Tera Linafelter finds the perfect balance

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15,475 copies were printed at a cost of 52.9 cents each.
Tera (Gerk) Linafelter, Class of ’97, says her job as Global Product Manager for Women’s Apparel at New Balance is the perfect combination of her science knowledge, her passion to live an active outdoor lifestyle, and her extensive retail experience. Tera oversees and helps develop a global apparel collection that represents 80 percent of all New Balance apparel, the largest privately held athletic wear company in the world.

Tera, who came to BHSU from a small town in the northeast corner of Colorado, says BHSU gave her the best of both worlds – an opportunity to compete as a walk-on in track and the chance to work closely with faculty mentors on research while earning her biology degree. Repeated injuries, which unfortunately ended her running career early, heightened her interest in human anatomy and physical therapy.

One of the first students at BHSU to graduate with a research minor, Tera worked with Dr. Dan Durben, associate professor in the College of Arts and Sciences, on a research project that focused on the training methods of the Olympic rifle shooting team. She says meeting the athletes and seeing their dedication was inspirational but it was their extreme attention to detail and commitment to considering different perspectives that proved to have a lasting effect on her life and her career.

“The research with the Olympic rifle team taught me the importance of details,” Tera says. “I learned that paying attention to the smallest of details makes a huge difference in the big picture.”

Tera says one of the most satisfying parts of her job is starting with an idea for a product in her mind, putting that idea on paper, and then watching that evolve from a two-dimensional design to the actual garment that is sold across the globe.

“It’s an amazing feeling to watch our marketing teams, sales reps, and buyers grab a hold of my ideas and embrace them,” Tera says. As she develops apparel collections, Tera always considers the three Fs: fit, fashion, and function.

Women’s athletic apparel has changed dramatically in the last decade. For many years, the industry used a limited approach that Tera refers to as “shrink it and pink it” in reference to the practice of modifying men’s designs slightly in size and color to develop a women’s line.

In addition to the running, tennis, yoga, and fitness collections, Tera is enthusiastic about emerging developments. A new collection this year, known as Eco-Run, is a “green” collection that is made from recycled items including soda bottles.

Tera, her husband Wade, who is originally from Spearfish and attended BHSU, and their nine-year-old daughter, Peyton, now live in Holliston, Mass., where they continue to live the outdoor life they learned to love in the Black Hills. They take frequent outings to ski, kayak, snowshoe, and participate in motocross events. While enjoying these outdoor activities, Tera relies on her acute practice of observing details to take note of clothing choices and how well that apparel works.

It’s Tera’s continuous attention to details, her constant commitment to remaining active in recreational and competitive activities, and her visionary outlook that ensures Tera’s career in the apparel industry remains in balance and will continue to evolve.
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The 40s
Carl "Stan" Gustafson, Class of '45, Rawlins, Wyo., wrote, The Caluma, about an alien from a different cosmic dimension who was born to an earth mother prior to the arrival of the 20th Century. Carl's pen name is Channing S. Gray.

Jim Quinn, Attended, was inducted posthumously into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. Jim was a coach, administrator, and a chronicler of sports history. He began coaching as a student at BH in 1940 and went on to teach and serve as superintendent at several schools in western South Dakota. He taught for nearly three decades in Rapid City and earned a lasting reputation for his efforts promoting South Dakota sports. He was the first president of the Yellow Jacket Foundation, which was formed to support BHSU athletics.

The 50s
James "Jim" Emery, Attended, Custer, won the coveted Dreamer Award from the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation board of directors.

The 60s
Gary Andersen, Class of '68, Spearfish, was recognized for over 20 years of service to the Spearfish Lions Club.

Walford "Wally" Eklund, Class of '68, Gregory, was presented with the annual South Dakota Trial Lawyers Association Trial Lawyer of the Year Award. Wally has practiced law in Gregory since 1971.


BHSU musicians gather for summer reunion in the Black Hills

Last summer, BHSU hosted an All-Choral Reunion which included a picnic on campus and a performance at the Spearfish Arts Center 32nd Annual Festival in the Park. Pictured are (bottom row, left to right) Lori Miller, Class of '89, Spearfish; Jonathan Nero, BHSU choral director, Spearfish; Steve Parker, former BHSU choral director, Spearfish; Jamie Williams, BHSU student, Gillette, Wyo.; Carol (Isaacs) Pratt, Class of '54, Faith; Kathleen (Wilson) Knudson, Class of '73, Hettinger, N.D.; Judy (Prosper) De Nio, Class of '73, Columbus, Neb.; Karyl (Ketelsen) Meyer, Class of '75, Gillette, Wyo.; Karen (Tarter) Wagner, Class of '92, Ipswich; Kristina Young, BHSU student, Lead; Laurie Albrecht, Class of '96, Lead; Kathy (Buchanan) Daum, Class of '69, Spearfish; and Janet (Engel) Lake, Class of '96, Sundance, Wyo.; (row two, left to right) Josephine (Prior) Hartmann, Class of '65, Sturgis; Susan Kostenbauer, Class of '85, Sundance, Wyo.; Ruth (Jepson) Wickstrom, Class of '65, Spearfish; Pam Wegner, BHSU professor, Spearfish; Tara Warren, BHSU student, Burke; Marsha (Martin) Berreth, Class of '73, Pierre; Ellen Plocek, Class of '73, Spearfish; Darlene Swartz, former BHSU faculty, Spearfish; Peggy (Welch) Howard, Class of '73, Sundance, Wyo.; Rose (Conzemius) Grode, Class of '74, Bristol; (row three, left to right) Ashton Vandenhoek, BHSU student, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Hilda Locke, Spearfish; Jeana Dodge, Class of '84, Parker, Colo.; Cheryl (Junek) Vopat, Class of '81, Wrenshall, Minn.; Amanda Reed, BHSU student, Powell, Wyo.; Crystal Brakke, Class of '82, Presho; Nikki Miller, Class of '94, Spearfish; Crystal (Kostenbauer) Clark, Class of '88, Elk Mountain, Wyo.; Kenda (Ritthaler) Ford, Class of '87, Gillette, Wyo.; Jill (Anderson) Carpenter, Class of '81, Green River, Wyo.; Barb (Doyle) Croell, Class of '81, Sundance, Wyo.; Bonnie (Opstedahl) Selin, Class of '75, Princeton, Minn.; Kay Sherer-Smith, Class of '81, Maplewood, Minn.; (row four, left to right) Dale Selin, Princeton, Minn.; John Daum, Class of '69, Spearfish; Jesse Erickson, BHSU student, Spearfish; Steve Vopat, Class of '82, Wrenshall, Minn.; Everett Follette, Class of '55, Spearfish; Scott Bohall, Attended, Glendale, Ariz.; Mike Foley, Class of '67, Wausau, Wis.; Roy Viken, Class of '67, Boise, Idaho; John Trohkimoinen, Class of '51, Sheridan, Wyo.; Tom Wheaton, Class of '87, Spearfish; Richard Hicks, former BHSU faculty, Spearfish; Doug De Nio, Class of '73, Columbus, Neb.; Chrisann Mateer, Attended, Belle Fourche; Delton Hanson, Class of '87, Palmyra, Va.
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Clarence “Sandy” Huffman, Class of ’61, Warden, Wash., retired after 15 years at Warden School District. Sandy earned the 2009 Excellence Award for Outstanding Teacher; this is the second time he has received this honor.

Margie (Preszler) LaDue, Class of ’68, Sturgis, retired in 2004 after 33 years of teaching. After retirement, Margie wrote and published the children’s book Crawl into the Night – the story of Hugh Glass.

David Moore, Class of ’68, Rapid City, was one of 10 South Dakotans to teach carpentry skills as part of Habitat for Humanity’s goodwill home building excursion. The volunteers helped build 42 homes for the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project in Vietnam.

Linda (Kaitfors) Stephens, Class of ’66, Buffalo, and her husband, Wally, celebrated 30 years as editors of the Nation Center News. The couple also owned and operated the newspaper for 20 years.

Richard “Dick” Termes, Class of ’64, Spearfish, had one of his Termespheres, “The Big Bang,” chosen for the cover of the reprinted French edition of Steven Hawking’s best-seller A Brief History in Time.

Terry Wanless, Class of ’69, Sacramento, Calif., was named Under Armour West Region Athletic Director of the Year (football championship subdivision). Terry is the director of Athletics at Sacramento State.

The 70s

Mike Berg, Class of ’72, Grand Forks, N.D., was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Mike has coached football for 35 years.

