Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center
turning a dream into reality

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As alumni, you know that a science lab building at BHSU has been a dream for many years. Thanks to the visionary leaders across the state – including our State Legislators and members of the Board of Regents and their commitment to science – that dream is now a reality.

The Life Sciences Laboratory opened this semester and students and faculty are already engaged in a number of research projects which could have a significant impact for the state and nation. The new science facilities have the potential to positively impact our world as the opportunity for students to work side by side with their faculty mentors transforms their educational experience and their career aspirations. Current research projects include a search for new antibiotics from medicinal plants that were used historically by American Indians in the region, the investigation of organisms from Sanford Lab as well as neutrino-related projects, the evolution of birds, the ecological aspects of fish, and many others.

BHSU has seen incredible growth in the number of students pursuing science degrees in the last decade. As we struggled to accommodate these students, our faculty dedicated themselves to grant writing to acquire state-of-the-art science equipment and create experiential learning opportunities for students.

Science education is a critical need for the state, nation and world. The Life Sciences Laboratory symbolizes our commitment to be recognized as an innovative, high-quality University. It also symbolizes our commitment to the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) field and the future of South Dakota.

Sincerely,
President Kay Schallenkamp
Construction plans are underway for an Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center on the campus of Black Hills State University.

According to Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement, the Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center will provide a gathering place for its thousands of alumni and friends.

Alumni and community members have stepped up to the challenge by providing valuable in-kind donations, including electrical work, ground excavation, signage, plumbing, architectural work, and many other services, to ensure the dream of an Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center becomes a reality.

Jim Benning and his wife, Beth (Schmidt), Class of '73, have donated the general contracting services of Ainsworth-Benning Construction for the entire project. Others are choosing to make cash donations for this project. Meeker noted that he and his staff continue to seek donations for both cash and in-kind gifts. If you or your business would like to be a part of this exciting project, please contact Meeker for details on how you can participate.

The third largest university in South Dakota, BHSU reached an all-time record enrollment this fall with 4,722 students. The campus has undergone many changes in recent years as it continues to evolve to accommodate the growing number of students and provide state-of-the-art facilities and technology for students and alumni.

The new Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center will be a location dedicated to welcoming alumni as they return to visit their alma mater with their families. It will also serve as a community meeting place for alumni who live in the region and attend University events.

The Center will showcase the past, present, and future of the University. Located just south of Lyle Hare Stadium, the Center will become the front door for the entire campus. The area will serve as a venue for parents and fans to gather before games, concerts, plays, lectures, and other University events. It will also be the heart of Swarm Day activities for alumni, friends, and the community.

Other benefits of the Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center include:

- A location to hold the 50-Year-Club class reunion, which takes place during spring commencement, and the Swarm Days honor class gathering.
- A place for alumni to proudly show their children and grandchildren where they received their higher education degree.
- A private meeting place for donors and alumni.
- An exhibit to honor those who have supported and continue to support the University.
- A showcase for BHSU’s history and a celebration of its current successes.
- A site for senior send-off events sponsored by the BHSU Alumni Association.

Building The Foundation for the future

To donate to the facility or for more information contact Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU, at 605.642.6385 or Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu. All donors will be recognized on the donor wall in addition to those who select naming opportunities.

These donors are among the first to provide in-kind donations to initiate the BHSU Alumni-Foundation Welcome Center construction project on the BHSU campus. Back row, left to right, are: Gary and Carol Johnson, A-G-E Corporation, site work demolition; Tim Peterson, Flat Earth Sign Company, exterior signage; Allen Foster, FMG Engineering, land surveying and geotechnical engineering; front row, left to right, are: Terry Sharkey, Sharkey Plumbing, plumbing services; Greg Hartman, Wolff’s Plumbing and Heating, HVAC services; and Steve Williams, Williams and Associates, design and architectural services.

Other donors not pictured include: Carpet Buyers Outlet, Greenleaf Construction, Ainsworth-Benning Construction, Donovan Construction, and cash donors Gene and Debbie Bovee, Pete and JoVayne Cappa, Judy and Dan Dryden, Gene and Mary Hensley, Sharon and Todd Hemmingson, and Nancy Hall.
Kudos & Announcements

The 70s

Scott Bruce, Class of ’78, Rapid City, joined the sales team at Robert Sharp & Associates as the business development specialist. Scott will be responsible for generating leads, networking, and recruiting new clients.

Lynn (Rail) Denzin, Class of ’71, Peoria, Ariz., retired from Metropolitan State College of Denver (MSCD). Lynn filled a variety of roles at MSCD; her last position was executive director of Application Services and Customer Support in IT.

Judy (Boydston) Dryden, Class of ’70, Rapid City, is a member of the Rapid City Chamber’s Diplomat Committee. Judy was the special education director for the Rapid City Public Schools System and is now retired.

Mark Jastoff, Class of ’79, Denver, Colo., was named executive director of Alumni Relations at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Robert “Bob” Knapp, Class of ’77, Rapid City, was hired as the branch president of First National Bank in Rapid City. Bob has over 30 years of experience in the banking industry.


Priscilla (Young) Romkema, Class of ’79, Spearfish, was appointed vice chairperson of the Zonta International Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship Committee for the 2010-12 biennium. She served as the Zonta International District 12 Governor during the 2008-10 biennium and is a member of the Zonta Club of Spearfish.

Joe “Jody” Saracco, Class of ’73, Spearfish, was elected to the board of directors for the Black Hills Center for Equality, Rapid City. He also represents the Northern Black Hills as the outreach chairman. Joe recently instituted the “Arts for Equality” program with a film series, art exhibit, and a regional Student Filmmakers Film Festival.

The 80s

Carolee Buchanan, Class of ’83, Rapid City, was hired as a paraprofessional teacher in the Special Education Department at Rapid City Central High School.

Carla Franklin, Class of ’87, Nash, Texas, was hired as the third-grade math interventionist at C.K. Bender Elementary School. She works with students who struggle with math objectives. Carla recently received a $500 grant from the Junior League of Texarkana to help purchase equipment for her classroom.

The 90s

Michelle Lamphere, Class of ’93, Rapid City, is an executive of operations for Lester Hospital. She has been invited to serve a one-year term on the International Association of Holiday Inns (IAHI) Committee. This is the third time that Michelle has been selected for the committee.

Benjamin “Ben” Latham, Class of ’94 and ’97, San Francisco, Calif., is the director of music at South San Francisco High School. He teaches the symphonic and marching band, choir, and piano classes. Ben also coaches track and serves as pit conductor for school musicals.

The 00s

Tonya Cranston, Class of ’07, Fort Collins, Colo., was promoted to production supervisor/coordinator at Chata Biosystems, a chemical company making custom blended solutions for pharmaceutical companies and ethanol plants.

Kenneth Cummings, Class of ’05, Spearfish, was hired by the South Dakota Department of Corrections as a parole agent.

Alenda (Overland) Derby, Class of ’02, Sturgis, is the director of rehabilitation services at Sturgis Regional Hospital.

Anne Dickman, Class of ’07, Spearfish, is an admissions representative at BHSU.

Patrick Fink, Class of ’06, Rapid City, is a graduate of Leadership Rapid City, a 12-week program through the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce. Patrick serves on the board of directors for the United Way of the Black Hills.

John Fitzgerald, Class of ’05, St. Onge, graduated with honors from the University of South Dakota Law School.

Sara (Schafer) Hornick, Class of ’07, Rapid City, is a graduate of Leadership Rapid City, a 12-week program through the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce. Sara is the area coordinator for United Way of the Black Hills.
Kudos & Announcements

Amanda (Schael) Kille, Class of ‘02, Lead, was selected by District 5610 Rotary to be part of a group-study exchange team. The group traveled to Uttar Pradesh in Northern India. The program is a cultural and vocational exchange opportunity. Amanda is currently a senior graphic designer for TDG Communications in Deadwood.

