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How BHSU laid the foundation for his life.

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Greetings from Black Hills State University!

Happy 2013! What is our resolution for the year? Now that we are past the initial New Year’s celebrations are your resolutions fading? Studies show that New Year’s resolutions typically lose their luster about this time of year.

At BHSU we are reaffirming our New Year’s resolution – to be bold and to be proud of the University – and taking steps to ensure the citizens of the state, nation, and world know we are an incredible University that celebrates its success through the successes of our alums and students.

The achievements of you, our esteemed alumni, are the true measure of our success. I marvel at the variety of success stories I hear as I visit with alumni across the state and nation. Whether it’s a story about a graduate who received recognition as the state teacher of the year, the graduate who used his English class assignment as the impetus to write two novels, the innovative start-up business created by two recent graduates, or the successful career of a lawyer who has been involved in many high-profile, precedent setting cases, it’s apparent that BHSU is transforming lives.

BHSU is telling these stories through a renewed marketing focus that includes media placement, billboards, mall displays, and social media outreach. It is difficult, and costly, to ensure our messages are heard so I’m calling on alumni to provide a venue or ideas for placement. One alum, in northern California, recently offered to donate billboard space for BHSU messages. Perhaps you have a trucking business that has space for information displays or have access to a digital sign that could include a BHSU message as a part of the playlist. (Call the marketing office at 605-642-6215 or email Corinne.Hansen@BHSU.edu with your suggestions.)

Or perhaps you can take a more personal approach to telling your BHSU story. I encourage you to put a BHSU pendant in your workspace, wear your green and gold apparel, display at BHSU license plate or car decal, or strike up a conversation with a prospective student. Show your BHSU colors and help ensure BHSU is recognized as an innovative, high quality University.

Sincerely,
President Kay Schallenkamp

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp in front of the window display at the Empire Mall in Sioux Falls. A similar display was installed at the Rushmore Mall in Rapid City.
THE FOUNDATION OF A REWARDING LIFE
and Career Begins at Black Hills State University

Someone once said that if you don’t get lost, there is a chance you may never be found … while William Roberts III may not have been lost; it was during his journey of self-discovery on the ski slopes that he found his way to BHSU.

Originally from Clinton, Iowa, the 1973 BHSU graduate spent two years as a student at a junior college in his hometown before enrolling at the University of Iowa. However, as a student in the midst of Vietnam War turmoil, Bill decided to leave school and spent the next three years as a ski instructor.

His father’s friendship with Marc Boesen, the BHSU dean of students, prompted Bill’s return to school. “It took a special place and situation to get me refocused on academics,” Bill said, noting the ability to go to school and ski. “BHSU was an excellent foundation for what I needed. It provided a perfect transition back into the academic world.”

Bill says BHSU helped pave the way for the successes he has had throughout his personal and professional life.

During his time at BHSU, he served as student body president and participated in the University’s ski and tennis teams.

Bill also worked as a ski instructor at Terry Peak.

The quality of people and the University impressed him from his first visit to campus. He and his girlfriend had almost made it to Spearfish when the car broke down. Police officers picked up the couple and took them to a park where they were going to stay for the night (Bill later found out that it was against the law to spend the night at the park.) The next morning, the officers came back and took them to a park where they were going to stay for the night (Bill later found out that it was against the law to spend the night at the park.) The next morning, the officers came back and took them to a park where they were going to stay for the night (Bill later found out that it was against the law to spend the night at the park.)

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Bill has had many successes.

He has spent more than three and a half decades as a lawyer specializing in government contract issues, and has been involved in many high-profile, precedent setting cases. Bill is currently a senior partner at Washington D.C.-based Wiley Rein LLC, one of the largest government contract law practices in the country.

After graduating from BHSU, he enrolled in law school at the University of Iowa graduating with his juris doctorate in 1976. While still in law school, he received a job offer to work for the U.S. Department of Defense.

A paper he wrote in law school about research and development of government contracts caught the eye of an attorney in Washington who flew to Iowa and offered Bill the job.

While at the DOD, Bill took night classes and obtained his master of law degree specializing in federal procurement law from George Washington University.

He then accepted a job as the chief counsel in the federal services division of Massachusetts-based Wang Laboratories, at that time, one of the biggest computer companies in the U.S.

Wang supplied electronic equipment to the military and civilian agencies, such as the Department of State. Bill worked with all the U.S. embassies, reviewed contracts, and litigated cases.

After three years with Wang, Bill joined the law firm of Howrey & Simon as a partner to help them establish a government contracts division. He became a senior partner helping grow the government contracts group to 30 lawyers.

In 1999, Bill joined Wiley Rein as a partner and co-chair of the firm’s government contracts practice. He now supervises 50 attorneys and is on the firm’s Management Committee. Aside from government contracts, Bill represents clients in various other areas including white collar defense, environmental and safety, and international trade.

As an attorney with Wiley Rein, Bill has handled numerous claims and contractual issues arising out of the Iraq and Afghan reconstruction and major construction projects. He works with companies that provide support overseas including: the Fluor Corporation, a global engineering construction company; Cisco Systems, the worldwide leader in networking; Siemens, the largest Europe-based electronics and electrical engineering company; and AECOM, one of the world’s largest engineering companies.

Bill also assists clients in achieving favorable U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) decisions or agency corrective actions in bid protests.

He is an author and frequent lecturer on issues relating to government contracts, including: electronic products and delivery for the government, privatization and outsourcing, and recent developments in e-Commerce.

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Kudos & Announcements

The 50s
Theresa (Lorang) Casteel, Class of ’59, Sturgis, was recognized by Continental Who’s Who as a Principal Professional in the field of agriculture. Theresa is the manager of K-C Ranch LLC where she focuses her work on agriculture, ranching, education, and farming.

The 60s
James S. Nelson, Sr., Class of ’56, Rapid City, was recently honored by the South Dakota Law Review as the Distinguished Alumnus for 2012. Recipients of the award are former editors of the South Dakota Law Review. James is a partner at Gunderson Palmer law firm in Rapid City.

Jim Hood, Class of ’69, Spearfish, recently had an open house in his honor. Jim, attorney at law with Hood & Nies, P.C. law firm, retired after 40 years of service.

Keith Campbell, Class of ’60, has accepted an underground safety compliance officer position with the Hecla Mining Company in Greens Creek mine near Juneau, Alaska. The mine is located on Admiralty Island.

Bob Buck, Class of ’61, Dodgeville, Wis., was awarded the Wisconsin Athletic Service Award sponsored by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. This award is given to an individual that shows deep concern for the welfare of athletics in high school.

Joan (Gissberg) Rachetto, Attended, Deadwood, former Lead-Deadwood High School golf coach, was recognized by the Lead-Deadwood School Board for receiving the 2012-2013 Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

The 70s
Mike Sullivan, Class of ’69, Jacksonville, Fla., recently retired after five years as the executive director of the Sioux Falls Sports Authority in Sioux Falls. Mike was responsible for developing a private organization of local business people whose goal was to increase the economic development of the greater Sioux Falls area through sporting events and entertainment. Mike spent more than 20 years as the: director of sports development, City of Jacksonville, Fla., executive director, Jacksonville Sports & Entertainment Board, and deputy director, Jacksonville Sports Complex.

C. Michael “Mike” West, Class of ’60, Philip, was inducted into the South Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. Mike was inducted during a banquet last September at the Lake Norden Community Center in Lake Norden.

Scott Bruce, Class of ’78, Rapid City, recently joined TDG Communications, in Deadwood, as director of business development. Scott will be expanding TDG’s client base and developing new relationships in a variety of industries. Scott has 24 years of broadcast, newspaper, and agency advertising experience in South Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska, and Montana.

BHSU alumni and friends gather in Brookings

More than 60 enthusiastic BHSU alumni and friends gathered last fall at Buffalo Wild Wings in Brookings. After the gathering, the scene shifted to Frost Arena as the BHSU men’s and women’s basketball teams played the Jackrabbits of SDSU.
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Lovina “Vina” (Stanton) Dodson, Class of ’71, Spearfish, retired from her position as director of the Spearfish Senior Center after 18 years of service.

John Haivala, Class of ’72, Spearfish, retired from State Farm Insurance after 27 years as a State Farm Agent.

Jan Knispel, Class of ’71, Valentine, Neb., retired after coaching speech in Nebraska for the last 38 years. She started the forensics program at Valentine High School. Jan received the Gerald S. Oswald Award for Outstanding Service 2012. In addition to retiring from coaching speech this year, she also retired from the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Speech Communications and Teacher Association as the District 6 Representative.