David Broadie, Class of ’76, Rapid City, retired after 33 successful years as head coach of the Douglas High School football team.

Bruce “Toby” Day, Class of ’73, Chandler, Ariz., has been hired as Arizona Market President for the Arizona Business Bank. Toby has more than three decades of experience in the Phoenix banking community.

Glenn Freeburg, Class of ’77, Guernsey, Wyo., was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Glenn has coached seven different sports throughout his career. He is currently the athletic director and head coach for volleyball, girl’s basketball, and boy’s and girl’s track through his career. He is currently the athletic director and head coach for volleyball, girl’s basketball, and boy’s and girl’s track.

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Duane “Spike” Millsigle, Class of ’73, Duluth, Minn., was promoted to professor at the University of Minnesota, Duluth campus. Duane teaches and conducts research in the exercise science department, specializing in motor control and learning.


Judy Whirlwind Horse, Class of ’77, Eagle Butte, attended, Spearfish, have teamed up to publish Bear Butte, Sentinel of the Plains. The book features full-color photographs of Bear Butte and the wildlife that lives there along with a history of the Sentinel of the Plains.

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The 80s

Carla “C.B.” Alexander, Class of ’84, Fort Meade, received her master’s degree and was appointed as the health systems specialist/staff assistant to the associate director of the VA Black Hills Health Care System.

Donald Beahm, Class of ’80, Ridge, N.Y., received the Spring 2009 PRIDE Award from Dowling College for his hard work and dedication. Donald is an associate professor of political science.

Allen Benoist, Class of ’84, Eagle Butte, was honored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) as the Assistant Coach of the Year. Allen is a physical education teacher at Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Upper Elementary School.

Kirk Bertsch, Class of ’85, Spearfish, was inducted into the Farmers Insurance “Topper Club” for his outstanding sales.

Scott Bohall, Attended, Glendale, Ariz., was recognized by National Jeweler Magazine as one of America’s Best Jewelers. Scott owns Treasures Jewelers.

Chris Eastman, Class of ’85, Henderson, Nev., was honored by Golf Digest as one of the “Best Teachers” in Nevada.

Gogie (Julius) Enstad, Class of ’86, Rapid City, was honored for her volunteer efforts by the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce.

Floyds host holiday hot rod reception

Joe and Elaine Floyd, Harrisburg, hosted a holiday reception that featured nearly 20 of their pre-war Ford and Mercury models and cars from the 50s and 60s. Shown here is a woody wagon that was just finished. BHSU President Kay Schellenkamp and Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement, were among those who attended to view the fleet of cars. Elaine is an alumna and former employee of BHSU.
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during the 21st annual “Wind Beneath Our Wings” outstanding performance luncheon.

Lorraine (Eisenbraun) Fauske, Class of ’80, Wall, retired after 35 years of teaching in the Wall School District. Lorraine spent the last 28 years teaching kindergarten.

Ronald Fried, Class of ’80, Kodiak, Alaska, received the 2007 National Distinguished Principals Award for the state of Alaska.

Rosa (Vetter) Herman, Class of ’88, Rapid City, became the Western Division Coordinator for South Dakota Parent Connection, which provides services and support to parents with children who have disabilities.

Kim Morey, Class of ’81, Rapid City, recently completed his doctorate of education.

Deanne (Catron) Mulvehill, Class of ’85, Rapid City, was honored for 20 years of service to the Douglas School District in Box Elder, where she is a physical education teacher.

Jim Poitra, Class of ’86, Belle Fourche, was honored by the Belle Fourche school board for eight years of service in education.

Craig Rink, Class of ’84, Miles City, Mont., was named men’s and women’s golf coach at Miles Community College.

Rodger Slott, Attended, Rapid City, published Carved High, a pictorial essay on Mt. Rushmore. He incorporates his photos, as well as historic photos, and quotes by Gutzon Borglum and others who worked on the mountain.

Craig Strain, Class of ’83, Fort Worth, Texas, was voted Best Handyman by local businesses and residents. He owns and operates a remodeling and handyman business.

Cindy (Koopman) Viergets, Class of ’86, Beulah, Wyo., is a senior surveyor for the South Dakota Department of Health. She is a registered sanitarian for the program and was voted Surveyor of the Year in 2006.

Les Voorhis, Attended, Spearfish, was one of 20 photographers selected to participate in the Images for Conservation Fund’s 2010 Pro-Tour of Nature Photography.

The 90s

This fall BHSU hosted the 35th KBHU Radio Anniversary Reunion in conjunction with Swarm Day festivities. Reunion attendees are (front row, left to right) Scott Clarke, KBHU advisor, Spearfish; Art Prosper, BHSU professor emeritus and former KBHU advisor, Spearfish; David Diamond, BHSU professor emeritus and former KBHU Advisor, Spearfish; Cody Oliver, Class of ’06, Spearfish; and Steve Babbitt, BHSU professor of photography who has served as a KBHU advisor, Spearfish; (second row, left to right) Krista Casey, Attended, Rapid City; James Williams, Class of ’03, Spearfish; Carl Christensen, Class of ’83, Northglenn, Colo.; Jennifer (Walker) Crawford, Class of ’03, Rapid City; Rick Dail, Class of ’86, Rapid City; Gary Johnson, Class of ’78, Fort Pierre; Anya Olverson, Class of ’02, Rapid City; Carly (Divan) Buckman, Class of ’02, Spearfish; Corey Reimer, BHSU student, Sturgis; Sara (Schafer) Hornick, Class of ’07, Rapid City; and Cal Crooks, KBHU chief operator, Spearfish; (third row, left to right) Steve Spiess, BHSU student, Rapid City; Steve Meeker, Class of ’84, Spearfish; Colin Heupel, Class of ’85, Arvada, Colo.; David Thum, Class of ’86, Vermillion; Jim Kallas, Attended, Belle Fourche; Angela (Petersen) Raber, Class of ’03, Belle Fourche; Frannie (Wagner) White, Class of ’99, Rapid City; Jennifer (Pope) Renner, Class of ’00, Summerset; Renee (Sullivan) Raisanen, Class of ’07, Rapid City; and Tom Wheaton, Class of ’87, Spearfish.
Teacher of the Year and received $1,000 worth of school supplies. Keri teaches special education for Goins Elementary.

Sallie (Hullinger) Cuny, Class of ‘99, Piedmont, is sales manager for the Best Western Ramkota in Rapid City.

Cami (Schad) Dohman, Class of ‘90, Spearfish, was hired as a secretary in the College of Arts & Sciences at BHSU.

Michael Trump, Class of ‘90, Spearfish, wrote Raids of Deadwood’s Bad Lands: Its Illegal History of Prostitution and Gambling.

Michael is a lawyer with Trump Law Office.

Kevin White, Class of ‘99, Sioux Falls, received his master’s degree in post-secondary and adult education and is now pursuing a doctorate in leadership in higher education.

Craig Whitlock, Attended, was inducted into the 2009 Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 00s

Lindsey Altman, Class of ‘04, Minneapolis, Minn., earned her master’s degree in educational psychology and is currently a school psychologist in the Minneapolis Public School District.

Amy Beshara, Class of ‘09, Pierre, was hired as a HIV Prevention Education Coordinator/Youth Risk Behavior Survey Coordinator with the South Department of Education.

Rayna Bergin, Class of ‘07, Rapid City, was hired as senior secretary for Educational Outreach at BHSU.

Katie Brotherton, Class of ‘09, Gordon, Neb., teaches sixth grade at Wolf Creek Elementary in the Shannon County School District.

Sarah (Suiter) Bunney, Class of ‘02, Spearfish, owns Greenthread, a recycled clothing store for juniors and young women.

Shawnda (Dukat) Carmichael, Class of ‘02, Bison, was hired as a secondary science teacher at Bison High School.

Karri Dieken, Class of ‘07, Pullman, Wash., is pursuing a master’s degree at Washington State University.

Shanna (Monahan) Dschak, Class of ‘00, Spearfish, was hired as a reading and extended day kindergarten teacher at Whitewood Elementary School.

Megan Fitzgerald, Class of ‘06, Saint Ongen, graduated from law school. As a student she was awarded the John F. Hagemann Public Service Award and the William F. Day, Jr., Pro Bono Award.

Blake Gardner, Class of ‘05, Hill City, was one of eight boy’s basketball coaches to be named Coach of the Year by the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association.

Adam Grein, Class of ‘00, was promoted to Major in the U.S. Army.

