarating and enthralling and exhausting.”

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McCarthy and her current husband began hunting in Jackson, MS, with the Chula Homa Hunt, the nearest pack of foxhounds to New Orleans. The couple now makes the three-hour drive with their horses nearly every weekend to the hunt, where she serves as master of foxhounds.

In 1989, McCarthy turned her passion into a business and a tangible way to give back to the community she’s come to love. She and her husband purchased Lagrange Equestrian Center north of Folsom, LA. The farm boards horses, offers riding lessons, and hosts events. The farm’s biggest show, Jumpin’ into June, is a three-day, charity event showcasing more than 150 equestrians and their horses in hunter-jumper competition. The weekend also features a silent auction with profits going to support local causes.

McCarthy sees her farm as a place where the community can come to experience the sport. “That’s not what most people think of as community service, but in a sense it is. It’s sharing the things you love with others and hoping they enjoy it as much as you do.”

Striking a Balance

Now 64, McCarthy has reduced her practice, which gives her more time with the horses. She still rides up to 10 miles a day, including a weekly lesson with her horse, Leif. McCarthy continues to enjoy her time on horseback as much as she did when she was younger. “I can look out the window and see the horses grazing, and there’s a pond up front where the horses go and splash around,” she describes.

Although she’s found more time to be on her farm and to make return trips to the family farm in Massachusetts, the active surgeon is not looking to leave the operating room completely, at least for now. “I’ve cut back at this point to what is very comfortable,” she says. “If my health stays with me, and my mental health as well, I would like to continue working the way I am until I’m 72.”

Until that time, McCarthy continues enjoying success professionally and personally, striking a perfect balance between her two primary passions. “I think they complement each other because they’re so different,” she says. “I wouldn’t want to do just one of them.” McCarthy continues to reflect on her short time at Bemidji with gratitude. “Bemidji had everything I needed,” says McCarthy, acknowledging that the school set her on a path to success.

“‘There are so many people in the last 20 years that I’ve been able to help expose to the sport. That’s not what most people think of as community service, but in a sense it is. It’s sharing the things you love with others and hoping they enjoy it as much as you do.”

DR. HILDY McCARTHY
Chad Gunderson has been hired by the Bemidji State University at the new position of dean of the College of Business. He previously served as the dean of the College of Business at Indiana University – Northwest. He replaces Ornulf Huse, who is on leave to pursue a doctoral degree in marketing at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Josh Harvey is the new CEO of the Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has served as the university’s interim president since 2016. Harvey is a former president of the University of Minnesota Crookston, which he led for 13 years. He also served as provost at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas.

Tony Schrank is the new president of St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minn. He has served as the university’s provost since 2017. Schrank is a former provost at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has also served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Lyndsay Stroosnider has been named the new executive director of the Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation. She joins the university from the University of Minnesota Duluth, where she served as director of development.

Heather Johnson has been named the new creative director of the Bemidji State University college of business. She was previously the director of marketing and communications at the University of Minnesota – Crookston.

Molly Thompson has been named the new vice president for student life at Bemidji State University. She was previously the dean of students at the University of Minnesota – Crookston.

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Peg Van Buren has retired after working for 10 years at the Women’s Center of Mid-

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Regina (Toscano) Scott retired in June 2000 after 33 years of teaching. The last 10 in Des Moines, IA, public and Catholic schools. Her husband, Phil, retired from a position at the Iowa Job Service. The couple is relocating from Des Moines to Clear Lake, IA.

John and Pam Holubek, ’70 Amoroses have been married the 2011 Valley Farmer and Homemaker for Clearwater County. The Amoroses live on a 530-acre farm between Bagley and Bemidji that was part of his original 1913 family farm. In addition to operating the farm, John served a variety of administrative roles at Bemidji State University, and Pam taught in the Bagley school district for 35 years. Both retired in 2015.

Tolly Wollen spent two weeks last winter as a volunteer supporting the bilateral displaced race in Alaska. He is a retired teacher who lives in St. Cloud with his wife, Karen.

Karen (Emanuelson) Wignall and her husband, Dan, live in Grand Canyon, AZ, but spend summers in Northfield. They co-authored the book The Early Days of Clarkfield with Stops Along the Right-of-Way, a photo history of the Minnesota prairie town. The work tells the story of the early settlers, businesses, banks, churches, schools, and entertainment venues that emerged after the railroad built a depot and siding in the community.