Susan (Chase) Talley-Johnson, Class of ’70, North Bend, Ore., recently retired after more than 40 years of teaching in Rapid City and Coos Bay, Ore.

Paul Young, Class of ’78, Spearfish, was elected as the 2013 South Dakota Municipal League’s president. He was named president of the nonpartisan organization during the league’s 79th annual conference held last October in Pierre. Paul is the HR Director of Prairie Hills Transit in Spearfish, an adjunct instructor at BHSU, and serves as a member of the Spearfish City Council.

Carla “C.B.” Alexander, Class of ’84, Fort Meade, was recently appointed to the position of associate director by the Department of Veterans Affairs Black Hills Health Care System (BHHC). Carla oversees the business office, contracting, facilities management, finance, human resources, information and technology, logistics, and police functions.

Kristi K. (Bailey) Barber, Class of ’89, Rapid City, president of Glenn Barber & Associates, Inc., has been appointed to the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) by Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. The 15-member committee advises the Secretary of Labor in the formulation of construction safety and health standards, as well as policy matters arising under the Construction Safety Act and the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Becky (Peterson) Gropper, Class of ’80 & ’86, Belle Fourche, an agent for New York Life Insurance Company in Belle Fourche, has earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table for 2012. Membership in the independent association is considered a career milestone in life insurance and financial services. Becky has also been named a member of the 2012 President’s Council of New York Life.

Jeff Herbert, Class of ’80, Sioux Falls, recently retired from teaching after 33 years in Lead-Deadwood and most recently in Sioux Falls. Jeff taught language arts/social studies in Lead-Deadwood, and English/American literature/speech/english 2 in Sioux Falls (Axtell Park Junior High, Roosevelt High School, and his alma mater Washington High School for 19 years). Jeff also coached in Lead-Deadwood and in Sioux Falls for a span of 23 years.

Mike Kaitfors, Class of ’87, Spearfish, recently became a new member of the Spearfish Century 21 team. Mike and his wife Lezlie have owned and operated Comfort Keepers of the Black Hills for the last nine years and are co-owners/operators of Country Place Senior Living in Belle Fourche.

Scott C. Peterson, Class of ’80, was appointed as the director of government affairs by Avalara. Avalara is a market provider of sales tax automation services that has been named as one of the fastest-growing companies in America.

Susan (Rosencranz) Proefrock, Class of ’87, Belle Fourche, is currently serving on the School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD) executive board as a representative for the South Dakota Association for School Business Officials. In August 2013, Susan will be serving a one-year term as president of SASD, an umbrella organization for six parent groups with currently 840 individual memberships consisting of superintendents, business managers, high school/middle school principals, elementary school principals, special education directors and curriculum directors.

Scott Temple, Class of ’81, Spearfish, was recognized for his effort by the city of Spearfish for organizing Downtown Friday Nights. Scott was awarded a certificate of appreciation as one of the organizers of the event.

Julia (Knickerbocker) Easton, Class of ’99, Rapid City, was hired as the University Relations Designer and Web Developer at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Yvonne Ficek, Class of ’91, Spearfish, along with her husband Gene, owners of Gene’s Lock Shop and Yvonne’s Cards, retired after 40 successful years in the business.

Stuart Fhus, Class of ’91, Spearfish, was recently named the new superintendent and high school principal for the West Central Community School in Maynard, Iowa.

Ronald “Ron” Hauck, Class of ’95, Elk Grove, Calif., recently completed his master’s degree in mathematics education through an on-line program at Western Governor’s University in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ron is currently the high school mathematics teacher at NP3 Charter High School in Sacramento, Calif.

Marcie Holben, Class of ’94, Spearfish, was hired as a Spearfish middle school assistant track and field coach.

Annelle (Brooks) Maygren, Class of ’99, was recently hired by the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), to head the SEARHC eye clinic for the Prince of Wales Island Eye Clinic in the Klawock Mall in Klawock, Alaska. Dr. Maygren earned her doctor of optometry degree from the Pacific University College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Ore.

Aaron Nida, Class of ’93, Spearfish, was recently recognized as the assistant coach of the year by the South Dakota Football Coaches Association.

Jennifer (Pickerd) Roberts, Class of ’98 & ’06, Spearfish, earned her profession’s top honor - National Board Certification. Jennifer is an art teacher at Belle Fourche High School.

Suzanne (Palmer) Rogers, Class of ’92, Lead, was elected last July board of education president by the Lead-Deadwood School Board.

Loree (Anderson) Schlichemeier, Class of ’93 & ’02, Sturgis, was named as the Region 8 South Dakota Volleyball Coach of the Year by the South Dakota Volleyball Coaches Association.

Jeremy Tracy, Attended, Billings, Mont., was hired as the operations manager for Crop Production Services.
Rusty Wienk, Class of ’98, Spearfish, was hired as the international program coordinator for International Studies at BHSU.

David Czerny, Attended, and Jessica (Partridge) Czerny, Attended, Piedmont, opened the Mountain Valley Vision Center, LLC in Spearfish. Doctors David and Jessica both graduated from the Michigan College of Optometry.

Lindsey (Hins) Brewer, Class of ’07, Wessington, won the Huron South Dakota 2012 Teacher of the Year award. She is now National Board Certified (AYA Mathematics). Lindsey teaches in the mathematics department at Huron High School.

Melissa (McGee) Barth, Class of ’02, Spearfish, has been named the new executive director of the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce. She officially began her career with the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce in 2001 when she was hired on as the marketing assistant. Since then, she has held four titles within the organization, which include marketing coordinator, sales and communications director, member services director, interim executive director and now executive director.

Jaime Bentley, Class of ’07 & ’11, Spearfish, was inducted last spring into the Spearfish High School Hall of Fame. Jaime participated in golf and basketball while attending Spearfish High School. She is currently the women’s golf coach at BHSU.

Jay Beyer, Class of ’00, Omaha, Neb., received his master’s degree in math from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). His master’s program was a grant from the National Science Foundation, in conjunction with UNL and Omaha public schools. He currently teaches third grade at the Wilson Focus School.

Megan Burke, Class of ’06, Rapid City, and Hans Stephenson, Class of ’03, Rapid City, spoke to a group of local high school juniors and seniors during the recent Lab Coats and Business Entrepreneurship event held on the BHSU campus. Megan is a civil engineer with RESPEC Consulting & Services in Rapid City. Hans is the owner of Dakota Angler & Outfitter, a fly fishing shop in Rapid City.

Nola “Rici” Domenici, Class of ’11, Tucson, Ariz., was recently hired as the healthy living teacher teaching freshman health and PE at Sunnyside Freshman Academy in Tucson. She is also the head track and field coach.

Bonnie (Halsey) Dutton, Class of ’01, Spearfish, was inducted into the Spearfish High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame. Bonnie had her artwork exhibited internationally, nationally, and locally, spearheaded the founding of the Spearfish Elementary Schools Art Program in 1997, and helped establish the Spearfish Art Center Gallery and served as a board and committee member from 2003-2005. Bonnie joins previous SHS Fine Arts Hall of Fame recipients: Gary (Miller) Mule Deer, Attended; Dick Termes, Class of ’64; Richard Dubois, Class of ’64; David Velte, Attended; and Paul Higbee, Class of ’76.

Teresa “Tess” (McCollam) Franzen, Class of ’09 & ’12, Rapid City, was recently appointed to the Rapid City Public Library Board of Trustees.

Kayce (Roseth) Gerlach, Class of ’02, Rapid City, was recently introduced as a new shareholder with Casey Peterson & Associates Ltd. Kayce has been with the firm for 10 years and is in the tax department.

Allen Godsell, Class of ’02, Sturgis, recently took over command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 196th Regional Training Institute at Fort Meade. Prior to this, he spent the past three-and-a-half years in command of the South Dakota Army National Guard’s...
Northern Hills-based 842nd Engineer Company.

Robert “Bob” Holm, Class of ’05, Rapid City, was recently hired as an account representative for MasterSave. MasterSave is a Media Marketing company that connects consumers with local businesses. Bob is also a sales representative for Laser Wellness, an at-home Low Level Laser Therapy for use on aches and pains that was invented in Rapid City and has been marketed for more than 16 years.

Lenessa (Herring) Keehn, Class of ’01, Deadwood, was recently awarded the South Dakota Association for Career and Technical Information’s Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award. Lenessa is a Lead-Deadwood career and technical education teacher.

Kathleen Kluver, Class of ’07, Oceanside, Calif., was hired as a training coordinator for Natural Alternatives International, Inc. (NAI). NAI makes nutritional supplements for vitamin and mineral companies.

