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Spring is fast approaching and that means a time of anticipation on campus as seniors look forward to the May commencement ceremony and begin the next phase of their lives. We feel sadness as we bid these fine students farewell, but we also feel a sense of excitement as we wish them well and have great expectations for their future accomplishments.

In that respect, we feature the accomplishments of many graduates from past years in this edition of the Alumni Magazine. These BHSU alumni represent high degrees of success in diverse ways. As future graduates enter the world beyond the campus, they will do well to keep in mind the thoughts and advice of these highly successful alumni.

Dr. Thomas O. Flickema
BHSU President

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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Vi Cowden, one of the first women to fly airplanes for the military, has made her mark and inspired people throughout her lifetime. Her zest for life and penchant for living life to the fullest continues to serve as a source of inspiration for people of all ages.

Just wanted to show my appreciation. You have inspired me,” Vi recalls her days in Spearfish fondly. “I love that place. I truly love Spearfish,” Vi says.

As a young girl, Vi watched the hawks soar around and then buzz moving cars while she was still in her wooden skis. She was determined to learn to fly even though it meant riding her bike up the canyon and catching a ride back to town by holding onto a moving car while she was still in her wooden skis.

After graduating, Vi taught for several years and that's when she decided to pursue her lifelong dream of learning to fly. She said she had always been intrigued by flying and thought often of flying like a bird. Vi was a cheerleader and played intercollegiate basketball. She also participated in recreational activities in the Hills including skiing at Terry Peak. Once she spent the day skiing and then skied through the canyon and caught a ride back to town by holding onto a moving car while she was still in her wooden skis.

At 88 years young, Vi is actively involved in her community and inspires people of all ages. She says she never thought she would be an inspiration for others, she just did what she loved to do even if it wasn't what others thought she should be doing.

“Everything I've done in my life, I've done full bore,” Vi says with a laugh. Looking back it's easy to see why her story is so inspirational and is considered a legacy for women pilots everywhere. Vi says she wanted to show her appreciation. You have inspired me.”

With a personal history that is adventurous and inspirational, Vi is me at the time.”

In March 1943, Vi began her training. She then flew planes for the military, primarily picking up planes and flying them off the military base where she had needed. She had quite a few adventures along the way. Vi put her flight training to good use and flew 19 different types of aircraft, including the P-51, which went up to 495 miles per hour. One of Vi's most memorable flying experiences during the war was being the first person to fly a new airplane from the factory. Every plane we picked up was supposed to be tested before we got it. I picked one up that had not been tested,” Vi said. After checking with operations, a mechanic just wrote an hour on the log sheet. Vi wondered about flying the plane on its maiden flight and although she considered taking it back, she decided why not fly it? I thought, oh well, I'll give it a try. When I lifted off, it was the most wonderful experience because I was the very first person who ever flew this wonderful airplane,” Vi remembers.

That's a philosophy that has provided Vi many opportunities in her life.”

Vi wasn't ready to go back to teaching after the war ended and was unable to find a job where she could keep flying, so she decided to try another way. She took off ground school classes at night at the Spearfish air terminal which is now known as Clyde Ice Field. Vi earned her private flying certificate and flew small airplanes in the area. She remembers her instructor Clyde Ice saying that she would be a dammed good pilot.

“Like most Americans who are her age, Dec. 7, 1941, is a day that she remembers clearly. It was a pivotal day in American history and a life-changing moment for Vi. Now known as Pearl Harbor Day, Vi was listening to the radio when she heard reports of the attack which brought the U.S. into World War II. In disbelief she listened to the news and President Roosevelt's message the following day. Right then, she knew she wanted to volunteer, so she sent a wire to Washington, D.C., and told them she had her private flying license, and if her country needed her, she was there.

Vi waited for more than a year before she received an invitation to apply for the Women's Flying Training Detachment. She applied and was accepted into the flight-training program and became one of the first women military pilots to serve the United States Army Air Forces during the war. Nearly 25,000 women applied for the Women's Army Auxiliary Service Pilots (WASP) program and only 1,830 were accepted. The women flew wartime missions within the United States during a time when women could not be commissioned in the military and were governed by the Civil Service Commission.

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“I just kept going. I didn’t think it would be a legacy for women. It never occurred to me at the time.”

Vi Cowden
Dave Weiss combines love of art and athletics for a unique career

As owner of a company that represents celebrity athletes like Mark Spitz and provides skilled sports talent for national print and television commercials for Nike, Bowflex, and Mountain Dew, Dave Weiss says his success is the result of an open mind, hard work, and a long-term desire to be involved in the arts. Dave found a unique way to combine his love of athletics and the arts in a creative career that continues to be interesting and exciting.