Max Greuel, Class of ‘09, will travel to Belize as a project manager with Utility Partners of America, a company that manages energy and water utilization.

Lacey Haughian, Class of ‘08, is playing professional basketball with the SISU team in Denmark. This is her second season in professional basketball.

Michael Hollinger, Class of ‘08, Staunton, Va., is pursuing a Master of Letters/Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature in Performance.

David Ireland, Class of ‘06, Hermosa, was a company that manages energy and water utilization.

Keri (Schad) Dohman, Class of ‘99, Spearfish, was hired as assistant athletic director of BHSU.

Michael Trump, Class of ‘02, Spearfish, was hired as the Jade Temple South Dakota High School Coach of the Year by the marketing at BHSU.

Patrick “Pat” McClemans, Engineering Department.

Don is an education specialist with the Department of Rehabilitation of People with Disabilities. Don is currently pursuing a doctorate in Professional Psychology.

Shaw is on his way to being the World’s Strongest Man...ever

Brian Shaw, Class of ‘02, earned the 2009 World Strongman Super Series title and finished in the top 10 of the 2009 World’s Strongest Man competition.

Brian, who’s been called a gentle giant, played basketball at BHSU and earned a degree in wellness management. It was nearly a year after graduating when he began entering strong man competitions and only seven months after that when he joined the professional ranks.

At 6 feet 8 inches and 390 pounds, Brian has to eat around 10,000 calories a day to maintain body mass. Much of that is complex carbs and lean protein, not pizza and junk food. On a typical day he eats two or three pounds of meat, a dozen eggs, a pound of whole wheat pasta or rice, a few peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, two or three yams or potatoes, five protein shakes, and a gallon of milk.

Brian’s favorite event in the strongman competition is the truck pull. He routinely pulls 30-ton fire engines in the parking lot of his hometown, Fort Lupton, Colo. Brian is excited about his career as a strongman and hopes one day to be known as the World’s Strongest Man...ever.

Marcus is director of Center for American Indian Studies

Urla (Charette) Marcus, Class of ‘99 and ‘07, was named director of the Center for American Indian Studies at BHSU.

The Center actively supports two student organizations: Lakota Omniciyi, and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). Lakota Omniciyi promotes fellowship among Indian and non-Indian students, and organizes a Cultural Awareness Week and Wacipi (powwow) every spring.

Urla is pursuing a doctorate in adult and higher education. She earned a master’s and bachelor’s degree from BHSU and has taught American Indian Studies courses at the University. She is an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Nation, Lame Deer, Mont.

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honored by President Barack Obama as one of the recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. He also received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. David is a sixth-grade teacher at South Middle School in Rapid City.

Kathy (Madzo) Keffeler, Class of ’04, Rapid City, participated in the prestigious Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program. The program explores the pedagogy of teaching English in China. Kathy is a Spanish teacher for Douglas High School in Box Elder.

Kelly Kirk, Class of ’08, Bozeman, Mont., is pursuing a master’s degree in Western American History at Montana State University.

Haley Lux, Class of ’09, Spearfish, accepted a human resources position at Green Tree Financial Services in Rapid City.

Robert “Rob” Mansheim, Class of ’04, Gillette, Wyo., received his master’s degree in communication arts, advertising, and public relations. Rob is a marketing specialist for Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Theresa Mutter, Class of ’06, Washington, D.C., was recently named assistant director of Alumni Relations and Class Programs for the Office of Advancement at Georgetown University. Theresa also became the University of Southern California’s development chair for the USC Alumni Club of the Nation’s Capitol.

Michael “Mike” Odle, Class of ’02, Billings, Mont., was named one of the “15 to Watch” for 2009 by PR News. This program honors 15 budding public relations leaders and creative practitioners who are under age 30. Mike is the regional public affairs chief for the Bureau of Reclamation and Public Affairs for the Air National Guard.

Abby (Monnens) Olson, Class of ’06, Whitewood, was hired as a senior accountant for Wharf Resources in the Northern Hills.

Jenny Phillipe, Attended, Rapid City, was hired as the director of Youth Ministry at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Rapid City.

Erin Power, Class of ’06, Bismarck, N.D., graduated from AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (AmeriCorps NCCC) Pacific Region, wrapping up 10 months of nationwide community service.

Jamie Richey, Class of ’09, Spearfish, is the sales and marketing director for the Best Western Black Hills Lodge.

Kathryn (Katie) Severns, Class of ’08, Rapid City, was hired as the director of music at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City. She was also elected as the assistant director for recruitment for the Rapid City chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

Heather Smith, Class of ’08, Belle Fourche, is serving a year with AmeriCorps VISTA in Phoenix, Ariz.; assisting with marketing and communications for the Arizona Grantmakers Forum.

Amber Tweedy, Class of ’08, Bigfork, Mont., was hired by the Valley Chiropractic Center in Kalispell, Mont. She is responsible for the business’s finances and setting up patient care plans.

Several BHSU alumni have joined the Lead-Deadwood School District for the 2009-10 school year: Ken (Juso) Brown, Class of ’01, teaches pre-school; Oliver Burgoyne, Class of ’03, teaches visual arts; Nita (Stevens) Jardee, Class of ’08, is a pre-school paraprofessional; Tom Paulsen, Class of ’01, teaches fifth grade; Blake Proefrock, Class of ’09, teaches social science, government, American history, and Constitutional law; Breon Schroeder, Class of ’09, teaches health, lifetime sports, and weight lifting.

BHSU alumni who have joined the Spearfish School District for 2009-10 school year include: Jennifer Linn, Class of ’04, teaches eighth grade; Samantha Bartels, Class of ’09, teaches special education; and Jessica Mathern-Netzer, Class of ’09, teaches third grade.

Several BHSU alumni were recognized by the Rapid City Public School Foundation as a Teacher of Distinction: Cher (Walker) Daniel, Class of ’94, teaches K-2 at Rapid Valley Elementary School; Sharyl (Walla) Glader, Class of ’72, teaches K-5 at Valley View Elementary School; Kelly (Galbraith) Gorman, Class of ’97, teaches K-5 at Horace Mann Elementary School; Mary (Coyle) Mahoney, Class of ’89, teaches ninth and 11th grade at Rapid City Central High School; Laura (Givens) Harrison, Class of ’90, teaches sixth through eighth grade at North Middle School; David Ireland, Class of ’06, teaches sixth grade at South Middle School; Vera (Schofield) O’Grady, Class of ’71, teaches eighth grade at Dakota Middle School; Amanda (Simonson) Price, Class of ’07, teaches fourth grade at Grandview Elementary School; Travis Swartz, Class of ’06, teaches fifth grade at South Canyon; and Nancy (Gaffin) Ward, Class of ’71, teaches K-5 at General Beadle Elementary School. Each year, the Rapid City Public School Foundation invites every school in the district to select a Teacher of Distinction.

What have you been up to?

Did you finally get that promotion, have a baby, win an award or retire? Send your news items and updates to the Alumni Office so we can keep your file up-to-date. Include your graduation year, current address, phone number, email address, and spouse’s name. Is your spouse a BHSU graduate? Send us those updates too!

Check out the lost alumni list at www.BHSU.edu/Alumni. If you or someone you know is on the list, please send us current information.

Send your submissions to BHSU Alumni Magazine, 1200 University, Unit 9506, Spearfish, SD 57799-9506; email them to Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu; or call Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Relations, at 605-642-6385.
Engagements & Marriages

The 90s

Della (Authier), Class of ‘97, married Mike Childress, Dec. 28, 2008. Della is the activities/athletic director for Lee-Davis High School. The couple lives in Hanover, Va.

Jacquelyn Bierer, Class of ‘97, married Jeffrey Cunningham Oct. 16, 2009. Jacquelyn is a puppeteer at Walt Disney World. The couple lives in Haines City, Fla.


Danielle Green, Class of ‘99, married Edward Osolod Aug. 29, 2009. Danielle is employed by the Black Hills Pioneer.

The 00s


Steve Afa, Class of ‘03, married Koby Greff, Attended, June 27, 2009. Steve is a mortgage broker with Keystone Mortgage. The couple lives in Sioux Falls.

Christa (Authier), Class of ‘04, married Grant Crawford July 25, 2009. Christa is a second-grade teacher at Liberty School in Mesa, Ariz. The couple lives in Chandler, Ariz.

Beth Azevedo, Class of ‘01, married Nicholas Oaks Sept. 18, 2009. Beth is the director of Admissions at BHSU. The couple lives in Spearfish.