Justin Kopp, Class of ’01, Billings, Mont., recently earned his doctorate in Health Sciences from A.T. Still University in Mesa, Ariz.

Jamie R. Loftus, Class of ’08, Rapid City & Ben R. Folsland, Attended, Rapid City, are now managing partners of Black Hills CPA Group, LLP in Rapid City.

Jamie Meeker, Class of ’08 & ’10, Lincoln, Neb., was hired last summer as a department manager at Scheels All Sports in Lincoln Neb.

Colleen (Ness) Nohr, Class of ’06, Spearfish, was named director of the Spearfish Senior Citizens Center.

Alicia (Verhulst) Porsch, Class of ’09, Spearfish, graduated last year from University of South Dakota with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Alicia is currently working at the Spearfish Regional Hospital.

Heather Sabow, Class of ’06, Rapid City, has joined Morgan Stanley Smith Barney’s Wealth Management office, in Rapid City, as a financial advisor. Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, a global leader in wealth management.

Beth Shaw, Class of ’06, Rapid City, accepted a position at Montana State University Billings as the Student Union and activities coordinator. Last August, Beth graduated from SDSU with a M$ in K-12 school counseling and student affairs.

Michelle (Janish) Tracy, Class of ’03, Billings, Mont., is the director of marketing and public relations for the Billings Symphony Orchestra & Chorale. Michelle promotes the season and special event concerts that the Symphony presents throughout the year.

Adams appointed director of communications for National Cattlemen’s Beef Association

Chase Adams, Class ’05, was recently hired as the director of communications for the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, a members’ organization which promotes beef production.

“We advocate from pasture to plate and everyone in between – the producer, the feed lot operator, the packer,” Chase said.

Since starting his new position last fall, Chase has been working on a variety of issues affecting the agriculture community from approval of a new Farm Bill to expanding international markets to U.S. Beef Trade.

“The Farm Bill is ongoing, and we will be working hard over this next year to ensure the priorities of cattlemen and women are met,” Adams said. The 2008 Farm Bill, set to expire at the end of last year, has been extended to Sept. 30, 2013.

Adams said he is also working on the Renewable Fuel Standard to ensure that cattlemen have a level playing field when competing for corn with the ethanol plant. He is also keeping an eye on different regulations including one with the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as a possible immigration reform. “We will look to play a role in shaping that debate to ensure we have adequate border protection and an immigration policy that works for agriculture.”

Growing up in cattle country, Chase said his passion for agriculture started at a young age. “I’ve always had a passion for agriculture and ranching,” he said. “I think I always wanted to be involved, not just from a producer’s standpoint but in the actual industry. That was always my goal and my education helped me get there.”

Anderson named Teacher of the Year

Katie Anderson, Class of ’10, was voted as South Dakota’s Teacher of the Year. Anderson, who graduated with a master’s in curriculum and instruction, is a science teacher at East Middle School in Rapid City.

As recipient of the honor, Anderson received the use of a new car for one year, a technology package valued at more than $11,000 to use in her classroom, cash awards and more. Prize packages are paid for by private businesses and organizations.

Anderson will now represent South Dakota as a candidate for the National Teacher of the Year award which will be announced in April in Washington, D.C. The National Teacher of the Year Program began in 1952 and is the oldest, most prestigious national honors program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching.

Anderson said her education through BHSU helped her to fully understand how to teach science through inquiry. “A focus of our study in the BHSU science specialist classes was making students think visibly, and helping students to uncover the answers to questions,” she said. “This has been important to my teaching because it has helped me become better at questioning my students to elicit understanding about science concepts.”

Anderson said one of the most important, and challenging, parts of being a teacher is getting to know all the individual students’ needs and meeting those needs so they can move forward.

“All students learn in different ways and at different rates,” she said. “Instructional adjustments need to be made to meet all students’ needs.”
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The 10s

Brandon Bentley, Class of ’10, Spearfish, was hired as the accountant in the University Advancement Office at BHSU.

Alexandria Brummond, Class of ’12, Alexander, N.D., was hired as the second grade teacher at Alexander Public School.

Jennifer E. Johnson, Class of ’12, Manhattan, Kan., was accepted into the Kansas State Kan., was accepted into the Kansas State University Ph.D.

Katelyn Lamb, Class of ’11, is currently attending Concorde Career College in Aurora, Colo., and is studying to be a registered dental hygienist.

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Elizabeth Mundorf, Class of ’12, Spearfish, is an admissions representative at BHSU.

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Audra was also chosen as the Golden Apple recipient for the Wichita school level.

Alumni/Faculty featured in the Black Hills Pioneer “25 over 65 You Should Get to Know” article: Jim Dunn, Class of ’62; Tom Flickema, former BHSU President; Everett Follette, Class of ’55, emeritus faculty; Bob Phillips, Class of ’61; Pat Simpson, current dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences; and Darleen Young, former faculty member.

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Chiropractic program. Travis Langer, Class of ’11, interned with the Minnesota Vikings in Minneapolis.

Jessica Juhrend, Class of ’11, was accepted into the Northwestern College playwriting and creative writing program in Long Island, N.Y.

Elke (Otten) Kuegle, Class of ’87, sixth through eighth grade special education teacher.

Kristie (McDermott) Tays, Class of ’92, third-grade teacher at Knollwood Heights Elementary School; Laura (Simmons) Williams, Class of ’96 & ’09, K-5 grade Intervention Strategist at Black Hawk Elementary School; Beth Bury, Class of ’87, third-and fourth-grade IMS teacher at Wilson Elementary School. Beth also received the 2012 Technology Leadership Award for Improving K-12 Education through Innovative Teaching with Technology at the TIE Conference held in Sioux Falls. She was also chosen to attend the Mickelson Exxon Mobil Teachers Academy; and Audra (Williams) Franke, Class of ’94, sixth through eighth-grade computer teacher at South Middle School. Audra was also chosen as the Golden Apple recipient for the Middle School level.

Alumni News
Bryan Brewer and Dave Archambault, both Class ‘76, helped found the Lakota Nation Invitational in 1977 as a way to provide play time for their basketball players. Neither anticipated the legacy they were beginning. In December, the 36th annual LNI tournament took place.

In 1976, both new graduates from BHSU with education degrees in hand, Brewer began teaching at Pine Ridge High School and Archambault at Little Wound High School in Kyle. Both also found themselves struggling to fill their basketball schedule.

“We wanted to give our kids an opportunity to play,” said Brewer, who remains the tournament director.

The first tournament was held in 1977 in the Pine Ridge School gymnasium and soon moved to Rushmore Plaza Civic Center where it has been ever since.

Today, the LNI annually attracts several thousand. It is an event celebrating the Lakota culture and promotes unity, diversity and reconciliation, according to Brewer, who was recently elected Oglala Tribal president. And that is exactly what Brewer and Archambault had hoped for.

John Johnson, Class of ’70, was recently recognized by the Starkey Hearing Foundation joining a select group of honorees that include former President Bill Clinton, Muhammad Ali, Sir Elton John, Willie Mays, and Billie Jean King.

“It felt a bit unusual for a country kid from the Midwest,” Johnson said of being among so many well-known names. “But at the end of the day these are all people that have a cause in mind and have focused attention on this hearing issue around the world.”

Founded in 1984 by Bill Austin, the Starkey Hearing Foundation’s mission is to bring understanding among people through hearing care. The foundation fits and gives more than 100,000 hearing aids annually to underprivileged people throughout the world.

Johnson was honored for his work as president and chief executive officer of CHS Inc., one of the nation’s leading energy, grains, and foods companies. Johnson retired from Minnesota-based CHS two years ago; however, he left the Fortune 100 company and the countries in which it does business with an infrastructure in place to better distribute food around the globe.

Johnson and his wife have been supporters of the Starkey Hearing Foundation, also based in Minnesota, for several years.

Nearly 1,500 people attended the “So the World May Hear” awards gala which raised about $8 million, Johnson said.

“The foundation takes all the money raised each year and does outreach programs throughout the world where they fit underprivileged children with hearing capabilities,” he said.

Johnson and his wife hope go on one of the foundation’s mission trips this spring and view firsthand the joy that comes from someone hearing for the first time.

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Births

The 90s
Monique (Dana), Class of ’97, married Michael Trump, Class of ’90, had a baby girl, Grazy Elizabeth Trump in May 2012, in Denver. Kim Schiller and manages the Digital & Media for Lawrence & Schiller and manages the Deadwood office.