His goal of a career in the arts began in high school in North Platte, Neb., and was the reason he chose to attend Black Hills State when Dave Little recruited him to participate in track. He knew BHSU had a strong athletics program as well as a quality fine arts program. Weiss describes being "very influential for him while attending college in Spearfish. I have tremendous respect for Coach Little. He taught me how to set goals and he convinced me I could accomplish those goals. This has carried over to my family as well, which includes his oldest son, Ben, 25, who lives in South Dakota; and his three younger children, Alec, 11, and twins, Holly and Levi, 9. Ben, who played football while at BHSU, and although he loves athletics, he always kept his career goals in focus and graduated in 1979 with a fine arts degree. Now he is working in a field that unites his love for the arts and athletics.

About a year after graduation, a former Yellowjacket football teammate, Neil Grandbouche, Class of '79, encouraged Dave to move to Portland, Ore. Dave, who had always considered himself open-minded, moved to Portland sight unseen with plans to pursue his dream of a career in commercial arts.

In Portland, he found a job as a bartender, falling back on a job he had relied on as a college student, "to pay the bills." One evening, a customer suggested he should consider a career in modeling. At first he was reluctant, due to misconceptions about the modeling industry, but he reconsidered when the customer reminded him to be open-minded. He followed the well-given advice and called the suggested agent. For the next 11 years, Dave worked as a commercial sports model for companies including Nike, Columbia Sportswear, REI and Adidas. "At the time, I was surprised by my success, but the reason I was so successful was because this is a very active marketplace, and as an athlete, my skills and comfort level were as an athlete, which is what companies like Nike are looking for," Dave explained.

In addition to commercial modeling for print and television, Dave did live presentations at national sales meetings and worked as a fit model for Nike. A fit model is someone who fits a specific size for a company's label - in essence, a live mannequin for those who design and make the garments, Weiss explained.

Following 11 years in the commercial modeling industry, Dave saw there was a real niche that wasn't being filled for sports models and his business, Sports Unlimited, was founded with his wife, Molly. He started out representing 10 athletes and today we represent over 700. We provide expert-level skill abilities in over 80 different sports and categories, so we can provide an expert in any kind of sport a client might be looking for," Dave said.

"Our company provides presentations at events like state fairs and concerts with our extreme, or what we call, alternative or emerging athletes. I think I enjoy working in this area because it gives me the chance to live vicariously through these athletes," Dave said.

About 8 years ago when he began working with the emerging sport athletes, primarily Skateboarders, Freestyle Moto X and BMX riders, people told him he was wasting his time on this "fad."

"I felt differently and I positioned our company to represent them. Today for example, we represent Tao Berman, who is the number one extreme kayaker in the world. Recently he broke two world records including going over a 100 foot waterfall," Dave said.

Dave's enthusiasm for his job has carried over to his family as well, which includes his oldest son, Ben, 25, who lives in South Dakota; and his three younger children, Alec, 11, and twins, Holly and Levi, 9. The younger kids got a kick out of meeting the extreme athletes and they have also worked as models. Alec is currently a fit model for Columbia Sportswear and Levi did a live presentation for a Nike shoe.

Reflecting on his 35-year career, Weiss said, "It certainly didn't turn out to be a typical career in commercial art, however, I have been fortunate that I have been involved in a creative industry that involves sports and athletics, which is important to me. After all of these years in the business, I'm more excited about this business than ever."

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Her love of the Black Hills brought Susan (Whitney) Callahan back home to attend BHSU after spending her freshman semester at an east river university and then again in 1991 when she transferred her job as an IRS agent to Rapid City, so she could help care for her aging parents.

“Actually, I had always hoped to return to Rapid City and kept a close watch for the opportunity to transfer. In 1991, when my parents’ health was failing I knew it was time and I applied for a hardship transfer,” says Susan.

Coming back to South Dakota was a full-circle experience for her in many ways. While she continued in a satisfying career where she could utilize her accounting degree, she also became involved in community music endeavors, a real passion of hers.

She moved back to Rapid City, contacted my high school band director, Milo Winter, about playing clarinet in the Rapid City Municipal Band. I showned up at a tryout and he asked me if I minded sitting next to Vic. Of course, I would not mind sitting next to my college professor and music mentor, Vic Widenmee. It was quite an honor,” laughs Susan.

Over the years her relationship with Vic and his wife, Charlotte, has evolved from one of professor-student to an adult friendship for which she is so grateful. Through Vic, Susan became involved on the board of directors of the Black Hills Chamber Music Society and is currently serving as president of the organization. She also plays as an "under-cover BH graduate" on the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Symphonic Band.

Susan Callahan's love of the Black Hills has brought her back to the area twice. She now enjoys performing with local community music groups.

Termes honored around the world
The 40s

The 40s were a time of growth and development for Spearfish. Bob Buck, Class of 48, was head football coach for Zoon-Benton Township High School for 19 years. During that time, he won five North Suburban Conference Championship trips (NCS) and earned six trips to the state playoffs. He also coached baseball for four years and had two NSC Championship baseball teams.