Scott Luikart, Class of ‘08, Mount Laurel, N.J., is the assistant director for the CoCo Key Water Resort in Mount Laurel.

Robert “Rob” Mansheim, Class of ‘04, Gillette, was recently accepted into the masters of Professional Studies on Strategic Public Relations program from the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management. Rob is currently a marketing specialist with the Campbell County Memorial Hospital.

Amy Murphy, Class of ’05, Spearfish, was hired as a paralegal with Strawn Law, P.C.

Dennis Newell, Class of ’04, Mandan, N.D., received the 2010 NSIC (Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference) Women’s Cross Country Coach of the Year Award. His team finished fourth at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Central Region Cross Country Championships, earning an NCAA Division II nationals berth for the second straight year.

Jordan (Stapp) Proefrock, Class of ’09, Lead, was named the head girl’s basketball coach at Lead-Deadwood High School, where she also teaches social studies.

Anita Sandretto, Class of ’07, Sequim, Wash., was hired as a first-grade teacher at Dry Creek Elementary School in Port Angeles, Wash.

Melanie Shurtz, Class of ’02, Gillette, Wyo., was hired at the International School of Kuantan in Kuantan, Malaysia.

Heather Smith, Class of ’08, Denver, Colo., is pursuing her master’s degree as a Dean’s Scholar at the University of Denver and working at a public relations firm that specializes in technology.

Eric Strawn, Class of ’01, Spearfish, opened Strawn Law, P.C. Eric’s law firm handles family law, criminal defense, and estate planning.

Heather Thompson, Class of ’09, Rapid City, recently spent eight months in France, Germany, Turkey, India, and Nepal doing mission work while studying under photographer Jan Schlegel.

Jared Trask, Class of ’02, Rapid City, earned his master’s degree in business administration. He currently teaches evening courses at National American University and works at the Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau as the multimedia marketing manager.

Rhonda Vail, Class of ’00, Broomfield, Colo., earned her master’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in international business from Regis University. Rhonda was recently promoted to senior project manager for the Integer Group. She plans to participate in a foreign linguistic studies program at the Alliance Française in Denver. She will live in France for six weeks this spring studying the French language, customs, and history.

Jennifer (Rohrer) Neal, Class of ’10, Rapid City, completed her nine weeks of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) training. She works as a revenue agent intern in the Small Business Self-Employed Division with the IRS in Rapid City. Jennifer will transfer to a full-time position after her two-year internship.

Eric Lind, Class of ’10, and Angela Drown, Class of ’10, have been hired for internship positions at Casey Peterson and Associates in Rapid City.

Several BHSU alumni were recognized by the Rapid City Public School Foundation as Teachers of Distinction: Kerry (Chapman) Bishop, attended, an intervention strategist at Southwest Middle School; Summer Blue, Class of ’06, special education teacher at Canyon Lake Elementary School; Tina (Brosch) Johnson, Class of ’99, fifth-grade teacher at Rapid Valley Elementary School; Stacy (Schmitt) Krumpus, Class of ’08, eighth-grade math teacher at Dakota Middle School; Leonard Lee, Class of ’96, computer teacher at Rapid City Academies School; Colleen (Wright) Marvin, Class of ’72, third-grade teacher at Valley View Elementary School; Misty (Tipton) Pikula, Class of ’93, seventh-grade math teacher at South Middle School; Barbara “Barb” (Goehring) Steele, Class of ’83, third-grade teacher at South Canyon Elementary School; and Kris (Van Bockern) Warwick, Class of ’09, math teacher at Horace Mann Elementary School.

Show us your Yellow Jacket pride

Kim (Schmitz) Nida, Class of ’97, is the assistant director of Student Financial Services and certifying official for Veteran’s Affairs at BHSU. Kim and her daughters, Claire (4), and Reese (2), show their BHSU pride by donning their green and gold BHSU apparel on Fridays to support the Jeans for Jackets scholarship program. BHSU started the fundraising program to raise scholarship funds while encouraging BHSU pride. Kim says it’s been a fun way to talk with her daughters about charity and “how we can help others.” When Claire wondered why her mother was wearing jeans to work, she explained that the $1 donation she makes each week supports scholarships. Claire, who now looks forward to wearing her BHSU apparel on Friday, suggested that they each contribute a dollar to the fund. Every Friday the girls wear their green and gold apparel to daycare and Kim now contributes $3 to the scholarship fund.
The '90s

Shauna Bruce, Class of '97, married Loren Hamburger

Brenda Randall, Class of '99, will marry Micah Lewis, Attending, June 11, 2011. Brenda is an associate director with Campus Ventures (CV) at BHSU in Spearfish. Micah, a non-traditional student graduating this May from BHSU, will be joining the CV staff.

Amanda Allred, Class of '05 and '09, married Donovan Schulze Sept. 17, 2010. Amanda is employed at the Northern Hills Training Center in Spearfish.

The '00s

Alisha Gonzalez, Attended, married


Tiffany Hancher, Class of '08, married Joshua Judge Sept. 17, 2010. Tiffany is employed at Auto Credit of South Dakota and at the Firehouse Brewing Company in Rapid City.

Monica Headlee, Class of '02, married John Dorn July 16, 2010. Monica is a science teacher and track coach in Tracy, Minn.

Leesa House, Class of '06, married Stephen Webb, Class of '06, May 13, 2010. Leesa is employed at the Department of Social Services as an economic assistance benefits specialist. Stephen is employed at Duhamel Broadcasting in Rapid City as a marketing specialist.


Suzanne “Suzi” Jenner, Class of '01, married Cody Hutchinson Oct. 9, 2010. Suzi is a benefits specialist for the South Dakota Department of Social Services in Rapid City.

Rebecca Johnson, Class of '08, married Dustin Germo Oct. 30, 2010. Rebecca is the layout editor at *The Pointe* newspaper. The couple lives in Grain Valley, Mo.

Renee Kummer, Class of '09, married Matthew Bolie, Class of '07, June 5, 2010. Renee is pursuing a teaching degree at BHSU. Matthew is a loan officer at First Fidelity Bank in Colome. The couple lives in Colome.

Mark Lunders, Class of '05, married Haley Larson, Sept. 25, 2010. The couple currently resides in Rapid City.


Kayce Roseth, Class of '02, married John Gerlach Aug. 28, 2010. Kayce is a certified public accountant (CPA) and a certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor with Casey Peterson & Associates in Rapid City.

Class of 1970 celebrates reunion during Swarm Week

BHSU hosted members from the Class of 1970 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their graduation from BHSU. Attending the reunion, which was held during Swarm Week 2010, were: back row, left to right: Larry Barclay, Sheridan, Wyo.; Clyde Millslagle, Rapid City; William “Bill” Gropper, Faith; John “Kip” Evans, Grayslake, Ill.; Eldon Knudson, Custer; and Duane Kaitfors, Fresno, Calif.; front row, left to right: Judy (Boydston) Dryden, Rapid City; Susan Campo, Pasadena, Calif.; Linda (Legge) Rush, Rapid City; and Mardell (McCright) Olson, Sundance, Wyo.
Kala Russell, Class of ’04, married Gary Spradin, Sept. 4, 2010. Kala is a student medical transcriptionist.

Daniel “Dan” Schlup, Class of ’01, married Brenda Glover June 20, 2010. Dan is an administrator at Polk County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Polk City, Iowa.


Erin Trotter, Class of ’04, will marry Levi Jahner June 11, 2011. Erin is a first-grade teacher at South Park Elementary in Rapid City.

Laci Volk, Class of ’08, married Adam Beshara, Class of ’07, Sept. 24, 2010. Adam was recently named chairman of the Rapid City Chamber’s Technology Committee. Adam is a marketing specialist with Golden West Technologies. Laci is a third-grade teacher at Canyon Lake Elementary School in Rapid City.

