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after all
these
years*



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Fall is a remarkable time in the Black Hills and even more so on the campus of Black Hills State University. Those of us who live in this scenic area know that fall is a special time and we revel in the beauty and enthusiasm of the changing seasons. At Black Hills State University we are full of anticipation for the academic year. It's a time of looking ahead and there is much to look forward to at BHSU.

This summer the campus buzzed with special events including summer classes, several conferences, a three-week visit by a group of students from Gifu, Japan, as well as the annual Summer Institute of the Arts, which draws participants and spectators from across the country. We were pleased that Johanna Meier, world renowned opera performer and owner of the Black Hills Passion Play, took time from her busy schedule as director of the summer institute to play a major part in the opera production of Hansel and Gretel. Many other groups including a group of high-ranking high school seniors, took part in activities on campus this summer. Some students remained on campus for summer classes while many others used the break to further their learning through internships and summer jobs.

Now as the summer draws to a close, I am looking forward to the beginning of the school year because I know that means a return of students, faculty and staff as they begin another year of learning and teaching. It's always exciting to meet new students who are just embarking on their higher education experience as well as welcome the returning students who come with renewed vigor. We expect another strong year of attendance at BHSU, which has grown consistently in the last decade which to reinforce our position as the third largest university in the state.

This year the university received nearly \$3.5 million in grants and outside funding. These funds are being put to good use enhancing the learning experience for students and increasing the research projects conducted by faculty and staff.

This fall I welcome the returning faculty members and am pleased to announce the addition of several new outstanding faculty members who will continue tradition of academic excellence at BHSU.

Homecoming, a time of remembering and renewing acquaintances, is just over the horizon. We are proud to recognize alumni for their many accomplishments. Keep in mind that this fall, especially homecoming week-end Oct. 1-2, would be an excellent time to visit your alma mater and see the many changes and improvements to the campus.

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Black Hills State University, founded in 1883 as a teacher preparatory institution, has grown to become the state's third largest university with nearly 3,900 students. BHSU has expanded its curriculum and now offers more than 80 majors and minors through three colleges - the College of Education, the College of Business and Technology and the College of Arts and Sciences. To find out more see www.bhsu.edu.

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This comedy duo met while attending Black Hills State in the late '60s. Since then they have toured the world entertaining crowds with a unique blend of humor and they are still laughing three decades later.



Bruce Williams and Terry Ree

Williams & Ree



Williams and Ree, the nationally recognized comedy duo, earned a meager check and local fame as winners of a college talent show in their early years as students at Black Hills State University. The duo used that success as a starting point and never looked back as they began what has become a long-running entertainment career which has led to performances across the country, appearances in television shows and national fame.

fresh and favorite entertainment choice of people throughout the country.

Although they insist their show hasn't changed a bit through the years, it's obvious that their attention to the state of the world and changes in society has had a dynamic effect on their material and remains a major factor in how they are able to continue to entertain crowds year after year.

"We don't make everyone laugh," Bruce points out. "You can't please everyone." However, it's obvious that their blend of humor and music continues to please many people as they are sought out for shows throughout the country, appearing on designated cruise ships and, in recent years, have found great demand

for performances in American Indian casinos.

It all began in the late '60s when the two met as freshmen on the campus of Black Hills State. Encouraged by a music professor, the two agreed to play during freshman week. Bruce, who was attending on a

theatre and music scholarship, and Terry, who had been introduced to Aman during a high school music festival, both had come to BHSU with plans for a career in education. Bruce made his debut on the Woodburn Auditorium stage. Terry, although he says he never acted, showed up to watch and "heckle the performers" occasionally.

At BHSU, the duo paired up to entertain and also joined forces to serve as class president and vice president, defeating a popular opponent who had the good luck of having instant name recognition with the moniker Charlie Brown. Williams and Ree said their campaign platform was "run from platform shoes," the fashion of the day, and after elected "they didn't get to a lot of meetings or anything but ran the office more like Gary Hart would have."

The comedy duo, who will be honored at Swarm Day festivities this year (see page 28-29 for additional details), have many homecoming memories including the time they created the "the best float ever," a huge Yellow Jacket created by using a cement truck to form the body of the mascot. The float was ready to roll down Main Street in the annual homecoming parade, when a late night rain destroyed the hours

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In a time when performers are often a flash in the pan, famous one day and unknown the next, the unique humor of Terry Ree and Bruce Williams, who first teamed up at the suggestion of BHSU music professor Merlyn Aman, has sustained the test of time and remains a

Williams & Ree



1968

Terry Ree, aka the Indian, meets up with Bruce Williams, alias the White Guy, on the campus of Black Hills State. These early formative years saw the pair honing material and a series of road gigs at small out of the way dives.



1978

The guys journey to Los Angeles and audition at the world famous *Comedy Store*. They become regulars, appearing nightly and working in tandem with a host of rising comedians including David Letterman, Michael Keaton, Robin Williams, Jay Leno, Jimmy J.J. Walker, and Harris Pete.



1981

The two land a job with the Oak Ridge Boys opening their show which broadens their horizons and the guys move from L.A. back to South Dakota.



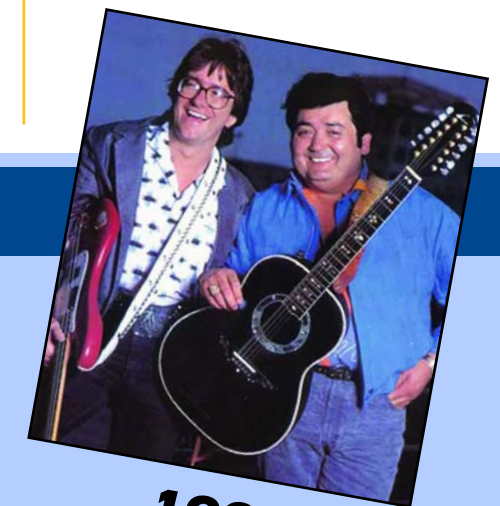
1984

The duo move to Nashville, Tenn., landing occasional stints on TNN's *The Ralph Emery Show* and then into a niche on a cooking show with Florence Henderson, *Country Kitchen*, in which the two present a "comedy" dessert after Flo and a guest prepare an entree. The duo also made other television appearances.



1993

The first of more than 300 Indian casinos opens and quickly becomes the venue for the the next stepping stone for Williams and Ree humor.



1999

Williams and Ree Cruises begin, offering fans a chance to hang out onboard a ship.

There's nothing holding Michele back

There's nothing holding this fitness writer back. Michele (Cliff) Batz, a longtime physical education instructor and fitness guru, walks the walk and talks the talk of fitness.

After years of teaching physical education and serving as a personal trainer, Michele began writing a weekly fitness column for her local newspaper. Since then her well-received advice has turned into a just published book and a weekly piece on a national Internet site which has a subscription base of more than 13 million readers.



Batz

Sometimes you have to fight fire with fire. That's what Michele decided to do as she turned to her computer, a piece of equipment that is sometimes considered part of the problem for increasing inactivity in children and adults, to inspire the computer-using crowd to be more fit through a weekly column on eDiets.com and eFitness.com. While recognizing that, as a society our exercise patterns are decreased due to increased computer use and other sedentary activities, Michele is using her computer to reach out to millions of people, with needed words of advice.

Michele, who grew up as the only child of physical education teachers, said she has always been active and participated in sports events in high school and college. In fact, her volleyball team at BHSU won the district title. After graduating from Black Hills State, Michele went on to teach and later serve as the director for an aquatics center. After 15 years as aquatics director at her hometown pool, Michele returned to teach-

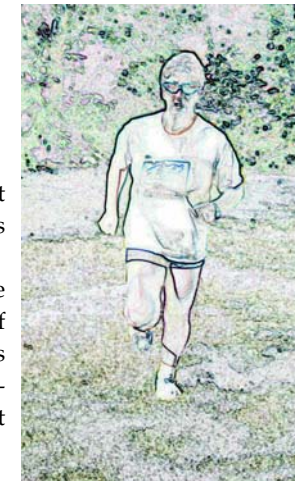
ing after her son was born. She now teaches first through fourth-grade physical education and works to inspire the younger age group to be fit.

"I love teaching. The kids are great," Michele said. "They are so enthusiastic. We play all kinds of games and I encourage them to stay active." She has noticed that kids today don't play in the active care-free way she remembers and need encouragement to be active.

"They are either afraid to go outside or don't know how to play games on their own," Michele said. "We play a lot of games and I encourage active play."

Through the years, she also enjoyed serving as a personal trainer for people who were trying to get into better shape. As a trainer, she noticed that many of her clients, many of them young mothers, had similar questions and concerns about finding the time to exercise and making the most of their exercise time. A working mother, Batz understands those concerns and she addresses these types of questions in a weekly newspaper column in the *News-Sun*. She later decided to expand on that writing and authored a book, *"What's Holding You Back,"* which was published this summer.

Michele, who married at 35 and now has an eight-year-old son, has firsthand experience with exercise time limitations but she encourages people to find the time for fitness. She said that she and her husband, Dale, try to instill healthy eating habits for their son and make time for active family outings.



Michele is straightforward and direct with her advice, which often reflects her take on the state of fitness in our country today. Her advice moves from motivational quips to a bit of self-esteem counseling to exercise expertise and always has a goal of enhancing readers' fitness level. At a time when more and more Americans are overweight and not exercising, Michele calls upon people to "take responsibility for their fitness."

This is a lifestyle change, whatever you decide to do, whether it is walking, jogging, aerobics, etc. You will do this for the rest of your life.

Do everything in moderation.

Eat slower, eat less and move more.

Get out and get active with your family.

No, you don't have to go out and train like an athlete.

Get out three days a week for 30 minutes.

Just take a walk with your family or by yourself.

Notice the day around you, breathe in and breathe out.

You will notice your stress level will get lower and how much bluer the sky is.

Take it in, slow down. Just start moving.

Start today with writing down what you want to accomplish in your life, and it doesn't have to be health/fitness related.

Why? Because, sometimes what is holding us back in that area of our life is something that's keeping you from moving forward.

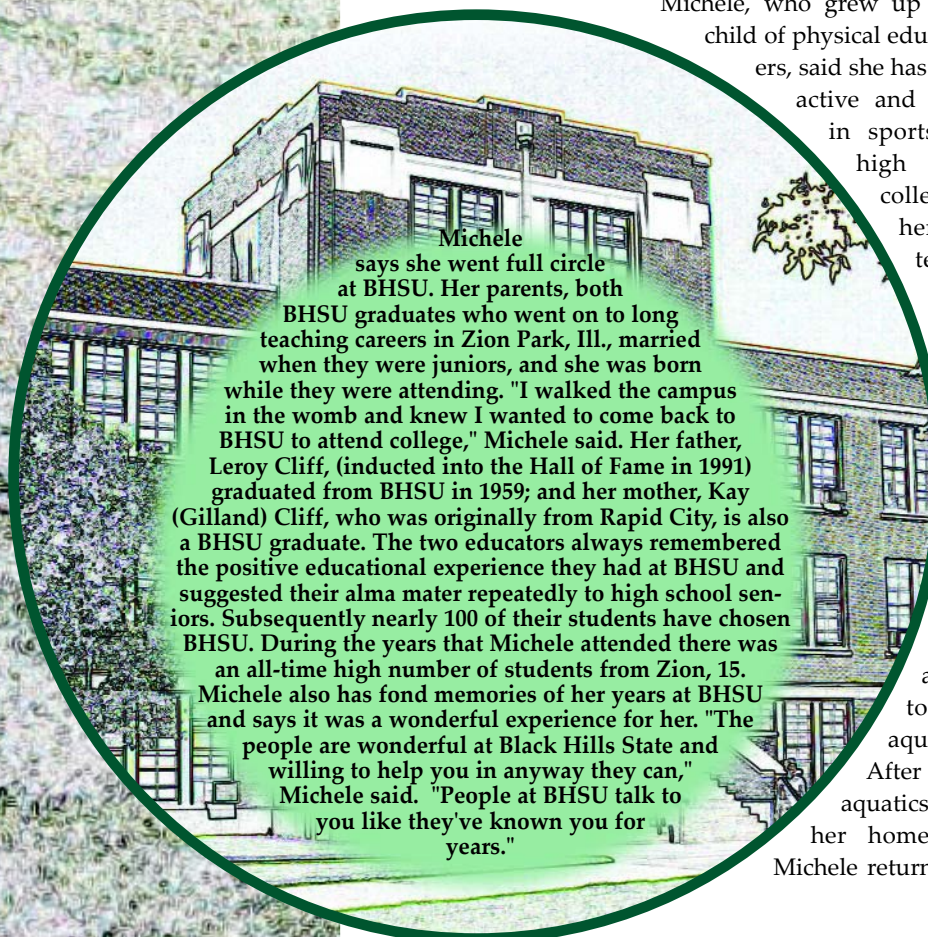
It could be a job that is draining you physically or mentally, so when you return home to your family and friends, your energy level is very low.

This is due to the stress at work and that stress takes away your energy.

Write down your priorities.

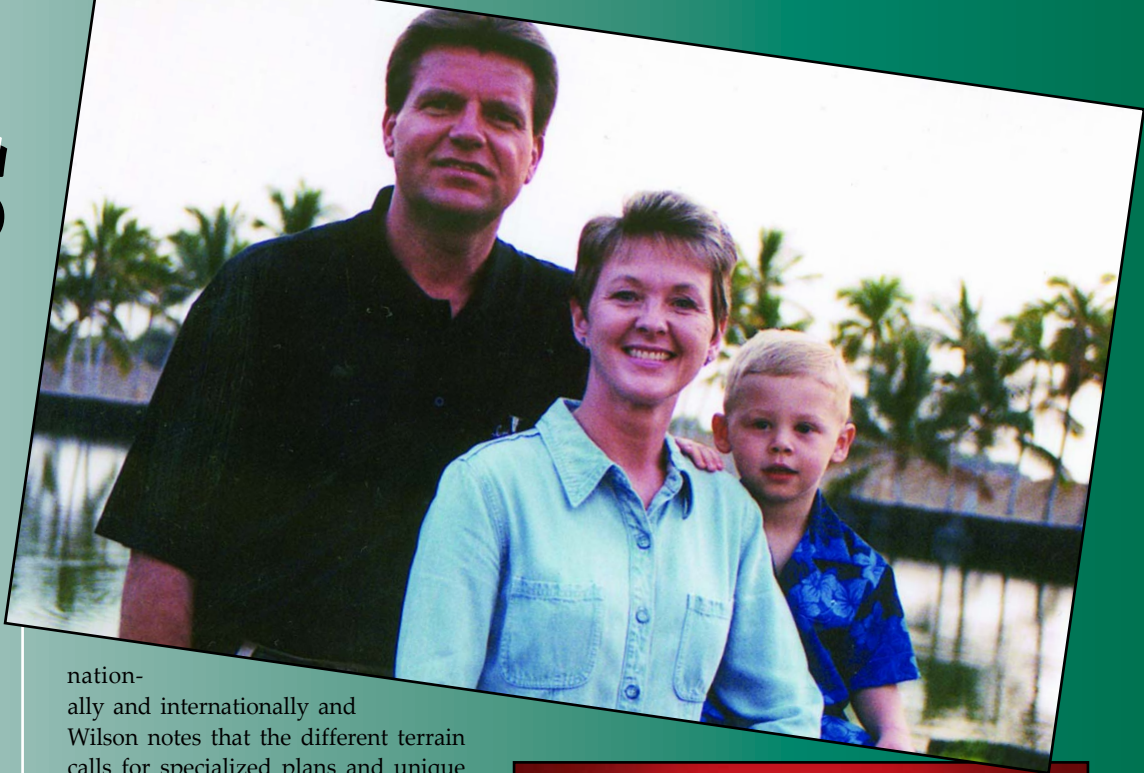
What is it that will make you happy?

