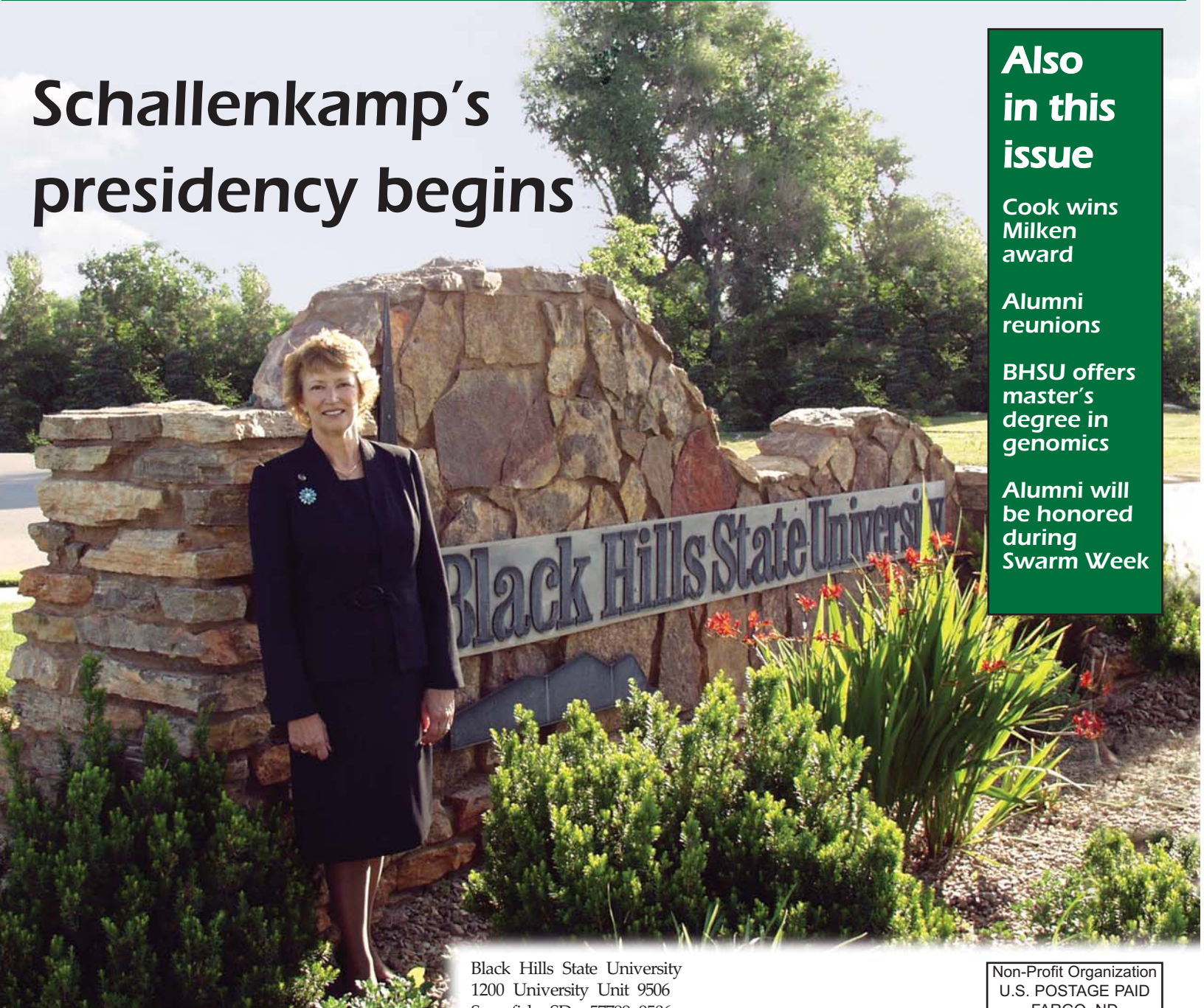




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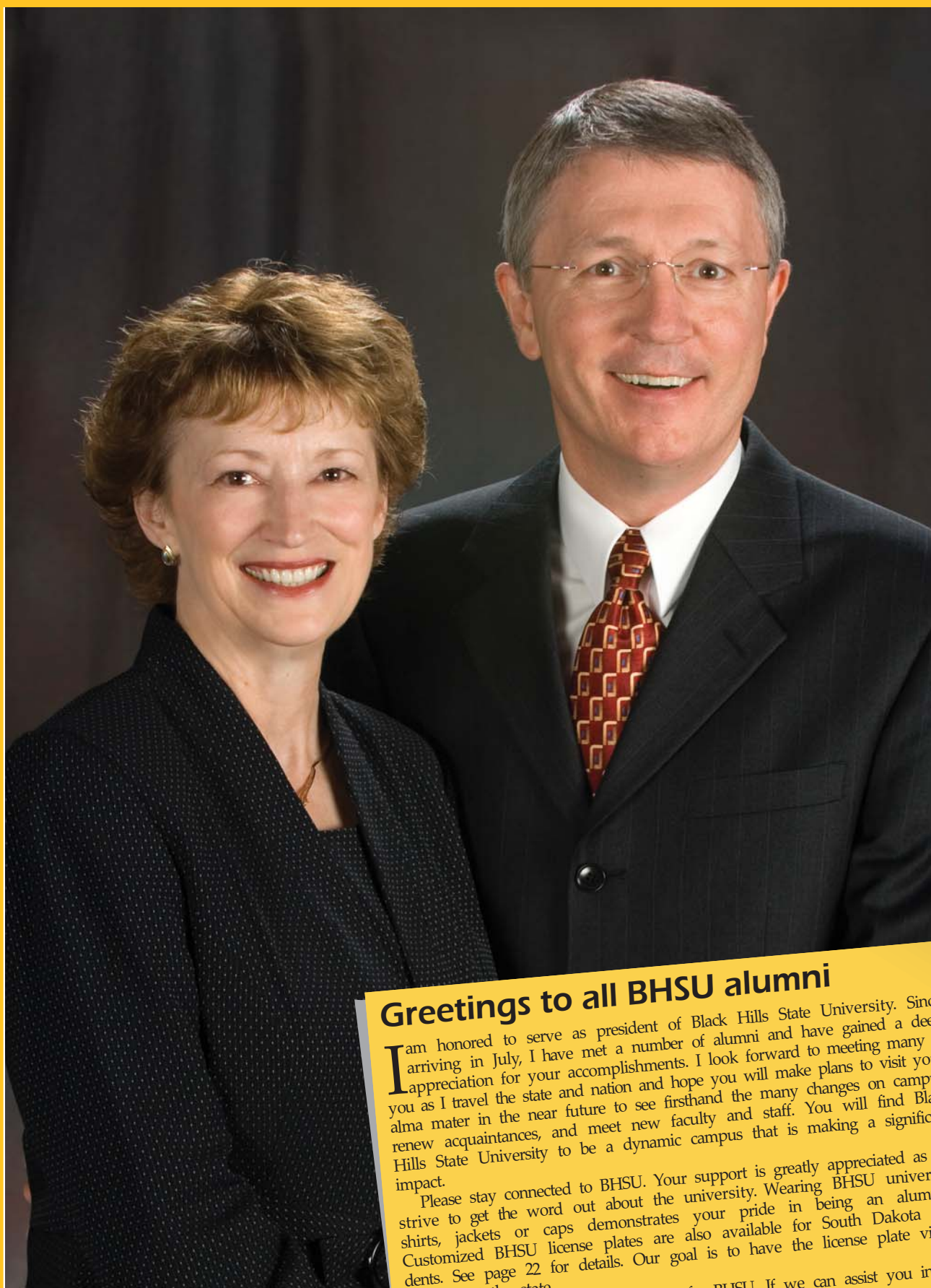
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### Greetings to all BHSU alumni

I am honored to serve as president of Black Hills State University. Since arriving in July, I have met a number of alumni and have gained a deep appreciation for your accomplishments. I look forward to meeting many of you as I travel the state and nation and hope you will make plans to visit your alma mater in the near future to see firsthand the many changes on campus, renew acquaintances, and meet new faculty and staff. You will find Black Hills State University to be a dynamic campus that is making a significant impact.

Please stay connected to BHSU. Your support is greatly appreciated as we strive to get the word out about the university. Wearing BHSU university shirts, jackets or caps demonstrates your pride in being an alumnus. Customized BHSU license plates are also available for South Dakota residents. See page 22 for details. Our goal is to have the license plate visible throughout the state.

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Warm regards,  
Dr. Kay Schallenkamp



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# Schallenkamp will lead a student-centered effort

**D**r. Kay Schallenkamp, who began as Black Hills State University's ninth president in July, is looking forward to leading the university.

"BHSU makes a significant difference for our students as well as for the state and nation. Our size, our role and mission as well as our unique location, provide many opportunities for us," Schallenkamp says. "I want BHSU to be recognized as a premier university in the South Dakota system and the region and nation. To be known for our outstanding, high quality academic programs as well as our flexibility and our innovative approaches in responding to change.

Schallenkamp lists stabilizing and growing enrollment along with increasing fundraising as

her immediate priorities at BHSU. These efforts will be rooted in the academic excellence that has been established at BHSU.

We are fortunate to have outstanding faculty and staff who provide high quality academic programs, she says.

Schallenkamp notes that she will be leading a grass roots effort with a student centered approach to accomplish these goals. She added that every decision she makes will be based on the needs of the students.

"It takes the entire campus to recruit and retain students," Schallenkamp says. We must constantly remember why this university is here it's to prepare students for a successful career and productive citizenship."

Schallenkamp, who arrived on campus this summer, is committed to finding ways to make BHSU emerge as a leader in the higher education landscape.

Schallenkamp recognizes that higher education, in the state as well as on a national level, is changing, and she is dedicated to making sure that BHSU is ready to respond to the changes in technology and society. She looks forward to the challenges with enthusiasm and great appreciation for her job.

"There is not a better job in the world than being



Schallenkamp

in higher education," Schallenkamp says. "Working in higher education, I'm surrounded by young people who are full of hope, promise and enthusiasm. Frequently when I'm meeting with business and industry leaders, I tell them they need to spend some time on campus to see the future of this country and to find comfort in knowing we will be in good hands."

Schallenkamp is impressed by the work and enthusiasm of today's students. She noted that her generation, which was heavily influenced by the Vietnam War, was very different than the current generation, which has been impacted by the events of Sept. 11, 2001. In recent years Schallenkamp has witnessed students' commitment to volunteerism and service.

"Yes, students are different, not worse, not better, but different and our country is in good hands with these students," Schallenkamp says. "I treasure that I have been able to witness these changes. Being in higher education is an exciting place to work."

Schallenkamp says it's important for faculty and students to embrace the ongoing changes in the information age and be ready to accept the challenges.

"Technology is impacting every area of our lives. As a university we need to ensure our students are prepared and have the skills to be competitive in that environment. To prepare students for the information age and the global economy we need to ensure that students are flexible and willing to embrace change," Schallenkamp says.

She notes the ongoing impact of the information age and reiterates that we should be proactive in our efforts.

"I'd like us to be ahead of other universities. Scan the environment; see what can be done; then, go out and do it,"

## Schallenkamp's path to the BHSU presidency

Schallenkamp began her higher education in South Dakota as a student at Northern State University. She returned to Northern State as an instructor of communication disorders beginning in 1973. Becoming a university president wasn't on Schallenkamp's mind at all when she began her career in higher education teaching speech pathology.

She moved into administration relatively early in her career when she was named director of Northern's speech and hearing clinic. That's when she decided she'd like to pursue a doctoral degree and continue to be involved in administrative duties. After earning her Ph.D., Schallenkamp was named graduate dean at Northern. She ended her tenure there as dean of graduate studies and research in 1988 and accepted a position at Chadron State College as provost.

"The path to becoming a university president started with my work at Chadron State College," Schallenkamp says.

