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Like Father,
LIKE
Daughter



Leaving a Legacy

Two stalwarts of the BSU family passed away this fall, giving us reason to pause and recount their legacy.

Dr. Harold Peters, a professor emeritus of biology, died on November 10 at the age of 99. Former wrestling and football coach Chet Anderson, professor emeritus of physical education, died on November 19. He was 90. They had a combined service to Bemidji State of over 50 years.

Although coming from different areas of campus, coach Anderson and scientist Dr. Peters shared personal qualities that serve as standard-bearers for us today. They were passionate about their work, whether it was charting a course to conference championships or conducting fieldwork to track the lifecycles and habits of insects. They inspired others – sharing their enthusiasm, knowledge, and wisdom with not only their budding charges, but also their colleagues and community members. They were compassionate, showing a personal interest in the lives of those they coached and taught.

More important than the campus facilities that bear their names are the people whose lives they shaped. Some followed in their footsteps and became coaches and professors. All have led richer lives having had them as teachers, colleagues, and friends.

Their passion, inspiration, and compassion will continue to have an impact at Bemidji State University for years to come.

Dr. Jon E. Quistgaard, President



Bemidji State
Shaping Potential,





University
Shaping Worlds.



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Trudy Rautio leveraged college funds from her father into a stellar career that's led her to the executive vice president and chief financial officer post at Twin Cities-based Carlson.

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Sustainability Coordinator Hired

Bemidji State's newly hired sustainability coordinator is no stranger to campus or to today's environmental issues. As Erika Bailey-Johnson began working on her master's in environmental studies, she became active on the University's Environmental Advocacy Committee, serving as its co-chair in 2005-06. Since 2006, she also has been an adjunct instructor, teaching the People and the Environment course. She was named sustainability coordinator in August.

Besides her work on campus, Bailey-Johnson also has been active in the Bemidji community, serving on the Bemidji Area Climate Change Coalition since 2006. She has helped the coalition organize and coordinate a variety of community events to educate and motivate area residents on the effects of global climate change.

She is active in a number of state and national environmental groups, including the Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability, the North American Association for Environmental Education, and the Minnesota Association for Environmental Education, where she serves on the board.

Bailey-Johnson has a bachelor of arts degree in biology from the University of Minnesota, Morris, and a master's in environmental studies from Bemidji State.

Erika Bailey-Johnson, sustainability coordinator, watches as President Jon Quistgaard signs climate commitment.

Study Shows Minnesotans Support Lake Cleanup

Not surprisingly, Minnesotans love their lakes. They're also willing to pay to keep those lakes pristine, according to a Bemidji State study published in November. Results of the research indicate that Minnesotans are willing to pay to restore lakes impaired by pollution.

Dr. Pat Welle, professor of economics and environmental studies at BSU and the project's principal researcher, along with Jim Hodgson, Upper Mississippi River Basin coordinator for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), conducted the study. Funds to support the research were provided by the MPCA in collaboration with the Sauk River Watershed District and the city of Lake Shore.

Conducted on the Lake Margaret-Gull Lake Watershed near Brainerd and the Sauk River Chain of Lakes between Richmond and Cold Spring, the research determined the willingness of property owners to pay for lake restoration and their preferred pollution control management methods.

A property owner's willingness to contribute financially to lake restoration was closely related to the perceived environmental and economic benefits of lake cleanup. By identifying the economic value, as well as the environmental benefits of lake restoration, researchers hope to help guide policy makers looking for the best ways to reduce the impact of lake pollution and the cost of implementing those methods.

Although the study indicated a willingness to financially support cleanup efforts, it also identified an equity issue among restoration supporters.

"While survey participants indicated a willingness to help pay for cleanup of the lakes, they also wanted those responsible for the degradation and the owners and lake users who benefit from the cleanup to pay their share as well," Welle said.

To download a copy of the study, go to: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/wq-b4-01.pdf>

President Signs Climate Commitment

Bemidji State University President Dr. Jon E. Quistgaard signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment in ceremonies at the American Indian Resource Center in November. His signature added Bemidji State to a growing roster of nearly 600 colleges and universities nationwide that have committed to becoming carbon neutral.

The American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment addresses global warming by garnering institutional pledges to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions. With higher education's involvement, the goal is to accelerate research and educational efforts to re-stabilize the earth's climate.

By signing the commitment, presidents agree to eliminate their campuses' greenhouse gas emissions over time. This involves completing an emissions inventory; setting a two-year target date and milestones for becoming climate neutral; taking immediate short-term action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; integrating sustainability into the curriculum and overall educational experience; and making the action plan, inventory, and progress reports publicly available.





Trustees Okay Going Forward on Events Center Lease

In November, the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system authorized Bemidji State University to continue its negotiations with the City of Bemidji on a lease agreement for the proposed Bemidji Regional Events Center.

Under the terms of a lease agreement, Bemidji State will become the anchor tenant for the events center, which is scheduled to open in January 2011. Such an agreement will make the events center the home of Bemidji State's NCAA Division I men's and women's ice hockey programs.

The men's ice hockey program is a member of the College Hockey America conference, while its women's program competes in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.

Bemidji State University and the City of Bemidji signed a memorandum of understanding last winter that outlined the terms and conditions required before entering into a formal lease agreement. Under the agreement, the events center will provide the University with a 4,000-seat arena, which will include no less than 25 private luxury suites and 250 club-level seats.

Once finalized, terms of the lease are subject to approval by the Bemidji City Council and the MnSCU chancellor or his designee.

The MnSCU Board of Trustees must approve all contracts, including real estate leases, with a value greater than \$2 million. Bemidji State University's 20-year lease with the City of Bemidji is expected to be valued at approximately \$4.5 million over the term of the lease.

For more events center details go to: <http://www.ci.bemidji.mn.us>

BSU Welcomes Russian Nursing Educators

The Department of Nursing hosted a delegation of nursing educators from Russia this fall in an exchange program showcasing the University's baccalaureate nursing education program. The visit was made possible by Open World, a program designed to enhance understanding and capabilities for cooperation between the United States and the Eurasian and Baltic nations.

The delegates were involved in a variety of community activities during their stay in Bemidji, which included two trips to campus. The delegates toured BSU's nursing facilities, met faculty and staff, and took a comprehensive look at the nursing program. Their visit included curriculum meetings, a discussion of the accreditation process used for nursing programs at American universities, and meetings with students. While in Bemidji, the delegates also participated in a community health practice visit and toured the new simulation laboratory being constructed in Memorial Hall.

BSU Ranks As Midwest Tier 1 School

Bemidji State University rose to Tier 1 status among Midwestern master's institutions in *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best Colleges 2009" survey. Bemidji State was ranked No. 67 in the region, tying with four other institutions.

Master's universities are defined in the rankings as institutions offering a full range of undergraduate programs and some master's programs, but few doctoral programs. The rankings split 572 universities into four geographical regions – North, South, Midwest, and West.

Bemidji State was one of eight schools in Minnesota appearing in the Tier 1 regional lineup. The other schools were Hamline University, College of St. Catherine, Bethel University, College of St. Scholastica, Augsburg College, University of Minnesota-Duluth, and Winona State University.

The *U.S. News and World Report* survey ranks schools based on peer assessment, retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate, and alumni giving rate.

Dunn Named Interim Dean for Arts and Science

Dr. Elizabeth Dunn was named interim dean of the University's College of Arts and Sciences. Her one-year appointment began Sept. 3.

Dunn first joined the University in 1999 as an assistant professor in the history department, where she teaches early American and American intellectual history. Promoted to associate professor in 2003, she earned the rank of full professor in 2006. Dunn also has provided departmental leadership, serving as interim chair in 2003-04 and department chair from 2004-06. Besides her departmental roles, she headed the Bemidji State's Center for Professional Development from 2005-2008.

She has been actively involved in the campus community, serving as president of the Bemidji State University Faculty Association from 2006-08 and as its vice president from 2004-06. Dunn was also the secretary and a board member of the system-wide Inter-Faculty Association for two years. She served on its personnel committee in 2007-08.

In addition to her interim dean responsibilities, Dunn currently co-chairs Bemidji State's continuing accreditation process through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). She earned the commission's peer reviewer status this year, qualifying her to serve on HLC review teams that assess colleges and universities undergoing accreditation self-studies.

Prior to arriving in Bemidji, Dunn spent five years as an assistant professor at Baylor University in Waco, TX, and four years as an assistant professor at Auburn University, Montgomery, in Montgomery, AL. She was a visiting lecturer at Eastern Illinois University in the fall of 1989 and at the University of Illinois in 1988-89.

Dunn earned her bachelor of arts degree from Purdue University in 1981 and her master of arts in American studies from Purdue in 1983. She earned her doctorate degree in American history from the University of Illinois in 1990.



Ashlee Ellefsen

Terrell Phelps

Football, Soccer Stars Earn Post-Season Honors

Sophomore Ashlee Ellefsen, a midfielder on the BSU soccer team and senior Terrell Phelps, a defensive back on the football team, garnered numerous post-season honors after strong seasons with their respective Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) sports this fall.

Ellefsen, from Hugo, was named a 2008 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-America Honorable Mention, becoming the first player in BSU's soccer history to earn the honor. She also became just the third BSU soccer player to earn a berth on the Daktronics First-Team All-Central Region. Leading the Beavers, she tied for the NSIC lead with 12 goals and tied the school record with seven assists. Her 31 points led the team, while her 79 shots on goal led the NSIC and tied the BSU single-season record.

Along with junior forward Jamie Ford of Edina, Ellefsen was also named to the Third-Team All-NSIC, while sophomore defensive player Alysha Domiano of Payton was named honorable mention all-conference.

Phelps, who was Bemidji State's lone First-Team All-NSIC North Division honoree, was named First-Team All-Super Region 3 by Daktronics, Inc. and was the leading vote-getter among defensive backs. He became just the second Beaver to earn first-team all-region honors from Daktronics, Inc. and just the eighth BSU player overall to be honored on the all-region team.

The NSIC leader in passes broken up and passes defended, the North Carolina native led a group of 10 Bemidji State All-NSIC honorees. Linebacker Jake Anderson of Karlstad and defensive end Rob Wills of Roseville were named to the defensive second team, while quarterback Derek Edholm from

Anoka and offensive tackle Nathan Mahlik from Two Rivers, WI, were named to the second-team offense. Linebacker Andrew Eagan of Sauk Village, IL; wide receiver George Kadlec of Chicago, IL; linebacker Luke Knutson of Bagley; safety Jason Kunz of Esko, and wide receiver Andrew Schultz of Grand Forks, ND, were named honorable mention all-conference.

Volleyball Finishes Second Season under Bitter

The BSU volleyball team, playing what's thought to be the toughest conference in NCAA Division II, completed its second season under head coach Laurie Bitter. The team compiled a 7-25 record, including a 3-17 mark against the newly expanded NSIC. The Beavers played eight matches against nationally ranked opponents, including third-ranked Southwest Minnesota State and the nation's number one team, Concordia-St. Paul.

Nineteen Athletes on NSIC Fall Academic Team

Bemidji State University placed 19 student-athletes on the 405-member 2008 Fall Academic All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Team.

The football team paced the fall contingent, with six players recognized for academic accomplishment. BSU also had five soccer players, five volleyball players, and three women's cross country team members selected to the 2008 squad.

Sports considered for the fall academic team are men's and women's cross country, football, women's soccer, and women's volleyball.

To be eligible for the Academic All-NSIC Team, a student-athlete must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.20 or better, be a member of a varsity traveling team, and have reached sophomore academic standing at his or her institution with one full year completed at that institution.

Golf Teams Wrap Up Fall Tournaments

The Bemidji State men's golf team had a successful fall campaign, finishing third at the NSIC Championships and fourth at the NCAA Northwest Regional Championship, with Jesse Nelson finishing third at the NCAA Northwest Regional. During the season, Beaver golfers finished first or second individually three times.