Then set out a small time table to see where it fits in the day. Time is always a factor.



Michele says she went full circle at BHSU. Her parents, both BHSU graduates who went on to long teaching careers in Zion Park, Ill., married when they were juniors, and she was born while they were attending. "I walked the campus in the womb and knew I wanted to come back to BHSU to attend college," Michele said. Her father, Leroy Cliff, (inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1991) graduated from BHSU in 1959; and her mother, Kay (Gilland) Cliff, who was originally from Rapid City, is also a BHSU graduate. The two educators always remembered the positive educational experience they had at BHSU and suggested their alma mater repeatedly to high school seniors. Subsequently nearly 100 of their students have chosen BHSU. During the years that Michele attended there was an all-time high number of students from Zion, 15. Michele also has fond memories of her years at BHSU and says it was a wonderful experience for her. "The people are wonderful at Black Hills State and willing to help you in anyway they can," Michele said. "People at BHSU talk to you like they've known you for years."

Keeper of the greens



nation-ally and internationally and Wilson notes that the different terrain calls for specialized plans and unique systems.

"We have worked in the lava rock in Hawaii, the coral rock in Barbados, the mountains in Colorado, the sand in Florida, and good ole top soil here in the Midwest," Roy said. A couple of Roy's favorite courses are two that are close to his hometown area: the Sandhills in western Nebraska and Sutton Bay on Lake Oahe north of Pierre.

While he's often on the links working out details for irrigation systems, Roy said he doesn't spend too much time actually golfing for the same reason many others face, lack of time.

"People assume because I am in a golf-related business that I do a lot of golfing and must be a scratch golfer. I wish! I love the game and love the environment in which we work; however, time is the key word here," Wilson said. "I have a hard time dedicating the amount of time it really takes to play at a consistent and satisfactory level. I play some, but most of my free time is spent with my wife and three-year-old son."

Roy is quick to point out that he cherishes his time with his wife and their son John Paul.

"I've been married 24 years now and I count my blessings everyday. Anyone who knows Mary knows that I am a lucky guy," Wilson said. The couple adopted a baby boy and Wilson is enthralled with his new role as a father.

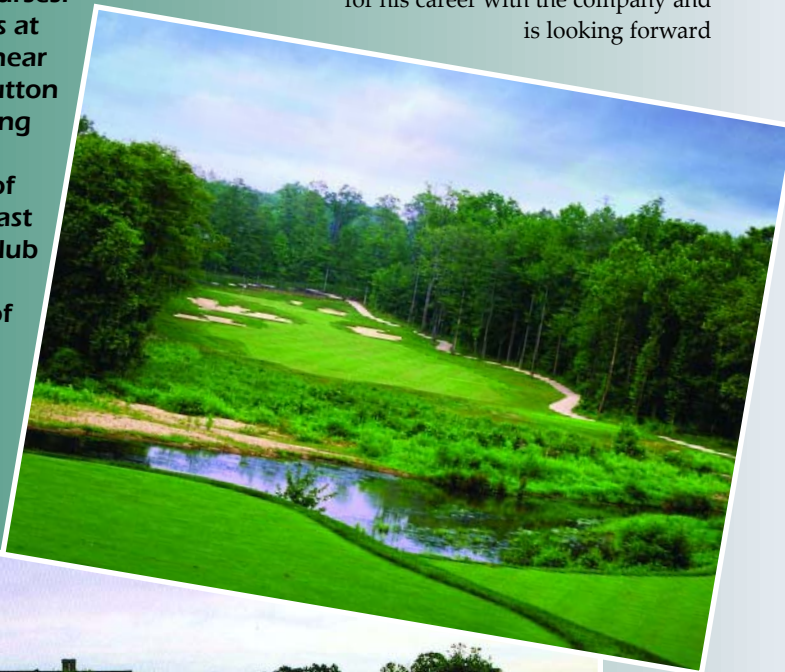
Given a mulligan in his game of life, it's easy to see that Roy wouldn't make many changes.



Landscapes Unlimited, a nationally recognized premier golf course builder, has also gained the same reputation for its quality irrigation system installations. With a home office in Lincoln, Neb., and regional offices in Phoenix, Houston, Denver, and Pinehurst, N.C., the company generally



Among the projects Roy Wilson has been involved with are these great golf courses: above, The Bridges at Rancho Santa Fe near San Diego; left, Sutton Bay, a golf, hunting and fishing club built just north of Pierre; below, East Lake Country Club in Atlanta, the home course of Bobby Jones; and right, Cross Creek located in Maryland.



Stepping onto a beautifully designed golf course, few people consider the behind the scenes actions that it takes to create and maintain the picturesque setting. For Roy Wilson, a 1986 graduate of BHSU, it's that behind the scenes effort, specifically landscaping and irrigation, that makes the game of golf, and his profession, so interesting and challenging.



Roy is president of irrigation for Landscapes Unlimited, a nationally known golf and recreational development company. With some experience in landscaping as well as experience working outdoors on the family farm, Roy hit a hole-in-one when he joined the company more than two decades ago as it was just beginning to emerge. He has found unlimited opportunities for his career with the company and is looking forward

to future developments. Roy grew up in Plankinton and began working for Landscapes Unlimited in 1977 when the company was building their first golf course in nearby Mitchell.

"Bill Kubly had just recently started Landscapes Unlimited and it was really a one-man operation with a couple pieces of equipment, a pickup truck and some tools," Roy said. "I was one of the first employees of the company and literally started in the trenches. It was great timing for me to start with the company then and grow with it over the years."

He continued working with the company on other golf course projects around the country before enrolling at BHSU to earn a business administration degree. While at BHSU he also met his future wife, Mary Pat Stransky, Class of '79, from Watertown. After the couple graduated, Roy returned to the company and eventually advanced to president of the irrigation division.

While most golfers seldom consider what keeps the greens green, Roy and his colleagues at Landscapes Unlimited know that without proper irrigation plans the course is doomed. In fact, Roy refers to the irrigation system as the heart of the golf course and notes that it is often the costly portion of a golf course project, in both new courses and renovations. Types of watering systems vary from basic manual systems to sophisticated, state-of-the-art, computerized systems, ranging from a few sprinklers to over 4,000 sprinklers and costing from a few thousand dollars to over \$3 million. Roy points out that each course comes with its own set of challenges, demands and potential.

"Soil conditions obviously are a huge factor in building or renovating a golf course," Wilson said. "The best projects are where Mother Nature is really the golf course architect and the natural land formations drive the layout and routing of a golf course. Our work is to really complement what Mother Nature is already giving you."

The company, which is based in Lincoln, Neb., has worked on projects

of time they spent placing crepe paper in the form of a giant wasp. After the rain shower, their self-proclaimed "best float ever" became nothing more than a cement truck draped in soggy paper.

Musical comedy is what they liked to do, but they had no idea at the time that they would be entertaining for years and would never have thought it would take them so many places. From entertaining at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles in the 70s to touring the nation sharing the stage with acts such as Garth Brooks, The Oak Ridge Boys and Randy Travis to their frequent television appearances on The Nashville Network, their unique blend of music and their trademark comedy continues to provide entertainment and laughs for audiences throughout the country.

Williams and Ree, or the Indian and the White Guy as they have become known, share a unique ability to make people laugh, which began as a form of laughing at themselves and finding humor in the everyday aspects of life. Their show offers a fresh look at the sometimes absurd way we live and the intricacies of the world we live in.

During a show in Lead this summer, the duo drew upon recent news events, both nationally and locally, as well as recent developments in medicine and politics to entertain the sold out crowd. The two obviously see the world through a different view and are able to use their perspective to find humor in everyday life to entertain others with their quips and music.

Bruce and Terry, who both lived in Pangburn Hall as freshmen, ended up playing together in a band which lead to performances around town, at college parties and then in the local circuit. The band, which didn't know too many songs, sometimes needed help filling time, so Bruce and Terry entertained with jokes and stories. Soon their comedy became a hit and the team was on its way. The two looked

up to another former BHSU student, Gary Mule Deer, who was already well on his way to stardom but often returned to the area to play in the Back Porch Majority. Bruce and Terry spent three years and two summers at BHSU (Terry jokes that they were still freshmen), but the entertainment career that began then is still going strong more than three decades later. The duo is still laughing and making others laugh as well. They took their show on the road in the fall of 1971 rather than going back to school. At the most, they thought they would tour for six months

The 'A' list of Williams & Ree scholarship winners

Since the Williams and Ree scholarship was established in 2000, it has been awarded yearly to students interested in performing arts. Winners of the scholarship are:

- Amy Marie Cummins from Hardin, Mont.
- Adam Lawson from Rapid City
- Andrea Farr from Colstrip, Mont.
- Amy Sue Switzer from Newcastle, Wyo

or, if they were lucky, find enough work for a year. Now, 36 years later, they look back and see that the tour is still going strong and they continue to be in demand for performances throughout the country.

According to the duo, they stayed with the work "because it's easy to do" and, indeed, it seems natural for them when they are on stage. Although they say their life is a bit like "living like gypsies" as they travel for nearly 100 days every year, they continue to enjoy performing and say they can't imagine doing anything else.

Terry and Bruce have many memories of BHSU students, faculty and staff. They mentioned that they appreciated the encouragement of music instructor Aman and theatre professor Darrell Woolwine. They also fondly remember Charlotte Forsberg, a literature professor; Louise Smock, a physical education instructor who taught them to dance; and Cliff Papik, a former coach who attempted to teach them the finer points of badminton.

Aman, now a retired professor who lives in Spearfish, remembers the

two well and has enjoyed watching their success in the entertainment field.

"Terry always had his guitar with him and they were both always cracking jokes," Aman said. "I think their compatibility as well as their passion for fun and music spawned their success."

According to Aman, Terry, who was in a voice class, wasn't "especially academically inclined but was an easy-going student who had a passion for music." Some instructors may have overlooked the comedy and musical talent, but Aman, who is known for bringing out the best in his students, saw the potential in the two students and encouraged them to perform as often as possible.

"Bottom line is that instructors need to see the value in each person and find a subtle way to encourage them," Aman said. "Give people a lift, by doing what you can and it may open a door for them. That's a mission each of us has in life."

Aman noted that it isn't always the academic achievers who achieve success in the world, and even though Terry and Bruce didn't delay their touring plans long enough to graduate, they have been very successful in their professional entertaining career.

Aman added that he "gets a kick out of seeing the two characters perform." The duo has returned to their alma mater to perform on numerous occasions and strive to support the university in many ways. To encourage future entertainers and performers, Williams and Ree have set aside money for a scholarship, which is awarded every year to a theatre or music student. Bruce and Terry encourage students to follow their dreams and explore many options to discover what they want from life.

"Go where your heart leads you," Terry says. "And go at it with both oars," Bruce adds. They caution aspiring entertainers not to sit around and watch television or sleep the days away, but rather to decide what they want to do and go for it. They add one final bit of advice - drink wine. Like a fine wine their comedy show has aged perfectly, and the duo has used their uncanny ability to find humor in nearly every aspect of life to entertain and amuse people for the past 36 years.

Kudos & Announcements

The James C. 40s Quinn, Class of '41, was posthumously inducted into the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association Hall-of-Shrine in March 2004.

The Margaret 60s (Anders) Brengle, Class of '69, retired from the Meade County School District after 33 years of teaching. She taught for a total of 35 years.

Brad Caldwell, Class of '68, Fort Pierre, has recently been named superintendent of the Miller Area School District.

Robert Julius, Class of '60, Sturgis, was recently awarded, for a second time, the South Dakota Sportscaster of the Year award. He was presented with the award at the 45th annual National Sportscasters & Sportswriters Award program in Salisbury, N.C. He has covered South Dakota sports for 38 years.

Bill Young, Class of '63 and '69 (master's degree), Custer, was inducted into the South Dakota Wrestling Hall of Fame in February 2004. He began wrestling at BHSU in 1959. He retired from public education in 1999 and coached two

generations of students at Custer from 1969-99.

The Ellen 70s (Purcelli) Brooks, Class of '78, recently retired after teaching 25 years in the Meade County School District.

Linda Corey, Class of '71, Sturgis, was one of three teachers awarded the Teacher of the Year Award for the Meade County School

District. Linda has taught in the district since 1977 and currently teaches eighth grade English.

Beth (Eichler) Djonne, Class of '79, Yucaipa, Calif., who has been employed for 16 years in the Rialto Unified School District, has been appointed as assistant principal for the WA Carter High School for 2004.

Pat Dobbs, Class of '78, recently re-joined the news staff at Seaton Publishing after a 17-year hiatus. As executive editor, he will work with the nine-member news and sports staff. He is currently majoring in mass communications at BHSU and plans to graduate 2005 with his second degree from the university.

Linda Griffin, Class of '76, professor and chair of the department of teacher education and curriculum studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, recently co-authored a textbook for elementary physical education teachers entitled *Sport Foundations for Elementary Physical Education: A Tactical Approach*.

50-year reunion held



Seven members of the Class of 1954 returned to Black Hills State University during commencement to celebrate their 50-year class reunion. The Class of '54 wore caps and gowns and participated in the May 2004 commencement ceremony on campus. The group was also inducted into the 50-year club, which meets annually in Spearfish during May commencement. Attending the reunion were: left to right, Marguerite (Mickelson) Kleven, Sturgis; James Donohue, Newell; Howard Harvey, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Warren Kellog, Riverton, Wyo.; Patrick Freiberg, Casper, Wyo.; Mary Ann (Stephenson) Erickson, Spearfish; and Iva (Scarborough) Sutherland, Seattle, Wash.

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Larry Hoffman, Class of '71, recently retired after teaching 33 years in the Meade County School District.

Jeanne Hoffman, Class of '73, Sturgis, was awarded the elementary

teacher of the year award from the Belle Fourche School District in May 2004.

Phil Hunt, Class of '76, Rapid City, was named the 2004 boys and girls golf

coach of the year by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association.

Lorraine (Naugle) Klingler, Class of '71, Belle

Fourche, was honored by South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds recently when he signed a proclamation that May 8, 2004, would be Lorraine Klingler Appreciation Day. A similar proclamation was signed by the mayor of Belle Fourche to honor Lorraine for her years of dedication to the Tri-State area.

Betty Musilek, Class of '77, Sturgis, recently retired after teaching 33 years in the Meade County School District and serving 39 years overall in education.

Ernie Nauman, Class of '71, Spearfish, was recently named the Engineering Technician of the Year in the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region.

Belle Fourche Superintendent of Schools, **Bill O'Dea**, Class of '72, was awarded the South Dakota Distinguished Service Award by the South Dakota High School Activities Association in 2004.

Randy Sachau, Class of '74, Spearfish, was recently elected president of the South Dakota Dental Association.