She later served as vice president at the University of White Water before being named president at Emporia State University.

"I loved Emporia, and in my nine years there, I accomplished a great deal. I saw this [the BHSU presidency] as an opportunity to return to South Dakota and be involved with a great university."



**Dr. Kay Schallenkamp (center) visits with BHSU students Rachel Braaten, an elementary education major from Thermopolis, Wyo.; Kristal Running Wolf, a pre-med student from Spearfish; and Josh Gilkerson, a business major from Pierre; during her first week as BHSU president.**

Schallenkamp says.

Schallenkamp believes the relationship between the university and region is important. BHSU is a significant resource for educational opportunities, cultural experiences, athletic programs and other outreach activities. The university also serves a consultative role for the community and region, and she sees a growing role for BHSU throughout the state.

"We must be a player in the state. As the president of BHSU, I'm the external face of the university. I'll be attending statewide meetings and working with

legislators and regional policy makers. However, it's not me, it's everybody here, that will make that work," Schallenkamp says.

"There's a wealth of knowledge and expertise at Black Hills State," Schallenkamp says. "We have exceptional faculty and staff, and we need to be assertive in getting our story out. We need to be active in talk

ing about all the wonderful things happening at BHSU and let others know that we are engaged in the community and region."

With a full time commitment to the

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university, Schallenkamp dedicates most of her time to university related duties.

"I don't have spare time. My commitment to the campus is really a 24/7 job," Schallenkamp says.

Since moving to the Black Hills meant moving away from family members, she and her husband are making concentrated efforts to stay connected with their children, and especially their grandchildren, as they become accustomed to their new location.

"Ken and I enjoy our Saturday mornings. We have a room in the house where we drink tea and watch the birds. It's a special time for us," Schallenkamp says. She is also looking forward to spending time enjoying their new location in the Black Hills.

# Robert Cook for excellence




**R**obert Cook, Class of '90, who is now a teacher at Central High School in Rapid City, got a \$25,000 surprise this fall when Gov. Mike Rounds and South Dakota Education Secretary Rick Melmer presented him with a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. The national award includes a \$25,000 cash prize.

"Milken award winners represent some of the best teaching professionals in the country," said Melmer, secretary. "We are extremely proud to be presenting this award to one of our own."

The South Dakota Legislature also passed a house commemoration honoring Cook for his achievements in the classroom.

Among his many accomplishments, Robert was instrumental in developing Central's Lakolkiciyapi Room, an experimental classroom for at risk ninth grade students. Approximately 70 percent of the students served in this program are Native American. Cook incorporates Native American culture and history into the classroom and makes it relevant for all students. Cook and his fellow teachers are credited with doubling the retention rate of these students in just two years which has helped the Rapid City Area School District achieve the largest number of Native American high school graduates in its history. Cook also gives dropouts a second chance through the Drop In Center, a program he was instrumental in developing and implementing that helps these students get back into school and earn missing credits.

A Native American himself, Robert invites Native American writers and speakers into the classroom to share their perspectives, trains students to work as cultural interpretive guides to tourists at Mt. Rushmore; organizes an annual Back to School Powwow to foster cul



Lowell Milken presents award  
to Robert Cook



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# receives Milken award in teaching

tural understanding; and leads a filmmaking program he helped create to get students involved in issues past and present related to their heritage. With the motto, "Teach students to succeed because success motivates them to do better," the teacher has guided many a student to a more promising future.

Described by one of his colleagues as a "breath of fresh air," Cook is credited with engaging his students and connecting with their families, positively impacting student achievement and drop out rates, and providing "inspiration for all ages."

In addition to the cash award, Cook received an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in a professional development conference.

The Milken National Educator Awards were created by Lowell Milken in 1985 to celebrate, elevate and activate the highest caliber professionals in the nation's schools. Each year 100 unsuspecting K-12 teachers, principals and specialists throughout the United States are surprised with the news of their \$25,000 awards.

Robert says he was totally surprised when presented with the award.

It was a total surprise. I never expected it. It is a great honor to be recognized as the Milken Award winner. It's a very humbling experience. It reaffirmed my commitment to education and my work with students to provide them the opportunity to be successful, Robert says. The Milken Award helps students realize that there are rewards if you work hard. By seeing a teacher honored, they see firsthand the value of doing a job well.

Before he received the Milken Award, Robert was known locally for projects he's been involved with. Now he's finding he has a greater audience both statewide and nationally for his programs. He says the award designation has provided him with opportunities for speaking about programs for student success. He has already been contacted by several state and national organizations requesting that he present about his programs for student success.

An enrolled member of the

Oglala Sioux Tribe, Cook has taught for 17 years. Before moving to Rapid City, he taught at Red Cloud, Crow Creek and Little Wound. He and his wife, Daphne Richards, have two sons, Lamont and Caleb.

In 2002, fellow Rapid City teacher Kari Jung was one of 100 teachers nationwide to receive a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Other BHSU alumni who have been honored with this prominent award include Kathleen Engle, Class of '80, who received the award in 1997; David Buus, Class of '74, who was honored in 1994; and Thomas Williams, Class of '75, who was named a Milken award winner in 1991.

The teaching field is a huge responsibility. There are a lot of opportunities to make a difference in the lives of the children and in the community, Robert says. He encourages teachers to take advantage of their creative ideas and continue to learn.

Think outside the classroom, don't be afraid to try something different, Robert says. Get as much education/training as you possibly can. Always be willing to enhance your knowledge level because the number one factor in student development and student success is teacher quality and teacher knowledge.





# Judy Olson makes a career out of Mt. Rushmore interpretation

**B**y the time Judy Olson joined the National Park Service in 1992, women had been working as rangers for nearly 30 years and a few were even running national parks. But the chief of interpretation at Mount Rushmore National Memorial, along with all women rangers, works in what used to be a male dominated profession that was slow to respond to equal rights in the workplace.

"This was definitely a male oriented world," Olson, 57, said of the NPS, which historically outfitted its female employees in uniforms that made them look more like stewardesses and fast food workers than rangers.

It was only in 1978, about 10 years

before Olson first worked for the NPS as a seasonal fee collector in Badlands National Park, that female rangers won the right to wear the standard park ranger uniform, complete with its Smokey Bear Stetson and official ranger badge.

Although women are still under represented among law enforcement rangers, the organization's culture is changing, and her advancement is proof of that, Olson said. She has risen from an unpaid college intern to chief of interpretation at the Shrine of Democracy in her 15 years there. Her career is unusual in that Mount Rushmore is the only NPS site where Olson has ever been employed. She has been promoted from within the

memorial's staff, never having worked at any other national park. "I credit that to my passion for Mount Rushmore," Olson said. "I am very passionate about this mountain. I think my bosses have always seen my enthusiasm for it."

Before deciding that her life's ambition was to be a park ranger, Olson worked in the banking and legal fields for many years. In mid career, she went to college as a nontraditional student, accompanied by a daughter and a son. She and her son earned degrees from Black Hills State University. Mom notes that she graduated with the highest grade point average of the trio. In fact, her GPA earned Olson a place in the NPS'S



Outstanding Scholar Program at Mount Rushmore.

Olson had planned on teaching as a career, but a college visit, from a park service ranger helped change her plans. She got a degree in tourism, instead, and went to work in what she calls, "the best career in the world."



**Judy Olson**

Working in interpretation and education services at Mount Rushmore, she became a teacher of sorts, she said. "Interpretation means that we interpret the resource. We tell people about the mountain," Olson said.

As a ranch girl from the Lemmon area, Olson was raised on family summer vacations to Mount Rushmore. She has annual snapshots of herself in front of the memorial, but no real recollection of her first visit to it.

Paperwork is the worst part of her job, but even that can't dampen her

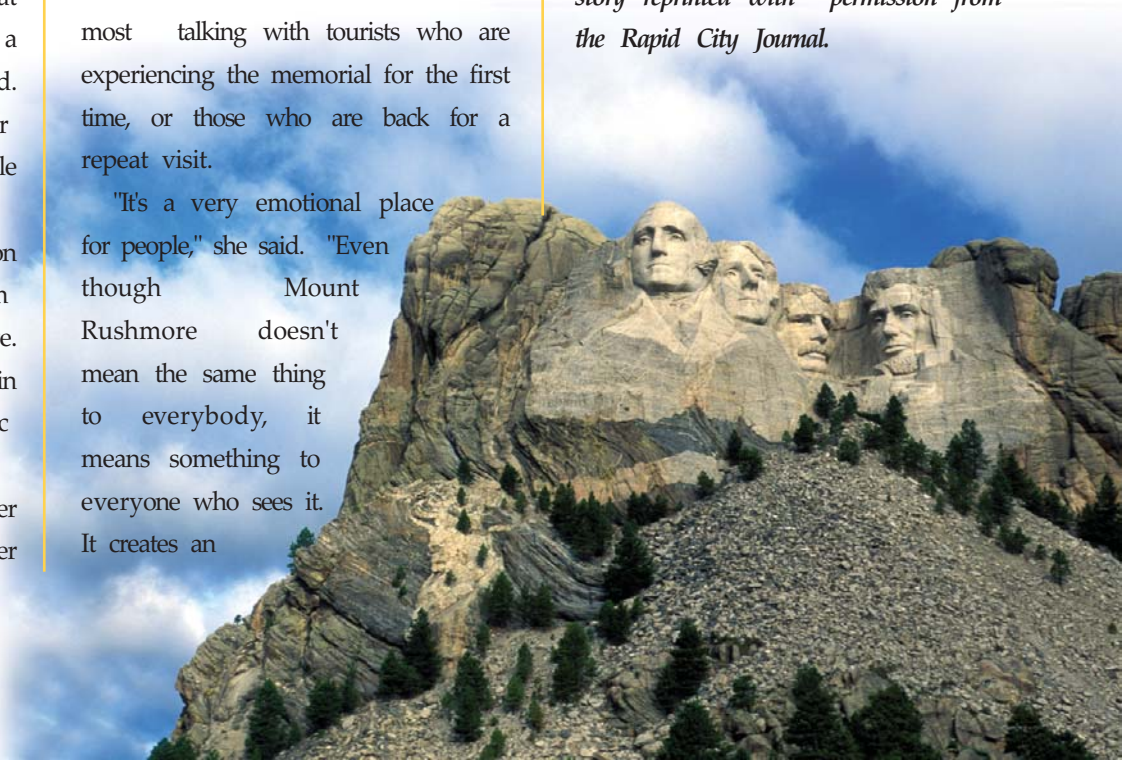
enthusiasm for what she loves the most talking with tourists who are experiencing the memorial for the first time, or those who are back for a repeat visit.

"It's a very emotional place for people," she said. "Even though Mount Rushmore doesn't mean the same thing to everybody, it means something to everyone who sees it. It creates an

emotion in everyone that sees it."

Interpreting Mount Rushmore, with all its symbolism, history and patriotic meaning, is a harder task than it is at some of the more natural parks, Olson said, but also a more fulfilling one.

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# Kudos & Announcements

**The 50s** Leonard Robinson, Class of '57, Henderson, Nev., retired from the Clark County School District as a teacher and administrator. At the time of his retirement, he was principal of all Juvenile Court Schools.

**The 60s** Billy Bates, Class of '68, Kingman, Ariz., was recently appointed

vice chancellor of student services at Mohave Community College.

**Bill Beshara**, Class of '61, Rapid City, received exposure on *60 Minutes* from Andy Rooney about a box of Dakota Pride candy made at the Colonial House Restaurant. Bill is the owner of both Dakota Pride and the Colonial House. For a link to

the commentary, see [www.dakotapride.com](http://www.dakotapride.com).

**Karen (Prentice)**, Class of '61 and '77, and **Niel Hinek**, Class of '66, Bowman, N.D., recently retired from teaching. Karen taught school for 45 years, and Niel taught for 30 years.

