Greetings to all BHSU alumni

In my first year at BHSU, I’ve been pleasantly surprised and gratified by the overwhelming welcome we’ve received from BHSU alumni as well as the entire Black Hills community. This is an amazing university and I’m proud to be a part of it. I’ve been very impressed with the students and alumni with whom I’ve had the opportunity to meet and visit. I’ve heard many exhilarating and interesting stories about how BHSU has transformed the lives of our graduates. Please continue to send your success stories. As our students make plans for their futures, it’s so important for them to hear about the achievements of our alumni. I invite you to be involved with your alma mater in whatever way works best for you. Visit campus, speak to student groups and provide career insight, help mentor a student, attend an athletic event, enjoy a concert or a play, or simply visit with current students, faculty and staff.

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Schallenkamp inaugurated as BHSU's ninth president

President Kay Schallenkamp was officially inaugurated as the ninth president of Black Hills State University last fall.

Former BHSU president Dr. Thomas Flickema, who retired last year, ceremoniously presented the BHSU medallion to Schallenkamp. Gov. Michael Rounds officially welcomed Schallenkamp and praised BHSU for recent advancements.

Other dignitaries who participated in the ceremony included South Dakota Board of Regents President Harvey Jewett; BOR executive director, Robert "Tad" Perry; Spearfish Mayor Jerry Krambeck; Alumni Association President Larry Vavruska; Vice Provost for Educational Outreach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Richard Lee; and BHSU Student Senate President Lily Bruckner.

Past presidents of BHSU are:
Fayette L. Cook, 1885-1919
Ethel C. Woodburn, 1919-1942
Russell E. Jonas, 1942-1967
Meredith N. Freeman, 1967-1976
Maurice Fitzgerald, 1976-1977
J. Gilbert Hause, 1977-1985
Clifford M. Trump, 1985-1994
Thomas O. Flickema, 1994-2006
Alumni News

Zac Alcorn is making news as a tight end with the Green Bay Packers

Zac Alcorn At A Glance

• Was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) All-American honoree and two-time first-team All-Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) selection at BHSU.

• Caught 85 passes for 1,220 yards and 12 touchdowns in 20 games with the BHSU Yellow Jackets.

• Received attention from NFL scouts because of his top speed of 4.6 and his 34-inch vertical leap.

• Was the first player from BHSU to make a non-drafted free agent signing with the Green Bay Packers.

• Played in six games and was inactive once after being signed from the practice squad. Saved most of his action on special teams.

• Green Bay head coach Mike McCarthy took notice, saying of Alcorn: “The guy has the best hands on our team.”

• Signed by the Green Bay Packers as a non-drafted free agent in 2006.

• Selected as a free agent by the Packers, Zac spent 11 weeks on the practice squad before he was chosen to suit up for his first game against the New England Patriots in November.

• John Scott, head football coach for the BHSU Yellow Jackets, is understandably proud of Zac’s accomplishments and says his success has been good for the team as well.

• “It feels good to say that we have a guy in the pros,” John says.

• “Zac has the opportunity to make a name for himself in the National Football League (NFL). The Packers have recognized how good his hands are and that he is a hard worker. Last season he closed the gap on the huge transition he had to make from small college football to the professional ranks.”

• John praises Zac for his accomplishments, his persistence, and also for his commitment to his family and team.

• “What stands out most about Zac is the way in which he achieved his goals without compromising the team-first attitude,” John says. “His goal of getting a shot in the NFL was in place when he got to BHSU, but not at the expense of his family or teammates.”

• His college coach, a long-time Packer fan himself, had the opportunity to revel in his former student’s success last season when he attended the Packer’s week 15 game against the Minnesota Vikings.

• “It was awesome. The greatest part was watching him come out of the locker room in his Packer uniform for warm-ups; it was one of the most gratifying moments in my coaching career,” John says. “He’s a Packer and a good guy – it doesn’t get much better than that.”

• Looking back at his first season in the NFL, Zac says being in the huddle with Brett Favre is everything he thought it would be and more.

• “It is awesome. I was a little nervous my first few times, but Brett loosens things up. He tells a lot of jokes and makes fun of the linemen, so it eases the worries a little bit,” Zac says. “One time when we were warming up, I talked him into doing his John Elway impersonation. It was hilarious.”

• Playing in Lambeau Field is Zac’s favorite place to be. “It is so rich in tradition, and we have fantastic fans,” he says.

• Zac and his wife, Jennifer, and their two young children, Justus and Jada, are adapting to living in Green Bay and feel that they’re in the right place for them.

• “While it isn’t that big, it’s big to us,” Zac says. “Wisconsin reminds me a lot of South Dakota and Nebraska. Midwest people for the most part are the same wherever you go. They are hardworking honest people who love football.”

• That’s a sentiment that Zac understands well. He’s loved football all of his life and fulfilled a lifelong dream when he was offered the opportunity to play in the NFL.

• Zac feels that professional football is a little different from what he had expected.

• “It’s less physically demanding than I thought, and way more challenging from a mental aspect,” he says. “Learning all the plays and going out to perform knowing that if you mess up, it could be the last chance you get.”

• Zac believes that BHSU was a huge stepping stone for him and his family.

• “When I moved to Spearfish, it was the first time we were away from our hometown, and we learned how to rely on one another.”

• The coaches and the football program played a huge role in my success,” Zac says. “I learned a lot from them, and they helped me achieve my lifelong goal – playing in the NFL.”

• Zac, who has had the opportunity to work with a variety of impressive people, says Aaron Kampman, the All-Pro defensive end he practiced against every day, has earned his admiration.