Glenn Lefler, Class of 52, Phoenix, Ariz., retired after teaching for 25 years in South Dakota and 15 years in Minnesota. He plays golf regularly in Phoenix and would like to hear from friends from the 40s and 50s.

The 50s

The 50s were a time of expansion and innovation for Spearfish. Joe Jorgenson, Class of 1967, was recently honored with the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award from the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation. For the past 25 years, Joe has been involved in virtually every economic development project in Spearfish. He is proud of the businesses that have come to Spearfish and the contributions they have made to the community.

Jorgenson honored with lifetime achievement award

Former Faculty & Staff

Bill Hughe received the "Spirit of Sprarfish" award for fall 2004. Bill joined the staff of Spearfish High School in 1965. He taught health and physical education and coached basketball, football, and baseball, before retiring in 1994 after 29 years at the school. He will still remain involved in many Spearfish community organizations.

Kudos & Announcements

Jodi Neiffer at 642-6446 or email jodi@bhsu.edu.

Class of '55 reunion planned

A 50-year class reunion for the Class of '55, will be held during the commencement weekend May 7 at Black Hills State University. Members of the Class of '55 and their families are invited to attend. The group will gather for a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. on May 7 and participate in the 50-year commencement ceremony which begins at 9 a.m.

For more information or to register, contact Jodi Neiffer at 642-6446 or email jodi@bhsu.edu.
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Engagements & Marriages

Terrylyn Halze, Class of '01, Rapid City, will marry Jesse Volggin May 7, 2005. Terrylyn is the daughter of Maurice in the Rushmore Mall.

Tanna Howie, Class of '93, and Vincent Holzer, Class of '03, were married Aug. 28, 2004. She works at Enterprise Leasing and he works for Ferguson Enterprises. The couple lives in Littleton, Colo.

Dusty Holoo, Class of '04, married Henry Hollenbeck Jan. 10, 2005. Dusty is pursuing her doctorate. The couple will live in Europe.

Annie Koyama, Class of '03, married Blair Miller June 5, 2004. The couple lives in Kalaspell, Mont.

Michelle Mahlen, Class of '04, and Justin Chapulis were married Aug. 14, 2004. Michelle is a special educator for kindergartners through third grade students in the Rapid City School District.

Matthew McClung, Class of '01, Jefferson, married Jamie Morgan May 28, 2004. He is pursuing a doctor of pharmacy degree at SDSU.

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Darcy Reinick, Class of '03, will marry Rob Sales, Class of '03, April 9, 2005. Darcy works in human resources at Advanced Digital Information in Englewood, Colo. Rob works at Cherry Creek High School coaches football and wrestling in Denver.


Nicole Swanson, Class of '02, married Bric Owens July 31, 2004. The couple lives in Valentine, Neb., where Nicole works as a teacher.

Jennifer Wagner, Class of '02, married William Williams were married Feb. 26, 2005. Jennifer is currently attending the USD School of Law. The couple lives in Vermillion.

April Weitz, Class of '00, married Michael Lembezeder May 29, 2004. She is a social worker for Maricopa County. The couple lives in Chandler, Ariz.


The 80s

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The 90s

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Michelle Stevens, Class of '00, will marry Jason Glodt, Class of '97, July 3, 2005. She is a middle school English teacher in Fort Pierre. He resigned his post as executive director of the S.D. Republican Party to serve as a senior advisor to Gov. Rounds in Pierre.

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Obituaries

Eleanor (Fuller) Angel died Sept. 30, 2004. She attended BH and was employed at the South Dakota Employment Office. During the war she worked at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

William Carlstrom, Spearfish, died Oct. 24, 2004. He attended Black Hills Teachers College one quarter where he played football on the 12-man squad. He established and ran the Carlstrom Grade A Dairy Operation for 45 years and was one of the first members of the Black Hills Milk Producers.


Violet (Vance) Gustafson, Laramie, Wyo., died Dec. 11, 2004. Violet began teaching at Black Hills State Teachers College during World War II while she worked for her degree. She later moved to Laramie, Wyo., where she taught school until her retirement in 1996.

Jeda Jerde died Sept. 4, 2004. She spent many years teaching as a rural school teacher, having trained at teachers’ colleges in Aberdeen, Spearfish, and Greeley, Colo. She also taught music at Lead Junior High School. Jeda also served as the choir director for her church for 31 years and taught piano and voice lessons for 32 years.

Norma (Johnson) Kennedy, Wall, died Sept. 4, 2004. She received her teaching certificate from BHTC and taught in the Wall area for several years. Norma and her husband, Bryce, also owned and operated the Wall Standard Service and several rural mail routes in the area.

The Grace (Lobdell) (Hammes) Quist, Class of ’25, Rapid City, died Aug. 20, 2004. Grace attended Spearfish Normal School where she met her husband-to-be, Merle Herbig. While living in Washington, Ruth finished her degree, commuting several times back to BHTC in Spearfish. She then taught junior high and worked for the American Cancer Society.