**Dennis Howell**, Class of '67, Wheatland, Wyo., an art instructor at Wheatland High

School, has been invited to show his original artist trading cards in October 2006 at the Kootnay Regions First International Mail Art Show in British Columbia, Canada. He was also named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 2006.

**Lee Hulm**, Class of '64, Goodyear, Ariz., is the author of *Songs*

of the Meadowlark, a book of poems about the South Dakota prairie in the 1940s and 1950s. The poems are intended to give the reader a new and deeper insight into the true flavor of farm and ranch life on the high plains.

**Robert Julius**, BS in '60 and MS in '70, Sturgis, retired Sturgis school counselor and former high school basketball coach, has been named to the board of directors of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. He has been promoting the athletic talents of young people to a statewide audience for over 40 years.

**Patricia (Pratt) Wilson**, Class of '69, Aiken, S.C., retired from teaching physical education in Eden, N.Y., in 2004 after 35 years of service.

**The 70s** Constance Craft, Class of '79, Riverton,

Wyo., was promoted to national sales manager at Hi Mountain Seasonings. She is responsible for developing and managing house accounts, developing sales programs and promotions to further enhance product sales, and trade shows.



## Rapid City area alumni gather

A group of Rapid City area alumni recently gathered for a reunion. Those in attendance included: Dennis Haan, Class of '73; Don Herrmann, Class of '72; Jim Fletcher, Class of '67; Kim Templeton, Class of '76; Dan Dryden, Class of '68; Pete Cappa, '74; Rod Cowling, Class of '99; Mark Nore, Class of '99; Nila (Gasseling) McGruff, Class of '86; Donna (Austin) Fletcher, Class of '79; Jhett Albers, Class of '87; Steve Meeker, Class of '84; Gary Larson, Class of '72; Courtenay Klein, Class of '00; and Jason Smiley, Class of '99.

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**Rickey Dale Crain**, Class of '78, Shawnee, Okla., is the author of *Xtreme Squatting*, a book about competitive weightlifting. This is his third book.

**Dawn (Henderson) Geppert**, Class of '79, Sturgis, was named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 2005-06. Dawn is a teacher for the Meade School District and helps her husband design, build and decorate homes.

**Linda Griffin**, Class of '76, Holyoke, Mass., was recently named associate dean for the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

**Richard Hobernicht**, Class of '78, Cedar Mill, Ore., was appointed head of the Department of Assessment and Taxation in Washington County June 20, 2006. He is a retired U.S. Army Colonel, who most recently commanded 1,200 troops in the Portland District.

**Robert (Bob) Jackson**, Class of '72, Bison, is the athletic director for the Bison School System and a job coach for the Northern Hills Training Center. He retired from running the Bison Lumber Co. after 28 years. His wife, **Gladys (O'Rourke)**, Class of '70, is a customer service

supervisor at the local rural electric and telecommunications companies.

**David Landom**, Class of '73, Bellbrook, Ohio, was recently named senior budget analyst for Sinclair Community College (SCC). Since 2004, he has served as project manager in the SCC Strategic Project Management Office. He is a member of the International Project Management Institute and its PMI chapter.

**The 80s Marla (Hershey) Barnard**, Class of '81, Houston, Texas, testified at the Enron trial regarding a redeployment of employees, which took place in Enron Broadband Services while she was vice president of human resources there. In her new role as vice president of human resources for Time Warner Cable, she threw out the first pitch at the Houston Astros game for Time Warner Night.

**Aileen (Gallagher) Crawford**, Class of '87, Rapid City, was named communications director for the Crazy Horse Memorial in March 2005.

**Carol Gee**, Class of '80, Stone Mountain, Ga., recently wrote a chapter on living younger and smarter in the book, *Age*

*Smart Discovering the Fountain of Youth at Midlife and Beyond*. Carol is the editor at Emory Business School in Atlanta.

Spearfish teachers **Deb Hirinda**, Class of '85; **Pam Ruhnow**, Class of '93; **Pam Gillespie**, Class of '00; and **Sue Hall Martin**, Class of '02, accepted the Exemplary Reading Program Award at the International Reading Conference in Chicago. This award was presented to 21 schools across the nation.

**Mark Naugle**, Class of '88, Hill City, was named superintendent of the Hill City School District and was selected as the South Dakota Middle School Principal of the Year for 2005-06.

**Dan Olson**, Class of '83, Spearfish, is the new principal at East Elementary School. Prior to this, he taught in the Spearfish School District, served as the assistant principal at Sturgis Williams Middle School, and served as the head principal at Whitewood Elementary.

**Pam (Riddle) Vitense**, Class of '83, Cache, Okla., was named Teacher of the Year for Cache Public School, where she teaches special education.

**Leora (Surrell)**

**Wildberger**, Class of '84 and '88, Sheridan, Wyo., graduated from the University of Wyoming with a master of arts in music education and is now a music specialist at Tongue River Elementary and Middle School.

**Donna (Hansen) Pascoe**, Class of '85, Devon, Pa., was named sales and recruiting manager for the pharmacy division at Staffing Plus, Inc., in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

**The 90s Carrie (Gienger)**, Class of '97, and **Frank Bowers**, Class of '95, Rapid City, recently started the business Black Hills Adventure Tours. They offer biking, hiking, kayaking, and sightseeing tours in the Black Hills.

**Jeannie Clark**, Class of '98, Box Elder, began her new position as principal of Francis Case

Elementary School Aug. 1, 2006.

**Patrick Gainey**, Class of '92, Spearfish, was awarded the state high school VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher's Award, which recognizes the nation's top K-12 teachers for teaching citizenship education topics and promoting American history. Patrick is a Spearfish High School government teacher.

**Delain Johnson**, Class of '95, Whitewood, received her master's degree in human resource development and counseling from SDSU in May 2005 and opened Center for Hope, a private practice in Sturgis.

**Bruce Kessler**, Class of '96, Pierre, is working as a cattle rancher, restaurant manager and financial advisor. He and his wife have two children.

## Former faculty and staff

**John Gritts**, former director of financial aid at BHSU, recently accepted a position as the head of Admissions, Recruiting, Records and Financial Aid at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M. He is currently in charge of a staff of six people, but plans to expand to eight or nine in the next couple years.

# Kudos & Announcements



Dr. Jesse Dana (right), a 1996 graduate of BHSU, was awarded the Young Alumni Achievement Award at the fourteenth annual Student Volunteer Awards Banquet at BHSU. Presenting the award are Larry Vavruska (left), president of the BHSU Alumni Association.

## Dana receives alumni award

Dr. Jesse Dana, Class of '96, received the Young Alumni Achievement Award from the BHSU Alumni Association this spring.

After graduating summa cum laude from BHSU in the spring of 1996, Dana went on to complete his dental degree. At BHSU, he was named the Academic Top Male Freshman and was a member of the Pre Professional Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Dana played four years on the BHSU men's varsity basketball team. During that time, he was named the most valuable player (MVP) of the Perkins Classic basketball tournament, an academic all American, a first team all conference selection.

Currently in the private practice of orthodontics in Spearfish and Rapid City, Dana also guest lectures and has authored several papers. Dana and his wife Traci (Schenk), who also graduated from BHSU in 1996, reside in Spearfish with their son and are well known for their loyalty to the Spearfish community and the surrounding area.

Sturgis. He plans to bring new programs to the community, including Clover Buds, a pre 4 H program for ages 5-7, and an after school program.

**Shannon Moore**, Class of '00, recently joined the SDSU football staff in Brookings as assistant coach for tight ends and running backs.

**Colleen Lecy**, Class of '93, Rapid City, was recently selected as the new elementary and middle school principal for the Rapid City Catholic School System. She has taught at St. Elizabeth Seton since 1994.

**Carlene Schlup**, Class of '92, Spearfish, was selected to Who's Who Among America's Teachers for 2005-06. She is a fourth grade teacher for the Spearfish School District.

**Jeff Simmons**, Class of '91, Timber Lake, was recently hired as principal of Sturgis Brown High School.

He had been the principal and athletic director at Timber Lake High School since 2004. He and his wife have two children.

**Kenneth Thompson**, Class of '97, Wall, was presented the Department of Interior's Award for Valor for pulling two people out of a burning car and saving their lives. He works for Badlands National Park.

**Michael Wells**, Class of '97, Sterling, Colo., was named the head men's basketball coach at Northeastern Junior College. He was the assistant coach before

he assumed the head coaching position.

**The Carol Armbrust**, Class of '01, Springfield,

Ohio, received her master's degree in creative writing from Antioch University McGregor in June 2006. She wrote a novel for her thesis.

**Nate Brown**, Class of '04, Spearfish, recently won the South Dakota Press Play by Play Announcer of the Year Award. He is beginning his fourth year of broadcasting high school sports in the Black Hills and is currently employed as the sports director for

The Eagle 95.9 FM radio station.

**Leonard Hopper**, Class of '02, Spearfish, recently opened a new dental practice in Deadwood. He and his wife have two boys and are expecting a girl in July.

**Mike Iversen**, Class of '02, Custer, is the area director for Young Life in Custer, Hill City and Keystone. He is also working toward his masters in pastoral ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Kate, are expecting their third child in September 2006.

**Martin Lemke**, Class of '05, Sturgis, is the new 4-H coordinator for

**Hans Stephenson**, Class of '03, Rapid City, is the new owner of Dakota Angler & Outfitter, which sells outdoor gear, fly fishing equipment, fly tying supplies and fishing themed artwork.

**Alex Weber**, Class of '04, is the new director of the Ft. Meade Museum, located just east of Sturgis. He plans to create different displays and a new look for the interior of the museum.

**Kevin Wormstadt**, Class of '01, Spearfish, is currently displaying one of his sculptures, AIM: True, Strong, & Free, in Sioux City's second annual Sculpt

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Siouxland. The almost two foot tall sculpture is a centaur made of bronze on black walnut with an aluminum spear point. Kevin

owns Dragon Eye Studio, an artistic studio consisting of sculptural works in a variety of media.

**David Worthington**, Class of '05, Lakewood, Colo., transferred to the Department of the

Interior, Mineral Management Service, as an accountant on the Accounting

Services branch General Ledger Team.

## Elaine's family attends BHSU

**E**laine Doll Dunn, Class of '80, says her family has enjoyed a long history of attending BHSU and she's anxious to see that tradition move into the future as she encourages the next generation of family members to consider attending her alma mater as well.

After graduating from BHSU, Elaine began teaching. She went on to earn a master's degree and is now the middle school counselor, a position she has had since 1994. Elaine says her spare time is spent running marathons, climbing mountains, inspirational speaking, writing for the local paper, publishing a book and enjoying her seven children and 18 grandchildren.

According to Elaine, there are many reasons so many of her family members have chosen to attend BHSU. Her family is from the Harding County area, and she admits that proximity was probably a factor but she knows that the quality education combined with the life-enriching activities offered by the athletic and fine arts programs were major considerations. That, along with the personal attention students received at BHSU, accounted for the family's loyalty to the university.

"My children are all athletic, musical and dramatic," Elaine says. The family also has a strong tradition of educational careers, and she notes that even those who are not instructors serve as coaches or work with children in some way. Elaine adds that her mother and grandmother were both teachers as well. Elaine says her granddaughter, MacKenzie Trask, is absolutely thrilled with the prospect of attending BHSU this fall. "I encourage students to attend BHSU. I tell them it's all here. Your dreams, your goals, your aspirations can all be launched from this beautiful, friendly, academically superior university. The instructors will know your name, the school will record your fame, the setting will fit your 'game.' It's all here," Elaine says.

Guy Doll, Elaine's father, attended BHSU in the late 1920s. According to Elaine, he played football and ran track. He became an outstanding rancher in Harding County and is now deceased. All of Elaine's children have a BHSU connection as noted below:

Tom Olson, Class of '81, secondary education degree, now teaches and coaches in Norfolk, Neb.