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John Scott
BHSU head football coach
shoots around the nation and world. Seth accompanies Norman Jean Roy to who is on the schedule to photograph Although Seth says he can’t discuss the Florida Keys, New York, and Asia. Recent photo shoots include time in of traveling, and he’s excited about that. "When they ask for you, you have to be on top of your game, be ready for anything the photographer wants," Seth says. From the beginning, Seth identified Roy as one of his primary targets. He got the name and number of one of Roy’s top assistants and began "bugging" him with repeated phone calls. Those calls lead to a day shoot of Maria Sharapova (tennis player) for V'Gator. Following the shoot, Seth immediately sent a thank you note to the studio to let them know he’d like to work with them again. After several more shoots with Roy, Seth received an offer of fulltime employment with the famous photographer. It was a dream come true for Seth. He decided to give up the freelance photography assistant work for the fulltime commitment to Roy. When he’s not on a set, Seth works in the office doing production, ordering equipment for the next shoot, sending invoices, making plans for future shoots, and cleaning the cameras. He’s also always ready for whatever photography shoot comes up and remains ready to travel on a moment’s notice. Seth began his university career at BHSU with a strong interest in graphic design. He later added a photography major and took a variety of communication arts and mass communications courses. Although Seth has reached one of his goals with his current job as assistant to one of the top fashion photographers in the world, he’s set his sights high and would like to be shooting his own work in three years. Seth says his BHSU classes prepared him to make the transformation from student to professional photographer. He credits his overall knowledge and understanding of photography and lighting, along with an under-
Disc golf arbororetum created

T wo BHSU alumni who teach at Douglass Middle School combined their passion for teaching, enthusiasm for disc golf and their outdoor adventure to create a disc-golf focused until recently and the Badlands.

Gary Sprigler was a three-time sport athlete, participating in football, wrestling and basketball. He also received the Friend of Sport Award and the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. He was only 23 years old.

Ben Latham with Rob Schneider

Gene Inhofer, attended, Sturgis, received the Bill Davis Memorial Award at the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association annual meeting. Gene is a representative for the CSC High Plains.

Christiansen honored

The Bernie “Remie” Krambeck, Class of 70, Spearfish, was among 17 South Dakota teachers who earned National Board Certification in 2006.

Dr. James Hansen

He attended Lincoln High School in Spearfish, South Dakota, and served as president in 1986-89.

The Dan Green

Spearfish, was honored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors for his ongoing pledge to education, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the profession. Dan works for Baer's First Western Insurance.

Dick Termes, Spearfish, Class of 54, and Gary Mule Deit, Spearfish, attended, were inducted into the Spearfish High School Hall of Fame.

Rudos & Announcements

Marty Haivala, Class of 90, was named the Spearfish Wal-Mart teacher of the year in 2006. She is currently performing in the Broadway by the Bay production of Show Boat.

Hank Massa, Class of 91, and Tony Bruner, Class of 94, received national recognition for their project, which was awarded a $10,000 Toyota Trophy Grant for Science Teachers.

Pat Retot, five years, attended; Jamie Haber, five years, Class of ’97, Michelle Wendel, five years, Class of ’91, Jeremie Cano, five years, Class of ’91, and Tamale Paisley, 10 years, Class of ’93 were recently recognized for their years of service to the City of Spearfish.

Travis Geppert was re-elected as president of the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce.

Eveline Corliss, Class of 39, works for the Wells Fargo operations center in Sioux Falls.

Eldon Marshall, attended, White River, head of the White River High School basketball team, led the Tigers to the State “B” Basketball Tournament.

Michael DeLancy, Class of 94, Gillette, Wyo., received the President’s Award First Premier Bank.

Amy (Simmons) Lee, Class of 93, Spearfish, received the Presidents Award at First Premier Bank. Amy is their human resources officer.

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Rob Schneider visits Latham's class

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He noted that Schneider started the band, and also is active in the California Music Educators Association and is writing music. Ben had his symphonic debut last year with the 124-piece Youth Symphony and has written a couple of movements for school boards. He is currently performing in the Broadway by the Bay production of Show Boat.

Claudia Little, Class of 78, Sturgis, authored a new book entitled, “Pitcher’s My Medicine,” which tells the story of her life growing up on a cattle farm in the Badlands.

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Engagements & Marriages

The 70s

Valeria Johnson, Class of ’82, Spearfish, is an account manager for the Spearfish Arts Center in Rapid City.

The 90s

Marney Manning, Class of ’94, Burley, Idaho, is the Native American Education Coordinator. She has a master’s in special education.

The 2000s

James Roth, Class of ’73, married Joyce Ziegler, Fridley, Minn., May 6, 2007. James is in the retail grocery business.

Scott Roven, Class of ’91, and Belinda Webster, married July 7, 2007. Scott works for the City of Sturgis Engineering Department.

Shel Maroney, Class of ’86, married Joel Hardman, Austin, Minn., Dec. 11, 2006. Shel is an associate professor at the University of Minnesota.

Donata Vandenhue, married Dave McCrory, married March 31, 2006. Mark is employed at Doan’s Supermarket in Rapid City.

Grace Thompson, married Andy Flaggenberger, married June 3, 2006. Grace is employed at Doan’s Supermarket in Rapid City.

Ryan Maher


Maher among several alums serving as state legislators

Ryan Maher, a Class of ’70 graduate with a degree in business, served in an intern program during the state legislative session when he was a student at BHSU. That experience opened Ryan’s eyes to the possibility of serving in politics, and he now serves as a state legislator of District 29 for South Dakota.

Ryan says his legislative internship prepared him so he knew what to expect when he began. He currently serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which he also served on as a part of his internship.

After graduating from BHSU in 2000, Ryan accepted an internship with the Department of Health of Human Services in Omaha, Neb. He later transferred to Denver, Colo. He says two years later he had had his full of city life and was ready to return to his home state and worked for the Farm Service Agency and later for Farmers State Bank in Faith as a loan officer. In 2005, he purchased the café and lounge in Isabel.