The Harold (Buck) Julian, Class of ’42 and ’43, died in June 2000. He was a commercial building contractor and owned Julian Construction Company in Wyoming. His wife, Rose Marie (White) Julian, Class of ’42, currently lives in Billings, Mont.


Emory Herrig, attended in the ’30s, Sturgis, died July 12, 2004. He worked as a teacher and education advisor for the Civilian Conservation Corp. For 31 years, he served as the school superintendent for different schools. He also ran the Ranch Store in Kadoka for 17 summers.

The Bea (Lutz) Class of 20 City, passed away Nov. 19, 2004. Grace attended Spearfish Normal College where she played football in the teacher’s program and taught in many one-room school houses. She later went on to graduate from Black Hills Teacher’s College and taught at the Capata and Farmington High schools and at Douglas Elementary School before retiring in 1971. In 1926, she flew with Clyde Ice, the first pilot in the Black Hills.

The The 50s joy, Class of ’50, Sturgis, died Aug. 22, 2004. After graduating from BHTC, Sally Mae taught in several rural Haakon County schools and in Bison, Phillip, and Whitewood. She also worked for Ft. Meade for 17 years before retiring in 2000.

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The The 40s the 30s, Class of ’40s, Rapid City, died Aug. 2, 2004. After graduating from Black Hills Teachers College, she taught at country schools until 1935.

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The 70s Nora (Tydall) Anderson, Class of ’77, Spearfish, died Aug. 3, 2004. After graduating from BH, she taught school for many years in Vale, Sturgis, and Hill City.

Anastasia (Mulcrome) Class of ’81, Rapid City, died Aug. 4, 2004. After receiving her teaching degree, Ruth taught first grade in Sundance for 17 years.

Jeanita (Foster) Likens, Class of ’71, Rapid City, died Nov. 3, 2004. She attended school for many years before retiring in 1994.

Elaine (Knappe) Rispoli, Class of ’76, Spearfish, died July 30, 2004. Janie was a computer science major at SDSU and later worked as a computer programmer for a large software company.

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Jane Gates, Class of ’97, Coldwater, Mich., passed away Aug. 27, 2004. Janie served as a case manager in a correctional treatment program for adjudicated and troubled youth. She was also involved in several volunteer services and served as activities director for the nursing home.


Angie (Sundstrom) Hamilton, Class of ’91, Rapid City, died Oct. 11, 2004. She enjoyed her home, cooking, gardening, camping, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

The 00s Class of ’00s, Rapid City, died Aug. 4, 2004. Paul went on to auto body school and then to BSU where he played football for the Yellow Jackets and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in education. He was a 12-year member of the South Dakota Army National Guard and worked for UPS.

The Pamela Applategate Class of ’90s, Spearfish, died Feb. 17, 2005. She taught high school in Riverside, Calif., and special education at Nevada High School. She was teaching at Belle Fourche Alternative School and pursuing a graduate degree at the time of her death.

Maehn Lockhart Class of ’51, Peculiar, Mo., Jan. 27, 2005. He attended Black Hills State for two years before starting his own carpentry business. He later returned to BHSU and graduated in May 2001. After that he went to work for the U.S. Navy as an inspection consultant on Navy projects.
Tim Bishop won the 13th annual BHSU Alumni Mile, which was held during the recent Dave Little Invitational at the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center. Bishop, a 2003 graduate who currently serves as an assistant coach for the BHSU cross country and track and field teams, finished the race with an impressive time of 4:28.51.

Approximately 30 runners from across the country participated in the race. Prizes were raffled off and a small auction was held to raise dollars for the Alumni Mile Endowment.

Zachary Kintzley, a junior biology major from LaPorte, Colo., and Cassie Knutson, a senior art major from Ft. Collins, Colo., were awarded the annual Alumni Mile scholarships. The Alumni Mile scholarship endowment was started in 1998 in support of both men’s and women’s track and cross country teams. It is designed to bring former BHSU athletes and present BHSU athletes together.

Former basketball players returned to their alma mater this fall to play in the annual Stadium Sports Grill Roundball Reunion. The alumni basketball games raised nearly $1,200 for student-athlete scholarships. Nineteen BHSU alumni players competed against the varsity men’s and women’s basketball teams in the games at the Young Center.

Members of the alumni women’s team were, front row, left to right, Jody VerHey, Melissa Bruns, Amanda Mortensen, Heather Combs, Jon Lunney, Annie Heltzel and Beck Schultz. The women were coached by Myra Hanson and Beth Bentley. Lunney was named the most valuable player and VerHey, Sioux Falls, received the distance award since she traveled the farthest to attend.

