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Greetings to all BHSU alumni

For 125 years, your alma mater has transformed lives through innovative academic programs and a dynamic learning community. As we commemorate our Quasquicentennial during 2008, we celebrate our heritage and traditions. This university has much of which we should be proud. We have responded proactively to meet the needs of the citizens of the region and state. We have evolved into a comprehensive university with high quality faculty and students.

I anticipate BHSU will continue to be viewed as a progressive university in the future. Numerous opportunities await us with the development of the Sanford Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory at the former Homestake Mine site and the concomitant development of a technology corridor throughout the region. You have my commitment that your alma mater will not only be a significant part of the future development, it will be a leader in these efforts.

Your ongoing support is very important to the university. Please recommend BHSU as the university of choice for students, hire a BHSU student for an internship or employment, and contribute to the Foundation through your time, talent, or treasure. I hope to see you at the many events surrounding our Quasquicentennial Celebration (see page 3 for details).

Thank you for everything you do for BHSU,
Kay Schallenkamp, President

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp congratulates Samantha Cripps, business education and mathematics graduate candidate from Wright, Wyo., as she presents her diploma during the university's 154th commencement ceremony. Samantha was the highest ranking graduate for the fall 2007 graduating class.



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On the cover:

A look at how the BHSU campus green has transformed from the early 20s to the present.

2008 photo by Les Voorhis

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Black Hills State University is celebrating its Quasiquintennial.

Transforming lives for 125 years

As we look back at our history, it's obvious Black Hills State University has transformed the lives of its students while undergoing a major evolution in the role the university plays in the community, state, and nation. BHSU is now a destination that continues to transform lives through innovative educational programs and a dynamic learning community.



Class of 1889 - Dakota Normal School

Our founding fathers would likely be astonished by the turn of events that led to the emergence of Black Hills State University as a leader in higher education. The sincere dedication of faculty and staff and the continuing desire to learn by our students has created an entity that is increasingly recognized as an innovative, high quality institution of higher learning throughout the state, the greater Black Hills region, and the nation.

Throughout the years, BHSU leaders have been visionary in anticipating the changing needs of our future students and the state of South Dakota. As BHSU moves decisively into the 21st Century, our original mission of service to South Dakota and the provision of a quality education remain intact. BHSU continues to graduate students with the critical thinking skills needed to be leaders in the information age and the global economy.

Our students are pursuing degrees in areas that didn't even exist when BHSU was founded. Our research funding has increased to more than \$5.3 million last year. We are proud of the institution, our history, and our legacy of dedicated faculty, staff, and students, and we look forward to our future as we continue in our ongoing quest to transform lives.



Class of 2007 - Black Hills State University

You're invited

Quasquicentennial Celebration 2008

1883 Founder's Day Luncheon*

Wednesday, February 27

11:45 a.m. - David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union
Jacket Legacy Room

Comedic Performance*

Saturday, March 7

7 p.m. - Clare and Josef Meier Hall
Gary Mule Deer

Swarm Week Celebration

including an All-School Reunion

Friday, September 19

Top 125 Alumni Recognition Ceremony*

11:30 a.m. - Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center
Gymnasium

Saturday, September 20

Swarm Day Parade

10:30 a.m. - Downtown Spearfish

Tailgate Party

11:30 a.m. - Ida Henton Park

Football Game - BHSU vs. SDSM&T

1:00 p.m. - Lyle Hare Stadium

Williams and Ree in Concert*

7 p.m. - David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union
Jacket Legacy Room

BHSU Theatre Production

Letters from the Past

"Celebration of 125 years at BHSU"

by Jessica Juhrend

Production will take place fall 2008

For updates on these and other events during the Quasquicentennial Celebration, visit our website at www.BHSU.edu/125years.

*Signature events include a book signing by author Paul Higbee and photographer Les Voorhis, creators of the Black Hills State University 125th anniversary book.

Check out the celebration on the web.

View a slideshow on the history of BHSU and see how we've transformed over 125 years.

www.BHSU.edu/125years



We look forward to seeing you on campus!



**Jennifer Mercer, Class of '97
Laramie, Wyo.**
Research Scientist
Atmospheric Science Department at
the University of Wyoming

Jennifer, who is currently part of a research team in Antarctica, was recently interviewed by the *Today Show* for her work as a research scientist. She began BHSU with plans for a journalism major. After an eye-opening and ultimately life-changing freshman science course, Jennifer says she realized that she should really become a scientist.

"I've always felt that my education at BHSU was an integral part of my success. The opportunity I had to do research as an undergraduate was exceptional. I had professors who were phenomenal in the classroom and supportive of students' interests. Faculty at BHSU are among the best professors I've seen anywhere."



**Dan Patterson, Class of '02
Brooklyn, N.Y.**
Talk Radio News Service
Chief New York and United Nations Correspondent

Dan spends a great deal of time at the United Nations Office in New York, reporting on world events for political talk radio stations. Dan is also a social media consultant to public relations companies and their clients. He helps articulate new media, such as blogs, podcasts, and social networking, to "old media" companies.

"I'm fortunate for the opportunities I have, and I am sincerely grateful to the staff and faculty of BHSU. I know that had I gone to school anywhere else, I wouldn't be where I am now."

**Tim Penton, Class of '80
Venezuela, South America**
Country Manager
Williams International



Tim works as a Country Manager for Williams International, an energy business that produces, gathers, processes, and transports natural gas across the U.S. as well as in some international locations. A recruiting call from the BHSU football coach turned out to be a very fortunate call for Tim. Looking back, Tim says his professors were influential in his future, and he feels that the education he received was excellent and prepared him to succeed in the energy business.

"Early in my career I was chosen for a job competing with applicants from Harvard, Dartmouth, and others like that. The key is how well the school teaches you to develop yourself by implanting the desire to learn. I learned that at BHSU."

**Douglas McCalla, Class of '69
Jackson Wyo.**
Attorney
THE SPENCE LAW FIRM, LLC
Spence & McCalla



Doug is one of eight partners with Spence, Moriarity and Shockey, LLC in Jackson, Wyo., and faculty member of the Trial Lawyers College. Doug recalls his undergraduate college years at BHSU as a time of hard work and an essential learning experience both in and out of the classroom. He chose to get a liberal arts education that later served as a great foundation when he entered law school and served him well throughout his life.

"My education prepared me, not just for law school, but for life. I'd advise students to take a variety of courses from across the disciplines. Learn about people, study geography, learn about the world, get a sense of history, learn about economics, take a drama class. These are all things that will serve you well in whatever you do."

**Transforming Lives
for 125 years**

1883 - 2008

Transforming lives

BHSU has earned a reputation for changing the lives and futures of our students. Through the years, Black Hills State University has transformed the lives of thousands of graduates through innovative academic programs and a dynamic learning community. Whether our students are first-time college students who just completed high school or adults who are returning to complete a degree, their experience at BHSU transforms their lives. These graduates have gone on to change the world in many ways.

We are proud of the powerful influence our graduates have throughout the world. Whether it's as a mentor and educator in a classroom, finding creative solutions for businesses, creating aesthetically pleasing artwork, reporting world events, conducting life-changing research or making life better for others through health care services, our graduates are making the world a better place.

Although their reach and influence is diverse and ever-changing, these remarkable people (and many others) have one thing in common. They chose to earn their higher educational degree from Black Hills State University, which is an experience that transforms the graduates and the way they view and interact with the world around them.

The educational experience at BHSU, which is enhanced by student internships, undergraduate research projects, study abroad programs, and service learning opportunities, provides opportunities for students to develop social and critical thinking skills that help them succeed in their career ... and throughout their lifetime! Following are a few of our graduates who have experienced the transformational power of Black Hills State University.

Kathleen (Packard) Engle, Class of '80
Newcastle, Wyo.
Physical Education Teacher
Newcastle Middle School

Kathleen, who has taught and coached for many years, has received grants totaling over \$90,000 and has been honored with many excellence in teaching awards, including the nationally esteemed Milken Award, which includes a \$25,000 gift award; the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship; and the "Disney Salutes the American Teacher Award."



"Black Hills State University provided me the means in which to follow my dream of becoming a teacher. Black Hills State University's dedication to education made available a flexible master's program so that I could enrich my knowledge in teaching and learning while teaching full time."

Do you know your alma mater?

1. BHSU had five different names from 1883 to 2008. Which name does not belong?

- a. Dakota Territory Normal School
- b. Spearfish Normal School
- c. Black Hills Teachers College
- d. Hills Normal School
- e. Black Hills State College
- f. Black Hills State University

2. BHSU's first president, Van Buren Baker, is not officially recognized as the first president because he:

- a. robbed a bank
- b. cheated on his wife
- c. he murdered family members
- d. none of the above

3. In 1905, students were expected to keep:

- a. their rooms clean
- b. \$100 in their possession at all times
- c. library hours
- d. a *Bible* in their rooms

4. The athletic teams were named the Yellow Jackets in 1927 because:

- a. of all the bugs (yellow jackets) flying around the stadium
- b. the players were wearing yellow jackets to stay warm and a fan yelled out "go you yellow jackets"
- c. the student body held a contest to name the team
- d. our athletic teams had a victory chant that sounded like buzzing.

5. In 1919, any student that failed 10 or more hours of work was denied:

- a. library privileges
- b. bar privileges
- c. dating privileges
- d. Pizza Hut privileges

6. The third master's degree, added recently, was a:

- a. master of arts in divinity
- b. master of science in sports psychology
- c. master of science in integrative genomics
- d. master of arts in interior design

7. In 1923, tuition, books and fees for one semester totaled:

- a. \$1,000
- b. \$123
- c. \$59
- d. \$17

8. The first student union was located:

- a. where it is today
- b. where Pangburn Hall is today
- c. downtown
- d. in the library

9. What used to be located behind the library?

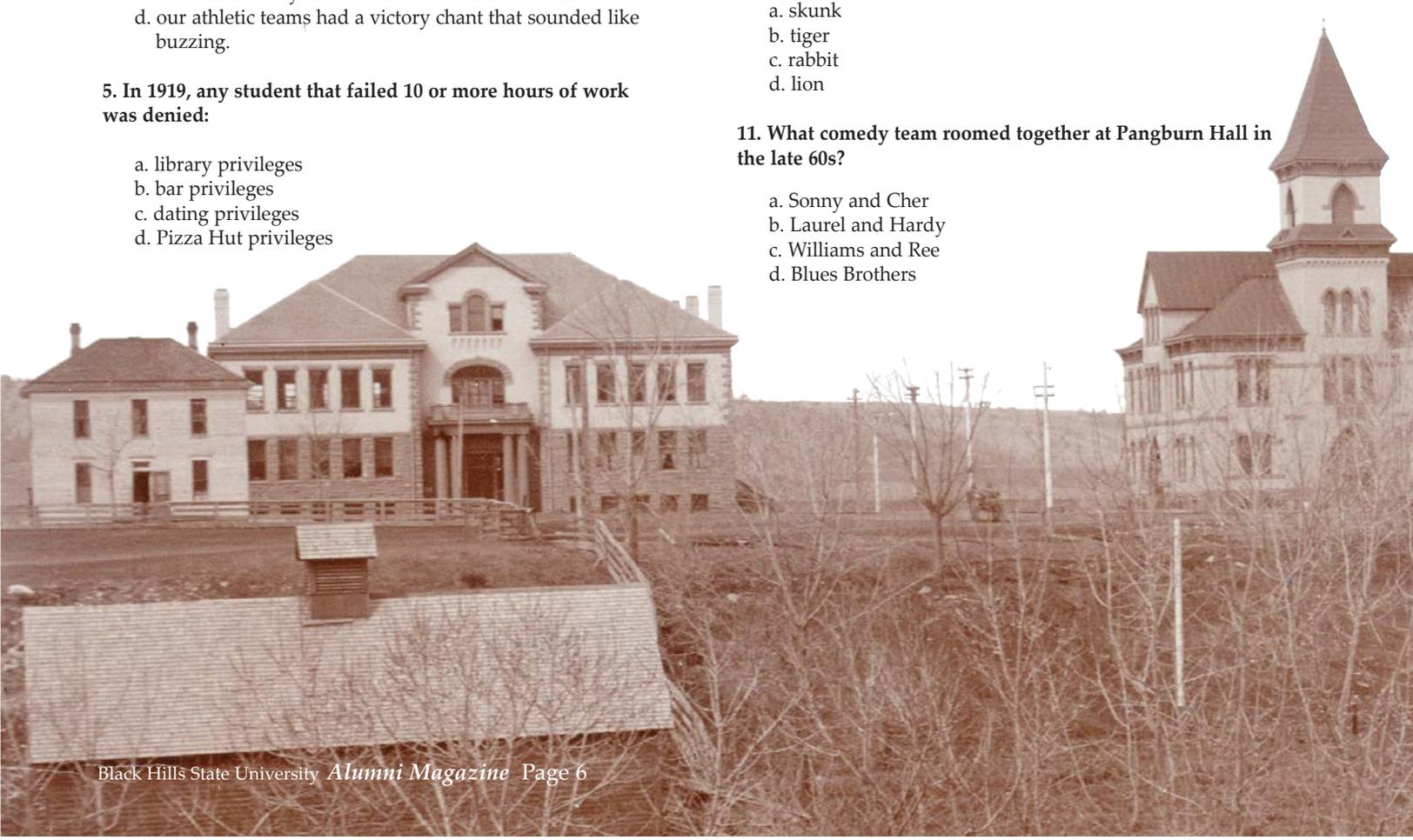
- a. a garden
- b. a water tower
- c. a bar
- d. horse stables

