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Welcome

One of my favorite duties as president of Black Hills State University is taking the opportunity to show others around our beautiful campus. As winter turns to spring, we are looking forward to the exciting time of commencement when a new group of BHSU students advance into the next stage of their lives and choose their paths, putting their classroom knowledge and experiences to work. The accomplishments and achievements of our students remain a source of great pride.

We at BHSU are excited about recent developments, including a collaboration with South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and the possibility of a national lab project right in our backyard, that have the potential to enhance educational opportunities for our students. Although our focus remains on educating students, BHSU continues to be involved in educational outreach activities, national grant projects and discussions with area business people to improve economic development in the region.

There have been many changes on the BHSU campus. We are very proud of the new state-of-the-art music and academic building, Clare and Josef Meier Hall, which will be put to good use this summer during the annual Summer Institute of the Arts. I hope you have the opportunity to visit our campus to see why we remain so optimistic about BHSU’s role in the future of the state and region.

Dr. Thomas O. Flickema

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BHSU Alumni Magazine

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Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Flickema, shown at the gateway of the stairway (created by a Class of '22 gift) leading to Ida Henton Park, welcome alumni and friends to visit the campus.

Dr. Thomas O. Flickema BHSU President

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A t a time in her life when many of her classmates are thinking about retiring, Mona Chancellor, 65, is actively managing a gas and oil exploration company near Denver, Colo. Mona, who grew up in South Dakota, began college with the goal of becoming a teacher but now has a vastly different career that extends far from the boundaries of her original choices. Mona is currently the operator of an oil and gas exploration company near Denver, Colo.

Mona explains that her late husband was trying to make sure that the leases are all okay. After receiving and reviewing production reports and other documents, the lease progresses and “if all goes well - the ultimate reward for the entire process is the royalties.”

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Mona noted that the oil and gas industry remains a very speculative business. She remembers her husband fondly talking about the romance appeal of the oil company but knows that it takes a lot of work and the ability to handle the risk factor as well.

Mona recalls her late husband being thrust to the forefront of the business and Mona remarks about retiring, Mona says. “If it were up to me, I’d still be in college.” Mona has dedicated her life to learning which has given her the ability to adapt to the many changes throughout her life.

Mona’s love for learning was always her special interest. She took enough history courses that she could also have had a history major. Mona...
Doug McCalla was drawn to pursue a legal profession as a high school freshman after being intrigued by 60s police and law-related television dramas. Beginning then, Doug took deliberate actions in his life that led to a future as an attorney who has made a difference in the lives of many people.

Doug is often in the center of real-life courtroom dramas as a partner with the prestigious Spence Law Firm. He also serves as a faculty member of the Trial Lawyers College teaching other lawyers enhanced communication skills. His first appointment, as a municipal lawyer in Cheyenne, Wyo., was a far cry from the ‘exciting’ dramas that led Doug to his profession.

“We did a lot of municipal cases, misdemeanors, barking dogs, that kind of thing,” Doug remembers. Looking back, he now sees that was a necessary first step on his way to a fulfilling an exciting legal career in which he has achieved an “AV” rating, the highest rating possible through the peer-based, nationally-recognized Martindale Hubbell organization.

“The rating is an honor because it is determined by your peers through an organization that all lawyers look to,” Doug said.

Doug is one of nine partners with Spence, Mortarity and Shockey, LLC, in Jackson, Wyo. He joined the firm in 1982 and has played a major part in its success since then. Gerry Spence, the founding partner of the firm, is nationally known for his appearances on MSNBC, as well as his commentaries on many high profile cases, including the OJ Simpson trial.

The Spence Law Firm, founded 30 years ago, represents people who have experienced serious personal injury, wrongful death of a family member, medical malpractice, unjust criminal charges, or violation of their civil rights. Doug now tries primarily civil cases and feels a great deal of satisfaction from his work because he knows that what he and the others in the firm do makes a difference in the world and in the lives of their clients.

He cites just a few examples (see inset) of cases he has tried that have had a lasting effect and even changed the way future cases will be tried.

Doug personally has appeared at trials in nearly 40 states, as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, and Florida, while the law firm has had cases in all 50 states.

He doesn’t deny that his career is a lot of work and that he works hard at it. “I’ve had to sacrifice in some other areas of my life, but I love it,” Doug said. “I work hard and I enjoy it. There’s nothing wrong with that. I wouldn’t trade my experience being a lawyer for anything. If you love what you do, it’s a wonderful way to make a living. It’s more like play than work to me.”

Doug, who still works long hours and is dedicated to his profession, also worked his way through college at BHSU and then joined the Coast Guard to help finance his law degree.

Doug recalls his undergraduate college years at BHSU as a time of hard work and an essential learning experience both in and out of the classroom. He chose to get a liberal arts education that later served as a great foundation when he entered law school and ultimately for his future.

“My education prepared me, not just for law school, but for life,” Doug said. “My education proved to be the right course for me. I’d advise students today to do the same.”

He encourages pre-law students to take a variety of courses from across the disciplines: “Learn about people, study geography, learn about the world, where we’ve been, get a sense of history, learn about economics, take a drama class. These are all things that will serve you well in whatever you do.”

While attending BHSU, Doug worked many evenings after classes at Bimbos, which was probably Spearfish’s first fast food restaurant.

“I learned a lot there and we had fun,” Doug remembers. “I learned about people.”

Weekends, he returned to his hometown, Gillette, Wyo., where he worked as a supervisor of a survey crew.

The drama of the courtroom still intrigues Doug, and although he found the reality a bit different from the television dramas he remembers, he has built a successful and rewarding career winning civil cases and training other lawyers in the art of communication.