Tim Olson, Class of '82, industrial technology degree, and his wife, Laura (Halligan) Olson, Class of '81, accounting/business, now own Olson Construction Company in Buffalo.

Dan Olson, Class of '83, elementary education degree, is now the elementary principal in Spearfish. Dan's wife, Marcia (Orwick) Olson, Class of '86, accounting and business degree, is now financial director for Regional Hospital in Spearfish.

Samra (Olson) Trask, Class of '83, elementary education degree, is now an elementary teacher in Wall. Samra's daughter, MacKenzie Trask, is enrolled for the fall 2006 semester and is planning to pursue a degree in math education.

Pat Gillaspie, attended from 1985-1988, history and pre-law, now owns Gillaspie Woodworking in Nantucket, Mass.

Erin (Gillaspie) MacIver, Class of '92, music and theatre degrees, now teaches middle school music in Nantucket, Mass.

Jim Gillaspie, attended from 1988 to 1991, is now a chemical engineer with BHP Mining in Phoenix, Ariz. Jim's wife, Stacie (Meink) Gillaspie, Class of '91, business administration, is now a personal trainer in Phoenix, Ariz.

Other family members who are BHSU alumni include:

LeVay/Blinkie (Doll) Byers, Elaine's sister, who graduated in 1963, with an elementary education degree. She now owns and operates a gas station and convenience store in Wheatland, Wyo. Dael (Byers) Bennett, Blinkie's daughter, who graduated in 1993 with a tourism degree, is currently a homemaker in Snohomish, Wash.

Doug Doll, Elaine's brother, graduated in 1982 with a business administration degree and now owns and operates Hackamore Ranch in Harding County. His wife, Janet (Lammers) Doll, graduated in 1982, with an elementary education degree and is a homemaker and ranch owner/operator.



The Elaine Doll-Dunn family has a long history of attending BHSU. Among the family members who graduated from BHSU are: back row, Tom Olson, Tim Olson, and Dan Olson; front row, Elaine, and Samra Olson Trask.

# Engagements & Marriages

**The 80s** Tina Farmer, Class of '89, married Bill Clarke Aug. 13, 2005. Tina is an elementary school teacher. They live in Richmond, Va.

**The 90s** Kara Edwards, Class of '98, married Brice Stapert, Class of '93, March 25, 2006. She is a physical therapist assistant, and he is a teacher at South Middle School. They live in Rapid City.

**Nannette Gibson**, Class of '97 and '03, married Serkan Kalman July 22, 2006. Nannette is an English teacher. They live in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Noel Sayles**, Class of '99 and '03, married Alan Johnson, Class of '97, June 3, 2006. Noel is a special education teacher at Central High School and is pursuing a masters. Alan is a fire fighter and paramedic in Rapid City.

**The 00s** Ryan Aalbu, Class of '06, Spearfish, will marry Mackenzie Ehly July 1, 2006. Ryan is a direct support professional at the Northern Hills Training Center.

**Ryan Allard**, Class of '00, married Jennifer Metcalfe June 17, 2006. They own a canoe business in Rogue River, Ore.

**Clint Anderson**, Class of '00, married Ann Rinas April 22, 2006. Clint owns Diversified Drafting in Belle Fourche, where the couple resides.

**Melanie Angel**, Class of '04, married Ben Schumacher Nov. 12, 2005. She is a Lifeways advisor at Southwest Middle School. They live in Rapid City.

**Anne Nicole Baker**, Class of '02, Towanda, Kan., is engaged to Captain Robert Taylor Thompson. She is an accountant at Bird and Company, Chartered in El Dorado.

**Rachel Baran**, Class of '05, Rapid City, married James Clayton June 16, 2006. She is a substitute teacher in Rapid City.

**Melissa Braegger**, Class of '02, and **Mark Nore**, Class of '99, Belle Fourche, were married May 6, 2006. She is a teacher in Belle Fourche, and he is a BHSU professor and women's basketball coach.

**Carrie Burnison**, Class of '05, and Ryan Fremont were married May 27, 2006. She is a third grade teacher at Otero Elementary in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Lisa Comelius**, Class of '06, Hill City, and Jesse Huschle will

marry Aug. 18, 2006. Lisa is a cellular sales representative.

**BJ Curtis**, Class of '05, Brookings, married Teresa Geiszler Dec. 31, 2005. BJ is a mechanical designer in sports products engineering at Daktronics, Inc., and is pursuing his master's degree in industrial management at SDSU.

**Christine Davis**, Class of '01, Casper, Wyo., is planning to marry Matt Close in October 2006. She is a physical therapist assistant.

**Alan Demaret**, Class of '01, married Jessica Zehr June 30, 2006. He is a special education teacher and assistant high school boys basketball coach in Green River, Wyoming.

**Allison Doud**, Class of '01, married Ryan Crago March 9, 2006. Allison is a banquet coordinator. The couple lives in Wyoming.

**Andrea Ellwanger**, Class of '00 and '05, married Shane Byrd June 18, 2005. They live in Munchweiler, Germany.

**Sheridan Hansen**, Class of '02, and Amartuvshin Borjigon will marry July 10, 2006. Sheridan teaches at Dakota Middle School in Rapid City.

**Amy Harter** and **Patrick Fink**, both Class of '06, married July 22, 2006. They live in Sturgis.

**Crystal Hawn**, Class of '05, and William Lind were married May 27, 2006. Crystal is attending graduate school. The couple lives in Houston.

**Lesley Hoff**, Class of '03, married Ryan



## Gillette reunion held

Those in attendance a recent Gillette, Wyo., gathering were: Mark Nore, Class of '99; Julie (Hughes) Rankin, Class of '96; Brandy (Millard) Brakke, Class of '04; Sommerlyn (Mortensen) Naescher, Class of '03; RR (Richmond) Oedekovan, Class of '68; Jannell (Roby) Pettigrew, Class of '86; Scott Rankin, attended; Susan Windham, Class of '90; Barbara (Mechaley) Wicks, Class of '76; Tamara Massman, attended; Charles Schultz, Class of '56; Dorothy (Furrey) Schultz, Class of '55; Michael Schultz, Class of '83; John Terry Pettigrew, Class of '86; Steve Meeker, Class of '84; Mark Wicks, Class of '73; Brad Massman, Class of '99; Jodi (Hill) Blake, Class of '03; Jami (McGrath) Howe, Class of '96.

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Poper May 20, 2006. She is employed by Fullerton Building Systems. They live in Worthington, Minn.

**Jesse Julius**, Class of '06, will marry **Erin Myers**, attending July 29, 2006. The couple plans to live in Spearfish to pursue their educations, careers and church volunteer work.

**Chelsea Kujawa**, Class of '05, and **Coy Sasse**, Class of '04, will be married July 15, 2006. She is an education specialist at Wellspring Residential Treatment Facility. He is a credit manager at Wells Fargo Financial.

**Lindsey Leahy**, Class of '05, and **Nick Ruml**, Class of '04, were married July 28, 2006. Lindsey is a special education major, and Nick works for Fastenal. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Sarah Mangelsen**, Class of '06, will marry Matthew Gross Aug. 19, 2006. Sarah is a teacher in Grand Junction, Colo.

**Luke Mangold**, Class of '04, Casper, Wyo, will marry Melissa Wheelhouse June 24, 2006. Luke is a sales representative for Roscoe Steel.

**Dominic Massa**, Class of '99, and Brenna Bauer are will marry July 1, 2006. Dominic is an operations manager at EquityLink.

## Van Kley receives award from Harvard

**T**ina (Beguín) Van Kley, Class of '04, recently graduated from Harvard Divinity School and received the John E. Thayer Scholarship for Meritorious Students for the highest ranked master of theological studies scholar, based on academics and financial need.

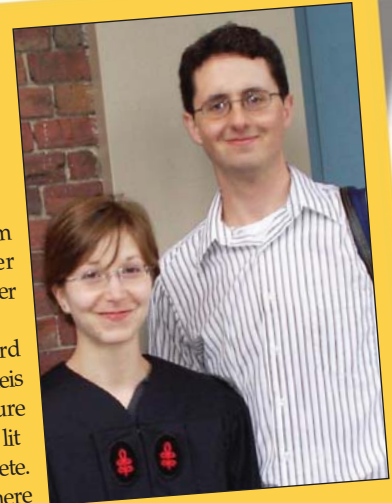
The Thayer Award, established in 1857, includes a \$6,500 award which Tina will use to continue her education in a fellowship at Brandeis University. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in English and American literature with a focus on the 18th and 19th Century British novel, and religion literature. She says the program will take five to seven years to complete. After that she plans to teach at the university level, preferably "where there are mountains, lots of trees, and access to outdoor activities."

At BHSU, Tina earned a bachelor's degree in English with minors in philosophy and music.

"I think I determined in high school that I would like to be in academia, and lately the question has been whether I wanted to focus on religion (especially Reformation and early modern Christianity) or literature. The nature of applying to graduate programs has "helped" narrow down that choice somewhat," Tina says.

Her husband, Nick Van Kley, Class of '05, also graduated from BHSU with a bachelor's degree in English along with minors in writing and philosophy. He will begin his second year of the same Brandeis University Ph.D. program, with interests in 20th century American literature.

The couple lives in Somerville, Mass. Tina says although they are still adjusting to city life and miss the natural beauty and quiet of the Hills, they appreciate the diversity and cultural offerings of the Boston area.



Tina & Nick Van Kley

**Anna Mehlhaff**, Class of '05, and **Dustin Gusse**, attending, were married May 20, 2006. Anna is employed by the Game, Fish & Parks, and Dustin works at the Northern Hills Training Center. They live in Spearfish.

**Andrew Miller**, Class of '02, will marry Amanda Nicole July 1, 2006. Andrew is a commercial loan officer with American National Bank. The couple resides in Laramie, Wyo.

**April Oedekoven**, Class of '02, plans to marry **Kelly Halter**,

attending, Rapid City, July 1, 2006. April is a CPA.

**Angie Prostrollo**, Class of '03, and Jesse Bruns will be married Aug. 19, 2006.

**Janelle Rank**, Class of '02, will marry Jacob Kleinschmidt July 22, 2006. She is a learner service representative for National American University. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Sara Ridl**, Class of '03, married Michael Stadler July 21, 2006. They live in Bison.

**Melissa Sandy**, Class of '04, and Matt Hartley are engaged to be married. Melissa

is a third grade teacher at South Park Elementary School.

**Jocelyn Schwengler**, Class of '01, married Robert Kleinschmidt Oct. 21, 2005. Jocelyn is a senior accountant with Black Hills Corporation. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Melisa Strand**, Class of '06, and **Anthony Wachs**, Class of '05, were married Feb. 18, 2006. Anthony has a teaching assistantship at Kansas State University, where he is pursuing his master's degree. They live in Manhattan, Kan.

**Jeremy Stulken**, Class of '06, and **Kim**

**Groon**, attending, will marry July 28, 2006.

**Niki Thorsgaard**, Class of '00, Sidney, Neb., will marry Rich Tuzicka July 22, 2006. She works for Cabela's New Store Construction Department.

**Jessica Tinant**, Class of '05, married Andrew Scull Feb. 3, 2006. She is the manager of Learning Solutions of the Black Hills. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Kari Woerman**, Class of '04, will marry Jesse Gibson Sept. 15, 2006. Kari is a case development coordinator for financial advisors.

# Births

**The Casey Wayne Besler,** Class of '97, Billings, Mont., and his wife are expecting a little girl in July. They are also the proud parents of Riley Wayne (1). Casey works as a pharmaceutical representative for Johnson & Johnson.

**Christopher Houlette,** Class of '92, Pierre, and his wife, Denice, announce the birth of their second child, Brayden Thomas, who was born July 10, 2006. He joins big brother Justin (4). Chris is an attorney with S.D. Advocacy Services.