Men’s basketball players who returned to BHSU for the annual alumni game were Eric Thompson, Clancy Roberts, Brad Masman, Brand Miller, Brian Sudrala, Mark Gould, and Matt Burgess. Not pictured: Mark Nore. The men’s team was coached by John Heck. Gould received the most valuable player award and Roberts, who traveled from Santa Fe, N.M., received the distance award.

Let us know what you are doing.

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If you, or someone you know is on the list, please let us know where they are so we can update the files.

Alumni News

Alumni athletes meet at BHSU

Alumni Magazine
Skak & Pedersen scholarship set

Mae (Pedersen) and Chester Garrett from Sturgis recently established the Hans Skak Pedersen scholarship in honor of Mae’s parents.

The couple set up the scholarship this fall with a $10,000 gift. The scholarship is now endowed and the earnings will be used to award a $500 scholarship to an upper-level student majoring in education.

According to Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement, preference will be given to students who show a financial hardship and are ambitious.

Mae and her mother, Jda, both earned teaching degrees from Black Hills State University. Mae noted that her mother had discussed creating a scholarship for many years. Mae and Chester decided to establish this scholarship in honor of Jda and to express their dedication and commitment to education.

Mae noted that two of her three children also attended BHSU as well as many other extended family members. (See related article on page 11.)

Giacometto endowment provides scholarships for future teachers

The family of Wilma A. Giacometto recently bequeathed $25,000 to the Black Hills State University Foundation to create an endowed scholarship for students majoring in education.

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Joyce developed an interest in teaching, in large part due to the positive influence of her aunt Wilma. Through the years, Joyce learned that her aunt had established long-lasting relationships with many of her former students who often expressed their gratitude for her guidance. At her funeral, many former students offered condolences and mentioned how Wilma had positively affected their lives more than a half a century earlier.

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Given that Wilma loved living and teaching in small communities, her family has designated that the scholarship be awarded annually to an education student from a small South Dakota community. The Giacometto family previously established a scholarship when Wilma’s husband Joe passed away in 1992. That scholarship is awarded annually to a student from Haakon County in South Dakota.

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Still the job of athletic director, plans include a “larger than life” wall mural of legendary Black Hills State football player Ron Phillips. He expects the project to cost approximately $96,000 and has currently raised nearly $24,000 in support of the project.

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Plans underway for Hall of Fame room

Black Hills State University hogan inducting members into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 1983. Now the university is pursuing a vision to have a Hall of Fame room dedicated to featuring each Hall of Fame inductee.
BHSU students in the news

Student returns from Iraq with increased desire to learn and help

From the fields of Kuwait to the classrooms at Black Hills State University, Tricia Beringer’s focus has remained on dedicating her life to make a difference in the health care field.

Tricia, who is currently a junior at BHSU, recently spent more than a year overseas with her National Guard unit on active duty and has now returned to the Spearfish campus where she is mid-way through the requirements to earn a biology degree with a psychology minor. She then plans to attend medical school and pursue a career as a physician’s assistant.

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The highlight for Tricia was the time spent going into schools to work with children. Tricia noted that there was one girl in particular, a 13-year-old, who inspired her and made her realize how important America’s presence is in Iraq.

“She is so beautiful and intelligent. She speaks English fluently and was helping me learn Arabic. Because of what we (American forces) are doing, she has a lot more potential in her life. I’m sure she is an inspiration to many others around her.”

Tricia, who has had a long time interest in the medical field “because my mother raised me right” and because she sees it as an opportunity to “make a difference in the health care field,” is certain she has made the right choice for her future. She says she was driven to the medical field “because my mother raised me right” and because she sees it as an opportunity to “make a difference in the world.”

“I know this is what I want to do. I think that by being involved in health care and working directly with patients, I’ll be able to make a positive impact on their lives,” Tricia says. “I think my personality combined with my energy level has a lot to offer people who are ill.”

BHSU choir performs on the greatest of all stages

A group of students from Black Hills State University recently returned from a trip to Carnegie Hall “more inspired and motivated.”

Thirty members of the BHSU choir and their director, Steve Parker, BHSU music professor, spent several days in New York City rehearsing with several other choirs before presenting a Sunday evening performance on the greatest of all stages, Carnegie Hall.

This wasn’t the first Carnegie Hall visit for BHSU students and probably won’t be the last. Following a performance there in 1998, the choir was invited back for this performance. After their stellar performance this time, the BHSU choir now has a standing invitation to perform on the Carnegie Hall stage according to Parker.

Parker and another group of music students, which includes some of the same students who just returned from this trip, are currently making plans for a performance tour of Ireland this spring. The BHSU music department has for a performance tour of Ireland this spring. The BHSU music department has

What began as a short story for class has evolved into a full feature film for two Black Hills State University students. Gus Karinen, a senior mass communications major from Spearfish, and Justin Koehler, a Midland native who recently graduated with a degree in mass communications, met as undergrads living in a BHSU residence hall and are now co-directors of an original independent movie.