Karla Jo Benson, Class of ‘01, married Ryan Parisien Sept. 19, 2009. Karla is a kindergarten teacher.

Lauren Beyersdorf, Class of ‘04, married Derek Dahl in August 2009. Lauren works for Premier BankCard.

Alanna Case, Class of ‘07, married Chris Seljeskog Oct. 9, 2009. Alanna is an auditor with Casey Peterson & Associates in Rapid City.


Lacey Cole, Class of ‘07, married Justin Weiss Sept. 12, 2009. Lacey is the adult athletic clothing manager at Scheels in Rapid City.

Nicole Dana, Class of ‘02, married Bart Samuelson Sept. 4, 2009. Nicole practices dentistry in Spearfish and Rapid City at Dana Dental Arts.


Mary Kate Guilfoyle, Class of ‘04, and Todd Bareman are engaged to be married in the summer of 2010. Mary Kate is employed on the North Slope in Alaska.

Tessa Hatzenbuhler, Class of ‘03, will marry Jason LaHaie July 24, 2010. Tessa is employed by the state of South Dakota as a juvenile corrections agent.

Casey Hibbert, Class of ‘09, and LeeAnn Kostur, Attended were married Aug. 26, 2009. Casey works for Meadow Brook Theatre, Michigan’s largest non-profit professional theatre, as the scene shop intern. LeeAnn works at Donna Sacs Leather Outlet.

Cady McDonald, Class of ‘07, will marry Forrest “Frosty” Paris, Attending, May 15, 2010. Cady is employed by Black Hills Power. Frosty is pursuing a history education major at BHSU and is employed as a football and track coach at Sturgis High School and a wrestling coach at South Middle School in Sturgis.


Travis Miller, Class of ‘00, married Sage Robinson July 14, 2009. Travis is an eighth-grade science teacher at North Middle School in Rapid City. He is also the JV boy’s basketball coach at Rapid City Central High School and the head cross-country and track coach at North Middle School in Sturgis.

BHSU business graduates named to prestigious boards

Gary Pechota, Class of ’71, was elected to the board of directors of TXI Industries, a construction materials firm with $900 million in revenues headquartered in Dallas, Texas. He was part of a dissident shareholder slate of candidates nominated by Shamrock Holdings. Gary received his business degree from BHSU and his MBA from Stanford University. He is also on the board of directors for Black Hills Corp and Insteel Industries.

John Johnson, Class of ’70, was elected to the Twin Cities United Way board of directors.

John is president and chief executive officer of CHS Inc., a national energy, grains, and foods company. He currently serves on the boards of Ventura Foods, LLC; CF Industries, Inc.; and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives. John is also an active member of United Way serving on the Campaign Cabinet and receiving the United Way CEO of the Year Award for his contributions to the 2008 campaign.

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Susan Ricci, Class of '04, married Joel Deering Nov. 21, 2009. Susan is a freelance grant writer and the director of a diabetes prevention program for Native Americans.


Anita Simmons, Class of '04, will marry Brandon Silver April 25, 2010. Anita works at First Interstate Bank in Rapid City.

Deidre Slusser, Class of '08, married Jesse Ross Sept. 5, 2009. Deidre is a program budget analyst for the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Jordan Stapp, Class of '09, married Blake Proefrock, Class of '09, July 11, 2009. Blake is a high school teacher and coach at Lead High School. The couple lives in Sturgis.

Jill Sutter, Class of '01, married Jason Leonard Aug. 28, 2009. Jill is a staff accountant at JA Erikson & Company. The couple lives in Belle Fourche.


Ashley Willis, Class of '06, married Brady Hoffer in August 2007. Ashley is employed at The Golden Buffalo Fine Jewelry. The couple lives in Riverton, Wyo.

Nicole Woolridge, Class of '08, married Gerald Ott June 13, 2009. Nicole is the executive assistant for the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce. The couple lives in Rapid City.

BHSU volleyball alumni gather during Swarm Week 2009

Black Hills State University hosted a Volleyball Reunion in conjunction with the 2009 Swarm Day festivities. Reunion participants attended and were introduced during the BHSU volleyball game. Reunion attendees pictured are (front row, left to right) Jan (Gardner) Deuter, Class of ’76, Ree Heights; Kay Wilke, former coach, Jackson, Tenn.; E. Lea Totton, former coach, Rockford, Wash.; and Karyl (Ketelsen) Meyer, Class of ‘75, Gillette, Wyo.; (middle row, left to right) Barb (Althaus) Fischer, Class of ’80, Black Hawk; Linda Griffin, Class of ‘76, Holyoke, Mass.; Babs (Johnson) Greff, Class of ’75, Rapid City; Callie Ackerman, Class of ’06, Spearfish; Sandy (Doody) Arseneault, Class of ’84, Custer; Dee Welsch, Class of ’82, Golden, Colo.; and Dawn (Taylor) Schwindt, Class of ’81, Gillette, Wyo.; (back row, left to right) Courtney Berry, Class of ‘01, Spearfish; Cindy (Simmons) Knecht, Class of ’00, Martin; Barb (Mechaley) Wicks, Class of ’76, Rapid City; Sarah Lervick, Class of ’06, Gillette, Wyo.; Mindi Mayer, Class of ’08, Mitchell; Kathy (Porch) Jobgen, Attended, Scenic; Alyssa (Boeding) Blaszczyk, Class of ’08, Rapid City; Kathleen (Packard) Engle, Class of ’80, Newcastle, Wyo.; Cindy (Schutt) Painter, Class of ’80, Buffalo.
Births

The 80s

G. Wayne Byrd, Class of ‘89, and wife, Ranata, Peyton, Colo., welcomed their sixth child, a baby boy, Kian Ryley, July 1, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20.6 inches long. Wayne is a professional bass fisherman, seminar speaker, and outdoors writer.

David Finnegan, Class of ‘97, and Rebecca (Butler), Hanover, N.H., had a baby girl, Maeva Aileen, Aug. 6, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches long. David is a research physical scientist at the U.S. Army Cold Regions Research & Engineering Lab in Hanover. He studies glacier and climate related activities across Alaska, Greenland, and Iceland.

Christina (Houghton), Class of ‘97, and Shawn Marta, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Spencer Emery, Jan. 30, 2009. Spencer was 20 inches long. Christy joins sister Vivian (6) and brother Jensen (2). Christina is a stay-at-home mom and assists with bookkeeping for Shawn’s business.

Rose (Jagim), Class of ’98, and Paul Ruhlhand, St. Paul, Minn., had a baby boy, Keller Ryan, Oct. 30, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Rose is a high school language arts teacher in the Twin Cities area.

Maj. Tony Patterson, Class of ’98, and Abigayle (Ross), Vicenza, Italy, had a baby girl, Hannah Marie, July 9, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19.75 inches long. Tony is an optometrist stationed at Caserma Ederle (Camp Ederle) in Vicenza, Italy.

Angela “Annie” (Rossoow), Class of ’96, and Mark Heltzel, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Marlee Ann, June 27, 2009. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. Annie is a third-grade teacher at East Elementary School in Spearfish.

Patricia “Trish” (Schaefer), Class of ’93, and Brian Montgomery, Houston, Texas, had a baby girl, Hannah Ruth, Jan. 12, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20 inches long. Trish is co-owner of a marketing and design boutique business.

Lori (Schuh), Class of ’98, and Todd Stverak, Class of ’93, Harrisburg, had a boy, Weston Robert, Dec. 6, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. Lori is a fourth-grade teacher in the Sioux Falls School District. Todd works for Jones Caulking and Tuckpointing in Sioux Falls.

Sara (Stilwell), Class of ’95, and James “Nick” Gottlob, Class of ’00, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Tanner James, Sept. 30, 2009. Tanner weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. He joins big sister Emma (3). Sara is a nurse practitioner at Queen City Regional Medical Clinic, and Nick is the principal at Lead-Deadwood High School.

The 90s

Erin (Carr), Class of ’03, and Brian Baldwin, Broomfield, Colo., had a baby boy, Noah Jeffrey Allan, July 8, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 inches long. Erin is a pharmaceutical representative for Lilly USA, LLC.

Monique Dana, Attended, and Thane Tetraul, Spearfish, had a baby girl, TyLee Marie, May 28, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. Monique practices dentistry at Dana Dental Arts in Spearfish and Rapid City.