**Patricia (Nickisch) LaMont,** Class of '97, and husband Mike, Hilliard, Ohio, had a girl, Alyssa Grace, May 9, 2005. She joins a sister, Leah Nicole. Patricia is a marketing coordinator for Andrews Architects.

**Jonna (Wheaton) Lorenz,** Class of '97, and husband James, Shawnee, Kan., had a baby girl, Hannah Mae, May 5, 2006. Jonna is a reporter for the Topeka Capital Journal.

**Gwen McClure,** Class of '97, and fiancé Joe Martin, Deadwood, had a girl, Kaitlyn, Feb. 1, 2006. Gwen is a floor supervisor at the Silverado Casino.

**Vanessa (Vlasman) Munger,** Class of '94,

and husband Marshall, had a boy, Dakota Joe, Feb. 13, 2006. He joins big sister Dawson. Vanessa is a seventh grade social studies teacher and coach for the Chamberlain School District.

**Jodi (Randall),** Class of '99, and **Weston Neiffer,** Class of '00, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Charlie Ann, April 2, 2006. She joins big sister Elle. Jodi is a stay at home mom, and Weston is an admissions coordinator at National American University.

**Olaf Solvie,** Class of '94, and his wife, Cindra, Rapid City, welcomed their first child, Lillie Ann, April 3, 2006. Olaf is the assistant manager of Kusler's Conoco.

**The Nick Gottlob,** Class of '00, and wife

**Sara (Stilwell),** Class of '95, Spearfish, are the parents of a baby girl, Emma, who was born April 23, 2006. Nick recently became principal of the Lead Deadwood Middle and High Schools.

**Misty (Turner) Holzwarth,** Class of

# What are they doing now?



**D**ave Tompkins and Pat Jones, then known as the Blues Brothers, performed in 1981 during a BHSU student gathering. The duo was well known on campus for their comical and entertaining performances while they were attending BHSU. Dave and Pat and their families, along with other high school and college friends, recently met in Rapid City.



Dave is a systems analyst with State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Ill. He also does some freelance writing for newspapers and magazines and says he is toying with a few book ideas. After graduating from BHSU, Dave worked at several newspapers and a radio station in the Black Hills region. He also worked in the circulation department for a newspaper in Illinois.

Dave and his wife, Mary, have three children: Jordan, who will graduate from high school this year; Isaac, who will start high school this year; and Micah, who will be an eighth grader.

Pat Jones, who is beginning his fourth year as principal at Rapid City Central High School, began his teaching career in New Underwood. He also taught at Deadwood Middle School and Lead High School before being named assistant principal at Stevens High School. Pat is currently working on his doctorate. He and his wife, Marcella, have an 18 year old daughter, Felicia.



'05, and her husband, Greg, Marion, Iowa, recently had their first baby, Alexa Dawn, Sept. 27, 2005.

**Amy (Morgan) Miklos,** Class of '04, and husband Tom, Custer, had a baby girl, Rachel, April 6, 2006. She joins brother Remington, who was

born April 25, 2005. Amy works as a youth counselor at STAR Academy.

**Missy Urbaniak,** Class of '02, Sturgis, and her husband, Joe, had a baby boy, Cooper, July 20, 2005. He joins a brother, Bailey, who was born Feb. 6, 2003. Missy is a

fifth grade teacher at Sturgis Williams Middle School.

**Rebecca (Patocka) Vitek,** Class of '00, and husband Andrew, Scotland, had a baby girl, Kalley Marissa, Feb. 15, 2006. She joins a sister Bailey Anne. Rebecca owns the Scribbles N Giggles daycare.



# Obituaries

**Olive Peggy Bacon**, Deadwood, died April 26, 2006. After receiving her teaching certificate from Spearfish Normal School, Peggy taught at the Hay Creek School.

**Laila Eleanor (Balo) Pixley**, attended, Sheridan, Wyo., died April 25, 2006. She owned and operated restaurants in South Dakota, Wyoming and Washington and several tourist resorts in South Dakota. She and her family also ran businesses including transporting train crews for Burlington Northern, a potato chip factory in Belle Fourche, and a taxicab business in Sheridan.

**Robert Bob Snyder**, attended, passed away April 26, 2006, at his home in Rapid City. Bob worked for the railroad on the coal transportation routes in Wyoming and later spent many years working for Captain Clean in Rapid City.

**Lucretia Lou (Morris) Williams**, attended, Rapid City, died Feb. 24, 2006. Lou and her husband, James Williams, owned various businesses in the Black Hills, including the Keystone Café, W W Western Store, Silver Dollar Café, and the

King's X Lodge and Liquor Store. She was also employed by the City of Rapid City and actively promoted Black Hills tourism.

## The Helen Ercel Morris Ercel

**Mathieu**, Class of '28, Yucaipa, Calif., passed away Feb. 25, 2006. Ercel was a member of Eastern Star and Phi Beta Kappa. She received her teaching certificate at Spearfish Normal School and taught piano. She also held a real estate license.

## The Blanche (Oldfield) Keller

Class of '31, Rapid City, died June 6, 2006. She taught eight grades in a one room prairie school for several years. She later served as the postmaster of the U.S. Post Office in New Underwood and operated a small ice crème parlor.

**Lucille Kent (Stoughton) Whitlock**, attended '32, Spearfish, died June 6, 2006. She was the secretary for the United Methodist Church in Spearfish for 32 years.

**Marian (Tauck) Willard**, attended '32, Spearfish, died June 5, 2006. She was active in

her church, serving as Sunday school teacher, secretary, treasurer, and organist. She also worked a number of years at the Ben Franklin Store in Spearfish and as an Avon representative.

## The Herma Marsden

Class of '45, Wall, died Aug. 6, 2005. She taught elementary school in Custer and Wall, and then took an active roll in operating the family ranch. She was also very active in the community.

**John (Don) Bloedel**, Class of '48, Spearfish, died June 6, 2006. He taught school in Coos Bay, Ore., before returning to Spearfish, where he worked in general construction. He later opened and operated Bloedel Construction.

**Glenn Burgess**, Class of '48, Sheridan, Wyo., died March 28, 2006. Glenn was a long time Fremont County educator. He enjoyed coaching, competing in and watching high school and collegiate athletics.

## The Rita Joanne Jurisch

attended '49-'50, Piedmont, passed away Feb. 22,

2006. She taught, ranched, owned a restaurant, was a bookkeeper, sold real estate and was a Jack Russell Terrier breeder. During the last two years of her life, she wrote three books, one of which has been published. The Amazing Adventures of Hobo the Dog.

**Warren Kellogg**, Class of '54, Riverton, Wyo., died May 25, 2006. He was an elementary teacher in the Riverton School District for over 30 years. He also enjoyed working as a handyman.

**Velma Walker**, Class of '55, Rapid City, died Sept. 7, 2005. She co-owned the Sundance Times in Wyoming, taught high school in Belle Fourche and Deadwood, and served as a librarian. She was also instrumental in helping Hill City establish a youth center.

**Marvin Isensee**, Class of '56, Ventura, Calif., died May 17, 2006. He owned and operated the Isensee floor covering business for many years.

**August Albers**, Class of '57, Spearfish, died Feb. 23, 2006. He was a high school guidance counselor and founder of the

Technical College of the Rockies. He was also active in many civic organizations and church activities.

**Robert Ward Johnson**, Class of '58, Island Park, Idaho, and Mesa, Ariz., passed away April 17, 2006. For 35 years he taught at the junior high level and served as a junior high principal. He also coached football, basketball, track and wrestling.

**Ray Sohn**, Class of '57, Puyallup, Wash., died Feb. 24, 2004. Ray was an athlete and a coach. He retired after 30 years as a psychologist in the Highline School District.

## The Palma Albertus Hurley

Class of '58 and '69, Sioux Falls, died Jan. 30, 2006. She was the supervisor of special education for BHSU and started the first all denominational Sunday school for retarded children. She authored the Retarded Children's Bill of Rights and was coordinator for obtaining state aid for the children in public schools. She received the Special Achievement Award and The Albert Schweitzer Award for Humanitarianism from BHSU.

# Obituaries

**Ruth (Johnson) Whisler**, Class of '61, Gillette, Wyo., passed away April 5, 2006. She taught almost entirely in one room country schools. After retiring, she served as a deacon for 15 years and volunteered at the Campbell County hospital.

**Shirley (Smith) Castor**, Class of '63, Spearfish, passed away July 3, 2006. Shirley began her teaching career in a one room schoolhouse north of Belle Fourche. She later taught first and second grades in Lead; Knoxville, Tenn.; and Albuquerque, N.M.; before retiring in 1990 after 29 years of teaching.

**Gunner Earley**, Class of '62, Sturgis, died Feb. 10, 2006. He owned and operated Gunners Lounge on Main Street in Sturgis from 1965-2001. He was also a member of many organizations and was the founder and first chairman of the Sturgis On Sale Liquor Association.

**M. Eleanora (Zimmermann) Gukeisen**, Class of '65, Spearfish, passed away June 20, 2006. Eleanora taught at

Lead High School until 1968. She then received her master's in guidance and counseling and worked in schools in Arizona and Wyoming until her retirement.

**Ralph Gail Bachand**, Class of '66, Sioux Falls, died March 16, 2006. He taught instrumental music for 29 years before retiring in 2000.

**Fay Mitchell**, Class of '67, Vermillion, passed away March 14, 2006. She taught school in Lead and Sioux Falls. She also played the viola for the Sioux City Symphony Orchestra.

**Louis Simons**, Class of '66, Rapid City, died May 17, 2006. Louis worked for Texaco Oil Company in Denver, Colo., before returning to South Dakota to teach near Martin and Eagle Butte. He then taught at Rapid City Central High School until he retired in 2000.

**The 70s Cheryl (Tidemann) Marty**, attended 71, Prairie City, passed away June 14, 2005. She continued her music education with some graduate courses from BHSU.

She taught K-12 band and choir in the Harding, Butte, and Perkins County School Districts for over 30 years.

**Loretta (Wolf) Tracy**, Class of '71, died May 31, 2006. She taught for 14 years at Ellsworth Air Force Base and eight years at Bergquist Elementary School.

**Mark Demmers**, attended '73, Phoenix, Ariz., died May 18, 2006. He enlisted in the Navy and served four years on the East Coast. Mark was a man of many talents. He was a master sales man, ran restaurants, managed feedlots and ranches, drove truck cross country, rode horses, and motorcycled.

**Carol (Carson) Anderson**, Class of '75, Riverside, Calif., passed away on March 27, 2006. She was a kindergarten teacher for 17 years. She also was a member of the women's association of AIME and worked with a scholarship program. She is described as being loving, caring, elegant, forgiving and very dedicated to the work of the church.

**The 80s Danny Claud Haslip**, Class of '86, Sturgis, died June 17, after a fierce battle against cancer. He was a level III S.D. Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor. He was the Clinical Director of Timberline Treatment Center in Custer and also worked at Newcastle Correction Facility. He then opened a small private practice designing behavioral management treatment for drug and alcohol programs.

**Leonard Lennie Jones**, attended '86, Deadwood, died April 30, 2006. Lennie was a great sports enthusiast. He

coached traveling basketball teams and the Deadwood Middle School boys and girls basketball teams.

**The 90s Kendall Ray Guenin**, Class of '96, North Platte, Neb., died May 15, 2006. Kendall worked as an electrician for several years in Wyoming and Colorado. After graduating from BHSU, he worked for Union Pacific.