The women's golf team finished tenth at the NSIC Championships to cap a five-event fall campaign. Jenna Schurman was BSU's top individual finisher in four of the team's five events.



Ironi Paces BSU Cross Country Team

Genna Ironi, a junior from Sauk Centre, was Bemidji State's top individual finisher at both the NSIC Championships, held in Aberdeen, SD, in October, and the NCAA Central Regional, held in Kearney, NE, in November. Including the two championship events, Ironi was BSU's lead finisher three times in six meets last season.

Women's Hockey Goalie Earns Olympic Spot

In 2010, goaltender Zuzana Tomcikova will become the second BSU women's hockey player to participate in the Olympic games. Nina Ziegenhals, who played for Team Germany in the 2002 games in Salt Lake City, UT, was the first.

Tomcikova, from Bratislava, Slovakia, backstopped a surprising performance by the Slovakian National Team at a November Olympic qualifying tournament in Bad Tölz, Germany. She posted shutouts of Germany and Kazakhstan in the first two qualifying rounds, helping the Slovakian National



Zuzana Tomcikova

Team earn a bid to the XXI Winter Olympics to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in 2010. She sat out the team's final game against France, because the team had already qualified for the Olympics.





Like Father, LIKE Daughter

LASTING ADVICE

As Trudy Rautio was about to leave for college, her father handed her a \$5400 check and a simple piece of advice: "Make it last."

Rautio's father, Joe Kocinski, was a logger in International Falls who met the challenges of a harsh climate and demanding work to build his own business, even though he didn't have a high school diploma. He also proved to his daughter how passionately he valued education by taking an extra job, selling fence posts, to fund her college tuition.

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Carlson headquarters
in Minnetonka.





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"To think how hard he worked to make that education possible was really humbling," she reflects. "He always viewed education as something vital; it was something that couldn't be taken away from you."

Rautio not only made her funds last, but also leveraged the education she obtained with those funds to build a stellar career. An executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Minnetonka-based company, Carlson, she oversees the financial operations of its worldwide businesses in the travel, cruise, hotel, restaurant, and marketing arenas. Carlson operates in more than 150 countries and, with \$30 billion in annual sales, is considered one of the world's largest privately held corporations.

Wise Investment Decisions

Like the company she helps lead, her corporate success is no accident. She's made wise educational investments, beginning with courses at Rainy River Community College, continuing through Bemidji State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, and ending with an MBA from the University of St. Thomas.

Besides using the knowledge gained in the classroom, she's applied lessons learned from her northern Minnesota upbringing.

"There is a work ethic that comes from northern Minnesota that is very special," she notes. "There is also an integrity and a realness about the value system."

"I never expected to be in the job I'm in today. I never expected to travel the world and sit on the boards of public companies in Europe."

Xihao Hu

Trudy Rautio

That work ethic, coupled with her educational investments, has shaped a career she never imagined possible as she graduated from BSU 30 years ago.

A Natural Fit

Her climb to corporate success began when she entered college as an undecided student. A counselor suggested accounting as a natural fit for the undergraduate who was good in math and whose mother did the bookkeeping for the family business.

Still, it was an unusual major for a woman in the 1970s, when only 10 percent of graduates in the field were female.

"When you start your first job and they ask you to make the coffee, that is an interesting transition," Rautio admits as she recalls her naivety toward working in a male-dominated profession. "I've always been focused on the job at hand. You just continue to prove yourself by the work you do."

After earning her degree, she began her climb to success in the cost accounting office of Boise Cascade, even though that type of accounting was the last thing she wanted to do. She then moved to the Pillsbury Company for 12 years before joining Jostens, Inc. She was Jostens' senior vice president of finance when Carlson hired her in 1997.

As she climbed the corporate ladder, she reflected on how Bemidji State broadened her thinking. In a world that often sees accounting answers as black and white, Rautio appreciates that BSU challenged her to grapple with different perspectives and to discover solutions among shades of gray.

"If you don't have that breadth of perspective, that grayness can be problematic for you in coming to decisions," she says.

As one of the key decision makers at Carlson, she has ample opportunity to use her well-honed perspectives and problem-solving abilities. She spends much of her time traveling on company business in the United States and abroad. A frequent flyer to Carlson's travel division in Paris, she also journeys to Brussels where Carlson owns a large share in the Rezidor Hotel Group, one of the world's fastest growing hotel groups. The group operates mid-range and luxury hotels, including Park Inn, County Inn, Radisson SAS, and Regent.

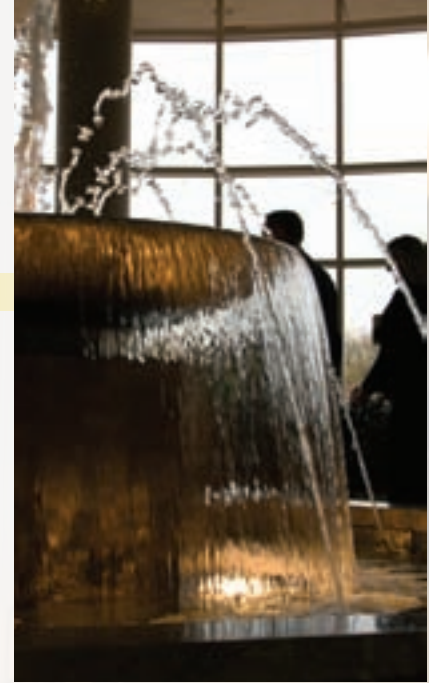
Despite her fast-paced, executive lifestyle, Rautio finds time to counsel others who are on various rungs of the corporate ladder. Mentoring them in career development, she uses her own experiences and perspectives as guideposts.

"If you can't offer people a career, you only offer them a job; you won't be able to retain them."

As for herself, she scans the past years and remains amazed about the way in which her career unfolded. "I never expected to be in the job I'm in today," Rautio admits. "I never expected to travel the world and sit on the boards of public companies in Europe."

A Career Capstone

Her achievements have received accolades. She was selected 2005 Woman Changemaker by *The Business Journal*. The Minneapolis chapter for the National Association of Women Business Owners gave her the 2004 Corporate Women of Achievement Award. She was honored with a Carlson Fellows Award for special achievement and, in 2001, was named one of the top women in finance by the newspaper, *Finance and Commerce*.



Despite her many awards, the honor she cherishes most is the 2007 BSU Outstanding Alumni Award in recognition of her personal and professional accomplishments.

"It just is a capstone to career achievements," she says. "I felt very proud, very humbled by it, and very connected to the school."

Rautio's success has come full circle. Her achievements have made it possible to honor her roots and ensure her father's request continues. She recently established an endowment at Bemidji State to honor her father, who passed away 10 years ago. The resulting Joe Kocinski Scholarship will be awarded to an accounting student for the first time this spring.

And like Rautio, that recipient will have a chance to grow the investment into unimaginable returns. **HORIZONS**



Around THE Block

PROFESSOR EXPLORES THE ART OF CONTRADICTION

Visual arts professor Butch Holden enjoys contradictions — embracing them and relishing the fertile ground they harbor for creativity and broader thinking — for himself and for his students.

To illustrate his point, he tells of a former student, Fred Yiran of Cameroon, who wanted to know the origin of the clay used in the campus ceramics studio. Searching for the answer together, they learned that the clay and other resources used for making pottery in the studio came from as nearby as the Mississippi River and as far away as India. This discovery pleased Yiran, who made pottery and gave it to friends “as a piece of the world made in Bemidji,” Holden notes.

Weeks later, a visiting potter and conservationist, Richard Bresnahan, told

the studio arts students that everything they needed to make ceramics could be found in their own backyard and getting them elsewhere was a waste of energy.

“This really troubled Fred, and he was downcast for a while,” recalls Holden. “Then a few weeks later, Fred was back in the studio as happy as ever making pottery. I asked him if things were back to good, and he said, ‘Yep. I really liked the message that Richard Bresnahan gave us, but I decided my backyard is bigger.’”

Holden smiles in telling the story, noting that Yiran was grappling with viable, yet conflicting, global and local concepts.

Chair of the visual arts department, Holden nears his 25th anniversary as a BSU faculty member. He teaches a variety of art courses in drawing, ceramics, and art foundations. In addition, he manages the BSU pottery studio with assistance from his students, who help with everything from preparing the clay to firing the kiln. A highly regarded studio artist, he has paintings and pottery in galleries from Grand Marais, MI, to Duluth and Minneapolis.

In his recent exhibit, “Around the Block,” he explored a contradiction that puzzled and excited him as a boy.

“I grew up in the suburbs of Golden Valley, and it was an adventure to go around the block,” says Holden. “Yet going around the block is a bit of an oxymoron.”

With his art, Holden contrasts the circle and the square, a theme present in his work since graduate school. He also draws inspiration from his passion for gardening, merging his geometric images into garden-like themes.

Using the gallery as a blank canvas, his recent show started with one stunning blue, ripple-patterned bowl. Appearing as if a pebble had been tossed into a pool, the geometric pattern spread to the bowl’s rim. His compositions progressed sequentially to a final mosaic of 10 bowls, wrapping the room in vibrant colors that evoked the notion of an open flower. An inner circle of pedestals displayed bowls and vases inspired by the earthy shapes and colors of seeds, pods, and bulbs. Hoops and strings, some suspended from the ceiling, created a sense of other worldliness, a combining of heaven and earth.

Piece by piece, the exhibit captured Holden’s personal sense of adventure and wonderment of going around the block and exploring the world.

“For me, this kind of blending is like instruments in an orchestra blending, becoming something bigger than an individual sound,” says Holden. “It’s that aesthetic tickle, a kind of feeling that you get in your gut when there’s something pleasing.”

As an undergraduate, Holden studied biology at the University of Minnesota. He loved the lab work and the





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Butch Holden

what-if questions of science. He took his first drawing class in his junior year and found art irresistible.

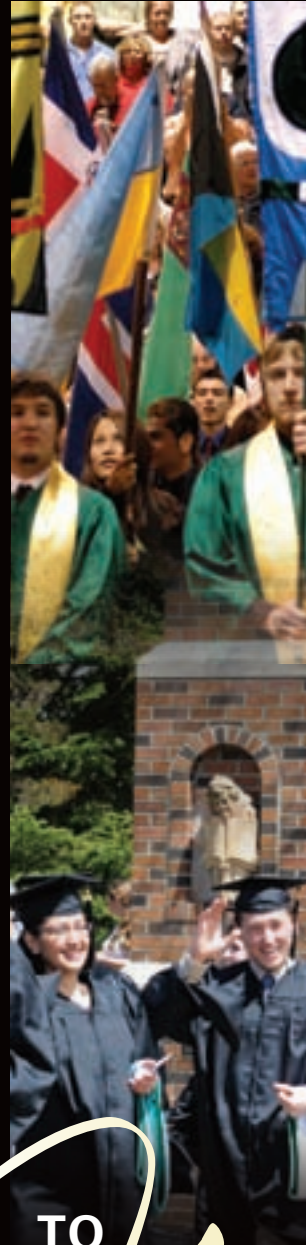
"I got my foot in, and I wanted to immerse myself further," recalls Holden. "I discovered art supply stores, and then I started going to galleries and seeing what other artists were doing. This whole new world of human endeavor just opened up for me."

Holden delights in asking thought-provoking questions that inspire his art and challenge his students. Exuding a quiet curiosity, his enthusiasm is contagious. He sees the studio as a place where students "own their education," finding fodder for their artistic expression through self-discovery.

Like the scientists he met as an undergraduate, he tirelessly explores his artistic world, melding together new forms, concocting new glazes, and experimenting with new firing methods. For Holden, the wonderment and anticipation of what may be just around the corner is foremost on his mind.

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See a video of Holden's recent exhibit at www.bemidjistate.edu/bsutoday



TO Watch

Meet Delana, Jane, and Robert.