The 10s

Stacy Anderson, Class of ’10, married Kael Wood, June 12, 2010. Stacy is a social worker with the State of Wyoming’s Department of Family Services.

Hollianna Barber, Class of ’10, married Marc Tuschen Dec. 31, 2010. Hollianna is the apartment director for Residence Life at BHSU in Spearfish.

Schwartz is recognized as the state of Nebraska’s 2010 Young Careerist

Jennifer (Wales) Schwartz, Class of ’98, was awarded with the 2010 Nebraska Monument Business and Professional Women (BPW) Young Careerist Award. The organization recognizes young professionals for their contributions and achievements in both the workplace and community. She is currently a physical education instructor at Northfield Elementary School in Gering, Neb.

Jennifer has eagerly worked to change the face and reputation of her school’s physical education program. She has administered a variety of ideas to improve her students’ health and fitness goals.

A major accomplishment for Jennifer was an $86,000 grant from the Nebraska Department of Roads Safe Routes Program. The grant includes many facets, but the major piece is the construction of a pedestrian walkway to ensure Northfield Elementary students have a safe route to school each day.

Jennifer has also administered a variety of new plans to improve her student’s health and fitness goals. Several improvements include: Walking and/or Wheeling Wednesday (WOW), a district-wide sixth-grade track meet, and a dance unit for elementary students. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she also serves as a crisis team member, is a leader for the assembly and awards committee, and coordinates the Jump Rope for Heart program at her school.

She credits her outstanding education from BHSU for her recent successes. “I am both honored and blessed to have been given a strong education foundation that has led to my endeavors. I am proud to say I am a graduate of Black Hills State University. The Physical Education Department faculty were instrumental in providing me with the necessary skills to be successful in my own profession.”

Bruce-Hamburger publishes her first book

Shauna (Bruce) Hamburger, Class of ’97, is a life-coach, teacher, inspirational speaker, business owner, and author. She recently published her first book, Beyond Adversity and Into Freedom, in which she shares her story of overcoming Spina Bifida (the most common permanently disabling birth defect) and how she has lived a life of freedom and fulfillment in the midst of adverse circumstances.

Although born with Spina Bifida, she has always believed in living life to the fullest and with a positive attitude regardless of living with a disability.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in wellness management from BHSU, and truly has a passion for helping others live healthier and more fulfilling lives.

Shauna wrote a monthly column for three years on health/wellness and self-development for the News Letter Journal in Newcastle, Wyo.

Her most requested seminar topics include “Stress Less and Live a More Meaningful Life,” “Shauna’s Top 10” list of what her parents taught her for living successfully with a disability, and her “Beyond Adversity and Into Freedom” keynote.

Shauna, and her husband, Loren, currently reside in Alliance, Neb.
Andrea (VanAsperen) Lewis, Class of '98, and husband Corey, Custer, had a baby boy, Chayden Michael, July 20, 2010. He weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 17 ¾ inches long. Andrea is a stay-at-home mom.

Angela (Rommereim), Class of '02, and Neil Chaney, Class of '04, Sioux Falls, had a baby boy, Davin Alexander, Feb. 16, 2010. He weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 ¼ inches long. Angela is an assistant at Sanford Health, and Neil is in marketing at Rosenbauer America.

Lauren (Beyersdorf) Dahl, Class of '04, and husband Derek, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Emma Jean, Dec. 29, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 18 ½ inches long. Lauren is a human resources representative with PREMIER Bankcard.

Barbara “Barbie” (Boyd) Donat, Class of '03 and '08, and husband David, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Tripp Lane, Aug. 9, 2010. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. Barbie is employed by the state of South Dakota and owns Mediation Matters.

Amy (Harter), Class of '06, and Patrick Fink, Class of '06, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Berkeley Dane, July 8, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 ½ oz. and was 20 inches long. Amy is a tobacco prevention coordinator for the central and western regions of South Dakota. Patrick is the student services coordinator for SDSU West River College of Nursing.

Megan (Smith), Class of '09, and Casey Godfrey, Attending, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Kellan Wayne, July 18, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long.

Brianne (Mitchell) Krucken, Class of '05, and husband Chad, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Blake Mitchell, Oct. 18, 2010. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Brianne is a stay-at-home mom, works part-time at Roma’s, and is an independent consultant for Rodan and Field’s Skincare Company.

Alesha (Culver), Class of '05, and Brad Limbo, Attended, Sturgis, had twins, Torin Kay (girl) and Tristan James (boy), Sept. 10, 2010. Torin weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18 inches long. Tristan weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 ¼ inches long. Alesha is an administrative assistant for CASA. Brad works for Baseline Surveying in Sturgis.

Nicole (Prickett), Class of '02, Robert “Rob” Marney, Class of '06, Sheridan, Wyo., had a baby girl, Elsa Marie, Nov. 19, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Nicole is a stay-at-home mom. Rob works for Cloud Peak Energy.

Beth (Azavedo) Oaks, Class of '01 and '03, and husband Nicholas, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Emma Jean, Dec. 29, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 18 ½ inches long. Beth is a stay-at-home mom.

More than 130 enthusiastic Black Hills State University alumni and friends gathered on the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) campus in Greeley, Colo., as the BHSU men’s basketball team took to the hard court against the UNC Bears. The BHSU Alumni Association also hosted a pre-game and halftime social.
boy, Rylan Nicholas, Nov. 19, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Beth is the director of Admissions at BHSU.

Nicole (Krcil), Class of '06, and Sam Otto, Class of '08, Belle Fourche, had a baby girl, Chloe Ann, Sept. 25, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Nicole works for Black Hills Special Services, and Sam works for Alltel.

Lesley (Hoff) Poper, Class of '03, and husband Ryan, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Leighton Christopher, Aug. 6, 2010. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. He joins big brother Lane (3) and big sister Genevieve (2). Lesley is a stay-at-home mom.

Donald “Don” Wolkenhauer, Class of ‘08, and wife Rebekah, Sturgis, had a baby girl, Isabelle Virginia, Aug. 12, 2010. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. Don is employed with Western Dakota Insurors.

Staff Sgt. Andrew Foxworthy, Class of '04, is currently the bass player for the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) International Band in Mons, Belgium. In the last year he has played in Belgium, France, Italy, Germany, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, and Finland. The band is composed of 20 professional military musicians from various countries and plays mostly Big Band Jazz. Andrew plays electric bass, double bass, guitar, mandolin, and percussion. The SHAPE International Band is the official musical representative of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and SHAPE.

The SHAPE band has several ensembles including the Task Force X™ (TFX), which is led by Andrew. TFX is a high-energy group of international musicians that performs popular music from the 70s, 80s, 90s, and present. This versatile ensemble performs in a wide variety of settings from open-air concerts to dinner dances. TFX has performed in Belgium, Estonia, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Kosovo, and the United Kingdom.

Performances that stand out in Andrew’s musical career include a Rock & Roll show on the stage of Fremont Street in Las Vegas; a concert at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center where a small group of musicians played in the hospital rooms of soldiers who had suffered injuries in Iraq and Afghanistan; and a special concert for the orphaned children in Iraq.

Andrew says there is not a day that goes by where he doesn’t apply what he learned from the music faculty at BHSU. “Dr. Royer, Mr. Hahn, Dr. Larsen, Mr. Parker, and all the adjunct faculty were key to my success as a musician,” said Andrew.

Yellow Jacket Alumni Club in the works at BHSU

Jhett Albers, Class of ’87 and BHSU athletic director, along with former coaches and athletes, is working on the implementation of a BHSU Yellow Jacket Alumni Club. The goal in establishing the club is to reconnect Yellow Jacket alumni with one another and to support the future of Black Hills State University athletics.