## Calling all BHSU alumni

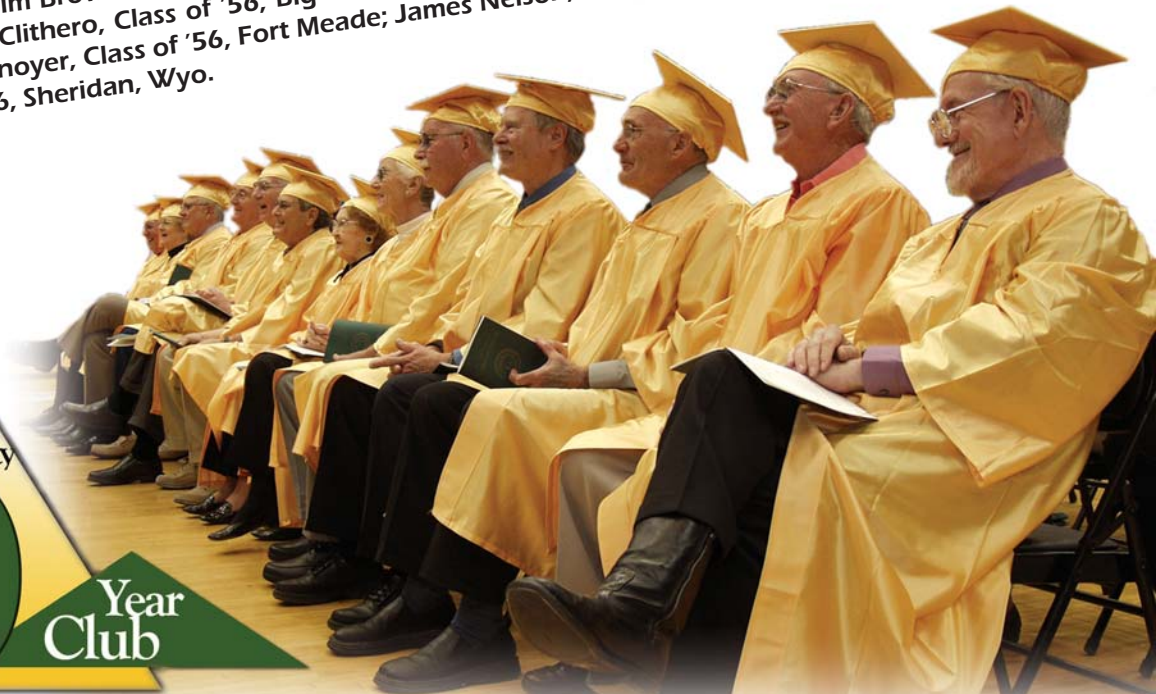
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# 50-year reunion



Those gathered for the 50-year reunion during commencement included: front row, left to right, Harold Baker, Class of '55, Rapid City; Buford Boomer, Class of '56, Casper, Wyo.; Lynnell (Johnson) Parrott, Class of '56, Rapid City; Marguerite (Mickelson) Kleven, Class of '54, Sturgis; Walter and Ramona Saubers, Class of '53 and '65, Sturgis; Myrna (Carpenter-Kimber) Coyle, Class '56, Rapid City; Steve Gomez, '55, Pierre; Bev (Olson) Carr, Class of '55, Spearfish. Middle row, Ernest Davis, Class of '56, Sun Lakes, Ariz.; Rose Mary Davis, attended '52, Sun Lakes, Ariz.; Carolyn Brown, Litchfield, Minn.; Charles Schad, Class of '56, Spearfish; Everett Follette, Class of '55, Rapid City; (Stephenson) Erickson, Class of '54, Spearfish; Gloria (Moorhead) Nelson, Class of '55, Rapid City; Pete Pridgeon, Class of '56, Grove, Okla.; Jane and Glenn Hogen, attended 47-48 and '51, Spearfish. Back row, Jim Brown, Class of '56, Litchfield, Minn.; Marion (Clithero) Meyers, Class of '56, Arcadia, Calif.; Bob Clithero, Class of '56, Big Fork, Mont.; Richard Christofferson, Class of '56, Plover, Wis.; Clifford Kenoyer, Class of '56, Fort Meade; James Nelson, Class of '56, Rapid City; and Frank Loback, Class of '56, Sheridan, Wyo.



The BHSU drum group, which has participated in the powwow for many years, received special recognition during the alumni luncheon.

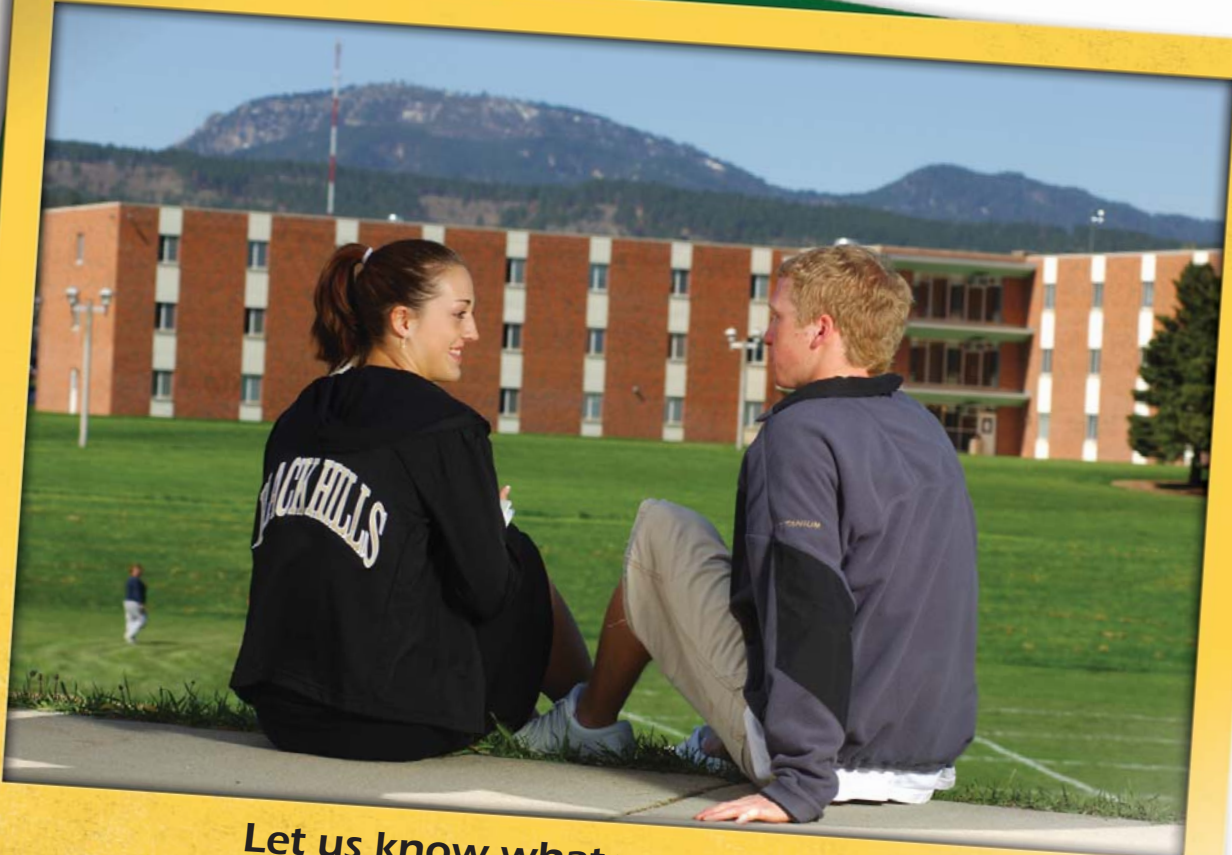


Bear Hand Fischer, (center) a sophomore at BHSU, received the Kevin Whirlwind Horse Memorial Scholarship which was presented by Kevin Whirlwind Horse's son, Kevin King, and mother, Mae Whirlwind Horse, during the Kevin Whirlwind Horse Run.

## Native American gathering and wacipi



On April 22, the third Native American Alumni Gathering took place in conjunction with the Annual Lakota Omnicye Powwow. Those who attended are as follows: front row, Carmelita Two Elk, '75, Oglala; Mona Bettelyoun, '80, Rapid City; Lynda One Feather; Norma (Janis) Grignon, '91, Spearfish; Rosalie Little Thunder; Beverly Running Bear, '00, Rapid City; Jace DeCory, BHSU faculty, Spearfish. Middle row, Marlyce Miner, '70, Rapid City; Rachel Jacobs, '01, Gillette; Gerri (Farmer) LeBeau, '96, Box Elder; Delmar W. One Feather, '91, Oglala; Jeri Lemke; Carol Johnson, '70, Faith. Back row, Bill McCloskey, '71, Mission; Nora Danforth, '02, Spearfish; Lowell Amiotte, Faculty, '64, Rapid City; Leona White Hat, '02, Bismarck; Charles Grignon, '96, Spearfish; Bryan Brewer, '76, Pine Ridge.



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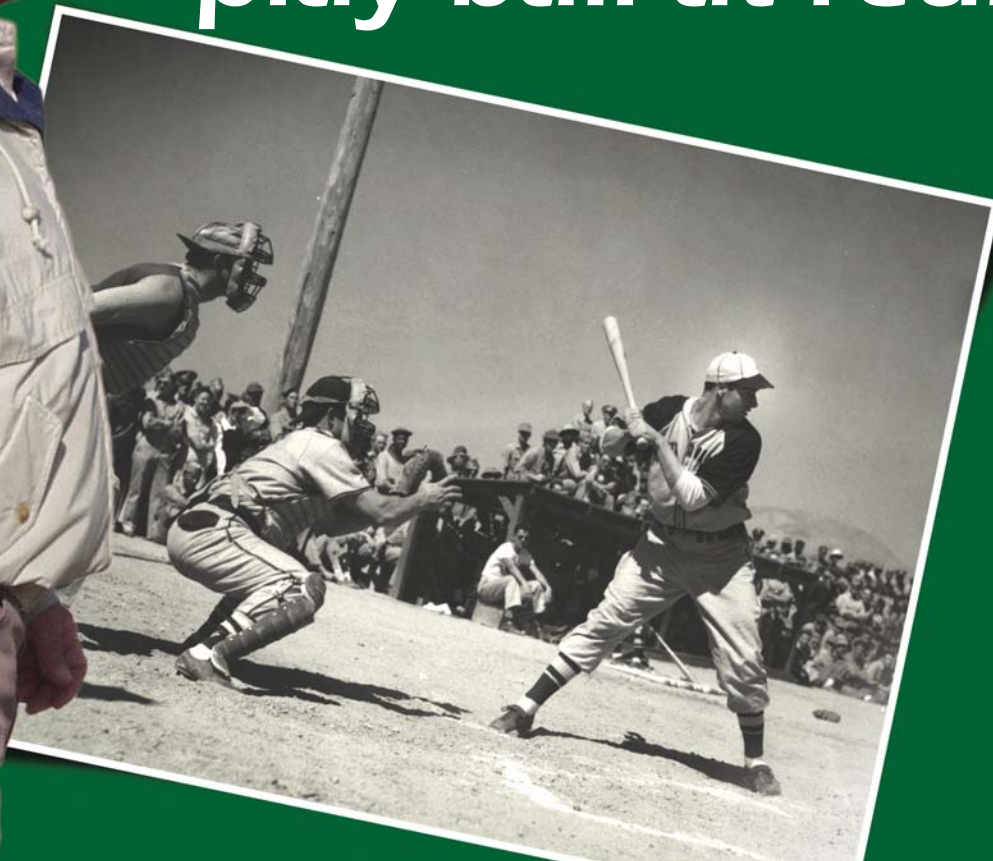
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# Former baseball competitors play ball at reunion



Former long-time Black Hills State University baseball coach Cliff Papik, shown here behind the plate while Yankee great Joe Dimaggio swings away during an Army Air Corp game in the 40s, was honored at the first-ever baseball reunion.



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More than 45 former Black Hills State University baseball players were on the campus recently for a baseball reunion that included a baseball game, campus tour, picnic, golf tournament and silent auction.