The 00s
Angie King, Class of ’97, married Melvin John, Class of ’90, had a baby girl, Angi King, Class of ’97, married Michael Schrup, Class of ’97, and husband Thane Tetrault, Class of ’90, had a baby girl, Taisley JoRee, Sept. 23, 2012. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 22 inches long. She joins big sister TyLee (3). Monique is a dentist with Dana Dental Arts in Spearfish and Rapid City.

Engagements & Marriages

The 60s
Dillon Lermey, Attended, Reva, had a baby girl, Greta Mae, December 26, 2012. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. She joins big brothers Doyle (6) and Griffin (2). Dillon is a rancher at Lermeny Ranch.

The 00s
Angie (Case) Black, Class of ’02, and husband Trent, Class of ’00, had a baby boy, Layne Robert, June 8, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 inches long. He joins big sister Demetria (2). Angie is the director of sales at the Spearfish Holiday Inn Convention Center.

Shelbi (Seifert), Class of ’07, and husband Wess Bulat, Class of ’05, had a baby girl, Brynlee Hope, June 11, 2012. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. LaNaya is a stay-at-home mom.

Stephanie Kennedy, Class of ’08, married Matt Flott, Class of ’09, Sept. 1, 2012. Jessica is an occupational therapist with Sanford Medical Center in Clear Lake. Matt is a business manager with Northeast Educational Services Cooperative in Hayti. The couple resides in Watertown.

The 90s

Robin Johnson, Class of ’99, married Melvin Zebroski June 9, 2012. Robin is the Director of Message Delivery (Digital & Media) for Lawrence & Schiller and manages the Deadwood office.

The 00s
Miranda Dugger, Class of ’00, married Dusty Hirsch, Attended, July 21, 2012. Trisha is employed at Ray Dental Group in Rapid City as an insurance manager. Dusty works as a Geek Squad agent at Best Buy in Rapid City.

Trisha Edlund, Class of ’06, married Dusty Hirsch, Attending, July 21, 2012. Trisha is employed at Ray Dental Group in Rapid City as an insurance manager. Dusty works as a Geek Squad agent at Best Buy in Rapid City.

Stephanie Kennedy, Class of ’08, will marry Nathan Musial, Class of ’08, July 13, 2013. Stephanie is an accounting assistant with L & H Industrial, Inc., in Gillette, Wyo.

Megan Foster, Class of ’08, married Nathan Batteen, Class of ’08, July 21, 2012. Megan works at Midwest Marketing as a marketing consultant. Nathan is currently pursuing a master’s degree in administration at USD. Nathan is a physical education & health teacher at Rockyford School.

Blake Gardner, Class of ’05, married Kati Ginsbach, Attended, Aug. 18, 2012. Blake is the middle school principal/middle school athletic director and head boys basketball coach in Hill City. Kati works at Twisted Pine Winery in Hill City.

Jill Kary, Class of ’09, will marry Fred Hartmann, Class of ’09, July 6, 2013. Jill is the Community Relations & Special Events Coordinator for Jefferson Center for Mental Health in Denver. Fred works as a Well Plan Engineer for Halliburton. The couple plan to reside in Denver.


Megan (Smith), Class of ’09, and husband Casey Godfrey, Class of ’11, Chamberlain, had a baby boy, Kaine Wheeler, Oct. 6, 2012. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. He joins big brother Kellan (2).

Jill (Sutter) Leonard, Class of ’01, Wall, and husband Jason, Class of ’01, had a baby boy, Justin Arnold, Nov. 4, 2011. He weighed 10 lbs. 2 oz. and was 22 ½ inches long. Jill is an accountant at Golden West in Wall.

Holly (Misterek), Class of ’09, and husband James Mortenson, Class of ’03, Whitewood, had a baby boy, Jones Gary, Sept. 10, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 22 inches long. Holly is a credit analyst with First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche. James is a credit analyst with First Interstate Bank in Spearfish.

Mikayla (Tetrault) Wilson, Class of ’02, and husband Pete, Upton, Wyo., had a baby boy, Landry Fifer, April 3, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. He joins big sister, Lily (3). Mikayla is teaching Middle School Social Studies and Math interventions at Upton Middle School.

Stephanie (Kennedy), Class of ’08, and Nathan Musial, Gillette, Wyo., had a baby boy, Jonathan Scott, June 30, 2011. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 18 ¼ inches long. Stephanie is an accounting assistant with L & H Industrial, Inc. in Gillette, Wyo.

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Births cont’d

Nicole (Krcil), Class of ’06, and husband Sam Otto, Class of ’08, Belle Fourche, had a baby girl, Callie Rae, July 6, 2012. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. She joins big sister Chloe (2). Nicole is a stay-at-home mom. Sam is currently working for the National Guard.

Brandy (Miller) Vavruska, Class of ’03, and husband Kyle, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Taylee Kay, June 21, 2012. Taylee weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. She joins big brothers Rylan (5) and Kade (4). Brandy is currently a stay-at-home mom.

The 10s

Kristin (Engle) Carmichael, Class of ’10, and husband Kelly, Belle Fourche, had a baby girl, Emersyn Lucille, Nov. 6, 2012. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 inches long. Kristin is currently the assistant women’s volleyball coach at BHSU.

Engagements & Marriages cont’d


Andrea Nelson, Class of ’12, married Aric Bakeberg, Attending, Aug. 17, 2012. Andrea is currently employed at Spearfish Canyon Lodge. Aric is employed at Crow Peak Brewery in Spearfish.

Mallory Petersen, Class of ’11, married Christopher Dekker on June 9, 2012. Mallory is currently the All Bands Director at Weston School District in Newcastle, Wyo.

Bean keeping Fighting Irish healthy for more than 20 years

Mike Bean, attended, has always been a fan of the University of Notre Dame athletics, especially football, so when he got an internship in Notre Dame’s sports medicine department, he was fulfilling a dream.

That was in 1990. Today, Bean is still at Notre Dame and is now an assistant athletic trainer for the Fighting Irish football team which just finished one of its most successful seasons in decades with a 12-0 record.

After his internship ended, a permanent position became available and Bean was hired as a full-time trainer for Notre Dame. Bean has since moved up the ladder.

He has been a trainer with the football team since 1995. “It is always a challenge and something that is new every day,” he said of athletic training. “There is a lot of satisfaction in seeing these guys get well and helping them return to their pre-injury state and get back on the field. I think the biggest thing is that, at the end of the day, you are helping (the players) pursue their goals and aspirations.”

Originally from Belle Fourche, Bean began his studies at BHSU. He spent three years at BHSU before transferring to Southwest Missouri State in 1989 to pursue athletic training. While at BHSU he worked with the football, wrestling and basketball teams as an athletic trainer. BHSU coaches Dave Little and Walt Cook first introduced Bean to the possibility of athletic training as a career.

“They were two of the best mentors I had as far as my education – they got me to where I am now,” he said.

Aside from being an assistant athletic trainer for Notre Dame football, Bean also supervises the student-athlete trainer program and serves on the Big East Conference Sports Medicine Committee.

Bean lives in South Bend, Ind., with his wife, Colleen, and two daughters, Taylor and Courtney.

Schofield uses college English assignment as foundation for two books

Matt Schofield, Class of ’71, first met Jimmy Cramer in the late ’60s during an English class at BHSU. Cramer was a South Dakota farm boy who was drafted, sent to fight in the war in Vietnam, and comes back forever scarred. Cramer is also a fictional character and the subject of Schofield’s two published books.


“At the end of the first novel I kind of left the main character hanging thinking I would eventually write a sequel to it,” Schofield said.

However, the busyness of work and family came before finishing the story of Jimmy Cramer. “I always had that main character, Jimmy Cramer, wondering around in my mind,” he said.

It was during his time as a heavy equipment operator at the Wyoming coal mines when the story of the South Dakota veteran came to life again. Being away from his family, Schofield used his time after work to write.

In 2009, 26 years after publishing his first novel, Schofield published “The Protest.” “I was 19 when I first started writing ‘When Reason Fails,’ I was 55 when I wrote the sequel – I have quite a different perspective on life when you look at the two books.”

Schofield said he loved his time at BHSU, including his stint in Truth, a local rock band where he played drums. It is also where he met his wife, Carol. The two live in Philip.
In Memory

Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School 1883-1940
Helen (Stonelake) Bondurant, Attended, Finehurst, Idaho
Viola M. (Williamson) Huber, Class of ’32, Emmett, Idaho
Rachel L. (Canfield) Junek, Attended, Sundance, Wyo.
Ada J. (Knutson), Attended, Billings, Mont.
Wendell McCain, Attended, Seattle, Wash.