Doug is especially proud of the law firm’s establishment of the Lawyers and Advocates for Wyoming (L.A.W.), a public interest law firm that does free work on a pro bono basis. L.A.W., which was started in 1991, provides quality legal representation in the public’s interest on substantive issues of health, safety, consumer rights, and civil liberties. The service is available to Wyoming citizens who are unable to secure a lawyer due to the nature of the controversy or financial inability.

“We basically take cases that no one else wants. They are typically small cases. All of the partners work with them,” Doug said. “It’s a great thing. We all volunteer our time in a unique model that I don’t think anyone else has.”

Doug notes that the legal profession, as nearly everything else, is driven by economic incentive; however, L.A.W. provides services to people who are unable to pay.

“We take these cases and we’ve successfully recovered for people that otherwise would not have had representation.”

L.A.W. is not-for-profit. It strives to support itself by investing fees earned from cases into the firm and using the money to fund future cases.
By car - take exit 510 from Interstate 90 (approximately 260 miles from Spearfish, South Dakota). Black Hills region of South Dakota, know as an early age that she and the Black Hills region of South Dakota, know as an early age that she and the Black Hills region of South Dakota knew at an early age that she wanted to be an artist.

Colleen is currently working on a tabletop bronze of Spirit Warriors, a 35- by 12-foot metal sculpture, resembling a three Plains Indians on horseback. Colleen has been on site for less than a year and is still working on it. She has been working on the sculpture since the fall of 2017.

Colleen’s work has been on display at various galleries and museums across the United States, including the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. She has also exhibited her work at the National Museum of the American Indian in New York City and the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Colleen said, "I try to keep up with art and the changing art world. I have been working on new projects and new ideas. I have been working with new techniques and new materials. I have been working with new people and new ideas. I have been working with new cultures and new traditions."
W
hen dee Welsch goes to a Denver Broncos football game, she gets up close and personal with some of the biggest names in the NFL. From her location on the sidelines, dee has a view like no other, capturing images of the game through the view finder of her camera. And thanks to her “day job” as a marketing communications graphics coordinator for a major camera manufacturer, dee is always equipped with the best photographic equipment.

After graduating from college, dee briefly worked at the local newspaper in Spearfish, but soon realized it was time to move on. “My time in Spearfish was so positive, but I had to make that leap to expand my horizons,” dee said.

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After graduating from college, dee was a four-year letter winner in volleyball, while taking a full load of classes. She divided her time between academics, traveling with the team and working with the campus newspaper and yearbook. “I cherish the knowledge I gained at Black Hills State,” dee said. “What I learned in my art classes, design classes and especially Ben Dar’s photography classes have made it possible to do what I’m doing now. That background knowledge was key and I can rely on that even as the business continues to change.”

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“My education and my experience with the BHSU newspaper and yearbook staff helped me understand how to put things together and create designs,” dee said. The Terri’reones, Wyo., native feels her educational experience combined with many opportunities for hands-on learning with the campus publications improved her marketability.

“Working with the publications department was a blast,” dee said. “I remember working at the newspaper late at night. I also served as kind of the official photographer for the theatre department. At BHSU, I was able to, because of the small class sizes, get a more well-rounded experience in the whole production of the newspaper and yearbook. I was able to assist in all areas so I understood it from start to finish. I’ve been fortunate and found it very easy to get a good job.”

When she’s not making memorable images of NFL action, dee works in the marketing department for PENTAX. She is an in-house designer, coordinates photo shoots, designs logos and works on literature, packaging and tradeshow graphics.

“I have a great job at PENTAX,” dee said. “They provide the tools I need to be successful and give me the opportunity to utilize my skills. Whenever new gear comes out, I get to try it out.”

She now shoots exclusively with PENTAX digital products. dee notes that the switch to digital from traditional film cameras was daunting at first but now she relies on the advantages of the digital platform.

“I’ve found I have more control by manipulating images, cropping and retouching,” dee said. “I like that I have instant review of the images on each play.”

Now she shoots the game, views the images, deletes those she doesn’t like and after editing the photos on a laptop, forwards the images directly to the NFL. As a freelance photographer for the NFL, her photographs are put into their stock library for future use.

The next time you’re watching a Denver Broncos game, check the sidelines for dee, who most likely will be there capturing the action through the view finder of the latest digital camera.
The 50s

Family affair - eight of nine siblings choose BHSU

Eight of the nine Johnson siblings attended BHSU, and nearly all of them went on to have long, successful careers in education. Their parents homesteaded near Gregory and the land is still in the family. Their father had the equivalent of an eighth grade education, four years in Sweden and four years here. Their mother only completed fifth grade before going to work to help support her family and siblings in the early 1900s. Although she didn’t have a formal education, Martha was a lifetime believer in the importance of education and hard work and encouraged all of her children to continue their education.

The group will meet at the Holiday Inn Friday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Events on Saturday include a breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Young Center, followed by commencement at 10:30 a.m. and lunch at the 7 Grill Club Room in Spearfish at 12:45 p.m. If you, or someone you know, has not received a registration letter, please contact the Alumni office at 605-642-6446 or email TerriWells@bhsu.edu.
Thanksgiving day surprise

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second Lt. Allen Godsell poses with National Security Council Senior Advisor Condoleezza Rice during a surprise visit to Iraq by President George W. Bush and several of his top aides. Godsell, Class of '01, was among the 600 soldiers serving in Iraq that President Bush randomly surprised with the special thank you. Godsell, who served as an infantryman while attending BHSU, is a platoon leader with South Dakota's 512th Forward Support Battalion.