Rita Schwartz, Class of '72, Sturgis, retired as director of the Sturgis Public Library in June 2004 after 24 years of service.

Larry Steiger, Class of '74, Gillette, Wyo., was hired as principal for Campbell County High School and will begin in the fall 2004.

The 80s Billie Jo Bakeberg, Class of '87, Spearfish,

was presented the SACKY award from the South Dakota School Age Care Alliance in recognition of her work with this organization. She served as conference chairwomen for the group's state conference in fall 2003.

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Since 1999 she has served as president, advisor, vice president of membership and most recently, vice president of professional development for this organization.

Allen Benoist, Class of '84, Eagle Butte, is the head girls volleyball coach and assistant boys basketball coach at Eagle Butte Schools where he has taught for 17 years.

Jay Christianson, Class of '85, Rapid City, was awarded the Highmark Federal Credit Union Star Teacher Award for the month of February 2004.

Betty Coon, Class of '84, Rapid City, was recently appointed by the governor of South Dakota to serve on the state Independent Living Council, a council that supervises four independent living centers in South Dakota, with the mission to keep disabled persons as independent as possible.

Susan Diechert, Class of '88, Spearfish, received the Highmark Federal Credit Union Star Teacher Award in March 2004.

Dr. Troy Doxey, attended '87-'88, finished his degree at

the University of Central Florida and D.C. Life University. He has a chiropractic practice in Frenchtown, Mont. He and his wife,

Carla, have five children.

Carol Gee, Class '80, Atlanta, Ga., who is a consultant with the Kerr L.

White Institute for Health Services Research in Decatur, Ga., recently released a second book. Her most

recent release "Diary of a 'Flygirl' Wannabee (Life Lessons of a Cool Girl

Researching for the cause

Dr. Juanita Firestone, a sociology professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio who recently completed a Fulbright Distinguished Chair position, pursued a career in academics, in part, due to her positive experience with her mentors at BHSU. "I decided to become a professor because I admired the teaching and dedication of two professors at Black Hills State - Dr. Keith Jewett, who taught sociology, and Dr. David B. Miller, who taught history," Juanita said. "I love working in the university context. I help students expand their knowledge base and skills."

She noted that every semester brings changes with students, courses and research and that she likes the autonomy offered by her position. Once immersed in the academic world, Juanita, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology from BHSU in 1979, discovered that she also enjoys engaging in research and publishing the results of her studies. She went on to earn a master's degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and since then has been very involved in many different types of research. She is particularly interested in testing ideas which, sometimes, leads to debunking myths that people believe are true about society. The sociologist has conducted local applied research projects which have had a positive impact on public service agencies/organizations.

"It is a satisfying feeling to contribute in positive ways to helping make the community a better place," Juanita said. "I believe that both teaching and research are different ways of attempting to contribute to knowledge and understanding."

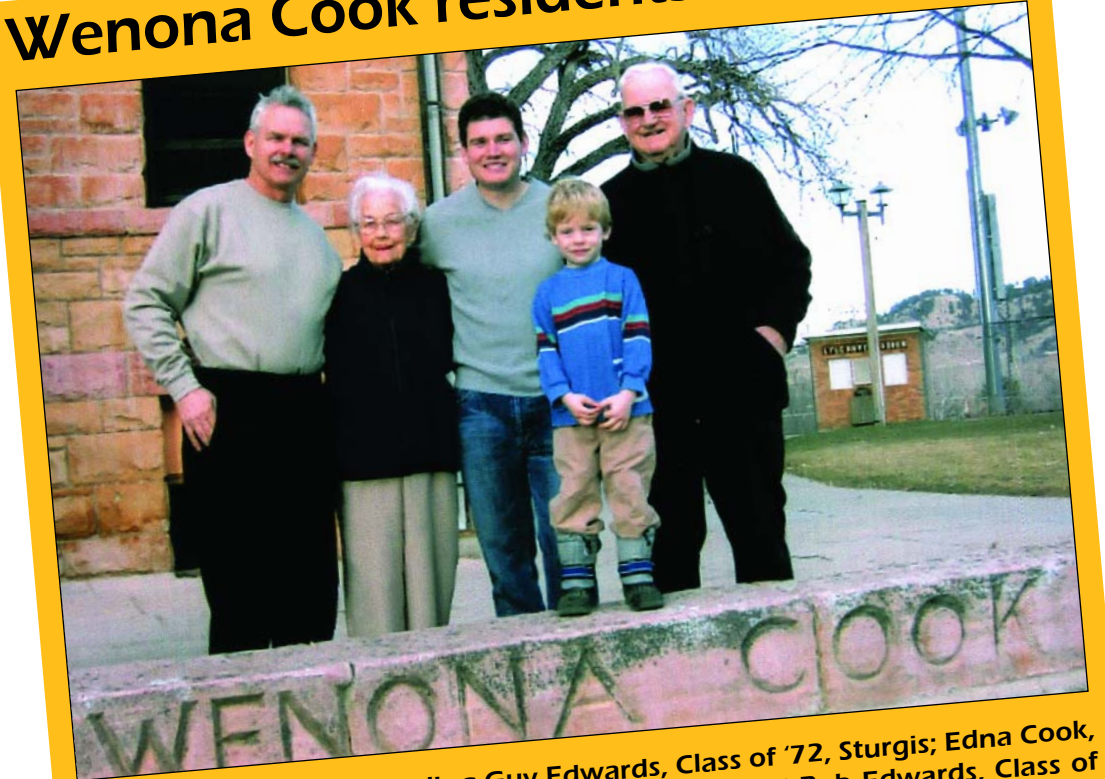
Her research, which includes a number of controversial topics, is designed to provide an evidence-based understanding of gender roles and gender inequalities in various societal arenas. "My strength as a scholar lies in my ability to integrate seemingly different intellectual approaches into a more complete understanding of society with a particular focus on gender issues," Juanita said. "I use a wide range of data sources and analysis strategies, from secondary analysis of large, complex surveys (current population surveys; general social surveys; survey of immigrant and native born Mexican Americans in California; the department of defense sexual harassment surveys); to analyses of original survey data collected in the San Antonio community; and content analyses of original in-depth interview data."

She has co-authored three articles based on qualitative interview data, a theoretical critique, and a socio-historical analysis. Topics of her current and future studies include gender, race and ethnic differences with respect to perceptions on earnings of men and women; and analysis of ethnic differences with respect to occupational segregation on earnings of men and women; and analysis of alcohol use of for non-traditional medicine by sex, race and ethnicity.

Last year, Juanita was honored to receive a Fulbright distinguished chair position at a university in Austria. Juanita, who traveled a lot as a child since her father was in the military, now enjoys traveling with her husband. She decided to apply for the Fulbright fellowship even though she had never been to Austria because she thought she "seemed to fit the descriptor for that particular fellowship." As it turned out she was a perfect fit for the fellowship and had an enriching experience as a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Austria. "The distinguished chair position is the most prestigious of all Fulbright fellowships, so I was honored to receive one," Firestone said. "I was surprised as well as pleased to be selected my first time. The experience itself was fabulous - because we lived there for six months, we really got to travel and get to know people."

Now back in the classroom she uses her international experiences when teaching my classes, which gives her students a better understanding of other parts of the world, according to Juanita.

Wenona Cook residents



The Edwards family including Guy Edwards, Class of '72, Sturgis; Edna Cook, attended in the 20s; Rob Edwards, Class of '99; and Bob Edwards, Class of '64, all lived in Wenona Cook Hall on the campus of Black Hills State University. Tommy Edwards, front, who recently visited with his family may be a fifth generation resident of the residence hall.

Wenona Cook Hall has been the return address on letters from college for four generations of the Edwards family. Edna Cook, who recently turned 95 years old, has fond memories of her time at BHSU and specifically the time spent as a resident of Wenona Cook Hall. Through the years, four generations of her family lived in Wenona Cook while they were attending BHSU.

Edna attended when the university was known as Spearfish Normal (Black Hills Teachers College) in the 1920s and roomed with her sister Alta Rooth, who was named the first Miss Yellow Jacket. While attending, Edna was active on the swim team and had plans to be a physical education teacher. "I loved it," Edna recalls, "We had such a great times there." She noted that Wenona Cook Hall "looks altogether different now." She has had the opportunity to return to campus many times through the years as members of her family chose to attend BHSU and more than one occasion found their living quarters to be in Wenona Cook.

Edna's son Bob attended BHSU in the 1940s and earned a degree in industrial technology in 1964. Bob stayed temporarily in Wenona Cook Hall during football training.

Edna's grandson Guy Edwards attended BHSU in the 60s and lived in Wenona Cook when it was an all-male dormitory. Guy graduated in 1972 and later served on the Black Hills State University Foundation Board in the 1980s. He now owns the Best Western in Sturgis.

Edna's great-grandson, Rob Edwards, also lived in Wenona Cook Hall. He recently graduated from BHSU and is now a sales manager for John Elway Chevrolet in Denver.

Kudos & Announcements

in Training)" is known as a 'girl-friend' book because the first-person essays are reflective of the subjects that women discuss when they get together. Gee has been a soldier, counselor and educator but her first love remains writing. Her work has appeared in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and other magazines. Previous books include *Aquarius Rising*, a book of poetry, and *The Venus Chronicles*.

Cindy (Shoemaker) Middleton, Class of '81, recently retired from the United States Air Force after 21 years of service.

Gregory Patton, Class of '80, Carmichael, Calif., was recently promoted as president of American River Bank. He has over 22 years of banking experience and had previously worked as senior vice president and senior commercial loan officer.

Jim Phillips, Class of '84, Deadwood, recorded eight first place finishes in the men's 55-59 division of the South Dakota Senior Games in June 2004.

Sharon Plumley, Class of '88, Belen, N.M., has taught English at Manzano Vista Middle School the past eight years. She also designs silver and gold jewelry with her husband. She recently received a master's degree in education with an emphasis in art and English from Western New Mexico University.

Starla Sieveke-Pearson, Class of '86, recently received her doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Colorado. **Darin Pearson**, Class of '87, received his master's in information systems in 1999 and teaches at ITT Tech. The couple lives in Castle Rock, Colo., and have two children, Drew and Kaitlyn.

Victor Valeski, Class of '80, has been appointed assistant superintendent of Caesar Rodney School District in Camden-Wyoming, Delaware.

The Joël Chase, Class of '90s

of '96 and '03, Greeley, Colo., will begin a new position as a physical education and health teacher in Milliken, Colo., and as a middle school coach with Greeley School District.

Sarah (Fisher) Chase, Class of '98, Greeley, Colo., is currently interning in Washington, D.C., with the U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid program and has completed her first year of study toward a Ph.D. in Higher Education and Student Affairs Leadership at the University of Northern Colorado.

Jerome Harvey, Class of '94, Lead, was awarded the 2004 Fireman of the Year award by the South Dakota American Legion.

Kimberlee (Koch) Holland, Class of '97, was recently awarded the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. She is one of two teachers in Gillette and one of ten teachers in Wyoming to receive this award, which includes \$2,500 cash, a trophy, and a classroom plaque.

Wendy Holzkamm, Class of '96, Aberdeen, was recently hired by Presentation College

as coordinator of development events and activities.

Judy Javersak, Class of '90, was one of 250 teachers nationwide who received a 2004 Educator of Distinction Award from Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Wendy (Kennedy) Langseth, Class of '92, and **Ronal Langseth**, Class of '90, Copper Center, Alaska, are currently a third grade teacher and athletic director/physical education teacher respectively. Wendy received an MAT from Grand Canyon University in May 2004 and Ronal is working on a private pilot license.

Ryan Larsen, attended 1996-99, was recently hired as

We'll be calling on you

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Pilot inducted into state aviation hall of fame

Col. Dennis Fitzgerald, who attended BHSU for two years before rejoining the U.S. Marines, was recently posthumously inducted into the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame.



Dennis served in the Marine Corps for a total of 28 years and spent 22 of those years as a Marine Aviator. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Award and later served as commanding officer of the VMA0214 Squadron, later made famous by the "Black Sheep Squadron" television show. In all Dennis, flew 261 combat missions which won him four air medals and the bronze star medal.

According to his brother Ed, Dennis was so impressed when the Freedom Train came to Rapid City in 1947 that he decided as a high school sophomore to enlist with the Marines as soon as he graduated. During his three and a half years of service, Dennis rose to the rank of staff sergeant. He returned home, took flying lessons and purchased a J-3 Piper Cub which he flew for three years as he played professional baseball and later attended Notre Dame University. He developed a brain tumor and died in 1981. Dennis, as well as his brothers Ed and Mike, was one of many Fitzgerald family members who attended BHSU. Their cousin Maurice Fitzgerald served as president of the university in the 70s.

Fitzgerald

head men's and women's golf coach and assistant men's basketball coach at Jamestown College. He will also serve as the college sports information director.

Lori Linco, Class of '99, Belle Fourche, recently completed her masters in rehabilitation and mental health counseling from Montana State University, Billings.

Carol Maeder, Class of '92, Smyrna, Ga., has been named Regional Human Resources Manager for Delta Air Lines' Airport Customer Service Division for the Atlanta Region, Hartsfield International Airport.

Judy Olson, Class of '92, a veteran of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial staff, has recently been named the monument's new chief of interpretation.

Michael Roberson, Class of '98, St. Paul, Minn., and his wife and daughter recently sailed a 35-foot sailboat from Seattle, Wash., to Tampa Bay, Fla., via the Panama Canal, on a year and one-half sailing voyage. Roberson, after teaching English in Korea and working as a Merrill Lynch Financial advisor, is now developing a storage complex and teaching sailing.

Show your artwork



Dorothy Snowden's, *Sea of Secrets*, oil painting was one of nearly 30 entries in last year's alumni art show.

The alumni association and the art department invite alumni to submit artwork for the eighth annual Alumni art show which will be featured at the Ruddell Gallery Sept. 29 through Oct. 15. Last year the annual event featured sculptures, drawings, paintings, photographs, pottery and even a termsphere.

This event is being planned in conjunction with the homecoming activities during Swarm Week. Swarm Day is Saturday, Oct. 2. For information contact Jim Knuston, art professor, at 642-6104 or call the alumni office at 642-6385 or email <TerriWells@bhsu.edu>.

National magazine details Lakota journey

Ron His Horse is Thunder (McNeil), who is currently president of Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, N.D., was recently featured on the cover of the national news magazine *PARADE*.

The article, written by Kevin Fedarko, detailed the annual Lakota journey from Sitting Bull's assassination site to Wounded Knee where many of their ancestors were massacred almost 114 years ago. The riders, many of them children, ride for up to 10 hours each day through the snow and camp at high school gyms or outside during the 12-day trek which ends with a ceremony known as "Wiping Away of Tears." The journey, which is a learning experience for Lakota Indian young people, encourages a greater understanding of their culture and history as they look to the future.

His Horse is Thunder worked in private law practice in South Dakota before turning his professional interest to Indian Education. He previously served as president of Standing Rock College for three years in the early 90s. He then became president of the American Indian College Fund, where he worked in the private sector raising funds. He returned to resume the presidency at the college that is named for his great, great, great grandfather, Sitting Bull, one of the greatest and certainly the best known, of the Plains Indian chiefs.



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Marcia Sexton, Class of '97, began a new position as technical services/college archives librarian for Ramapo College of New Jersey in March 2004.