Black Hills Teachers College 1941-1963
Dolores M. (Mischel) Amann, Attended, Fargo, N.D.
Harry L. Anderson, Class of ’54, Arlington Heights, Ill.
Arthur “Art” C. Boe, Class of ’60, Alamos, Sonora, Mexico
Bobbie “Bob” D. Collins, Class of ’61, Rapid City
Della E. (Horton) Courtney, Attended, Belle Fourche
Helen C. (Guilford) Dudrey, Attended, Union Gap, Wash.
Dennis S. Dutton, Class of ’57, Roseville, Calif.
Elizabeth “Betty” A. (Hoggatt) Dyke, Attended, Belle Fourche
Kenneth “Larry” L. Farrell, Class of ’57, Riverside, Calif.
Elton “Fergie” H. Ferguson, Attended, Albuquerque, N.M.
James “Jim” W. Gottsleben, Attended, Philip
Howard R. Harvey, Class of ’54, Scottsbluff, Neb.
Joan (Gustafson) Haworth, Attended, Tallahassee, Fla.
Jean M. (Grey) Hier, Attended, Rapid City
Raymond R. Hoch, Class of ’54, Henry
M. Maxine (Pugh) Norman, Attended, Hayes
Sara E. (Wendelken) Horman, Class of ’60, Belle Fourche
Phyllis M. (Freeland) McDaniels, Attended, Rapid City
Arthur V. O’Connell, Attended, Belle Fourche
James R. Palmer, Class of ’50, Brackettville, Texas
Phyllis (Mattley) Palmer, Class of ’45, Peppertill, Mass.
Elanor O. (Stomprud) Pearson, Class of ’62, Spearfish
Mary A. (Gottsleben) Pekron, Attended, Philip
Erin E. (Coop) Quarterman, Attended, Sheridan, Wyo.
Christoph “Chris” D. Reimann, Class of ’66, Caputa
Kermit G. Stell, Class of ’58, Spearfish
Bonnie M. (Wheaton) Titus, Class of ’53, Scotts Valley, Calif.
Lawrence “Pinky” A. Warren, Class of ’63, Worland, Wyo.
Gertrude E. (Doughty) Woodden, Class of ’61, New Underwood

Black Hills State College 1964-1988
Paul O. Dingeman, Class of ’53, Spearfish
Quindrid F. (Kaplan) Albert, Class of ’75, Newcastle, Wyo.
Ann J. (Vroman) Brady, Attended, Spearfish
Jack L. Brunsch, Class of ’77, Norris
Tracy D. Dobbs, Attended, Black Hawk
Betty M. (O’Connell) Driskill, Class of ’71, Belle Fourche
Ranny Duncan, Class of ’65 & ’72, Spearfish
Sandra K. Eldridge, Attended, Pierre
James “Jim” J. Fettig, Attended, Nemo
Sally F. (Halloran) Garry, Class of ’66, Whitewood
Donna M. (Keyes) Gebur, Class of ’81, Deering, N. D.
Dixie L. (Helmer) Grantz, Class of ’64, Las Vegas, Nev.
Lois M. (Wilson) Hall, Class of ’75, Sioux Falls
Michael D. Hall, Attended, Rapid City
Douglas D. Hartshorn, Class of ’64, Bellevue, Fla.
Phyllis A. (Ferguson) Holben, Class of ’72, Spearfish
Marianne L. (Cooley) Hyatt, Class of ’72, Broadus, Mont.
Bonnie L. (Johnson) Kjerstad, Class of ’70, Hill City
John W. Luft, Class of ’69, Carterville, Ga.
Lawrence “Larry” Luger, Class of ’64, Fort Yates, N. D.
Charlotte “Char” M. (Hayes) Malone, Class of ’79, Rapid City
Margaret A. Marshall, Attended, Pierre
John C. Moneyhun, Attended, Rapid City

Black Hills State University, 1989 - Present
Nicholas W. Bazemore, Attending, Gillette, Wyo.
David “Dave” B. Curington, Class of ’98, Rapid City
Christine M. Hart, Class of ’96, Rapid City
Frank P. Lahm II, Class of ’99, Rapid City
Paula (Gilchriest) Marr, Class of ’91 & ’00, Glenwood Springs, Colo.
John C. Phillips, III, Class of ’95, Lennox
Joshua D. Ronken, Attended, Minneapolis, Minn.
David A. Ross, Class of ’89, Moorcroft, Wyo.
David L. Viken, Class of ’90, Custer

Former Faculty/Staff
Ann Chastain, Spearfish
Donald “Don” P. Howe, Spearfish
Aldo “Al” Panerio, Spearfish

Remembering Dr. Bill Crosswait

Dr. Bill Crosswait, 87, BHSU graduate and longtime professor, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, leaving behind a legacy of education which spanned nearly 40 years.

For nearly two decades during the late 60s to mid 80s, any student aspiring to become a teacher more than likely had a class with Bill. A 1949 graduate of BHSU, then called Black Hills State College, Bill returned to BH in 1967 as a faculty member in the education program. He spent the next 18 years guiding and directing would-be teachers through classes such as education psychology, classroom methods and education of modern America.

Bill started his career in teaching as a science and math teacher in Lemmon. This is also where he met his wife, Mary. The couple has three children, Anne, Robert and Craig. After four years in Lemmon, Bill decided to change gears and spent the next three years working with a geophysical engineering company. In 1956, he returned to teaching in Willow Lake becoming the principal in 1957. After earning his master’s degree from Northern State College in 1966, Bill became superintendent of schools in Fairmount, N.D. He returned to South Dakota in 1963 and spent two years as an elementary principal in Huron. He completed his doctorate in education at the University of South Dakota and became the superintendent of schools in Spearfish.

Bill’s legacy at BHSU continues through a scholarship set up by Bill and Mary for a junior or senior majoring in education.
Longtime BHSU coach and athlete Dale Hardy, 88, died on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, leaving behind a successful career in athletics which spanned nearly six decades.

Born Dec. 6, 1924, Hardy spent time at BHSU as a student, teacher and coach. Following a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy, Hardy enrolled at BHSU, then known as Black Hills Teachers College. Dale helped rebuild BH post-war athletic program and helped power the Yellow Jackets to one of the most successful athletic seasons in the school’s history. He graduated from BH in 1948 and began his teaching and coaching career at Winner High School.

Following his second tour, Dale returned to the University of Colorado in 1952 to complete his master’s degree in physical education. He began his coaching career as the head football coach at Trinidad Junior College in Trinidad, Colo. He then spent three seasons coaching at Denver University before returning to BHSU. Dale spent the next three decades coaching football and track at his alma mater. He returned to school at the University of Indian and eventually made his way back to BHSU as a physical education instructor and also oversaw the University’s intramural program.

Hardy was honored as a hall of fame inductee for BHSU, SDIC, South Dakota State Amateur Baseball, and Sturgis High School Athletics.

Memorials to the Dale Hardy Scholarship may be sent to the Yellow Jacket Foundation, Unit 9506, Spearfish, SD  57799-9506.
Alumni Award Recipients
Five Black Hills State University alumni were honored during the recent BHSU Swarm Week Alumni Awards luncheon, an annual event which recognizes the outstanding achievements of alumni. Pictured from left to right, Keith Stover earned the Excellence in Education Award; William “Bill” Weyer was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award; Johanna Meier and Guido Della Vecchia were honored with the Special Service Award; and Jerome A. Greene was recognized with the Special Achievement Award.

Hall of Fame Inductees
The 1983 football team was led by Coach Carl “Duke” Iverson. They were SDIC champions with a 5-0-2 record and a 5-2-2 overall record.

The 2000 men’s cross country team ended their season as the Dakota Athletic Converence - 10 champions and placed second in the national meet.

Individuals inducted for their athletic accomplishments and contributions were: Monica (Headlee) Dorn, cross country and track; Pat Guptill, track, football basketball; Steve Harshman, football, wrestling; Eldon Marshall, Coach, basketball; Dana and LaDawn Dykhouse, contributors.
Creating a Legacy

Colorado woman establishes scholarship for Native American students

Black Hills State University’s high percentage of Native American students prompted Boulder, Colo., resident Joscelyn Blumenthal to donate $10,000 to establish an endowment fund that will be used for scholarships for Native American students.

Preference for the Joscelyn Blumenthal scholarships will be given to Native American students who are studying Environmental Physical Science and/or any other math or science related field.

She decided to start the endowment at BHSU after hearing about the BHSU’s high Native American student population on a public radio show. “I chose BHSU for its high percentage of Native American student enrollment, and its proximity to ancestral lands, people and culture,” Blumenthal said. “My hope is that this scholarship will help Native American students find ways to bring their traditions’ wisdom into the field of environmental studies and provide solid career options for them.”