They're focused, with their sights set high.



Delana Smith

Delana Smith believes in inspiring children to pursue their dreams. After all, her aspirations as a young adult blossomed from a childhood dream of her own.

Smith, an early childhood education major at Bemidji State University and an enrolled member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, was five years old when she met Miss Indian World at the Gathering of Nations in New Mexico. Awed by the experience, Smith returned to her Twin Cities home with aspirations that she, too, might become an Indian princess and ambassador for native peoples.

After graduating from Osseo High School in 1999, Smith moved with her parents to the Red Lake Indian Reservation. She took a job with the local Head Start program, discovered a passion for teaching, and enrolled at Northwest Technical College. In 2003, she graduated with her associate degree and a renewed determination to pursue her dreams.

"I had a 4.0 GPA, and I just felt I could do anything," recalls Smith, who, buoyed by her academic success, entered the Miss Indian World competition and won the crown in 2004.

A year of travel ensued in her role as princess. Smith met dignitaries and

attended functions such as the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC, and an arts awards show in Los Angeles. She stayed with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and visited tribes in the Bahamas and Ecuador.

This year, Smith will complete student teaching and graduate from Bemidji State in May.

"Her understanding of young children will make her a fine teacher," says education professor Dr. Dan Gartrell, describing Smith as a dedicated student who shines quietly and brightly. "Delana will touch many lives for the better as she makes her way in the world."

Smith is an accomplished Native American jingle dancer, past treasurer of the BSU Council of Indian Students, an admissions office tour guide, and a frequent presenter on native culture. She also spends one week each summer at a Montana camp where she teaches youth to balance native traditions within a modern world, encouraging them to excel and to pursue higher education much as she has done at Bemidji State.

"What's important to me is to leave young people with hope for their future," says Smith, who now aspires to fill young learners with enough confidence and self-esteem to pursue their own dreams. **HORIZONS**

Like many other non-traditional students, Jane Erickson balances her ambitions with other responsibilities. The 29-year-old wife and mother of two young boys commutes three hours a day roundtrip from her home in Pine River to Bemidji State University, where she maintains a 4.0 GPA as a senior accounting major. Her goal is to become a certified public accountant.

"When I sit down to do homework, I crank it out," says Erickson, who typically waits until her sons are tucked in bed before finishing assignments.

Her dream of becoming an accountant started four years ago when she enrolled at Central Lakes College in Brainerd and took her first accounting course. She loved it and found she was good at it. Earning her associate degree in 2006, she transferred to Bemidji State that fall.

"She commutes, she has kids, and she's an outstanding student," says Sandra Bland, professor of accounting, noting that Erickson's time management skills will serve her well. "It's amazing what she has accomplished."

Although Erickson lives in a rural community, she had choices about where to pursue her degree. She decided on BSU because it was affordable, had smaller class sizes, and offered schol-



Jane Erickson

arships. She earned three BSU scholarships, as well as one from Larson-Allen, an accounting firm in Brainerd where she will begin an internship this spring.

With top grades, Erickson has been on the Dean's List, received several presidential commendations, and has been accepted as a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma National Honorary Scholastic Society. She is also a member of the BSU Accounting Club, where she's had the opportunity to network with professional accountants.

Completing her coursework in December, Erickson will graduate in May and will begin the CPA exam in the summer. In hindsight, she's glad that she delayed her college experience so she could be home with her children as babies. She's also grateful to her supportive husband, and extended family for their help with the children when she's needed to get to class or finish her homework. Now, with her youngest son in kindergarten, she's ready to launch her career.

"Accounting has really changed my life and defined my identity," says Erickson, noting that she'll always be a mom but can't wait to add CPA to her list of qualifications. "I really want to be the best accountant that I can be."

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Robert Baril

Robert Baril of Warroad started writing comedy at age 13, always carrying a notebook to record his ideas. He later gravitated to the social commentary of Jon Stewart and Bill Maher, who influenced his appreciation for satire.

"You can disarm with laughter, and it can be used to get the truth out," says Baril, who graduated from Bemidji State University in December with a double major in political science and philosophy. He still carries a notebook, a tip he gleaned from a Jerry Seinfeld biography.

For Baril, comedy is a means to serious discourse about topics that matter to him, particularly politics and current events, although he enjoys delving into any topic. He hosted a TV show at Bemidji State, interviewing faculty and community members about the environment, Iraq, the arts, and other current events. He reads broadly and hopes to work through a top-100 list of classic novels and movies.

"He's an exceptional student with diverse interests, multi-talented and very bright," says Dr. Kit Christensen, professor of philosophy. "He thinks deeply about things that a lot of other people don't think about."

Baril describes the diversity of thinking he has encountered at Bemidji State as a breath of fresh air. He also notes that his

coursework and classroom discussions, often in small, intimate settings, helped him develop better-reasoned views that should serve him well in life.

Baril appreciates how BSU's smallness creates greater opportunity for involvement. In addition to his TV show, Baril wrote for the student newspaper; served a term on the Student Senate; wrote and directed a sketch comedy; and acted in several major theatrical productions, including his recent role as Socrates in the satire *No More Peace*.

Playing Socrates is full of irony for Baril, who embraces the Oscar Wilde quote, "If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh; otherwise, they'll kill you." Socrates missed out on that apt advice, quips Baril.

Baril's ideal job would be a non-partisan position in Washington or better yet, a stint at the White House doing anything to observe the presidency up close. Wherever Baril lands, he expects to remain engaged in political discourse and comedy.

"I can't get rid of the entertainer in me," says Baril. "If there's anything that I'm black and white on, it's the power of laughter. It's good for you."

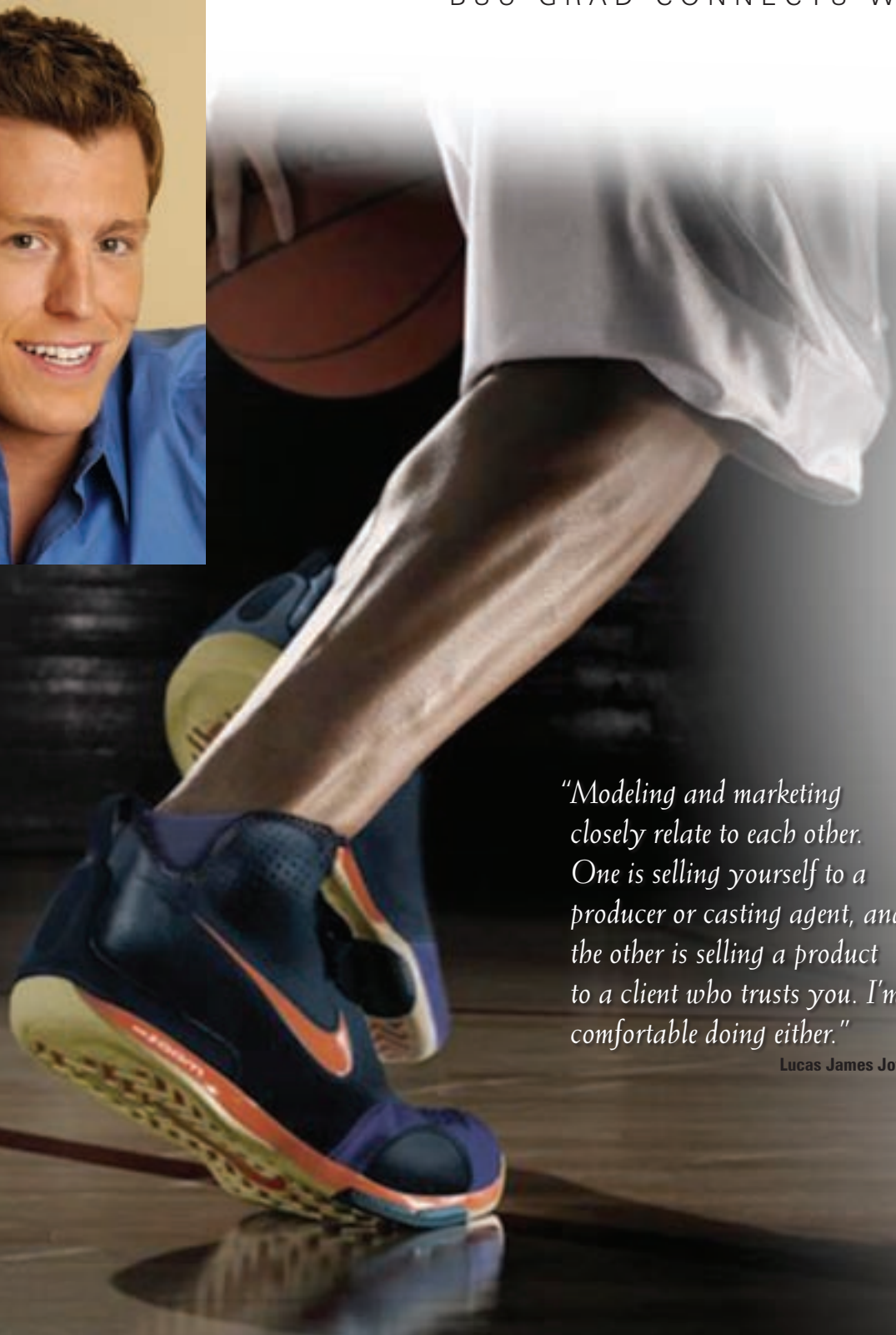
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Establishing a Foothold in

BSU GRAD CONNECTS WITH THE



Photos courtesy of Lucas James



"Modeling and marketing closely relate to each other. One is selling yourself to a producer or casting agent, and the other is selling a product to a client who trusts you. I'm comfortable doing either."

Lucas James Joyce

Two Careers

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

Some people call him Lucas James. Others know him as that charming guy who won a date with Jo De La Rosa through a TV reality show. Classmates and faculty at Bemidji State call him Lucas Joyce. Thousands in Arizona recognize his smiling face. Millions across North America have seen his feet on Nike commercials.

Despite the multitude of personas, Lucas James Joyce remains remarkably centered, knowing who he is and what he wants to achieve.

A 2004 graduate of Bemidji State, Joyce is balancing the pains, joys, frustrations, and rewards of dual careers as he becomes established professionally and personally in the Phoenix, AZ, area. On one hand, he's pursuing marketing jobs where he can promote corporate images to the public. On the other hand, he's attempting to market himself as a model and actor in the entertainment industry.

"I have a strong sense of self, and I'm a very motivated person," Joyce says. "It's my nature to go after things if I feel I have the potential to get the job done. But being a risk taker has given me confidence. Good things have happened, and that makes me more confident."

Joyce's motivation has made his face, if not his feet, one of the most recognizable on television and advertising in Arizona. He's participated in advertising campaigns for the National Basketball Association (NBA), the Seattle Mariners, CBS, eBay, Massage Envy, Dillard's, and Hilton. He won the reality series "Date My Ex: Jo & Slade" that ended last summer on Bravo TV. Competing against 500 audition hopefuls, he was selected as co-host for the TV show "Arizona Entertainment Weekly."

He admits his favorite role was one where viewers never saw his face. Nike was shooting a commercial with NBA star Steve Nash of the Phoenix Suns. Because Nash was available for only two hours of shooting, a call went out for a body double who would dribble crossovers and shoot jump shots for two days while the camera focused on the shoes being worn.

"It was a rare opportunity," Joyce admits. "I got paid to hang around with Steve Nash for a couple of hours and then play basketball for two days."

Although the competitive world of modeling and acting now consumes much of his time, Joyce is ready to re-enter the equally competitive marketing field. After all, it was this arena where he first funneled his professional drive after graduating from BSU.

Heading to Arizona after graduation, the Wadena native was hired within a month as an account executive for the Phoenix Mercury of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and later as a senior account executive for the Phoenix Suns. His job was marketing ticket packages, premium seating, and luxury suites. Eventually he became the director of marketing for a company that specialized in selling upscale homes. Difficult economic times hit that business, and Joyce began to focus more on his other opportunities.