10. In 1953, faculty members and students wanted to change the BHSU mascot to a:

- a. skunk
- b. tiger
- c. rabbit
- d. lion

11. What comedy team roomed together at Pangburn Hall in the late 60s?

- a. Sonny and Cher
- b. Laurel and Hardy
- c. Williams and Ree
- d. Blues Brothers



12. Woodburn Hall was named after:

- a. a former governor of S.D.
- b. a former member of the Board of Regents
- c. a student bonfire in the 20s
- d. a former BH president

13. KBHU-FM (the campus radio station) first went on the air in:

- a. 1905
- b. 1935
- c. 1974
- d. 1985

14. What is the current enrollment at BHSU?

- a. 1001
- b. 2822
- c. 3382
- d. 4004

15. What student organization recently hosted it's 25th annual wacipi?

- a. Global Awareness Committee
- b. Lakota Omnicitye
- c. Fantastic Phalanges
- d. Checkmates Chess Club

16. What annual summer event, held on the BHSU campus, draws participants from around the world?

- a. Renaissance Festival
- b. Johanna Meier Opera Theatre Institute
- c. Olympics
- d. Firewalking Festival

17. What were the school colors before they were green and gold?

- a. green and white
- b. they've always been green and gold
- c. maroon and white
- d. purple and gold

18. The Young Center was named after Donald E. Young because he was:

- a. an alumnus
- b. a former mayor of Spearfish
- c. a coach and teacher at BHSU
- d. all of the above

19. A trailer park was located at the sight of what current building on campus?

- a. Jonas Hall
- b. Heidepriem Hall
- c. David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union
- d. Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center

20. When was band first a part of BHSU?

- a. 1903
- b. 1889
- c. 1978
- d. 1990

21. What is the economic impact of the BHSU students on the local economy?

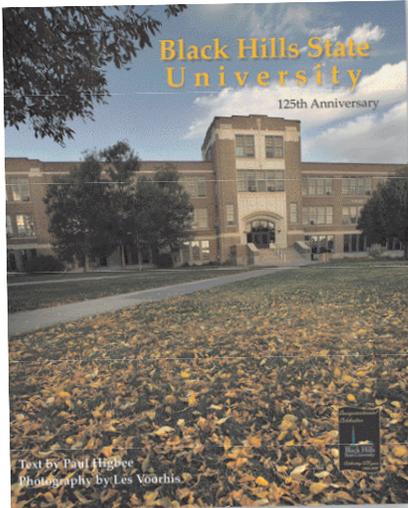
- a. \$100,000
- b. \$1.8 million
- c. \$2.7 million
- d. \$27 million

Do you know your alma mater?

Check your answers on pages 10 and 11.



BHSU alumni collaborate on book celebrating the Quasiquicentennial



As part of Black Hills State University's 125th anniversary in 2008, a new book about the University's history is set to be released on Founder's Day, Feb. 27.

The book combines author Paul Higbee's words with photographer Les Voorhis' exterior and interior campus views. This book gives an overview of the University's history with an emphasis on the last 25 years.

"In 1983, for Black Hills State's Centennial, Dr. Paul Haivala wrote an outstanding history of the school," said Higbee. "So while I didn't ignore those first hundred years in the new book, I've put more emphasis on what's happened the last quarter century, which is an incredible story in itself."

Les attended BHSU from 1986-88 and is well-known nationally for his wildlife photography featured in several outdoor magazines. Paul graduated from Black Hills State in 1976, earned a master's at the University of Notre Dame, and writes for magazines ranging from Northwest Airlines' in-flight publication to Notre Dame's continuing education magazine.

Reviewing materials from the centennial year, Paul noted he found little evidence anyone foresaw the extent of BHSU's approaching transformation—in terms of faculty and undergraduate research, evolution from college to university, enrollment and campus growth, and outreach in many fields. "And at the exact same time," he added, "higher education was changing everywhere because of the technology boom. In 1983, Dr. Max Durgin was BHSU's 'computer specialist,' pretty much a lone voice urging colleagues to start thinking about technology."

Les said one of the things he most enjoyed about shooting photos for the book "was showing how beautiful and mountainous the campus setting is. I looked at the campus from a landscape photographer's perspective, and I wasn't really expecting to see what I saw. When you're focused on your day-to-day campus work as a student

or faculty member, you don't always notice the wider setting."

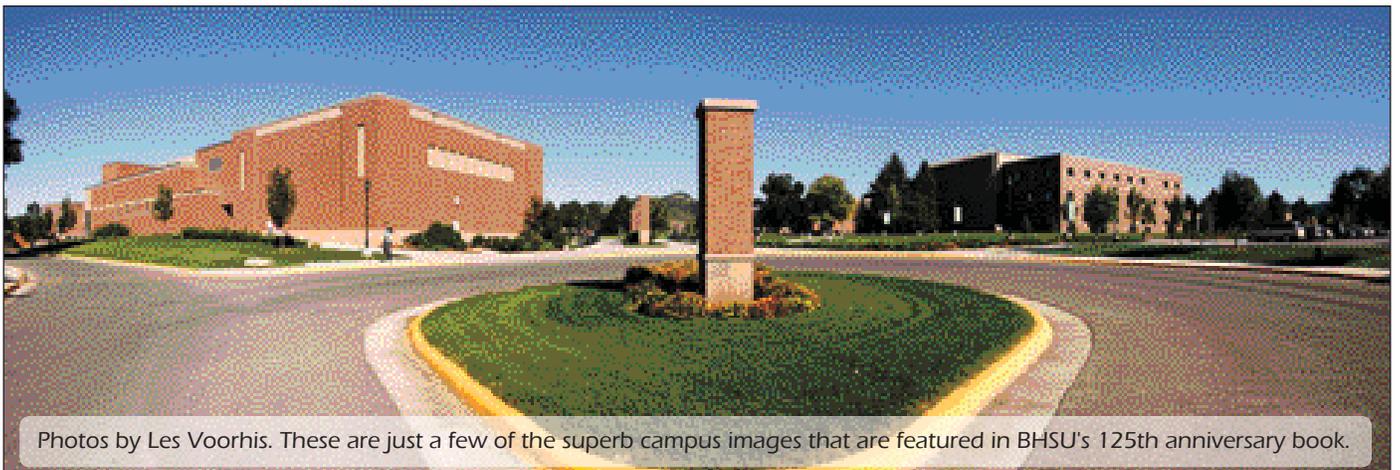
Taking photos for the BHSU book, Les said, led him to an appreciation for the campus' mix of architecture, "from the old stone mason era to modern Meier Hall. Obviously, thought was given so the buildings fit together, yet they're also representative individually of BHSU's different eras."

Paul conducted 75 interviews for the book, including ones with BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp and past presidents, faculty, and alumni as far back as Louise Johnston, Class of 1930. He was impressed by the range of professional positions alumni hold, from Jennifer Mercer's, Class of '97, atmospheric research work in Antarctica to Florence Heacock's, Class of '86, job documentation of parliamentary procedure on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

"It was always surprising when I interviewed alumni, knowing what their major had been and what their profession is," Higbee said. "I'd ask them to mention a favorite professor or a class they'll never forget, and often they mentioned a personality or course not



related to their professional life. I found that a real testimony to BHSU's liberal arts philosophy. Many graduates mentioned their professors urged them to take classes outside their major and minor fields."



Photos by Les Voorhis. These are just a few of the superb campus images that are featured in BHSU's 125th anniversary book.

About the Creators

Award winning nature photographer, Les Voorhis has been a professional photographer since 1990. After learning the ins and outs of the stock photography business as a photo editor and image library manager for Stock Imagery in Denver, Colo., he decided to put his skills to the test with his own work.

Les is widely published and his images have appeared in magazines, advertising campaigns, retail packaging, calendars, web sites, books and more. Clients include *Bugle Magazine*, *Wolf Publishing*, *Harris Publications*, *Game and Fish Publications*, *Primedia Group*, *Pentax Corp.*, *Smith-Southwestern*, *South Dakota Magazine*, *Bowhunter*, the *Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation* and many others.

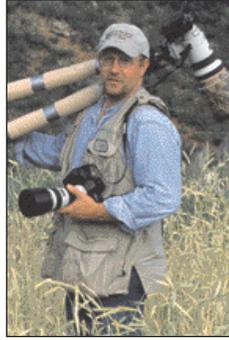
Les is also a teacher, teaching photography classes and workshops for everyone from the rank beginner to the seasoned professional. In 2007 he was asked to join Tamron Lens Corporation's educational photographers group and teaches workshops for them around the United States. He is on the staff of *Naturescapes.com* online photo magazine and is also the chair of the NANPA Resource Relations Committee. Profotos.com selected him as one of the top 100 photographers in the country in 2001.

Les owns Focus West Gallery in Spearfish with his wife, Julaine, as well as a stock photo agency, Royal Tine Images Inc. Les published his first book in 2006 called *Spearfish Canyon, A Journey Beyond the Rim* and in doing so started his own publishing company. Several more titles are scheduled to come out, as well as, a new calendar and greeting card line. Les' work is also available in several other galleries and art shows throughout South Dakota and the western U.S. and is available as stock through www.royaltineimages.com.

Author Paul Higbee is best known across South Dakota as a feature writer and columnist, since 1991, for *South Dakota Magazine*. He was South Dakota Author of the Year in 2000, and was presented the Governor's Award for History in 2001. In addition to his nonfiction work, he published a book of short stories about the Dust Bowl years titled "Tales from Clay Butte" (1995). His play about three vaudevillians traveling across South Dakota in the 1920s, "The Vaudevillians", toured nationally in 1993-94. He has written several scripts for South Dakota Public TV, including the 20-episode "Dakota Pathways" series, which was awarded a regional Emmy in 2004 for achievement in children's programming.

Away from South Dakota, writing assignments have taken Paul to destinations as distant as Australia. He writes frequently about the Rocky Mountain West for *American Profile Magazine* and contributes stories and essays on a wide range of subjects for *Notre Dame Magazine*, the University of Notre Dame's continuing education publication. He holds degrees from Notre Dame and Black Hills State University.

Paul and his wife, Janet, live in Spearfish, where they have raised two daughters.



Voorhis



Higbee

Black Hills State University 125th Anniversary

by Paul Higbee and Les Voorhis

Striking new campus photography details the University's remarkable evolution. The narrative is told from the perspectives of presidents and faculty, and through contemporary interviews with alumni representing all decades since the 1930s.

This is the story of a higher education institution originally conceived by territorial citizens, built amid natural splendor, and destined to serve a vast geography as the region's only liberal arts university.

The book will be available for purchase for the first time following the BHSU Founder's Day Luncheon Wednesday, February 27th. Paul and Les will be available at the luncheon to sign your copy. After this event, the book will be available from the BHSU Bookstore.

Order your copy today!

For more information or to pre-order the book, contact the BHSU Bookstore at www.BHSUBookstore.com or call (605) 642-6280.

\$24.95 plus tax

Check out the Quasquicentennial events calendar on the BHSU website at www.BHSU.edu/125years for future book signing opportunities.

Do you know your alma mater?

1. *d. Hills Normal School* - While we have never been called Hills Normal School, our name has changed several times to reflect BHSU's evolving role and mission from Dakota Normal/Spearfish Normal to Black Hills Teachers College to Black Hills State College to Black Hills State University. Our academic programs have continuously evolved and student support programs were developed for the changing student population. Today, with an enrollment exceeding 4,000 students, we are the largest university in western South Dakota and the third largest in the state.

2. *c. he murdered family members* - After Van Buren Baker's disheartening start, BHSU was fortunate to have exceptional leadership from that point on. The University is currently under the leadership of Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, inaugurated as the ninth president of Black Hills State University in 2006. She is working to ensure BHSU offers innovative academic programs and an exceptional learning experience for all students.



3. *a. their rooms clean* - Dorm rooms in the new Wenona Cook Hall were among the finest in the state. BHSU now offers five residence halls and an eight-building apartment complex equipped with campus suites for apartment style living. BHSU students are now given the

opportunity to personally customize their rooms to create a space that is truly a home away from home. Some students choose to paint their rooms and institute other design techniques.

4. *b. the players were wearing yellow jackets to stay warm and a fan yelled out "go you yellow jackets"* - BHSU has had a strong athletic program throughout its history. In recent years several teams have been nationally ranked. This year BHSU ranked 11th in the U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for achievements overall in athletics.

5. *a. library privileges* - The E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center is a resource to support the learning, teaching, and research needs of BHSU students and faculty. The library provides access to a variety of resources, including books, printed journals, media, microforms, electronic books, and extensive online research databases. The library houses approximately 365,000 cataloged items, including 150,000 book titles, and serves nearly 7,500 patrons.

6. *c. master of science in integrative genomics* - BHSU offers a master's degree in education and business as well as our latest addition, a Master of Science Degree in Integrative Genomics. Integrative genomics is a new area of biological research that seeks to place the functional significance of an organism's many genes into an ecological and evolutionary context. Research is an integral part of the educational experience at



BHSU for undergraduate and graduate students. Our location in the Black Hills and near the world class underground science lab at Homestake provide unparalleled research possibilities.