After reading about the tragedies Native Americans endured during the settlement of the United States, Blumenthal wanted to do something to help future generations of Native Americans obtain higher education. The goal of the scholarship fund is to integrate formal education and Native American wisdom for the benefit of the environment, she said.

“Native Americans face challenges in gaining access to a college education,” according to Steve Meeker, BHSU vice president of university advancement.

“Education is a pressing concern for the Native American community. Joscelyn’s generosity will assist Native American students pursuing their dream of obtaining a college education.”

BHSU has a Center for American Indian Studies which promotes awareness of American Indian culture, value systems, and social problems among both Indian people themselves and members of the larger society. The Center also supports two student organizations: Lakota Omniciyi (“a gathering, assembly”), and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

The Lakota Omniciyi organization promotes fellowship among Indian and non-Indian students, and organizes an annual Cultural Awareness Week and Wacipi (pow-wow) in early April that is now in its 29th year. In past years, the Wacipi has attracted as many as 3,500 persons, making it one of the larger pow-wows in the state.

AISES assists and supports Indian students who are preparing for careers in the areas of science, engineering, and technology.

BHSU annually sponsors the American Indian College Scholarship Gala which raises funds for American Indian students. The event is sponsored by the BHSU Center for American Indian Studies, the Alumni Association, BHSU Lakota Omniciyi, and Inter Tribal Bison Cooperative.

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Funds added to Proctor Scholarship Fund

The T.H. and June Proctor Family donated $186,000 to be added to a Black Hills State University scholarship fund established by the Proctors in 1997. The T.H. and June Proctor Scholarship Fund for Female Athletes was established to assist female athletes and at the same time recognize their daughter Joy Proctor Krautschun. She was instrumental in starting and coaching the University’s first varsity women’s basketball team in the ’70s.

T.H. Proctor, who died in 2004, was a local optometrist. After receiving his doctor of optometry degree from the University of Chicago, “Doc” opened his private practice in Deadwood which he operated until 1976. In 1969, he opened a second location in Spearfish which he operated until retiring in 1984.

June, who died last May, was a homemaker and worked as secretary and business manager for her husband’s optometry practices.

They were avid supporters of BHSU.

Funds added to Panerio Scholarship

The family of former Black Hills State University professor Aldo “Al” Panerio who died last August, donated $10,000 to be added to the Sunnyside Scholarship.

The scholarship, given annually to a junior or senior majoring in communications, was created in 1988 by Aldo in memory of his parents, James and Mary Panerio.

Aldo graduated from Lead High School in 1957, earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of South Dakota in 1959, a master’s degree in Spanish from the University of Nebraska Lincoln in 1961, and pursued a doctorate degree in foreign languages from the University of Minnesota.

Aldo taught Spanish and French at Huron University from 1961 to 1981. He also served as dean and vice president for academic affairs at Huron from 1981 to 1985.

Aldo joined the faculty at BHSU in 1985 as a Spanish and English professor. During his tenure at BHSU, Aldo was elected as secretary of the South Dakota Humanities Council. Aldo retired from teaching after suffering a stroke in 1993. After retirement, Aldo spent his time cooking, gardening, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Aldo married Carol Samson and the couple had three children: James, Ann and Mary.

Anyone wishing to contribute to any of these scholarships may contact Steve Meeker at 605-642-6228 or Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu
Family donates first edition of Black Hills Journal

The first edition of the Black Hills Journal, the original name of the Rapid City Journal, has found a permanent home in Black Hills State University’s Leland B. Case Library of Western Studies.

The publication, dated Jan. 5, 1878, was recently donated to the University by Patricia Peterson Meyers. The paper was passed down to Myers from her mother, the late Edith Hoy Peterson. “The family believed BHSU was a place where people could see the paper and where it would be preserved,” according to Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement.

The newspaper was uncovered in 1982 when the Rapid City Journal held a contest for the oldest newspaper in observation of the city’s Centennial celebration. Peterson searched her father’s collection of old newspapers and discovered the Vol.1 No. 1 of the Black Hills Journal. The paper includes a faded signature, “for Mr. Hoy.”

According to the 1982 Rapid City Journal article, Peterson believed the newspaper was a gift from the Journal founder and publisher Joseph Gossage to her father Thomas Hoy, a friend of the Gossages. The front page of the Journal contains a report of the Ladies Home Society’s Christmas festival, updates on the social lives of the townspeople, and the newspaper’s first police blotter reporting the theft of a horse.

The newspaper is a great addition to an already spectacular collection, according to Bobbi Sago, BHSU special collections librarian and archivist. “It’s a really great piece for the students to see – it really makes history come alive.”

Peterson’s connection to BHSU began in the early 1900s when she was a student at Spearfish Normal School. Since then, four of her 10 grandchildren have earned degrees from BHSU including Peterson’s granddaughter Susan Talley-Johnson, a 1970 BHSU graduate.

A decade ago, Talley-Johnson donated more than 100 historical items to the University including original postcards from the Black Hills region as well as postcards sent to the family from around the world, antique artifacts from the family’s pharmacy business, and other news clippings. Also, included in this collection is a small wooden writing table that former President Calvin Coolidge used to sign the dedication of Mt. Rushmore 85 years ago, Sago said.

Former speech communications professor donates $40,000

Longtime BHSU professor Wanda Bellman recently contributed $40,000 to the University to establish the Wanda and Stewart Bellman Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Writing and the Theatre and Music Scholarship funds.

Wanda, who retired in 1994, spent nearly 30 years as an educator at BHSU alongside her late husband Stewart. She taught speech as well as theater orientation.

She received the BHSU Distinguished Faculty Award in 1995 and the SD Board of Regents Regental Professorship Award in 1996. She was the state director of Dakota Writing Project, president of the SD Council of Teachers of English, and a member of and chair of the SD Humanities Advisory Panel.

Wanda wrote and directed an institute titled “Women as Depicted in Literature.”

In 2001, Wanda and Stewart were honored with the BHSU Alumni Association Special Service Award.

Wanda received her bachelor’s degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor College in 1952. She earned her master’s degree from the University of Denver in 1957 and a doctorate in education from the University of South Dakota in 1974.

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Panzirer couple establish Rodeo Scholarship

Walter Panzirer, attended, and his wife Tina, donated $25,000 to the Black Hills State University Foundation to establish a rodeo scholarship. The recipient of the scholarship will be selected each year by the rodeo coach.

The couple is avid rodeo enthusiasts. The Panzirers have previously donated money to establish the Walter Panzirer Family Public Safety Scholarship. Walter Panzirer was previously a police officer in Mitchell, as well as in Sturgis where he serves as the school resource officer. In 2007, Panzirer served as the school resource officer. In 2007, Panzirer served as the school resource officer.
New BHSU residence hall will provide community living and learning environment

Plans are moving forward on a new, state-of-the-art residence hall for Black Hills State University which connects two existing halls and provides for a vibrant community setting for students.

The new hall is estimated to break ground in early summer of 2014 with a completion date of summer 2015. When completed, the residence hall will be the first new hall built in nearly 50 years.

The nearly 50,000-square-foot new residence hall will connect two existing halls with a central living area that will be the resident life hub for all three buildings. The connecting link is the living room of the complex which will include a two-story great room, residential kitchen for student use, fireplace, a snack area and multi-media study rooms.

“This new addition to campus will greatly enhance the living/learning environment at BHSU by connecting Thomas and Heidepriem halls and creating a residence life complex that will be the focal point for our on-campus students,” says BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp. “The new complex will be a unique vibrant student community that celebrates the distinctiveness of the Black Hills and promotes academic success.”

The new residence hall will increase the options students have regarding design of their residence life, according to Mike Isaacson, BHSU dean of students. “There will be so much variety and choice for the students from the type of room, number of roommates and price.”

John Geske, associate director of residence life at BHSU, said the new hall will provide the opportunity to better meet the needs of the students, the University and the community.

The planning process for the residence hall involved the entire campus with an emphasis on student input, according to Dr. Lois, BHSU vice president of student life. “First and foremost we’ve involved students in helping us think through the location, amenities.”

As a part of the planning process, Flagstad and her staff conducted focus groups, placed photo boards in the union asking students the top three things they would like in a new residence hall, and incorporated ideas from a GS 100 class who met with the architect and designed their dream residence hall.

After much discussion, the final residence hall will include three stories with 12, four-person suites on each floor. The suites include two rooms with a shared bathroom. In addition to the central living area, there will be two small commons areas on each of the four floors.