Ryan advises students to take learning opportunities, such as his legislative internship, wherever and whenever they are presented.

“The opportunity will change the way you look at things. An important factor of life is networking and meeting people,” Ryan says.

Looking ahead, Ryan says he has no idea what’s in his future, although considering what he’s accomplished so far, it’s bound to be impressive.

“Two years ago if you would have told me that I would be serving in the South Dakota State Senate, I would have said you were nuts,” Ryan says.
David Worthington, Class of ’05, recently reached his goal of hiking, climbing all 58 of the “fourteeners” (peaks over 14,000 feet) in Colorado, just 54 weeks after climbing his first 14er in August 2005. David’s final Colorado 14er was Mount Elbert (14,431 ft), the highest point in Colorado.

After graduating from BHSU with a degree in accounting, David moved to Lakewood, Colo., where he is employed by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a general ledger accountant.

David, who enjoyed getting out “into the hills” as often as possible while attending BHSU, moved to Colorado to accept an employment opportunity with attending BHSU. The move also provided David with the opportunity to participate in alpine hiking and backcountry challenges.

Not content with this accomplishment, David is already setting additional goals.

“Now that I’ve finished the Colorado 14ers, there is still plenty to do. I plan to hike many Colorado 14ers over the next several years. In addition, next year I plan to hike the western U.S. state highpoints,” David says.

Janelle Rank, Class of ’02, married Jacob Kieschnick July 22, 2006. Janelle is a representative for National American University Online. The couple lives in Rapid City.


Sean Crowes, Class of ’03, married Amanda Rosenaux Sept. 9, 2006. Sean is a senior programmer-analyst at BHSU.

Ryan Groll, Class of ’03, married Amanda Gostola, III, June 2, 2007. Ryan is a middle school art teacher in Belle Fourche. Chad is a photographer.

Laura Snyder, Class of ’04, and Ryan Heinke, Class of ’04, married May 26, 2007. Laura is pursing a master’s degree. Ryan is employed by Sandia Casino in Albuquerque, N.M.

Lisa Stever, Class of ’04, and Dar Haever, attended, married.

Morgan Miles, Class of ’03, married Matt VordHalen, May 26, 2007. Morgan is an AmeriCorps VISTA coordinator with Volunteers of America in Sioux Falls.


Freudenberg applies research skills

Holly Freudenberg, Class of ’02, is currently an acute care and rehabilitation physical therapist at Benefis HealthCare in Great Falls, Mont. She is beginning work on a North American Institute of Orthopedic Manual Therapy (NAOMT) certification.

Holly was formerly a physical therapist at Katterbach Health Clinic in Germany where she worked with patients (mainly soldiers but a few family members) on an outpatient orthopedic basis. She also worked at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital in Dothan, Ala., where she focused in neurologic and orthopedic inpatient rehabilitation. Following that, she worked at Kettering (Ohio) Army Health Clinic.

Holly believes that her research experience while attending BHSU was especially beneficial.

“The field of physical therapy is shifting to a doctor of physical therapy degree to support its evidence-based practice (meaning that physical therapist’s methods of practice are constantly changing based on current research studies). With that shift, doctoral programs are focusing more on research to support what we do. I was able to apply the research skills that I developed on various projects at BHSU,” Holly says.


Loretta Herman, Class of ’04, and Bruce Schmidt will marry Sept. 5, 2007. Loretta works in the learning center at Douglas High School.

Elise Fefferle, Class of ’04, and Collin Fowkens, Class of ’03, married May 26, 2007. Elise is a middle school art teacher in Belle Fourche. Chad is a photographer.

Carrie Albright, Class of ’05, and Matthew Mason married June 16, 2007. Carrie is a teacher in Rapid City.

Chad Blair, Class of ’05, married Christene Dahl June 30, 2007. Chad is employed at TEG Communications.

Kortney Keller, Class of ’05, and Gregory Geary will marry April 19, 2006. Kortney is a graphic designer.

Kristin Kroeger, Class of ’05, and Josh Shryver, were married Aug. 19, 2006. Kristin is a health care representative.

Lisa Strever, Class of ’04, and Dar Haever, attended, married.

Morgan Martin, Class of ’05, and Bryant Linn, Class of ’06, were married June 24, 2006. Morgan is a human resource specialist at Midland National Life in Sioux Falls. Bryan is a social studies teacher.

Faye Price, Class of ’05, and Tim Haggard were married Dec. 30, 2006. Faye is a third-grade teacher for Rapid City School District. The couple lives in Piedmont.


Chelsey Anderson, Class of ’05, and Brian Ewald, Class of ’03, were married May 29, 2006. Chelsey is attending nursing school. Brian is a system administrator for BHSU.

Jessica Cahoy, Class of ’06, and Jeremy Kronen, Class of ’05, were married June 20, 2007. The couple currently attend SDSU.

Chelsey Anderson, Class of ’06, married Jesse Hobart Aug. 18, 2006. Lisa is a cellular sales representative.


Eric Elder, Class of ’06, and Jill Teuma, married May 27, 2006.

Lisa Cornelius, Class of ’06, married Jesse Hulsche Aug. 18, 2006. Lisa is a cellular sales representative.

Rachel Adams-Howard creates promos for Florida sports

Rachel Adams-Howard, Class of ’96, and Avery Salley were married Feb. 14, 2007, in Rapid City with a second ceremony March 3, 2007 in Mazatlan, Mexico. Rachel is a secondary school counselor.

Adams-Howard is a workforce development initiative aimed at native South Dakotans who are interested in moving back to the state as well as current citizens who want to take advantage of South Dakota’s economy and quality of life.