Marnie (McBride) Smeenk, Class of '92, Fort Irwin, Calif., was recently promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and was chosen as the assistant resident engineer at the National Training Center, where she has been for the past four years.

Sara Wetzler, Class of '98, Rapid City, was the April Highmark Federal Credit Union Star Teacher Award recipient.

The 00s **Bill Abell**, Class of '02, has been named Lead-Deadwood's head wrestling coach.

Erin Carr, Class of '03, Tucson, Ariz., is a pharmaceutical representative with Eli Lilly and Company.

Brett Clark, Class of '00, Box Elder, was awarded the Highmark Federal

Credit Union Star Teacher Award in November 2003.

Monica Headlee, Class of '02, Palestine, Texas, recently placed 65th out of 600 runners in the Dallas Marathon. She teaches high school chemistry.

Annelle Glee (Brooks) Maygren, Class of '00, Mt. Shasta, Calif., graduated in May 2003 with a doctor of optometry from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. She is practicing with her father, Duane

Brooks, Class of '62. **James Voyles**, Class of '02, Spearfish, was

named April professional of the month at Premier BankCard.



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Andrea Farr receives Spirit of BH award

Andrea Farr, a senior music major from Colstrip, Mont., received the esteemed Spirit of BH award from the Black Hills State University Alumni Association.

Farr, who also received recognition from her peers when she was selected as homecoming queen this fall, was cited for her ongoing participation in a variety of campus and community organizations. Farr is an active member of Lakota Omnicitye, co-president of the campus Habitat for Humanity Club, and a regular volunteer for the Artemis House and Humane Society. She has also been active in choir, band and theatre performances on campus throughout her years as a student. Farr, who graduates this week, served as a New Student Days leader for three years and was a member of Campus Ventures, the UP team, and Bacchus Peer Educators.

According to one nominator, Farr is an ideal recipient for the Spirit of BH award because, even with all of her activities and volunteer work, she has been able to maintain a 3.55 grade point average "which shows her true dedication and her commitment to making the most of her college career at BHSU."



Andrea Farr (right) is presented with the Spirit of BH award from the Black Hills State University Alumni Association by **Steve Meeker**, vice president for institutional advancement. **Farr**, who graduated this spring, was recognized for her leadership and community service during her years as a student at BHSU.

Obituaries

The 30s **Loyd Hultgren** of Spearfish died June 2, 2004. He attended Spearfish Normal School in the 1930s. He taught at Newcastle, Wyo., served as superintendent at Moorcroft, Wyo., and assistant principal at Gillette, Wyo. He enlisted in the Navy and after he served, he was an assistant professor at Montana State College, director of education at Northeast Agricultural Junior College in Wyoming and also at Emmetsburg Junior College in Iowa.

Margaret R. Burnham of Spearfish died Feb. 7, 2004. She attended Spearfish Normal School and earned a teaching certificate.

Lloyd L. Petersen of Spearfish died Dec. 19, 2003. He attended Black Hills Teachers College from 1934 to 1939.

Bertha K. (Estes) Weatherholt died March 30, 2004, in Klamath Falls, Ore. She received her teaching certificate in 1934 and taught in the Redig and Dumont country schools until she moved to Klamath Falls in 1937.

Betty (Billington) Felton, Class of '36, Renton, Wash., died June 18, 2004. She taught in the Renton School District for 30 years.

The 40s **Lois Reichert**, Class of '40, education, died June 3, 2004. She received her education degree from Spearfish Normal and taught rural school until she accepted a position in Washington, D.C., in the head office of the FBI, where she worked as a writer until her retirement in 1978.

Angela Y. Collins of Spearfish died April 1, 2004. She received a degree in English in 1943.

The 50s **Edward Campbell**, who attended BHTC in 1953-54, died Nov. 26, 2002, in Fremont, Calif., where he had lived and worked since 1962. He served as a Fremont Firefighter for 20 years, was elected to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, and served on numerous boards and service organizations in his community.

Charlotte Grawn, Class of '53, died Dec. 18, 2003, in Spearfish. She was also a graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing and the Mayo Clinic School of Physical Therapy. She served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was then employed at the Fort Meade Veterans Hospital.

Orylle S. Jarchow,

Class of '51, Rapid City, died June 10, 2004. She was an elementary principal in Rapid City for 41 years and director of the Pennington County Head Start summer program for six years.

Edna M. Johns of Lead died Dec. 25, 2003. She graduated in 1956 with an elementary education degree. She taught in Wasta and Deadwood.

Libby (Hlavka) Healey, Class of '62, died June 20, 2004. She obtained her teaching certificate from BHTC and had a 40-year career in education in Meade County.

Emajean Mitchell, Class of '69, died June 16, 2004. She retired from teaching in 1979 and had taught in the Butte, Carter, and Powder River counties.

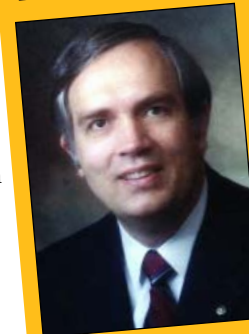
schools, including rural Haakon County schools, Bowdle, Gayville, Platte, Lead, Aberdeen, Midland, and Philip (where she retired in 1980 after 38½ years of teaching).

Donna Lou (Dutton) Bridge, Class of '73, died Dec. 23, 2003, in Hamilton, Mont. She taught in various Perkins County schools and also taught in Montana. In recent years she was employed at Artistic Impressions in Corvallis, Mont.

The 80s **Monica (Jensen) Sparrow** of Spearfish died Jan. 28, 2004. She received a computer applications degree in 1982.

Grant Trotter of Rapid City died April 22, 2004. He graduated with a business degree in 1985. Grant's professional life included being mayor of Edgemont; owning Trotters' Hardware in Edgemont; and serving as Public Relations Director of South Dakota Disposal Systems, Director of Development & Public Relations for the Diocese of Rapid City, Executive Director of the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation, and Sales Representative for Merck Pharmaceutical Company.

In Memoriam



Fidler

John Fidler died May 8, 2004. Fidler graduated in 1960 with a degree in sociology and went on to an illustrious 30-year career in hospital and healthcare administration. At BHSU, he was a four-year letterman in football and active in several student organizations. He was named "Joe College in 1959." Last year, the BHSU Alumni Association honored Fidler with the Special Achievement Award during Swarm Days.

Elisa L. McKenna, Class of '59, elementary education, died April 3, 2004.

Bernard Nelson, Class of '50, died March 2, 2004, in Riverside, Calif. After receiving his degree, he taught junior high English for five years before beginning his 35-year career as a State Farm agent.

The 60s **Esther Cone**, Class of '62, Lead, died June 24, 2004. She taught kindergarten in the Lead from 1947-1974.

Naidene Rubida, Class of '61, social science, died April 13, 2004.

Grayce A. Trimble, Class of '66, died Jan. 9, 2004. She earned an elementary education degree in '66, taught for many years in rural schools in Lyman County and substitute taught in the Rapid City school district.

The 70s **Lucile (Bell) Harry**, Class of '70, Philip, died July 1, 2004. She taught in various South Dakota

Engagements & Marriages

The 80s **Douglas Sargent**, Class of '85, Wall, married Trish Spencer Jan. 10, 2004. He is a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Forest Service.

The 90s **Maggie Holter**, Class of '98, Fremont, Calif., married Kevin Jelich in Monterey, Calif., Aug. 23, 2003.

Melinda Van De Walle, Class of '97, Huron, married Gene Ellenson in November 2003. She currently works at the Huron Public Library.

The 00s **Jessica Boetel**, Class of '01, and **Robert Kuemper**, Class of '98, were married June 14.

Melissa Byrne, Class of '04, married Michael

Currier, Jr., March 9, 2004.

Elizabeth Clanton, Class of '01, and **Micah Odahlen**, Chandler, Ariz., were married July 24. Clanton is a clinical care coordinator with the Southwest Network.

Kachena Fowler, Class of '03, Gillette, Wyo., married Shawn Lesmeister in October 2003.

Lori Fuoss, Class of '04, Midland, married Tim Nemeck June 5, 2004. They are currently farming and ranching.

Darrin Heisinger, Class of '00, married Lisa Kropatsch May 22, 2004. He is currently employed at Watts Electric in Lincoln, Neb.

Tina James, Class of '02, Webster, Texas,

was married to Zach Buus in April 2004. She is currently attending school at the South Texas College of Law in Houston. She has one daughter, Savannah.

Antonia Kucera, Class of '03, married Charles Lehmann June 5, 2004. She works at TDG Communications, an advertising agency in Deadwood. Charles is a student at BHSU.

Jodi Massie, Class of '01, and **Benjamin Blake**, Class of '04, Belle Fourche, were married July 17 at the Spirit of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in Spearfish.

Lindsay Moser, Class of '00, Basin, Wyo., married Shane Schaffner June 19, 2004. She is a second grade teacher.

Jackie Shavlik, Class of '00, Evans, Colo.,

married Eric L'Orange June 25, 2004. She is a first and second grade teacher at University Schools in Greeley, Colo.

Crystal Sigman, Class of '02, and **Brandon Lowery**, Class of '03, were married July 10, 2004. Crystal works for Juffer, Inc., and Brandon is a teacher and coach at Wagner Community School. The couple lives in Wagner.

Samuel Soric, Class of '03, Spearfish, married Paula Brown July 24, 2004.

Chrystal Stansbury, Class of '03, and **John Sheaff**, Class of '99, were married May 22, 2004. John is a high school football coach and Chrystal is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Idaho. The couple resides in Moscow, Idaho.

Stephanie Sullivan, Class of '00, married Michael Bietz June 19, 2004. She is currently working for the Great Lakes of South Dakota Association promoting regional tourism in central South Dakota.

Merton Tice III, Class of '00, married Jill Crist Dec. 27, 2004.

Josh Twomey, Class of '03, Spearfish, married Holly Misterek Feb. 14, 2004.

Rhonda Vail, Class of '00, Westminster, Colo., married Eric Fodness June 19, 2004. She is a business development manager for Viking Roofing, Inc., Broomfield, Colo., and owner/operator of Just Mail It, LLC.

Lacy Woodle, Class of '03, Deadwood, married Nate Brown June 6, 2004. She is a middle school teacher in Lead. Nate attends BHSU.

Birth Announcements

Shannon (Orth) Alcorn, Class of '94, Spearfish, and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Kiauna Kate, born Feb. 12, 2004, weighing 9 lbs., 2 oz., and 21 inches. Shannon currently works in the BHSU Institutional Advancement office.

Dael (Byers) Bennett, Class of '92, Snohomish, Wash., her husband, Neil, and their son, Cole, welcomed a new member to their family March 1, 2004. Lucas Conner weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 20 inches.

Traci (Schenk) Dana, Class of '98, and **Jesse**

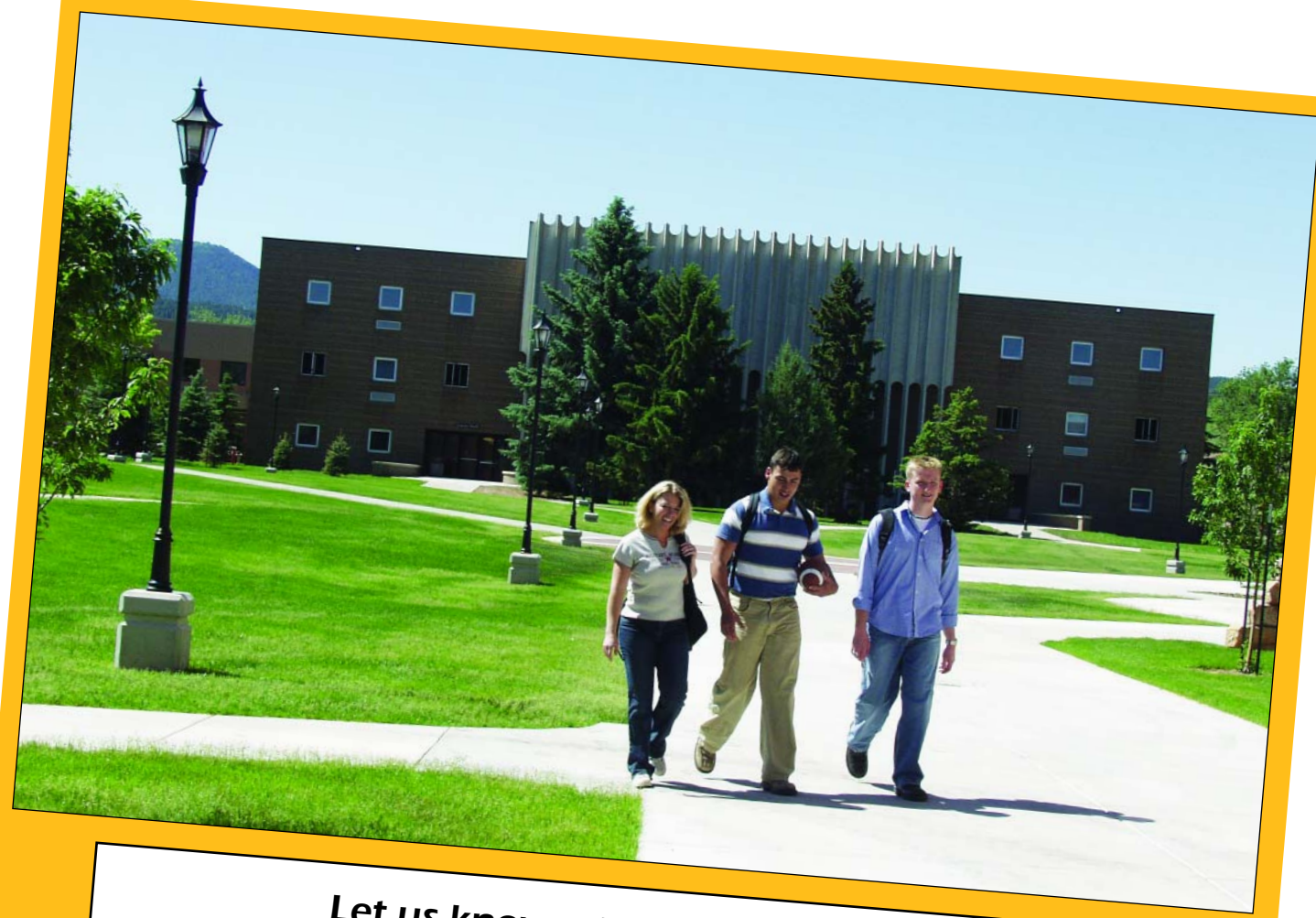
Dana, Class of '97, Spearfish, announce the birth of their son, Kooper Michael, born March 3, 2004, weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz.

Kimberly (VanVactor) Dieball and **Brent Dieball**, both Class of '99, Spearfish, announce the birth of their son, Camden

Brent, born Feb. 17, 2004, weighing 9 lbs., 4 oz., and 22 1/2 inches.

Christina (Houghton) Marta, Class of '97, Spearfish, and her husband, Shawn Marta, announce the birth of their daughter, Vivian LaNette, born Feb. 29, 2004.

Natashia (Cushman) Ash, Class of '01, and her husband, Cory, had their first child, Alan Jordan, April 29, 2003. Natashia is currently employed as a personal trainer.