When President Bush first came out, I didn’t believe he was going to do it. I mean the President is the President, Jodie Godsell said. According to Godsell, the President spoke to the group, paid a point to shake every soldier’s hand and thank them for their efforts.

The Spirit of the Hills Wildlife Sanctuary near Spearfish. Ed and encourages interested people to contact the sanctuary at 642-2907.

The guides customize the tours to the age range of the group and discuss a variety of topics including biology, conservation and feeding the animals, giving tours, habitat creation and other aspects of animal care.

Habitat creation is just finishing a psychology degree and he plans to go to graduate school this fall to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology. He is currently the education director for the sanctuary in South Dakota with a Doctor of Medicine degree and the Outstanding Physician Award. He is currently continuing his education at the University of South Dakota in Sioux Falls in the psychiatry program.

Tom Morrow. The zoo takes great care of the animals, giving them housing, habitat construction, landscaping, writing, graphic art and caring for the animals. I have the opportunity to be with the animals 100 percent of the time, Morrow said.

I have received a Bush Leadership Fellowship in 2003-04, and was recently hired as a real estate loan officer for Great Western Bank.

Robert Dowling. He is currently the chair of the Pre-law Department.

Jennifer (Leber) McAmis, Class of ‘93, social science, Spearfish, and her husband, Steve, were awarded the National Guard Engineering Company. He said the visit inspired national Guard to attend dental school at the University of Nebraska and Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

Christopher Davidson. 100, biology, chemistry, health, and history.

Tama Hermsdall, Class of ‘92, accounting, Gillette, Wyo., became a partner with the CPA firm Shuck, Bennett & Weber in July 2003.

Jonna (Wheelan) Lorenz, Class of ‘97, biology and chemistry, Sturgis, received a Bush Leadership Fellowship in 2003 and is currently pursuing her doctorate in education technology at Pepperdine University. She also serves on the Rapid City Arts Council Board of Directors.

Davidson, Class of ‘97, biology, psychology, graduated in 2003 from the University of South Dakota with a Doctor of Medicine degree and the Outstanding Physician Award. He is currently continuing his education at the University of South Dakota in Sioux Falls in the psychiatry program.

Monica Money. Denny, Class of ‘97, biology, chemistry, health, and history.

Tabor College. The center was built for the animals. We have created a natural environment for the animals. The key is to provide a variety of activities that stimulate the animals, he said.

Shawn Madison, Class of ‘92, biology, Mohrbridge, was recently named South Dakota’s National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Officer of the Year for his extensive work toward turkey management in the central South Dakota.

Jodie (Dowling) Mathieson, Class of ‘94, biology, and Class of ‘90, master’s in curriculum and instruction, Sturgis, received a Bush Leadership Fellowship in 2003 and is currently pursuing her doctorate in education technology at Pepperdine University. She also serves on the Rapid City Arts Council Board of Directors.

Ken Mertens, Class of ‘92, social science, Lead, began work as a police officer with the Rapid City Police Department in August 2003.

Lori Neuhauer, Class of ‘98, speech, Spearfish, is employed as an instructional specialist for the Education Technology.
Michael Odle, Class of '97, tourism, is a team leader for Visitations, Inc. in Watertown. They have a two-year-old daughter named Sydney Grace.

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Gene Slouka, Class of '97, accounting, is currently a technology officer for Great Western Bank and Samantha (Rieckman) Slouka, Class of '97, tourism, is a team leader for Visitations, Inc. in Watertown. They have a two-year-old daughter named Sydney Grace.

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Engagements, Marriages & Births

Tara Conlan, Class of '03, instrumental music, Gillette, Wyo., plans to marry Brian Dudley Dec. 20, 2003.


Tara Hicks, Class of '03, elementary education, and Craig Knapp, Class of '03, technology drafting, both of Spearfish, were married July 11, 2003. They currently reside in Colorado.

Jodi Hill, Class of '03, mass communications, was married to Matthew Blake Oct. 25, 2003.

Dennis Hotchkiss, Class of '00, entrepreneurial studies, and Vicki Wood were married Aug. 15, 2003. He is employed as a commercial loan officer at American National Bank in Buffalo, Wyo.

Jana Kuchenbecker, Class of '02, elementary education, and Chris Kenzy, Class of '99, technology, were married Aug. 24, 2003. They are employed in construction and own Blue Space Property Management.

Adam Lawson, Class of '03, music, Rapid City, married Katie Horn Aug. 16, 2003. He is a contemporary worship leader at First United Methodist Church and a piano and guitar instructor at Haggerty’s Music Works.

Kate McKillop, Class of '05, elementary education, married Dusty Evanson July 4, 2003. She works in special education for the Mankato, Minn., area public schools, where she cooperates with the Bible study group of the Mankato, Minn., First United Methodist Church.


Valerie Preston, Class of '05, technology education, and Brian Baker, Class of '05, technology IT drafting, both of Spearfish, were married June 21, 2003. They both work for Pierce Pacific Manufacturing in Portland, Ore.

Sara Bettem, Class of '02 and '00, elementary education and outdoor education, married Matt Nehl, Class of '02, biology, Spearfish, April 9, 2003. Matt teaches science and agriculture and Sara teaches art and Spanish at the University of Nebraska.

Susan Ricci, Class of '00, general studies, married Roy Fox Aug. 16, 2003. She is the project director for the Kidney program at Diabetes Organization.

Laura Thomas, Class of '03, psychology, Rapid City, married Michael Benson Feb. 8, 2003.

Carisa Uhlig, Class of '03, elementary education, Fairbanks, is engaged to marry Matt Naase Aug. 7, 2004. She is a first grade teacher in the Bosemont/Fairfax School District.