Adams-Howard is a joint partnership between the Department of Labor, the Department of Tourism and State Development, and the Governor’s Office. For more information, visit www.DakotaRoots.com or call 1-800-592-1882. DakoRoots.com
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Nancy Hendricks, Class of '98, and Kelly Burns were married June 9, 2006. Nancy is a special education teacher at Rapid City.

Melissa Jansen, Class of '98, and Lanny Calberton were married June 3, 2006. Melissa is employed at KeyBank. The couple lives in Rapid City.

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The couple lives in Rapid City. Kmart. The couple lives in Rapid City. Janny was a third grade teacher in Rapid Springs, Wyo. This couple is a substitute teacher in Spearfish.

The couple lives in Grand Junction, Colo. Anne Koenig, Class of '96, married Steven, Class of '95, July 21, 2006. Jane and Garrett are both senior computer support specialists at BHSU.


Brandi Jo Neuhard, Class of '96, Eureka, Spearfish, married Brandon Montgomery, April 14, 2007. She is pursuing a career in the health care industry.

Sarah Mangelson, Class of '96, and Matt Cross were married Aug. 19, 2006. Sarah is a seventh grade teacher. The couple lives in Grand Junction, Colo.

Amber Johansen, Class of '96, and Matt Taranto married June 9, 2007. Amber is a sales and events manager at WalplI Outdoor Waterpark Resort in Rapid City.

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Births

Leeland Roy, Dec. 22, 2006. Amber arrived early to make a perfect holiday present. He weighed 2 lbs. 3 oz.

Michelle (Darrance) Costabile, Class of '94, and husband Jeff, Parker, Az., had a baby boy, Asher James, Nov. 20, 2005. Michelle is a junior high reading and language teacher.

Russell “Rusty” Luchow. Class of '96, and wife Elizabeth, Albuquerque, N.M., had a baby boy, Kayden Williams, April 25, 2007. He weighed 5 lbs.

Sarahbeth (Bots) and husband Jon, attended, Black Hawk, had a baby boy, Jarette William, Dec. 1, 2006. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Molly (Charron) Jackson, Class of '97, and husband Adam, Bruns Falls, had a baby girl, Mickey, Jan. 5, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Mark is the women’s basketball coach at BHSU. Melissa teaches in Belle Fourche.

Dawn (Frantz) Strand, Class of '03, Evanvillle, Wyo., and husband Matt, had a baby boy, William Henry, Aug. 30, 2006. Dawn is an eighth grade language arts teacher.

Terra (Peterson) Costabile, Class of '93, and husband Ted, Parker, Colo., had a baby boy, Daniel Joseph, Dec. 28, 2006. Terra is a fourth grade teacher and Jessie is a clinical coordinator at the Medical Center of the Rockies.

Naomi Miller. Class of '04, and husband Ed, Sioux Falls, had a baby girl, Mary, June 24, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. Josh is a finance analyst for Dow Chemical.

Mark Nies. Class of '99, and wife Melissa (Baergseth), Class of '02, Brookings, S.D., had a baby girl, Lily Marikel, April 18, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Mark is the women’s volleyball coach at BHSU. Melissa teaches in Belle Fourche.

Zac Alcorn, Class of '03, and wife Ashley, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Gabriella (Eliza) Grace, Dec. 28, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. This couple teach at the Medicine Lake District.

Jeffrey is a wildlife biologist for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Timmy “Mimi” Naescher, Class of '93, and wife Jennifer, Gillette, Wyo., and husband Gary, had a baby girl, Malaya Marike, Dec. 21, 2006. Timmy is a staff accountant at Pasek, Howell & Belling Associates, CFC, PA.

Russell (Jr.) Wills, Class of '96, and wife Reese, Class of '97, Parker, Colo., had a baby girl, Mary Elizabeth, April 26, 2006. Russell works at the circulation desk for the Cape Branch Library.

Lori (Ross) Nemec, Class of '04, and husband Tim, Sioux Falls, had a baby girl, Rachael Ann, June 26, 2006. Lori coaches volleyball and is a farmer and rancher.

Zac Alcorn, Class of '06, and wife Jennifer, DelPre, Wyo., had a baby girl, Jada Raechelle, Sept. 29, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Zac coaches baseball and is a right-end for the Green Bay Packers.

Little inducted in state Hall of Fame

Dwight Little was inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. Dwight was the crack cross country coach at BHSU from 1978 to 1991. He led the Yellowjackets to 33 South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference titles (25 conference cross country, 2 track). He was named District 12 Coach of the Year 14 times (10 Cross country, four track). He also served as BHSU athletic director from 1986-90 and 1994-92.
Mastrovich shows BHSU pride

The 20s

Anna (Necci) Freiberg, attended, 20-22, Casper, Wyo., passed away Dec. 5, 2006. Anna taught two years in rural Meade County. She enjoyed sewing.

Agnes (Lamberton) Perengate, attended, 23-26, Sturgis, passed away July 14, 2006. Agnes taught two years in rural Meade County and 13 years in Sturgis Public Schools. She loved her students and teaching.

The 30s

Violet Rose (Weaver) Fowers, Class of 30, Spearfish, passed away Jan. 31, 2007. She taught grade school in Hot Springs. She enjoyed working with livestock and tending to her gardens.

Esther (Outsider) Carter, attended ’31-’34, Portland, Ore., passed away April 22, 2007. Esther was a homemaker and taught kindergarten for 22 years.

Esther H. Paschke, Class of ’32, Rapid City, passed away April 13, 2007. She taught school for eight years. For nearly 30 years she worked as a supervisory accountant at Griffiss AFB, N.Y. She retired in 1971 and returned to Rapid City.


Josephine K. Linquist, Class of ’36, Sioux City, Iowa, passed away Dec. 15, 2006. She taught in a one-room county school for 10 years and 12 years in the Sioux City Public School system.