Brenna (Douglas), Class of ’96, and Brian Meyer, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Brooks Valentine, Nov. 30, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. He joins brothers Breckin (7), Bridger (5), and Brason (3). Brenna is an actress, director, and tap musical theater teacher. She is also part owner of Meyer Landscaping.

Trisha “Trish” (Grablander), Class of ’04, and Casey Mears, Mooresville, N.C., had a baby girl, Samantha Mae, Oct. 7, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20.75 inches long.

Robert “Bob” Holm, Class of ’05, and his wife, Meagan, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Owen Daniel, June 4, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. Bob is a technology education teacher at West Middle School in Rapid City.

Danielle (Casados), Class of ’08, and Richard Kaumo, Class of ’06, Pinedale, Wy., had a baby boy, Antone Joseph, June 29, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 inches long. Richard is a sheriff’s deputy in Pinedale, Wyo.

The 00s

Maj. Gen. Raymond W. Carpenter, Class of ’75, is the acting director of the Army National Guard – its highest leadership position. He was appointed last spring at the Pentagon by General Craig R. McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau. As acting director, Raymond oversees the manning, training, equipping, and readiness of over 364,000 Army National Guard soldiers in 54 states and territories.

Raymond joined the South Dakota Army National Guard in 1967. He has held several assignments and leadership positions and was recognized with the prestigious Silver de Fleury medal for his outstanding contributions.

He was selected as acting director based on his extensive expertise at the state and national level of Guard structures, missions, and issues that need to be part of Pentagon decision processes.

Raymond is also the Guard’s face on Capitol Hill providing testimony to Congress on National Guard military construction. As acting director he will be the lead voice in all forums representing the Army National Guard interests.

Glanc reaches new heights

Dawn Glanc, Class of ’98, accomplished climber and mountain guide for the American Alpine Institute, won first place at the 2009 Ouray Ice Festival. She was also featured on the cover of Alpinist 27, a popular mountain climbing magazine.

Dawn earned her degree in outdoor education from BHSU and it was the Black Hills where she started to climb both rock and ice. After spending eight years in the Hills, Dawn craved bigger mountains. In 2004, she began a full-time guiding position with the American Alpine Institute.

Dawn has averaged more than 200 days of climbing and guiding each year, the past five years. Her career has taken her to mountains in the Western United States, Canada, and France.

She has participated in an awareness climb in Alaska for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, was on Epic Conditions - a television show on The Weather Channel where extreme sports meet perfect weather conditions, and is certified by the American Mountain Guides Association.

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(U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith)
Births

Pinedale. Danielle teaches dance and is completing her master’s degree.

Derik Knock, Class of ‘00, and his wife, Tricia, Omaha, Neb., had a baby girl, Madyson Faith Ann, Jan. 6, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Derik is employed with Schemmer Associates in Omaha as a civil engineering technician.

Nicole (Prickett), Class of ‘02, and Robert Marney, Class of ‘06, Sheridan, Wyo., had a baby girl, Lyla JoLynn, July 22, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Nicole is a case manager, and Rob works for Spring Creek Coal as a heavy equipment operator.

Shannon (Olive), Class of ‘05, and husband, Trevor Schmelz, Rapid City, had a baby girl, Zoey Necole, May 18, 2009. She weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Shannon is a reading teacher at South Middle School in Rapid City.

Katie (Schlup), Class of ‘05, and Jared Farley, Class of ‘06, Aberdeen, had a baby girl, Zandria Linn, Aug. 24, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 18.5 inches long. She joins big brothers Zakaryah (5) and Zaiden (2). Jared is a co-manager at Walmart in Aberdeen. Katie is a stay-at-home mom and a personal trainer/senior aerobics instructor.

Lindsey (Palmer) Stone, Class of ‘03, and her husband, Enzo Carter, Oct. 28, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Emily (Storms), Class of ‘08, and Blake Tideman, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Jalen Michael, Aug. 2, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. Emily is a special services teacher at Rapid City Central High School.

Mikayla (Tetrault), Class of ‘02, and Pete Wilson, Sioux Falls, had a baby girl, Lillian Allyn, Sept. 9, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Mikayla is a seventh-grade math teacher at Edison Elementary School in Sioux Falls.

Plan now
for the 50-year reunion

Members from the Class of 1960 are invited to a gathering May 7-8 as they are inducted into the 50-Year Club at BHSU. Each year classmates from the 50-year class gather on campus to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from graduating classes prior to 1960 are invited to attend a banquet in honor of the class celebrating its 50th.

If you, or someone you know, has not received a registration letter, contact the Alumni Office at 605.642.6446 or email Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu.
In Memory Of

Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School 1883-1940
Jessie (Hotchkiss) Callquist, Attended, Missoula, Mont.
William “Bud” L. Clem, Attended, Bothell, Wash.
E. Annabelle (Cundy) Ellsbury, Attended, Sundance, Wyo.
Fern A. (Young) Hill, Attended, Rapid City
Kar M. (Diehl) Hoxsey, Attended, Keizer, Ore.
Norma “Dolly” D. (Roberts) Mackenzie, Attended, Ballantine, Mont.
Solveig (Gulstine) Overskei, Attended, Brookings
Dorothy A. (Young) Hill, Class of ‘40, Rapid City
E. Annabelle (Cundy) Ellsbury, Attended, Sundance, Wyo.

Black Hills Teachers College 1941-1963
Arlene B. (Pischke) Alter, Attended
Edith (Payne) Anderson, Class of ’52, Sturgis
Stanton D. Curtis, Class of ’59, Rapid City
Helen L. (Reeder) Daughenbaugh, Class of ’42, Rapid City
John P. Doran, Attended, Spearfish
Clifton “Cliff” L. Feist, Class of ’57, Spearfish
E. Chester “Chet” Garrett, Attended, Sturgis
Dixie M. (Blomberg) Hamilton, Class of ’55, Sturgis
Caroline F. (Libby) Hatton, Attended, Custer
Donald G. Heinen, Attended, Rapid City
Marian D. (Krull) Hemminger, Attended, Pierre
Vivian (Johnson) Johnson, Attended, Huron
Alice M. (Garley) Kane, Class of ’63, Spearfish
Dorothy “Dot” R. (Pearson) Madden, Attended, Belle Fourche
Peggy I. (Barker) Mason, Attended, Lead
James S. McDaniel, Class of ’63, Pierre
Wilma Mae Moore, Class of ’52, Sacramento, Calif.
Lenora (Duren) Nelson, Class of ’62, Deadwood
Wilmer E. Oney, Class of ’52, Rapid City
Victor R. Pratt, Class of ’59, Wilmington, N.C.
James Sherman, Class of ’53, Deadwood
Lorretta J. (Griffith) Shuck, Attended, Belle Fourche
Frances L. (Wood) Tetreault, Class of ’47, Spearfish
Marguerite E. (Thompson) Tysdal, Class of ’61, Spearfish
Benjamin “Tead” F. Weaver, Class of ’48 & ’69, Upton, Wyo.
Vernice “Lahann” L. White, Class of ’60, Miles City, Mont.
Martha J. (Morris) Wieser, Attended, Sturgis
Jerald “Jerry” W. Willuweit, Attended, Quinn

Black Hills State College 1964-1988
Marian A. (Butler) Barker, Class of ’70, Sturgis
William “Jim” J. Barr Jr., Attended, Missouri City, Texas
Thomas O. Colhoff, Class of ’66, Rapid City
Clara R. (Lee) Davis, Class of ’74, Eagle Butte
Max D. Erdman, Attended, Torrington, Wyo.
Adene “Betty” E. (Hullingier) Erickson, Class of ’64, Rapid City
Gayla G. (Gilger) Fredrickson, Class of ’71, Elgin, Neb.
Glen D. Haack, Attended, Hood River, Ore.
Roger F. Harter, Class of ’69, Kalispell, Mont.
Avonelle Kelsey, Class of ’65, Hot Springs
Sharon G. (Gikling) Kirkeby, Class of ’64, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Lorri J. (Geis) McPherson, Attended, Paradise Valley, Ariz.
Jimmie D. McVey, Class of ’74, Granbury, Texas
Gladyse (Redlin) Meyer, Class of ’68, Spearfish
Richard “Dick” E. Miles, Class of ’65, Custer
Mary J. (Edwards) Murrey, Class of ’72, Hermosa
Edward J. Obermann, Attended, Black Hawk
Douglas Pederson, Attended, Winner
Eva “Granny” M. (Hanify) Rail, Attended, Belle Fourche
Kerry J. (Falk) Terry, Class of ’75, Lovell, Wyo.
Robbie D. (Hughes) Wheaton, Class of ’72, Belle Fourche
Sally J. (Trott) Willis, Class of ’82, Aladdin, Wyo.

