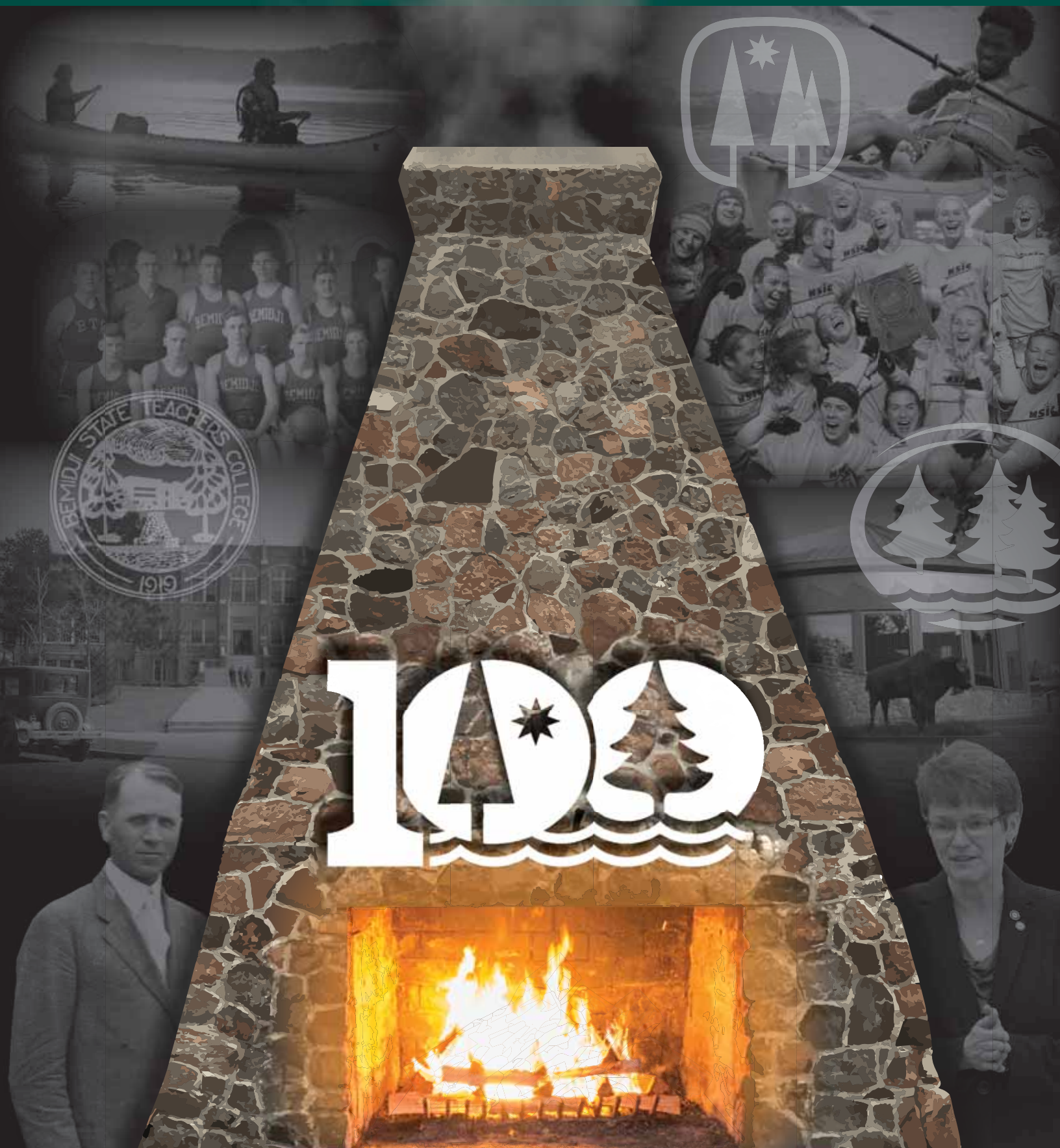


BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY



A CENTURY IN THE PINES



INTRODUCTION

Bemidji State University's first 100 years are marked by tremendous growth — in our size, in our purpose and in our mission to serve the people of Minnesota and beyond.

When we opened our doors in 1919 as Bemidji Normal School, the sixth Normal School for teacher education in the state of Minnesota, few couldn't have imagined what we would become. Our first four-year degree offering came in 1921, and we renamed ourselves Bemidji Teachers College. In 1957, we became Bemidji State College. Then, in 1975, our journey took its next step when we became Bemidji State University — a name recognizing our role as a multi-purpose institution with regional importance.

Taking full advantage of our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to recognize a 100-year milestone, our observance of A Bemidji State Century lasted for nearly 18 months. An April 2018 kickoff celebration — held nearly 100 years to the day from the groundbreaking ceremony for our first building on campus — featured music, dance and artifacts from our past. It was an energetic and exciting celebration of the events, people and achievements that are now interwoven into the history of this timeless institution.

That celebration continued into 2019, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of our first fall semester, which began on Sept. 2, 1919, when 38 students registered for classes. The recognition of our Centennial included celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the Hobson Memorial Union, the 50th anniversary of varsity intercollegiate women's athletics and the 10th anniversary of our Sustainability Office.

The students who first rushed to the shores of Lake Bemidji to pursue their dreams of becoming teachers could not have known that theirs were the first steps in what has become our 100-year journey. It is because of their dreams, and the dreams of those who believed that this institution could only belong in Bemidji, that BSU endures to this day.

From all of us at Bemidji State University, please enjoy some highlights from this rich story through the people who lived it, then and now.

A CENTURY IN THE PINES



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



TIME CAPSULE



BSU THROUGH THE YEARS



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In June 2019, Bemidji State University's Office of Communications and Marketing won a Circle of Excellence award for a poster design from the Council of Advancement and Support of Education. This poster was illustrated by 2017 BSU alumna Hope Wall.

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CENTENNIAL

Bemidji State University Closes Its First Century

RECAP

Starting in April 2018, Bemidji State University began a celebration of a truly historic milestone — recognition of its 100th birthday.

Bemidji's quest to win the right to host Minnesota's sixth normal school can be traced back to 1906, when Bemidji Schools Superintendent A. P. Ritchie first conceived the idea. Over the next seven years, Bemidji, Cass Lake and Thief River Falls waged a lobbying battle with the state legislature, each trying to make its case as the new school's home. Cass Lake seemed poised to win the battle in 1909, when the legislature passed a bill awarding the school to Cass Lake. The Cass Lake Times celebrated the decision, running a headline reading "Cass Lake Bill Wins 'Against the Field.'" Minnesota Governor John A. Johnson vetoed the bill in full, however, saying in his veto message "in my judgment there is no pressing need for the establishment of an additional normal school at this time."

The battle continued for another four years, with Bemidji finally prevailing and winning the right to host the school in 1913.

Five years later, in June 1919, Bemidji Normal School opened its doors to its first group of students.

Nearly 100 years to the day from when ground was broken for construction of the school's first building — "The Main," as it was known, which today still stands as Deputy Hall — Bemidji State University threw a raucous kickoff celebration of its centennial year in the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex. This issue of Bemidji State University magazine officially brings that celebration to a close.

As we have celebrated this historic and monumental milestone in our history, we've also found opportunity to recognize many other significant milestones in this university's storied history — including the 50th anniversaries of the Hobson Memorial Union, our since-retired holiday Madrigal Dinners production and organized varsity intercollegiate athletics for women. We also acknowledged the 10th anniversary the BSU Sustainability Office.

Photos on the next several pages capture just a few of the many high points from our celebration.

Homage to the Past with an Eye on the Future



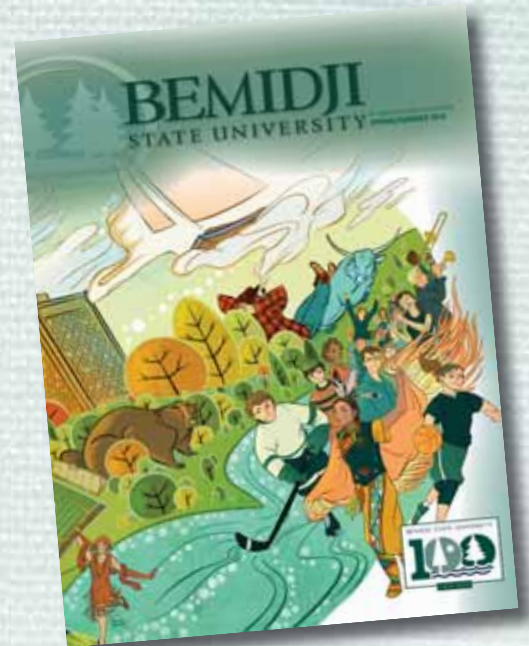
Jon "Hondo" '91 and Suzy Langhout '93 perform for the more than 100 guests at the April 12, 2018, kickoff for BSU's centennial celebration at the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex.