“We will be inviting former athletes to become involved in our annual Yellow Jacket athletic alumni gatherings and fundraising events. By attending the gatherings, becoming involved with the events, and making contributions to various fundraising projects, we will be able to reconnect our alums with one another, as well as connect them with our current student-athletes,” says Jhett.

For more information on the Yellow Jacket Alumni Club contact Jhett at 605.642.6885 or email Jhett.Albers@BHSU.edu.
Alumni News

In Memory of

Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School
1883-1940

Catherine C. (Hammer) Baumann, Attended, Spokane, Wash.
Marjorie E. (Keith) Curry, Class of '38, Spearfish
Elizabeth (Kieser) Easton, Attended, Brookings
Camilla A. (Teske) Ericsson, Attended, Salem
Alice E. (Holtry) Gibson, Attended, Spearfish
Una M. (Jensen) Hamm, Attended, Rapid City
Chester S. Jones, Attended, Belgrade, Mont.
Mary (Ottebein) Lakso, Attended, Belle Fourche
Evelyn M. (Meyer) Lundy, Attended, San Diego, Calif.
Nadine D. (Nicholas) Ness, Class of '36, Brookings
Mildred E. (Leines) Vigoren, Attended, Bowman, N.D.
Mary E. (Douglas) Vitali, Class of '39, Rapid City
Mildred A. (Drake) Williamson, Attended, Sturgis

Black Hills Teachers College
1941-1963

Judith R. “Judy” (Aune) Barbour, Class of '58, Rapid City
Francis C. Blaine, Attended, '48, Huron
Beulah E. Bruce, Class of '53, Rapid City
Doris E. (Sorensen) Burns, Attended, Vivian
Kathleen “Kay” M. (Mastel) Cooper, Class of '58, Sandia Park, N.M.
Charles Bruce Crosswait, Class of '50, Rapid City
Oscar James “Jim” Deering, Attended, Buckeye, Ariz.
Alice E. (Denke) Dewey, Attended, Mitchell
Bonnie J. (Sigman) Hanson, Attended, Reva
Everett E. Harris, Class of '62, Lead
Ann J. (Moodie) Hejde, Class of '55, Belle Fourche
Marjorie E. (Pearson) Henriks, Class of '58, Pierre
Laura (Hay) Heyden, Class of '49, Murdo
Mabel E. (Hargens) Holt, Attended, Orient
Ada J. (Williams) Jackson, Attended, Murdo
Charles C. Knutson, Class of '61, Tacoma, Wash.
James “Jim” Lawton, Class of '61, Belle Fourche
Dennis John Macdonald, Class of '56, Kansas City, Mo.
Hulda M. (Neumann) Meyer, Class of '63, '66 and '72, Evanston, Wyo.
Bertha (Balliet) Mansell, Class of '43, Franklin, Minn.
Ada M. (Horton) O'Grady, Attended, Sturgis
Marvin L. Olmstead, Class of '55, Bellingham, Wash.
Philip Patton, Class of '59 and '62, Orange City, Iowa
Cora E. (Steen) Schieferstein, Class of '58, Casper, Wyo.
Patricia “Patty” A. (Clark) Schmidt, Attended, Bozeman, Mont.
Maxine M. (Hamilton) Singletary, Class of '52, Seattle, Wash.
Mildred E. (Thode) Sleep, Class of '62, Spearfish
Alice M. (Wagner) Soderberg, Class of '42, Baton Rouge, La.
Doris (Hermunsie) Sorum, Class of '63, Pelican Rapids, Minn.
Kenneth E. Stieha, Class of '58, Carson City, Nev.
Robert “Bob” Stieha, Class of '56, Britton
Richard M. Winter, Attended, Manitowoc, Wis.

Black Hills State College
1964-1988

Betty J. (Ritchie) Albrandt, Class of '69, Whitewood
Louis N. Alls, Class of '72, Cloverdale, Va.
James C. Baird, Attended, Franklin
Gary R. Barclay, Class of '70, Sheridan, Wyo.
James T. Barker, Attended, Whitewood
Julie M. (Havelaar) Byre, Class of '82, Sioux Falls
Carol “CJ” J. (Jensen) Caskey, Class of '70, Rhinelander, Wis.
Dane O. Christensen, Class of '71, Whitewood
Joey L. Enders, Class of '71, Jenison, Mich.
LeAnn L. (Yuill) Glenn, Class of '78, Gillette, Wyo.
Karen E. (Wurnig) Hanson, Class of '70, Kingston, Wash.
Thomas L. Hennies, Class of '75, Rapid City
Ronald J. Houghton, Attended, Watertown
Lynn R. (Henrichson) Hunter, Class of '68, Rapid City
Vickie R. (Spaulding) Marks, Class of '80, Dickinson, N.D.
Larry C. Nelson, Class of '65, Deadwood
Mary E. (Last Horse) Noisy Hawk, Attended, Lakota
Barbara E. (Franklin) Peltz, Class of '70, Newcastle, Wyo.
Merivale L. Waldow, Class of '84, Wessington Springs
James “Jim” D. Williams, Attended, Rapid City

Black Hills State University
1989-Present

Linda K. (Borbely) Gropper Miller, Class of '93, Spearfish
Brian J. Murphy, Attended, Pipestone, Minn.
Jess L. Powell, Class of '04, Rapid City
Kristi K. (Solem) Reilly, Class of '93, Rapid City
Vicky L. (Roberson) Reznicek, Class of '91, Gillette, Wyo.
Julie A. (Frederickson) Sellars, Attended, West Liberty, Ohio
Daryl J. VanderVorst, Class of '05, Spearfish

Former Faculty/Staff

Virginia L. (King) Tuss, Faculty, Shakopee, Minn.
Mary Kay (Viles) Wilson, Attended/Staff, Spearfish

Born in Vivian, Keith later moved with his family to the Black Hills, where he graduated high school from Rapid City. He enlisted in the United States Army Corps during World War II. Following the war he attended BHSU, graduating in 1949. He continued his education and received his master of education and doctorate of education before serving at BHSU for 30 years.

Keith joined the BHSU faculty in 1955 and became the chairman of the Social Science Division in 1962. During Meredith Freeman’s presidency he served as dean of Academic Affairs and assistant to the President. He then taught classes in sociology from 1974 until his retirement in 1985. He was awarded the BHSU Special Service Award in 1990.

Keith and his late wife, Bonnie, who was a BHSU alumnae and education professor, participated with the Lakota Oyate Reservation at Pine Ridge to help establish a college there. Keith and Bonnie were presented with an award of recognition by the Lakota Oyate in 1984. He was a member of the Lions Club and other civic organizations. Following the death of Bonnie, he married Naomi Wedderin and they made their home in California.

Marvin Jastorff, Class of ‘59, who had a career at BHSU spanning nearly three decades as a student and administrator, passed away Aug. 25, 2010.

He was hired by Dr. Russell Jonas as an accountant in 1961 and rose to the business manager position - the equivalent of vice president for Finance and Administration - before retiring in 1987. He served four presidents while at BHSU - Dr. Russell Jonas, Dr. Meredith Freeman, Dr. Maurice Fitzgerald, and Dr. Gilbert Hause.

During his tenure, he was recognized with the inaugural Student Services Award by the BHSU Student Government and was honored as Phi Sig Man of the Year. He was a strong advocate for students and supported their education and activities with influence and passion.

Marvin enrolled at BHSU where he completed a bachelor’s degree while working nights as a nurse’s aid at Ft. Meade Veterans Hospital. He then earned his master’s degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota. Prior to accepting the position at BHSU, he worked as a special investigator for the federal government and had the opportunity to interview former U.S. President Harry S. Truman.

He proudly served his nation in the Navy and in the Army National Guard, where he was assigned to the 109th Engineering Corps and retired as Master Sergeant in 1972. He was presented the coveted Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal for his service and leadership.