Isaacson added the new hall will be something the students can take pride in, not only in the residence life but in the University.

Planning for the new residence hall began when BHSU started developing renovation options for all the current residence halls. After reviewing options and costs, it was determined that it would be best to build a new hall that compliments and enhances the current residence halls, Flagstad said.

Funding for the $11 million residence hall will come from the room rentals of the students who live there, Isaacson said noting there are no tax dollars involved.

The next step is choosing a name for the new hall. BHSU is seeking naming suggestions for the new hall and the housing complex from alumni, students, faculty, and community members. Please visit www.bhsu.edu/residencelife to make your recommendations.

Philanthropic building naming opportunities are also available for significant monetary donations (more than $500,000.) If you or someone you know is interested in creating a lasting legacy please contact Steve Meeker, vice president for university advancement, at 642-6385.

Projected location for the residence hall complex

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BHSU on the forefront of sustainability

From a native plant ethnobotanical garden to students sending environmental messages through their art, BHSU faculty, staff and students are leading the way in sustainable living.

BHSU professors Dr. Ben VanEe and Dr. Dan Asunskis have been developing a native plant garden near the southwest corner of BHSU’s Life Sciences Laboratory, and are hoping the idea of native plant ethnobotanical garden will catch on.

Native plant landscaping, including the drought-tolerant Buffalo grass, is a part of the Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) for the University’s new Life Sciences Laboratory which opened a few years ago. The David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union is also a LEED certified building. Both buildings are part of BHSU’s commitment to sustainability.

The ethnobotanical garden will be a great example of sustainability for students, faculty, staff and the community, VanEe said.

VanEe, an assistant professor in the biology program, and Asunskis, an assistant professor in the chemistry program, became involved in the project last summer after noticing the drought-tolerant Buffalo grass turf in front of the building needed some extra care. The two, who worked closely with BHSU Facilities Services, spent several weeks manually pulling weeds out so the Buffalo grass could establish itself. That laid the foundation for a bigger plan.

The garden is currently home to 25 species of plants that grow in the plains and forest areas of South Dakota, with a goal of 100 species, VanEe said. “We really envision this as an innovative educational activity, out-of-the-classroom learning.”

Other BHSU sustainability initiatives include:
- BHSU students recently created an art installation with plastic bags to draw attention to the negative impact of plastic bags on the environment.
- Education majors included garbage items, such as aluminum cans and plastic coffee lids, in their art as they developed and presented lesson plans to fellow classmates.
- Two BHSU students’ focus on being environmentally friendly ultimately led to the creation of a business, Cans 2 Cans Recycling LLC that started by recycling cans at the University tailgate gatherings.

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Two graduate degree programs added to BHSU offerings

Black Hills State University recently added two programs to its graduate degree offerings. The South Dakota Board of Regents recently approved a master’s degree in sustainability and one in secondary education.

BHSU now has seven graduate degree programs. Both degrees will be offered starting this fall.

The new graduate degree in sustainability is a move that will prepare BHSU students for cutting-edge careers in a variety of industries in South Dakota.

“BHSU is responding to the expansion and diversification of South Dakota’s economy by providing a state-of-the-art program in an emerging and professional field,” according to Dr. Rodney Custer, BHSU provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. “We are excited to be on the cutting edge of this.”

Graduates of the sustainability program will be prepared for careers in natural resource management, renewable energy, and community planning in such South Dakota-specific industries as wind energy, hydroelectric power, geothermal energy, green construction techniques, and bio-fuels.

The new master’s program in secondary education provides the opportunity for a student who has a bachelor’s degree in a content teaching field to certify as a high school and middle school teacher while completing a master’s degree, according to Dr. Pat Simpson, dean of the College of Education & Behavioral Sciences at BHSU.

“This new opportunity makes two already successful undergraduate certification programs available at the graduate level,” Simpson said.
BHSU student and faculty research

Chemistry research works to improve solar energy efficiency

Dr. Katrina Jensen, BHSU assistant professor of chemistry, and two undergraduate chemistry students, are working on a research project that could lead to the development of less expensive solar cells.

Jensen, Samantha Petit, chemistry and environmental physical science major from Belle Fourche, and Dylan Dobbs, chemistry major from Hot Springs, are currently studying options on the molecular level that might increase efficiency of solar cells.

The solar cells used in the solar panels, are now made with highly refined crystalline silicon which remains expensive. The cost keeps many people from using this type of renewable energy, Jensen said.

Advanced solar energy technology that uses materials other than silicon could significantly reduce the cost of solar energy. The group is looking at using chemistry to make new dyes and will then test their efficiency.

The dye-sensitized solar cells, named for the colored molecules which enable them to absorb sunlight, are being studied by the group, and will be potentially less expensive to make than other types of cells without the use of silicon.

The development of highly efficient materials that cost less could potentially lead to the future production of new, better solar devices, she said. Their work is still in the early stages.

Research team travels to South Korea for Special Olympics World Games

For several years, Dr. Emilia Boeschen, Black Hills State University assistant professor of psychology, has been leading the way in the study of performance anxiety in athletes with intellectual disabilities. Looking to expand her research, Boeschen along with a team of BHSU students and graduates recently attended the Special Olympics World Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

The group spent two weeks in South Korea interviewing athletes from all over the world. They also had an opportunity to attend the Global Development Summit on Ending the Cycle of Poverty and Exclusion for People with Intellectual Disabilities. The groundbreaking summit was the first of its kind focusing solely on people with intellectual disabilities.

The students are expanding on research Boeschen began in 2007 as a doctoral student at the University of North Dakota. With an interest in sport and exercise psychology, she decided to do her dissertation on whether Special Olympic athletes experience the same performance anxiety as another Olympic, high school and college athlete.

“This is something that has never been researched before in psychology, special education – anything that would find interest in looking at people with intellectual disabilities,” Boeschen said.

The research team includes Boeschen, Loren Lund, Alyssa Niesen, a psychology and sociology major from Milbank; Devon Halajian, business administration management major from Milbank; Janie Borkowski, psychology major from Wolsey; Morgan Dixon, psychology major from Rapid City; Nicole Jurgensen, psychology major from Rapid City; Nicole Dickenson, 2012 graduate from Davenport, Iowa; Peter Soverns, psychology and sociology major from Spearfish; Amanda Koepp, 2012 graduate from Sheridan, Wyo.; and Hilary Eaton, 2012 graduate from Rapid City.

During their research at the Special Olympics World Games, the group studied which athletes experience more pressure, those who come from an individualist culture, like the United States, or more of a collectivist culture, like Korea or China.

Professors research integrating social media in the classroom

With 98 percent of 18-24 year olds utilizing some sort of social media, wouldn’t it be beneficial to integrate those tools into higher education learning? That question is one among many that three Black Hills State University professors have set out to answer.

Dr. Mary Caton-Rosser, assistant professor of mass communications, Gina Gibson, assistant professor of digital media, and Barbara Looney, assistant professor of management, have been studying the benefits of integrating social media into classroom instruction to enhance learning. David Henry, BHSU senior finance and economics major, also helped with the research.

The trio presented its abstract at the fifth annual International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation held last November in Madrid. The conference is an international forum to present and share experiences in the fields of education, research and innovation.

A total of 411 virtual papers were available during the three-day conference. The professors’ session, Web 2.0 and Social Networking, included 10 papers.

The professors, who are all early adopters of technology and social media, connected after Dr. Rodney Custer, BHSU vice president of academic affairs and provost, requested they do a presentation for faculty members on the best practices of integrating social media into the classroom. All three, who call themselves the Digital Divas, have already introduced different social media tools into their courses.

The project grew from there.

The study is a work-in-progress. The primary goal of their research is to create awareness of social media as a classroom tool, coupled with improved learning and professionalism as outcomes for students.

Students prepare for the Special Olympics World Games.
BHSU students in the news

Student finds voice as SD Public Broadcasting intern

Amy Varland’s resume is a colorful one. She’s been a tour guide at Walt Disney World, a travel agent, a television production assistant, a golf course manager; she’s a licensed bail bond agent and certified to officiate weddings. In May, the BHSU student found her true calling.

Varland, a mass communication major with a Spanish minor, took the advice of her college professor, Dr. Mary Caton-Rosser, and applied for a summer internship with South Dakota Public Broadcasting(SDPB). Now, nearly a year later, Varland is still with SDPB working part time from a little makeshift recording studio from the living room of her Lead home.

“This is my dream job,” she said.