Jeff Williamson, Class of '02, mass communications, married Kristen Auer Dec. 27, 2003.

Births

The 50s

Kathy (Geis) Alini, Class of '92, business, Scottsdale, Ariz., and her husband, Michael, announced the birth of their daughter, Ally, June 20, 2003. They live in Crestline, Ca., and are expecting another daughter.

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The 60s

Lisa (Reynolds) Bommeneng, Class of '90, business, Thermopolis, Wyo., and her husband, Travis, announced the birth of their daughter, McKenna Jean, born July 20, 2003.


Kelly (Gaddis) Rhoderick, Class of '98, communications, Independence, Ky., and her husband, Kyle, announced the birth of a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, Nov. 26, 2003. Kelly is a stay-at-home mom and Kyle works for Garmin.

Lorrie (Scheible) Schofield, Class of '97, music, and her husband, Rick, announced the birth of Danyelle Sky Schofield, born June 22, 2003.

The 80s

The 90s

Vivian (Pettis) Herbal, Class of '84, business, Whitewood, and her husband, Travis, announced the birth of their son, RyLee Dennis, born Dec. 21, 2003.

Ryan Fischer, Class of '06, elementary education, and Becky (Gerz) Fischer, Class of '97, elementary education, Spearfish, announced the birth of their son, Sam, July 20, 2003.

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Clarence Weisgar died Sept. 3, 2003. He had Black Hills Teachers College in the late ’30s/early ’40s before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942.

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The 10s

The 20s

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Show your Yellow Jacket pride and help deserving students through the BHSU Foundation. Order your official Black Hills State University license plate today or by calling 605-673-5000. A $25 start-up fee and an annual licensing payment of $10, both payable to the BHSU Foundation.

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Obituaries


Pheal Waring of Belle Fourche died Oct. 18, 2003. She earned a nursing degree from BH in 1968 and taught special education in the Belle Fourche school district.


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Cheers!

Many former cheerleaders and dance team members gathered for their first-ever reunion this fall. The cheerleaders honored Louise Smock, longtime faculty member and advisor, during the Swarm Day game with a contribution to a scholarship in her name. Pictured are: Barb (Doyle) Croell, Class of ’81; Kandy (Laramore) Sanders, Class of ’78, Gillette, Wyo.; Linda (Morris) McKay, Class of ’66, Belle Fourche; Louise Smock; xxx, xxxx; and Kathleen (Bertam) Nicholas, Class of ’83.

Alumni gather in Rapid City

Alumni and friends met for a pre-game gathering in Rapid City, prior to the BH-Tech basketball game. Those attending were, back row left to right, Terry Matson, Jennifer Miller, Steve Meeker, John Miller, Bob Knapp, Bill Dunbar, Jerone Wickersham, Jennifer Renner, Justin Wickersham, Myrie Hanson, Gary Larson, Pete Cappa, Sandy Matern and Ron Schoenthal; middle row left to right, Sheila Knapp, Ruth Herron, Jane Dunbar, Teri Royer, J. Jeffer Albers, Terry Bell, J. Josh Sand and Coral Sand; front row, left to right, Mike Larson, Clyde Millsagie, Wayne Mundt, Roger Tellinghuisen, Carol Tellinghuisen, Patti Mundt, Terry Matson and Mickee Ranick.

Annual roundball game and reunion

Former men’s and women’s basketball players returned to BHSU this fall to take part in the second annual Stadium Sports Grill Roundball Reunion. More than 20 BHSU alumni players competed against the varsity men’s and women’s basketball teams in the games at the Young Center. Brian Sudrala received the award for most valuable player for the men’s and Curt Engelhardt was named most valuable player for the women. Bob Dermer, from Mosa, Ariz., and Janel VanDyke, from Logan, Utah, received plaques for traveling the farthest to attend the gathering.

Regents reinstate a revised child of alumni program

Ever wish your child could experience the exceptional learning and unique recreational opportunities and quality of life that you remember during your time at Black Hills State University?

The Children of Alumni Program, recently revised and reinstated by the South Dakota Board of Regents, gives alumni of South Dakota state universities the opportunity to send their children to their alma mater at a reduced out-of-state resident rate, even if their career has taken them out of the region.

The child of alumni undergraduate tuition rate is 150 percent of the resident rate, significantly lower than the full non-resident tuition rate, which is currently 318 percent of the resident rate.

The S.D. Board of Regents see this as an opportunity to encourage children of alumni to return to BHSU to get their education.

Kelly McGoldrick, a sophomore who grew up in Arizona, is following in her father’s footsteps, pursuing an education degree at BHSU because she knew that her parents treasured their time at the university. Her father, Tom McGoldrick, served as residence hall supervisor and played on the soccer team when he attended in the 80s.

“T’ve always wanted to be a teacher and I knew I wanted to go to BHSU,” Kelly said. “I was here with my parents when I was three and knew I wanted to come back. I know BHSU has a great reputation for educating teachers so this was an obvious choice for me.”

Kelly is a member of the Student Ambassadors and has served as a student caller for the academic phon-a-thon.

Kelly McGoldrick looks through a yearbook from the 80s that includes a photograph of her father playing soccer. Graph of her father playing soccer. Graph of her father playing soccer. Kelly McGoldrick looks through a yearbook from the 80s that includes a photograph of her father playing soccer. Kelly McGoldrick looks through a yearbook from the 80s that includes a photograph of her father playing soccer. Kelly McGoldrick looks through a yearbook from the 80s that includes a photograph of her father playing soccer.
Bergland runs the race of his life

Dan Bergland wasn’t the first runner in the Alumni Mile to cross the finish line, but for him the victory was sweeter than most.