Lillian (Donohue) Laurenstein, attended ’37-’38, ’40, Alberts, Wyo., passed away Nov. 5, 2006. She loved playing cards with her grandchildren and always seemed to have the aces.

Josephine (Bainbridge) Will, Class of ’37, Yorkton, passed away Sept. 5, 2006. She taught in rural schools and at the state training school. Josephine received her degree in special education and continued teaching for another 10 years.

William (Bill) Sanford Berry, Jr., attended ’38-’41, Spearfish, passed away April 24, 2007. In 1944 he joined his brother in a grocery-locker plant before assuming ownership of the Culligan Water Service in Pierre. He served on the Deadwood School Board.

John T. Jobe, Jr., attended ’38-’39, Wheatland, Wyo., passed away April 14, 2007. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, he worked at the General Steel Plant in Provo, Utah, then returned to Wyoming where he was employed by the Wyoming Highway Department for 38 years. He was a resident engineer in Wheatland, Rawlins and Búffalo for 18 years.


The 40s

Lola (Priebe) Wilson, Class of ’41, Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away Jan. 28, 2007. Lola taught in a one-room schoolhouse. During World War II she went to California and worked as a typist for the Department of the Navy, rising to the level of typist pool supervisor.

Lola volunteered at the Salt Lake City airport for 20 years.

Anna L. (Cleveland) Lown, Class of ’42, Lawrence, Kan., passed away Feb. 27, 2007. Anna enjoyed gardening, playing with her cat, cooking and writing poetry.

Clara (Brown) Clement, attended, ’43, Faulkton, passed away July 13, 2006. Clara taught at Hand County country school for several years, and worked at the Parity Lunch in Miller. She and her husband farmed in Han County and later purchased a farm in Faulk County.


Dolores (Gouge) Leech, Class of ’43, Spearfish, attended, ’41-’42, Denver, Colo. Clara attended BHSU. Clara taught in Richland County for 38 years.

The BHSU Alumni Association recently hosted the annual 50-Year-Club banquet. Attending the banquet were: (standing, left to right) Everett Follette, Class of ’53, Spearfish; Alvin Holst, Class of ’57, Vale; Robert Temple, Class of ’57, Ramona, Calif.; Vern Backens, Class of ’57, Spearfish; Edwin Mayberry, Class of ’57, Miles City, Mont.; Keith Sycamore, Class of ’57, Deadwood; Darrel Herbarger, Class of ’57, Rapid City; Stanley Negard, Class of ’57, Rock Valley, Iowa; Clifton Fost, Class of ’57, Whitewood; MaryAnn (Stephen- son) Erickson, Class of ’54, Spearfish; Guila (Marchiando) Sturgeon, Class of ’57, Rapid City; Carol (Harvey) Backens, (Thorpe) Holm, Class of ’55, Vale; Marguerite (Hickerson) Kileen, Class of ’54, Sturgis; Ernest E. Smith, Class of ’54, Rapid City; and Beverly (Olsen) Carr, Class of ’55, Spearfish.
Alumni News

Obituaries

Dora taught 33 years and held numerous educational affiliations.

Richard M. Behrens, Class of '47, Grand Coulee, Wash., passed away Feb. 26, 2007. While attending BHTC, he joined the National Guard. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he participated in the invasion of North Africa in 1943. Richard taught for 30 years. He retired in 1948. He and his wife spent 30 years traveling the world and volunteering.

Claudia (Crisman) Stensaas, attended '48-'55, Rapid City, passed away Aug. 23, 2006. She moved to a ranch on the Big Horn River. Later she worked on a ranch in Montana breaking horses. They then moved to Dayton, Wyo., where they bought a motel.

Harrison Jack Welch, Class of '55 Ohala, Neb., passed away Jan. 15, 2007. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Harrison was a career teacher and coach.

The Richard Dean Goplin, attended, '56-'57, Hot Springs, passed away Aug. 5, 2006. He worked for a finance company in Reno, Nev., and in Texas, Ariz. Dick operated two restaurants in Arizona during the late 60s and ran a successful insurance agency. After retiring in 1997, he split his time between Camp Verde, Ariz., and Hot springs.

John “Jack” Moodie, Jr., attended, Spearfish, passed away Oct. 15, 2006. Jack served two years on a tour of duty in Japan. He was a customs service representative for Black Hills Power and Light Company and later an insurance adjuster for several major insurance companies until he retired in 1983. He was an accomplished pilot and golfer.


William LeRoy Cowan, Class of ’60, Groton, Wyo., passed away April 3, 2007. He was an educator for 44½ years. The last 11 years of her career were spent as principal.

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Lloyd W. Eaton, Class of ’40, Rapid City, passed away Oct. 31, 2006. Fay attended college after most of her family was raised. She graduated with honors and went on to teach in the Rapid City Schools for 15 years.

Agnes (Biebendorf) Schram, Class of ’66, Charleston, W. Va., passed away Aug. 13, 2006. Agnes taught for many years in Nebraska and South Dakota with the last 33 years primarily in Rapid City.

Astrid Wyol (Sigurdson), Class of ’67, Rapid City, passed away July 13, 2006. Audrey taught in Rapid City for 38 years, and joined the staff of Lead public schools where she taught fifth grade for ten years.

Douglas Driscoll, attended ’68-70, Belle Fourche, passed away Feb. 18, 2007. Douglas worked at Dave Richards Conoco, and then Pioneer Sporting Goods. He later worked as a dealer at several casinos in Deadwood.

Evelyn (Krohn) Whirlwind Horse, attended ’68-70, passed away Aug. 11, 2006. Evelyn was an elementary teacher. She also implemented the Title 1 Education Program in the BIA Elementary Schools for the Ogala Sioux Tribe.

John W. Hanson, Class of ’70, Rapid City, passed away Feb. 14, 2007. John taught high school and was wrestling coach in the fall for five years before beginning his 30-year career with Thrivent.