"Marketing and sales are my passion," says Joyce, who majored in marketing communication and mass communication. "I'm successful at it, and it's where I want to be."

"Modeling and marketing relate well to each other. One is selling yourself to a producer or casting agent, and the other is selling a product to a client who trusts you. I'm comfortable doing either."

He freely admits BSU had a lot to do with his comfort level and self-confidence. He was well known on campus as a residence hall assistant and later as an assistant residence hall director. He was active in campus print and electronic media. He also started a club to teach hip hop and pop dance that became so popular it grew to 50 members and appeared in the annual campus event, Funtastic Dance Follies.

"My confidence matured at Bemidji State," says Joyce, who understands that knowing who you are involves understanding how you arrived at that knowledge. "I went to BSU because it was a small school with small classes and chances to do things outside of the classroom. I saw BSU as an opportunity to make myself well-rounded while also getting a good education."

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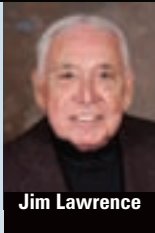
Kevin Kish

Maple Grove, MN
4-yr letter winner, wrestling
1975 2nd place NIC conference winner
NAIA national tournament qualifier
1976 conference championship team member
2nd place conference winner
NAIA national tournament champion
NAIA All-American
1978 NIC conference champion
NAIA national champion
NIC outstanding wrestler award
NAIA All-American
Team captain - 1977 & 1978
1978 represented BSU and USA in NAIA national wrestling tour of Japan & Korea



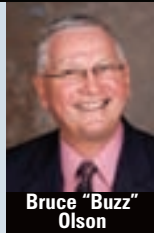
John Kopari

Thief River Falls, MN
4-yr letter winner, football
1962 and 1965 All-NIC selection, defensive back
1965 All-NAIA selection, defensive back
1966 signed by Houston Oilers, defensive back
3-yr letter winner, track
30 year BSU high hurdle record holder
1963 & 1964 NIC high hurdle champion



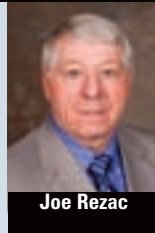
Jim Lawrence

Phoenix, AZ
4-yr letter winner, football
Co-captain 1958 All-Conference 1959
4-yr letter winner, basketball
All-Conference 1958-59 & 1959-60
Team captain, 1957-58, 1958-59 & 1959-60
3-yr letter winner, baseball



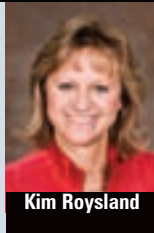
Bruce "Buzz" Olson

East Grand Forks, MN
3-yr letter winner, hockey
1967 MCHT championship team member
MCHT All-Tournament team member
ICHA 2nd team All-Conference team member
1968 National championship team member
Men's Hockey Team
2004 BSU Team Hall of Fame member



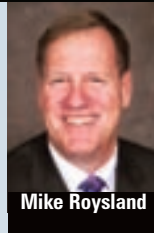
Joe Rezac

Baxter, MN
3-yr letter winner, track and field
BSU record holder during college in: 440 yd dash, 880 yd relay, and mile relay
1963 NAIA district tournament championship team member
Winner of 440 yd dash and mile relay
1963 NAIA national meet qualifier



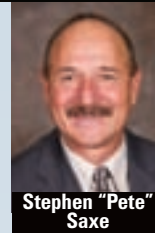
Kim Roysland

Fosston, MN
4-yr letter winner, volleyball, team leading server, and defensive player
Minn-Kota Conference championship team member 1976-78
1977 2nd place MAIAW state championship team member
3rd place AIAW Region 6 tournament winner team member
1979 NSC 2nd place winner team member
2nd place MAIAW state championship team member
2nd place AIAW Region 6 tournament winner team member
Team co-captain



Mike Roysland

Fosston, MN
3-yr letter winner, basketball
1977 Team leader in assists - 44
1979 Team captain
NIC All-Conference team member
Team scoring leader with 337 season points



Stephen "Pete" Saxe

Stacy, MN
4-yr letter winner, wrestling
NAIA national championship runner-up, 3 yrs
NAIA All-American, 3 yrs
NIC champion, 4 yrs
BSU Open champion, 2 yrs
NDSU Bison Open champion, 1 yr
Team captain junior & senior year
1972 nominee - Harry F. Bangsberg Outstanding Athlete of the Year
74-7-0 career record

COACHES HALL OF FAME



DR. PAT ROSENBRICK

Dr. Rosenbrock began her 20 year coaching career at BSU in 1969. Retiring from coaching in 1989, she continued at BSU as a faculty member and fully retired in 2006. She continues to make her home in Bemidji.

Head gymnastics coach 1969 -1975

Six Minn-Kota Conference championships
Three top-three finishes at MAIAW state meet

Head track & field coach (13 seasons from 1970-83)

MAIAW state championship -1973 & 1974
Two 2nd place finishes at MAIAW state meet
Three Minn-Kota Conference championships

Coached multiple state title winners & AIAW regional qualifiers

Head volleyball coach (12 seasons from 1975-1989)

Three Minn-Kota Conference championships
Two NAIA District 13 championships

One 2nd place finish at NAIA District 13 championship
Two 2nd place finishes at Bi-District championship
One Northern Sun Conference co-championship
Two 2nd place finishes at MAIAW state championship

One 2nd place finish at AIAW Region 6 championship

Overall record: 293 wins - 218 losses
5 - 30+ win seasons

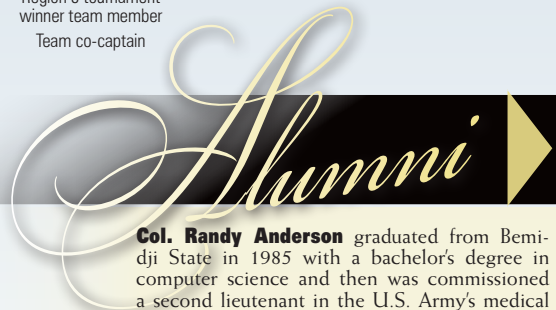
COACHING AWARDS

NSIC Hall of Fame - 2001

Pioneer for BSU Athletics 1999-00

NAIA District 13 Volleyball Coach of the Year - 1987, 1988, 1989

NSC Volleyball Coach of the Year - 1988



Col. Randy Anderson graduated from Bemidji State in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in computer science and then was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army's medical services corps. He is currently commander of the 32nd Medical Brigade at Fort Sam Houston, TX, where he oversees approximately 7,000 army medical personnel. Anderson, who is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in international health sciences, also holds master's degrees in military art and science in history from Fort Leavenworth, KS; health services administration from Central Michigan University; and national security strategy from the National Defense University. Col. Anderson and his wife, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Kim Moran, have three children. They currently reside in Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Lt. Col. Mark Backlin entered the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Bemidji State in 1979. He spent 20 years in the Air Force, including a stint for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, under then General Colin Powell, managing policy issues at the Pentagon. He now serves as president of the Judith Lombeida Medical Foundation, which he created to honor his wife who died in a car accident in 2006. The foundation continues her work of performing clinical and surgical medical missions, in Ecuador. Backlin has two grown children and resides in Colorado Springs, CO.

Dr. Leah Carpenter graduated from Bemidji State in 1985 with degrees in political science and American Indian studies. She currently serves as the president of Leech Lake Tribal College in

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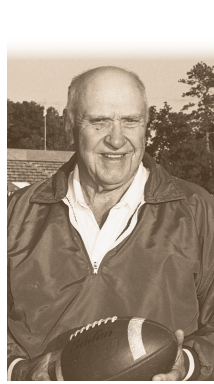
1972 Wrestling Team - Northern Intercollegiate Conference Champions
10-1 Dual Match Season



1973 Wrestling Team - Northern Intercollegiate Conference Champions
12-4 Dual Match Season



1976 Wrestling Team - Northern Intercollegiate Conference Champions
12 - 2 Dual Match Season



CHET ANDERSON 1918-2008

Legendary Coach, Teacher, and BSU Friend

A pillar of the Bemidji State University community, former head coach, and faculty member Chet Anderson died on November 19 at his home in Bemidji. He was 90.

Anderson's involvement at Bemidji State wove through multiple athletic programs and the academic sector, beginning in 1955 and extending beyond his retirement in 1981. He directed BSU to a pair of Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC) championships and was a member of the University's faculty.

A BSU coaching legend, Anderson mentored the Beaver wrestling program from its infancy to a national power and is the namesake of the BSU football stadium.

Anderson, a member of the BSU Athletic Hall of Fame since 1982, was inducted into the BSU Coaches' Hall of Fame in 2008. This fall, he saw his 1957 and 1959 football teams and his 1972, 1973, and 1976 wrestling teams inducted into the BSU Athletic Teams' Hall of Fame.

Joining BSU in 1955, Anderson took over a wrestling program in just its second year of existence and built it into one of the premier programs in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) during his 26-year career.

With the two-time NIC Wrestling Coach of the Year at the helm, the Beavers captured NIC titles in 1972, 1973, and 1976. The program also posted 43 individual conference championships. Anderson's teams finished among the top 10 in the country on 12 occasions and placed third at the national tournament in 1971. Anderson was inducted into the NAIA Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 1975 and the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches' Hall of Fame in 1979.

As the Beavers' head football coach from 1955-1960 and from 1962-1966, he led Bemidji State to two of Bemidji State's five conference titles - one in 1957 and again in 1959. In 10 seasons, he coached five NAIA All-Americans, 29 NIC All-Conference selections, and a pair of the league's Glen Galligan award winners. In 1996, the BSU football facility was renamed Chet Anderson Stadium in honor of the legendary coach.

Since his retirement in 1981, Anderson remained a staunch supporter of BSU athletics. He was often seen cheering for the Beavers at a variety of venues including hockey, basketball, and football.

2008 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



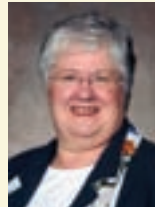
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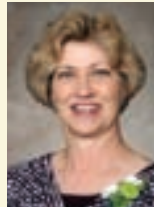
Dr. Leah Carpenter



Linda Erceg



Tony Gramer



Peggy Ingison



Scott Lindberg



Dr. Benjamin Tsang

Cass Lake, MN, where she guided the college through full academic accreditation of its associate degree programs. Carpenter earned a law degree from the University of Wisconsin School of Law in 1989 and a Ph.D. in American Indian studies from the University of Arizona this year. Carpenter is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Band. She has two children and makes her home in Bemidji.

Linda Erceg, a 1990 BSU graduate, began her career teaching physical education, health, and psychology at the high school level before coming to Bemidji State to earn a nursing degree. She later earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of North Dakota. She is the associate director for health and risk management at Concordia Language Villages in Bemidji. Erceg is one of a limited number of BSU nursing alumni to receive the department's Professional Nursing Award. She and her late husband, David, have a grown daughter.

Tony Gramer graduated from Bemidji State in 1970 with a double major in business management and accounting. He began his career in accounting and eventually moved into real estate development and management. He currently heads Gramer Company, LLC, a private investment company. He also is one of the organizing partners and a co-managing partner of MGM Grand Detroit, one of three licensed casinos in Detroit. Gramer has three grown sons and currently resides in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Peggy Sullivan Ingison graduated from Bemidji State with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1974. Ingison has assembled a public service career in the state of Minnesota spanning three decades. In 2004, she was named commissioner of the Department of Revenue by Governor Pawlenty. In 2007, she moved into her current role as chief financial officer of the Minneapolis Public Schools. She and her husband, Tom ('74), have two children in college, including one at BSU. The Ingisons make their home in New Brighton.