BSU presidential medallions were among the historical artifacts on display at BSU's centennial kickoff celebration.



President Faith Hensrud, center, along with 2017-18 Student Senate President Ash Ullah, '18 cut the ribbon at the dedication of the renamed Centennial Plaza. Banners on the plaza's lamp posts highlight key moments in BSU's history. Hensrud and Ullah were joined, from left to right, by President Emeritus Jim Bensen, former Associate Vice President for Student Life & Success Jesse Grant, Hobson Memorial Union Director Nina Johnson, former Executive Director of Communications & Marketing Scott Faust and President Emeritus Jon Quistgaard.



Bemidji State University formally launched an 18-month celebration of its 100th anniversary on April 12, 2018, with a full day of activities and special events on campus. The recognition began with a morning history walk reception on the concourse outside the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex Main Theatre, featuring historical artifacts from the university archives and banners recapping key moments in Bemidji State's century-long story. A multimedia extravaganza followed, with BSU students performing era-appropriate song and dance routines during intermissions of a video documentary on the university's history. A luncheon followed at the American Indian Resource Center and an afternoon ceremony renamed the courtyard between the Hobson Memorial Union buildings as "Centennial Plaza."

A complete look back at the kickoff of "A Bemidji State Century" may be found as the cover story to the Spring/Summer 2018 edition of Bemidji State University magazine. That story, along with the rest of the issue, is available on our website.

Women's Athletics 50th Anniversary



Dr. Pat Rosenbrock, Ruth Howe and Betsy McDowell were honored as pioneers of BSU women's athletics — Howe and McDowell as founders and Rosenbrock as the program's historian — at the October 2018 social to launch the year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of women's athletics.

Former and current BSU women's athletes, coaches, supporters and family packed the American Indian Resource Center's Gathering Room for an Oct. 6, 2018, social to launch a recognition of the 50th anniversary of varsity intercollegiate athletics for women at Bemidji State. The social, emceed by BSU alumna and retired North Dakota State University Director of Women's Athletics Lynn Dorn '72, also recognized four remarkable women for their roles in creating BSU's women's intercollegiate athletics program. Dr. Marjory Beck, Dr. Ruth Howe and Betsy McDowell were recognized as founders of women's athletics, while long-time BSU faculty member and coach Dr. Pat Rosenbrock was celebrated as the program's historian for her tireless effort to document the history of women's athletics at the university.

Bemidji State's journey to the modern, competitive NCAA Division II women's athletics program it enjoys today began with four sports — basketball, volleyball, field hockey and swimming — in an era when prevailing conventional wisdom dictated that while athletic competition was considered healthy for men, it was "harmful and inappropriate" for women.

BSU also recalled its history as a founding member of the Minn-Kota Conference, one of the first in the nation for women's athletics, in 1969, its national leadership as a founding member of the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women in 1971, and its eventual moves to the Northern Sun Conference and the NCAA.

The celebration culminated in a weekend of activities in August 2019.

Mardy Beck, who was unable to attend the kickoff ceremony, received her founder's certificate during a special Oct. 19 visit from President Hensrud (right).



BSU's women's soccer program, under the direction of head coach Jim Stone, assembled an undefeated 2018 regular season (17-0-1 overall, 14-0-1 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference) and won an NCAA Tournament game for the first time in its history.



Bemidji State's Department of Music staged its 50th annual—and final Madrigal Dinners at Bemidji's Concordia Language Villages between Nov. 30–Dec. 9, 2018. The production re-staged the original 1969 masque written by BSU professor emeritus of music and Madrigal Dinners founder Dr. Paul Brandvik.



Colleen Deel, assistant professor of library & library services, delivered BSU's final Honors Council lecture of the Spring 2019 semester with a look into the university archives. Deel's lecture illustrated ways in which the items found in the archives could be used to reconstruct a narrative of the university's history.



BSU began a new Homecoming tradition in 2019 by lighting the lakeside fireplace on Thursday evening and keeping it lit through the conclusion of the Carl O. Thompson Memorial Concert, BSU's traditional final event of Homecoming week, on Sunday afternoon.



More than 70 faculty, staff and community members gathered outside Hag-Sauer Hall to remember, honor and retire the nearly 50-year-old building. Pastor Ron Gladen, who as a BSU undergraduate took classes taught by both of the building's namesakes — Dr. Harold T. Hag and Dr. Philip R. Sauer — spoke at the ceremony and recalled their influences on him.



BSU senior Abbie Newman, an elementary education major from Crosby, attended the hearth lighting with a special connection to the fireplace. Newman said that her great-grandmother, Helen Siegel, was one of the two students chosen to light the fireplace for the first time after its completion in 1932.

The Beltrami County Historical Society opened an exhibit celebrating Bemidji State University's Centennial year in June 2019. President Faith Hensrud and Gary Rozman, executive director of the BCHS, spoke during an opening reception for the exhibit about BSU's importance to the Bemidji community throughout history. Items on display in the exhibit include a World War II diary from former BSU President Charles Sattgast, a replica of BSU's Alumni Arch, records from BSU's music department and more.





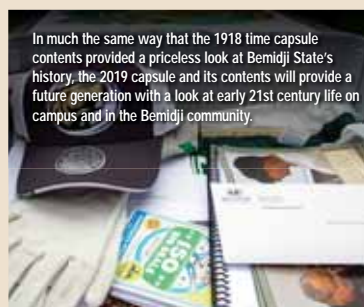
The family of Hobson Memorial Union namesake C.V. Hobson was on hand to help commemorate the union's 50th anniversary.



Alumni Leaders in the Classroom, one of the signature events at Bemidji State University's Homecoming weekend, brought more than 20 BSU alumni back into the classroom at their alma mater for panel discussions.



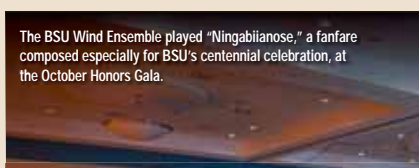
One of BSU's last formal events during its Bemidji State Century celebration came in September 2019, when it planted a time capsule intended to be opened by future caretakers of Bemidji State University.



In much the same way that the 1918 time capsule contents provided a priceless look at Bemidji State's history, the 2019 capsule and its contents will provide a future generation with a look at early 21st century life on campus and in the Bemidji community.



President Hensrud greets a full house at BSU's annual Honors Gala in October.



The BSU Wind Ensemble played "Ningabianose," a fanfare composed especially for BSU's centennial celebration, at the October Honors Gala.



Ramsey Gallery Installation



Bemidji State's Office of Communications & Marketing opened a showcase of historic artifacts from the university archives and from private contributors in the Ramsey Gallery of the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex in October 2018. The gallery also featured recreations of banners highlighting decade-by-decade key moments in the university's history which were used during the Centennial Kickoff in April 2018. The exhibit also included special displays celebrating the 50th anniversaries of both the Madrigal Dinners and women's intercollegiate athletics, and later was home to artifacts found in the 1918 time capsule left in Deputy Hall's cornerstone when construction on the building began.



President Hensrud and members of the BSU Building & Grounds team opened a time capsule left in the cornerstone of Deputy Hall in 1918. Artifacts from the time capsule were publicly unveiled in an exhibit at the university's Ramsey Gallery in September 2019. A complete story on the 1918 time capsule opening begins on Page 12.



Contents of the 2019 time capsule.

2019 **TIME CAPSULE** CONTENTS



BSU alumnus and director emeritus of its Office of News & Publications, Al Nohner, reflects on his nearly 50-year association with Bemidji State.

On a cloudy October afternoon, about 100 campus and community members gathered on the Hobson Memorial Union lawn, where dozens of items were left for future generations to explore in Bemidji State University's centennial time capsule.

A dedication ceremony, led by BSU President Faith C. Hensrud, Colleen Deel, assistant professor of library services, and Al Nohner, a BSU alumnus and director emeritus of its Office of News & Publications, marked the conclusion of Bemidji State's 18-month centennial celebration.

Hensrud welcomed attendees and acknowledged the historic nature of the occasion.

"Today, we are creating an opportunity for a future generation to travel back in time to October of 2019," she said. "For in 100 years — in the year 2119 — we expect that a future Bemidji

State University students, faculty and staff will again come together with members of the Bemidji community at this very spot so they might discover what we are leaving for them today."