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BHSU receives anonymous gift for art department

In an anonymous donation recently made plans for a significant contribution to the art department at BHSU.

The donor is leaving the BHSU Foundation $250,000. This is a significant gift to the entire estate, whichever is greater, to benefit the university art department. According to Steve Meeker, vice president of Institutional Advancement, the donor wants the money to be used to support visual art scholarships and to provide visual art supplies and equipment. In addition, if the donor outlives the other beneficiaries named in the estate plan, the entire estate will go to the BHSU Foundation.

Dr. Holly Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, says the university is incredibly grateful for this gift to the art department. "The funds will help to build the art program through scholarships to recruit gifted students, through much needed equipment purchases, and through enhancing student opportunities for showcasing student work," Downing said. "Gifts such as these are essential to creating a legacy, which in turn benefits the entire region."

David Waugh donates $9,000 that will be added with existing funds for the Francis E. Waugh Memorial Scholarship Fund. That donation brings the scholarship fund to $12,050.

Scholarships from this fund will be awarded annually to BHSU students majoring in communications with an emphasis in journalism and/or photography. Preference will be given to students who plan to work for either the South Dakota or the Colorado Game, Fish and Parks department or someone who is planning a career in wildlife management or photography and/or journalism.

Francis Waugh grew up in Deadwood and graduated from Black Hills State Teacher's College (now BHSU) in the late '40s. After serving overseas in WWII as an aerial photographer he was employed with the state game and fish department in South Dakota and later in Colorado. He loved to hunt and fish, and also loved photography and journalism. According to his family, Francis was always grateful to be able to combine all four of these loves into a career.

Gustafson scholarship set

Wilma "Billie" Gustafson recently contributed $25,000 to establish the Wilma "Billie" Gustafson Scholarship at Black Hills State University. The recipient(s) must be a non-traditional student. It is preferred that the recipient be 25 years old or more and from Lawrence County, or, if not, from the Northern Black Hills. The recipient must also enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester.

The recipient(s) will be selected by the Gustafson Scholarship Fund. That donation brings the scholarship fund to $12,050. This will be added with existing funds from the 17th Annual Yellow Jacket Golf Classic, which had 120 golfers compete in what is being described as "another unexpected premier moment," PREMIER Bankcard says. In an effort to highlight and celebrate some of the area's most talented individuals, we were pleased to offer the BHSU Student Scholarship Program for $5,000 for the PREMIER BHSU Student Scholarship Program. That donation brings the scholarship fund to $12,050. This will be added with existing funds from the 17th Annual Yellow Jacket Golf Classic, which had 120 golfers compete in what is being described as "another unexpected premier moment," PREMIER Bankcard says. In an effort to highlight and celebrate some of the area's most talented individuals, we were pleased to offer the BHSU Student Scholarship Program.
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Ahmad receives Fulbright award

Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, political science professor at BHSU, recently received one of the most prestigious academic awards - a Fulbright Scholarship. Ahmad received a senior teaching and research fellowship for next year. He will teach upper division courses in political science at the International University in Bangladesh. Ahmad, who has been a member of the BHSU faculty since 1992, was chosen by his peers to receive the 2007 Distinguished Faculty Award for his outstanding contributions to the university, the state, the nation, and the world.

Black Hills State University will play an integral role in lab development

Black Hills State University is looking forward to taking a lead role in the development of a national lab site at Lead. The former Homestake Mining location was chosen as the preference location for the lab this summer.

“We recognize the transformational effect the Lab will have on the lives of our students and the future of the entire region. We know it brings unlimited possibilities for our students, our citizenry, and our economy. Located just 17 miles from the lab site, BHSU’s involvement with the lab transcends the scientific realm. As the only multipurpose state university west river, BHSU will call upon the depth and breadth of our programs from liberal arts and humanities, business, education, and science to meet the vastly increasing needs of the region through enhanced cultural offerings, historic documentation, life long learning, research, and educational outreach. BHSU, which recently began a summer theater program at the Historic Homestake Opera House in Lead, is a significant resource for the region. The University will serve consultative roles through our centers in Entrepreneurism, Conservation Biological Research, and Tourism. Our students and faculty are already eagerly anticipating spin-off endeavors and businesses opportunities.”

BHSU will play a pivotal role in educational outreach and development of a visitor center through the Center for Mathematics and Science Education (CAMSE).

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BHSU students in the news

Students and mentors present research

BHSU Players perform "Godspell"

BHSU began its first summer theatre season performing "Godspell." The theatre troupe, known as the Black Hills State Players, transformed the historic Homestake Opera House into a vibrant street scene filled with dance and song as they performed the family-friendly 1970s Broadway musical. The cast included 10 student actors and four additional students who worked as costume designers and production technicians.

Students achieve honors across a variety of disciplines at BHSU

Several pieces of artwork created by three Black Hills State University students were recently selected for publication in Creative Quarterly. The students, Michael Baum, Janel Jo Wenner, and Michael Knutson, were among several BHSU students who submitted artwork to the magazine at the encouragement of BHSU assistant professor Dave Wilson.

Joanna Vandeveer, a BHSU junior psychology major from Spearfish, was one of only 32 psychology students selected from across the nation to participate in the American Psychological Association’s Summer Science Institute.

Jesse Brown Nelson, a senior mass communications major, was awarded the photography internship for the South Dakota Department of Tourism this summer.

BHSU students in the news

Student Organizations honored by Regents

BHSU student Peter Schwiesow (center), a member of the Health Sciences student organization, accepts the Award for Academic Excellence from Dr. Harvey J. Jewett, president of the S.D. Board of Regents. Schwiesow is a pre-dentistry student from Rapid City. Dr. Charles Lamb, BHSU biology faculty member who advises the student group, is pictured on the left.