7. *d. \$17* - As the cost of tuition has risen through the years, BHSU has established an outstanding scholarship program with the support of friends, alumni, faculty, and staff. Academic scholarships at BHSU have increased over 500 percent in the last ten years, and the University continues to put an emphasis on providing scholarships for its students.

8. *b. where Pangburn Hall is today* - Plans for an expanded Student Union are underway and ground breaking is expected to take place this spring. The expansion project, which will more than double the space available for student programs, will include a new dining services area, an expanded bookstore, increased student program space, and additional lounge space throughout the building. The University is also planning to relocate student health services to this area.

9. *b. a water tower* - The water tower was sold to the town of New Underwood and is still being used today. It was taken down to make room for a new library in the summer of 1971. The E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center opened its doors at the start of the spring semester in 1973.



10. *a. skunk* - In an unusual effort to boost enthusiasm and school spirit, several students and faculty members offered an alternative to the Yellow Jacket mascot. At an all-school assembly, the group presented "Damnit" the skunk to the student body president. The idea that it would be a mascot



that everyone could see - something bigger than a yellow jacket - was turned down, but Damnit was still seen around campus from time to time.

11. *c. Williams and Ree* - The comedy duo began performing as students and went on to have a successful entertaining career. They have performed on campus several times and are scheduled to perform during the Quasquicentennial celebration in September.

12. *d. a former BH president* - In 1944, Woodburn Hall was named after Ethelburt Cooke (E.C.) Woodburn, the second college president from 1919 to 1942, who guided the Normal School through expansion, national accreditation, and ultimately to stature as Black Hills Teachers College. Woodburn Hall, originally known as the Main Building, was dedicated in December of 1926, replacing Normal Hall which burned in January of 1925.

Answers to the quiz, continued from pages 6 and 7.



13. *c. 1974* - KBHU-FM went on the air in the fall of '74, under the direction of Rick Boyd, it was and still is located in the basement of the E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center. KBHU is planning to relocate to the Student Union when the renovation and addition is completed. The student-run station continues to be an excellent learning tool for mass communications students.

14. *d. 4004* - Enrollment at BHSU reached the 4,000 mark for the second time in our history this fall. Students throughout the state and region are increasingly recognizing BHSU as a high-quality innovative educational choice. BHSU, which has been offering courses in Rapid City for nearly 50 years, currently has more than 100 courses in Rapid City, the state's second largest city.

15. *b. Lakota Omniciye* - The campus annually hosts the Lakota Omniciye Wacipi (powwow) as part of a week-long celebration of Native American culture. Lakota Omniciye, whose mission is to bridge the cultural gaps between non-Indian and Indian students, is one of 76 student organizations on campus. The Center for American Indian Studies at BHSU supports native students, tribal communities and the academic discipline of American Indian Studies. BHSU enrolls the highest percentage of Native American students of the six state universities.



16. *b. Johanna Meier Opera Theatre Institute* - The Meier family were instrumental in bringing the Passion Play to the Black Hills. Through the years the Meiers have been actively involved in theatre and music events at the University, which led to the establishment of the Johanna Meier Opera Theatre Institute in residence at Meier Hall.

17. *d. purple and gold* - BHSU adopted the green and gold colors in 1982. These days more than just our logo is green. BHSU is taking a leadership role in sustainability in a campus-wide effort. BHSU was the first South Dakota university to join the American College and University President's Climate Commitment, a consortium of more than 400 universities across the nation dedicated to address global warming by garnering institutional commitments to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions, and to accelerate the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the earth's climate. The major addition and renovation to the Student Union is being designed with several energy efficiencies and has a goal of a Silver certification from LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

18. *d. all of the above* - A class of 1940 graduate, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II and later in the Korean conflict. Between military obligations he returned home to teach and coach. From 1958 to 1976 he served as the college's director of extension in addition to handling numerous coaching and teaching responsibilities. Young was elected mayor of Spearfish in 1967 and served as mayor until 1976. He retired from his faculty position in 1979.

19. *c. David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union* - "Vetsville" helped BHSC meet its housing needs when hundreds of vets from World War II arrived on campus in the late 40s.



20. *a. 1903* - Music has been a part of this campus since the early days. In November of 1903 the first band was started. Later years saw the establishment of a Girls Glee Club and Boys Glee Club, Pep Band,

Marching Band, and Jazz Ensemble. Throughout the last century, music students and faculty have performed many genres of music from classical to modern in various vocal and instrumental groups. The music department is now fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and offers music degrees in education as well as performance.

21. *d. \$27 million* - The economic impact of our students when calculated by an economic multiplier formula is \$27 million. The economic multiplier is a calculation used by economists to measure not just the actual dollars spent, but the value of those dollars when they are spent again creating a ripple effect.

The campus also attracts a large number of visitors each year - prospective students and their parents; guests of faculty, staff, and students; and others attending special events. The Young Center is a major draw for visitors as well. More than 250,000 people visited the Young Center last year for sporting events, trade shows, and many other events. Last spring, we hosted our first-ever state high school basketball tournament. That event alone brought more than \$500,000 to the Spearfish community.

In addition, BHSU provides intangible benefits enriching the local community through educational, cultural, research, and community service activities.

Kudos & Announcements

Rice passes CPA exam on first attempt

Jennifer Rice, Class of '04 an Auditor with Casey Peterson & Associates, LTD in Rapid City, passed all four parts of the Uniform CPA (Certified Public Accountant) Exam on her first attempt. According to the South Dakota Board of Accountancy's July, '07 newsletter, 213 candidates sat for 293 parts of the exam and she was one of only four students to pass all four parts in one attempt.

The 60s Richard "Dick" DuBois, Class of '64, Rapid City, was inducted into the 2007 Spearfish High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

Ron Carlisle, Class of '66, will not seek re-election after 17 years in the North Dakota legislature. He retired four years ago from his primary job as a nursery owner. In retirement, Ron plans to spend more time hunting and being involved in politics as a volunteer and friend.

Walford A. "Wally" Eklund, Class of '68, Gregory, has been elected president of the South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association. This association, which has over 850 members, promotes public awareness of the legal system and encourages professional excellence within the legal field.

Mike Sullivan, Class of '69, Sioux Falls, was named executive director for the Sioux Falls Sports Authority. Mike will help bring a positive

economic impact to the greater Sioux Falls area through sports events and use of the sporting facilities.

Carolyn Turbiville, Class of '68, Cheyenne, Wyo., has now traveled to all 50 states and 7 continents. She's a retired school teacher.

The 70s Elizabeth "Beth" (Schmidt) Benning, Class of '73, Spearfish, retired after 35 years of service to the city of Spearfish as the city's finance officer.

Camille (Herigstad) Binder, Class of '73, Spearfish, was awarded the PrairieWave/Slumberland Star Teacher of the Month for October 2007. Camille currently teaches second grade at West Elementary in Spearfish.

Aileen (Salmo) Brunner, Class of '73, Nisland, is now serving as president of S.D. Society for Technology In Education, which is the K-12 technology coordinators' organization.

Aileen is currently the technology director for the Newell School District.

Elaine Doll-Dunn, Class of '79, Spearfish, recently published her second book – *"Running On – a soul's journey ... and on and on and on."*

Bob Fajardo, Class of '74, Northglenn, Colo., graduated in May 2007 from Regis University with a bachelor's degree in Computer Networking.

Donald Hefner, Class of '72, Hermiston, Ore., is currently teaching at Blue Mountain Community College. In 2003, he retired from teaching after 31 years in the Oregon High Schools. During that time, he was listed in the Who's

Who among America's Teachers and received the Award of Merit from Oregon DECA.

John Kohl, Class of '74, Arvada, Colo., recently retired from Thrivent Financial. He is currently a substitute teacher for the Jefferson County School district in Denver, Colo.

Gail Scott, Class of '75, Conyers, Ga., retired after 32 years of public school teaching; she taught first through sixth grades, and was an assistant principal at an elementary school for 10 years. Gail is currently teaching full-time at a new private school in Conyers.

The 80s Scott Amundson, Class of '84, Langford,

was recently named the executive director of the Glacial Lakes Area Development group (GLAD). GLAD was formed several years ago by representatives from Britton, Langford, Eden, Lake City, and Pierpont to facilitate regional economic development.

David "Dave" Hughes, Class of '86, Spokane, Wash., assisted in guiding the Lewis & Clark Tigers to a 21-14 victory over the Bothell Cougars in the Class 4A State (Washington) championship game. Dave is the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for the Tigers. Lewis & Clark finished the season with an 11-2 record. While at BHSU he was a linebacker for the Yellow Jackets.

Thum receives award



Steven Thum, Class of '88 (right), and Nick Matzke, received the Associated Press South Dakota Sports first place play-by-play award for 2006. Steven works for South Dakota Public Television in Vermillion.

Kudos & Announcements

Crofut receives impressive national award

Sherry Crofut, Class of '97, is the recipient of the National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. The national award included a \$25,000 cash prize and an all expense paid trip for Sherry and her family to California. Sherry teaches eighth grade English and Social Studies at North Middle School in Rapid City.

"I am incredibly honored by this award. I teach in a state with so many fine educators and will be pleased to represent our state when I go to Los Angeles in March to meet with the other Milken recipients. I truly love what I do each day and thank the Milken Family Foundation for showcasing education."

The Milken National Educator Awards were created by Lowell Milken in 1985 to celebrate, elevate and activate the highest caliber professionals in the nation's schools. Each year 100 unsuspecting K-12 teachers, principals and specialists throughout the United States are surprised with the news of their \$25,000 awards.

At a surprise assembly, which included a color guard ceremony, a performance by the school's drum group and orchestra, and refreshments, S.D. Governor Mike Rounds presented Sherry with her award. Sherry is in her ninth year of teaching at North. "With my technology background, I really work to integrate technology into my curriculum whenever it seems appropriate. I enjoy my students and believe that relationships are key to education," said Sherry. She credits her accomplishments to North Middle School and principal, Jeanne Burckhard, who is a 1986 graduate of BHSU. According to Sherry, "our staff is hard-working and dedicated to the betterment of every child that enters our doors. We have excellent leadership and our principal, Jeanne Burckhard, has been largely responsible for nudging me out of my comfort zone and into some leadership roles."

Sherry is currently working on her second year of the National Board Certification for Professional Teachers process. For the last two years she has been a facilitator at the Governor's New Teacher Academy, and this year she serves as one of the facilitators for Rapid City's New Teacher Induction program. Sherry also fills the shoes as the Building Technology Leader and helps the staff with their technology needs. She plans to start her doctorate degree in educational administration this spring.



S.D. Governor Mike Rounds presents Sherry Crofut, Class of '97, and eighth grade English and social studies teacher at North Middle School in Rapid City, with the National Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. Sherry was awarded at a surprise assembly with a \$25,000 unrestricted cash prize and an all expense paid trip for her and her family to California. The Milken National Educator Awards celebrate, elevate and activate the highest caliber professionals in the nation's schools.

Jensen "Jennie" (Morris) Moore-Copple, Class of '99, Warren, Mich., received her doctorate from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 2007. She is teaching online courses for the university.

Jennifer M. Schnabel, Class of '99, Sioux Falls, has joined Sanford Health as a financial access advocate.

Jeremiah Smith, Class of '98, Seattle, Wash., received his Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from the University of Kentucky.

Ken Thompson, Class of '97, Interior, received the Carnegie Medal from the Carnegie Hero Fund

Commission and the Valor Award from the Secretary of the Interior. Ken works for the Badlands National Park.

Travis Traphagen, Class of '99, Sioux Falls, is the assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Sioux Falls.

Emily (Haataja) McAllister, Class of '87, Plymouth, Mich., was recently hired as a mathematics professor by Oakland Community College in Michigan.

Michael "Keith" Sladky, Class of '87, Ogallala, Neb., recently became the administrator at

Indian Hills Manor and WEL-Life @ Ogallala Assisted Living in Ogallala.

Denise "Dee" Welsch, Class of '82, Arvada, Colo., recently joined the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agency (JWT) Denver office as the senior print produc-

tion manager. Dee's responsibilities will be coordinating and project managing all regional print and display projects for the Ford Motor Company for 14 western states.

The 90s **Wes Brown**, Class of '96, Rapid City,

was hired as a marketing consultant for Haugo Broadcasting, Inc.

Dawn (Bromwich) Huntley, Class of '96, Rapid City, is now the office manager for ARC International, an architectural firm in Rapid City.

Kudos & Announcements

Glader assists in surgery



Demetria (Raad) Glader, Class of '02 currently works at Black Hills Orthopedic and Spine Center in Rapid City. She is one of eight mid-level practitioners, with her primary job being an assistant to surgery. Being a physician's assistant has been very rewarding to Demetria. "I chose orthopedics because I enjoy being in surgery, it is great to be able to interact with the physicians as well as the patients, and the majority of the time you are helping people get back to the activity, hobby, or sport that they love."

Jessi Moeller, Class of '06, Hartford, opened Trinity Learning Center (TLC), a Daycare/Preschool in Hartford. In addition, Jessi is a personal trainer and a fitness instructor at two different gyms in Sioux Falls and Hartford.