Throughout the summer, Varland wrote and produced radio coverage of some of the region’s top news stories including the fire in Pringle, the drowning of the boy in Deerfield Lake, and others. “I was already talking to some really important people in my first week or two of the job.”

Varland’s road to her “dream job” took many twists and turns. Recently she decided to return to school, and BHSU is where she found her passion for writing and communications. Although originally a Spanish major, Varland quickly changed her mind after taking a basic news writing class from Dr. Caton-Rosser. “It just sold me on the whole business.”

Although Varland is an intern now, she hopes to continue her career with SDPB. “I love my job, and I love public broadcasting.”

Student’s photograph selected for international photography festival

For BHSU photography student Rianna Hotz, her print “Domiciliary Stairwell” holds special meaning and now has received international recognition. Taken at the Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital in Hot Springs, it depicts a stairwell hidden away from the busyness of the medical center’s daily routine.

Hotz, a photography and environmental physical science major, used her hometown VA, which is threatened to be closed, as the subject for her photo journalism project. The print now has an international audience after being selected for the Breaking Boundaries IV exhibition at China’s Pingyao International Photography Festival. The juried exhibition held in the ancient city of Pingyao attracts 100,000 international visitors to view contributions from more than 2,000 photographers from the novice to the seasoned photographer.

Hotz’s print was among photo exhibits from photographers from every continent and included the works of many renowned Chinese and international photographers during the September festival.

“I was shocked and excited.” Hotz said of her photo being selected. “(It’s great) when you do something on a whim and it works out.” Hotz entered the contest soon after learning about it from Steve Babbitt, professor of photography at BHSU. “I pretty much scanned the image, put it on a disc and sent it immediately.”

“Domiciliary Stairwell” was part of a series of photos Hotz took during her photojournalism class. The series focused on the Hot Springs VA. “I decided to do a story on it because so many people were involved. I’m very proud my community is concerned about the veterans,” she said.

Business student publishes analysis on national blog

BHSU student David Henry has found his voice on a national business blog. For the past several months, the finance and economics major has penned three articles for the Motley Fool blog, a national site that offers news analysis and commentary for investors of all kinds.

Henry, who also works as an office assistant for BHSU’s School of Business, published his first article, “Double Down or Bust,” in August. The article focused on Microsoft’s release of Windows 8 as well as the multinational company’s partnership with Nokia. Henry’s most recent article appeared in January and discusses reasons, despite media criticism, to continue allegiance to Microsoft.

Henry, who also has a personal blog, came upon a link to the Motley Fool by accident. Henry receives a small stipend for each published article, but he says the name exposure means much more. Henry hopes to make writing or possibly speaking on business news a career. “It would be a perfect job,” he says.

Henry, whose pen name is SpokenLegacy, writes in his free time on anything he feels passionate about which usually includes something from the business world. He already has several ideas for his next entry and plans to submit one once a month.

Henry’s online name, “SpokenLegacy”, came to him after watching the movie “300.” Before the last battle, Leonidas asked one of his injured Spartan to go back home and tell the story of what transpired on the battlefield. In the end, that Spartan told the story to others and the word spread.

“SpokenLegacy” is my hopeful wish that, one day, I’ll do something that is worth repeating and telling to others,” Henry says. Go to beta.fool.com/spokenlegacy to read Henry’s published works.
The Black Hills State University athletics programs have received an abundance of academic honors from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) in their inaugural season. A total of 37 athletes have been named as members of the 2012-13 RMAC All-Academic Honor Roll. To qualify for this award, student-athletes must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.30 or better; must be a starter or reserve for their respective team; and must have completed two consecutive semesters or three quarters at their current institution, BHSU. Their GPA is cumulative, prior to the beginning of the semester of their specific athletic season.

Jhett Albers, BHSU athletic director, said he is very proud of the athletes’ success in the classroom. “One of the top priorities of the BHSU Athletics Department is stressing to our student-athletes the importance of an education and earning a degree,” Albers said. “We are fortunate to have many outstanding role models who perform at a high level both in sports competition and in the classroom. We are extremely proud of the student-athletes who have earned a spot on the RMAC All-Academic Honor Roll. We thank them for their dedication and congratulate them on this achievement.”

Cross country:
• Erin Curran, exercise science major from Wahoo, Neb.
• Erica Gajda, political science major from Cheyenne, Wyo.
• Justin Bergeson, history major from Hartford.
• Mitch Kraft, environmental physical science major from Wessington Springs.
• Chase Vogel, business economics and finance major from Cheyenne, Wyo.
• Mark Wilcox, exercise science major from Yankton.
• Becca Ellis, professional accountancy major from Rock Rapids, Iowa.
• Courtney Gross, English education major from Brandon.
• Anna Yanchez, exercise science major from Cheyenne, Wyo.
• Kristin Rath, education and science major from Canton.
• Trev Fielder, education/industrial technology major from George, Iowa.
• Evan Strand, special education major from Gillette, Wyo.
• Laine Parish, English education major from Cheyenne, Wyo.

Volleyball:
• Kyla Johnson, exercise science major from Glendive, Mont.
• Darbi Yost, exercise science major from Wheatland, Wyo.
• Holly Hamlin, elementary education major from Highmore, and
• Kelsey Olson, biology major from Rapid City.

Football:
• Reed Reuman, pre-pharmacy major from Presho, was the Yellow Jackets’ only first team selection.
• Scott Boner, math education and physical education major from Douglas, Wyo., and Matt Maidl, physical education/special education major from Spearfish, were both second team selections.
• Michael Oberle, biology major from Vermillion.
• Trent Boner, business administration major from Douglas, Wyo.
• Hayden Handcock, accounting major from Onida.
• Luke Janssen, exercise science and physical education major from Chadron, Neb.

Award winners for softball, women’s golf, and track and field have not yet been released.
More than 40 former Black Hills State University track and field and cross country runners participated in the 21st annual Stadium Sports Grill BHSU Alumni Mile. The weekend-long event, held in conjunction with the Dave Little Invitational, included a Friday night social at the Stadium Sports Grill in downtown Spearfish, and an after-race luncheon in the BHSU Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Room.

This year the event raised more than $2,000. The majority of the money raised this year went to the newly established Dave and Claudia Little endowment which, like the alumni mile endowment, goes to BHSU track and field, and cross country students. The contributions were then matched by the Littles.

Dave Little coached the Yellow Jacket cross country team for three decades and the track and field team for 28 years. He was recognized as South Dakota Sportswriters Association’s College Coach of the Year in 1978.

Laine Parish, English education major from Cheyenne, Wyo., and Courtney Dickson, exercise science major from Cavour, were awarded this year’s Alumni Mile Scholarships.

Four individuals were recently honored for their dedication and avid support of BHSU athletics. Former BHSU Coach Bill Hughes, BHSU alumni Bob Young, Class of ’69, and Dylan Wilde, Class of ’01, and Kevin Krog, president of the Yellow Jacket Club, were all presented with the Booster of the Year award for their work in making the first year of the new booster club – the Yellow Jacket Club – a success. The club raised more than $100,000 for student-athlete scholarships.

Coach Hughes is a current Yellow Jacket Foundation board member and a BHSU Hall-of-Fame member. His passion for student-athletes has been evident in his years of service to the University and the Spearfish community. Hughes exemplifies continued dedication to the Green and Gold colors.

Young has volunteered countless hours in support of BHSU athletics. A member of both the football and wrestling programs while in college, Bob has continued his involvement in BHSU athletics by assisting with annual fundraising efforts.

Wilde, a former member of the Yellow Jacket Football team, has provided leadership for the Yellow Jacket Club and has been a tremendous example of commitment and loyalty for all young alums. Wilde has provided outreach to other recent graduates by taking on a leadership role in the newly formed Yellow Jacket Club.

Krog is an example of what it means to be both financially and emotionally invested in BHSU and Yellow Jacket Athletics. At the first club meeting, Kevin stepped-up and took leadership in the newly formed organization by serving as president of the Yellow Jacket Club. He also started the Stinger Savings Coupon Book – with 100 percent of the proceeds going to scholarships.
Looking ahead

Lakota Omniciye Wacipi (Powwow)
April 12-14

Student Volunteer Awards Celebration
April 22

Class of ’63 Reunion and 50-year Club Reunion
May 3-4

BHSU Commencement
May 4

Swarm Week
Sept. 30 - Oct. 5

Please check www.BHSU.edu for the most up to date information.

Looking back

All BHSU Alumni who are or have been in the law profession are invited back to campus. This gathering will take place in conjunction with the SD Supreme Court’s visit to BHSU.

Sept. 30th - Oct. 2nd
(Swarm Week is also taking place during the same time.)
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