The centennial time capsule includes a wide selection of items, including branded merchandise such as t-shirts, hats and note pads, a current campus map, a copy of BSU's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, a hockey puck, a current academic course catalog, a diploma cover given to graduates at commencement, a red pine tree core sample collected by Landscape Ecology students and more.

Al Nohner, a BSU alumnus and director emeritus of its Office of News & Publications, reflecting on his nearly 50-year association with Bemidji State — looked to the future with optimism.



In closing, Hensrud thanked everyone who had contributed items to the 2019 centennial time capsule and shared her thoughts about what the citizens of Bemidji in 2119 may think of its contents.

"These objects have come from many sources, and whether large or small they each have a story tell," Hensrud said. "Put them together, and we leave for future generations a glimpse into life in 2019 at Bemidji State University."

BSU President Faith C. Hensrud welcomes campus and community members to the dedication ceremony.





The Bemidji Choir and Director of Choral Activities and assistant professor of music, Dr. Dwight Jilek



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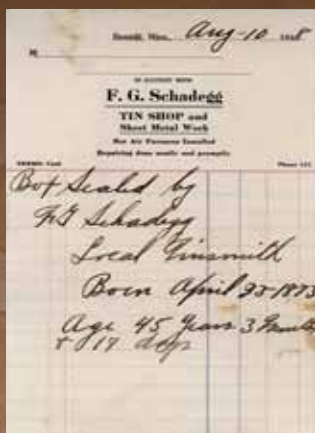
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RECEIPT FROM F.G. SCHADEGG

"Box sealed by F.G. Schadegg, Local
Tinsmith born April 23, 1873. Age 45
years, 3 months and 17 days."



1918 TIME CAPSULE

Bemidji State Reveals Contents of 1918 Time Capsule

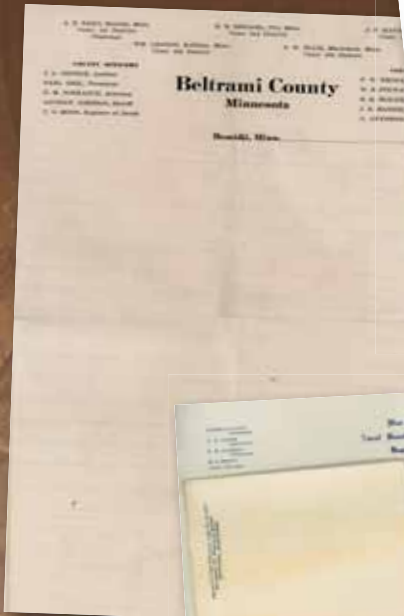
A footnote found on page 47 of Dr. Art Lee's book, "University in the Pines," reads, in part: "...it took a large container to accommodate all the memorabilia that went into it. As the (Bemidji) Sentinel article of August 16, 1918, read: 'Records of practically all the proceedings connected with the development ... were placed within the casket that is now covered by the cornerstone.'"

After this reminder of the existence of a 100-year-old time capsule on campus, and finding no records that it was ever recovered or retrieved, Bemidji State's grounds crew removed the Deputy Hall cornerstone on Sept. 9, 2019, and located the capsule.

The entire Bemidji State University community owes a debt of gratitude to the founders of this great and enduring institution, not only for the years-long campaign they waged to win the right to host Bemidji Normal School, but also for having the foresight to leave for us this priceless gift of a time capsule.



BSU President Faith Hensrud opens BSU's 1918 time capsule on Sept. 19, 2019, with help from Brian Ingalls and Mitch Bannor from the BSU Buildings and Grounds staff.



LETTERS AND STATIONARY

War Department Local Board
Beltrami Couty, Bemidji, Minn.

Printed on Persian Bond paper.



President Hensrud and Colleen Deel examine the capsule's contents.



Brett Steinmetz from the BSU facilities staff uses a powered saw to cut open the time capsule.

Brian Ingalls, Brett Steinmetz and Mitch Bannor pose with the Deputy Hall cornerstone after locating the time capsule.

Contents of Box.

1. Bill establishing Normal School.
2. Parts of General Bills making appropriations.
3. Ordern of Commission locating Normal School.
4. Names of Commission.
5. History of establishment of Normal School.
6. Names of present State Officers.
7. Name of State Superintendent of Education.
8. Name of present County Superintendent.
9. Name of present City Superintendent.
10. Names of local Senators and Representatives.
11. Name of Contractor.
12. Name of State Architect.
13. Photograph and biographical sketch of L.E. Peniergast.
14. Copy of xx biannual report of Normal School Board.
15. Birdseye view of the City of BEMIDJI, Minn.
16. Photograph of Chief Bemidji.
17. Photographs of public and business houses of Bemidji including High School, City Library, United States Post Office., Court House, Methodist Church, Catholic Church, Presbyterian Church, Baptist Church, Episcopal Church, Markham Hotel, Elks Hall, Crookston Mills, Union Depot, Great Northern Depot, Bemidji Handle Factory, Birchmont Hotel, Boat City of Bemidji, County Commissioners in Session..
18. Business and professional cards.
19. Copy of City Directory.
20. Copies of local and State Newspapers.

1918

TIME CAPSULE

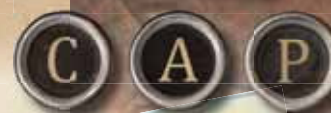
While the numerous newspapers of the day shared within — issues of the Bemidji Pioneer, Bemidji Sentinel, and other newspapers from around the state — speak prominently of the Great War being waged in Europe at the time, the message found in the time capsule is instead one of hope and pride.

At a ceremony to dedicate BSU's 2019 time capsule, after which the contents of this capsule were publicly unveiled for the first time, President Hensrud spoke to that message of hope.

"While the contents of this time capsule show us that much has changed in Bemidji over the last 100 years, the pride we feel today for our university and for the city we call home continues — as strong as it has ever been."

In total, the brass box — sealed by local tinsmith F.G. Schadegg on August 10, 1918, as stated on the enclosed handwritten receipt — contained more than two dozen artifacts. Included were copies of the bill establishing Bemidji as the site of Minnesota's sixth normal school; a record of all legislators who voted in favor of the bill's passage; a document called "History of Establishment" which recapped the legislative battle between Bemidji, Cass Lake and Thief River Falls for the right to host the school; and various photos, postcards and directories that provided a glimpse into the 1918 version of Bemidji.

Contents of this time capsule were included in BSU's Centennial history display in the Ramsey Gallery of the Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex, and also were on display at the 2019 Honors Gala at Bemidji's Sanford Center.





**LEY'S BEMIDJI CITY DIRECTORY
INCLUDING NYMORE**

Vol IV, 1916-1917, Minnesota.
Property of: Edward Netzer Drugs,
Bemidji, Minn.



HISTORY OF ESTABLISHMENT

This document, called "History of Establishment," was one of the many historical documents found in the 1918 time capsule left by Bemidji Normal School's founders in the Deputy Hall cornerstone. It is presented here precisely as it was typed more than 100 years ago, in the spring of 1918. On the list included in the time capsule, "Contents of Box," this document is Number 5, "History of establishment of Normal School."

The Idea of the Bemidji Normal School was first conceived in the summer of 1906, by A. P. Ritchie, who was at that time, city Supt. of th Bemidji Public Schools. During the Winter and Fall of the same year the idea spread, and during the session of the Minnesota State Educational Association it took tangible form. Little attention was paid to the idea, however, in Bemidji until the State Legislature met in January, 1907, Cass Lake was the first to present a Bill in the Legislature and not until that time did the majority of Citizens of Bemidji wake up to the occasion. The Cass Lake Bill was fathered by P. H. McGeary of Walker. Soon a bill was introduced in the House by J. J. Opsahl, and Senator Honson presented two bills in the Senate. One for Bemidji and one for Thief River Falls. These were followed by Bills for Park Rapids, Warren and Wadena. After some time all the contending parties except Cass Lake fathered a General Bill which provided that a Normal School should be established in Northern Minnesota north of the Northern Pacific Railroad, extending from Duluth to Moorhead. The site to be selected by the Normal School Board. This Bill was pushed by Bemidji and Thief River Falls assisted by Warren. All Bills failed to pass at this session.

The ground was now broken and the way paved for a more intense struggle. During the session of 1909, Cass Lake backing an individual Bill while Bemidji and Thief River Falls backed the General Bill. After a long and protracted fight, the Cass Lake Bill was finally passed, and was vetoed by Governor John A. Johnson.