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Young Alumni Award presented to '95 graduate



Stephanie Rissler-Christopherson, (right) a 1995 graduate of Black Hills State University, who is now a current affairs producer for South Dakota Public Broadcasting (SDPB), receives the 2004 Young Alumni Achievement Award from Dr. Thomas Flickema.

Rissler-Christopherson, who has been with SDPB for the past seven years, has been honored several times with nominations for regional Emmy Awards and gained national exposure when several of her broadcasts were picked up on C-Span. A former Gold Rush dance team member and campus radio personality, Rissler-Christopherson covers statewide political issues and other news for SDPB.

Rissler-Christopherson, who grew up in Casper, Wyo., was previously the northern hills correspondent for KOTA news in Rapid City.

Amiotte receives Native American Alumni Award

Lowell Amiotte (right) received the inaugural Native American Alumni Award from Black Hills State University during the powwow held on campus this spring. Presenting the award are Lisa Bryan, (left) BHSU professor and former director for the Center of Indian Studies, and Leona White Hat, (center) assistant director for the center.

Amiotte served as the first director for what is now known as the Center for Indian Studies at BHSU from 1973 until 1983. Since then he has been associated with several Native American programs and regional universities including a four-year term as president of Oglala Lakota College in Kyle and director of the Native American education administration program at the University of South Dakota.



Native American gathering held during powwow



The first ever Native American alumni gathering was held in conjunction with the annual Lakota Omniciye powwow this spring. Attendees included, front left to right, John Gritts, former longtime financial aid director at BHSU; Chuck Emery, Class of '53; Calvin Jumping Bull, Class of '80; Lisa Bryan, BHSU professor and Class of '93; back row, left to right, Jim Emery, attended; Erica Littlewolf, Class of '04; Marla Herman, Class of '88; Charmaine White Face, Class of '73; Lowell Amiotte, Class of '64; Aubrie James, Class of '97; Ron (McNeil) His Horse is Thunder, Class of '85; Morris Brewer; Marvin Amoitte, Class of '61; Leona White Hat, Class of '02 and '04; and Steve Meeker, Class of '84, vice president for institutional advancement.



Knife receives annual Kevin Whirlwind Horse scholarship

Brittany Knife, a sophomore from Howes, was presented the \$500 Kevin Whirlwind Horse scholarship at the annual run this spring at BHSU. Kevin Whirlwind Horse Jr. and his grandmother, Mae Whirlwind Horse, presented the scholarship. Knife, who graduated from Cheyenne-Eagle Butte High School in 2002, is majoring in business administration with a minor in American Indian Studies. At BHSU she is involved in the Lakota Omniciye Club, intramural basketball league, co-ed basketball league, and is currently in the co-ed softball intramural league.

The Kevin Whirlwind Horse Memorial Run/Walk is sponsored each year during the Lakota Omniciye spring powwow in memory of a former BHSU student who was killed in a car accident in 1984. Marla Herman, a fellow student and member of Lakota Omniciye, organized the first memorial run in the spring of 1985 and it has been held every year since. Kevin was an active and respected student leader, and the memorial run/walk fundraiser serves to recognize the achievements of students like Kevin who are working to improve their campus, community, and world through the active pursuit of higher education. Each year, one \$500 scholarship is presented to an American Indian sophomore who demonstrates outstanding academic ability and leadership skills.

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Highest ranking graduates have plans for doctorates

Katrina Jensen, (left) a senior chemistry major from Whitewood, and Daniel Miller, (right) a senior biology major from Parker, were recognized at the spring 2004 commencement ceremony for having the highest grade point averages. Jensen plans to attend the University of Utah in pursuit of a Ph.D. in chemistry. Miller, who attended BHSU on the Nelson Scholarship, was recently accepted into medical school at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.



Dr. Bill Bogard (left), professor emeritus, presents a check to Steve Meeker (right), vice president of institutional advancement, to fully fund the Bill and Nikki Bogard Scholarship Fund at Black Hills State University. Also present for the presentation at the Nikki Bogard rose garden memorial were Dr. Jay Bogard, the couple's son; Sheila Aaker, coordinator of extended services, and Dr. Holly Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Bogard scholarships are now funded

Dr. Bill Bogard, Black Hills State University professor emeritus, recently presented a check to the BHSU Foundation to fully fund a scholarship account in his name and in memory of his late wife, Nikki, who worked at the university for many years.

Bill, who retired from teaching in 1999 after nearly three decades, continues to teach Internet and correspondence courses for the university and donates a portion of his salary to the scholarship fund. The fund will provide two scholarships: a humanities scholarship in recognition of the many years Bill taught a variety of humanities courses; and an accounting scholarship in honor of Nikki's devotion to her 25-year profession in the business office at BHSU.

Bill presented the check at the rose garden that was planted in memory of Nikki, who passed away in 1997 due to cancer. Friends and colleagues of Nikki planted the flowers and established the memorial to Nikki in the center of the stairwell that leads to the campus.

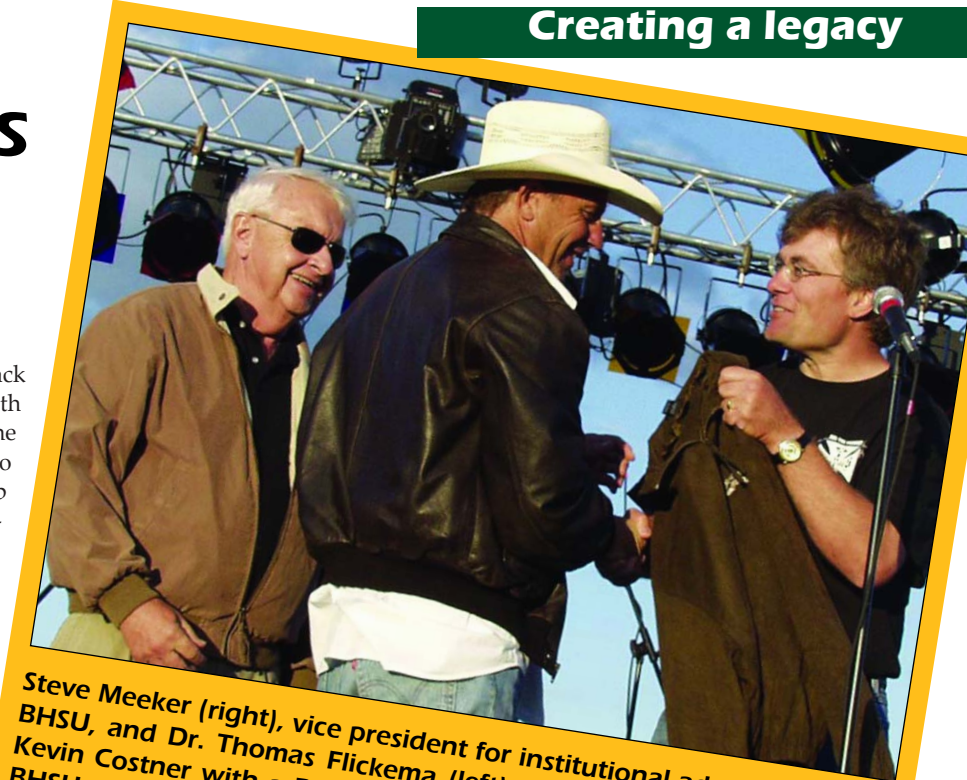
Costner leads rally ride to raise funds

Kevin Costner, who became interested in the Black Hills area when he was filming *Dances with Wolves* and now has business interests in the area, lead a rally-time motorcycle ride from Sturgis to Tatanka this summer to help raise money for BHSU student scholarships.



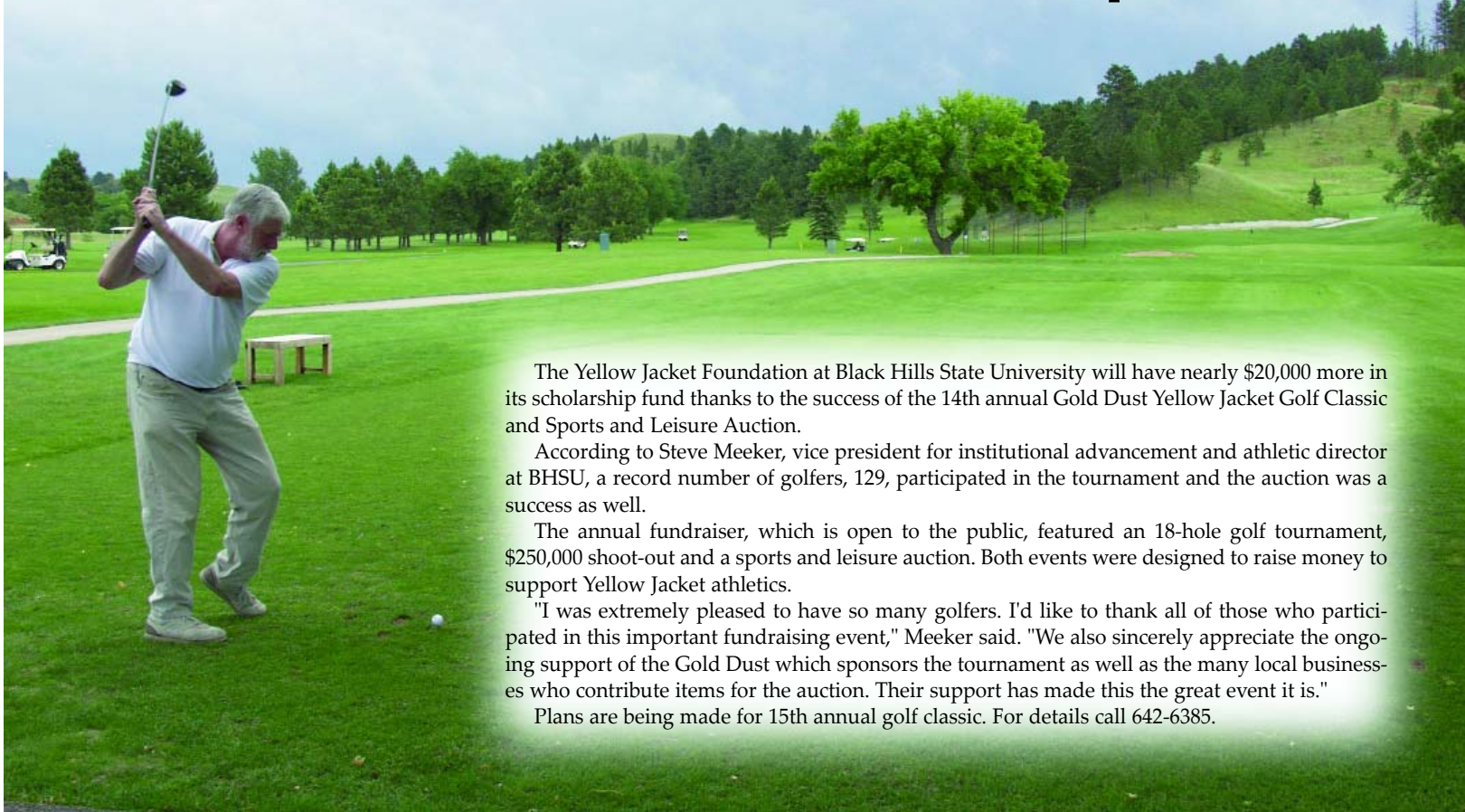
Costner

According to Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement at BHSU, a portion of the money raised from the ride will be donated to support scholarships for students majoring in American Indian Studies or entrepreneurial studies as well as students who participate in the rodeo club.



Steve Meeker (right), vice president for institutional advancement at BHSU, and Dr. Thomas Flickema (left), president of BHSU, present Kevin Costner with a BHSU jacket in appreciation of his support of BHSU scholarships. A portion of the proceeds from the bike rally ride from Sturgis to Tatanka will benefit students scholarships at BHSU.

Gold Dust golf classic raises nearly \$20,000 for athletic scholarships



The Yellow Jacket Foundation at Black Hills State University will have nearly \$20,000 more in its scholarship fund thanks to the success of the 14th annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic and Sports and Leisure Auction.

According to Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement and athletic director at BHSU, a record number of golfers, 129, participated in the tournament and the auction was a success as well.

The annual fundraiser, which is open to the public, featured an 18-hole golf tournament, \$250,000 shoot-out and a sports and leisure auction. Both events were designed to raise money to support Yellow Jacket athletics.

"I was extremely pleased to have so many golfers. I'd like to thank all of those who participated in this important fundraising event," Meeker said. "We also sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of the Gold Dust which sponsors the tournament as well as the many local businesses who contribute items for the auction. Their support has made this the great event it is."

Plans are being made for 15th annual golf classic. For details call 642-6385.

Seven professors retire

Seven Black Hills State University faculty members retired this spring.

Dr. Gary Meek, who retired as dean of the College of Business and Technology, came to BHSU in 1999 from the University of Akron in Ohio, where he served as chairman of the department of management.

In the past five years, Meek led the business college at BHSU through major improvements, including the recent business program accreditation by an internationally recognized accrediting agency and several curriculum changes. In the last five years faculty credentials have improved significantly and the number of faculty publications and other scholarly work has also shown a dramatic increase.

Although retired, Meek plans to continue consulting work and will complete some on-going research projects. He is also looking forward to spending more time golfing and traveling to visit family. Meek and his wife, Margo, have four grown children.

Before coming to BHSU, Meek completed a Fulbright fellowship at the Universiti Utara, Malaysia, 1997-98. He is the co-author and author of several books, journals and many other publications.

Meek earned a Ph.D. in statistics from Case Western Reserve University in 1970. He served as a management professor at the University of Akron from 1971 and later was named chair of the department of management.

Jan Golliher, an assistant professor of physical education, who began teaching and coaching at BHSU in 1976, says she hasn't finished learning yet and looks forward to retirement as a time to focus on other areas of interest.

Golliher, a strong advocate of life-long learning, began as a women's varsity coach and instructor. After more than a decade coaching she decided to focus primarily on teaching and advising students, particularly in the area of outdoor education.

She has been the driving force for the outdoor education major at BHSU and has seen interest in the program grow, beginning with only six or seven students to a well-established program with 37 students now enrolled in the major. She foresees a continued growth in this area as people become more concerned with environmental issues. Golliher said many current students also have an interest in business and use their degree in the private sector.

She is looking forward to spending time "enjoying the ranch" with her husband who also retired this year.

Golliher was honored with the Distinguished Faculty award in 1999. She received her undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and began coaching at a high school in Geneva, Ill., in 1967. She completed her master's degree in 1972 from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.



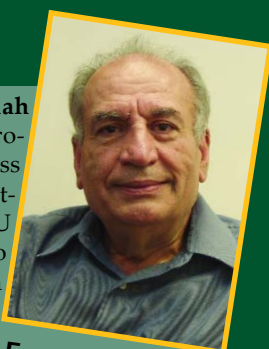
Golliher

Dr. Abdollah Farrokhi, professor of mass communication, started teaching at BHSU in 1986. He came to the United States in 1976 from Iran, where he was a journalist and political writer for the largest national daily paper in Tehran. He received his master of science and Ph.D. in mass communication from Florida State University.