Scott Lindberg earned a business administration degree from Bemidji State in 1975 and then spent 25 years in the semiconductor industry. Lindberg retired from Hitachi as the vice president of sales in 2004 and currently works for Northstar Insurance, a brokerage firm serving private clients in California. He and his wife, Ellen, have three children and make their home in Mill Valley, CA.

Dr. Benjamin Tsang graduated from Bemidji State in 1971 with a degree in chemistry and earned a Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Ottawa, Canada. He is currently the director of the reproductive biology unit and professor of obstetrics and gynecology and cellular and molecular medicine at the University of Ottawa, where he has spent the majority of his professional career. He also holds a senior scientist position at the Ottawa Health Research Institute. Dr. Tsang and his wife, Janet, currently reside in Ottawa and have two grown children.

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PLEASE NOTE:
Towns are located in Minnesota unless otherwise noted.
Alumni names appear in bold.

2008 Chad Heitz has been hired by Wanzek Construction of Fargo, ND, as a project engineer. He was employed previously by Malinski Mowing of Shakopee ... **Jamie Docken** of Owatonna is teaching first grade in the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school system, where she also coaches seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball ... **Jessica Joy Johnson** and **Jason Porteous** were married in mid-July and reside in Eden Prairie ... **Emily Prall** of White Bear Lake is teaching kindergarten at the primary school in Chisago City. She also recently completed her first marathon in Duluth ... **Derek Levno** of Dassel has been hired to teach industrial technology at Dassel-Cokato High School ... **Mark Sailer** is teaching technology education in Onamia ... **Andrew Burford** is a new addition to the Pike Bay Township Police Department, where he has been assigned as the school resource officer for the Cass Lake-Bena Middle School. Burford had been working at the Northwest Juvenile Center in Bemidji ... **Emily Volkenant** is teaching kindergarten in the Onamia school system ... **Lacie Hovland** is directing the band programs at Lafayette High School in Red Lake Falls. In addition to overseeing the drumline, she teaches general music and band on the elementary, junior high, and high school levels. She and her husband, Tom, live in Fertile ... **Stacy Borchert** is teaching third grade in Isle, where she, her husband, Tom, and three children reside ... **Jill Erickson** has been hired as the social worker in the Grygla School. Her husband, Todd, is employed at Thief Lake. The couple resides in Gatzke ... **Dana Robinson** is teaching math at the Grygla School ... **Dan Zielke** is teaching American history, junior high religion, geography, and pre-algebra at Austin Catholic Schools, where he also coaches the girls' tennis team.

2007 **Kirstin Drexler** is a hospice social worker at Lakeland Hospice and Home Care in Fergus Falls. She formerly worked at St. Williams Living Center in Parkers Prairie ... **Zachary Stafford** has been hired by Wanzek Construction of Fargo, ND, as a project engineer. He had been employed by Christiansen Construction of Bemidji ... **Jessica Torkelson** married David Short during a June ceremony in her hometown of Nevis.

2006 **Katie Moe** of Bemidji and **Mike Dagle** of Coleraine were married July 10. Both are now employed with Grand Rapids Realty. Katie is also studying surgical technology at Lake Superior College ... **MerriAnne Werder** is the new high school science teacher, head volleyball coach, and Science Olympiad coor-

dinator in the Randolph school system. She previously taught at Blackduck High School ... **Rachel Becker** was recently named coordinator of game entertainment for the Washington Capitals of the NHL. In this capacity, she coordinates all spirit squad and game entertainment logistics. Becker also works on video productions and participates in the integration of marketing campaigns. She lives in Washington, DC. ... **Amy Burmeister** has been hired as an instrumental music teacher in the McGregor school system ... **Nicole Schmidt** has been hired as an English teacher for grades 7-12 in the Hancock school district, where she also directs one act plays. She previously completed a long-term substitute teaching assignment in Osakis ... **Megan Flatness** is serving as the interim director of the Audubon Science Center in Albert Lea. The center, which includes animal exhibits, hands-on activities, classes, and learning games for young learners, recently expanded its after-school program for students from kindergarten through fifth grade ... **Jillian Schuster** of Brownton has been accepted into the Peace Corps. Assigned to Macedonia, she will collaborate with teachers in developing better school curriculum ... **Kirsten Grygelko** is a new kindergarten teacher at the elementary school in Lino Lakes. She previously was a substitute teacher for St. Michael-Albertville schools and was head pre-kindergarten teacher at a private school in Loretto ... **Ben Mettling** has moved from teaching fourth grade in Ashby to a third-grade classroom in Ellsworth, where he lives.

2005 **Meghan Mack** has been hired as the industrial technology instructor in the Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley school district. She lives in Wheaton and will teach students in the combined middle and high school facility in Graceville ... **Jennifer Gondringer** married John Larson last spring in Deerwood. She is employed in the Youth Connection Program for the Brainerd school district, while he works at Parker Hannifin. They reside in Baxter ... **Jennifer Hendrickx** is teaching kindergarten in East Central School in Finlayson. She previously served as a long-term substitute in Red Lake ... **Pamela Schenkey** is teaching first grade in Greenbush after serving as a Title I reading teacher and paraprofessional in the K-8 facility within the Greenbush-Middle River school district. She and her husband, Marc, make their home in Middle River ... **Kristi Hager** is teaching senior high English and a college English course for students at Chokio-Alberta schools.

2004 **Dan Carpenter** has accepted a teaching position at Greenbush-Middle River schools as the director of the high school band, high school choir, middle school band, and fifth grade band. He, his wife, **Sara** ('01), and young son moved from Lynd, where he had taught elementary music ... **Melissa Jacobsen** of Wayzata has been hired as an assistant county prosecuting attorney for the juvenile division of the Carver County

Attorney's Office. A graduate of the William Mitchell College of Law, she was a law clerk in the Ramsey County District Court and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office before accepting the position with Carver County ... **Bonnie Magnuson** is teaching kindergarten at the Tower-Soudan School. Magnuson, who previously taught first grade at the Nett Lake School, lives in Sturgeon Township with her husband, Mike, who runs the DNR Forestry Office in Tower ... **Steven Johnson** has been reassigned by the North Dakota Highway Patrol to serve the patrol's southwest region in Bismarck. He had been stationed in Lakota, ND, of the Grand Forks region ... **Mary Hegna** is teaching algebra and math classes at Cass Lake-Bena High School. She moved to Cass Lake from Worthington, where she taught math in a variety of school settings ... **Kate Lundquist** is teaching junior high English in the Roseau school district. She had previously served as a substitute teacher in Roseau, Warroad, and Badger schools. Her husband, **Jake**, is a prototype specialist in research and development at Marvin Windows. They have one young daughter.

2003 **Andrew Bronczyk** has been accepted into the management of technology master's program at the University of Minnesota Center for the Development of Technological Leadership. He is a project engineer at Emerson Process Management and is married to 2005 graduate **Lindsey (Bromenshenkel)**, who is a technical project analyst at Emerson Process Management ... Air Force Second Lt. **Bryan Hielscher** was named the Logistics Readiness Division Company Grade Officer of the Second Quarter 2008. The commander of the 12th Mission Support Squadron on Randolph Air Force Base in Universal City, TX, recognized Hielscher for leading an initiative to rewrite and update redeployment information and increasing efficiency time by 20 percent in the processing of returning airmen and women from overseas assignments. He also received the Air Force Achievement Medal in 2007 ... **Markus Okeson** is teaching eighth-grade language arts at Redwood Valley Middle School and was named the head boy's basketball coach in the Redwood Valley High School in Redwood Falls. He and his wife, **Destany**, have a young daughter.

2002 **Denise Vorgert** is teaching fifth and sixth grades at Lafayette Charter School. She previously taught those same grades for six years at Holy Family Catholic School in Silver Lake ... **Donnie Farnsworth** has joined Northland Counseling Center in Grand Rapids, where he will conduct therapy with individuals suffering from different types of mental illness. He is also currently finishing the graduate program in clinical psychology at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND.

2001 **Jamie Thaler** married Nathan Coon this summer. The couple lives in Elysian. She is a teacher at Washington Elementary, while he is employed at Holtmeier Construction ...

Class Notes

Paul Peterson has been named athletic coordinator at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. He has extensive experience at the college, having served as activities director and assistant athletic coordinator. He and his wife, Rebecca ('02), live in Thief River Falls ... Shannon Svalen has been hired as the new ECFE school readiness and Headstart instructor at Win-E-Mac schools. Over the past five years she taught at schools in Bradenton, FL. Her husband, Jason, is an elementary teacher. They have three children and live in McIntosh ... Lisa Lommen is teaching high school math in Milaca after previously teaching in Braham and Onamia schools. She and her husband live in Princeton with their two sons.

2000 Maria Burnham, an adult basic education teacher in the Monticello WorkForce Center, was named the 2008 Adult Basic Education Teacher of the Year by Literacy Minnesota. The award is given annually to the teacher whose unique contribution to adult basic education exhibits high standards of quality ... Brian Bertilrud of Greenbush is a new agricultural and business officer at Border State Bank. The bank serves Thief River Falls and the surrounding area. Prior to accepting the banking position, he was a sales representative for the Fastenal Company in Rochester and managed the Fastenal Company location in Thief River. He and his wife, Desiree, have one son ... Laurie Olson is a fourth-grade teacher at Chisholm Elementary. She had worked with the Mesabi East School District for eight years in a variety of capacities and with the Minnesota Extension Service for 14 years before obtaining her degree from BSU.

1999 Beth Erickson has been hired as a communications officer for the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. A resident of Iron River, WI, she previously held positions as managing news editor at KBJR-TV in Duluth, director of college communications at Northland College in Ashland, WI, and media buyer for JPG Group in Duluth ... Jason Bradley of Red Lake Falls married Jolene Seibel in a spring wedding ... Jennifer L'Allier is an interactive art director for Denali, a marketing agency in the Twin Cities. Prior to joining Denali, where her accounts include Best Buy, Great River Energy, and Major Hotelier, she worked at MRM Worldwide, the Lacle Group, Life Time Fitness, Ashanti Eaton, and Campbell Mithun. L'Allier lives in Minneapolis ... Lori (Thoma) Byrne and her husband, Matthew, announced the birth of their second child in June. The couple resides in St. Joseph ... Dana Flint is director of choral activities at Underwood High School. She has prior choral conducting experience at Parkers Prairie High School and Fergus Falls Middle School. Her husband, Mike, is a farm and crop consultant for Crop and Soil Associates. They reside in Elbow Lake with their two sons ... Suzanne Vivier was named the Outstanding American Indian Teacher of the Year by the Minnesota Indian Education Association. A White Earth Band of Ojibwe enrollee, Vivier teaches first

grade in the Bagley school system and previously taught at Cass Lake-Bena Elementary School. She and her husband, Eugene, have two young sons.

1998 Betsy Kokett-Nordin was recognized as a Teacher of Outstanding Performance (TOP) within the Anoka Hennepin school district, where she has been employed for 11 years. The school district selects 20 teachers from those nominated by parents for the TOP honor, with four selected to receive a grant and cash award. Kokett-Nordin, who currently teaches in Oak View Middle School, was one of the four recipients. She and her husband, Thomas ('99), live in Andover with two young children ... Shane Bauer recently started a new company, Laughingstock Design, in Duluth. The company specializes in projects that bring levity and positive thinking to promotions, projects, and design challenges. Prior to starting his company, he worked as promotion and design director for Grandma's Marathon for five years. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children.

1997 Marnie Carter has joined the Ad Monkeys agency in Grand Forks as a production manager responsible for client relations, project research, writing, and scheduling. She joined Ad Monkeys after working with Goldmark Property Management and serving as finance administrator with the non-profit touring group Up With People ... Bob Kreye and his wife, Erika, are the proud parents of a new daughter born in August. He works as a senior environmental health and safety specialist for Medtronic in Fridley, while she is a registered nurse at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. The couple now has two children ... Kevin Grover began the current school year as the new assistant to the superintendent in the International Falls school district. Grover started his career as a math teacher at Falls High School and previously served the district as assistant administrator at the high school. He lives in International Falls.