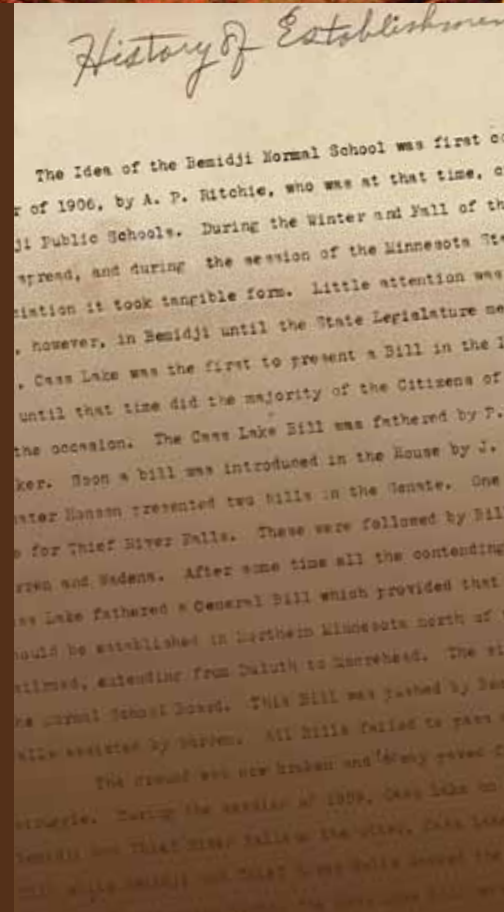
This put a damper on the fight during the session of 1911 and but little was done during this session more than to create a sentiment for the additional Normal School.

When session of 1913 opened the same fight was on. The backers of the General Bill however, asking for a commission of five men to be selected by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the house, whose duty it should be to visit all contending localities and select Ole Sageng of Dalton, Hon. W. W. Brown of St. James, Hon. Samuel Wilson of Mankato and Hon James Ferguson of Duluth. During the following summer of 1913, the commission visited the several proposed locations and after due deliberation finally selected Bemidji as the location. The City of Bemidji granting to the State of Minnesota the site which is estimated at not less than \$30,000.00.

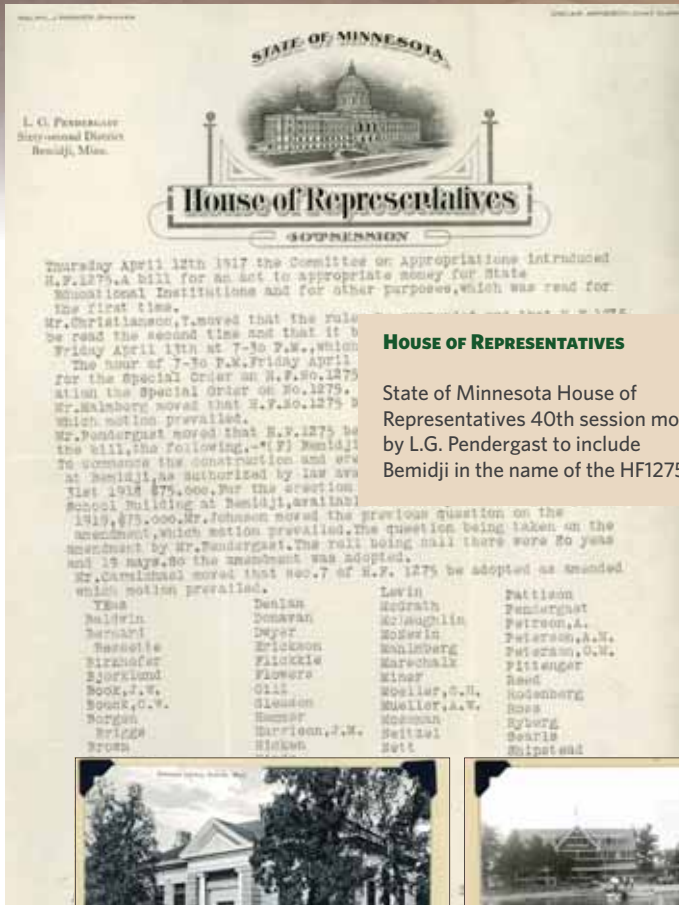
The Bill creating the school d i not carry with it any appropriation. During the session of 1916, the Legislature appropriated the sum of \$25,000 to begin the construction and erection of a building. This was not used at this time.

The session of 1917, opened with considerable opposition to any further appropriation for the erection of a building at this time. L. G. Pendergast of this City went to the session with but one object in view that was for a substantial appropriation. The odds seemed against him but with superhuman efforts he persuaded the Legislature to appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00. This amount was cut by Governor J. A. A. Burnquist to \$75,000.00. With this amount the Board of Control, , at the suggestion of The Normal School Board began the construction of the main building in May, 1918.

Committee.

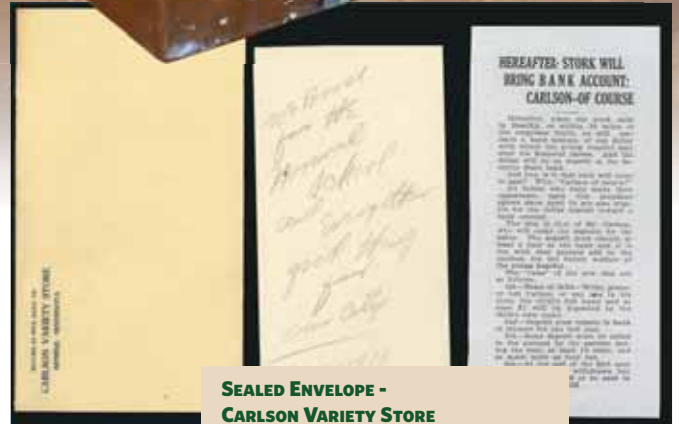


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Minnesota House of Representatives 40th session motion by L.G. Pendergast to include Bemidji in the name of the HF1275 bill.

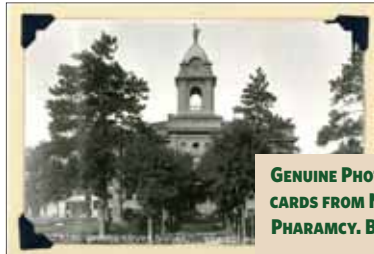


SEALED ENVELOPE - CARLSON VARIETY STORE

"Return in 5 days to Carlson Variety Store Bemidji, Minnesota."

HANDWRITTEN NOTE ON BACK

"We boost for the Normal School and every other good thing for our city."
8-10-1918, Carlson Variety Store, A.T. Carlson



GENUINE PHOTOGRAPHY POST CARDS FROM NETZER'S PHARMACY. BEMIDJI, MINN

Cook Montgomery Co. Post Cards, Minneapolis.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS CARDS

Bemidji area businesses.



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—BSU PRESIDENT FAITH C. HENSRUD



WATCHING WATER SPORTS ON A SUMMER EVENING.



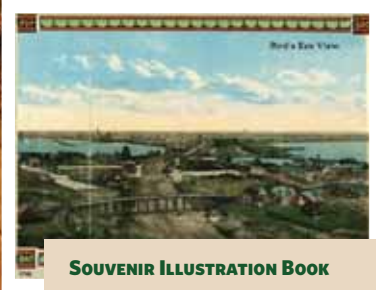
AT OSTER PARK RESORT.



SHAWNEE MODEL BARN.

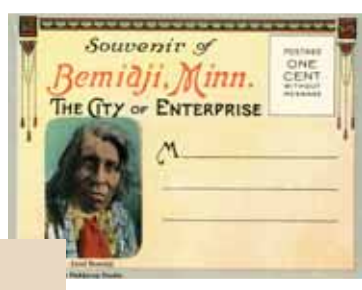


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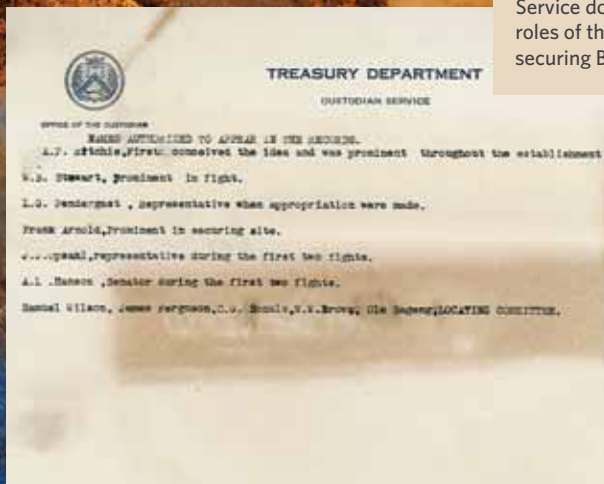
SOUVENIR ILLUSTRATION BOOK

City of Bemidji, "The City of Enterprise" published by Hakkerup Studio.