While at BHSU, Farrokhi has served on almost every faculty committee, including the faculty senate, and has participated in many faculty development workshops. Farrokhi especially enjoys research and served as chairman of the Faculty Research Committee for many years. In 2001, he was recognized for outstanding service to the College Media Association, an organization he has been active in. He has presented several research projects, reviewed manuscripts and served on the research committee board for the committee.

Farrokhi noted the huge changes in the mass communication department during his time at BHSU and said he expects the program to continue to grow.

The retiring professor said he "isn't going far" and will use retirement to relax, enjoy time with his family and pursue business interests.



Farrokhi

Retiring professors

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Sandau retires in the spotlight

For the past 30 years, Al Sandau has been behind the scenes of every BHSU theatre production encouraging students, assisting with lighting, and teaching the finer points of set construction and design. Sandau moved to the front of the stage this spring when he received the Distinguished Faculty Award at BHSU and retired from teaching.

Sandau was chosen by his peers to receive this year's Distinguished Faculty Award honoring Sandau for his excellence in teaching and his many contributions to BHSU and the entire community.

"Mr. Al Sandau is synonymous with theatre on our Black Hills State University campus," said Susan Hove-Pabst, one of several colleagues who wrote letters in support of the award designation.

Sandau, a mainstay on the BHSU campus, began his tenure as theatre professor in 1974. Since then he has directed or assisted with the direction of nearly 160 theatre productions.

In his three decades of directing theatre productions, Sandau has cherished the opportunity to teach and mentor students and while producing quality theatre performances that have been enjoyed by students and the entire community.

"We've maintained pretty high standards in the quality of productions," Sandau said. "Our theatre is a lab in which we experiment with different things. Sometimes it doesn't turn out the way we expect, sometimes it's better."

Sandau truly sees the stage as a lab for his students. It's in that setting, creating learning opportunities for students, that Sandau has excelled and provided invaluable experiences for his students.

Many theatre teachers tout the obvious benefits for students who choose to participate in theatre productions, that of self-confidence and public address. Sandau agrees that these are important, but believes that the most significant aspect of the arts, and especially theatre, is that "it provides students a different way of thinking about the world."

"Theatre students see the world from a different context," Sandau said. "To be allowed to step in someone's shoes and see the world in a quite different way, that's the most valuable benefit."

Looking back, Sandau says he doesn't have a favorite play or even a favorite type of play.

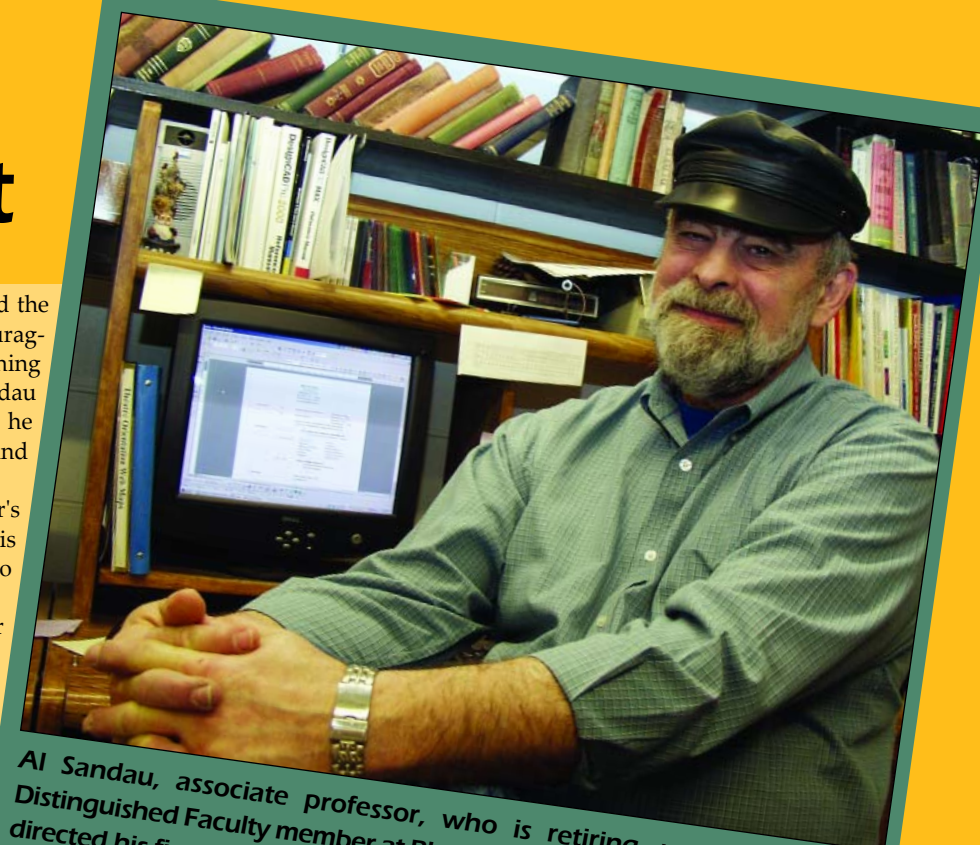
"I've enjoyed doing dramas, comedies, musicals, all of it," Sandau said. "Sometimes there's something specific in a play that clicks for you personally. It speaks to you."

He kept that in mind as he chose, with input from students, faculty and the community, the four productions the BHSU theatre department presented every year. He chose a variety of plays that provided the highest level of learning for the students while maintaining a balance with the desires of the audience.

"I tried to select plays that provided worthwhile and interesting work for the students," Sandau said. "As an educational institution, we owe something to the classics but I've tried to offer a variety including some contemporary productions."

Sandau has enjoyed working with and mentoring students through the years.

"I like the feeling that, in some cases, maybe I've done some-



Al Sandau, associate professor, who is retiring, was honored as Distinguished Faculty member at Black Hills State University this year. He directed his final performance on the Woodburn Hall stage this spring.

thing

for them," Sandau said.

It's certain that he has made a positive and lasting impression on many students. One former student, John W. Stelljes, who graduated in 1998, said in a letter to the university president that he feels he owes his success to the faculty at BHSU and especially Sandau.

"Without those fine professors, I know I would not be where I am today," Stelljes said. "Not only is Sandau an exceptional teacher, he is also the greatest friend and mentor I will ever know. Through his direction, I am now a professional actor, and because of his dedication to his students, I am a better person."

Without a doubt, Sandau points to the students and the opportunity for him to be involved in their education as the high point in his career. Over the years, he has developed strong ties with the students that extend far beyond the years they were on campus.

"Because we are together so much and work so hard at what we do, we often form close relationships and I'm in contact with many of my former students," Sandau said. He noted that, with the availability of email, students keep in touch more often and that he enjoys hearing updates from the students.

Before coming to BHSU, Sandau taught at Huron College. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, and a master's degree in speech and theatre from the University of South Dakota. He completed graduate degree coursework at the University of Minnesota and Wayne State University.

While at BHSU, Sandau taught a variety of theatre courses including creative drama, acting, directing, introduction to theatre, theatre history and theatre literature. Sandau has done consulting for the Black Hills Passion Play, Pantechnicon Productions in Los Angeles, Calif., and American Music Theatre in Petoskey, Mich. He received the 2000 service award at BHSU, an "Angel in the Wings" award from the Matthews Opera House in 2000 and the merit award at BHSU in 1985. He was also named Outstanding Young Man in Spearfish in 1978 and teacher of the year at Huron College in 1971.

Kurle named 2004 Nelson scholar

John Kurle, a 2004 graduate of Eureka High School, has joined the elite ranks of Nelson scholars at BHSU as this year's recipient of the Joseph F. and Martha P. Nelson Scholarship.

With a grade point average of 3.99, he was ranked second in his graduating class and was active in athletics during his high school career. Kurle was a member of the 2004 all-state football and academic all-state football teams. He served as president of his sophomore and senior classes and has been active in band and yearbook staff, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the United

Methodist Youth Fellowship. Kurle plans to pursue a major in mathematics education and minor in athletic coaching.

The Nelson Scholarship, the largest endowment ever received by BHSU, was established when Joseph & Martha Nelson bequeathed nearly one million dollars to the university. The award is a four-year scholarship, given to an incoming freshman, which provides full tuition and fees for 16 credit hours per semester and provides room and board for outstanding students in biology, chemistry, physical science, environmental physical science or mathematics.

BHSU students in the news

Student soldier receives Regental military service scholarship



Tricia Beringer, shown at the National Guard activation ceremony in March 2003, was one of six South Dakota college students who were presented South Dakota Regental Military Service Scholarship at the Independence Day celebration at Mount Rushmore National Monument. Tricia is a biology major at BHSU who has spent the last 16 months on active duty military service.

Tricia and most of the other members of the 842nd Engineering Company returned to Spearfish at the end of July. Shortly before being activated, she earned the honor of South Dakota Soldier of the Year after participating in competitions at the company, battalion and group levels.

Sheila Beringer, Tricia's mother accepted the scholarship on her daughter's behalf at the Mount Rushmore ceremony. Tricia, who plans on pursuing a career as a physician's assistant, has two years of study left at BHSU, and then plans to attend graduate school.



Students work and learn at new attraction near Deadwood

BHSU students make up the majority of the employees at Tatanka, a new attraction located in the Northern Black Hills. The interpretative center, owned by Kevin Costner, is being managed by Lisa Bryan, BHSU professor and former director of the Center for Indian Studies. Students who spent their summer learning and working at Tatanka include, standing, left to right, Corrie Claussen, Whitney Rencountre, Mandi Farlee, Camille Morgan, Ashley Kerr, Lisa Bryan, Laura Bryan. Sitting, Heidi Krogman, Megan Fitzgerald, Joe Dickman, Chelsea Kujawa. Other BHSU students not pictured include Briane Kruckenberg, Ann Dickman, Cliff Bryan and Leona White Hat. The students are standing in front of the centerpiece of Tatanka, a larger-than-life bronze sculpture created by Peggy Detmers which features 14 bison being pursued by three Native American riders.



Music students will perform at Carnegie Hall

A musical choir group from Black Hills State University has accepted an invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall and is making plans to travel to the legendary New York City concert hall this fall.

Steve Parker, music professor, said the group, which includes BHSU students and community members, is scheduled to perform on the Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Parker took a student group to Carnegie Hall in 1998 and knows it was a phenomenal experience for the students. Since then he has repeatedly been invited to bring groups to perform. For more than a century, Carnegie Hall has been known to audiences and performers alike as one of the world's greatest concert halls.

"The experience of performing at Carnegie Hall, as well as traveling to New York and seeing Broadway shows and other sites, is a tremendous opportunity," Parker said. Parker indicated that the music department is also tentatively planning a tour to Ireland in the spring of 2005.

BHSU in the news

Business program earns international accreditation

The business program at BHSU recently received notification of accreditation by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).



Dr. Gary Meek (right), retired dean of the College of Business and Technology at BHSU, and Dr. Steve Andersen, assistant professor of business, accept a certificate of accreditation from an IACBE official recently. The accreditation recognizes the quality educational standards in the business program at BHSU.

Dr. Gary Meek, retired dean of the College of Business and Technology, and Dr. Steve Andersen, assistant professor of business, recently received the certificate for accreditation representing BHSU's achievement of quality assurance for the academic program. Quality assurance is measured by the accomplishment of the mission and broad-based goals, the effectiveness of student learning, and the operational effectiveness of the business unit.

BHSU President Thomas Flickema praised the College of Business faculty for reaching this important designation.

"The fact that our business program is now accredited by IACBE is another of many forms of recognition marking the tremendous advances that have been made in strengthening the business program under Dr. Meek's leadership," Flickema said. He noted that there are currently approximately 800 students pursuing business degrees through the

College of Business and Technology.

BHSU became a member of IACBE in 2000, conducted a self-study the following year, and hosted a visitation by evaluators in 2003. The accreditation will be in effect for 10 years. At that time the IACBE accreditation will coincide with the Higher Learning Commission accreditation review.

"This accreditation checks to see that we adhere to commonly accepted standards in business education," Meek said. He noted that the evaluators cited BHSU's outcomes assessment program, the students' positive view of faculty classroom instruction and the excellent community and business involvement as strengths.

In addition to small class sizes, up-to-date equipment, and highly qualified instructors,

students within the College of Business and Technology have the opportunity to work with community and industry leaders as part of their classroom experience. Previously students have worked with businesses assisting in research projects and business and marketing plans.



Forrest Cain, a sophomore biology major from Gillette, Wyo., and Shayna Holmes, a freshman biology major from Belle Fourche, are among many students at BHSU who are actively involved in research as the result of a dramatic increase in the number of external grants received by faculty members.

BHSU receives nearly \$3.5 million in grants

BHSU received nearly \$3.5 million in grants this fiscal year in an ongoing trend of increased grant funding of 270 percent in the past five years.

The addition of research projects by BHSU faculty and departments has created exceptional learning opportunities for BHSU students, according to Dr. Dean Myers, interim vice president for academic affairs.

"Grant funds have greatly enhanced the opportunities for undergraduate students to be involved in research which is an essential part of education at Black Hills State," said Myers. "Faculty work with students on a variety of research projects, and the students have found this an excellent way to strengthen their educational experience. Many of these students go on to professional programs, graduate school or enter teaching and research-based careers."

Sharon Hemmingson, director of grants and research projects, noted that grants have been used to enhance research facilities at the university. By virtue of its location in the northern Black Hills, the university has access to a multitude of outdoor field research sites and specialized laboratories where faculty and students work closely with scientists.

BHSU people in the news

Neiffer joins BHSU alumni staff as director

Jodi L. Neiffer, Class of 1999, was recently named director of alumni at Black Hills State University.

Neiffer, who earned a business administration degree from BHSU, was most recently employed with the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Foundation in Rapid City. Neiffer is looking forward to working with alumni at her alma mater and as she begins in the position has several goals.



Neiffer

"I was already working at a university and doing the similar duties that were requested. I only feel so lucky to have this opportunity," Neiffer said. "I hope to build on the relationships

already in place with the alums and also make new ones." She said she will also work to make the students aware of the Alumni Association and Foundation before they graduate and leave campus.

At BHSU, Neiffer be responsible for working with alumni leaders; assisting with alumni-based fund-raising; developing an alumni communications plan; gathering and editing class notes; maintaining the alumni website and organizing annual reunions, alumni events, and regional alumni gatherings. She will also offer guidance and direction to the Alumni Board of Directors and work with students on homecoming activities.

"Jodi comes back home to BHSU after gaining valuable experience working for the South Dakota Tech Foundation," Steve Meeker, vice president of institu-

tional advancement said. "We are very excited to have her as a member of our team and I'm convinced alumni will feel the same when they meet her."

Neiffer is originally from Chamberlain. Her husband, Weston, Class of 2000, who is in the National Guard and recently served in Iraq, will be attending BHSU this fall in pursuit of an elementary education degree. The couple has a one year old daughter, Elle.

Terri Wells, who joined the alumni staff in 1999, was recently named director of development for BHSU. Steve Meeker, who recently took on the additional duty of athletic director, remains vice president of institutional advancement and will continue to oversee the alumni and development offices.

BHSU people in the news

Myers selected to fill interim academic affairs position

Dr. Dean Myers, dean of the College of Education, has been named interim vice president for academic affairs at Black Hills State University. Myers will replace Dr. Dan Farrington, who was just named the system vice president of research for the South Dakota Board of Regents.