Annette M. O'Doan, Class of '00, Paso Robles, Calif., was recently hired as an office and personnel manager for Pacific Coast Transportation in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The PCT guarantees overnight wine

deliveries throughout the pacific coast from Los Angeles to Napa, California. Annette spent the previous nine years working for the USDA Forest Service.

Chris Roberts, Class of '07, Deadwood, recently appeared on the national television show, "Girl Meets Cowboy." Chris starred in the reality-dating series on the Women's Entertainment (WE) Network.

Becky Rost, Class of '00, Spearfish, has been chosen as one of three Teachers of the Year for 2007 for the Meade School District. Becky teaches at Whitewood Elementary School.

Amanda "Mandy" Vaughn, Class of '04, Mesa, Ariz., recently graduated from the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, School of Health Sciences, and Doctor of Physical Therapy. She is currently a physical therapist working with children at St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

Darby Warne, Class of '01, Quincy, Ill., recently took the advertising director position with Kirlin's Inc., which owns and operates 100 Hallmark Gold Crown stores in 10 Midwestern states. She is in charge of all advertising and marketing plans, the website and all in-house office paperwork for these stores. Darby is engaged to Jeff Snyder and plans to marry in spring of 2009.

Kari (Kramlich) Wolff, Class of '06, Eureka/Lee's Summit, Mo., passed the CPA Exam and completed her licensing requirements in the states of Missouri and Kansas. She works as a staff auditor for Marsh & Company in Overland Park, Kan., specializing in historic real estate and affordable housing cost certifications and audits.

Several BHSU alums were awarded from the Rapid City Public

School Foundation as a Teacher of Distinction: **Carla Buum**, Class of '78; **Mandi Claussen**, Class of '02; **Deb Gilliland**, Class of '88; **Joe Harrison**, Class of '02; **Kim Sprague**, Class of '88; **Darlene Fernandez**, Class of '91; and **Dan Janklow**, Class of '01. Each year, the Rapid City Public School Foundation invites every school in the district to select a Teacher of Distinction to represent their building. Winners are chosen based on their education, community involvement, teaching philosophy, and observations on educational issues and trends.

David Velte, attended, Santa Clarita, Calif., was recently inducted into the 2007 Spearfish High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

James Winfrey, attended, Chandler, Ariz., joined the Arizona Super Bowl XLII Host Committee as the Director of Community Outreach and Emerging Business in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The Emily 00s Christopherson, Class of '03, Spearfish, received her master's degree in school counseling from SDSU.

Nicole (Fellows) Keegan, Class of '05, Rapid City, recently earned National Board Certification in teaching. This certification is recognized as one of the highest credentials in the teaching profession. Nicole teaches science at Dakota Middle School in Rapid City. She received her master of science degree in curriculum and instruction from BHSU.

Julie (Kibbee) Kortum, Class of '03, Gillette, Wyo., received the "Golden Apple" teaching award. She is one of three teachers to take home the annual award given to Wyoming teachers by the Arch Coal Foundation. Julie is a third-grade teacher at Paintbrush Elementary School in Campbell County.

Stuart Larson, Class of '02, Deer Trail, Colo., earned his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership in December 2006. Stuart is now the K-12 Principal for the Deer Trail School District.

Engagements & Marriages

The 80s Kurt Bauer, Class of '82, and Tina Samuelson married May 31, 2007. The two are featured in a movie that was a finalist in the Gulf Coast and Berkeley film festivals. The couple lives in Houston, Texas.

The 90s Robert Conley III, Class of '97, Pearl, Miss., married Shari Ann, July 7, 2007. Robert is a staff appraiser, Right of Way Division, for the Mississippi Department of Transportation. He also works part-time for

"16WAPT" television in Jackson, Miss.

Jamie Gibbs, attended, married Brittany Smith, August 18, 2007.

Christine Gunderson, Class of '98, and **Brian Oliver**, Class of '00, recently married. Christine is an administrative coordinator for an engineering firm and is working on her

bachelors degree online through Colorado Christian University.

Wayne Plooster, Class of '90, and Michele Clemmons married July 7, 2007. Wayne

is a resident physician at Rapid City Regional Hospital. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Robert Sinclair, Class of '95, and Julie Morgan married November 10, 2007. Robert works for Powder River Coal at Rawhide Mine.

Holly Stertz, Class of '91, and Doug Phillips married July 7, 2007. Holly is a certified public accountant. The couple lives in Piedmont.

Jerome Wickersham, Class of '98, married Rachel Zandstra, June 23, 2007. Jerome is an admissions coordinator at National American University. The couple resides in Rapid City.

Cody Wyse, Class of '96, and **Jonna Hasz**, Class of '03, married June 30, 2007. Cody is an accountant for East West Partners. Jonna is a first grade teacher. The couple lives in Avon, Colo.

Bishop named New Professional of the Year

Tim Bishop, Class of '03, Spearfish, was awarded as the New Professional of the Year Award at the South Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance conference.

"Tim is a great person and was a positive personality to have in classes," says Dr. Betsy Silva, chair of the BHSU Department of Physical Education and Health. "He excelled in each area demonstrating imagination and insight when creating, implementing, and assessing lessons he taught. He showed exceptional ability interacting with students and demonstrating skills in a developmentally appropriate manner."

The New Professional of the Year Award recognizes coaches and teachers who make outstanding contributions in their first five years of professional work.

Bishop graduated with a degree in physical education and currently works at Spearfish Middle School as the athletic director.

Alumni Association visits Westhills Village



During a recent visit to Westhills Village in Rapid City, approximately 130 residents showed up for a social hour sponsored by Black Hills State University. Of those in attendance, several residents were alumnus of Black Hills State University. Pictured are: front row, left to right, BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp; Inez Kuch, Class of '69; Betty Erikson, Class of '64; Dorothy Ankrum, Class of '74; Erma Mikkelsen, Class of '57; Vera Stahl, Class of '64; Honour Weichert, Class of '63; Barbara Owens, attended. Back row, Jean Hawthorne, Class of '63; Lois Vaughn, Class of '64; Verle "Fritzie" Goehring, Class of '66; Wendell Weichert, Class of '62.

Engagements & Marriages

Buehner receives prestigious graduate internship



Buehner

Recent Black Hills State University graduate Tara Buehner, Class of '07, was selected to serve as the 2007-2008 Ward Neff Intern in her first year as a graduate student. This prestigious internship will provide Buehner a \$15,500 stipend and her tuition will be waived for the year.

As a Ward Neff Intern, Buehner will look through a series of news websites seeking media-related news and opinion pieces to compile the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) PressNotes, an online summary of media-related news that is sent to nearly 1,000 media professionals nationwide each day.

The internship program, named for former Sigma Delta Chi President Ward Neff, is awarded to one journalism program nationally every two years. With a value of nearly \$40,000, the internship funds two one-year graduate fellowships, a faculty supervisor stipend and travel to the SPJ national convention and journalism conference.

Buehner, who is originally from Spearfish, received her honors' bachelor's degree in multimedia and communication art from BHSU in the spring of 2007. During her undergraduate studies, Buehner was involved with the University's award-winning newspaper, Today, and the campus radio station, television station, and advertising agency. She also worked for two professors as an office assistant and worked as a freelance designer for various websites, logos, and other small publications while pursuing her degree.

In addition to her media interest, Buehner has an enthusiasm for health and wellness. She has completed two half-marathons and would someday like to run a full marathon.

married Matt Lyndoe, June 9, 2007.

Cristy McCoy, Class of '02, married Kevin Moran, Aug. 25, 2007. Cristy is an accountant for an oil and gas firm in Houston, Texas.

Jessica Nedved, Class of '07, and husband **William Gray**,

Class of '07, married June 2, 2007. Jessica teaches kindergarten in Albin. William is a Social Studies teacher and coach at the Junior High/High School in Pine Bluffs. The couple lives in Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

Amy Zebroski, Class of '95, and Robert Myers married Oct. 6, 2007. Amy is an assistant controller at National American University.

The 00s **Jennifer Bailey**, Class of '05, and Monty McNabb married July 14, 2007.

Sara Blakeman, Class of '06, and Justin Wenner married July 15, 2006. Sara is a receptionist for Fry Orthodontics. The couple lives in Olathe, Kansas.

Amber Butler, Class of '06, and Phillip Rivera will marry summer of 2008. Amber is pursuing a master's degree at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.

Chandra DeSimone, Class of '06, and **Joseph Kiley**, attending, married August 24, 2007. Chandra works as a customer service manager at Wal-Mart. The couple lives in Spearfish.

Ryan Graff, attended, and Stacey Sedustine married July 28, 2007. Ryan is employed by the Community Food Banks of South Dakota.

Corrin Grueb, Class of '02, and Tim Lord married October 13, 2007. Corrin is an accountant. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Jennifer "Jen" Hanson, Class of '07, and Heath Ennis married June 23, 2007. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Tara Hatzenbuhler, Class of '07, married Mark Mitchell, September 1, 2007.

Hayley Hesse, Class of '03, and Adam Kaemingk married October 13, 2007. Hayley is a graphic designer for Simpson's Printing and is self-employed with hH Photography in Rapid City.

Mati Kahler, Class of '07, and Chad Felderman married July 28, 2007. Mati is a development manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Douglas Kroetch, Class of '00, married Jennifer Wolff, Nov. 24, 2007. Douglas is a pharmacy technician at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center.

Carlie Malon, attended,

Show us your BHSU pride!



Sara (Wenner) Blakeman, Class of '06, shows her pride in her alma mater. If you look closely, you'll see a BHSU alumni license plate frame, BHSU window sticker and car magnet; not to mention the BHSU t-shirt. Sara is currently a receptionist for Fry Orthodontics. She and her family currently resides in Olathe, Kansas.

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White Face receives international award for nuclear research



Charmaine (right) accepts the Nuclear-Free Future Award in the category of Resistance in Salzburg, Austria with Tadatoshi Akiba, mayor of Hiroshima, Japan, who accepted for the Chairmen of Mayors for Peace, an organization that won the award in the category for Solutions; and Freda Meissner-Blau from Austria who won the Nuclear-Free Future Lifetime Achievement Award.

Charmaine White Face, Class of '73, Manderson, was awarded with the Nuclear-Free Future Award in the category of Resistance for her work to reduce or eliminate risks associated with uranium and other pollutants.

The Nuclear-Free Future Awards, based in Munich, Germany, honors individuals, organizations and communities for their exceptional commitment towards creating a world free from the threat of nuclear weapons and atomic energy. This year, the award jury members selected Charmaine to receive the award, which included a \$10,000 prize and invitation to the awards ceremony in Salzburg, Austria. The Nuclear-Free Future Award is a project of the Franz Moll Foundation for the Coming Generations.

Charmaine, a skilled biologist, is the founder of Defenders of the Black Hills, an organization that monitors abandoned uranium mines on sacred Lakota Lands and seeks the remediation of hazardous waste ponds that contaminate the region with high levels of radium 226, arsenic, lead and iron. She emphasizes, however, that all residents of the area are in danger of aquifers possibly being contaminated by these pollutants.

Doris Newton, Class of '05, and Eric Sims married Sept. 1, 2007. Doris is a certified nursing assistant and serves in the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Lindsey Palmer, Class of '03, married Reid Stone, July 7, 2007. Lindsey works as a dental hygienist at Cherry Hills Dental in Denver, Colo.

Amy Peters, Class of '06, married Michael Haynes, Aug. 18, 2007. Amy is employed at the Stadium Sports Grill in Spearfish.

Karie Price, Class of '02, married Kevin Kennedy, Sept. 1, 2007. Karie is an assistant attorney for Rapid City.

Anna Quinn, attended, married Dan Roeder, Jr., June 22, 2007. Anna is a small business owner.

Katie Randolph, Class of '05, and Dickson Pongrekun married June 2, 2007. Katie is a teacher.

Melissa Sandy, Class of '04, married Matthew Hartley, Aug. 3, 2007. Melissa is a third grade teacher at South Park Elementary. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Hans Stephenson, Class of '03, and Christine Schmid married July 14, 2007. Hans owns Dakota Angler and Outfitter. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Mikayla Tetrault, Class of '02, and Pete Wilson married Nov. 23, 2007. Mikayla is a sixth grade math teacher at Edison Middle School in Sioux Falls.

Jennifer Toms, Class of '06, married Adrian Rouse, June 30, 2007. Jennifer is a teacher.

Michela Wiblemo, Class of '05, and Brian Meredith married November 10, 2007. Michela is a teacher.

BHSU freshmen students in 2017?



Janelle Dorr, Class of '96, shows her BHSU pride with her third grade class at Harold Oliver Primary school in Portland, Ore. decked out in BHSU t-shirts. Express your BHSU spirit across the country buy purchasing your BHSU apparel online at www.BHSUBookstore.com.

Births

The Christine 90s (Burtt) **Christopherson**, Class of '97, and husband Raymond, Pierre, had a baby girl, Malori Merry, Oct. 5, 2006. Christine recently earned her master's degree in library and media science from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She was also elected the President of the Correctional Education Association for South Dakota.