TREASURY DEPARTMENT MEMO

Treasury Department Custodian Service document of names and roles of those instrumental in securing Bemidji Normal School site.



STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SAINT PAUL

July 18, 1913.

ION BY THE COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE
FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL AT BEMIDJI.

"On motion of Mr. Wilson it was
Voted, that Bemidji be finally designated
ation for the sixth normal school, upon meet
ing conditions:

1. Acquire title to all of the site kn
d Point, there being about thirty-seven acre
, and convey to the state a tract of twenty-
roof, or such part of twenty-five acres as t
n shall designate.
2. Agree to park the balance of the tr
3. Agree to extend the city sewerage a
up to the site.
4. Agree to open and improve Dowd Ave
along said site."

ACTION BY THE COMMISSION

This memo on State of Minnesota Department of Education letterhead, marked "COPY" and dated July 18, 1913, officially established Bemidji as the site of Minnesota's sixth Normal School. It read:

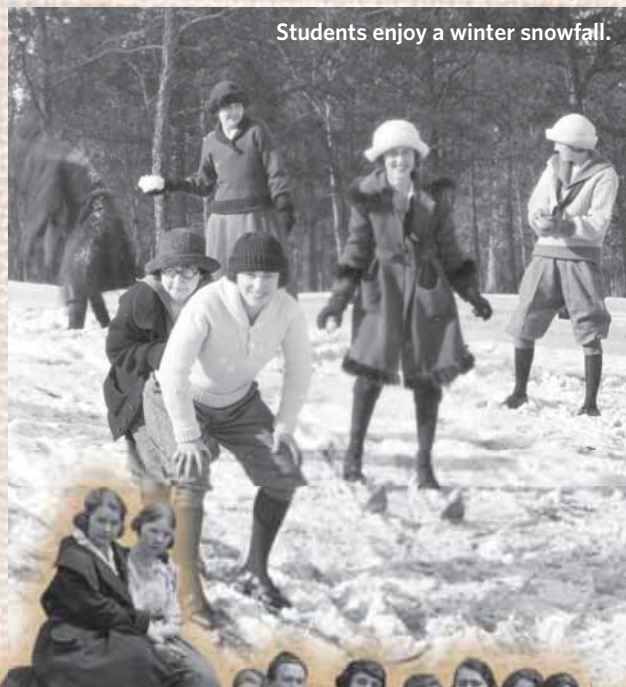
ACTION BY THE COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SITE FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL AT BEMIDJI.

"On motion of Mr. Wilson, it was Voted, that Bemidji be finally designated as the location for the sixth normal school, upon meeting the following conditions:

1. Acquire title to all of the site known as Diamond Point, there being about thirty-seven acres in said site, and convey to the state a tract of twenty-five acres thereof, or such part of twenty-five acres as this commission shall designate.
2. Agree to park the balance of the tract.
3. Agree to extend the city sewerage and pavement up to the site.
4. Agree to open and improve Dowd Avenue as it runs along said site."



Founding – 1929



Students enjoy a winter snowfall.

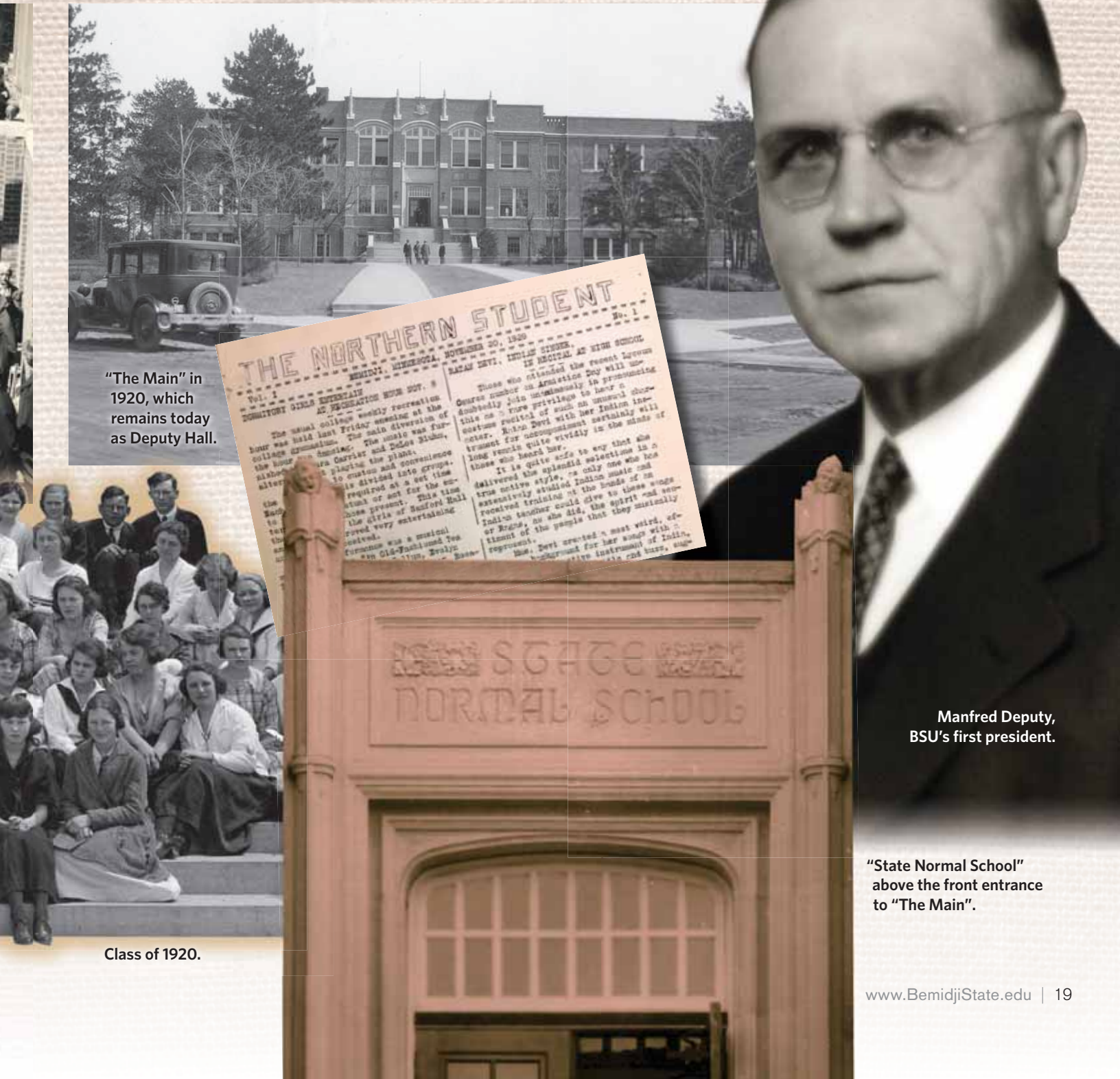


The cornerstone is laid for "The Main," Bemidji Normal School's first building.





Bemidji citizens gather in 1915 on the donated ground where Bemidji Normal School will be constructed.



"The Main" in 1920, which remains today as Deputy Hall.

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SOMMITORY GIRLS ENTERTAIN AT RECREATION HOUR SAT. 8
The annual college weekly recreation hour was held last Friday evening at the college gymnasium. The main diversion of the hour was dancing. The music was furnished by the orchestra of the Bemidji High School. The girls were divided into groups, and each group was required to perform a set of dances. The time passed very pleasantly, and the girls of Bemidji Hall were very entertaining.

MANDEVILLE, ILLINOIS, NOVEMBER 30, 1920
Those who attended the recent lecture given by Mrs. M. J. Devt. will undoubtedly join unanimously in pronouncing this as a rare privilege to hear a lecture of such an unusual character. Mrs. Devt. with her Indian costume and her personality certainly will transmit for her personality in the minds of those who heard her.
It is quite safe to say that she delivered the splendid selection in a true native style. As only one who has extensively studied at the hands of an Indian teacher could give to these songs of songs, as she did, the spirit and sentiment of the people that they musically represent.
Mrs. Devt. created a most weird, effective background for her songs with a background of music and her, singing.

Manfred Deputy, BSU's first president.

"State Normal School" above the front entrance to "The Main".