Dan, Class of 1989, was among 30 alumni who returned to their alma mater for the annual Alumni Mile. For Dan it was more than a run; it was a milestone, in fact, in an ongoing saga from a serious car accident that left him near death just nine months before.

Dan is a survivor. He proved that when he was a student at BHSU. As a college student, he battled cancer, overcame the disease and went on to compete in cross country and earn a bachelor’s degree in biology. He later earned a master’s degree from SDSU, and, in 1992, began teaching high school science.

After teaching at a few different schools, Bergland settled in at Vermillion High School and thought his life was set, but in May of 2003 he was involved in a car accident that would once again force him to fight for his life. After being found on the side of the road in serious condition, Dan was flown to a hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, where he spent the next two days and a half weeks in a drug-induced coma to help him recover from broken ribs and head and brain injuries. He was later transferred to Sioux Falls where he was flown to a local hospital.

After returning home to Beresford, Dan made three trips a week to Sioux Falls for rehabilitation. He once again relied on his attitude “to cope with it and move on” as he worked to recover. “It was time to go on to the next step,” Dan said. He decided to make the Alumni Mile, something he participated in many times before, an internal goal for him as part of his recovery process.

In January 2004 retired BHSU track and cross country coach Dave Little watched with pride as Dan crossed the finish line. Little, who visited Dan several times in the hospital, was grateful that Dan was able to take part in the event and counted it as a major victory.

Dan was also grateful to be a participant and found that for this race, winning wasn’t the objective; running and finishing was. “You needed a calendar to clock my time, I was so slow,” Dan joked. But his victory in reaching another milestone in his recovery, as he proved once again that he is a survivor, was more important than any record time.

The music goes on with a scholarship

Darleen Young, a former business instructor at Black Hills State University, knows how important music has been, and continues to be, for her entire family so she has established a scholarship to encourage future students to make music a significant part of their lives.

Darleen, whose late husband Don was a professor and coach at BHSU for many years, knows that music has had a positive influence on her children and now serves musical ability in her grandchildren as well.

“Music is such a great experience and my children have been able to use that musical experience throughout their lives,” Darleen said. “I wanted to do something to support the wonderful music program here at Black Hills State.”

The interest from the fully funded scholarship will be used to award a music scholarship to a student who is interested in piano.

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Two recent BHSU alumni, Pamela and Priscilla Romkema both studied piano at BHSU and have served as accompanists for many individuals and groups and as organists at various churches.

Priscilla, who is now a business professor at BHSU, majored in instrumental music. While a student at BHSU, Priscilla was in the orchestra and was Dr. Jansen Larsen’s first piano student. Larsen, who is now chair of the fine arts department, joined the BHSU faculty during Priscilla’s senior year.

Pamela, who lives and teaches in Rapid City, participated in band and choir at BHSU and Augustana and performed in several musicals. She serves as an accompanist for the Rapid City Children’s Chorus.

Sons Peter and Paul have also been active in musical activities. Paul, who is the fitness director at BHSU, was a member of the wind ensemble at BHSU when he was a student and currently performs frequently with a local group and as a soloist.

“I wanted to do something for the music department here at BHSU,” Darleen said.

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Each school year brings new students into the fold and each one may choose to make music an important part of their lives.

The Young siblings, Pamela, Priscilla, Paul and Peter, began their musical journey early years employed by the civil service, Jacobsen retired to Rapid City, where he lived until his death in 2001 at the age of 71.

Nick Hortol, longtime friend who met Jacobsen while they worked together at BHSU, said Jacobsen chose the university as his beneficiary in remembrance of his enjoyable learning experiences and the good times he had while attending the university. Jacobsen especially enjoyed science, algebra and tax law classes.

Jacobsen’s gift is an endowed scholarship that will be awarded every year.
Music faculty, alumni and friends of BHSU have taken a lead in support of the recital hall chair campaign to raise scholarship dollars for music students. With the $300 “purchase” of a chair, a brass plate, engraved with a name or message, will be permanently affixed to a recital hall chair in the new Clare and Josef Meier Hall.

According to Steve Meier, vice president for institutional advancement, all proceeds will benefit the music scholarship fund.

“Encourage alumni, friends of the university and supporters of the arts to participate in the next stage of BHSU’s music history by making a gift to name a seat in the recital hall,” Meier said.

Meier Hall, a long-awaited music and academic building which opened this fall, provides state-of-the-art music facilities in addition to the 278-seat recital hall.

“I think this is a wonderful way to show our support for the music department,” Dr. Jannen Larsen, music professor and chair of the department of fine and applied arts, said.

Dr. Randy Royer, music faculty member, added that he sees the chair campaign as an excellent way to honor people who are supporters of the arts. Royer, and his wife Teri, each purchased a chair and also purchased one in honor of his parents, who were music teachers for many years in the eastern part of the state.

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John is following the legacy of his father and grandfather, both attorneys who were born and raised in the Black Hills.

John relates the story of his grandfather, an attorney in Boston, Mass., who was part of the witness protection program after being threatened. His grandfather later traveled to South Dakota to take care of the Black Hills home. He and his family were able to relocate to the Black Hills area where he raised his family. John’s father, who is now state’s attorney in Lawrence County, graduated from BHSU in 1972 and earned a law degree. He has been the chief prosecutor for Lawrence County since 1992.

Before that, he was Butte County’s prosecutor from 1983 to 1995. John and his father have much in common, including the fact that they both earned a law degree at BHSU.