Members of the Collegiate Outdoor Leadership Program accept the S.D. Board of Regents Award for Organizational Leadership. Student officers who accepted the award were: (left to right) Josh Roadifer, a senior from Belle Fourche; Brett Raukert, a sophomore from Encampment, Wyo.; and Andy Christy, a senior from Worland, Wyo., with Dr. Harvey J. Jewett, president of the S.D. Board of Regents.

Bruckner named Spirit of BH

Lily Bruckner, a 2007 graduate with a degree in elementary education from Rapid City, received the Black Hills State University Alumni Association Spirit of BH Award.

Students' global experiences enhance their education

Four Black Hills State University education students took part in a pilot program to do their student teaching experience overseas. This is one of several international programs that BHSU students have the opportunity to take part in as a part of their education.

The students agree that their experience at BHSU has been pivotal in their lives and have affirmed their decisions to become teachers. The students and faculty members have high expectations for this new venture, which they feel will be important to future teachers.
Alumni will be honored during Swarm Days

Several Black Hills State University alumni will be honored during the annual Swarm Days activities Oct. 1-6. The 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Mona Chancellor. The 2007 Special Service Award will be awarded to Joy Krautschcn. The 2007 Excellence in Education Award will be presented to Janet Hensley. The 2007 Special Achievement Award will be awarded to John Karinen. These awards will be honored during the Swarm Days luncheon Friday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. in the Donald E. Young Center.

Mona Chancellor, Class of ’60, began college at BHSU while raising her children. She earned her teaching degree and went on to become a teacher. She earned her teaching degree and went on to enjoy the challenge and satisfaction of her profession.

Mona taught in South Dakota, Texas, Florida and Colorado for 20 years while raising her children. She also earned a master’s degree in reading.

She married Charles E. (Chance) Chancellor, a Denver area businessman who followed his father into the oil business. Mona then decided to quit teaching as she became involved in the oil business, and she and her husband took advantage of the opportunity they had to travel around the world.

When her husband died suddenly, Mona was thrust to the forefront in the business and took on the challenge of running the gas and oil exploration business in Golden, Colo.

John Chancellor is a member of many organizations, including the Department of Game, Fish and Parks Fisheries Science Research Board and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Joy Krautschcn, Class of ’75, was instrumental in starting and coaching the BHSU women’s volleyball team, which has earned its place in the record books.

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She was an active member of the alumni association board of directors for dance program, a member of the cheerleading squad, and involved in intramural sports.

Joy taught physical education and music at the Lead-Deadwood and Spearfish school districts.

John Chancellor, Class of ’60, is an adjunct professor at Black Hills State University, teaching courses in educational psychology, pre-admission test preparation, and child growth and development. She is also an assistant teacher supervisor.

Janet has been involved in education for 34 years. She spent half of those in the classroom and the other half as an elementary principal, which she retired from in 2003.

Since 2003 she has been involved in the Technology and Innovation in Educational Research and Development and as the executive director of the EveryStudentGrows Foundation.

She has trained and implemented technology into the curriculum in Douglas Schools, as well as providing leadership in an effort to effectively implement a guided reading program.

John Karinen, Class of ’58, is a research fish biologist for the Alaska Fisheries Science Center’s Auke Bay Laboratories. He researches Alaska’s fish populations, stock assessments, and the chemistry of marine environments.

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Joy served with the Spearfish Ambassadors for many years and continues to be an active member of the Spearfish community. She volunteers her time by serving on the Food Pantry, and helping as a reading assistant at Spearfish Elementary.

Joy loves to bake cookies, celebrate every holiday to the fullest, and spoil her wonderful grandchildren.

Janet Hensley, Class of ’79, is a reading assistant at Spearfish Elementary. She has been involved in the school district for 28 years and the assistant track coach for eight years.

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During his years as head football coach he led his team to 15 seasons in the playoffs, three state championship games, and one state championship appearance. His accomplishments include:

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Sports

Football team remembered as 'team that got it done'

The football team at BHSU is looking forward to the 2007 season following a stellar season in 2006 when the Yellow Jackets finished with a Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) Championship and a first-ever trip to the NAIA playoffs. The Jackets finished with an 8-3 overall record and an impressive 7-0 conference record.

The team, ranked 12th in the NAIA pre-season poll, begin their demanding non-conference schedule Sept. 1 on the road against NAIA number four ranked Carroll College. The Jackets then host NCAA Division III opponent the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Sept. 8 at Lyle Harley Stadium. The conference season is expected to be a tough schedule as well.

Head Coach John Scott and his staff are entering their fifth season and are looking to build on a solid core of returning players on both sides of the ball. As fall practice begins, the Yellow Jackets are bringing in a group of 40 new recruits to join the returning veterans. According to Scott, the team has a great deal of optimism.

Offensively the Jackets return eight starters. Last fall the quarterback position was one of Scott's biggest concerns. This fall the position is in good hands with All Dakota Athletic Conference quarterback Eric Osborne returning for his senior campaign. He finished last season passing for over 1,300 yards and 14 touchdowns.

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Track and field team finish successful season

The BHSU track and field team added a number of names and performances to the past successes during the 2006 indoor and outdoor season.

The women's team once again repeated as indoor and outdoor DAC team champions and during the process compiled a list of 14 all conference performers. They finished fifth as a team at the Indoor National Championships and went on to finish 12th to cap off their outdoor season.

The women established seven new school records. Sophomore Wesleigh Jastorff in the 400 and 800 indoors and outdoors, Aubrey Baxter in the weight throw and shot put, Wendy O'Leary in the 3000, and Lynnae Fox in the hammer. Jastorff was one of Scott's biggest concerns. This fall the position is in good hands with All Dakota Athletic Conference quarterback Eric Osborne returning for his senior campaign. He finished last season passing for over 1,300 yards and 14 touchdowns.