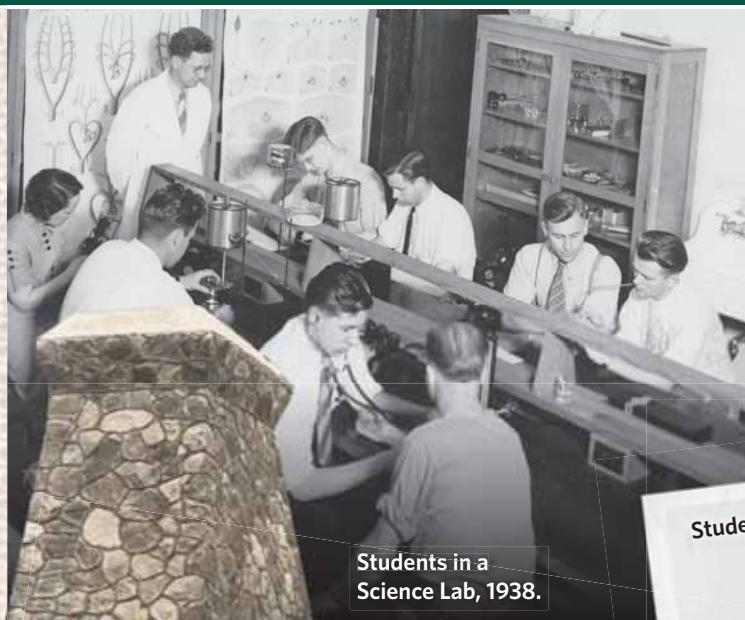
Class of 1920.



Bemidji State Teachers College started playing competitive hockey in the 1950s.



1930-1949



Students in a Science Lab, 1938.



Homecoming royalty, 1938.



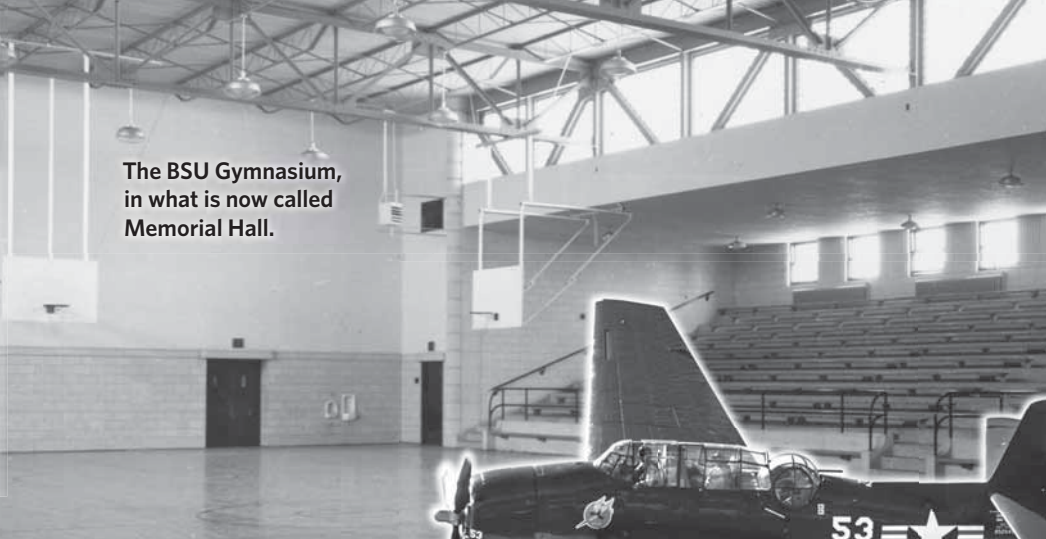
Students enjoy Lake Bemidji.



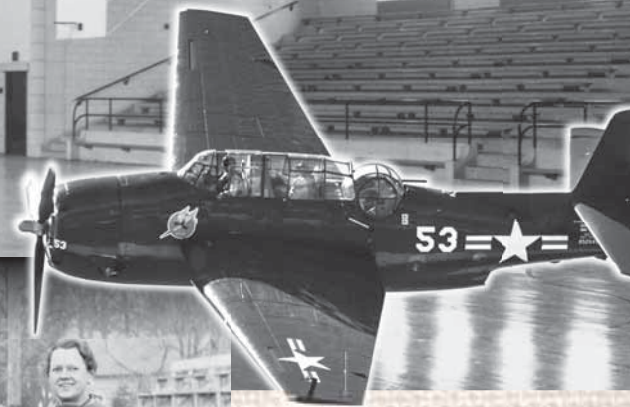
Dedication of the outdoor fireplace on June 6, 1932.



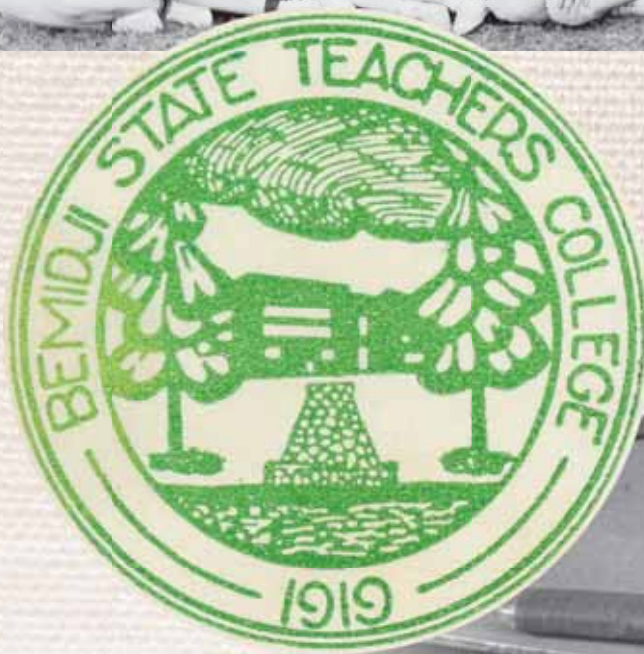
Groundbreaking
for Memorial Hall.



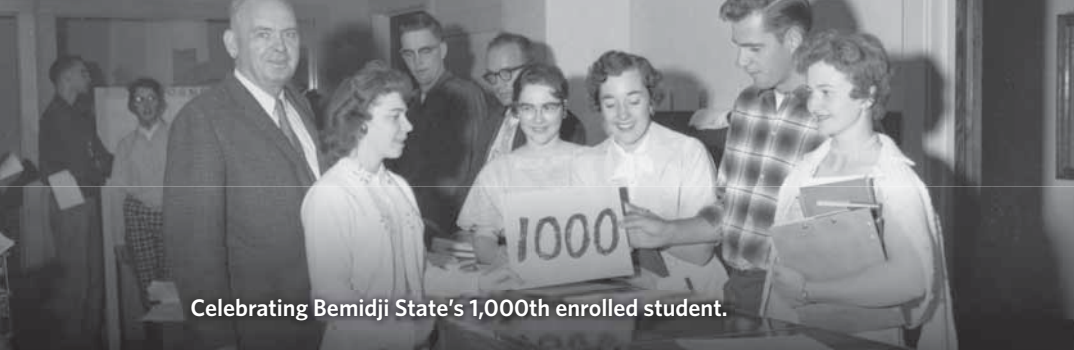
The BSU Gymnasium,
in what is now called
Memorial Hall.



Bemidji State Teachers College women athletes, 1936.



BSTC President Charles Sattgast.

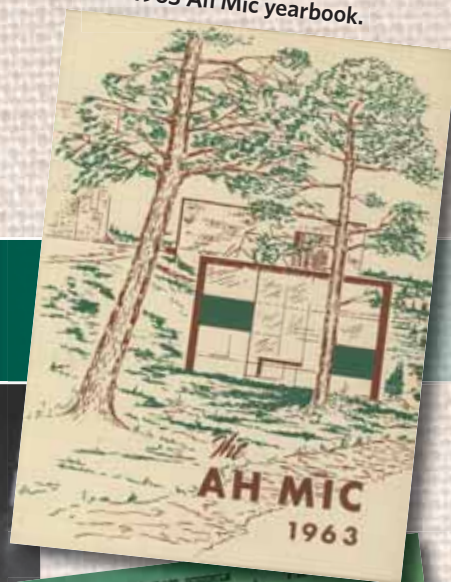


Celebrating Bemidji State's 1,000th enrolled student.

1950-1969



Pine Lounge, 1960s.



STUDENT'S CLASS SCHEDULE
 Name: John Doe Section: 101

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. 8:00 - 9:05	Math	Test Prep				1
2. 9:10 - 10:15	Gen. Methods Teaching in Soc. Sci.					2
3. 10:20 - 11:25	Speech Fundamentals					3
4. 1:30 - 2:35	American Midwestern History					3
5. 2:40 - 3:45						
6.						
7.						
8.						
9.						9



Bemidji State College cheerleaders.



Examining beadwork in an early Ojibwe course at Bemidji State.



Students on campus watch television, 1960s.

"Grass Roots" band perform on campus, 1960s .

Studying in Birch Hall, 1951.