Karen Dresser, Class of '92, White Plains, Md., adopted a baby girl, Amelia Elizabeth, Sept. 8, 2006. Amelia

was born July 4th, 2006. Karen is 5th grade teacher in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Teka (Pauley) Mutchler, Class of '93 and husband **Marvin**, Class of '84, Canutillo, Texas, welcomed twin girls, ShyAnn Marie and Dagen Rae on Oct. 27, 2007.

Joe Divis, Class of '95 and wife **Katherine (Walton)**, Class of '96, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Joshua Michael, July 1, 2007. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. He joins his sister Alisha, and three brothers Tyler, Nathan

and Andrew. Joe is a Desktop Support Engineer with CompuCom. Katherine is self-employed bookkeeper.

Chris Fried, Class of '99 and wife **Mary (Aberle)**, Class of '99, Mobridge, had a baby boy, Peter, June 29, 2007. He joins brothers Noah and Simon, and sister, Ellie. Chris and Mary teach at Wakpala

Johnston celebrates birthday



Louise Johnston, Class of '30, Belle Fourche, receives a visit from **Tom Wheaton**, Director of Alumni Relations on October 31st. Her entire education took place on the Spearfish campus starting in 1914 as a first-grader and continuing through graduation from Spearfish Normal School in 1930. At the time of this photo, Louise was 99. She turned 100 on November 30th, 2007.

Elementary on the Standing Rock Reservation.

Larry works at Jonti-Craft and teaches guitar lessons.

Larry Haven, Class of '95, and wife **Jennifer (Poppe)**, Class of '94, Wabasso, Minn., had a baby girl Meredith Elle, Jan. 18, 2007. She joins older sister Chloe Ann. Jennifer is a special education and Reading Recovery teacher at Wabasso public school.

Christina (Houghton) Marta, Class of '97, and husband Shawn, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Jensen Ellis, April 30, 2007. Christina is a Licensed Personal Assistant with the Real Estate Center in Spearfish.

Fred Jackson, Class of '98, and wife Jennifer, Holbrook, Ariz., had a baby girl, Brooke Marie, Oct. 10, 2007. Fred is a second grade teacher at Park Elementary school in the Holbrook School District.

Jensen "Jennie" (Morris) Moore-Copple, Class of '99, and husband Matthew, Warren, Mich., had a baby boy,

"Alumni Day" at Sturgis Brown High School



During homecoming week, September '07, at Sturgis Brown High School a day was designated as "alumni day". Pictured are teachers wearing their Black Hills State attire. Pictured are (left to right): Sheila Mortensen, Class of '06, Spearfish; Anna Tescher, Class of '06, Sturgis; Kathleen "Kathi" (Barber) Thomson, Class of '70, Sturgis; Deb (Sigman) Cano, Class of '00, Spearfish; Carolyn (Thomson) Schuldies, Class of '92, Spearfish; Kristin (Schamber) Wheaton, Class of '99, Spearfish; Chad Hedderman, Class of '98, Black Hawk; Cindy (Sinner) Ferguson, Class of '91, Sturgis.

Births

Tristan Duane, Sept. 5, 2007. Tristan weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 ½ inches long. He was welcomed home by big sister Jocelyn.

Jason Marcus, Class of '98 and wife **Urla (Charette)**, Class of '99, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Samuel John, Nov. 30, 2007. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 ½

Abbott recognized by Wall Street Journal

Jesse Abbott, Class of '99, recently graduated from the MBA program at Alcorn State University in Natchez, Miss., where he received the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award for Best in Class. While at ASU, he concentrated in finance related course work and led the Business Plan Team to the Annual OFC Business Plan competition for two years in a row. Jesse now works as a Sourcing Specialist for Sonoco Products Company at the corporate headquarters in Hartsville, S.C. "BHSU promotes interaction between students and faculty, which enables a person to learn and experience new concepts and opinions. The faculty really challenged me, which prepared me for my masters program at Alcorn."

inches long. Jason is a project manager for Lowe Roofing, Inc. **Urla**

is the Assistant Director for the Center of Indian Studies at BHSU.

The 00s Erin (Carr) Baldwin, Class of '03,

and husband Brian, Broomfield, Colo., had a baby girl, Madelyn Grace, April 5, 2007. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Erin is a pharmaceutical sales representative with Eli Lilly and Company.

Brandy (Millard) Brakke, Class of '04, Gillette, Wyo., and husband Nick had a baby boy, Logan Thomas, Dec. 20, 2006. He was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. Brandy works with Children's Developmental Services of Campbell County in Gillette, Wyo.

Jeremy Hohn, Class of '02 and wife, **Karina (Bliss)**, Class of '02, The Woodlands, Texas, had a baby girl, Liliana Gisela, July 5, 2007. Liliana weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Jeremy works for Liberty Mutual Insurance as the District Sales Manager for the North Houston Market.

Alumni meet at Sioux Falls Canaries game



A group of enthusiastic BHSU alumni, family & friends met last fall at the "Birdcage" in Sioux Falls, for a Canaries game. Present at the gathering were: Tobin Bakkedahl, Class of '02, Sioux Falls; Pam Brady, Class of '85, Sioux Falls; Gary Brooks, Sioux Falls; Carol Buthe, Chancellor; Daryl Buthe, Chancellor; Emily Buthe, Chancellor; Casey Buthe, Chancellor; Shawnda Carmichael, Class of '02, Spearfish; Pat Jones, Class of '85, Lennox; Bob Kunz, Class of '87, Sioux Falls; Bart Lesco, Class of '98, Sioux Falls; Susan Lesco, Sioux Falls; Ron Meeker, Class of '75, Sioux Falls; Julie Meeker, Class of '84, Sioux Falls; Steve Gordon Meeker, Sioux Falls; Deb Meeker, Sioux Falls; Kelly Meeker, Class of '03, Sioux Falls; Steve Meeker, Class of '84, Spearfish; Dave Mickelson, Class of '94, Sioux Falls; Val Mickelson, Sioux Falls; Jessi Moeller, Class of '06, Hartford; Matthew Mueller, Class of '02, Sioux Falls; Rachel Mueller, Class of '03, Sioux Falls; Linda Rush, Class of '70, Sioux Falls; Kevin Sabers, Class of '90, Salem; Shelley Sabers, Salem; Levi Sabers, Salem; BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp, Spearfish; Ken Schallenkamp, Spearfish; Jessa Stebbins, Class '01, Sioux Falls; Susen Shumaker, Class of '93, Humboldt; Lori Stverak, Class of '98, Harrisburg; Jennifer Valentine, Attended, Sioux Falls; Jody Verhey, Class of '97, Sioux Falls; Kevin Whalen, Class of '77, Sioux Falls; Teri Whalen, Sioux Falls; Tom Wheaton, Class of '87, Spearfish.

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BHSU honors alumni during Swarm Week



Several Black Hills State University alumni were honored during the recent Swarm Week activities. The 2007 honorees were (from left to right): Distinguished Alumnae Mona Chancellor, Class of '60; Excellence in Education Award recipient Janet Hensley, Class of '69; Special Service Award recipient Joy Krautschun, Class of '73; and Special Achievement Award recipient John Karinen, Class of '58.

at Thunder Ridge High School and coaches' varsity football and wrestling. Darcy is a corporate recruiter/Human Resources Business Partner for Quantum Corporation.

Jennifer (Wagner) Williams, Class of '02, and husband William, Rapid City, had a baby boy Jacob Ryan, June 15, 2007. Jacob weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Jennifer is a Law Clerk for Justice Konenkamp.

William "Billy" Marsh, Class of '05, and wife **Trish (Richards)**, Class of '01, Castle Rock, Colo., had a baby boy, Liam, June 4, 2007. Liam weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long.

Tobea "Tobi" (Aden) Miller, Class of '01, and husband David Ayer, Beulah, Wyo., had a baby boy Holden Gentry, Nov. 6, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 22 inches long. Tobi is a Special Populations Coordinator at Sundance High School.

Tobie (Eveland) Shinkle, Class of '00, and husband Jaceson, Casper, Wyo., are celebrating the birth of their first child, Alexandria Jacey, June 14, 2007. Alexandria weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Tobie and Jaceson own and operate Tobie's Fine Jewelry Company.

Brianne (Davis) Watkins, Class of '02, and husband Ken had a baby girl, Abigail Joan, Aug. 9, 2007. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Lesley (Hoff) Poper, Class of '03 and husband Ryan, Brewster, Minn., had a baby boy, Lane Joseph March 8, 2008. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz.

Tiffani (Bird) Paez, Class of '02, and husband Rich, Rapid City, had a baby girl Taylor Michelle, June 29, 2007. Tiffani is a registered nurse with the Black Hills Dermatology Centre.

Rob Sales, Class of '03, and wife **Darcy (Reinicke)**, Class of '03, Englewood, Colo., had a baby boy, Broeden Nicolas, August 22, 2007. Rob is an IEP Teacher



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New scholarships for math and science education majors at BHSU

The John T. Vucurevich Foundation recently donated \$60,000 for math and science education scholarships at BHSU to assist in the effort to meet the growing need for educators in these fields.

Twenty new scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each have been awarded for the spring 2008 semester to BHSU students studying to become math and science teachers thanks to the grant from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation. In addition, 20 math and science education majors will be awarded \$2,000 in the next academic year with the grant funds. The BHSU scholarships were part of a donation announced by the Foundation recently to help meet the needs in the workforce of the state.

Officials at BHSU, which is a leader in math and science education, recognize the growing demand for quality math and science education teachers in the state and say this generous donation will have an immediate impact on increasing the number of teachers for these critical fields.

"These generous scholarships from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation will assist in our on-going effort to prepare



Black Hills State University math and science education students were awarded with scholarships from the John T. Vucurevich Foundation, which recently donated \$60,000 to go towards scholarships for students studying in the math and science education field. Present for the award banquet were: (front row) John Klooster, freshman from Sioux Falls; Douglas Derby, freshman from Whitewood; Holly Heaton, sophomore from North Sioux City; Hayley Handcock, freshman from Onida; Amanda Heying, freshman from Lead; Kristina Schlapkohl, sophomore from Yankton; Sandy Diegel, Vucurevich Foundation; Renee Parker, Vucurevich Foundation; Carmen Hansen, Vucurevich Foundation; (back row) BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp; Dale Clement, Vucurevich Foundation; Richard Hamilton, freshman from Rapid City; Jolene Puthoff, junior from Sioux Falls; Zachary Beam, freshman from Custer; Jason Schumacher, freshman from Deadwood; April Oesterling, junior from Emery; Graham Larson, sophomore from Highmore; Wolf Parsons, junior from Box Elder; and Charles Polyak, sophomore from Sioux Falls; and Paul Phelan, Vucurevich Foundation.

students to work as math and science educators throughout the state," Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, president of BHSU, says. "The John T. Vucurevich Foundation is applauded for its investment in the state's future through these generous scholarships."

Schallenkamp noted that math and science education is a priority for BHSU. Schallenkamp notes that BHSU, with its tradition of excellence in preparing educational leaders combined with its strong science program, is uniquely qualified to take a leading role in meeting the growing

need for educators in these fields.

Future students should contact Beth Azevedo, admissions director, at 642-6411 for details about obtaining these scholarships.

Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement at BHSU, praised the John T. Vucurevich Foundation for their on-going support of BHSU and its students.

"We sincerely thank the John T. Vucurevich Foundation for this generous scholarship donation and for their ongoing support of the University," Meeker says.

John T.

Vucurevich grew up in Lead, where he learned the value of hard work, telling the truth, the need for keeping sound spiritual values, and the importance of helping those persons less fortunate. He felt that community service was very important and served in both the South Dakota House of Representatives and Senate, and was also an active supporter of higher education. He was a successful banker, and his success allowed him to create the John T. Vucurevich Foundation to carry out his goal "to make a piece of the world a brighter place."

Yellow Jacket Foundation hosts fundraisers for scholarships



Larscheid

Golf tournaments and an auction raised more than \$33,500 for athletic scholarships at Black Hills State University this year.

John Kietzmann, director of development at BHSU, recently announced the results of the four successful fundraisers for the BHSU Athletic Department and thanked the community. "Black Hills State University is very appreciative of the support from all of the participants," said Kietzmann.

Three of the fundraisers are annual golf tournaments. The Mark Larscheid Memorial Golf Tournament, which has been held for the last seven years to raise money for a track and field scholarship, is held to celebrate Mark's memory. Mark was a BHSU graduate and track and field standout. The family donated \$2,500 this year from the golf tournament.

Over \$6,000 for scholarships was raised at the annual Yellow Jacket/Gold Dust Golf Tournament, held in June. The "Old Baldy" Yellow Jacket Golf Classic, also held in June in Saratoga, Wyo., raised over \$21,000 for athletic scholarships.

The 17th annual Yellow Jacket/Gold Dust Benefit Auction was held this fall. This year's auction raised over \$10,000 from items donated by local and national businesses. For more information, contact Kietzmann at 642-6385 or JohnKietzmann@BHSU.edu.

DuBois prints now available with proceeds going toward art scholarships



Old Grist Mill



Harney Peak Ramparts

A native of the Black Hills, Richard DuBois, Class of '64, and retired associate art professor from BHSU, has created exquisite watercolor Giclee' prints for sale with all of the proceeds going toward art scholarships at Black Hills State University.