Myers

Dr. Thomas Flickema, president of BHSU, said he is pleased that Myers, whom he described as a "strong and creative" leader, is ready to step into the leadership position in academic affairs.

"We are delighted that a person with Dr. Myers' extensive educational administrative and leadership experience is willing to step into this important position," Flickema said.

Myers, who has served as the dean of the College of Education at BHSU since 1997, said he is honored that he was asked to fill the interim position and looks forward to working with faculty, staff and students as vice president of academic affairs. Myers noted that he has

enjoyed working with Farrington and plans to continue working on the initiatives Farrington established.

Prior to becoming dean of the College of Education, Myers was director of the placement of student teachers for the university. Before joining the BHSU faculty, Myers served as state director of special education in Pierre and as director of special education in Sioux Falls.

His professional career includes elementary teaching, administration as an elementary and middle school principal and serving as a research assistant. Myers has received many awards for his contributions in education including the "Friend of Education" award and the "Excellence in Management and Innovation Award" from the governor's office.

Myers earned a doctorate in school administration from the University of South Dakota. He has a master's degree in school administration as well as a bachelor's degree in elementary and secondary education from Northern State University.

Sarkar chosen as business dean

Dr. Amin Sarkar, chairman of the department of economics and finance at the J. Whitney Bunting School of Business at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Ga., has been selected to lead the College of Business and Technology at BHSU. Sarkar will replace Dr. Gary Meek, who retired this year.



Sarkar

Sarkar comes to BHSU with an impressive list of accomplishments and a successful record of administrative leadership, according to Dr. Thomas Flickema, president of BHSU. His experience with a business program accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, International (AACSB) in a Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) institution will be beneficial to BHSU according to Flickema.

"We look forward to Amin's leadership in the College of Business and Technology. He brings to our campus a wealth of highly successful endeavors in the classroom and in academic administration as well as extensive involvement in the private sector," Flickema said.

Sarkar said he was drawn to BHSU after hearing praise for the university's recent accomplishments, the quality of its academic programs, and its student-centered learning environment.

"BHSU has emerged as a jewel in the region's higher education landscape, thanks to your [faculty and administrative leaders'] commitment to students and dedication to the ideals of liberal arts and sciences education," Sarkar said.

Sarkar said he plans to nurture the great learning environment and seek ways to support the scholarly and creative activity and maintain close faculty/student interaction at BHSU. He will also work to build partnerships with business and community leaders to create opportunities for business and technology education in the Black Hills region. He stressed the need to promote diversity and global perspectives.

Sarkar earned a Ph.D. and master's degree in economics from the University of California in Berkeley and has an undergraduate degree from the University of Peshawar, Pakistan.

Farrington named vice president of research for the Board of Regents

Dr. Dan Farrington, who had been serving as vice president for academic affairs at Black Hills State University, was recently named system vice president of research for the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Farrington, who has a record of industrial research, developing patents and commercializing them, will lead a major statewide university research initiative for the Board of Regents. For the past year, Farrington has served as interim vice president for academic affairs at BHSU and was previously director of grants. At BHSU, he led an increased effort on finding and utilizing external funding sources which has netted a dramatic increase in grant funding from \$500,000 in fiscal year 1997 to an expected \$3.4 million in fiscal year 2004. Following a successful career at Merck Research Laboratories where he served as senior director for animal science research, Farrington joined the BHSU staff in 1997.

Dr. Thomas Flickema, president of BHSU, expressed his congratulations to Farrington for this statewide Regents' appointment and thanked him for his contributions to BHSU. Flickema added that Farrington has done a tremendous job increasing grant funding for the university and noted that the university has more than \$1 million worth of science and research equipment on campus due to his leadership.

Flickema also praised Farrington's work in the past year as interim vice president of academic affairs and said that in the past year he has developed a number of initiatives that will greatly benefit BHSU in the future.



Farrington

Retiring professors *Continued from page 22*

Dick Dubois, associate professor of art at BHSU since 1969, knows that he will use his retirement time to do what he most loves to do: paint.

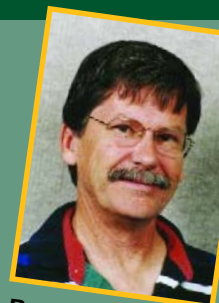
Before joining the faculty at BHSU, Dubois taught high school in Rapid City and Lead. He originally taught art education and art appreciation classes at BHSU, but as the art program grew, he began teaching art studio classes. Dubois, an accomplished watercolor artist, said he has taught nearly every art class offered at BHSU during his 34-year tenure.

Dubois has influenced many art students throughout the years and said he hopes that he has made a difference in their lives and helped them be better prepared for a career or some kind of future in art.

"I try to inspire the students to be better people as well as better in their craft," Dubois said. "I hope I've made a difference in some small way in their future."

Dubois' plans after retirement are to, first and foremost, paint. He is also planning to teach as an adjunct art professor at BHSU and has been asked to conduct several art workshops in the region. He is also planning a trip to Italy where he will spend time painting and hopefully make arrangements for some kind of an exchange program for future BHSU art students to study and paint in the Tuscany area.

Dubois earned his undergraduate degree from BHSU and received post-graduate degrees from the University of Wyoming and the University of Massachusetts.



Berney

Dr. E. Samuel Berney III, assistant professor in the College of Business and Technology, joined the BHSU faculty in 1999.

For the past five years, Berney has taught computer information systems courses at BHSU. His prior teaching experience included stints at Idaho State University and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Berney earned his Ph.D. and master's degree in mathematics from Arizona State University. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Nevada/Reno.



Norby

Dr. Rena Faye Norby taught classes for teachers, pre-service and in-service, to assist them to learn to use technology and computers in public school classrooms, and to become sound science classroom teachers.

Norby earned several governor's technology grants, presented Eisenhower workshops in math and science and served on several committees including the Faculty Senate. She also helped develop the online

master's degree program in technology. Before joining the BHSU faculty, Norby taught at the University of Wyoming, Florida Atlantic University, and North Georgia College. She earned a Ph.D. in education research and science education as well as two master's degrees from Georgia State University. She also completed post master's coursework at the University of Wyoming and earned her undergraduate degree from Emory University.

Title IX brings changes to athletics

Several changes in the athletic department at Black Hills State University have been announced following a Title IX review by the South Dakota Board of Regents. The changes, which will be implemented during a three-year time period, include adding two new women's sports, adding assistant coaches for the women's teams, hiring another athletic trainer, man-

aging rosters and making facility improvements.

Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement and athletic director at Black Hills State University, and Jhett Albers, assistant athletic director, recently announced the changes. According to Meeker, the university has established a three-year plan to address inequities in women's athletics that were outlined following a comprehensive review of the athletic program at BHSU.

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 is the landmark legislation that bans sex discrimination in schools both in academics and athletics. Since it was passed, Title IX has influenced athletic programs at the high school and college level.

Most of the changes in the BHSU plan deal with the unequal gender proportionality in athletics as compared to the overall student population at BHSU. The student population at BHSU is currently 62 percent female, 38 percent male while participation in athletics is 62 percent male and 38 percent female. While the number of sports offered to men and women at BHSU is the same, higher numbers of athletes participate in football and men's cross country and track and field, accounting for a higher percentage of male athletes. The goal of the three-year plan is to improve the differential between female and male athlete participation at BHSU.

The university is working to

make changes that will maintain the high level of competitiveness of the BHSU athletic programs. In recent years, BHSU has competed at the national level in several sports and has maintained a high level of competitiveness in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC-10).

"These changes, while providing more opportunities for women athletes, are designed not to have a negative effect on the men's programs," Meeker noted. He added that scholarship dollars, raised through fundraising efforts, will need to be increased.

Changes for this fall, the first year of the three-year plan, include additional women's assistant coaches, the purchase of light weights for the fitness area, and the addition of another athletic trainer.

Also the university will begin to manage the rosters of men's sports. The football roster will be capped at 70 players and men's basketball will be capped at 12 players. Men's cross country and track and field rosters will be capped at 35 collectively.

By the end of the three-year time span, the number of women athletes will be increased in two ways: first by increasing the number of competitors in sports currently offered; and second by adding two additional women's sports. Golf is scheduled to be added as a varsity sport for women in the fall of 2005 and women's soccer will be added in the fall of 2006. The university also has plans for facility improvements to increase the space allotted for women's locker rooms, training areas and offices. A soccer field will also be added at BHSU.

Golf and soccer were chosen for several factors including the demand for the sport, competitive opportunities in our conference and region, and the cost of implementation.

"We looked at a number of different sports," Albers said. "We wanted to offer upcoming sports that students have shown an interest in. It's also important to consider what sports high schools in the region are offering and what opportunities we will have for competition in our area."

The university prepared the three-year Title IX plan following a review conducted at the request of the South Dakota Board of Regents. Other state universities are working on Title IX compliance plans as well.

Fall sports schedules

Cross Country

Sept. 11	S.D. Tech Invitational	Rapid City
Sept. 25	Yellow Jacket Invitational	Home
Oct 2	Rocky Mountain Shootout	Boulder, Colo.
Oct. 8	Roe Granger Invitational	Aberdeen
Oct. 16	Mt. Marty Invitational	Yankton
Oct. 30	MSU Billings Invitational	Billings, Mont.
Nov 6	DAC-10 Championships	Home
Nov. 20	NAIA National Championships	Louisville, Ky.

Football

The football team will open the football season at home with a non-conference game with archival South Dakota School of Mines Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. The Jackets will play Tech again this season when they meet for the conference game in October.

Sept. 2	S.D. Tech	Home
Sept. 11	Valley City State	Valley City, N.D.
Sept. 18	Dakota State	Home
Sept. 25	Dickinson State	Dickinson, N.D.
Oct. 2	Mayville State (Swarm Day)	Rapid City
Oct. 9	S.D. Tech	Home
Oct. 16	Jamestown College	Huron
Oct. 23	Si Tanka-Huron	Bismarck, N.D.
Oct. 30	University of Mary	Home
Nov. 6	Minot State	Home

Volleyball

Aug. 27-28	Red Raider Classic	Orange City, Iowa
Sept. 1	Northwestern College	Home
Sept. 10-11	University of Mary	Dillon, Mont.
Sept. 15	Montana Western Tournament	Home
Sept. 22	Minot State University	Dickinson, N.D.
Sept. 24	Dickinson State University	Mitchell
Sept. 25	Dakota Wesleyan University	Yankton
Sept. 29	Mt. Marty College	Home
Oct. 1	S.D. Tech	Home
Oct. 6	Sheridan College	Bismarck, N.D.
Oct. 13	University of Mary	Rapid City
Oct. 15	National American University	Mayville, N.D.
Oct. 16	Mayville State University	Valley City, N.D.
Oct. 22	Valley City State	Jamestown, N.D.
Oct. 23	Jamestown College	Minot, N.D.
Oct. 29	Minot State	Home
Oct. 27	Dickinson State University	Home
Oct. 29	Si Tanka-Huron	Home
Oct. 30	Dakota State University	Rapid City
Nov. 3	S.D. Tech	Home

Teams look forward to successful seasons

Coaches and athletes at Black Hills State University are counting down the days until the start of the fall 2004 season. Preseason expectations are high for another successful season for football, volleyball and cross country.

Football

John Scott, second year football coach, knows the 'honeymoon' season is over and is now making preparations for higher achievements this year. In only one year of college head coaching, Scott did what many thought would never happen, bring a winning football record to BHSU.

According to Scott, discipline and consistency will be key aspects for improvement this season. The success lies in the hands of the returnees along with an impressive group of recruits.

"We are optimistic and at the same time very driven both as players and staff," Scott added. "I know we have some good players coming back, but we have some unanswered questions and we will still be young with only six seniors on the squad. I know on paper we are a better team than a year ago with the addition of a talented crop of recruits."

Volleyball

The BHSU volleyball team is returning a strong core of upperclassmen led by seniors Jessie Mort and Sara Goeden and expect another successful season. According to head coach Jhett Albers, juniors Sarah Lervick and Devin Eppler will also provide experience and they will look to sophomores Alyssa Boeding and Chelsey Mort to fill important roles this season.

The Lady Jackets are looking forward to the addition of four talented freshman who we believe will add great depth to our squad.

"We will be young as far as experience and depth, but we have extremely talented and hard working players who will eventually develop into a very competitive team. Our goal is to get back to where we left off last season with a fourth or higher finish in the DAC-10 and a return trip to the Region III Final Four Tournament," Albers said.

Cross Country

The cross country teams are looking at a rebuilding year following several years of unprecedented success.

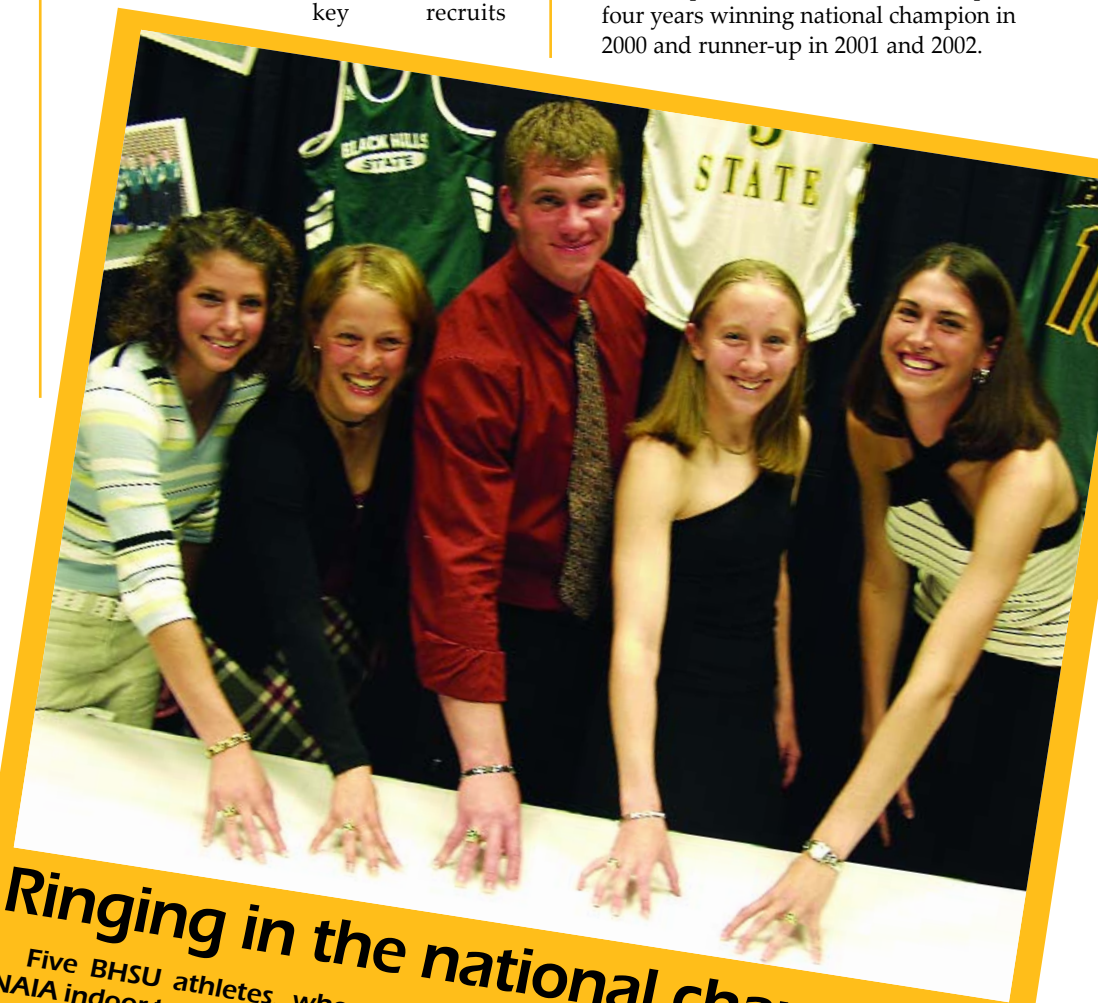
"This season seems like we are rebuilding, however, we have some solid runners returning," Scott Walkinshaw, BHSU head coach said. "Three of our best are: Luke Watkins who placed 44th last year as a sophomore, James Hansen 54th as a freshman and Zach Kintzley."