Students protest the Vietnam War with a march through downtown Bemidji.



Legendary hockey coach R.H. "Bob" Peters celebrates BSU's 1984 national championship to cap an undefeated season.

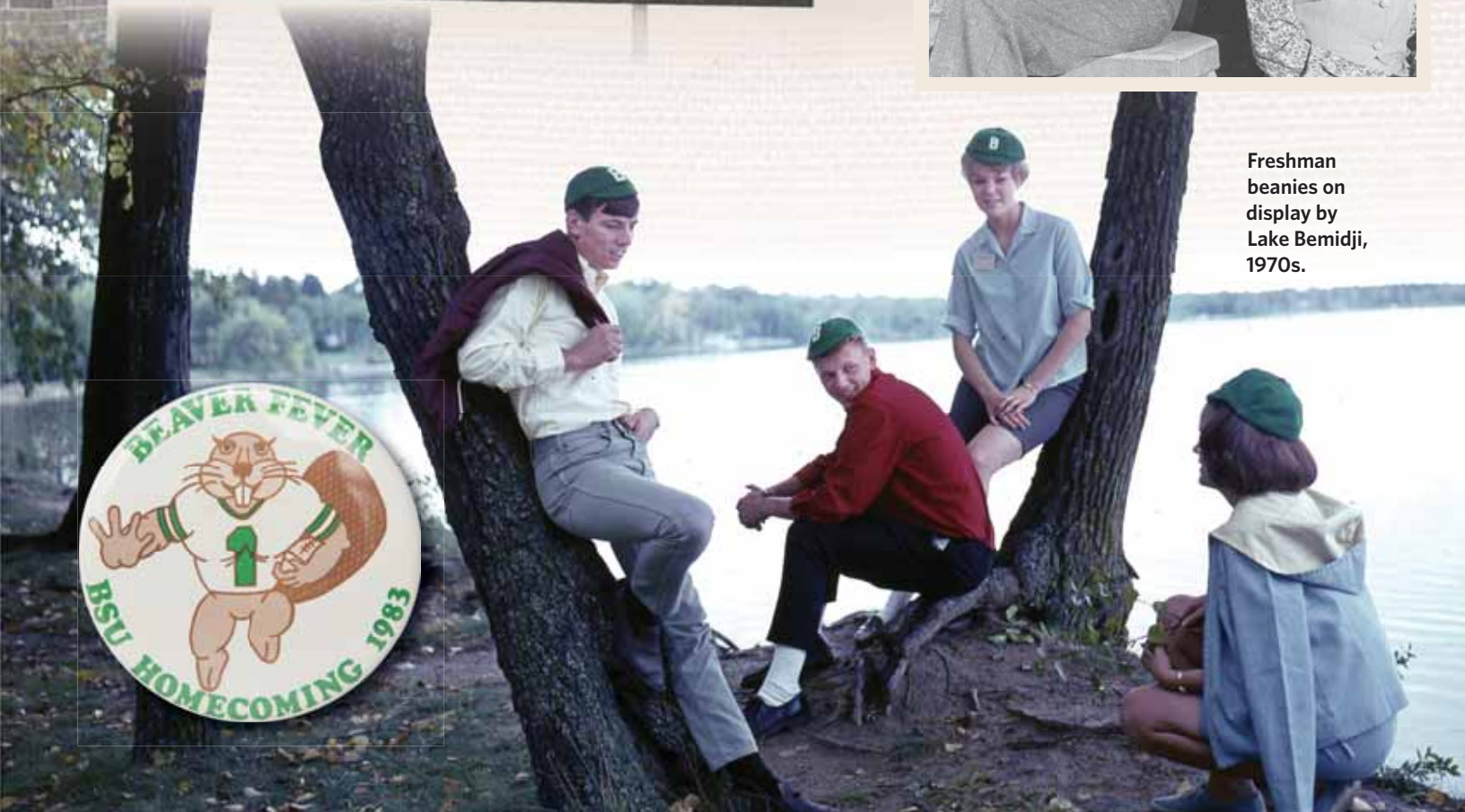
1970-1989



Bemidji State College became Bemidji State University in 1975.



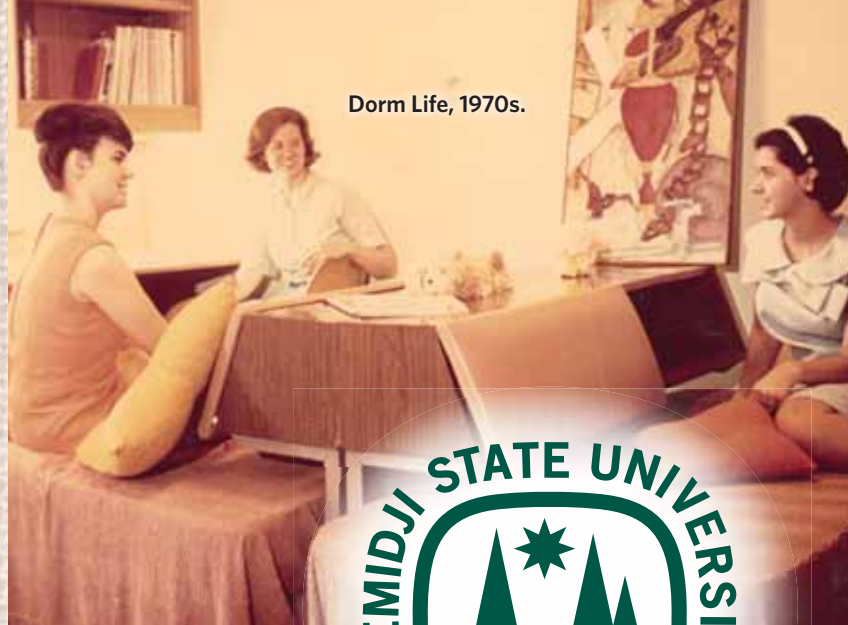
Homecoming royalty, 1970s.



Freshman beanies on display by Lake Bemidji, 1970s.



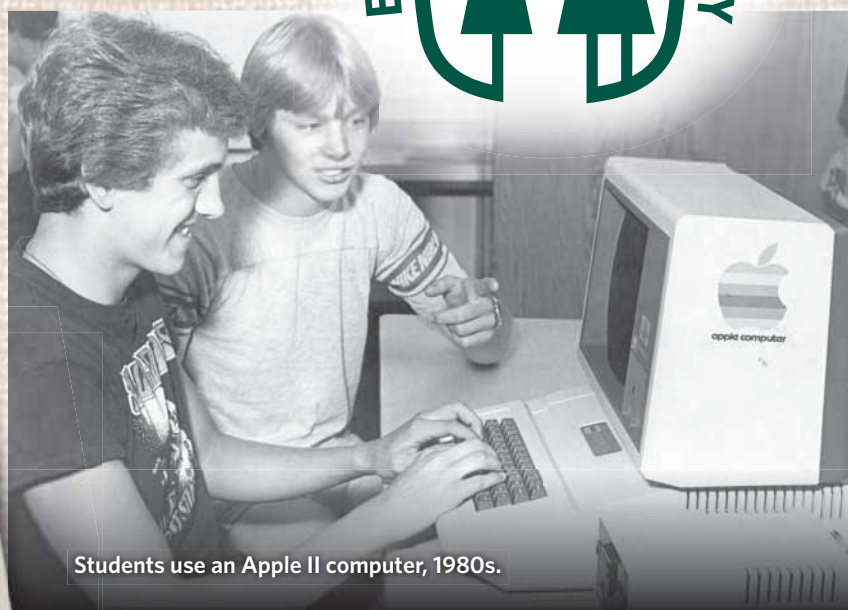
Socializing outside the Anishinaabe Family Center.