Black Hills State University 1989-Present
Deanna R. (Schad) Clarke, Spearfish, was attending
Robin G. Dahlstrom, Class of ’97, Rapid City
Jenny G. (Beslanowitch) Gilbertson, Class of ’97, Sundance, Wyo.
Timothy J. Wagner, Rapid City, was attending
Terry L. Williams, Class of ’92, Sturgis
Susan L. (Schultz) Windham, Class of ’90, Gillette, Wyo.

In the Fall 2009 issue we reported that Wilma Marie (Schell) Moore had passed away. We are happy to report that she is alive and well and still owns the ranch in Elm Springs (Meade County), where she taught in many of the rural schools.
Four BHSU alumni were honored during the Alumni Awards Luncheon. Tom Wheaton (center), director of Alumni Relations at BHSU, presented awards to (left to right) Howard Owens, Special Service Award; Dr. Michael (Mick) Dana, Distinguished Alumnus Award; Carol Gee, Special Achievement Award; and Kathy Christensen, Excellence in Education Award.

Individuals inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 2009 included (left to right) Mary Larscheid-Christensen, contributor; Louise Achenbach, coach; Bob Templeton, basketball and football achievements; Josh McNames, basketball accomplishments; and Steph Kelley, basketball accomplishments.
The 1978 baseball team was also inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during this year's Swarm Week festivities. Members attending the ceremony were (left to right) Cliff Papik (head coach), Nevin Jacobs, Mike West, Craig Crosswait, Darrell Hardcastle, Dick Fisher, Clark Gusso, Randy Nicholas, and Roger Riley.
Creating a Legacy

Diamond continues to support and inspire BHSU students

David Diamond, retired BHSU mass communication professor, created a scholarship to honor students who demonstrate exemplary talents in the University’s media programs while pursuing their degrees at BHSU.

Diamond, who has agreed to bequeath $25,000 through his estate plan, will begin funding the $500 scholarship immediately with yearly donations. The scholarship will be designated for a junior mass communication student who has shown exceptional talent through participation in any BHSU media program, including radio, TV, newspaper, podcast, and photography.

A South Dakota native, Diamond taught at BHSU for over 10 years following an amazing radio career that included a well-known show in Los Angeles. He has experience working with numerous big names in music, including Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, and The Doors. During the 60s and 70s, his radio show “The Diamond Mine” was one of the most popular shows in Hollywood, Burbank, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

Diamond was a popular professor who inspired students by embellishing his lectures with real-life experiences. He is proud of the many students who have gone on to successful careers in radio, television, public relations, and advertising. Through this scholarship, Diamond will continue to inspire and support mass communication students.

Descendants of Guy and Sylvia Doll are honored as 2010 Legacy Family

Black Hills State University honored the descendants of Guy and Sylvia Doll as the 2010 Legacy Family. The award was presented by BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp and Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement, during a men’s basketball game.

Guy Doll attended BHSU in the late 1920s where he played football and ran track. He married Sylvia (Des Camps) in 1936 and became an outstanding rancher in Harding County. Elaine Doll-Dunn, Guy and Sylvia’s daughter, says her family has enjoyed a long history of attending BHSU and she’s anxious to see that tradition move into the future as she encourages the next generation of family members to consider attending her alma mater as well.

The award was created to honor families who have attended, graduated, or who are currently attending BHSU. For more information about the award or to nominate a deserving family, email Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or call 605-642-6385.

Ben and Carol Henry establish music scholarship fund

Ben and Carol Henry donated $15,000 to establish the Dr. Ben Henry Instrumental Music Scholarship Fund at BHSU.

While at Black Hills State, Carol taught in the mass communication department. Ben Henry, a longtime music professor at BHSU, retired in 1987. He received numerous awards for his dedication to teaching music including the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association. The South Dakota Band Association also named him an All-State Band Judge Emeritus.

The recipient(s) will be selected each year by the head of the Music Department and the band director(s) at BHSU. The recipient(s) must participate in instrumental music at BHSU and be from South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, or North Dakota. Preference will be given to students from South Dakota and Wyoming. The recipient must be a new freshman or a new transfer student who is enrolled in a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester and maintains a 2.5 grade point average.
Monte and Beverly Krier establish math and science scholarship

Monte and Beverly Krier, who are originally from eastern South Dakota and now live in Longwood, Fla., established the Delger-Krier Memorial Scholarship for math and science education majors at BHSU. The Delger-Krier Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Monte’s grandparents, Henry and Fern Delger, and his mother, Geraldine Delger-Krier.

Three $7,000 two-year scholarships will be awarded to students who are from McCook or Hanson Counties in South Dakota. Students will be awarded $2,000 in the first year and an additional $5,000 in the following year, provided they are making satisfactory progress toward their degree.

Monte Krier grew up in McCook County and attended school in Emery. He received a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering in 1972 from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. After graduating, he worked for Nalco Chemical Company in various sales and marketing positions until the time of his retirement in 2003 when he was serving as vice president of corporate marketing.

Beverly Krier was raised in Sioux Falls and Brandon. She graduated from Brandon Valley High School and received her bachelor’s degree in social work and criminal justice from Augustana College in 1978.

For information about establishing a scholarship at BHSU, contact Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement, at 605-642-6385.

BHSU recently received a gift of $37,919 from former educator Edith Gutsche Anderson. A lifelong interest in education motivated Edith to leave this gift to the BHSU Foundation for scholarships. The funds will assist students from Butte and Meade Counties with educational costs.

Edith graduated from Newell High School in 1928 and attended Northern State Teacher’s College for one year to receive her first-grade teaching certificate. She later received her degree from Black Hills Teacher’s College after several years of teaching.

After beginning her 42-year career in a Butte County country school, she spent most of her years teaching in Nisland and Vale schools.

Edith also donated $12,961 to the Newell School District for students who choose to attend BHSU.

BHSU music students now have access to a new grand piano. Dwight and Sharlotte Miller from Spearfish donated a Yamaha GC2 grand piano.

They donated the piano in support of their daughters’ interest in music and in memory of their grandmother’s lifelong interest in music.

Both daughters of the Miller couple, Lori Miller, BHSU adjunct faculty member and piano teacher; and Nikki Miller, a music teacher in the Dupree School District, both earned music degrees from BHSU.

“This is a wonderful gift to the University from the Miller family, and we are so appreciative,” said Dr. Janeen Larsen, chair of the BHSU Department of Fine and Applied Arts.

BHSU music students have a new grand piano donated by Dwight and Sharlotte Miller from Spearfish. Pictured with the piano are Lori, Brendon, Nikki, Sharlotte, and Dwight Miller.

Zachary Burke awarded first Walter Panzirer Family Scholarship

Zachary Burke, BHSU student from Belle Fourche, received the first Walter Panzirer Family Public Safety Scholarship.

Burke was selected by Mitchell Area Crimestoppers, Inc., to receive this prestigious scholarship made available by a generous donation by the Walter Panzirer family. The $4,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a junior or senior level university student pursuing a degree in the criminal justice field. Recipients must also be the son or daughter of an active or former member of law enforcement.

Walter Panzirer and his wife, Tina, now live near Sioux Falls. Previously, Panzirer was a police officer in Mitchell, as well as in Sturgis where he served as the school resource officer, working one-on-one with teens and organizing prevention programs. In 2007, Panzirer served as director of the Stop and Think Program in Spearfish.

Former educator donates to BHSU

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BHSU in the news

Courtyard honors Tom and Judy Flickema

Black Hills State University hosted a ribbon cutting dedication ceremony last fall for the Tom and Judy Flickema Courtyard.

The Flickema Courtyard was created in 2009 between Woodburn Hall and the E.Y. Berry Library. It is named in honor of retired BHSU President Dr. Tom Flickema and his wife, Judy, for their dedication and service to BHSU. Through their commitment to aesthetics, the BHSU campus was transformed through a number of facility and grounds improvements. Thanks to their efforts, BHSU is recognized as one of the most beautiful campuses in the region.

Dr. Flickema, who retired from his 12-year position as president of BHSU in 2006, had a distinguished 45-year career in higher education. Tom and Judy continue to live in Spearfish and are actively involved in a number of community organizations.