1996 Robin McRae is currently a resident prosthetist at Prosthetic Laboratories in Rochester. He is a 2007 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Medicine with a degree in prosthetics ... Trista Diem brings experience in real estate appraising and real estate investment to her new position as an agent in the Brainerd/Baxter Edina Realty office. She and her husband, Jared ('98), live in Cross Lake with their three young children. Jared teaches fourth grade in Baxter and also coaches the girl's volleyball team ... Troy Mills and his wife, Denise, announced the birth of their first child in September. Mills is employed at Lakewood Health System in Staples. The family resides in Garfield ... John Kallis is a new math instructor at Lancaster schools. He is back in the classroom after a one-year stint as a mechanical engineer. He had previously taught math for 11 years in Minnesota and Arizona. He and his wife Kathleen, who teaches in Greenbush, have two children ... Kimberly (Algoe) Bettscher was inducted into the St. Cloud Technical High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Bet-

tscher, currently the programming director at the Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center, competed in swimming, track, and basketball while in high school and later in track at BSU. She and her husband, Joshua ('95), live in Detroit Lakes.

1995 Ryan and Kristin (Dahlberg) Brovold live in Clear Lake. He recently was named academic dean at Rasmussen College in St. Cloud, and she works as an adult protection and adult services social worker in Wright County. They have two young daughters.

1994 The Rev. Steven Anderson has been installed as the pastor at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Braham. Anderson previously served as a pastor at Mission of the Cross Lutheran Church in Crosslake after being employed at Solvay Pharmaceuticals for 10 years. He studied at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He and his wife, Joanne, have two adult children ... Dave Rocheleau has been named the activities director of Pierz schools. Rocheleau had served as a math teacher and head baseball coach in the district since 1988.

1992 Karrie (Schirmers) Boser has joined the Pierz Healy High School administrative team as principal for grades 7-12. Prior to accepting her current position, she served as principal at Long Prairie High School, dean of students at Brainerd High School, a business teacher at Pierz Healy High School, and an assistant to the superintendent in that school district. Boser earned a master's degree at the University of Minnesota and an administrative license from St. Cloud State University. She and her husband, Brian, have four young children and live in Pierz.

1991 Tony Aho has received the North Branch Education Association's Teacher of the Year Award. A coach and educator in North Branch, he was the North Suburban Conference Coach of the Year and his wrestlers were recognized as one of the top 10 academic wrestling programs in Minnesota Class AA. He, his wife Rhonda, and two daughters live in Stanchfield ... Kay Netteberg has been hired as assistant speech pathologist for Nevis schools. A current school board member, she formerly taught on the elementary level within the district. She and husband, Olaf ('92), live in Nevis.

1990 Randy Finn has been appointed the deputy executive director of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Business Committee. He previously held positions in the fields of health, self-governance, special projects, and planning with AmeriCorps. A resident of Cass Lake, he has a master's degree from UW-Superior.

1989 John Richards is an aggregate supervisor with Knife River in the corporation's north central region. He and his wife, Sara, make their home in Royalton ... Roy Booth of Bemidji will publish Roy C. Booth's *Theater of the Macabre*, a collection of one-act plays, an

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adaptation of a short story, and a previously published essay on the portrayal of dark, speculative fiction on the stage. He currently owns and operates Roy's Comics and Games in Hibbing and Bemidji.

1988 James Retka has been appointed dean of workforce and economic development at Northland Community and Technical College, where he had been serving as a manufacturing specialist with the school's Center for Outreach and Innovation. Retka, who lives in Thief River Falls, has more than 15 years experience in manufacturing, engineering, and training.

1987 Sally Kerbaugh of Annandale brings 19 years of classroom experience to her new position of teaching sixth-grade reading in Maple Lake schools ... **Ann Marie Lubovich** is the new choir director at Chisholm High School. In addition to her choir assignment, she teaches music to students in kindergarten through sixth grades as well as a junior high general music class.

1986 Jeff Peterson was named the Hutchinson School District Teacher of the Year. He taught in Badger and Cedar Falls, IA, before accepting a business education position in

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Hutchinson in 1997. His wife, **Toni** ('88), is an occupational therapist. They and their two children reside in Darwin.

1985 Terry Furlong was appointed last fall to fill a vacancy on the North St. Paul City Council until the November general elections. He co-owns Furlong Liquors and has chaired the North St. Paul Parks Commission since 1993 ... **Ray and Ruby (Schaumburg) Schenkel** are teaching at Moss Street Elementary in Reidsville, NC ... **Charlie Warring** has resigned as head baseball coach at Sauk Centre High School after 18 years in that position. Warring compiled a 222-177 record and advanced teams three times to the state tournament. He will continue to teach health ... **Cindy Gorski** has been hired as the new elementary physical education teacher at Lakeside Elementary in Chisago City. She previously was employed as a truancy prevention worker at the Chisago Lakes Middle School and taught K-8 physical education for seven years in Cleveland, OH. She and her husband, **Mark**, reside in Chisago City.

1984 John White earned a doctorate in exercise science from the University of Mississippi after receiving his master's degree from Bemidji State. He is currently regional health director for all Dow Chemical Company sites in Texas. A four-year letterman and NAIA All-America second team selection as an undergraduate at UW-Eau Claire, he was recently inducted into the Blugold Hall of Fame. He and his wife, **Barb** ('85), live in Lake Jackson, TX, and have three children.

1983 Paul Yantes is a financial advisor for US Bancorp Investments in Plymouth. He and his wife, **Shari**, live in Maple Grove with their two children.

1982 Jim Scanlan returned to the East Grand Forks High School boy's hockey team as its head coach this year. Also the Green Wave athletic director, he previously coached the team for 10 years before resigning in 2006. He and his wife, **Cyndy** ('81), reside in East Grand Forks.

1981 Mary Beth Anderson is a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Park Rapids. She and her husband, **Rob**, had moved to that area in 1996. He worked as a commodity broker, and she owned Mary Bees women's boutiques in Dorset and Park Rapids, which she sold in 2007. Prior to moving north, she was an elementary teacher in the Twin Cities ... **Karen Gustafson Linne'** is a half-time supply pastor at Pike Lake Community Presbyterian Church. A graduate of Luther Seminary and ordained in 2002, she served as pastor of Salem Church in Mahtowa for six years. She and her husband, **Mark** ('80), are residents of Duluth and have two grown children.

1980 Stephen Pitzen has published the novel *The Flowers of Autumn*, which relates the story of a developmentally disabled adult and a child who live in a small, northern Min-

nesota town in the 1980s. The book, Pitzen's first, also contains three short stories. He has been a social worker for Cass County Health and Human Services for 20 years. He and his wife, **Mary** ('79), live in Benedict.

1979 Dr. James Tuorila was elected to serve as the surgeon general for the Veteran of Foreign Wars, the fifth-highest position in the national organization serving 1.6 million veterans. Tuorila was recognized as the VFW National Outstanding VA Health Care Worker of the Year just prior to his retirement from the Veteran's Administration, where he had served as a psychologist. Named a 1997 Bemidji State Outstanding Alumnus, he and his wife, **Diane**, live in St. Cloud.

1978 Trika (Guyer) Smith was recognized by Itasca Community College (ICC) as a 2008 Alumna of the Year. Smith graduated from Itasca in 1976 before attending BSU to earn a math education degree. She began her teaching career at ICC following graduation and has served on the math faculty since that time. She is a charter member of the school's alumni association board of directors.

1977 Sharon (Midkiff) Randolph has completed the first two volumes of the *Connecting Us to the Sun*, a series of books chronicling travelers as they made their way to the Northern Rockies, the creation of Glacier National Park, and the settlement of towns in Montana. The four-work series follows the history through the end of World War II. Randolph has served as the student development coordinator at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, MT, for the past 17 years. She and her husband, **Gerry**, live in Columbia Falls, MT.

1976 Sandy Eberhart has been named the new community education coordinator in the Bemidji school district. She previously held the same position in Park Rapids for 16 years and was a teacher in Detroit Lakes for six years.

1974 Adele (Levchak) Munsterman won an at-large seat on the Education Minnesota governing board at the teacher union's state representative convention (this was reported incorrectly in the fall issue of *Horizons*). She and her husband, **Walt**, live in Brooklyn Park ... **Dennis Erickson** is the new industrial technology teacher at Willow River High School. He retired with more than 20 years at the prison in Sandstone, had taught three years in Mazeppa, and worked in construction for several years. He and his wife, **Barb**, live in Pine City. The couple has two adult children.

1973 Don Johnson retired from teaching technical education in Chetek, WI, area schools after 35 years. During that time he also coached football for 27 years and wrestling for 25 seasons. He and his wife, **Lynda**, live in Eau Claire, WI, and have two grown children.

1972 Rod Schwarzrock was named Teacher of the Year by the Bemidji Education Association. He recently retired after teaching physical education, health, and developmen-

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MMEA Reception for BSU Alumni

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Saturday, March 7, 2009
Dinner with golf in the afternoon
for those interested
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Sunday – Monday, March 29-30
Reception, winery tour or golf, dinner

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tal adapted physical education in the Bemidji Middle School. During his career, Schwarrock also coached tennis, basketball, and football on the middle school level and basketball at Bemidji High School. He and his wife, **Jenny** ('73), live in Bemidji ... **Kenneth Moorman** was appointed to the Minnesota State Advisory Council on Mental Health by Gov. Tim Pawlenty. The group advises the governor, Legislature, and state agency heads about policies, programs, and services affecting people with mental illness. Moorman, who has 30 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry, is a county commissioner for Lake of the Woods County. He and his wife, **Jenny**, live in Baudette.

1971 Gene Paulson has been named superintendent of the Fosston school district. Paulson is the former superintendent of the Mesabi East School District that encompasses the communities of Aurora, Hoyt Lakes, and Biwabik ... **Jerry Borgman** has retired after teaching sixth grade students at Sauk Centre Elementary School for 37 years. He and his wife, **Kathy**, have two grown children and two grandchildren ... The Rev. **Richard P. Shields** serves as president of the American Lutheran Theological Seminary. He also serves as assistant to the presiding pastor and national mission developer for the denomination. He and his wife, **Cindy**, currently live in Independence, MO. He is a 1986 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, where he also earned an advanced theological degree.

1970 Richie Glas is the head basketball coach at Concordia College in Moorhead. He previously served as head coach at the University of Minnesota-Morris, Willamette University in Oregon, and the University of North Dakota. He also held assistant coaching assignments at Hawaii, Arizona, and Northern Iowa ... **Bruce Ritchey** is the president and chief executive officer of WaterFurnace Renewable Energy in Fort Wayne, IN. WaterFurnace is a manufacturer of geothermal heating and air-conditioning equipment. He joined the company in 1998 after working at the Trane Company for 17 years.

1969 Pat Kelly will coordinate membership services for the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra (BSO). Retired as the vice president of development for North Country Health Services, she was recently named the first Friend of the BSO Program, which taps expertise of community members to bring quality music to the area ... **Bob Scarpino** retired after a career in the U.S. Coast Guard. He now volunteers as a wrestling coach and an independent part-time distributor of print media. He indicates he visits his daughter in Columbus, OH, to catch the BSU women's hockey team when they play Ohio State. He and his wife, **Jan**, also have two sons, including **Kevin**, who attended BSU and was named Ohio Army National Guard Hero of the Year for his service in Iraq ... **Carrol Peterson** had a fall publishing date for his third novel, *Summer Mirage: Death of a Hired Man*. He originally wrote the

book in 1971 when he was in Long Beach, CA, and only recently revised the text. He and his wife, **Isidora**, currently reside in Coon Rapids.