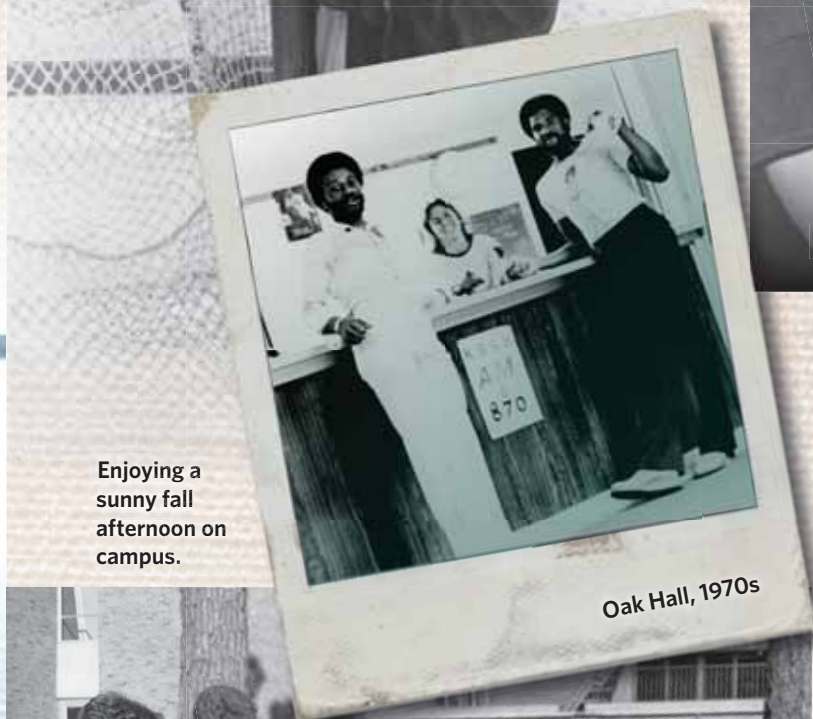
Dorm Life, 1970s.



Bucky the Beaver.



Students use an Apple II computer, 1980s.



Enjoying a sunny fall afternoon on campus.

Oak Hall, 1970s



Spinning discs at KBSB, 1973.

President Quistgaard and others dedicate the American Indian Resource Center in 2003.



1990-2009



Dedicating the BSU Alumni Arch outside Deputy Hall in 1990.

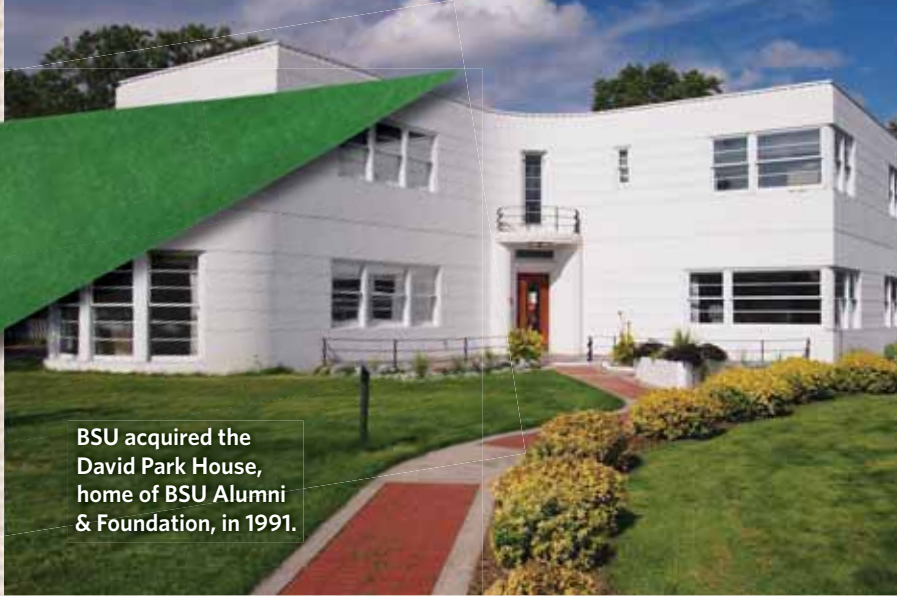


Student parade at the Festival of Nations celebration, 1990s.

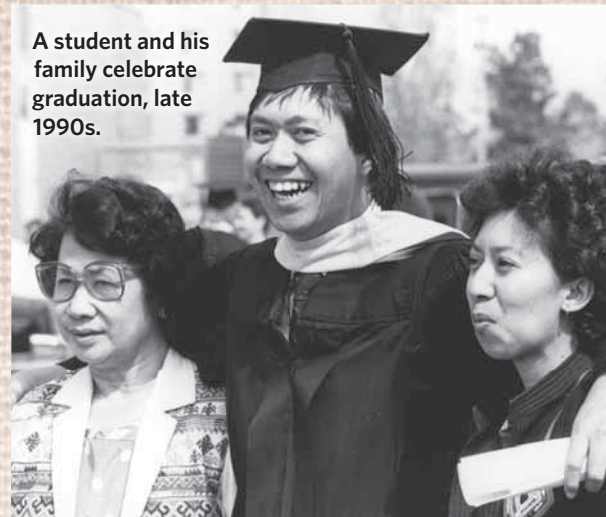


Hands Across Campus, 1990s.





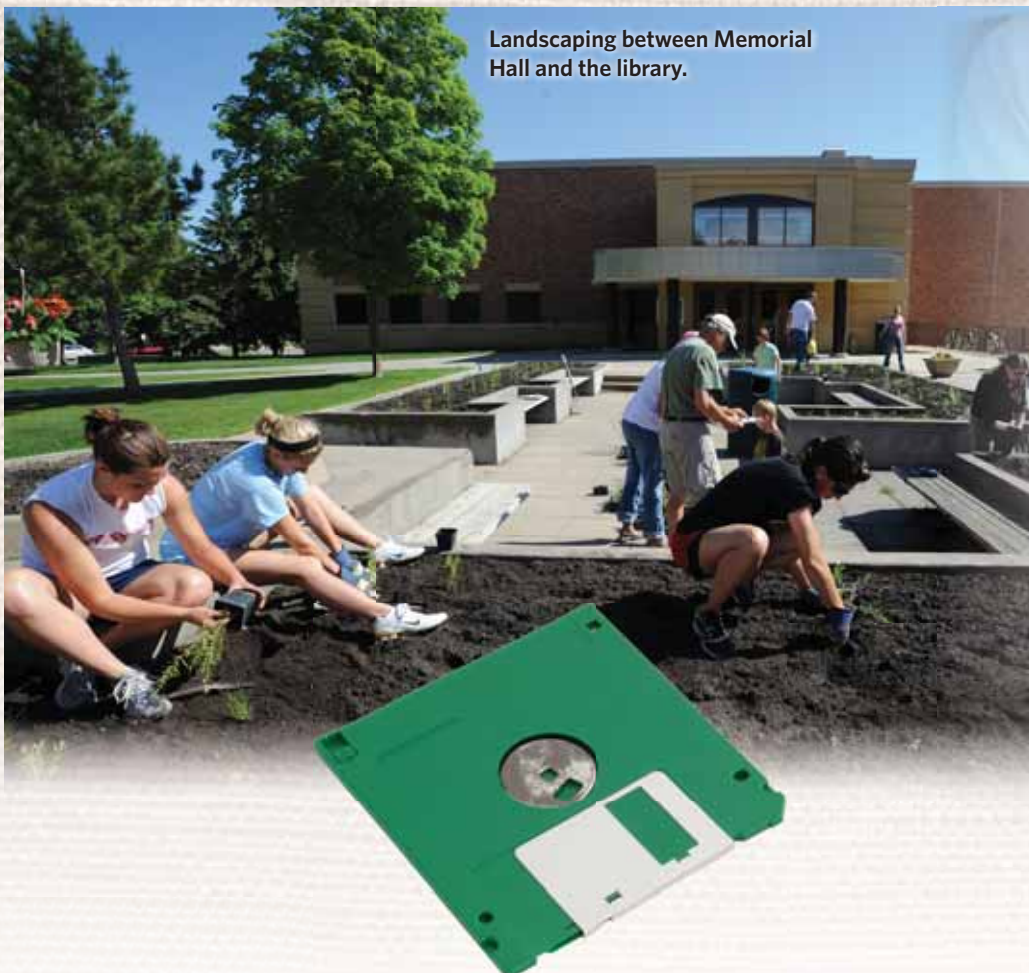
BSU acquired the David Park House, home of BSU Alumni & Foundation, in 1991.



A student and his family celebrate graduation, late 1990s.



Technology Smart Room, 1990s.



Landscaping between Memorial Hall and the library.



BSU President Les Duly.

President Richard Hanson (center) celebrates the successful conclusion of BSU's Imagine Tomorrow fundraising campaign.



2000-2019



BSU was named a Green Ribbon School for sustainability by the U.S. Department of Education in 2017.



A student views the 2018 solar eclipse.



Dr. Dwight Jilek (left) welcomed Dr. Paul Brandvik (center) home to conduct an alumni performance at the Bemidji Choir's 80th anniversary celebration in 2017.





Beaver Soccer celebrates its first-ever NSIC Championship in 2018.



Bucky leads a dance party on campus.



A ring-dancing demonstration in the American Indian Resource Center.



Installing artificial turf at Chet Anderson Stadium.



Sculptor Curtis Ingvaldstad at the unveiling of BSU's shoreline wildlife sculpture in 2014.



BSU President Faith Hensrud.

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