Wood-fired boiler funding approved

BHSU recently learned that a request for $1 million for a wood-fired boiler has been included in the FY 2010 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Congressionally-Directed Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects.

The funds will be used for additional planning, engineering design, and initial construction of a new wood-fired boiler and steam absorption chiller plant for the campus.

BHSU is working with Spearfish Forest Products to develop a private-public partnership opportunity that will provide benefits to both entities. Plans are being developed for a cogeneration system that will use locally available woody biomass to fire a steam-generating boiler for heating in the winter and to provide chilled water in the summer.

This initiative is one of many the BHSU campus is pursuing as a part of its commitment to sustainability.

Student Union conference rooms pay tribute

Conference rooms in the newly remodeled David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union have been named to pay tribute to Dr. Clifford Trump, former BHSU president, and his wife, Karen; and Jerry Swarts, longtime BHSU employee.

Dr. Trump served as the seventh president of BH from 1985 to 1994. Karen was an active volunteer at the University and in the community, serving on the Hospital Auxiliary and as a member of the Historic Preservation Board. Fond memories of the campus and the community of Spearfish, combined with a strong belief in the University’s significance and promising future, prompted the couple to donate $35,000 to the BHSU. “Next year will mark 25 years since Karen and I began our nine-year tenure at BHSU. The University has been an extremely important element in our lives both professionally and personally,” Dr. Trump stated.

Don Endres, CEO of VeraSun Energy, and Jill LaPlante donated $20,000 to the Student Union remodeling project and asked that a conference room be dedicated in honor of Jerry Swarts to show their appreciation for his work and his commitment to the University.

Endres worked with Swarts extensively while instituting an all-card access system at BHSU. Swarts has been employed at the University for nearly 40 years and is currently the director of University Support Services.

“It was a pleasure to work with Jerry Swarts, and I appreciate his professionalism and dedication not only to the University, but also to advancing technology whenever possible, to provide the best services to students, faculty, and staff,” Endres said.

Center for Enterprise Opportunity established

The South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity (SD CEO), has been established at BHSU by a $750,000 Small Business Administration (SBA) grant. The SD CEO will provide management and technical assistance, comprehensive training, and counseling for entrepreneurs.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp.

Helen Merriman, Spearfish, has been selected to serve as director of the Center.

“Under Helen’s leadership the SD CEO will serve as a resource for people who have a goal of owning their own business. BHSU views the establishment of this center as another way we can work with community members to strengthen the economy and create opportunities for entrepreneurs and their future employees,” said BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp.
Haney named provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at BHSU

Dr. David Haney, vice provost for Undergraduate Education at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., has been named as the new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at BHSU.

Haney, who will begin his duties at BHSU this summer, has extensive administrative and classroom experience, including his most recent academic leadership position at Appalachian State University, a public master’s comprehensive institution of approximately 17,000 students.

“My experience at Appalachian State has taught me what it means to be a leader in an institution that strives to transform the lives of students through a first-class liberal education, enhance professional programs, increase community engagement, enhance technological resources, and engage in continuous innovation. Appalachian State University, like BHSU, has in the last century moved from being a teacher’s college to a regionally responsive institution preparing students to live and work in a constantly changing global economy,” Haney says. “I welcome the challenge of helping to lead Black Hills State University in the next phase of its evolution.”

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp says Haney brings a wealth of experiences which will complement the goals and direction of BHSU.

“Dr. Haney’s focus on student success, service learning, and academic quality were strengths that resonated with faculty and staff during the interview process. I am delighted to have Dr. Haney join the BHSU community in our quest to transform lives through high-quality, innovative programs. He will fill the gap which will be left by Dr. Myers who will retire in July.”

Haney has been integrally involved in assessment of academic units, fund raising, grant writing, corporate relations, and enrollment initiatives, as well as strategic planning, international studies, graduate education, accreditation issues, and distance education. Haney has been actively involved in the growth of the service-learning program, sustainable development initiatives, and outreach efforts. Under Haney’s leadership, Appalachian State received the Carnegie “Community Engagement” classification in 2008 in both categories of curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships.

Haney has a strong interest in technology both pedagogically and as a means of enhancing information needed for good decision-making. In order to maintain contact with students, Haney has continued to teach a course every year in addition to his administrative appointments.

Haney has a Ph.D. and a master’s degree in English from State University of New York at Buffalo, and a bachelor of arts degree in English from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.

Prior to his time at Appalachian State University, he served as a professor and chair in the Department of English at Auburn University, in Auburn, Ala. He held the Hargis Professorship of English Literature from 1993 to 2001. He also served as a faculty member at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and as dean of students at the Cambridge School of Weston in Massachusetts.

Haney is originally from Minneapolis, Minn. and is married to Lisa Baldwin, who has taught elementary school for 28 years and is now completing a master’s degree. The couple plays acoustic music that includes Lisa’s original songs, bluegrass, country, traditional folk, and the work of contemporary singer-songwriters. Dave plays guitar, mandolin, harmonica, and sings lead and harmony.
BHSU in the news

Myers retires after a long and fulfilling career in education

Dr. Dean Myers, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Black Hills State University, has announced his retirement.

Myers, who has had administrative positions at the University since 1992, says his professional association at BHSU and his career in education, has exceeded his expectations in many ways.

“I have had a wonderful career at BHSU, a career that surpassed my wildest dreams and expectations. I began my career as principal in Parker, South Dakota, and now I’m planning to retire as the provost of the third largest University in the state,” Myers says.

His influence as provost, vice president, dean of the College of Education, director of Field Experiences, and as a faculty member at BHSU will persist as his vision and direction for the University is carried on in the programs and initiatives that he was instrumental in developing and advancing.

Myers’ calm demeanor, his pragmatic approach to problem solving, and his innate ability to establish personal connections and rapport with faculty, staff, students, and colleagues have combined to create a legacy that will benefit the University for years to come.

Originally from Redfield, Myers says he has always considered himself a teacher, even when he moved from the classroom into administrative roles, and is proud of his influence as an education administrator.

“Although I haven’t been teaching in a classroom for many years, I still consider myself a teacher. As I moved into administration, I became aware of how my role evolved but still centered on teaching. My legacy, I hope, would be that through my role as provost, people have learned from me and are better at what they do and more confident in their jobs.”

Myers is reluctant to take credit for the advances that have occurred under his leadership, noting that the recognition belongs to the dedicated faculty and staff.

“In my role as provost, I’ve had the opportunity to be involved with many exciting initiatives at Black Hills State University. The faculty and staff at BHSU are creative, enthusiastic, innovative, and student-centered. They care about their students, their programs, and their work.”

Myers says he has especially enjoyed working with BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp the last four years.

“President Schallenkamp and I share the same vision and goals for the University,” Myers says. “We are a good match. I like working for people I learn from, and I’ve certainly learned from President Schallenkamp.”

Schallenkamp also expressed her appreciation for Myers’ work and dedication to the University.

“Dean Myers has been my right hand for the past four years. I particularly appreciate the vision he brings as provost and admire his work with students and faculty that ensures that we are providing high-quality, innovative academic programs.”

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Myers is looking forward to retirement and says he’s ready for new challenges in his life.

Myers also has extensive educational administrative and leadership experience in the state. He joined the BHSU faculty 17 years ago as director of placement for student teachers. He was later named dean of the College of Education and was promoted to vice president for Academic Affairs in 2004. Before joining the BHSU faculty, Myers served as state director of special education in Pierre and as director of special education in Sioux Falls.

Faculty in the news

Dr. Kristi Pearce, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, authored a chapter in Academic Administration: A Quest for Better Management and Leadership in Higher Education.

Dr. David Wolff, associate professor of history, authored a book following a request from the South Dakota State Historical Society. The book, Seth Bullock: Black Hills Lawman, looks at the many roles of Bullock in his long, productive life.

Dr. Brian Smith, professor of biology, was recently elected to the board of trustees of The Herpetologists’ League.

Steve Babbitt, professor of mass communication, was featured in the Black and White Exhibition at the Center for Fine Art Photography in Fort Collins, Colo. Babbitt was chosen as one of 52 photographers representing Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, China, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Dr. Annette Ryerson, assistant professor of marketing; Dr. Ken Schallenkamp, associate professor of business; and Dr. Ron DeBeaumont, associate professor of economics; had their paper entitled “Weight and Sales Worker Compensation” published in the International Journal of Business and Economics Perspectives.

Niles Armstrong, Black Hills State University junior mathematics major from Gordon, Neb., was recently selected to receive a $5,000 NASA Space Grant Student Stipend for research.