Dr. Perry Patterson and his wife, Mary Alice, live with one of their two sons in Sussex, CA. Patterson, who earned his doctorate in theater many decades ago, still remembers performing in plays at BSU and the students, directors, faculty, and staff who were at the University during his undergraduate years. He celebrated his 85th birthday in August.

Katherine and Keith (’50) Cariveau are equally retired. They stay busy volunteering with local organizations, reading, writing, gardening, and being active in their church. The couple also spends time with the 10 grandchildren who live near their home in Livernose, CA.

Norm Rospool is now fully retired after teaching 53 years, the last 24 at Rochester Community and Technical College. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Rochester.

Dick Green was inducted into the J.F. Kennedy High School Fine Arts and Activities Hall of Fame. An art teacher at Kennedy, Green continued teaching watercolor classes throughout the Twin Cities area after his retirement in 1993. His paintings have been accepted into many local and national juried exhibitions and have been published in seven books and magazines, including the cover of the 2003 Cross Country Skiier magazine.

Dr. Jim Logan continues working in Santa Cruz, CA, city schools and promoting biogalactic education. He resides in that community.

Corrine Maas has relocated to Rochester, where she had eye surgery at Mayo Clinic.

Richard Peterson co-authored the book The Early Days of Clarkfield with Stops Along the Right-of-Way, a photo history of the Minnesota prairie town. The work tells the story of the early settlers, businesses, banks, churches, schools, and entertainment venues that emerged after the railroad built a depot and siding in the community. Peterson retired 48 years ago after a 36-year career teaching in Clarkfield. He and his wife, Elaine, have three adult children and live in Clarkfield.

Norm Reopelle is now fully retired after teaching 53 years of coaching high school football as a coach. He lives in Albert Lea.

Other Alumni

Josh Peterson received an Army Achievement Medal for his efforts in aiding stranded travelers in the Fargo, ND area last January. Peterson is a member of the North Dakota National Guard Artillery Band.

Up North with Paul, Babe & Bucky!

Friday October 7
11:30 A.M.
Beaver Pride Luncheon
Wolfgang Hall, BSU Campus. $5 per person. Join other BSU student athletes as they listen to coaches and student athletes talk about their upcoming season.

5:30 P.M.
BSU Honors Gala
Seaberg Center Dining, Bemidji. A joint Alumni and Foundation event honoring BSU’s Outstanding Alumni and President’s Society level donors. Black tie optional. Open to the public. $55 per person. Register online at www.bsualumni.org or call 877-218-3568.

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9:00 A.M.
Homecoming G’k Run/Walk
Chester Anderson Stadium. $5 per person, includes T-shirt and beverages. The course tours campus. 8 a.m. a run in. For more information email rfluten@baconsports.com.

9:00 A.M.
Unveiling of the Outstanding Alumni Recognition Wall, Alumni Association and Foundation annual meetings
Bellmour Memorial Union. Everyone is welcome!

11:00 A.M.
Homecoming Tailgate Party
Diamond Point Park, next to the Chester Anderson Stadium. Cost is $5, all are welcome.

1 P.M.
Homecoming Football Game
Chester Anderson Stadium. The BSU Beavers take on the Concordia St. Paul Golden Bears.

3 P.M.
Lutheran Campus Center Open House
921 West Mohawk Drive. For all alumni and friends, and their families following the football game and continuing until 5 p.m. Join them for some munchies, remeniscing, tours of the building, and good times. Plan to stop by!

5:00 P.M.
Football Alumni Reunion
Following the game, Elks Club Bemidji.
All football alumni are invited to attend.

8:30 P.M.
Beaver Block Party
Beltrami Avenue between 3rd and 4th streets downtown Bemidji. Gather with friends for this fabulous street dance with live music by the Front Fenders from Fargo, ND.

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- Fridays: Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Jan. 20, Feb. 10
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- Sept. 10, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Feb. 4, March 3, April 21, May 5

Fall Visit Days
- Thurs.–Fri., Oct. 20-21

National College Fair
- Tues.–Wed., Oct. 4-5

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- Oct. 7-9: Homecoming Weekend
- Dec 2-3, 9-10: Madrigal Dinners, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 4: Madrigal Dinner, 5 p.m.
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