Cliff Papik, former longtime baseball coach at BHSU, was honored at the reunion. Papik coached for 30 years at the university (1948-1978), including coaching baseball, basketball, football, golf and tennis. Remembered by many as a popular and successful coach, Papik started a baseball dynasty that produced eight conference championship teams and five All-Americans. His career baseball record at BHSU stands at 326-179. Papik became a member of the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 1985. He was inducted into the South Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974. The college baseball field was named after him in 1978. In 1980 Papik was inducted into the NAIA and SDIC Baseball Hall of Fame.

Those who played in the baseball reunion game included: (Above) Kneeling, front row, left to right: Paul Hayashino, Class of '68, Woodbridge, Calif.; Kevin Nowotny, Class of '80, Adrian, Minn.; Pat Peters, Class of '75, Spearfish; Greg Deville, Class of '77, Spearfish; Wayne Johnson, Class of '77, Rapid City; Darrel Hardcastle, Class of '79, Sherman, Texas; Leonard Petoske, Class of '76, Las Vegas, Nev. Back row, left to right, Bill Hughes, Spearfish; Paul Bureson, Class of '76, Hartville, Ohio; James Stange, Class of '72, Salem, Ore.; Alan Nagel, Class of '72, Las Vegas, Nev.; (identify not known) Gary Bereiter, Class of '73, Zion, Ill.; Brian Niska, Class of '84, Rapid City; Roger Riley, Class of '80, Spearfish; Jerry Johnson, Class of '76, Rapid City; Everett Follette, Class of '75, Spearfish; Larry Lawler, Class of '80, Wadsworth, Ill.; Coach Cliff Papik, Spearfish; Matt Henkener, Class of '82, Loveland, Colo.; Stan Negaard, Class of '57, Rock Valley, Iowa; Dan Adams, '79, Casper, Wyo; LeRoy Cliff, Class of '59, Zion, Ill.



## Dolly Peterson donates scholarship funds

Black Hills State University recently received \$50,000 from the Merideth "Dolly" Petersen estate to establish a scholarship fund for students in the College of Education.

Petersen graduated from Belvidere High School and then attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls. She later earned a degree from Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

For many years, she and her husband, Peter Peterson,

lived in Moorcroft, Wyo., where she taught second grade. After Peter's death in 1970, she moved to Spearfish.

The scholarship will be dedicated to Project Select, a relatively new program at BHSU in which students earn teaching certification in secondary education while serving as a student intern in a classroom setting and completing coursework. The first scholarship will be awarded will be

in the fall of 2007.

For more information on establishing a scholarship at BHSU contact Steve Meeker, director of institutional advancement, at 642 6446.

## Sprague gives historic items

Donovin Sprague, Class of '82, Spearfish, donated a historical photograph and a hand carved flute to the Case Library for Western Studies at BHSU.

The photo Chief Hump and Two Wives was taken in 1879 when Hump and his band surrendered from Canada. The flute symbolizes the story of the Lakota Sioux Flute Legend that Sprague adopted from Henry Crow Dog, Lakota.

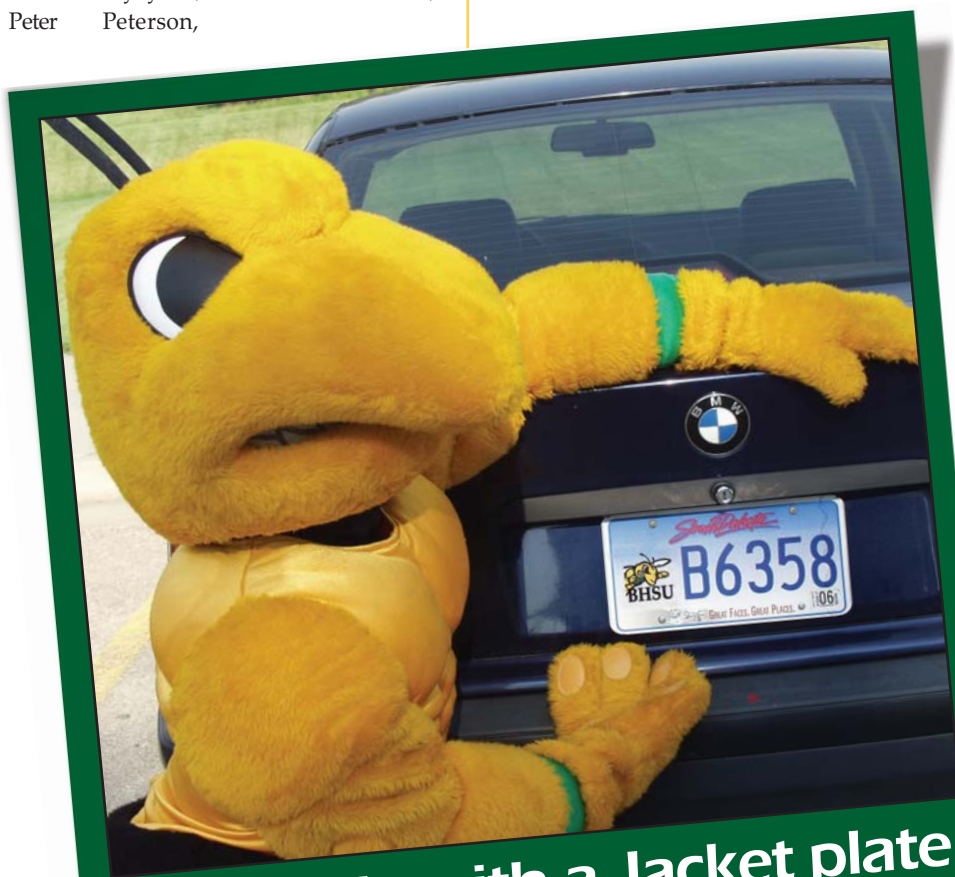
Sprague serves as an adjunct instructor at BHSU and Oglala Lakota College.

## Message from Steve Meeker

Wall Street has not always been kind to some shareholders. Stock appreciation may not be what it once was, causing you to wonder, "Is now a good time to donate stocks?"

If you are among those who have owned stocks for many years, in all likelihood you hold some low cost stocks in your portfolio. If you fear a drop in their market value, now is an opportune time to give some shares to the BHSU Foundation. Frankly, we may decide to sell them for the same reason, but you can have some benefits by making a charitable donation of the poor performers.

For more information, please contact a financial advisor or feel free to email me at [SteveMeeker@bhsu.edu](mailto:SteveMeeker@bhsu.edu) or call me at 605 642 6385.



## Bee ready with a Jacket plate

Black Hills State University is now offering Yellow Jacket license plate stickers for organizational license plates issued in the state of South Dakota. A set of two stickers can be purchased through the Black Hills State Alumni Association for \$25. Proceeds from the sale of the Yellow Jacket stickers will go towards student scholarships at Black Hills State University.

These stickers are a great way to show your support of the Yellow Jackets, said Tom Wheaton, director of alumni relations at BHSU. Whether you are an alum, an enthusiastic fan or even a current student, this is one of the most visible and inexpensive ways to show school spirit.

The license plate stickers can only be put on South Dakota organizational license plates. The organizational license plates themselves cost \$10 and can be purchased at any South Dakota County treasurer's office



## Fidler donation is music to the ears of future students

A donation of \$20,000 from Nadine Fidler will provide on going music scholarships for Black Hills State University students.

In recognition of the donation, the keyboard lab in Clare and Josef Meier Hall will be named the Raymond H. and Nadine M. Fidler Piano Lab.

According to Mrs. Fidler, she decided to make this significant contribution to the BHSU music department as a token of her tremendous appreciation of the performances at BHSU through the years.

Music has always been important to me. When my husband and I came to

Spearfish many years ago to establish a business, we were both delighted to discover the excellent music and theatre events at BHSU. We enjoyed attending concerts and plays throughout the years, Nadine says. I'm pleased that I was in a position that I could make this donation in memory of my dear husband.



Ray and Nadine Fidler

Dr. Janeen Larsen, chair of Department of Fine and Applied Arts at BHSU, praised Fidler for her generous donation.

Mrs. Fidler is a talented musician, and she has always been a patron of the

arts. Her family's name on the door of the keyboard lab will be seen by every music

student in our department. We are all so pleased and grateful that she is leaving this legacy to future music students, Larsen said.

The vocal and instrumental scholarships will be awarded to BHSU students beginning in the fall 2007 semester.

Contact Steve Meeker at 642 6228 for additional naming opportunities at Meier Hall.

## Equipment sought for students to learn outdoor education

There is a growing need for trained professionals in outdoor education, according to Dr. Nancy Hall, dean of the College of Education at BHSU.

Many jobs exist in the field of outdoor education for people with the right combination of knowledge, skills, and experiences. Nature centers need naturalists to teach young people to appreciate and value the outdoors. Resource agencies need educators to communicate appropriate land use. Non profit organizations need advocates skilled in working with people. Parks need interpreters to tell the story. Camps, youth programs, and recreation agencies need leaders skilled in safe outdoor programming.

Black Hills State University is uniquely situated to provide this training according to Hall.

Our setting in the beautiful Black Hills, the excellent faculty and many partnerships with area organizations provide a strong foundation. The potential exists for this program to grow and benefit not only students but the local economy as well. The state of South Dakota provides a portion of our funding for programs like the Outdoor Education program. However, we are seeking donations to purchase equipment for BHSU students, Hall says.

If you are interested in donating to this fund, please contact Steve Meeker at [stevemeeker@bhsu.edu](mailto:stevemeeker@bhsu.edu) or Chris McCart at [christinemcart@bhsu.edu](mailto:christinemcart@bhsu.edu).

## Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic raises nearly \$8,000 in scholarship funds



The 16th annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic, held this summer at the Spearfish Canyon Country Club, raised more than \$7,700 for student athlete scholarships.

"This is such a great event," said John Kietzmann, BHSU director of development. "The tournament is played on such a magnificent course and for such a good cause. I really think that all 142 participants this year had a lot of fun."

The \$250,000 Gold Dust Shootout which was held after tournament play had finished was full of action. Twenty contestants had a chance to make a hole in one on hole number four, a 182 yard par three. One tee shot rolled onto the green and then scooted past the cup only inches from going in the hole. Another shot landed within five feet of the pin.

This year's golf tournament featured a change in format. In previous years, following the golf tournament was a silent and live auction whose proceeds also went to benefit the student athlete

scholarship fund. This year, however, the auction was moved to a later date, Friday, Nov. 3 at the Tretheway Park Pavilion in Spearfish.

If you have questions about the Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic, or if you'd like more information about participating in next year's tournament, contact Kietzmann at (605) 642 6832 or e mail [JohnKietzmann@BHSU.edu](mailto:JohnKietzmann@BHSU.edu).

# BHSU people in the news

## Diamond receives coveted Mark Twain award

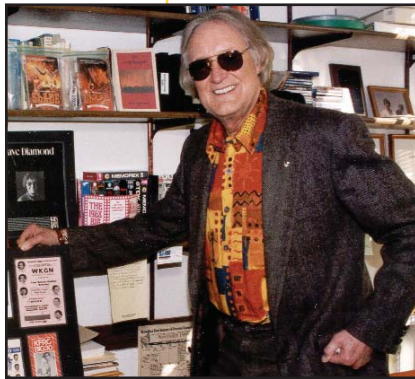
David Diamond, professor at BHSU, recently received the Mark Twain Award for his distinguished contributions to Midwestern literature.

The Mark Twain Award is the highest and most respected literature prize given by the society.

Diamond, when asked to comment on the award, said: "I was totally stunned. You work in solitude when you write and have no idea if there's anyone out there reading or admiring your work. This is confirmation that all the lonely hours and hard work have paid off. This is perhaps the pinnacle of my writing career."

Diamond's latest novel, "Cool Hand in a Hot Fire," was cited in the award. He is also the author of the "Slade Western Series," written under the name

Link Pennington. His book of short stories, "Street Scenes," was adapted into a successful play in Los Angeles that received excellent reviews.