Armstrong, who was selected by the NASA Space Grant Consortium Management Team, says he applied for the program at the urging of Dr. Parthasarathi Nag, assistant professor of math at BHSU. Following several discussions, Nag directed Armstrong to an area of research that not only challenges him but also fits with his career goals.

“The problem that my mentor and I are currently discussing and studying is Goddard’s famous sounding rocket problem. The NASA stipend seemed to fit perfectly with the research I wanted to do and my goal to pursue my graduate degrees and enter the field of aerospace science,” Armstrong says. “I am planning to attend graduate school to obtain a Ph.D. in applied mathematics, and I hope to work in an institution such as NASA where I could apply this expertise.”

Armstrong notes that this is the 40th anniversary of NASA’s preeminent success in astrodynamics, which was achieved by sending the first manned mission to the moon.

“I have been following NASA’s goal, which I am paraphrasing ‘Mission to Moon and beyond by 2018’. This is an exciting time for undergraduates like me to get involved in such an endeavor,” Armstrong says.

In pursuit of his long-term goal, Armstrong is also planning to apply for an internship at NASA in the summer of 2010. He says the NASA Langley Aerospace Research Summer Scholars (LARSS) Program is his first choice since he would eventually prefer to work in the field of aerospace science.

Students in the news

Tyler Raad, theatre and vocal music major from Spearfish, will be directing Dido and Aeneas this spring. He will also be playing the role of Aeneas. It will be the Music Department’s first-ever full opera.

PJ Painter, business administration major from Buffalo, was recognized for having the third highest grade point average (3.8 gpa) among all the contestants at the 2009 College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR).

Riston Haugen, BHSU graduate student from Baltic, was one of 10 students awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) travel scholarship at the Ecological Genomics Symposium.

Three BHSU student organizations were recognized by the South Dakota Board of Regents for their outstanding academic, community, and organizational work.

The Jacket Investment Club (JIC) earned the Award for Academic Excellence for enhancing student learning and engagement in the stock market and personal finance management.

The Theatre Society was presented with the Community Service Award. The group encourages participation in theatrical activities on campus and provides social and educational benefits for its members.

Lakota Omniciye received the Award for Organizational Leadership. One of the oldest student organizations on campus, the group’s name means “a gathering of allies.” Their focus is to bring cultural awareness to the area.

Tessa Braddy, speech communications major from Spearfish, and Jesse Hamer, education major from Rapid City, advanced to the semifinal round of the Irene Ryan Scholarship Auditions during the 42nd Region V Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.
Sports

Black Hills State University basketball reached a great milestone this past year as four players reached their 1,000-point career mark.

Cain Atkinson, junior business administration major from Evanston, Wyo., went over the 1,000-point mark during the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Tournament in 2008-2009. He had 1,390 career points at BHSU with six regular season games left to play.

Brittany Fuhrman, senior human services major from Mobridge, also reached the 1,000-point mark in the 2008-2009 season. Fuhrman had 1,231 career points and currently holds the All-Time Three-Point Record at BHSU.

Luke Enos, junior business administration major from Faith; and Katelynn Lamb, junior pre-dentistry major from Onida, reached the 1,000-point mark during the 2009-2010 season. Enos has 1,081 total career points. As a sophomore he was named the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) Player of the Year, 1st-Team All-DAC, and 2nd-Team NAIA All-American.

Lamb has 1,024 career points. As a sophomore she was named 1st-Team All-DAC and NAIA Volleyball Scholar Athlete.

Volleyball makes second trip to Nationals

The Yellow Jacket volleyball team went 24-12 in the 2009 season and concluded the year winning the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) Final. The team made their second straight trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Tournament where they were defeated by Doane College.

Kristin Engle, senior physical education major from Newcastle, Wyo., was named 1st-Team NAIA All-American for her efforts in the 2009 season. Engle was one of the leading players in the Dakota Athletic Conference - averaging 1.8 blocks per game and leading the Yellow Jackets in kills with 3.5 per game. Engle was also a Northwest All-Region selection and NAIA Volleyball Scholar Athlete.

Engle

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BHSU Athletics Department explores NCAA Division II membership

The BHSU Athletic Department is going through the application process to pursue consideration for National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II (NCAA D II) membership.

The application process will determine how BHSU compares with other NCAA Division II programs throughout the region. If the review concludes that the Yellow Jackets have what is required for NCAA Division II, BHSU could submit the application this summer.

The application assesses virtually every area of Black Hills State’s Athletic Department including scholarship funding, staffing, operating budget, and program competitiveness.

According to Jhett Albers, athletic director at BHSU, once an institution receives notice the application has been accepted, the transition process to Division II begins. The process includes a candidacy period of at least two years. During this time the institution will be required to complete a number of educational activities while competing under the current National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) status.

At the completion of the candidacy period, the institution will receive an assessment of its readiness to proceed to the provisional period. During that period, the University will continue to be evaluated as to its readiness to become an active NCAA member while competing at the NCAA DII level.

“The opportunity to look strategically at our future and see how we compare to other institutions at the NCAA DII level is exciting,” says Albers. “This will allow us to determine if NCAA DII is a fit for Black Hills State and if Black Hills State is a fit for NCAA DII.”

Albers says he is excited about the possibility of moving to NCAA DII because of the benefits provided to scholar-athletes and to the University. He notes the move will bring enhanced educational and leadership opportunities, increased community support, enhanced regional University exposure, and a broader scope of fundraising and recruiting options.

Women’s cross country earns 10th place overall in the nation

The BHSU women’s cross country team finished 10th at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Tournament, including two top performances by Wendy O’Lexey, senior special education major from Rock Springs, Wyo., and Erin Curran, freshman exercise science major from Wahoo, Neb.

O’Lexey placed eighth overall with a personal best time of 18:25. Curran also ran her personal best time and placed 10th overall with a time of 18:28. Other top performers were: Leigh Anne Whiteside, sophomore exercise science major from Loveland, Colo., (19:54); Katie Cook, senior elementary education major from Cheyenne, Wyo., (20:24); Abigail Bever, freshman elementary education major from Cheyenne, Wyo., (20:27); Kayla Ferguson, senior wellness management major from Eaton, Colo., (20:58); and Robyn Rosechandler, junior mass communication major from Cody, Wyo., (21:09). These top performances helped earn the Yellow Jackets 10th place overall in the nation.

Three BHSU men were honored by the NAIA at the tournament. Birch Haraden, senior elementary education major from Billings, Mont.; Mark Mazza, senior pre-wildlife management major from Spearfish; and Neil Long, junior wellness management major from Fort Collins, Colo., were honored as 2009 NAIA Scholar Athletes.

Go for the GREEN!

Join us for a round of golf and support BHSU student-athlete scholarships.

31st Annual Yellow Jacket Old Baldy Golf Tournament
Friday, June 4 - Sunday, June 6
Old Baldy Club
Saratoga, Wyo.

21st Annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic and Auction
Saturday, June 26
Spearfish Canyon Country Club
Spearfish, S.D.

For more information call 605.642.6385 or email John.Kietzmann@BHSU.edu.
Looking ahead

Student Volunteer Award Ceremony
March 27

Lakota Ominiciye Wacipi (powwow)
April 16-18

Class of ’60 Reunion
and 50-Year-Club Reunion
May 7-8

Commencement
May 8

Old Baldy/Yellow Jacket
Golf Tournament (Saratoga, Wyo.)
June 4-6

Gold Dust/Yellow Jacket
Golf Classic and Auction
June 26

BHSU presents the Summer Stage
July 2010 - www.BHSU.edu/Theatre

Swarm Week
Sept. 27 - Oct. 2

BHSU Events
www.BHSU.edu/Events

Athletic Events
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Looking back

The first BHSU Student Union building was constructed in the mid 60s. Through the years, the Student Union has had numerous facelifts and additions to keep up with students’ changing needs and to accommodate the increasing number of students. Last year, following a major remodeling and addition project, the Student Union became the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified building on a university campus in the state.

The Student Union is designed to “bring the outside in” and highlight our exceptional location in the Black Hills. The new dining area, named the Hive in honor of the Union’s former dining area in the lower level of the building, has changed dramatically. New dining options include a presentation grill station (think Mongolian Grill), brick oven pizzas, home-style cooking, a deli, and an extensive salad bar. The new space also includes several conference rooms, a student engagement and leadership area, Club Buzz - a recreational gathering space for students, the campus radio station, and study spaces.