For more than two years, Gus and Justin have dedicated much of their time to working on the movie, titled 1015 Salem Park, which moved from an essay to a short story, then to a short film, and now to a full-length feature film. The story, as described by Gus and Justin, centers on secrets and features fellow BHSU students as members of the cast and crew.

Justin, who came to BHSU on a basketball scholarship, recently graduated and says he is taking a year, while he continues to work on the movie, to figure out what he wants to do. He originally considered being a sportscaster and is now interested in some type of sports marketing career; however, directing the movie has made him consider other options. “If this [the movie] succeeds then I guess we’ll know what we’re meant to do with our lives,” Gus said.

Gus, who came to BHSU after spending several years working and trying other things, wrote the original short story for a class. Gus, who is also production manager of the campus television station, maintains an ongoing journal of the movie’s progress on a website he created and designed, www.salempark.com. One of his entries in the on-line journal describes the development of the movie.

“It began as a dream. We had no equipment, no funding, no script, no actors, no crew, and no promise. The only thing we had was a vision and a seed of serious determination. Born of a dream, destined by coincidence, carried in faith, inspired by friends, driven by passion.”

The two agree that keeping a balance between their personal lives, obligations, school and work is a real challenge. Because this is a no-budget film that relies heavily on the efforts of volunteers, the cast and crew, Gus and Justin say working around the schedules of everyone has been the most difficult aspect of creating the movie.

Gus and Justin have poured their time and talents into making this movie and looking back they have no regrets about that commitment. They see the movie project as a great learning opportunity even though they don’t expect fame or fortune.

“We hope other students will see this and maybe it will encourage them. We want people to know what students are capable of doing. If anyone involved in the movie gets a break, that will be an accomplishment and make it all worthwhile,” Justin said.

A local release of the movie this spring may change their lives forever.
Tessa Jones, a senior environmental earth science major at BHSU, recently had the opportunity to conduct research findings at an international conference in Pucon, Chile. While there, Jones also climbed to the active summit of a volcano where she observed an active lava lake.

Jones was the only undergraduate student invited to present at an international volcanology meeting. Dr. Steven Anderson, BHSU professor of geology and planetary science, also attended and presented.

“Anderson noted that it’s very unusual for undergraduate students to be doing this type of research and especially to be invited to present at an international conference,” he said.

While attending classes at BHSU, Jones discovered that speech communication and philosophy were the areas that most interested him. Jones is actively involved in the philosophy club and a member of the BHSU speech team. She plans to attend graduate school and teach at the university level. She received that call about a year ago,” Jake said. “It’s not a decision. It’s an inclination that a person might have. It came about. I can’t explain it either.”

Jake Bobby, who has been active with BHSU alumni during 148th commencement ceremonies and is one of 189 people who made the transition from BHSU student to BHSU alumni, recently completed an advanced photography internship with Walt Disney World in Florida. She has agreed to extend her internship next semester to train new interns in a new photography program at the park.
BHSU people in the news

Anderson studies Mt. St. Helens volcano

Dr. Steven Anderson, professor of geology at BHSU, presented recent research on the growth of the new lava dome at Mount St. Helens at a national conference of geophysicists.

Anderson's research on Mount St. Helens was an opportunity for the volcanologist to return to the site which first inspired his interest in volcanoes which led to research projects around the Earth and has now expanded to the study of volcanoes on Mars.


Anderson and his co-author Jon Fink from Arizona State University were able to acquire new lava samples recently and will conduct the isotopic analyses over the next few weeks.

"I visited Mount St. Helens in August of this year with one of my students, Ashley Marske, where we did some field work for a different study, and the volcano was as dead as a deer-knock. I even commented to a colleague that I was surprised because it appeared as though all of the activity associated with the 1980 eruption had ceased, and that another eruption in my lifetime was unlikely," Anderson said.

When the volcano generated some explosions in September, I really couldn't believe it. This eruption has surprised all of us tremendously, and I'm really thrilled to get back to the place where I started my career as a college senior nearly 30 years ago.

Anderson first visited Mount St. Helens as part of a two-month college internship during his senior year at Cornell College. "That experience really was life changing," Anderson said. "For a young man who grew up in northern Wisconsin, an erupting volcano was something I had never even thought I might witness, and to actually stand and work on one that was shaking, steaming and erupting was scary and intriguing at the same time. The feeling was addicting, the work was very physically demanding, and at the same time the problem associated with studying volcanoes really challenged me as a student. Initially I didn't know if there would ever be a job waiting for me at the end of it, but I just cared. Opportunities like that just don't happen to too many people, so I followed what I loved and never regretted it.

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BHSU professor Dr. Steve Anderson recently presented research on volcanic activity at Mount St. Helens. This recent work gave Anderson the opportunity to return to the site that originally inspired his career in volcanic research which has included research at sites around the Earth and has now expanded to research on volcanoes on Mars. Anderson has made an effort to involve BHSU students in ongoing research projects.