He noted that they have several key recruits

including John Williams who transferred from South Dakota State University where he ran 4:01 in the 1500m and Julian Lovelace from Fargo who placed fifth his junior and senior years in the North Dakota state meet.

Key returning runners for the women include Crystal Hostetter, the first ever BHSU sophomore to earn All-American honors in cross country, Angi Axmann, Jamie Hahn and Cassie Knutson.

The cross country teams have placed in the top five combined teams the past four years winning national champion in 2000 and runner-up in 2001 and 2002.



Ring in the national champions

Five BHSU athletes, who won national championship titles at this spring's NAIA indoor track competition, were presented rings at the athletic banquet. The national champions are Kendra Karst, a freshman from Casper, Wyo.; Angi Axmann, a freshman from Rutesheim, Germany; Hunter Schurrer, a senior from Spearfish who won the national title in the weight throw; Liz Woodruff, a freshman from Chamberlain; and Jamie Hahn, a sophomore from Spearfish. Karst, Axmann, Woodruff and Hahn won as a 3200 relay team. The five were presented with rings donated by Myles Kennedy, president of the Yellow Jacket Foundation. The athletes join an elite group of five other national champions at BHSU, all who earned their titles in the past three years under the direction of head track and field coach Scott Walkinshaw. Previous BHSU national champions include Nikki Underwood, marathon, Tim Bishop, a three-time winner, and a relay team consisting of Bishop, Rob Marney, Brock Rose and Mike McDaniel.

The BHSU Alumni Association will recognize five individuals for their service and achievements at a Swarm Day breakfast Saturday, Oct. 2 at 8:30 a.m. in the Jacket Legacy room of the David B. Miller Student Union.

The individuals being recognized are Gary Larson, Distinguished Alumni Award; Lynette Powell, Excellence in Education Award; Linda Jo Henry, Special Service Award; and Bruce Williams and Terry Ree, Special Achievement Awards.



Larson

Gary Larson, a 1972 graduate with a bachelor's degree in business administration, will be presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award. He began his insurance career shortly after graduating from BHSU.

In 1973 he began as an agent at Kluthe and Lane Insurance Agency in Rapid City. Later, Gary and three partners formed Western Dakota Insurers, which has grown into one of the largest insurance agencies in western South Dakota.

Early in Gary's career he obtained the professional and educational insurance designation of certified insurance counselor. He currently serves as president and general manager of the Rapid City agency, as well as overseeing satellite insurance agencies in Sturgis and Spearfish.

Gary has served on the American State Bank board and is a past president of Arrowhead Country Club. He is active in the Cavalry Lutheran Church in Rapid City and is currently serving on the building fundraiser board. He has served on numerous advisory boards for insurance companies and on the Youth and Family Services and Black Hills Workshop advisory boards. He is also on the BHSU Foundation Board of Directors.

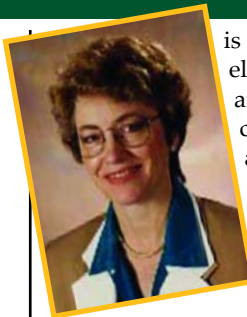
A 24-year cancer survivor, Gary has been instrumental in raising funds and participating on the American Cancer Society Board of Directors, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and he serves as co-chair of the annual American Cancer Society Golf Tournament.

Lynette Powell, a 1987 graduate with a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in education administration, who has been the elementary school principal with the Hot Springs School District for the last seven years is receiving the Excellence in Education award.

Before serving in the Hot Springs school district, Lynette taught for five years in the Douglas School District and worked for five years at Rapid City area schools.

Lynette has been a member of the West River Principal's Association since 1997 and has served as both secretary-treasurer and as president for the organization. The South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals nominated her as rookie of the year in 1997 and in 1999, and in 2002 she was chosen as the association's innovative leader of the year. She has been chair of the District Inservice Committee since 1999, is a founder and member of Hot Springs PTA, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the International Reading Association.

Lynette has served the Hot Springs community by serving on the education committee for the Mammoth Site Board, as well as on the Hot Springs Summer Recreation Board. She also



Henry

is a volunteer basketball coach for elementary school students and a volunteer softball coach for summer recreation programs.

Linda Jodie Henry, a 1969 graduate with a bachelor's degree in education, is

receiving the Special Service award. Linda taught history, geography and government classes in Lemmon for eight years before relocating to Spearfish. She earned a license as a real estate agent and in 1985 became an owner of Johnson Joy Real Estate.

During her real estate career, Linda has served in the capacity of secretary, treasurer, vice president and president of the Northern Black Hills Association of Realtors. She has served on various committees for the South Dakota Association of Realtors, including a six-year term on the South Dakota Realtors Professional Standards Committee.

Linda served on the Black Hills State University Alumni Board of Directors, as well as serving a term as president of the Alumni Board during the capital campaign for the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center.

In addition, Linda has served on the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce, and has been President of both the Zonta Club and the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation.



Williams

Bruce Williams and Terry Ree, better known as Williams and Ree, will receive special achievement awards. Bruce and Terry attended the university in 1969-70 and began touring in 1971. That tour began a 33-year comedy career that is still going strong and in demand throughout the nation.

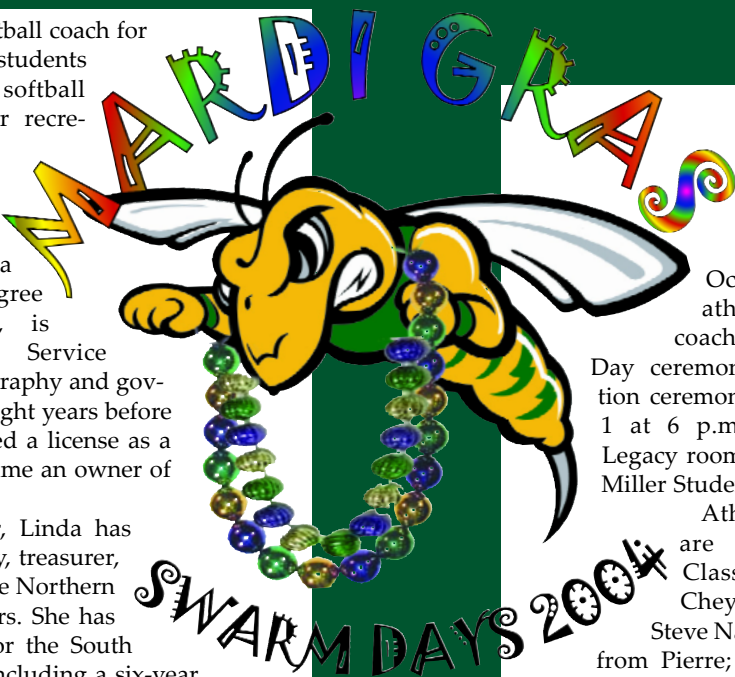
Williams and Ree have performed at such venues as the Comedy Store in Los Angeles and shared the stage with Garth Brooks, The Oak Ridge Boys and Randy Travis. They have made frequent appearances on The Nashville Network, on designated cruise ships and American Indian Casinos across the nation. In 2000 the Williams and Ree Scholarship was established and has been awarded to students interested in performing arts.



Ree

All Swarm Day events are open to the public and alumni as well as students are encouraged to attend. See the complete schedule of events on the back page.

For tickets to the Alumni Awards breakfast call 642-6446 or email <TerriWells@bhsu.edu>. Tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet are available at 642-6385 or email <ChristinaCouch@bhsu.edu>.



The Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame will add to its membership in October with four athletes and one coach during Swarm Day ceremonies. The induction ceremony is Friday, Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. in the Jacket Legacy room of the David B. Miller Student Union.

Athlete inductees are Karl Pfefferle, Class of '80, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Steve Naylor, Class of '82 from Pierre; Jim Holwegner, Class of '68 from Ft. Collins, Colo.; Lea Totton, Class of '77 from Long Beach, Calif.; and Scott Hazledine, Class of '81 from Plymouth, Minn.

Karl Pfefferle ran track and cross country from 1975 to 1979. During his collegiate running career qualified for the NAIA Cross Country meet in 1977, placed third in the District 12 meet in 1976, 1978, and 1979, was co-SDIC cross country champion in 1979, was a member of the District 12 champion team in 1979 and a member of the SDIC winning team in both 1977 and 1979.

Since graduating from BHSU in 1980, Karl has been teaching at his alma mater in Cheyenne, Wyo. He has taught advanced placement social studies courses in the areas of U.S. history, microeconomics and macroeconomics. For the past five years he has served as chair of the social studies department. From 1980-1995, he coached cross country and track at Cheyenne Central, and 1989 he earned a master's degree in sports science from the U.S. Sports Academy.

Karl is no longer coaching, but stays involved with the athletics program by running the clocks and scoreboards for football and basketball games as well as indoor and outdoor track.

Steve Naylor played four years of

baseball for BHSU from 1979 to 1982, during which time he batted .402. He helped the team to victory in 1979 and 1980 with the winning of the SDIC crown and the District 12 championship. During the 1980 season, Naylor was a member of the all-SDIC and the all-district teams. Not only did he lead the Yellow Jackets in batting average, doubles, triples, home runs, RBI's, hits and stolen bases, he also led the SDIC in stolen bases and tied for triples. His 64 hits during the 1980 season consisted of 11 doubles, 6 triples, 11 home runs, 44 RBI's and 23 stolen bases out of an attempted 26.

After graduating from BHSU in 1982 with a bachelor's degree in biology, Steve attended graduate school at SDSM&T, and received his master's degree in civil engineering in 1984. Since then he has worked for the U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers in Omaha, Neb., and in Pierre, where he now lives.

Steve competed on an amateur baseball teams in Rapid City, Sturgis, and Pierre until 1990. He is still active in sports, coaching little league baseball and youth basketball teams, playing on the city men's basketball team and on Pierre's fast pitch softball team.

Jim Holwegner was a four-year starter at defensive end/tackle for the Yellow Jacket football team. He was the MVP of the 1971 Shrine Game and was the NAIA District 12 player of the week. He was twice named all-conference and was named to the NAIA all-district team in 1971.

Jim anchored a tough defense that complimented the Murphy/Savoy-led offense of that era that brought the 1970 Yellow Jacket team to a number 4 rank in the nation on defense with an 8-2 record.

After graduating, Jim went to work for Midwestern Homes, a company he continued to work for and eventually relocated to Fort Collins, Colo., while working in the sales department. In 1978, he began working for a large

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Pfefferle



Naylor



Holwegner



Hazledine



Totton

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commercial paint and drywall company where he worked his way up to estimator and was eventually head of the paint company. In 1982, Jim decided to venture out on his own and opened his own paint company. After 20 years of running a successful company, Jim was ready to slow down a bit so he closed his business and went back to work for the company which gave him his start in the painting industry. He is currently superintendent for the paint department and oversees about 40 employees.

Lea Totton coached volleyball at BHSU from 1979 to 1986 and women's track from 1979-1984. Her volleyball career record includes 280 wins and 70 losses. She coached 21 all-conference performers, six district performers, two conference champion teams and won the state championship in her first year. Her track teams set 46 school records, 29 of which were set her first year coaching the sport, and won the first women's track conference (SDIC) championship in the school's history. Totton was a member of several championship teams at BHSU, and in 1983 the Yellow Jackets were the SDIC champions with a 14-0 record.

Lea coached at Dakota State and Crazy Horse School in Wanblee prior to her position at BHSU.

Lea's philosophy was "it's not necessary to be a great athlete but you do need to be a student of the game."

After leaving BHSU in 1986, Lea moved to California, where she taught physical education and later worked in a high school assessment center. For the past ten years she has taught independent study for high school students. She plans to retire from full-time teaching this fall.

Scott Hazledine, who now lives in Plymouth, Minn., played golf at BHSU in the 80s. Scott was a district 12 medalist, was named all-SDIC and all-district in 1981 and was a member of the team that were SDIC champions and district 12 runners-up in 1981. He was also all-SDIC first team in tennis, an SDIC medalist runner up in 1980 and all-district in 1980. He averaged 76.86 for 18 holes of golf in 1980.

Scott, who is now a chief golf professional and co-founder of

Parmasters Golf Training Center, has played professional golf in the United States, Canada, Australia and Asia. He has held 22 course records, played to handicap that was seven shots below scratch at his best. He has had 19 holes in one as well as eight double eagles so far. He is a master player and master teacher coaching golf to golfers of all skill levels for 30 years and is known as the worlds foremost single axis/straight-line golf expert. According to Scott, his training philosophy is based on scientific applications of neuroscience, physics, anatomy and kinesiology.

See the complete Yellow Jacket Foundation Hall of Fame list

For a complete list of the coaches, athletes and supporters named to the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame see the website at:
<www.bhsu.edu/alumni/yellowjacketfoundation/hallfame/html>

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Looking ahead

Swarm Week Sept. 27-Oct. 2

Monday, Sept. 27

Coronation, 7 p.m. at the Student Union

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Kiddie Carnival, 4-7p.m. at the Student Union
Rec Sports Flag Football, 7 p.m. at Lyle Hare Stadium

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Swarm Day 5K Run/Walk, 5:30 p.m. at Lyle Hare Stadium.
Spirit Night, 7 p.m. at the Donald E. Young Center

Thursday, Sept. 30

Hypnotist Jim Wand, 7p.m. at the Student Union

Friday, Oct. 1

Disc Golf, 3:30 p.m. for students and 5 p.m. for the general public
Float preparation, 4 p.m. to midnight at the Donald E. Young Center.
Hall of Fame Banquet, 6 p.m., Student Union

Saturday, Oct. 2

Alumni Awards Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.,
Parade, 10:30 a.m.
Football game, 1:30 p.m.

Roundball Reunion

Oct. 23

Young Center

BHSU events

See www.bhsu.edu then choose Campus Calendar from the quick links menu for a complete list of campus activities.

For athletic information see www.bhsu.edu/athletics.



Looking back

Can you identify these people?

A favorite local group "The Back Porch Majority" entertained during Swarm Week in late 60s or early 70s. The group consisted of BHSU students including occasional performances by Gary Mule Deer. If you can verify the date of the photography or identify the people in this photograph, please let the Alumni Office know. BHSU is making plans for the annual homecoming celebration Oct. 2.

Another look



Trail leading to Roughlock Falls in Spearfish Canyon