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Erica Littlewolf and Andrea Farr were merely acquaintances during their high school years at Colstrip, Mont. Since then their shared experiences, as students on the campus of Black Hills State University and as volunteers across the country and even overseas, have brought them even closer than they ever imagined.

Erica and Andrea, who are now roommates, have dedicated their college careers to learning and volunteering. Both women are members of the campus Habitat for Humanity Club and spent spring break last year building houses in Oklahoma City. The two traveled with a missionary group on a recent summer trip to Africa and joined the cast of Disney’s movie *Hidalgo* as extras when it was filmed in South Dakota.

The students, who will both graduate this May, also work as information specialists at the BHSU Student Union and are active members of several student groups including Lakota Omniciye, the University Programming Team, Campus Ventures, Bachus and Gamma and have served as leaders for new student days. Both girls grew up in southeast Montana and are members of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Tribe. They enjoy hiking, hiking and hiking in the northern Black Hills and in Africa.

The BHSU seniors also share another unique experience. Both Erica and Andrea were selected to serve as homecoming queen at BHSU, a title that neither sought, but now consider an honor and a privilege.

Last year, when Erica, who describes herself as an anti-conformist, was chosen as Swarm Day queen, she at first resisted, due to what she considered a negative stigma sometimes associated with homecoming royalty. However, after thinking it over, she decided that serving as homecoming queen was a way for her to present a positive Native American role.

“Before I made up my mind to do it, I had a feeling that I was supposed to,” Erica said. “I had a feeling that I was supposed to do it not just for myself, but for everyone else and the Native American students.

Erica noticed many similarities between the African tribal culture and her own culture and said the experience makes her more appreciative of her life.

“I felt like we had a lot in common, especially, I think, the fact that it’s so important and cousins grow up more like brothers and sisters,” Erica said. “The people were so happy although they seemed to have so little. It gives me a whole new perspective and makes me appreciate the things I have.

The African adventure wasn’t the first traveling mission for the two students. During spring break last year, Erica and Andrea took part in a successful and enlightening trip to South Africa as part of a mission group. The three-week trip, their first-ever overseas experience, was an eye-opener for both girls.

“When the opportunity presented itself, I knew I wanted to go,” Erica said. She noted that the experience has increased her interest in traveling and she is looking forward to future expeditions.

Andrea, who has had an interest in Africa ever since she was a child, was excited to visit the far-away place although her extended family, especially her grandparents, expressed concerns for her safety.

After an 18-hour flight, they arrived in South Africa and visited many areas including Bulawayo, Zimbabwe and Johannesburg. They also had the opportunity to go on a couple safaris and visit with a tribal village, which was a highlight for the BHSU seniors.

“They [the tribal village residents] were so happy to see us,” Erica said. The girls laughed as they recalled their visit to the tribal village and noted that “they even slaughtered a goat for us!”

Erica said. “I met a lot of wonderful people and participated in many activities.”

This summer the two eagerly accepted an opportunity to travel to Africa as part of a mission group. The three-week trip, their first-ever overseas experience, was an eye-opener for both girls.

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Erica Littlewolf

- Will graduate in May with a degree in music.
- Received the Williams and Ree Scholarships for two years.
- Performs with the theatre department, the concert choir, the concert band and the Black Hills Gold Singers and is now making plans for her senior recital.
- Would like to attend graduate school to study ethnomusicology.

Andrea Farr

- Will graduate in May with degrees in psychology and American Indian studies and plans to attend graduate school.
- Received the Watts Scholarship, the Whirlwind Horse Scholarship and academic achievement scholarships.
- Developing and planning the first ever Youth Day in conjunction with the annual BHSU wacipi.
- Wants to dedicate her life to working with adolescents.
BHSU in the news
BHSU and Tech announce plans for collaboration

Black Hills State University and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, the two state-supported higher educational institutions in western south Dakota, have announced plans to increase their level of collaboration and coordinate all higher educational offerings in the region.

The presidents of the two universities made the announcement at a press conference in January after months of study concerning potential efficiencies, a west river needs assessment and coordination of services by officials from both universities and the South Dakota Board of Regents. The two universities will form a West River Consortium to oversee all regional higher education course offerings in the west river region of the state.

The plan also calls for the establishment of a “one-stop” center which will provide a convenient location to increase access for all regional residents.

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“This is an exciting and important step,” BHSU President Dr. Thomas Flickema and S.D. Tech President Dr. Charles Ruch said. “We believe this plan will help us meet the higher education needs of West River and make sure universities are helping make West River an even better place to live.

“Some of these strategies will be visible and some will not,” Flickema and Ruch said. “Either way, they all will help higher education reach its full potential in helping people reach their goals and in helping create economic opportunities in South Dakota.”

BHSU to host summer arts institute

The annual Black Hills Summer Music Festival, which was held June 11-26 on the BHSU campus, is a continuation of his research in the area of Native American verbal art.

In this monograph, published through Dog Mountain Press of Taos, N.M., Theisz addresses oral performance, cultural contexts, and an analysis of formal elements of traditional Lakota oral song. The book is a continuation of his research in the area of Native American verbal art.

The family experienced a completely different culture in Kagoshima, which is in the southern-most part of Japan. One of the largest Japanese cities, Kagoshima, has a population of 600,000. The children enjoyed themselves beyond their expectations.

“The Japanese children, their parents and their teachers were all excited to have the opportunity to provide a really good visit with American kids.”

“It is very difficult to list all of the things that we enjoyed about our trip,” Lamb said. “These are four months we will never forget.”

Lamb joined the BHSU faculty in 1995. He has published a number of books in internationally recognized journals and has a published book chapter on the use of technology in Japanese education: “This is an exciting and important step,” Flickema said.