Honerkamp retires after 30-year career at Black Hills, Badlands & Lakes Association

Bill Honerkamp, Class of ‘68, retired last year as the president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Black Hills, Badlands & Lakes (BHB&L) Association last October. Bill led the organization through 30 years of accomplishments and changes with a membership base of over 500 members. The BHB&L is a private, nonprofit corporation dedicated to promoting the region as an all-seasons travel destination.

Bill graduated from BHSU with a bachelor’s degree in communications and went on to join the Navy. He spent several years with the Navy as a roving reporter, covering assignments that included Apollo moon mission splashdowns, presidential visits, and trips to Vietnam with combat camera teams. He began his position at BHB&L in 1981 and embarked upon his commitment to carry out the organization’s advertising, press, publications, direct sales, and public relations programs.

Bill has earned numerous awards for his work including the prestigious A.H. Pankow Award and the Ben Black Elk Award, which is given by the Governor and the South Dakota Department of Tourism to recognize an individual who has made tireless and outstanding contributions to the state’s visitor industry. Gov. Mike Rounds signed an executive proclamation declaring Oct. 28, 2010, Bill Honerkamp Day.

Hildebrant helps heal and educate in Africa

Charlotte (Rames) Hildebrant, Attended, is taking what she learned at BHSU and putting it to use as a full-time missionary in the country of Swaziland in Africa. Charlotte’s ministry is among the women of Mbabane. She studied music while at BHSU and is putting her abilities to work teaching English and music there.

Charlotte and her husband also run the Mbabane “care point” for Children’s Cup International Relief, which provides meals, health care, job training, and Christian education for 300,000 orphans in Mozambique, Zambia, and Swaziland. The Mbabane care point feeds and educates 7,000 orphaned children daily.

Swaziland is one of the last standing monarchies, and has sadly been ravaged by HIV. It is estimated that 43 percent of the population is infected. With a life expectancy of 30 years, it is vital to educate the youth for a sustainable future.

Last August, Charlotte and her husband sold all their belongings and moved to Swaziland, a country the size of Connecticut but with a population of about 1 million. They have hosted mission teams from around the world for the past several years. It was on a visit to Swaziland that they realized that country was where they were meant to work and live.
The Black Hills State University Alumni Association invites you back to campus to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Props and Liners, an honorary dramatic society and the oldest active student organization at BHSU.

If you performed in any theatre and/or musical production from 1921 to 2011, this reunion is for you. Former and current BHSU faculty and staff are also invited.

Join us Saturday, Sept. 10 as we celebrate 90 years of theatre performances at BHSU with a Props and Liners reunion banquet.

Mr. Pim Passes By - 1929  The Barretts of Wimpole Street - 1952  Oklahoma - 1968
Reunions at BHSU

Plan now to connect with former friends and classmates.

50-Year Club Reunion
May 6 - 7

Members from the Class of 1961 are invited to a gathering to celebrate their induction into the 50-Year Club at BHSU. Each year, classmates from the 50-year class return to campus to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from prior graduating classes are also invited to a banquet in honor of the Class of ’61.

Class of 1971 Reunion
June 24 - 25

The BHSU Alumni Association invites members from the Class of 1971 to celebrate their 40th anniversary of graduating from BHSU. This event is being held in conjunction with the Williams and Ree performance, as well as the Stadium Sports Grill/Yellow Jacket Golf Tournament and Auction. Registration packets will be mailed out in early May.

Forensics/Debate Reunion
September 9 - 10

All former and current members of the BHSU forensics/debate team are invited back to campus for a reunion. Current program advisor Ryan Clark and former advisor Charles Follette plan to be in attendance. Registration packets will be mailed out in late July.

For more information about these reunions or to receive a registration and information packet, contact Tom Wheaton at 605.642.6385 or email Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu.

For more information about the Props and Liners reunion or to receive a registration and information packet, contact Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Relations at BHSU. Packets will be mailed out in early July.

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Four BHSU alumni were honored for their successes at the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon. Those honored this year were, left to right: Ron Schuttler, Special Service Award; Dr. Tim Creal, Excellence in Education Award; Dr. Forrest Brady, Distinguished Alumnus Award; and Marla (Hershey) Barnard, Special Achievement Award.

Individuals inducted into the 2010 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame included (left to right): Kevin Williams, coach; Scott Graslie, contributor; Lisa (Reynolds) Bomengen, track and cross country accomplishments; Neil Grandbouche, track, football, and basketball achievements; and Craig Crosswait, baseball and golf accomplishments.
1 The Kiddie Carnival, which is sponsored each year by the BHSU Reading Council, invited the younger Yellow Jacket fans to campus for interactive games and projects. 2 Newley Kartak and Crystal Savage were named 2010 Swarm Day king and queen. 3 Alyce Schavone, long-time BHSU supporter, led the parade this year as the Swarm Day Parade Marshal. 4 The BHSU Alumni Association won the award for best overall community organization float. 5 BHSU took on the Dakota State University Trojans and won their homecoming game (14-9)...Go Yellow Jackets!

(Above) The 1980 men’s cross country team was one of two teams inducted into the Hall of Fame during Swarm Week. Team members who attended the induction ceremony were (left to right): Dave Little, former coach, Carlo Mileusnich, Brent Kannas, Curt Fiedler, and Dean Mahaffey.

(Below) Members who attended the ceremony from the 1963-64 wrestling team, also inducted into the 2010 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame, included (back row, left to right): Jerry Christofferson, Lionel Bordeaux, Jesse Hoese, Jim Moore, Cecil Sallee, John Mattson, and Tom Sprigler, (front row left to right): Bill Buchholz, Tom Alsworth, Ron Fisher, Tony Schunot, Lorne Rogerson, and Alyce Schavone, wife of former wrestling coach Tony Schavone.

Hall of Fame Team Inductees
Black Hills State University received a donation of $1 million from Dana and LaDawn Dykhouse and their children, Dan and Alana. This is the University’s first cash gift of $1 million, meaning BHSU students are seeing an immediate benefit from the gift.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp expressed her gratitude for the generous gift and noted that it is having a positive impact for the University and the community.

“The Dykhouse family shares Black Hills State University’s mission to transform the lives of young people by helping them achieve their goal of earning a University degree,” Schallenkamp said. “Through this generous donation, the Dykhouses have made an investment in the future of the Spearfish community, the state, the nation and the world. We are forever grateful for their support of BHSU.”

The $1 million gift was used to establish the Dykhouse Family Athletic Scholarship Fund and to purchase new video scoreboards in the Young Center.

According to Dana Dykhouse, prominent Sioux Falls businessman and president and chief executive officer of First PREMIER Bank, his family wants other student-athletes to have access to the same experiences and opportunities his daughter, Alana, has received as a student and a basketball player at BHSU.

“We have been blessed with the resources to give back,” Dana said. “We want other young people to be able to receive the wonderful experience that Alana has had at BHSU.”

The Dykhouse Family Athletic Scholarships will be awarded to outstanding scholar-athletes beginning in the fall of 2012. Dana also sees the new scoreboards as an annuity for the University. “If the scoreboards are paid for, ad sales can be used to meet the needs of BHSU instead of paying for the scoreboards themselves.”

The Dykhouse Family has a long association with South Dakota’s universities. Dana and LaDawn (Stenson) are both 1979 graduates of South Dakota State University. Dana has held leadership positions on several councils for SDSU and currently serves on the Yellow Jacket Board of Directors. Dana and LaDawn’s son, Dan, is also a graduate of SDSU, and their daughter, Alana, is completing the requirements for her elementary education degree from BHSU.

Alana Dykhouse, who finished her Yellow Jacket basketball career last season, said her time at BHSU, both on and off the court, has been remarkable. During her career as a Yellow Jacket, the BHSU women’s basketball team dominated the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC), winning two conference championships and qualifying to play in three consecutive National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Tournaments, twice finishing in the Elite 8. Alana became the top Jacket rebounder her junior and senior seasons, and by the end of her career, she had helped BHSU win 97 games.