1968 Peggy Metzger has been recognized by *The Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* as an industry leader among successful businesswomen in Minnesota. The CEO of Cedar Riverside People's Center in Minneapolis, she was among 50 women in the state who were honored for their leadership, professional accomplishments, and involvement in business. A resident of Woodbury, Metzger has served as CEO since 2000 and has increased the patient visits by 47 percent at the clinic that addresses health and medical needs of local economically and socially disadvantaged individuals or families.

1966 Dennis Martin lives in Austin, TX, where his wife, **Cynthia**, is a third-year graduate student in the historical preservation field at the University of Texas School of Architecture.

1965 Allen Ramussen has been appointed to the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice by Gov. Tim Pawlenty. Rasmussen is an educational consultant who served as president of Rainy River Community College from 1993 to 2001. He was appointed to the board as a public member for a two-year term. The board is responsible for licensing and disciplining physicians as well as regulating acupuncturists, athletic trainers, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners.

1962 Edith Dalleska designed and created a quilt that was featured on the cover of the 2008-09 *Women's Directory* published by the Women's Press in St. Paul. She created the quilt, "Woman with a Large Purse," in response to a challenge by the Minnesota Contemporary Quilters to represent life on the Mississippi. The quilt shows a strong, young woman holding a purse depicting a sunfish in reds, oranges, yellows, and blue. Dalleska lives in St. Paul ... **Tom Kinnunen** was inducted into the Mountain Iron-Buhl Football Hall of Fame. Kinnunen was named the *Mesabi Daily News* Player of the Year while competing for Mountain Iron in the late 1950s. He pursued a career in education, serving as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Grand Rapids area. He and his wife of 47 years **Connie** live in Grand Rapids and have two children.

1958 Herbert Day taught sixth grade for 35 years, primarily in North St. Paul schools. He and Virginia, his wife of 47 years and a music teacher, raised two daughters – both of whom are also educators. The couple lives in New Brighton.

1954 Irv St. John has been inducted into the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Athletic Hall of Fame. A four-year letterman in baseball, track, and basketball at Bemidji State, St. John led the Beavers to three conference basketball titles during his four years on campus. At Duluth East High School, he compiled a 245-118 record during a basketball

IN MEMORIAM

Chet Anderson (Faculty), Bemidji, MN
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 Andrea E. Zustiak '76 & '79, Blackduck, MN

coaching career that produced six conference crowns, two regional titles, and two state championships. He and his wife, **Pat**, live in Duluth.

1951 Bruce Jamieson retired from the education field 21 years ago, when he and his wife, **Burna (Krugler)**, moved to a Del Webb retirement community in Lincoln, CA, 20 miles northeast of Sacramento. They remain active in gardening, reading, walking, and other endeavors.

1934 Signie Burke celebrated her 106th birthday with family and friends at the Guardian Angels facility in Hibbing. Burke was born on the Iron Range in 1902 and taught elementary education in Goodland until 1967.

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2007-2008 Report OF Gifts



The generosity of those who share Bemidji State's vision of shaping potential, shaping worlds, continues to grow, with the BSU Foundation assets experiencing a new high of \$13,698,936 in 2008. This support, coupled with the focused efforts of our dedicated foundation board and staff, made the past year a very rewarding one.

Accomplishments recorded by the BSU Foundation this year included:

- Completed property acquisition and building demolition on the former Bemidji High School site on behalf of the University
- Awarded student scholarships and room grants totaling \$798,855
- Provided other program support to BSU totaling \$320,546
- Raised \$2.5 million over five years in support of BSU Hockey
- Established 27 new endowed scholarship funds
- Established 5 additional endowments supporting specific programs
- Provided funds for BSU Admissions Scholarships totaling \$191,050
- Experienced an increase in the Legacy Society with 175 members and an estimated total of over \$20 million in planned gifts to support BSU

We anticipate another eventful, productive program in 2009 under the leadership of newly elected officers of the BSU Foundation Board: Robin Kelleher, president; Dave Sorensen, vice-president; and George Thelen, secretary-treasurer. We also look forward to visiting with many BSU alumni and friends at our events in Arizona and California this spring or anytime on campus.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued involvement and support. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Rob Bollinger

Rob Bollinger
Executive Director for University Advancement



Alumni and foundation staff pose in front of the Park House. Front Row: Kimberle Nagle, Kelly Schwartz, Lisa Hofstad, Janai Lampert. Middle Row: Tammy Mayer, Dawn Huseby, Marla Patrias, Bekki Babineau. Back Row: Linda Rasmussen, Geri Bang, Joe Czapiewski, Wray Wright, Rob Bollinger, Visnja Bilanovic

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Jaime LeDuc remembers wondering about the letter that arrived in the mail at the start of her senior year at Bemidji State University. The student athlete had never before received a letter from the BSU Foundation, so she was curious.

Little did she know an affirmation of her dreams was sealed inside.

LeDuc was preparing for her final season with the women's hockey team, a tenure that started with uncertainties surrounding her as an un-recruited skater. She opened the envelope to read she was the 2007-2008 recipient of the Jack and Marie St. Martin endowed scholarship for hockey.

"That letter was a sweet surprise," she says. "Hockey means a lot to me, and I feel I put a lot of my heart into it. I dreamed of playing hockey in an NCAA Division I program, and the scholarship affirmed my commitment to my passion."

A three-time captain, four-time letter winner, and all-time leading scorer at International Falls High School, she had no college athletic scholarship offers and feared her competitive skating days were over. Some even told her outright she couldn't make it at the Division I level.

That sentiment wasn't shared by her parents or coach. So she increased her workouts, began power lifting, ran longer, and grabbed the chance to walk-on at BSU.

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Jack and Marie St. Martin

Three years after she earned a spot on the roster, the letter brought her hard work full-circle. Her final season capped a career where she appeared in 117 games, skated to a stunning road-win against a University of Minnesota powerhouse, earned an athletic scholarship as a junior, and was named to the WCHA All-Academic Team.

The St. Martins began funding hockey scholarships when BSU started a Division I women's team in 1998. As friends of men's coach Bob Peters, they understood the need for added support.

"We had been giving to the BSU Foundation since it started in the 1970s," Jack says. "Bob said they needed scholarships for the great kids they were recruiting. We felt we could help by doing more."

So they funded a hockey award and endowed another with the recipient alternating annually between the men's and women's programs. The Bemidji residents have since added an endowment for a Native American scholar-

ship, as well as support for BSU students employed at Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC), which the St. Martins franchised in Bemidji during the early 1960s.

Their KFC enterprise grew to five restaurants in the region and four express outlets in Las Vegas. Like LeDuc, their dream started with uncertainty. They gambled by moving in 1974 to Bemidji's west side, a residential area surrounded by jack pines. After tapping their friends and finances, they opened with \$12.48 in the cash register.

"If someone would have come in with a \$20 bill, we'd have been in deep, deep trouble," Marie remembers. "We were lucky. Now you can't do business like that. We made and overcame our mistakes. Today you can't afford to make mistakes. That's why education is so important."

From Grand Rapids and International Falls respectively, neither Jack nor Marie continued their education beyond high school. Their son Brian, a BSU graduate who operates

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—Jaime LeDuc

the Bemidji KFC, was the first from either family to earn a bachelor's degree.

"We support scholarships because it is an opportunity to give back to Bemidji, the Native American community, and to Bemidji State because they have been good to us," says Jack.

LeDuc used the St. Martin scholarship to pursue her academic dream as well. Active in water sports while growing up on Rainy Lake, she is majoring in aquatic biology.

"I liked being on water and always wondered what was going on below the surface," says LeDuc, a fifth-year senior who is completing her degree with emphases in fish-

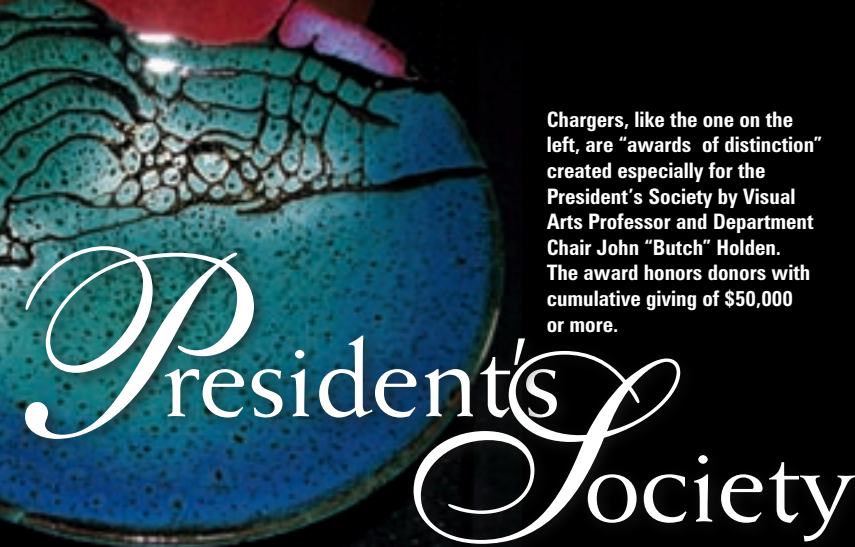
eries management and aquatic systems. "The aquatic biology program on the lake was a big factor for coming to Bemidji State."

Although she doesn't know where, she feels graduate school is the next likely step.

Often scholarships mean more than supporting a competitive drive. For LeDuc, receiving a scholarship has meant being able to pursue her fascination with water, whether frozen or liquid.

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Chargers, like the one on the left, are "awards of distinction" created especially for the President's Society by Visual Arts Professor and Department Chair John "Butch" Holden. The award honors donors with cumulative giving of \$50,000 or more.

President's Society

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Scholarship Pay Forward

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Jim and Marilyn Heltzer

Long before the concept of “paying it forward” became popular, Jim Heltzer’s mother Berneice practiced the ideal. In her will, she bequeathed him some money and included a simple stipulation: He had to give it away. And, as prescribed by the paying-forward concept, he passed on his good fortune to others.

“My mother specifically left the money to do what I could for others,” says Jim, who decided to fund scholarships at Bemidji State University. “There were students locally who might not otherwise afford to go to the University, and the scholarships were to provide the margin they needed to get through school.”

Jim gave the money to the BSU Foundation where endowments established three Jim and Marilyn Heltzer Scholarships – one each in education, political science, and music. Those areas were important to the Heltzers. Both started their professional careers in teaching, are politically active, and enjoy Bemidji State’s music performances.

In the fall of 2008, one of the scholarships was awarded to Patrick Bright, a political science senior from Bemidji. A graduate of TrekNorth charter school in Bemidji, he enrolled at BSU to become a social studies teacher. However, a class in political science changed his academic interest and professional aspirations. When he finishes his bachelor’s degree this spring, he will head to graduate school.

“History was always a passion of mine, but political science in this day and age seems much more relevant,” he says. “History is an interconnected part of political science; it provides the framework for moving forward.

“This scholarship is a big thing. It recognizes the work I’ve done in the department, but it’s a lot more. As a low income student, this

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Patrick Bright



will allow me to pay for my tuition and books without taking out another loan. Worrying about how to pay for my undergraduate credits is the last thing I need going into grad school."

Bright has applied to the University of Pittsburgh, Miami of Ohio, Purdue, and several other universities that have strong international programs and student exchanges in Asia, Japan, or China. At Bemidji State, he has focused his academic attention on international relations, comparative politics, and security and conflict issues.

For the Heltzers, supporting BSU students like Bright was an easy decision, even though neither had been on campus before they moved to Bemidji in 1990. Jim arrived as the city's new director of housing and redevelopment. His wife Marilyn, a retiree, eventually became the station manager for the Minnesota Public Radio affiliate in town.

"When we arrived, the University wasn't even on our radar," Marilyn says. "But BSU is an incredible place. It has a wonderful reputation and academics, and we have been really impressed with what the University contributes in terms of culture, arts, and people."