The state, through the efforts of Gov. Mike Rounds, who has been working to improve collaboration in South Dakota, called for the establishment of a “one-stop” center which will provide a convenient location to increase access for all regional residents.

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BHSU people in the news

Lamb conducts neurobiology research in Japanese lab

Dr. Charles Lamb, associate professor of psychology at BHSU, spent the fall 2003 semester in Kagoshima, Japan, where he conducted on-going research concerning how fish detect chemicals in the water.

Lamb worked with Professor S and Kiyohara at Kagoshima University on the research to study brain pathways in several species of Japanese fish that are specialized for tasting chemicals. Lamb said he chose this location for his study because Kiyohara has a lab dedicated to this type of research.

“Japan is currently developing ways to get BHSU students involved in the international research project.”

Lamb, who first studied in Japan 17 years ago, noted that the internet has reduced the feeling of isolation that was so prevalent then. Even from 5,000 miles away, Lamb remained active at BHSU through email correspondence with faculty students.

Lamb and his wife, Judy, a certified elementary school teacher, have three children.

Wolff book published

Dr. David Wolff, assistant history professor at BHSU, recently authored a book detailing events that shaped the Western coal industry.

The book, “Industrializing the Rockies: Growth, Competition, and Turmoil in the Coalfields of Colorado and Wyoming, 1864-1914,” is a part of the Mining the American West Series published by the University Press of Colorado.

In the book, Wolff places two defining moments of Western coal history, the 1885 and 1890 mass shootings at Little Big Horn and the 1914 mass shootings in the coal mine. Wolff also provides a general overview of the role of coal mining in the American West.

The book is a continuation of his research in the area of Native American verbal art.

Theisz authors book about Lakota song

Dr. Ronnie Theisz, English professor and chair of the Department of Humanities at BHSU, has just published a book entitled “Sharing the Gift of Lakota Song.”

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Theisz was also recently awarded the Lifetime Service in the Humanities Award, presented annually by the South Dakota Humanities Council.
The Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources will provide research opportunities to equipment and training. This project is under the direction of BHSU faculty members Shane Surver, associate professor, Cynthia Anderson, research associate; David Siemens, assistant professor; and David Bergmann, assistant professor. Over the past four years the department of science at BHSU has equipped a molecular genetics laboratory that supports research in conservation genetics, molecular systematics, molecular ecology and basic genetic research involving DNA sequencing and DNA fingerprinting technology. The new ecological genomics laboratory is an important addition to the existing molecular genetics laboratory and the Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources.

The center was designated as the core facility for DNA sequencing and DNA fingerprinting for the state of South Dakota.

According to Dr. Dan Arrington, vice president for academic affairs, the center will provide opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and collaboration and provide students with unique access to equipment and training.

BHSU students, Brandon Jorden, a biology major from Ashland, Ky.; Jennifer Jansen, a biology major from Belle Fourche; Dr. Cynthia Anderson, who is a BHSU research assistant; and Bob Mcintosh, a biology major from Moorcroft, Wyo.; check out some of the new equipment purchased with a $118,000 National Science Foundation grant.

Youth Day and 10K run scheduled in conjunction with annual wacipi

The 22nd annual Lakota Omicmi Wacipi, one of the largest powwows in the region, will be held April 17 and 18 on the campus of Black Hills State University. The first-ever Youth Day and the annual Kevin Whirlwind Horse Run will be held in conjunction with the powwow.

Youth Day, hosted by the BHSU Center for Indian Studies, will provide a day of learning for regional high school students. Youth Day is Friday, April 16.

The Kevin Whirlwind Horse Run is held every year in memory of a former BHSU student who was killed in an automobile accident. The run begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17.

Grand entries for the two-day powwow are scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. For more information contact the Center for Indian Studies at BHSU at 642-6878.

Thailand officials visit BHSU

His Excellency Sakthip Krairiksh, Thailand ambassador to the U.S., addresses a group of Black Hills State University students. As the son of Thai-U.S. relations, he discussed the increased economic and tourism ties. The ambassador also met with Dr. Thomas Flickema, BHSU president, and Flickema, BHSU president. The ambassador and Flickema met with Black Hills students, faculty and business leaders at Black Hills State University. The first-ever Youth Day and the annual Kevin Whirlwind Horse Run will be held in conjunction with the powwow.

Computer science students were engaged in a 10-month program that is a fast track to teaching certification. The student spent the first nine months teaching at the elementary level before completing a final year, with a content teaching major, to take a fast track to teacher certification and ultimately a teaching career.

According to Karen Mortimer, project coordinator, the College of Education at BHSU developed this program to strengthen and expand teacher preparation training while responding to the need for teachers and supporting educational reform in the K-16 environment.

Majors with the highest enrollments

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Program will encourage teacher certification

A unique working and learning agreement between Black Hills State University and the Rapid City School District will provide prospective BHSU students an accelerated route to teacher education certification. She said the alternate teacher certification program is the only one of its kind in the state.

Accoring to Mortimer, the partnership between the Rapid City schools will be mutually beneficial in addressing educational goals related to high quality education and professional growth, Mortimer said it is one of those kinds of partnerships that just doesn’t exist.

Applications are currently being accepted and the program is scheduled to begin in August. For more information contact Mortimer at 642-6851 or by email at <KarenMortimer@bhsu.edu>.
Meeker named athletic director

Two BHSU graduates, Steve Meeker and Jhett Albers, will lead the athletic department. Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement at the university. “Steve brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and strong fundraising abilities to the position at a time when those skills are crucial,” BHSU president Thomas Flickema said.