Fossil grass named in honor of Gabel

A newly discovered species of fossil grass has been named in honor of Dr. Mark Gabel, retired BHSU professor who now serves as curator of the herbarium on campus.

The fossil grass species Berriochloa gabeli was described in the Jan. 2005 issue of the Journal of Paleontology by Dr. J.R. Thomasson, from Fort Hays State University.

The article stated that Berriochloa gabeli "is named in honor of Dr. Mark Gabel whose studies have emphasized their importance to our knowledge of fossil plants from North and South America. The fossil grass species dates to approximately eight million years before the present, and was found in several sites in Nebraska and Kansas.

Gabel, botanist and paleobotanist, says that he is extremely honored to have a fossil grass named after him.

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BHSU in the news

BHSU creates teacher learning lab at elementary school

Students at BHSU now have a unique learning opportunity to observe an elementary classroom in action without disrupting the class thanks to a new Teacher Learning Center established at West Elementary in Spearfish.

The Teacher Learning Center, which emerged following conversations between West Elementary principal Hank Fridell and BHSU vice president of academic affairs Dean Myers, was established as the result of a two-year $280,000 grant from the South Dakota Department of Education and collaborative efforts from Black Hills Special Services.

“School leaders at Spearfish School District were looking for something similar and Dean Myers, who is also the principal of the Teacher Learning Center, was able to pair that with students here,” Fridell said.

Previously BHSU students have gone into classrooms to observe, but as Fridell noted, visitors cause a disruption in the classroom and change the atmosphere. In addition, sometimes the college students don’t know what to look for as they observe a classroom in session.

Using the Teacher Learning Center, professors have access to a powerful model and can point out specific interactions and methods.

Before the school year began, Fridell met with the parents of the elementary students in these two classrooms to let them know how the classroom is being used and found that nearly all parents were supportive and wanted to be involved.

Hovland says this is a pilot program that could lead to other learning opportunities for BHSU students.

“There’s a lot of possibilities for future use,” Fridell said. “We are beginning to formulate future plans.”

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BHSU leads higher education center in Rapid City

Black Hills State University is taking the lead in developing a higher education center in Rapid City that features collaborative efforts from four state universities.

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Black Hills Summer Institute of the Arts

June 13-25 on the BHSU campus

Public Performances include:

- June 10 - Young Performer Competition
- June 11 - Gala Opening Performance
- June 15 - Master Class
- June 24 - An Evening of Songs and Dance
- June 25 - A Night at the Opera

The final performance of the students and teachers of the Vocal Arts and Opera Theatre School.

For more information call 642-6420 or visit www.bhsu.edu/arts for details.
BHSU athletes and coach recognized

Many BHSU athletes received special recognition for their accomplishments during the fall semester. Honorees include:

**Football**
- Zach Alcorn, a junior from Caldwell, Idaho, first team All-DAC-10
- Zach Kintzley, a sophomore from Laramie, Wyo., second team All-DAC-10

**Men’s basketball**
- Hallard Jackson III, a freshman from Chadron, Neb., offense first team All-DAC-10; Craig Tschetter, a sophomore from Spearfish, first team at-large All-DAC-10

**Women’s basketball**
- Alisa Doolan, a senior from Oakland, Calif., second team All-DAC-10; Brittney Klipfel, a sophomore from Forbes, N.D., third team All-DAC-10; Sarah Johnson is certified PGA and LPGA.

**Cross Country**
- JR Grabinger, a junior from Jamestown, N.D.; Crystal Hostetter, a junior from Thermopolis, Wyo.; Jamie Hahn, Spearfish; and Wesleigh Hardy, Spearfish; placed fifth. According to Scott Walkinshaw, head coach, this was the fifth consecutive year that BHSU earned All-American honors in the 3200 meter relay.

**Volleyball**
- Sara Goeden, a senior from Glendive, Mont., second team All-DAC-10; Brittney Klipfel, a sophomore from Forbes, N.D., third team All-DAC-10; Tanner Tetrault, a freshman from St. Onge, second team at-large All-DAC-10

**Golf**
- Kevin Costner (left) presents the first of several scholarship awards to BHSU students. Crystal Johnson, a junior from San Jose State University, is looking forward to building the BHSU team. We are hoping to get a lot of local students. I think we will have a very competitive team.

**Golf**
- Johnson is certified as a golf professional by both the PGA and LPGA. Before moving to Spearfish three years ago, Johnson served as a golf professional at private clubs in Colorado and Florida. Johnson has a bachelor’s degree from Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and has completed several PGA and LPGA national training programs.