"And economics," Jim adds quickly. He has seen that impact first-hand as a three-term county commissioner.

"In a lot of cities, there's separation between town and gown. My first teaching job was at a junior high school in a college town where the college was literally and figuratively on a hill above town. But here it is reversed. You find great contributions by University personnel doing things for the community all the time."

Bright hopes to be an emissary beyond campus as he pursues his primary goal of teaching on a college campus.

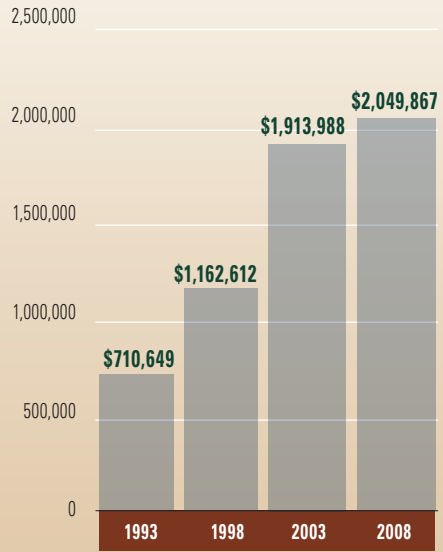
"I really want to teach students that political science is not only what you see on TV. It's not just red versus blue. There are so many intricacies, but the most intriguing part is seeing how people use politics to relate to each other.

"If I can create that spark of interest in one student, change that person and get them interested in the world, then I'll feel I've made a difference."

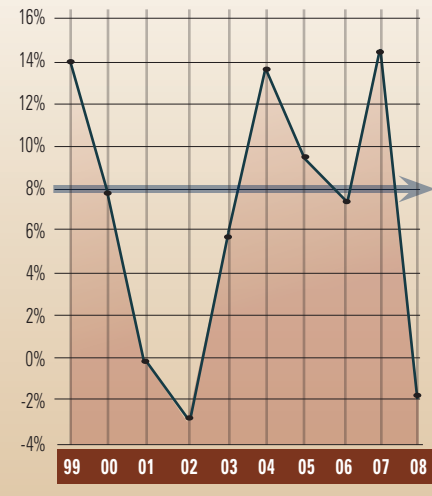
And in the process, pay forward good fortune that arrived in the form of a scholarship established many years before.



Cash Contributions Received



Rate of Investment Return



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TURNING Tragedy INTO Triumph



Bertha Evenson

"I firmly believe that nothing happens by chance. There's a reason I ended up wanting to get into this field and for what happened to Bertha Evenson. I think it's great that her family used a tragedy to help other people. It has definitely made a difference in my life."

Dawn Benson

At age 85, Bertha Evenson fell and injured her hip at a care facility for the elderly. Doctors said healing would come with bed rest, a treatment directive that went unheeded at the facility. Prompted to walk despite her objections, Evenson fractured her hip. She would never take another step and was confined to a wheelchair until she died in 1984.

She and her six children were determined to prevent others from suffering due to preventable mistakes. Their inspiration arose from the echoes of Evenson's pain-driven plea at the time of her injury, "Please don't let this happen to anyone else."

Her call to action became a reality while she was alive. Using a settlement from an ensuing court case, her family established the Bertha Evenson Scholarship for nursing

students interested in working with long-term care patients.

"It was a terrible thing to see that happen to my mother, and it wasn't good to see anyone suffer," remembers Bonnie Swanson, one of Evenson's children. "She was a humble, giving person. She was interested in the simple things. She lived through the Depression, was never boastful, and was a hard worker.

"We thought there was little we could do for her with the settlement, but maybe we could do something for others. There had to be a lot of small towns like the one she lived in where there were facilities with inadequate training to understand when someone was really hurting. It was tragic that the end of her life was spent in misery, but she would be pleased about what's happening with the scholarship."

Pleased, indeed.

Twenty years after the scholarship was created, Dawn



Benson, who didn't start out to work in long-term care, became an Evenson scholarship recipient.

As a nurse in training, Benson of Hill City, made various professional nursing rounds to learn which she liked or disliked. In a nursing home, she witnessed an accident caused by a nursing assistant error, saw the terrible results of the mistake, and vowed never to work in geriatrics.

Her decision, however, changed a short time later when Benson added week-end shifts to a 40-hour week to help make ends meet. As a temporary worker, she was assigned to nursing homes, and her earlier views about them soon disappeared.

"I fell in love with the patients, their stories, their personalities, and their histories," says Benson, now a BSU senior. A registered nurse at that time, she began working at Evergreen Terrace Nursing Home in Grand Rapids, and, six years later, is the assistant director of nursing. Among her duties is the training of nursing assistants.

A single mother with three pre-teen and teenage children, Benson recognizes the impact the scholarship has had on her family and her future. She is paying for her own education, so the grant makes this year's education

loan smaller and enables her to put a bit more into the budget for her kids and their needs.

She also appreciates how the BSU program fits her needs. She travels to BSU once every two or three weeks for a full day of classes and completes other requirements online.

"I couldn't do a program where I had to be on campus," explains Benson, who has a 14-credit course load this fall. "I have to work 40-plus hours and try to keep things as normal as possible at home by attending all of the kids' games and school functions."

Once she graduates, Benson will enroll in a master's program with similar flexibility, so she can become a nurse practitioner. She already talks about a future where she will travel to nursing homes in the Grand Rapids area to treat and diagnose residents while also educating family and staff on proper care.

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Statement of Position

June 30, 2008

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	61,922
Investments	12,485,597
Contributions Receivable	359,203
Prepaid Expenses	2,669
Total Current Assets	<u>12,909,391</u>

Property and Equipment	382,850
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Other Assets	
Contributions Receivable	273,500
Remainder Interest in Real Estate	96,519
Cash Surrender Value Life Insurance	36,676
Total Other Assets	<u>406,695</u>

Total Assets	\$13,698,936
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	28,634
Accrued Termination Benefit Payable	27,800
Annuities Payable, Current Portion	37,512
Accrued Interest Payable	3,550
Note Payable, Current Portion	352,802
Total Current Liabilities	<u>450,298</u>

Long-term Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue	155,000
Accrued Termination Benefit Payable	27,800
Annuities Payable, Long Term Portion	202,534
Note Payable, Long Term Portion	7,594
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>392,928</u>

Total Liabilities	<u>843,226</u>
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Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	
University Fund	223,879
Alumni House Acquisition	-75,000
Plant Fund	382,850
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>531,729</u>

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	2,277,619
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	<u>10,046,362</u>

Total Net Assets	<u>12,855,710</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$13,698,936
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A Life-Changing Legacy



Eva Lind

"This was a life-changing experience. When I was notified about the scholarship, I remember asking my family, 'What if this changes everything?' and I think it has. This was about being a professional, especially since I was able to do fieldwork in the media. It affected me personally and professionally. It gave me confidence and motivation."

Joshua Christensen

Opportunities and a legacy – those were Eva Lind's hope for the BSU scholarships that would be established in her family's name following her death. In 1998, her expectation was expressed in the form of the largest gift, over \$409,000, ever given by an individual to help BSU students achieve their academic goals. Since then, the Lind scholarships in elementary education, mass communication, and visual arts are presented each year.

Joshua Christensen, one of 15 undergraduates who received a 2008-09 Roy and Eva Lind Scholarship, fully understands the opportunity he's been given.

The Department of Mass Communication set aside one award this year to fund a student who would work at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver. A senior from Ramsey, with majors in both mass communication and political science, Christensen earned the scholarship through a competitive selection process.

"This was a life-changing experience," Christensen says. "When I was notified about the scholarship, I remember asking my family, 'What if this changes everything?' and I think it has. This was about being a professional, especially since I was able to do fieldwork in the media. It affected me personally and

professionally. It gave me confidence and motivation."

Prior to the convention, he attended meetings to learn about the operation of the political event and covered protests for Denver's ABC affiliate KMGH-TV, shooting video and blogging on their website. He also finagled press credentials to hear former President Bill Clinton address the delegates, see Joe Biden accept the vice presidential nomination, and watch the eventual party nominee, Barack Obama, make a surprise appearance.

Those experiences fit well into Christensen's career aspirations, which include a dream job covering the political beat as a TV journalist in Washington, DC. He fully understands that he needs to earn this type of assignment by starting in a small market, gaining experience as a reporter, and working his way through the system.

He started building his professional base in Bemidji. In the three years since transferring to campus from Anoka Ramsey Community College, he has volunteered and worked at Lakeland Public Television. At the station, he has shot video, created news packages, conducted interviews, and performed behind-the-scenes jobs. For campus station KBSU-TV, he staffs the master control console for hockey broadcasts and provides on-air talent for basketball games.

Fulfilling the opportunity component of Eva Lind's vision, Christensen is now beginning to carry out the expectation part of the formula as one of 220 students receiving a Lind scholarship in the past decade. These "Lind alumni" are teaching fourth graders, writing news stories, and creating ceramics. They also are early childhood educators, public relations specialists, and studio photographers. They work in clinics, ad agencies, and university systems.

The recipients are working in communities in three foreign countries and 14 states, from Soldotna, AK, to Coral Gables, FL, and from Burbank, CA, to Leesville, SC. The majority remain in Minnesota, living in cities from Alexandria to Zimmerman.

Eva was born and raised near Bagley in a family originally from Sweden. She graduated from Bemidji State in 1928 and taught on the Iron Range for a few years before moving west. She married Roy, a carpenter, in Great Falls, MT, where she continued teach-

ing for 38 years. After retiring, the couple returned to Minnesota. Roy, who died in 1996, and Eva created the gift to the University as part of the dispensation of their estate.

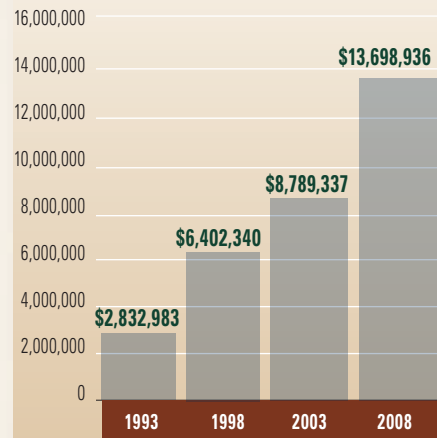
"I would thank her and her husband, with all my heart for giving me this once-in-a-lifetime experience and giving other students their opportunities as well," Christensen mentions when asked what he might say to the Linds if they were alive today. "It will help my career to say I got the scholarship to work at the convention and that will create more opportunities in the future."

It also completes the equation the Linds envisioned when establishing their endowment: opportunities + expectations = legacies.

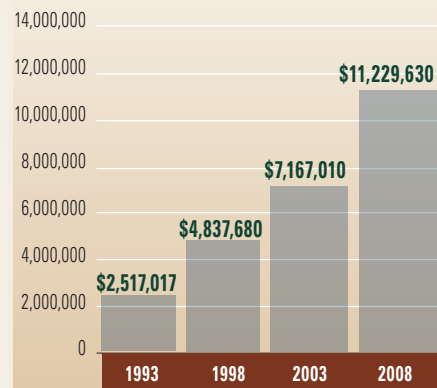
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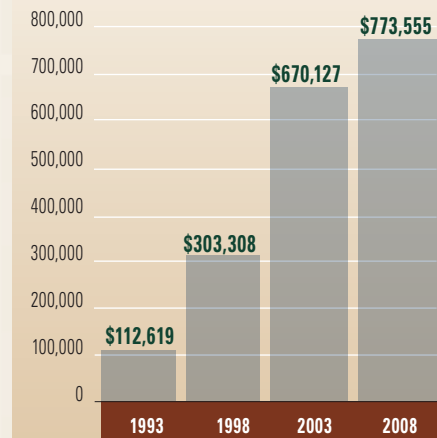
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Friday, January 30
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