Meeker is looking forward to continuing his work in development as he takes on the athletic director position.

“My focus for the overall fundraising efforts for the university won’t change,” Meeker said. “It’s important to maintain our fundraising efforts for the entire campus and I’m dedicated to doing that.”

Albers will continue to serve as head volleyball coach in addition to serving as assistant athletic director.

Cross country teams place at nationals

The men’s and women’s cross country teams at BHSU both finished in the top eight at the national NAIA cross country meet. The men’s team finished second, losing out to DAC-10 foe Minot State, while the women’s team placed eighth in the nation.

Four BHSU runners had the honor of being named All-American this season. Dennis Newell, a senior wellness management major from Billings, Mont., who finished third with a time of 24:40.7, received All-American status for the fourth year. Others who earned the All-American designation were Dan Van Engen, a freshman business administration major from Orange City, Iowa; Kristi Knudsen, a junior wellness management major from Kenai, Alaska; and Crystal Hostetter, a sophomore pre-med major from Thermopolis, Wyo.

Coach Scott Walkinshaw, who was named DAC-10 coach of the year, was pleased with the team this year.

“It’s been a privilege to coach these kids,” Walkinshaw said. “They’re special to be around. This is a group that was willing to make a commitment and work as hard as they could.”

Walkinshaw noted that both the men’s and women’s cross country teams have finished in the top nine for the last three years and he was glad they once again finished that high.

The cross country teams advanced to the national meet after winning the DAC-10 and Region III meets.

Football team sees turnaround

The Yellow Jacket football team, under first-year coach John Scott, surpassed expectations this fall, as they achieved their first winning season in nearly a decade.

Scott noted that the Jacket offense ranked in the top half of the league in all offensive categories as they ended the year with a five and four record and a fourth-place finish in the DAC-10 Conference.

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Volleyball team reaches final four

The BHSU volleyball team had its best DAC-10 finish this year. After a slow start, the Yellow Jackets finished with an 8-5 DAC-10 record and fourth place in the DAC-10 conference. The team went on to qualify for their first-ever appearance in the Final Four NAIA Region III Tournament.

“We had a rough start at 2-8,” commented fifth-year head coach Jhett Albers, “but we started gelling the fourth week of the season and put together a 13-5 run during a seven-week stretch. That was the momentum heading into the final two weeks of the season and playoffs.”

The fourth overall finish in the DAC-10 qualified the team for a home playoff match-up versus number five seed Jamestown College. Following a loss to Jamestown, the BHSU volleyball team was down, but not out, as their 8-5 conference record and 16-13 overall record ranked them fifth in the NAIA Region III and qualified them for a berth in the post-season playoffs.

After losing the first game 25-30, the Lady Jackets won game two by the narrowest of margins, 31-29, and kept rolling through the next two games, 26-30 and 30-22. The Lady Yellow Jackets never looked back in taking their game to a higher level and moving on to qualify for the Final Four of the NAIA Region III Tournament.

As the fourth seed in the final four tournament the BHSU Lady Yellow Jackets now prepared for the toughest challenge as they were seeded against the number one team in the nation and defending NAIA National Champion, National American University of Rapid City, coached by BHSU alumni Todd Lowrey, Class of ’00. The games were close, 26-30, 23-30, 27-30, but the power and experience of NAU prevailed.

The 2003 Lady Yellow Jackets had an outstanding season with a strong finish, earning them their best conference finish in four seasons, an overall record and four record and a fourth-place finish in the DAC-10 Conference.

Senior Jen Shelton helped lead the volleyball team to a record season and an opportunity to play in the Region III playoffs.

Walkinshaw named coach of the year

Coach Scott Walkinshaw was named DAC-10 and Region III coach of the year following another outstanding season. Walkinshaw was also named NAIA cross country coach of the year by the South Dakota cross country and track coaches association.

Since he joined the BHSU coaching staff in 1998, Walkinshaw has been named conference coach of the year seven times in cross country - four men’s and three women’s coaching honors. He was also named college coach of the year by the South Dakota Sportswriters Association in 2001 and South Dakota cross country coach of the year in 1999.

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Quarterback Josh Gerik hands off the ball to Clayton Bryan.

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Looking ahead

Alumni and friends gathering in Rapid City
April 11, 55-77 pp.m.
Murphy Bar and Restaurant in Rapid City
Hosted by BHSU Alumni Association and BHSU art professors: Dick DuBois, Class of ’64, and Jim Knutson, Class of ’72.

Lakota Omniciyew Wacipi
April 17-18
Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center
A special Youth Day is also being planned for Friday, April 16
Kevin Whirlwind Horse Run, April 17 at 10 a.m.
Powwow grand entry, April 17 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., April 18 at 1 p.m.

50-year Club Reunion
May 7 & 8
Class of 1954 gathering held during commencement weekend

Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic and Auction
July 110
Spearfish Canyon Country Club
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.

Changing housing
Times have changed since this housing arrangement. BHSU alumni who attended in the 40s and 50s remember Vetsville, a college-owned and operated trailer park, built in 1946 to provide cheap housing for married veterans after World War II. The college purchased 15 trailer homes which were set up where the Student Union now stands. The trailers were rented for about $20 a month. Members of the Class of ’54, and others who attended during that time frame, are encouraged to attend an alumni gathering during commencement.

Update alumni news

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The welcome addition of a new music and academic building, Clare and Josef Meier Hall, has changed the layout of campus and created a new enlarged campus green area.
Living in the Black Hills has many advantages. BHSU's location, in the heart of the Northern Hills, provides variety of recreational opportunities for students including this popular hiking trail at nearby Mt. Roosevelt.