**Costner donates scholarship funds**

At BHSU, Costner compiled a winning percentage of .485 with a 83-91 record. Johnson began golfing while in elementary school and still plays professionally. She recently placed 11th in the Nevada Open. Her professional playing highlights include a top 10 finish in the 2002 Futures Tour Qualifying at Lakeland, Fla., a top 10 finish in the 2001 PGA Women’s Stroke Play Championship in Atlanta, Ga. Johnson is certified as a golf professional by both the PGA and LPGA.

**Men’s BB coach resigns**

For the men’s team, Zach Kintzley, Poudre, Colo., placed seventh in the mile with a time of 3:46.63. Although he missed out on All-American honors by just one place he takes his place as the fourth fastest indoor time in BHSU men’s history.

The BHSU distance medley relay which included Hardy, Surrena Davidson, Sheridan, Wyo., Hahn, and Hostetter, had the ninth best time in the semifinals but missed qualifying for the finals by 1.3 seconds. The men’s distance medley relay team also missed qualifying for the final finishing with the 10th best time in the semifinals. The men’s team consisted of Mike Nekuda, Hot Springs; Ross Reede, Spearfish; John Williams, Spearfish; and Kintzley.

Davidson and Callie Ackerman competed in the 400 meter run with the 11th and 13th best times in the preliminaries. Kristal Keffeler, Faith, finished 11th in the shot put.

**Indoor track and field athletes place at nationals**

Following a successful season, the men’s and women’s track and field teams had 11 athletes compete in seven events at the indoor track and field national tournament. The women’s 3200 meter relay team brought home All-American honors.

The ‘Yellow Jackets’ women’s relay team, consisting of Liz Woodruff, Chamberlain; Crystal Hostetter, Thermopolis, Wyo.; Jamie Hahn, Spearfish, and Wesleigh Hardy, Spearfish, placed fifth. According to Scott Walkinshaw, head coach, this was the fifth consecutive year that BHSU earned All-American honors in the 3200 meter relay.

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Termes is looking forward to a one-man show at Black Hills State University this summer. He is also making plans for a showing of Termespheres at the Renaissance Fair in Canada and a one-man show at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls.

He is currently working on a piece which may be titled, "Out of the Triangles," that plays with tessellating patterns. He explains that tessellating patterns are patterns which fit tightly with themselves with no background space left over.

Looking ahead

Commencement
May 7
50-year class reunion

Old Baldy Golf Classic
June 4-6
Saratoga, Wyo.

Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic
June 25
Spearfish Canyon Country Club

Summer Institute of the Arts
June 13-25
For details see www.bhsu.edu/arts/

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.

Join us for the 15th annual
Yellow Jacket Golf Classic

Featuring a $250,000 shoot-out

Saturday, June 25, 2005
Spearfish Canyon Country Club

For more information call (605) 642-6385 or email SteveMeeker@bhsu.edu.

Phillips contribute
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"Ron came to BH to teach English and journalism, and for many years, he taught all of the journalism classes. One of his greatest accomplishments was that he developed the photography department. He also put out marvelous yearbooks, and the school won many national awards for those yearbooks," said Doris Phillips.

Colleagues and former students praise Ron’s tenure at the university as well. George M. Martin is one of many students Ron Phillips influenced during his two decades at BHSU. To honor the Phillips, Martin donated $5,000 in 1997 to establish two funds within the BHSU Foundation. The money was used to create a journalism scholarship fund and a library fund for journalism materials. Martin later added another $5,000 through an estate gift.

Today, thanks to Doris' consistent and generous giving over the years, these two funds total over $40,000. Her gifts to these funds have placed her in the E.C. Woodburn Giving Society for donors who have achieved lifetime giving between $10,000-$49,999.

Doris enjoyed a 30-year tenure at BH. She worked as a librarian and instructor at the university. After retirement, Doris volunteered to catalogue and file the picture collection in the Leland D. Case Library. In 1999, Doris received the Special Service Award from the BHSU Alumni Association.

Now, through their endowments, the Phillips' contributions will continue at the university.

"Doris and Ron Phillips have left quite a legacy at BHSU," said Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement. "Each of them dedicated decades of service to BHSU and touched countless lives during that time. Through the gifts of George Martin, Doris Phillips and friends, the journalism and library endowments have supported the mission of the university and will continue to do so into perpetuity."

Looking back

Commencement is just around the corner for 2005 graduates. The Class of 1899 is pictured in this photo from the special collections at the E.Y. Berry Library at BHSU. Graduates included Irene D. Pringle, Arloa B. Greenleaf, Katherine "Kate" Hough, Emma T. Wood, Francis "Fannie" Murrin, Jeannie B. White, Evangeline Winyali, Carrie A. Anderson, Marcia Rich, Pearle Gilbert and Gertrude Tutty.
Students visit in the second floor lobby of the Clare and Josef Meier Hall on the campus of Black Hills State University. The building, which houses the music department as well as offices and classrooms for the College of Business, provides an excellent view of the campus green and Lookout Mountain.