Richard is the co-founder of the Northern Plains Watercolor Society and has served on the Board of Directors since its inception in 1993.

In addition to his studio work, he participates in and conducts professional workshops in watercolor. He has been in numerous group and solo exhibitions and has juried competitions and invitational shows.

His work is in permanent collections throughout the United States and is represented by galleries in the Midwest.

Richard has received numerous awards throughout the years for his work.

His most recent awards include

the 2004 Rapid City Chamber of Commerce Award for Liberal Arts Professional, the BHSU Alumni Association's 2005 Excellence in Education Award, and the Gold Medal Award in the 2006 Northern Plains Watercolor Society Annual Competition.

Prices for limited editions are \$200; 16" prints are \$140; and 12" prints are \$90. Shipping and handling is \$15 for limited editions and 16" prints and \$10 for 12" prints.

Checks should be made out to the BHSU Foundation. MasterCard, Visa and Discover credit cards are also accepted. Send payments to: BHSU, University Advancement, 1200 University Street Unit 9506, Spearfish, SD 57799-9506.

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Scholarship endowments established at Black Hills State University

The following scholarship endowments were recently established at Black Hills State University thanks to the generosity of the following individuals and their families.

Scholarships continue to be paramount for students attending BHSU. If you are interested in establishing a scholarship please contact Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement, at 642-6385.

Meeker praised these families for their dedication to BHSU students and noted that the university is grateful for their contributions that will create opportunities for future students.

- The Fidler Family Theatre Scholarship fund was established with a \$10,000 gift from Nadine Fidler. Proceeds from the gift will be used to fund theatre scholarships for BHSU students. Nadine previously donated funds to create music scholarships. "When my husband and I came to Spearfish many years ago to establish a business, we were both delighted to discover the excellent music and theatre events at BHSU. We enjoyed attending concerts and plays throughout the years," Nadine says.

- The Mae and Chester Garrett Scholarship was established with a \$10,000

gift from the Garrett family. The gift will be used to fund visual arts scholarships for BHSU students. The family designated that preference will be given to students from the Sturgis area and then all of western South Dakota. Mae Garrett graduated from BHSU in 1949 and taught school for many years.

- The Bruce Page Hultgren Scholarship was recently supplemented with a \$25,000 bequeath by Loyd and Elnora Hultgren's estate. This is in addition to the gift annuity, which provided the donors with interest income for life, that they previously established. The scholarships support full-time junior or senior students pursuing an instrumental music degree. Their total endowment is now over \$28,000. The scholarship was established in memory of their son Bruce who

was a musician. He was a bass trombone player who worked with big bands such as Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and others. He died of acute leukemia in 1988 at the age of 38.

Haataja Scholarship created

The family of Steven Haataja established a scholarship in memory of the BHSU graduate who was teaching mathematics at Chadron State College at the time of his death.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually through 2010-2011 in memory of Steven. Recipients must be a junior or senior majoring in math at Black Hills State University. Preference will be given to students from western South Dakota.

Steven, who graduated summa cum laude from BHSU in 1985, joined the Chadron State College faculty after spending six years working on his doctorate and serving as a teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). He lived the first 10 years of his life in the Twin Cities of Minnesota before his family moved to Spearfish. Haataja earned a master's degree from UNL in 1987 and was a teaching assistant there until 1991. During the next two years, he taught math at Augustana College in Sioux Falls. He then spent the next 6 1/2 years working in technical support and training for a Sioux Falls computer firm before beginning work on his doctorate.

BHSU in the news

Enrollment exceeds 4,000 for the second time in University history

Enrollment at Black Hills State University increased by more than 100 students this fall. There are currently more than 4,000 students attending classes at BHSU, an increase of nearly three percent.

The total fall enrollment at BHSU is 4,004 students, an increase of 108 students from the previous year. This is only the second time in the school's history that enrollment has been over the 4,000 mark.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp attributes the impressive increase to a number of factors including a significant increase in retention as well as contin-

ued high interest in the university from new students in the state and region. Enrollment numbers from the surrounding states of Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana and Colorado all increased this year.

BHSU continues to meet the changing needs of students in the region. The number of students pursuing master's degrees at BHSU increased considerably this fall. In addition, BHSU has approximately 1,000 students attending classes in Rapid City and recorded an increase in the number of students taking classes by distance learning options.

Schallenkamp says the overall

increase is significant especially in light of declining high school enrollments in the state and region.

"Students recognize and appreciate the depth and breadth of our academic programs. Students are seeking the exceptional educational experience that Black Hills State University offers," Schallenkamp says.

The retention of students has been a campus-wide initiative at BHSU in the last year and positive results are clearly evident. This year BHSU had an eight percent increase in retention, marking the highest retention rate in the last decade.

BHSU takes an active role in research at SUSEL

Even as the water is being pumped from the former Homestake Mine, the Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources (CCBR) at BHSU is taking an active role conducting genetic analysis of microbes found in water samples from the Sanford Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory (SUSEL).

Jake Miller, a pre-medicine student from Pierre, along with Dr. Cynthia Anderson, associate director of the CCBR, are sequencing bacterial and archaeal clones of samples taken from the former Homestake Gold Mine. The research will try to identify new microorganisms from samples of the water at the 1,000-foot level, the 3,000-foot level and the 4,850-foot level. In the CCBR lab, Miller and Anderson compare the genetic sequences of the samples to known organisms searching for undiscovered organisms.

The genetic analysis, which will continue through the next few months, is part of a research project by Dr. Sookie Bang from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Results from this study are expected in about a year.

Anderson says they are excited to be working on one of the first experiments at SUSEL. The research has already stimulated ideas and discussion of future research projects in conjunction with the developments at SUSEL.

"I believe this research will open the door for future projects," Dr. Shane Sarver, director of CCBR, says. "We are

currently developing research ideas and will be submitting research proposals in the future."

Research for this project and others at the CCBR are being conducted by undergraduate students as well as students enrolled in BHSU's new master's degree program in integrative genomics.



Jake Miller, BHSU pre-medicine student conducts genetic analysis of water samples from the former Homestake Gold Mine at the Center for the Conservation of Biological Research. As a BHSU student, Miller has had the opportunity to be involved in one of the first research projects at SUSEL. The development of SUSEL, in nearby Lead, will enhance the research opportunities for BHSU students.

Professional Development Schools to be established

The College of Education at BHSU is meeting the national call for changes in teacher preparation by implementing a Professional Development School model (PDS) that will provide novice teacher candidates the opportunity to study their profession in a school setting.

BHSU, which has the largest teacher-education program in the state, is poised to take the lead in PDS development. BHSU will draw on their experience instituting Project SELECT, a successful professional development school program at the secondary teaching level in the Rapid City area schools.

Faculty at BHSU will establish an elementary PDS model in partnership with six diverse school districts. The first district identified was Rapid City Area Schools with sites at General Beadle, Knollwood, and Black Hawk.

According to Nancy Hall, dean of the College of Education, the PDS concept has several advantages including higher teaching skill levels of graduates, increased retention of graduates in the teaching profession and enhanced collaborative development of creative teaching practices with classroom teachers and BHSU faculty. In addition, the PDS will provide in-service opportunities for participating school districts.

BHSU in the news

First-ever American Indian College Scholarship Gala a great success

Over 90 guests and participants attended the American Indian College Scholarship Gala sponsored by the BHSU Center for American Indian Studies (CAIS). All funds raised were matched by an American Indian Education Foundation challenge grant.

The first-ever gala raised \$8,000 for BHSU scholarships.

Events began with an artist's talk by John Gritts, former BHSU Financial Aid director who now works with the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M. Following his talk, a Native American buffet was served by A'Viands (BHSU Dining Services) and the Spearfish Chop House.

An exhibition of American Indian music and dance featuring the Pass Creek Singers followed dinner. Several door prizes were awarded at the event, including a Gritts print, accommodations at the Spearfish Holiday Inn, a

gift basket from Black Hills Receptions and Rentals, a volume of works by Edward Curtis donated by Pioneer Bank and Trust, and items from the BHSU Bookstore.

The American Indian College Student Scholarship Challenge Grant is a three-year grant. The grant will match the first \$10,000 raised in new monies and contribute up to an addi-

tional \$10,000 for total cash raised up to \$50,000. All funds will be distributed as scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native college students.

John Glover, director of the CAIS, says that "the Center has long wished to hold a celebration such as this which offers people an opportunity to enjoy Native culture while providing an excellent way to raise funds for scholar-



John Gritts (center), former Black Hills State University Financial Aid director who now works with the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., visits with Dr. Larry Landis, retired vice president for Academic Affairs at BHSU, and his wife, Sue White. Gritts gave a presentation about his artwork to a crowd of over 90 at the first-ever American Indian College Scholarship Gala. The gala raised \$8,000 for BHSU scholarships.

Black Hills State University taking the "LEED" with sustainability

President Kay Schallenkamp announced that BHSU was the first South Dakota university to join the American College and University President's Climate Commitment during BHSU's first-ever "Green Day."

"We're doing this because it's the right thing," Schallenkamp said. "We have an obligation to climate commitment, environmentalism and ecology to ensure that the next generation of stu-

dents who come to Black Hills State University have the opportunity to experience the lifestyle we so appreciate and enjoy."

She also discussed the upcoming renovation of the Student Union, which is being designed with several energy efficiencies and is expected to earn a Silver certification from LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

A representative from Black Hills

Power and Light discussed energy saving suggestions, and Dusty Johnson, director of the Public Utilities Commission, gave a presentation about wind and other alternate energy options. In addition, faculty and community members hosted several information booths and the Spearfish trolley was on campus to encourage students to consider public transportation.

Nearly 400 regional students attend Supreme Court sessions at BHSU



Nearly 400 high school students from 12 regional schools attended the South Dakota Supreme Court sessions held at Black Hills State University in October.

Oral arguments were heard in three cases each day. Sessions were held in the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union Jacket Legacy Room.

"It was a privilege to have had this esteemed body on our campus," President Kay Schallenkamp said. "It was a great opportunity for our students as well as community members and area high school students to observe firsthand the workings of a vital branch of government."

BHSU in the news

BHSU receives \$600,000 for genomics transition scholarships

Black Hills State University has been awarded a \$598,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to implement the BHSU Integrative Genomics Transition Scholarship Program.

The grant award will provide financial and academic support for undergraduate biology majors with financial need who are committed to earning a master of science degree in Integrative Genomics (MSIG).

The BHSU Integrative Genomics Transition Scholarship Program will award an average of \$10,000 a year to 20 MSIG students over five years. In addition the scholarship grant provides 10 scholarships averaging \$3,125 a year to undergraduate American Indian biology majors with an interest in pursuing the MSIG degree. The grant program will provide expert mentoring, academic support, and research training for the students.

BHSU recently established one of the first formal graduate programs in the newly emerging field of Integrative Genomics and is leading efforts to meet

helping students with financial need transition into the science, technology, and mathematics workforce through an innovative technology-based master's degree in Integrative Genomics.

"Graduates with this degree will be well prepared for advanced laboratory positions and continuing professional education in medical school or doctoral programs."

Dr. Holly Downing
Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences

the increasing demand for interdisciplinary genomics training according to President Kay Schallenkamp.

The scholarship grant will provide support for Native Americans interested in pursuing undergraduate biology degrees at BHSU. As a transition grant, scholarships will also be available to women, minorities, and students from under represented groups who are pursuing an Integrative Genomics degree.

Schallenkamp notes the University will focus the scholarship program on

According to Downing, the new MSIG, which is one of only a handful nationwide, was approved with strong commendation by the Higher Learning Commission this summer. Integrative genomics

is a new area of biological research that seeks to place the functional significance of an organism's many genes into an ecological and evolutionary context.

"This is a field that is breaking new ground in biology because it can help us understand the interplay between genetics and the ecology and evolution of organisms," Downing says. "Graduates with this degree will be well prepared for advanced laboratory positions and continuing professional education in medical school or doctoral programs."

BHSU is a partner in grants of nearly \$6 million for teacher education enhancement

BHSU is a partner in grant funding of nearly \$6 million that will be used to enhance teacher education programs with several of the programs focusing on increasing the number of math and science teachers.

Dakota ASSETS, an acronym for All Students are Served by Exceptional Teachers, is a major collaborative grant awarded to BHSU, Technology and Innovation in Education (TIE), and Teach for America. The five-year 5.9 million grant funds will support the recruitment, training, and placement of talented individuals into teaching positions in high

need K-12 classrooms and support them during their first year in the classroom.

BHSU, which has the largest teacher education program in the state, will call upon the strengths of the existing education programs as these new initiatives are developed.

"These grant funds will be instrumental as Black Hills State University continues to take the lead in developing innovative learning opportunities," Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, president of Black Hills State University, says. "These advances will position BHSU as a nation-

al leader in teacher preparation innovation. We are meeting the national call for high quality science and math teacher preparation programs."

Nationwide, there is a growing need for math and science teachers and BHSU is responding to that need in a variety of ways. These grants enhance the University's efforts to increase the number of highly qualified teachers available in the state. Schallenkamp noted that math and science education is a priority for BHSU. The S.D. Board of Regents this year designated the increase of math and science educators as one of BHSU's performance indicators.