“Alana left her legacy at BHSU as one of the fiercest competitors on the court. She is one of the best inside defenders I’ve ever coached,” Mark Nore, BHSU head women’s basketball coach, said. “I feel very fortunate to have coached Alana. She helped us win a lot of games, but more importantly we had the opportunity to grow together as people. She, along with all our former teammates, will forever be a part of this Yellow Jacket family.”

Alana echoes that sentiment, saying she not only learned from her coaches, teammates, and professors, she has also developed lifelong relationships within the BHSU and Spearfish communities.

“When I came here, everyone made it feel like a home for me,” Alana said. “My teammates are some of my best friends, and the community has been so supportive. After my last basketball season, I received notes from community members thanking me for choosing to play for BHSU.”

The Dykhouse family is passionate about the education of South Dakota’s young people, and Alana shares their commitment to higher education.

“I have had a wonderful experience through my BHSU classes and my time on the basketball team. Our gift will ensure that other basketball players will be given the same opportunity to have that experience at BHSU.”
Joe and Elaine Floyd have donated an additional $145,539.25 to their scholarship at BHSU. The Floyds took advantage of the extension of the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Charitable Rollover program, which allows donors to give more to their favorite charity like BHSU. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals aged 70½ and older to donate up to $100,000 in a given calendar year from their IRAs to public charities without having to count the distributions as taxable income.

The Floyds gift covers a two year span (2010 and 2011). “This new legislation provides a tremendous opportunity and another unique way for donors to support their favorite charities,” said Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU. “We can’t thank the Floyds enough for their continued generosity.”

Joe and Elaine Floyd have lived in South Dakota throughout their lives, and Elaine attended BHSU in 1953 and later worked for the University. The Floyds established the scholarship for female students from South Dakota who have a farm/ranch background along with a strong desire to learn. The Floyd Scholarship of $12,000 is renewable for subsequent years at BHSU as long as the student is making satisfactory progress.

Recipients include Joey Painter, sophomore business administration major from Buffalo; Shandel Yordy, freshman biology major from Martin; and Katie Doll, from Prairie City, who will receive the award in fall 2011 when she begins at BHSU.

Ed McLaughlin and Doris Marie Strom have donated $100,000 to the Building on Strength & Stature Campaign at Black Hills State University. They are long time supporters of BHSU, giving 35 gifts totaling $117,000 in 22 years.

“To say that the University appreciates their generosity would be an understatement,” says Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement. “While their giving record to the University is impressive, perhaps even more impressive is their record of service to BHSU, Spearfish, Rapid City, the Black Hills region, and the state.”

Ed’s history with BHSU goes back to his time as an elementary student at the old lab school; he later served as principal there. He was also director of Student Teaching at BHSU. Ed and Doris Marie have been active in public service in Rapid City. Ed served three terms as mayor of Rapid City and currently is finishing his fourth term as a State Legislator for District #34. He is also continuing his long service to the University by serving as a member of the BHSU Campaign Steering Committee. Doris Marie was recently honored by the Rapid City Chamber for her service to the community.

Ed McLaughlin and Doris Marie Strom

Donate $100,000

Thank you for supporting scholarships at BHSU

Gary Larson, Class of ‘72, and his wife, Kendra, pledged $25,000 to the BHSU College of Business and Technology. The gift includes $5,000 cash to be used for immediate needs and $20,000 that will be deferred to an endowment in the donor’s name. In 1979, Gary co-founded Western Dakota Insurors, which continues to represent the top insurance companies in the country. Gary served on the BHSU Foundation Board of Directors from 1991-2009.

Marla (Hershey) Barnard, Class of ‘81, pledged to donate $12,500 to establish the Marla Hershey Barnard Scholarship Fund. The endowment will award $2,000 annually to a BHSU junior majoring in human resource management with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. Recipients must also be members of the BHSU student organization Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). Marla is currently senior vice president of Human Resources for Fiserv, a Fortune 500 company that delivers integrated solutions to help financial service institutions, insurers, health benefit administrators, and employers manage and profit from information.

Bob Knapp, Class of ‘77, and Sheila Knapp, Class of ‘88, pledged $10,000 to establish the Bob and Sheila Knapp Athletic Endowment. Bob is the branch president of First National Bank in Rapid City and has over 30 years of experience in the industry. Bob, who was a member of the BHSU football team in the 70s, is currently serving on the Yellow Jacket Foundation Board of Directors.

Dan Green, Class of ‘64, and Karol Green, Class of ‘70, donated $10,000 to establish the Dan and Karol Green Athletic Endowment. Dan is an insurance agent with First Western Insurance Agency and Karol is a retired elementary teacher. The couple are avid supporters of the University and of Yellow Jacket athletics. Dan has served on the BHSU Alumni Association Board, the College of Business and Technology Advisory Board, and on the Yellow Jacket Foundation Board of Directors.
BHSU in the news

Fall 2010 enrollment shatters records with 4,722 students

Black Hills State University shattered all previous enrollment records this fall with a 16 percent increase in enrollment and an all-time high of 4,722 students.

BHSU had the largest increase in the number of students among the six state universities. To say that BHSU has record-breaking enrollment is an understatement. The significant growth in enrollment, which includes 646 more students this fall as compared to last fall, follows a six-year span of steadily increasing enrollment. This is the largest increase BHSU has experienced in at least 40 years (comparison data not available prior to 1970).

This fall enrollment not only broke all previous records, the University increased enrollment in every category.

BHSU fall 2010 enrollment increases included:
• 130% in graduate students
• 19% in freshman students
• 28% in transfer students
• 48% in students enrolled online
• 62% in international students
• 21% in out-of-state students
• 17% in South Dakota students
• 9% in full time equivalency

“This is a historic and exciting day for BHSU. The continuing growth at Black Hills State University is a testament to our high-quality academic programs and the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff members,” BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp says.

This fall BHSU had students enrolled from 65 of the 66 counties in South Dakota and 45 of the 50 states as well as 22 foreign countries.

Beth Oaks, director of Admissions at BHSU, says the enrollment increase is a reflection of the exceptional reputation the University has gained across the state, the nation, and internationally.

The significant enrollment increase is attributed to on-going strategic university-wide initiatives in recent years. The entire campus has been proactively planning for increased enrollment. Infrastructure improvements, enhanced student services, and continuous academic reviews ensure that BHSU is prepared to meet the needs of the growing number of students. Several new academic programs were added this fall and others are under consideration.

Graduate enrollment: Since Fall 2006, BHSU has doubled the number of graduate students. BHSU, which launched a new MBA program in Rapid City this fall, also offers master’s degrees in education, integrative genomics, reading, and strategic leadership.

Rapid City enrollment: Since Fall 2006, the number of students taking BHSU classes in Rapid City has increased 20 percent. This fall BHSU had more than 1,300 students attending classes in Rapid City. The University Center – Rapid City, which is currently under construction, will provide a single site with enhanced classroom space and allow for more scheduling options for classes offered by all six state universities.
BHSU in the news

BHSU has a significant economic impact in the state and region

Black Hills State University generates $59.8 million a year in immediate economic impact to South Dakota and approximately $190.6 million a year in the long run according to an economic impact study that was recently released.

“This study shows that BHSU is truly an economic engine for our state and region,” BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp says. “The findings confirm that the University strengthens the South Dakota economy by providing jobs, generating income through operations, acquiring federal research money, as well as stimulating the economy with student spending and visitor spending.”

Schallenkamp also noted that BHSU enhances the quality of life of South Dakota residents through numerous cultural experiences, lifelong learning opportunities, research, business and educational consulting expertise, conferences, camps, and sporting events.