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Members of this select group included Eric Flores, Tyg Long, Cody Bordewyk, James Hansen, and Allen Wood who all continued on to earn All-American honors at the NAIA Championships. Flores, a freshman from Custer, was crowned the indoor National Champion in the weight throw with a toss just over 59 feet and then returned to the outdoor season to capture the title in the hammer with a toss of 215 feet. Other school record holders included Trent Waage in the marathon posting a time of 2:31.05 in his debut. The women's team was not alone setting new records as the men's team combined for a total of 13 All-Conference performers and four new school records.


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Softball begins at BHSU

The return of softball to the BHSU campus began on a high note as President Kay Schallenberg threw out the first pitch in April, and the team went on to win all three doubleheaders that weekend. The team ended the season with an 11-25 record.

Fastpitch softball, which was played at BHSU from 1976 until 1981, is a crowd pleaser and Amy Gurney, head coach, notes that the fan base was terrific in the first season.

“The bleachers were always full, and people were excited to watch softball games,” Gurney says. “It was a good way to start off our program."

Gurney is looking forward to building the team this year and has been recruiting from across the region.

BHSU All-century men's basketball team honored

The BHSU alumni association hosted a 100 years of men's basketball celebration. To celebrate this milestone, former players and coaches who invited back to campus. The university designated an All-Century basketball team consisting of 100 of the best men's basketball players at BHSU in the last century. Front row: Mary Evans, Mundeelen, Ill.; Dale Hardy, Spearfish; Edwin and Rodney Petranek, accepting for Kenneth Leslie, deceased; and John Wilkinson, Spearfish. Second row: Mike West, Philip; Brand Miller, Rapid City; Mary Marich, Pine Bluffs, Wyo.; Doug Stanford, Deadwood; Lois Fitzgerald Doran, accepting for Maurice Fitzgerald, deceased; and Gene Schlekeway, accepting for Mike Savoy, deceased. Third row: Senior James Hanson, Custer, Anderson, Custer; Steve Duncan, Watertown; Mike McCarty, Spearfish; and Jeff Lamb, Onida. Fourth row: Brad Buche, Mitchell; Clancy Roberts, Santa Fe, N.M.; Jesse Dana, Spearfish; Matt Burgess, Gillette, Wyo.; Eldon Marshall, White River; Scott Jago, Lyman, Wyo.; and Kurt Fothergill, Fenton, Iowa. Fifth row: Boyd Thornton, Philip; Paul Anderson, Custer; Steve Durcan, Watertown; Mike McCarty, Spearfish; Aaron Valentine, Spearfish; and Jeff Lamb, Onida.

Sports

Cross country teams dominate competition

The Yellow Jackets closed out their 2006 cross country season with a reason to hold their heads high as they once again dominated at the NAIA National Championships in Louisville, Ky. At the DAC Championships, juniors Mike Nekuda, Trent Waage, and Allen Wood, along with sophomore Cody Bordewyk joined Hansen to score a combined total of 31 points. These five were also the scoring members that captured the Region title two weeks later in Sioux Falls. The Yellow Jacket men finished seventh at the NAIA Championships, just 38 points off of 3rd place.

The Lady Yellow Jackets, who have now won seven of the last eight conference titles, took fourth of the top six places at the meet with Wesleigh Jastorff, Liz Woodruff, and Wendy O'Leary placing second, third, and fourth, and Alicia Verhulst in sixth place. Team up with freshmen Kristen Mohror and Shelby Scheffer, and senior Kendra Karst, the Lady Yellow Jackets went on to finish fourth at the NAIA Championships with Jastorff and Woodruff earning All-American honors for their finishing 17th and 30th places.

David Patten, Class of 72, Pierre, passed away Dec. 21, 2006. David taught elementary school and was the assistant principal in Pierre. David enjoyed being a Boy Scout leader.

Barbara (Boggins) Cannon, Class of 73, Chadron, Neb., passed away May 20, 2006. Barbara was an elementary teacher and school librarian for 14 years. She also served as the Chadron State College curriculum librarian for 21 years.

Carole (Fitzgerald) Rogers, Class of ’83, Spearfish, passed away Sept. 90s, Rapid City, passed away March 4, 2007. She lived in Paradise, Calif. Sandra (Sorenson) Fisher, Class of ’91, Newcastle, Wyo., passed away Sept. 27, 2006. She taught in Delinitch and Lead. She worked as a production clerk for Black Hills Exploration and Production.


Justin John Gunnarsen, Class of ’90, Miles City, Mont., died Oct. 21, 2006. He did his student teaching at Custer County District High School and was the assistant women’s basketball coach with his uncle, Dwight Gunnarsen, at Miles Community College. He was head coach for the Miles City Cols Baseball team. Justin accepted his first teaching position at Lame Deer Public Schools where he was teaching at the time of his death.

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Homecoming Week
Oct. 1-6
Oct. 5 Alumni Luncheon and Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Banquet
Oct. 6 Swarm Day parade and football game

Alumni Art Show
Sept. 15 - Oct. 7

Annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Auction
Oct. 12
BHSU’s 125 Anniversary in 2008
Feb. 27 - 125th anniversary luncheon
April 5 - Volunteer Awards celebration – comedian Gary Mule Deer
Sept. 20 - Swarm Day - All-School Reunion highlighted by Williams & Ree - recognize the Top 125 Alumni

50-year Club reunion
May 9-10

BHSU events
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Looking back
Ida Henton Park was the setting for performances and pictures through the years. Next year, 2008 marks the quasquicentennial year at BHSU and several major events including an all-school reunion are being planned.
Class of 2007 graduates, Lindsay Bruckner, Lily Bruckner, Cody Winchester, Luke Peterson, Brandy Sickler, celebrate their graduation from Black Hills State University.