All of the Dakota ASSETS programs stress theory into practice which means participants will work toward certification as they teach regularly in a classroom, matched with a mentor teacher. Scholarships of up to \$3,500 support the cost of tuition, transportation, living needs and child-care for individuals teaching in high-need schools upon graduation.

Schallenkamp speaks at national education forum



Schallenkamp

Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, president of BHSU, recently took part in a national Math and Science Education Commission in New York City, co-leading a discussion titled "Defining the University Campaign and Pledge for the Science and Math Teacher Imperative."

This meeting is a follow-up to the inaugural meeting of the University Science and Mathematics Teacher Education Commission that was held in June.

The commission is developing a plan dedicated to increasing the number of teachers who earn math and science teaching degrees from the University.

BHSU in the news

Faculty members honored for excellence in education

During a surprise announcement Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, BHSU political science professor, was named Carnegie Professor of the Year for South Dakota. Also honored at the reception were Dr. Betsy Silva, who was recently named College Teacher of the Year by the South Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (SDAHPERD), and Tom Termes, who was named Educator for the Year by the South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Education (SDACTE) last summer.

Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, president of BHSU, noted the three awards reflect the high level of commitment and teaching excellence shown by BHSU faculty members.

Ahmad, who is currently teaching and conducting research in Bangladesh as a senior Fulbright Scholar, joined via phone to make some comments even though the time difference and hurricane conditions made communication difficult.

The U.S. Professors of the Year Program salutes the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country—those who excel in teaching and positively influence the lives and careers of students. Sponsored by CASE and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, it is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Ahmad is an epithet for this



Dr. Kay Schallenkamp (far right), BHSU president, and members of the BHSU community recently gathered to honor three professors who received awards recognized their teaching excellence. Tom Termes (left) was recognized for receiving the SDACTE Educator for the Year Award. Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, who was unable to attend since he's currently in Bangladesh as a senior Fulbright Scholar, was named Carnegie Professor of the Year for South Dakota. Dr. Betsy Silva was recently named the SDAHPERD College Teacher of the Year.

teaching award as evidenced by his strong support from students, alumni, and fellow professors. Last year Ahmad was also chosen by his peers to receive the annual BHSU Distinguished Faculty Award.

Dr. Betsy Silva, associate physical education professor, was recognized for her recent designation as the SDAHPERD College Teacher of the Year.

Silva, who also serves as the chair of the Department of Physical Education and Health, was honored for her teaching excellence, utilizing a variety of teaching methods, planning innovative learning experiences, serving as a positive role

model by epitomizing personal health and fitness, exemplifying sportsmanship, portraying sensitivity to the needs of her students, and providing service to the physical education profession through leadership, presentations, and scholarship.

Silva previously received the South Dakota Honor Award and the nine-state Central District Honor Award from AHPERD. She has also served as president, elementary vice president, secondary vice president of the association, and as convention manager for the joint South Dakota/Wyoming conference.

Tom Termes, assistant technology professor, was named Educator for the Year by the SDACTE last summer. This is the first time that a BHSU instructor has received this prestigious award, which is rarely given to a university level instructor. As a state winner Termes will be entered in the national competition. Termes was selected for this recognition because of his work with distance learning.

Termes developed a plan in 1998 to teach electronics to high school students using the internet. As a result of his efforts over 800 high school students have been able to participate in high quality, rigorous electronics courses. The online program also suits the needs of rural school districts that don't typically have the resources to support high tech instruction, such as electronics.

National award honors late BHSU faculty member



Bellman

A new Exemplary Leadership Award given by The Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning honors late BHSU faculty member Stewart Bellman, who passed away five years ago.

Bellman was a dedicated professor who worked to continually improve teach-

ing and learning. He served as a member of the collaboration and held several executive positions on its board, including chair and vice chair. The Exemplary Leadership Award seeks to honor those collaboration members who uphold Bellman's commitment to improving college education. Any participating member or group can be nominated to receive the award, which includes a \$1,000 cash prize.

Bellman was a fixture on the BHSU campus during his 30 years as a professor

of English. From 1966 to 1996, Bellman was a champion of both students and faculty, and he worked tirelessly for the advancement of both. He served as president of the South Dakota Council of Teachers of English, chaired the South Dakota Humanities Council, and founded the Dakota Writing Project. He also served as faculty advisor to the *Green Bowl Review*, a juried publication distributed each spring by the BHSU English Department.

BHSU faculty in the news

Gates Millennium Scholarship recipients named for BHSU

Several BHSU students were chosen to receive the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarships this year. The five students are among only 150 nationwide that received the Gates Scholarship Award for Native American students, established by a grant from the Bill

and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Each of the recipients completed an extensive and highly competitive process to qualify for the scholarships. Recipients are chosen for their academic achievement, community service, and leadership ability.

At the reception the recipients introduced themselves and

gave an overview of their educational and career plans. The scholarship recipients noted that receiving this esteemed scholarship strengthened their resolve to earn a degree. Several of the students are already considering earning advanced degrees.

"It makes me proud to have been selected for this honor. If

I graduate, no, when I graduate, I'll be the first in my family to have a college degree," one scholarship recipient said. Several others commented that the scholarship, which covers all unmet financial needs, made it possible for them to pursue a degree.



The scholarship winners and their advisors gathered at BHSU President Kay and Dr. Ken Schallenkamp's home for a reception dinner in their honor. Pictured left to right are: (front) Susan Dana, BHSU associate business professor; Kaitlyn Dupris, freshman business administration major from Dupree; Jenny Keiderling, junior human services major from Dupree; Sandra Marker, BHSU assistant history and social science professor; Kaylynn Two Bulls, freshmen education major from Pine Ridge; Carol Hess, BHSU education professor; Mary Jo May, freshman from Kyle; (back) Dr. Charles Lamb, BHSU science professor; and Chad Kruckenburg, career advisor. Not pictured is Chelsey Risse, freshman biology major from Martin

Faculty accomplishments at Black Hills State University

•BHSU assistant professors **Dr. Scott Stoltenberg**, psychology, and **Dr. Parthasarathi Nag**, mathematics, co-authored a chapter in the book *Neural Synapse Research Trends*. **Dr. Stoltenberg** was also awarded a three-year \$200,000 research grant by the National Institute of Mental Health.

•**Tom Termes**, Industrial Technology Department chair, traveled to the People's Republic of China this October as part of the People to People Ambassador Program.

•BHSU senior **Charlotte Walling** and **Dr. Andy Johnson**, associate director of the Center for the Advancement of Mathematics and Science Education, presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

•*The Work of Wolves*, a novel by **Kent Meyers**, associate humanities professor and writer-in-residence, was recently selected for two separate literary programs - one in Redmond, Wash., and one at Augustana College in Sioux Falls.

•**Dr. R.D. Theisz**, BHSU professor and chair of the Department of Humanities, had five poems published in the 2007 Volume Four Edition of *Fire Ring Voices*.

•**Dr. James Hesson**, professor of biokinetics in the division of physical education and health of the College of Education, spent five weeks as the director of the Athlete Performance Lab at the United States Olympic Training Center (OTC) in Colorado Springs, Colo.

•**Dr. David Cremean** and **Dr. Christine Shearer-Cremean** presented work at the Western Literature Association (WLA) Conference in Tacoma, Wash., this fall. Cremean is the active vice president and designated president-elect of the WLA. BHSU will host the WLA Conference while Cremean is president in fall 2009.

•**Dave Wilson**, assistant professor of visual arts, recently presented a three-hour cartooning workshop at the Wyoming Secondary Art Educators Association fall conference.

•**Dr. Janeen Larsen**, music professor and chair of the Department of Fine and Applied Arts, recently received a permanent professional certificate in Piano Pedagogy from the Music Teachers National Association.

•**Dr. Joanna Jones**, assistant education professor, and **Sandy Klarenbeek**, health instructor, recently presented their research at the 12th annual International Reading Association Rocky Mountain Regional Conference in Billings, Mont. Their presentation, "Reading with a HEAP of Books," discussed the importance of content collaboration to use time efficiently while teaching.

•**Dr. David Siemens**, associate biology professor, recently published two articles in national journals. "Ontogenetic Switches from Resistance to Tolerance: Minimizing Costs with Age?" was co-authored with colleagues from Stanford and Trinity Universities and "Evolution of Drought Tolerance and Defense: Dependence of Tradeoffs on

Mechanism, Environment, and Defense Switching," investigated the simultaneous evolution of drought tolerance and defenses in plants.

•**James Castleberry**, human services instructor, was recently honored by the Rapid City Chamber Health and Human Services Committee at the 19th annual "Wind Beneath Our Wings" Outstanding Performance Awards Luncheon for his outstanding community service.

•**Deaver Traywick**, Writing Center director, and six students presented at the 24th Annual Midwest Writing Centers Association Conference. Traywick was recently elected as an at-large member of the board for the association.

•**Dr. Laura Colmenero-Chilberg**, assistant professor of sociology, and BHSU student **Anastacia Schulhoff**, a junior from Caputa, presented at the annual Great Plains Sociological Society Conference in Aberdeen. Several other sociology students also attended the conference.

BHSU students in the news

Five BHSU students to compete at national theatre festival

Five Black Hills State University students have been nominated to participate in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) national competition.

Debra Iverson, Mary McGillivray, and Katie Severns were nominated for their work in the BHSU production of *Lucky Duck*. Iverson, junior speech communication and art major from Bowman, N.D., was nominated to participate in the Barbizon National Design Competition for costume design. Her work, including color renderings of all her costumes, will be presented at the festival. McGillivray, junior vocal music major from Sheridan, Wyo., and Severns, senior vocal music and speech communication major from Rapid City, were nominated for their acting performances.

Ian Vytlačil, senior mass communications major from Box Elder, and Tessa Krog, sophomore English major from Spearfish, were nominated for their performances in *It's a Wonderful Life*.

The four nominated actors from both shows will perform their scenes with fellow BHSU students Andrew Rexroad, Philip Braun, and Jessica Juhrend for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Auditions.

The Kennedy Center ACTF is a week-long festival that includes a variety of workshops and seminars covering all aspects of theatre, auditions for summer stock theatres, and networking with other schools and students. BHSU is sending a total of 14 theatre students to attend the conference.



Black Hills State University students Debra Iverson, Mary McGillivray, Tessa Krog, Katie Severns, and Ian Vytlačil will participate in the national Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. The students were nominated for the competition for their work in the BHSU Theatre productions of *Lucky Duck* and *It's a Wonderful Life*.

BHSU students published in prestigious national journal

BHSU participants in the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) Randi Anderson, recent English graduate from Newell, and Gwen Writer, junior English and environmental science major from Sturgis, were published in the 2007 *NCUR Proceedings*. *NCUR Proceedings* is a prestigious national journal that features the research of students who have presented

papers at NCUR. Gwen's article, entitled "Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight as a Study in Identity Formation," was published in the proceedings. Gwen's NCUR advisor was Dr. Amy Fuqua, Honors Program director and associate professor in the humanities department at BHSU.

Randi published, "Carolyn Forché and the Fight Against a Collective Amnesia." Randi also had an essay pub-

lished in the 2006 *NCUR Proceedings*. Randi's NCUR advisor in 2007 and 2006 was Dr. Vincent King, associate professor in the Humanities Department at BHSU.

Last year 22 BHSU students had their research abstracts accepted by NCUR for the annual conference in San Francisco, more than any other university in the state and the second highest in the nation for all universities.

Student accomplishments at Black Hills State University

•BHSU integrative genomics graduate students, **Callie Ackerman**, **Raeann Mettler**, **Riston Haugen**, and **Samantha Hersrud** presented research along with professor **Dr. David Siemens** at the National Ecological Genomics Symposium in Kansas City. **Callie's** poster, "Diversity of Thermophilic Microorganisms within Hawaiian Fumaroles" presented her study of diversity within fumarolic environments. Her research was co-authored by Dr. Steven Anderson and Dr. Cynthia Anderson. **Raeann** presented "Molecular Analysis of Grosbeak Hybridization in South Dakota." Dr. Garth Spellman, BHSU research facul-

ty, and Reann studied genetics and reproductive barriers for Grosbeak bird species. **Riston** and Dr. Siemens presented "Template for Evolutionary and Ecological Functional Genomics: Population Genetic Structure within a Population." **Samantha** presented "Gene X Environment Interactions and Human Behavior." BHSU psychology professor Dr. Scott Stoltenberg and Samantha studied how genotypes influence stress and anxiety.

•**Michael Baum**, senior art major from Harrisburg, earned a special recognition award from the Upstream People Gallery's Ninth Annual Collage, Digital, and Mixed Media Juried Online

International Art Exhibition for his artwork entitled, *Vertigo*.

•**Jonna Langston**, sophomore mass communications major, was recently chosen to serve as South Dakota's Citizen Journalist for MTV. Jonna will be creating videos to document the upcoming presidential election from South Dakota.

•Pre-law major, **Clayton Grueb**, completed his internship in Washington, D.C., with the Governor's Washington Internship Pilot Program. Clayton says his BHSU education prepared him for the challenge of working for the office of the attorney general.