The study found that from a $7.8 million state investment, BHSU had the following annual economic impact:

- Directly supports 415.7 full-time jobs.
- Generates $10.5 million in direct economic impact through day-to-day operations and consumption of goods and services.
- Acquires $12 million in federal and private grants and contracts for research, development, and projects.
- Injects approximately $17.4 million into the South Dakota economy through students’ day-to-day living expenses. This amount is in addition to $24 million in tuition and fees.
- Adds more than $4.5 million to the South Dakota economy through off-campus spending by visitors to BHSU.

In addition to these direct effects, there are secondary and tertiary benefits as money spent circulates throughout the South Dakota economy. Jobs in many other industries are directly and indirectly supported by BHSU. Using regional economic modeling, it’s estimated that BHSU is directly or indirectly supporting 1,310 full-time jobs in South Dakota.

The presence of public universities in the state helps keep students in the state while they study and also makes them more likely to stay in South Dakota after they graduate. More than 80 percent of BHSU graduates stay in the state following graduation, building their careers and raising their families in South Dakota communities.

The study notes that the jobs provided by BHSU also have an important impact on population in the state and estimates that over 3,900 people are in South Dakota because of the impact of BHSU.

“BHSU employees are an important part of the community and the region. Their contributions through economic expenditures and through their participation in community service activities greatly enhance the quality of life for all,” said Schallenkamp.

“14 percent of BHSU’s budget comes from the state general fund. With that $7.8 million investment, the state is seeing a return of nearly $60 million a year in immediate economic impact and $190.6 million in the long run,” Schallenkamp says. “In addition we are building an educated workforce for the state which makes it possible for South Dakota to attract new businesses and industries. BHSU, and the other state universities, are assets that are vital to ensuring a thriving economy.”

The amount BHSU generates in a year in total economic impact to South Dakota in the short-run.

The amount BHSU generates in a year in total economic impact to South Dakota in the long-run.

The number of full-time jobs BHSU directly supports.

The amount of salaries and benefits BHSU provides to South Dakota employees.

The amount BHSU students inject into the South Dakota economy through their day-to-day living expenses.

The amount of direct economic impact BHSU generates through day-to-day operations and consumption of goods and services.

The amount visitors to BHSU bring to the economy through off-campus spending.

The amount BHSU students contribute to Spearfish in sales tax.

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Plans are being made for second annual Black Hills Photo Shootout

Ryan Shippy, senior mass communication major from Colome, participates in the first annual Black Hills Photo Shootout, sponsored in part by Black Hills State University and the South Dakota Department of Tourism. The event had over 120 participants and included unique field workshops, scenic photo walks, inspiring indoor workshops, and informal social events. BHSU photography professors Steve Babbitt and Jerry Rawlings were among the expert photographers who led demonstrations during the Shootout. Workshops were held throughout the Black Hills region including Spearfish Canyon, the Badlands, Devil’s Tower, and Custer State Park. BHSU hosted George Lepp, nationally known outdoor photographer, as the event’s keynote speaker. The next Black Hills Photo Shootout is planned for Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011.
University News

BHSU faculty in the news

Smith assists efforts to save the rarest snake on the planet

Dr. Brian Smith, professor of biology at Black Hills State University, has played a critical role in making incredible progress toward saving the rarest snake on the planet, the Antiguan racer (scientific name: Alsophis antiguae).

Smith, who has been involved in the project since 1999, says, “Working with students in Antigua has been a highlight of my professional career. Being part of an international collaboration to rescue this snake from the brink of extinction has been immensely gratifying.”

The population of the Antiguan racer in Antigua, Lesser Antilles of the West Indies, has dramatically climbed from just 50 in the mid-90s to over 500 today.

Smith is an expert in reptiles and amphibians and has worked extensively in tropical biology, including fieldwork in the Philippine Islands, the Amazonian lowlands of Peru, the Pacific island of Guam, and tropical lowland areas in Costa Rica and Guatemala. At BHSU, he teaches conservation biology, ecology and vertebrate zoology.

Smith and the other collaborators have received international attention from the media and academic organizations for their continued effort and success with this program including a recent article on wildlifeextra.com and previous segments on the National Geographic channel and in National Geographic magazine.

Through the years, several BHSU students have participated in research on Antigua with other students from around the Caribbean. Smith says field research work is invaluable for the students as they consider the next step in their future.

BHSU, which places an emphasis on providing research opportunities for undergraduate students, has seen a dramatic rise in the last 10 years in the number of students who go on to graduate school. Last year one in three BHSU students continued their education in graduate or professional schools. Accepted into prestigious graduate school programs, students often report that their research experience while earning their undergraduate degree at BHSU far exceeds that of other students.

Although working in an island environment sounds enchanting and idyllic, the research includes long hours in hot and humid conditions. Working out of the village of Seatons on the main island of Antigua, Smith and the students worked as many as eight days in the field before returning to the village to replenish supplies and meet with other scientists.

Ryan Baum, Class of ’00, who earned a biology degree from BHSU, collaborated with Smith on research in Antigua. As a result of his field research experience and paper presentation, Baum was offered a graduate assistantship at Idaho State University. Baum is now a GIS specialist at URS Corporation in Boise, Idaho.

Other students who have been involved in this research project include: Paul Colbert, Class of ’02, who is pursuing a master’s degree at Iowa State University; Nicole Bartscher, Attended; Nate Stephens, Class of ’04, who is pursuing a master’s degree at Arkansas State University; Sarah Larson-Ness, Class of ’04; Jodi Massie, Class of ’02 and ’10, who earned her master’s degree in integrative genomics and now works for the U.S. Forest Service; and Lauren Cottingham, Class of ’07, who is employed at a genetics facility in Raleigh, N.C.

BHSU is one of six local and international organizations that make up the Offshore Islands Conservation Project. Research by British and Antiguan scientists in 1995 uncovered only 50 Antiguan racers still surviving, all confined to the 20-acre Great Bird Island, off the coast of Antigua. Now celebrating its 15th anniversary, the project has increased the snake population 10-fold.

The Antiguan Racer Conservation Project (now the Offshore Islands Conservation Project) was founded in 1995 and is co-managed by six national and international organizations. The project operates as part of the Offshore Islands Conservation Programme, which works to restore and conserve Antigua’s offshore island ecosystems for the benefit of biodiversity and local people.

Stone selected to participate in the national STAR program

Dr. Jami Stone, assistant professor of education, was selected for the Service, Teaching and Research (STAR) program, a National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded program for new doctorates in mathematics education in the U.S.

Stone was one of 43 new doctorates in mathematics education selected for this program. The goals of the STAR Institute are: to establish a support structure to help advance the scholarship of recent mathematics education doctoral graduates; to expand the networking of the recent mathematics education doctoral graduates; and to showcase research priorities for the field and facilitate the establishment and development of research groups involving mathematics education scholars from different institutions.

Stone’s research interests include technological pedagogical content knowledge for pre-service mathematics teachers. Her teaching interest focus is on secondary mathematics education preparation across the United States. Collaborative research publications will result from both endeavors.
BHSU students in the news

BHSU student McKenzie Haley was crowned Miss Rodeo America during the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nev.

Haley competed against 27 others in a week-long pageant vying for the title of Miss Rodeo America. Along with the title she earned top honors in the appearance, personality, most photogenic, and speech categories.

Haley, who was serving as Miss Rodeo South Dakota, will spend the next year traveling over 100,000 miles representing Miss Rodeo America, Inc., and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA).

Starting at a young age, Haley had an interest in promoting rodeo. She was active in 4-H and high school rodeo, competing in barrel racing, pole bending, and goat tying qualifying for the state finals multiple times.

When not actively participating in horse or rodeo activities, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, working out, reading, playing sports, camping, and mentoring elementary students in the Black Hills State University Teammates program.