•BHSU education majors **Matt Oliver**, senior from Rapid

City; **Breon Schroeder**, junior from Spearfish; **Laurel Foster**, senior from Rapid City; and **Derek Nelson**, senior from Pinedale, Wyo., received the Gary Bush Memorial Scholarship awards from the South Dakota Association for Health and Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

•**Rory Stone**, sophomore business administration major from Rapid City, placed first in the college division of the South Dakota Stock Market Game. **Kevin Schwan**, sophomore mass communications major from Aberdeen, placed second. Both competed against 11 other teams from across the state.

Sports

BHSU cross country team finishes in top ten at nationals

The men's and women's cross country teams posted another successful season under the direction of Head Coach Scott Walkinshaw.

The running Yellow Jackets left Spearfish and headed to Kenosha, Wis. with one major goal, entering the National Championships to finish higher than they were rated entering the meet.

The men's team entered the meet tied for fifth, while the women were rated #22. The results concluding the championship meet had a different story as the Lady



O'Lexy



Washburn

Yellow Jackets posted three personal bests out of their seven competing runners and finished in the 8th position in the team scoring.

Wendy O'Lexy (Rock Springs, Wyo.) was the top finisher for the Lady



The BHSU men's cross country team were runners-up at the National Championships with a team score of 202 points. Pictured left to right are Coach Scott Walkinshaw, Allen Wood (All-American), Mike Nekuda, Cody Bordewyk (All-American), Birch Haraden, Tyrone White, KC Fiedler, Trent Waage (All-American), and Assistant Coach Trent Mack.

Jackets, taking All-American honors by finishing 9th, with a personal best 17:58, in a field of 268 runners. Teammate Kerry Washburn (Cheyenne, Wyo.) also earned All-American status finishing in the top 30 runners when she posted a 5,000 meter time of 18:24, which was good for 29th place. After coming back from a late season injury, junior Alicia Verhulst (Ralph) managed to put a solid race together finishing

right ahead of teammate Shelli Scheffler (Lovell, Wyo.). The pair both posted times of 19:04 and finished in the 88th and 89th positions. Katie Cook (Cheyenne, Wyo.) was the fifth runner for the Lady Yellow Jackets finishing in 125th. Katie posted a personal best time of 19:23. The final two runners for BHSU were Kaila Ivers (Wray, Colo.) and Kayla Ferguson (Eaton, Colo.) finishing in the 197th and 222nd positions. The Lady Yellow Jackets tallied a team score of 255 points giving them an 8th place finish out of 29 teams.

The men's team race was very competitive up front with only 38 points sepa-



Wood



Bordewyk



Waage

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96-97 Women's basketball team inducted into BHSU Hall of Fame



The 1996-97 women's basketball team was inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the recent 2007 homecoming celebration at Black Hills State University. Members of the 1996-97 team attending the celebration were: back row, left to right, Melinda Oster, Kristi (Dykes) Delahoyde, Beckie (Bunting) Kaczynski, JoEllen (Hofer) Salmen, and Jennifer Pedersen; middle row, left to right, Assistant Coach Katie Dailey, Marcy Myers, Cori (Ringwood) Engelhardt, Steph Kelley, Sara (Wells) Klein, Traci (Schenk) Dana, Kim (Rochlitz) Niemann, Student Assistant Della Authier, and Head Coach Robin Schamber; and kneeling, left to right, Michelle Artery, Cindy (Winjum) Riss, and Tracy (Winjum) Meyers.

Sports

Yellow Jacket football qualifies for playoff competition

For the second year in a row, the BHSU Yellow Jacket football team qualified for the national tournament. BHSU lost to Carroll College, who went on to win nationals.

Black Hills State University traveled to Helena, Mont. where they faced Carroll College in the opening round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Playoffs. This was the second time the two teams played each other this year. The first meeting in September, Carroll beat the Yellow Jackets 0-17. BHSU then won six straight games heading into this second match-up with Carroll, where they lost 34-0. They entered the season with a new quarterback, freshman Drew Hodgs, who over the season guided the Yellow Jackets on the right path back to the playoffs. The only conference loss the Yellow Jackets had was at Minot State University earlier in the season. Since that



Freshman Drew Hodgs (16) helped guide the Yellow Jackets on the right path back to the playoffs.

loss the Jackets went on a six game winning streak including a 52-0 win at Valley City State University to close out the regular season.

The Yellow Jackets offense was extremely young, led by two freshmen - quarterback Hodgs and running back Tanner Ehrlich. The two freshmen have stepped up to help the Yellow Jackets

have a balanced attack. Senior Matt Frankenfield had been the anchor of the offensive line helping pave the way for Ehrlich. Senior tight end Matt Minter and wide receivers junior Joe Beehler, sophomore Ryan Fagerstrom, and sophomore Corey Wheeler have all stepped up in the passing game. The Yellow Jackets are led by a veteran nucleus behind senior defensive lineman Rodney Wasche and senior safety Tanner Tetrault. Defensively, the Yellow Jackets shut out two teams and had many games where they held teams to just seven points.

The Yellow Jackets have been very successful the past three years. They finished the 2005 season 7-3; the 2006 season 8-3 winning the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) and making a trip to the NAIA Playoffs; and 7-3 in 2007 sharing the DAC Title and earning another trip to the NAIA Playoffs all under the direction of Coach John Scott.

Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Inductees named



Inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during Swarm Week this fall were (from left to right): Jeff Stevens, Class of '97, who was inducted as an athlete; Jim Voyles, Department Manager for First PREMIER Bank as a contributor award; Anita Blewett, representing Don Blewett, Class of '59, who was inducted as an athlete; Gary Bereiter, Class of '73, who was inducted as an athlete; Mike Berg, Class of '72, who was inducted as a coach; Jay Gorham, a member of the 1935 football team that was inducted as a team; and Chris Haines, Class of '85, who was inducted as an athlete.

Cross Country

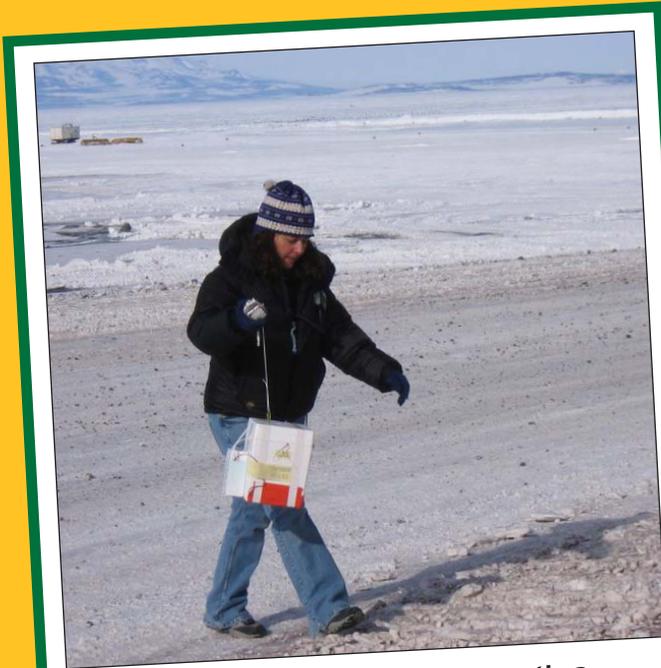
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rating the 2nd and 6th place teams. The Yellow Jackets managed to put together a team score of 202 points giving them a runner-up finish at the National Championships. BHSU had three All-Americans led by senior Allen Wood (Maple Valley, Wash.) 11th, Cody Bordewyk (Livermore, Colo.) 18th, and Trent Waage (Aberdeen) 24th. "I believe this was the first time we've had three All-Americans in the same national meet," stated Coach Walkinshaw. "These three were instrumental in helping our team finish second." Mike Nekuda (Hot Springs) was the fourth finisher for the Yellow Jackets, finishing 94th in an 8,000 meter time of 26:12. Birch Haraden (Billings, Mont.) rounded out the team scoring in the men's race in a 133rd place in a field of 258 participants and a time of 26:31. Tyrone White (Eagle Butte) and KC Fiedler (George, Iowa) were the final two finishers for the Yellow Jackets in the 143rd and 161st positions. The runner-up finish at the national championships is the third time for the Yellow Jackets men's squads in the past eight seasons.

In addition, the men and women's teams were also honored in the combined team scoring with a 3rd place finish. Kerry Washburn and Trent Waage earned academic All-Scholar honors.

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Jennifer Mercer, Class of '97, is currently a research scientist in the Atmospheric Science Department at the University of Wyoming. Jennifer's research includes releasing balloons from the McMurdo Station in Antarctica to measure ozone concentration and aerosol particles.



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Looking ahead

Student Volunteer Awards Celebration

April 5

Class of '58 Reunion and 50-year Club Reunion

May 9-10

Annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Tournament

June 28

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Calling all Phi Betas...let's get together.



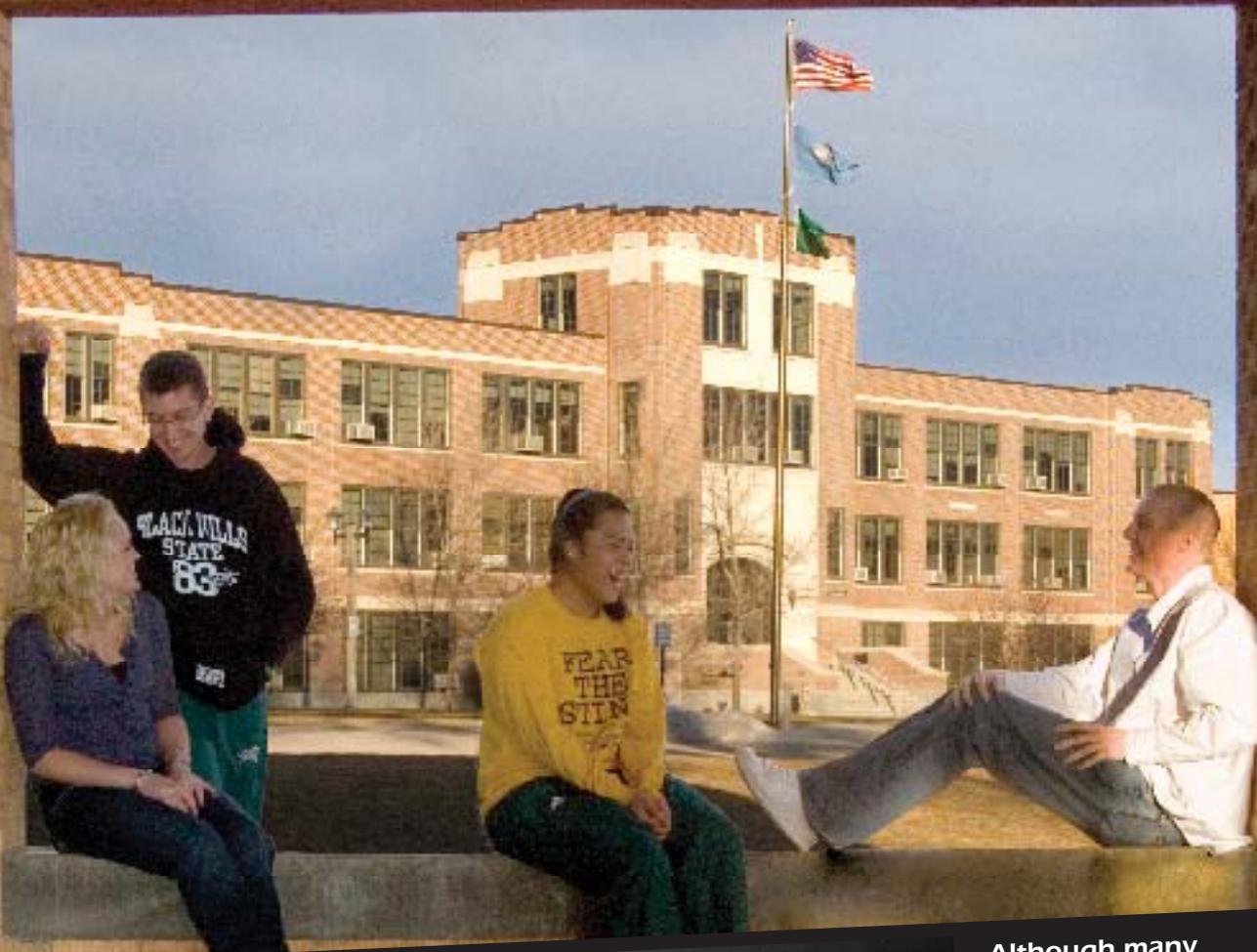
Looking back - Phi Betas from 1988

Coreen (Donnenwirth) Lerwick, Class of '78, and Julie (Johnson) Martin, Class of '79, invite you back to BHSU for a reunion.

"Long time, no see! It's time to get together. Mark your calendars for Swarm Day 2008. Let's reclaim the Swarm Day Parade award for best float. Get everyone together and let's have some fun. Contact Julie at Jewelrock5@rushmore.com or Coreen at Coreen@coreenlerwick.com or call (605) 642-8141 (daytime) to let us know if you are interested in participating."

Phi Sigs and Sig Taus - we'd love to see you also.

Another Look



Although many things have changed on the campus as BHSU has grown and evolved in the passing decades, Woodburn Hall (shown here framed through the columns of Pangburn Hall) remains a familiar sight and is one of the most recognizable buildings. The original photograph, taken in 1951, was recreated in 2008 as BHSU celebrates its Quasiquintennial.