As Miss Rodeo America she will receive a $20,000 educational scholarship at the completion of her reign. This scholarship will help her with her goal to earn her master’s degree in school psychology.

Haley was also awarded a new wardrobe from Wrangler, a fur coat, a saddle, boots, hats, and jewelry. These items, along with other valuable and exceptional prizes, will be presented to her throughout the year.

Glen Lammers, BHSU rodeo coach, noted that Haley has been instrumental in promoting the BHSU rodeo team in recent years. “It is an honor to have a BHSU student promoting the sport of rodeo on a national level.”

“I am so excited to be named Miss Rodeo America 2011. This year is going to be amazing and so much fun. I’m proud to call South Dakota my home, and to represent South Dakota rodeo and our country is quite an honor,” says Haley.
The Black Hills State University women’s cross country team finished third at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championship meet in Vancouver, Wash.

The women’s team, led by Erin Curran, sophomore exercise science major from Wahoo, Neb., scored 151 points. Curran placed fourth overall with a time of 17:52. Courtney Dickson, sophomore exercise science major from Cavour, and Leigh Anne Whiteside, junior exercise science major from Loveland, Colo., were the next two Yellow Jacket runners to cross the finish line. Dickson completed the course in a time of 18:32 to finish 28th and Whiteside finished in 18:37 to place 33rd.

Lela Carpenter, freshman exercise science major from Sheridan, Wyo., placed 73rd and finished with a time of 19:09. Abi Bever, sophomore English major from Cheyenne, Wyo., was the fifth Yellow Jacket runner across the line and finished 90th with a time of 19:18. Brooke Wells, freshman math and science teaching major from Fort Collins, Colo., ran a time of 27:23 and placed 186th.

Curran and Dickson received All-American honors for their Top 30 finishes at the national championship meet.

“These two ladies capped off a great season with their performances at the national meet,” said head coach Scott Walkinshaw. “Finishing third this year was the 17th time Black Hills State University has finished in the Top 10 in the nation.”

The men’s team earned an 18th place finish with a team score of 423 points. Jed Morgan, junior business administration major from Loveland, Colo., was the first person to cross the finish line for the Yellow Jackets. Morgan finished in a time of 26:06 and placed 53rd.

Mitch Kraft, freshman environmental physical science major from Wessington Springs, and Lane Parish, junior English and outdoor education major from Cheyenne, Wyo., were the next BHSU runners to cross the line. Kraft placed 105th with a time of 26:37, and Parish placed 108th with a time of 26:39. K.C. Fiedler, senior physical education major from George, Iowa, came in at 111th place with a time of 26:40. Neil Long, senior exercise science major from Fort Collins, Colo., ran a time of 27:23 and placed 186th.

Black Hills State University and the Yellow Jacket Foundation will be giving away a 2011 Jeep Wrangler or $10,000 cash during the 2011 Swarm Day festivities. The winner may choose the Jeep Wrangler or the cash prize.

“By participating in this raffle you will be supporting BHSU athletics and, more importantly, our quality student-athletes,” said Jhett Albers, BHSU athletic director.

Tickets are $50 each, and more than one can be purchased. Only 999 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on Swarm Day (Saturday, Sept. 10); the individual does not need to be present to win.

You may purchase tickets at the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center or contact John Kietzmann, BHSU assistant athletic director, at (605) 642-6832 or John.Kietzmann@BHSU.edu.

Will Lantis Yellow Jacket Stampede, held in conjunction with the Cowboys and Candlelight Dinner Friday, April 1. This annual fundraising event introduces the team and includes a dinner and auction with all proceeds benefiting the rodeo team. New to this year’s occasion the team will induct Rodeo Hall of Fame honorees.

For more information or to make reservations for the Cowboys and Candlelight Dinner contact Glen Lammers, BHSU rodeo coach, at 605-642-6852 or email Glen.Lammers@BHSU.edu.

Led by Joey Painter, Black Hills State University sophomore business administration major from Buffalo, the women’s rodeo team is currently ranked first in the Great Plains Region. Painter is leading the nation in the All-Around standings. The men’s team is ranked third in the region.

The second half of the season will kick off Saturday, April 2 with the annual Gridiron Gathering. Join your former teammates this spring for a Yellow Jacket football reunion.

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Join your former teammates this spring for a Yellow Jacket football reunion.

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Sports

BHSUAthletics.com becomes official site for Yellow Jacket athletics

B lack Hills State University recently debuted BHSUAthletics.com, the official home of the Yellow Jacket Athletic Department.

The website features news, schedules, stats, and rosters on the University’s 12 sports, which are currently in the process of transitioning to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II. There are live stats available during home athletic contests as well as videos. Fans can also sign up to receive emails from the BHSU Athletic Department.

BHSUAthletics.com offers businesses opportunities to purchase advertising on the site. There is a section on the site dedicated to recruits and another section for fans.

“Fans, alumni, boosters, and recruits can now come to BHSUAthletics.com to get all of the latest on the Yellow Jackets,” said Jhett Albers, BHSU athletic director.

Plans are being made for online auctions of player’s jerseys to benefit student-athlete scholarships. Details of the auctions will be announced online.

BHSUAthletics.com is hosted by PrestoSports, a national leader in website hosting for university athletic departments.

For more information or to advertise on BHSUAthletics.com, contact Jade Temple, BHSU assistant athletic director, at (605) 642-6630.

BHSU alumni help give a new look to the Donald E. Young Center

Thanks to a $1,000,000 cash gift from the Dykhouse Family and the generous donation of time and expertise by Craig Katt, Class of ’75, the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center has taken on a new look. The Dykhouses’ gift established the Dykhouse Family Athletic Scholarship Fund and purchased new video scoreboards for the arena in the Young Center. Katt, vice president of sales for A2D3 in Atlanta, Ga., came through with a gift to provide the most technologically up-to-date digitalized scoreboards and communication system in the United States. He spent much of his personal time supervising the installation of this system at his alma mater. With this in-kind gift, BHSU was able to install the system for nearly half the cost.

Go for the GREEN!

Play golf and support BHSU student-athlete scholarships!

32nd Annual Yellow Jacket
Old Baldy Golf Tournament
June 3-5, 2011 • Old Baldy Club • Saratoga, Wyo.

22nd Annual Stadium Sports Grill
Golf Classic & Auction
June 25, 2011 • Spearfish Canyon Country Club • Spearfish, S.D.

For more information call (605) 642-6385 or email John.Kietzmann@BHSU.edu
Looking back

Williams & Ree, now a nationally recognized comedy duo, earned a meager check and local fame as the winners of a talent show while students at Black Hills State University. The duo used that success as a starting point and never looked back as they began what has become a long-running entertainment career.

Join them as they return for a special concert back at their alma mater this summer!

Williams & Ree
Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Williams & Ree return to Black Hills State University in a special concert performance with proceeds benefiting the Williams & Ree Scholarship program at BHSU.

The concert will take place in the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center - with chair back seats (for the first 462) and a new state-of-the-art sound system.

Tickets - $20/person
Purchase tickets at the University Advancement Office, Woodburn 114, or call 605-642-6385.

For more information email Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu.

Looking ahead

Student Volunteer Award Ceremony
March 19

Lakota Omniciye Wacipi (powwow)
April 15-17

Class of ’61 Reunion
and 50-Year Club Reunion
May 6-7

Commencement
May 7

Yellow Jacket/Old Baldy
Golf Tournament (Saratoga, Wyo.)
June 3-5

Stadium Sports Grill/Yellow Jacket
Golf Classic and Auction
June 25

Class of ’71 Reunion
June 24-25

BHSU presents the Summer Stage
July 2011 - www.BHSU.edu/Theatre

Swarm Week
Sept. 6 - Sept. 10

Forensics/Debate Reunion
Sept. 9-10

BHSU Events
www.BHSU.edu/Events

Athletic Events
www.BHSUAthletics.com