Diamond received the Mark Twain award.

He is also, as Claudia Davison, the author of the "Unholy Ghost" series, a suspense thriller series published by Lynx Books in New York City.

Diamond is a South Dakota native who teaches classes in writing, broadcast journalism, and radio and television production at BHSU. He

has bachelor's degrees in journalism and history from the University of Southern Mississippi. His

graduate degrees are from Northwest Missouri State University and the University of Southern California. Diamond, who joined the BHSU staff in 1995, is planning to retire after the 2006-2007 school year.

## Wheaton is now alumni director at BH

Tom Wheaton, Class of '87, was recently named director of alumni at BHSU.

Wheaton, who is both an alumni and longtime employee of the university, is looking forward to the opportunity to extend the BHSU alumni family.



Wheaton

I came to BHSU as student from Florida, so I was without a family. The people of BHSU were so wonderful to me that they became my family. Now it seems fitting that I take on the responsibility of maintaining and preserving the BHSU alumni family.

Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement, says he is fortunate to have an alumni director with Tom's experience and background.

Tom is a perfect fit for this job. As a BHSU alumnus who has also worked at the university, he comes to this job with significant knowledge about the university and is already making plans for future alumni gatherings, Meeker says.

Tom previously served as assistant director of enrollment at BHSU. He has also held several other positions at BHSU including time as a hall director and apartment director and sports information director. Tom has a strong communications background including past employment as a radio personality and information specialist.

Tom earned a speech degree with minor in music 1987 and has also taken graduate level courses. In his spare time, Tom serves as an official for high school football games in South Dakota. Tom and his wife, Kristin (Schamber), Class of '99, and their daughter, Kylie, live in Spearfish.

## Retirees honored



Several faculty and staff members retired this year and were honored at the annual employee recognition reception. Among those honored were: Dr. Sharon Strand, associate English professor; Valerie Hawkins, assistant library professor; Dr. Thomas Flickema, former BHSU president; and Dr. Earl Chrysler, business professor. Other retirees were: Jim Bechtold, facilities services; Deatta Chapel, student support services; Arlene Denker, facilities services; Barbara Hale, assistant business professor; and Gary Hunt, facilities services.

# BHSU people in the news

## Royer named distinguished faculty

**D**r. Randall Royer, Black Hills State University music professor, was recently chosen by his peers to receive the prestigious Distinguished Faculty Award.

Royer teaches music courses and presently directs the BHSU Jazz Ensemble and the Dakota Chamber Orchestra in residence at BHSU.

Since joining the BHSU faculty in 1997, Royer has taught nine different classes ranging from freshman level music classes; to non music major general education courses, to upper division, almost graduate, seminar type classes. Royer's teaching and service also includes leading music ensembles; doing one on one lessons for students on the following instruments: flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, bassoon, guitar, string bass, bass guitar and percussion; and supervising student teachers.

Royer is described by his peers as an

outstanding teacher who shows excellence in teaching, active research, scholarship and other creative endeavors.

Royer says the award is a great honor but knows the real reward for him and other teachers is the difference they make in the lives of their students.

"The real reward is seeing students succeed either in the classroom or out of the classroom. Then you can say I had a little part in that. That's the reward," Royer says.

Royer is involved in many professional activities including serving as a guest conductor for local and regional groups. He has judged music contests and/or guest conducted music clinics in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota. He was guest



Royer

conductor for the International Music Camp in the summer of 2002.

Royer remains an active performer. His major instruments are oboe and English horn, but he also performs frequently on guitar, bass, saxophone and flute. He has given or conducted many concert and jazz performances for the university and community.

Royer received his bachelor's degree from SDSU in Brookings, his master of arts degree from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo., and a Ph.D. in music education from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. He also has a degree in audio engineering from the Institute of Audio Research in New York City. Before joining the BHSU faculty as a woodwind specialist and band director, Royer taught and directed public school instrumental music in Wyoming for over 17 years.

## Meeker receives national award

**S**teve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement at BHSU recently received a national award recognizing his fundraising work.

Meeker, was presented the College Division of the Year Fund Raiser of the Year award. Meeker has worked at BHSU, his alma mater, for 20 years. He oversees an effort that has increased the annual athletics scholarship program from \$44,000 in 1990 to \$435,000 this year. He has brought in close to \$3 million in athletics scholarships and, in the last five years, has increased the amount of scholarship money awarded by 92 percent. In 2005-06, he secured a \$100,000 pledge for football scholarships and, to create equality, he secured a matching gift for the women's department. He has also cemented close to \$1 million in future gifts to BHSU athletics.

Recently he initiated an effort to raise funds to create the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame room which opened this spring.

When he served as the university's athletics director, in addition to fund



Meeker

raising, he guided the department to six individual national champions, one national champion runner up, five Region III team championships and six conference championships. Meeker was honored in 2001 when he was selected as the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrator's Marketer of the Year.

Prior to his development work, Meeker worked with the BHSU admissions department for four years as the enrollment management coordinator and director of admissions and records. He received his bachelor's degree in speech from BHSU in 1984.

## Mutter earns Spirit of BH award



Mutter

**T**he BHSU Alumni Association honored Theresa Mutter, a senior political science and mass communications major from Oehningen, Germany, with the Spirit of BH Award. While completing all of her course work in three years, Mutter maintained a grade point average of 3.9. She has been involved in many campus organizations and has served as a resident assistant. Mutter's leadership roles have included officer positions of University Programming Team; the Swarm Days Committee; the Honors Program; the Honors Advisory Committee for Academic Affairs; the Student Ambassadors; and the *Today Newspaper*.

In addition to her leadership responsibilities, Mutter has also been a member of the Chi Theta Xi sorority, KBHU FM staff, and Student Senate. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, the OXFAM Hunger Banquet, Make a Difference Day, Relay for Life Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, Make a Wish, and the Salvation Army. Mutter was the first student to win the prestigious Chiesman Foundation Award for her research on American foreign policy.

# BHSU students in the news

## Involvement leads to graduate assistantship

Megan Wyett, Class of '06, knew as a high school student that she wanted to attend Black Hills State University. At that time, she had no idea how her extensive involvement in student activities, while attending BHSU, would eventually lead to a promising career encouraging future students to take a similar path.

In her final semester as at BHSU, when Megan was doing her student teaching, her career path expanded and an opportunity arose that Megan had never really considered even though it seems to be a perfect match for her talents. Megan, who served as student body president, epitomizes the involved student with an extensive list of student leadership activities and volunteer involvement. Megan recently began a two year graduate assistantship at Central Missouri State University.

Two major projects her senior year, being a member of the BHSU presidential search committee and spearheading an expansion project for the Student Union,

opened Megan's eyes to the world of higher education administration and awoke in her the desire to make a difference in the lives of future students.



**Megan has juggled her busy schedule which includes a long list of leadership in student organizations as a part of her educational experience. She has a passion for being involved and is just as passionate about sharing that experience with other students. She encourages all incoming BHSU students to get involved on campus as they begin their college careers. She has this advice for students:**

***"I challenge you to take action and be involved this year! The options of service learning on campus are endless. If there is something you want to see happen, DO IT! Join an organization or even start a club. I encourage you to stand up for what you believe in and create change!"***

work on event planning with the student affairs staff at the university while earn



Megan Wyett

ing her degree.

A first generation college student, Megan always loved school, so it's no surprise that she decided to pursue a degree in education. That career path was inspired early when Megan, as a sixth grade student, worked with a blind student in her school.

"That's when I decided I wanted to become a teacher. I wanted to do things to help others learn," Megan says.

Megan says the positive influence of several high school teachers in Casper, Wyo., who had graduated from BHSU, made the decision to come to BHSU her first and only choice.

"I didn't consider any other colleges. I knew I wanted to come here," Megan says. Although she is leaving BHSU with a somewhat different career in mind, Megan knows she will still have the opportunity to influence students' lives in a positive way.

"I'll still be teaching, just in a different way in student affairs," Megan says. "I see the skills I've learned, and I know getting students involved in organizations will help them learn life skills that are going to shape their lives."

Always a planner, Megan already has her eye on the future. "After graduating with my master's degree, I'd like to work in student affairs for seven to 10 years and then pursue my Ph.D. Then I'd like to be vice president of students affairs."

# BHSU in the news

## BHSU now offers graduate degree in science

The South Dakota Board of Regents has approved a master of science degree in integrative genomics at Black Hills State University, signaling a new direction for master's degrees offered by the Spearfish university.

"This is Black Hills State's first master's degree in the sciences," Regents President Harvey C. Jewett said. "The deep underground lab project at Homestake is right down the road, and there will be excellent opportunities there for genomics research. At a time when there is substantial state interest in expanding research and graduate education at South Dakota public universities, this degree is an excellent fit for our system and for BHSU in particular," he said.

Black Hills State already offers master's degree programs in education and business. The genomics degree will help recruit students for graduate level study in a technology rich area of emerging science, Jewett said. "This program is likely to have significant benefits for BHSU, with minimal risk to existing system programs," Jewett said.

Integrative genomics is a new area of biological research that seeks to place the functional significance of an organism's many genes into an ecological and evolutionary con-

text. In a practical sense, integrative genomics allows scientists to understand the success story that each species represents.

According to Dr. Holly Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Science at BHSU, the new master's degree in integrative genomics is one of only a handful nationwide.

This is a field that is breaking new ground in biology because it can help us understand the interplay between genetics and the ecology and evolution of organisms, Downing says.

She added that a unique feature of the new degree is the option to do either research leading to a thesis or an internship with a biotechnology company. The two tracks afford students more choices from building a stronger foundation for success in a doctoral program to gaining business training and experience for a career in biotechnology.

This new graduate degree expands the mission for the College of Arts and Sciences, which opens the door to exciting new possibilities for Black Hills State University, Downing says.

The new degree will be offered starting this fall. Five students are expected to enroll in the first year, with an average of four students graduating each year once the program is fully operational.



**Dr. Cynthia Anderson (left), associate director of the Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources at BHSU, reviews procedures with Laurelin Cottingham, a senior from Rapid City. Science students now have the option of pursuing a master's degree in integrative genomics.**

## Order Black Hills State University merchandise online

The BHSU bookstore has items featuring the new Yellow Jacket mascot as well as books by local authors.

To view these and other items access the bookstore online from the BHSU homepage or go directly to [www.bhsu bookstore.com](http://www.bhsu bookstore.com).

# Alumni will be honored during Swarm

Several Black Hills State University Alumni will be honored during the annual Swarm Week activities Sept. 17-23. The 2006 Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented to Tim Penton, Class of '80. The 2006 Special Achievement Award will be awarded to Craig Katt, Class of '75, Atlanta, Ga. The 2006 Excellence in Education Award will be presented to Ron His Horse is Thunder, Class of '85, from Fort Yates, N.D. The 2006 Special Service Award will be presented to Mary and Ed Furois. These alumni will be honored at the annual Swarm Day breakfast Saturday, Sept. 23 at 8:30 a.m. at the Jacket Legacy room in the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union.



**Penton**

**Tim Penton**, Class of '80, country manager for Williams International, began working in the oil fields near his hometown of

Casper, Wyo. That was the beginning of what would become a long and successful energy career that has included assignments in the western part of the U.S. as well as in several international locations.

Tim oversees the Venezuela, South America, operations for Williams International, an energy business that produces, gathers, processes and transports natural gas across the U.S. as well as in some international locations.

Tim and his family embarked on a series of assignments which included stays in Kansas, Texas, and eventually Gabon, in west Africa, his first overseas job, and later in Mauritania and Congo. During this time, Penton continued his education through graduate courses in international finance.

Tim has been actively involved in the development and advancement of an English speaking school in Venezuela.

Tim and his wife, Lisa, have two grown children.

**Craig Katt**, Class of '75, is owner and partner as well as president of Solare



**Katt**

Solutions, a visual communications company with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., and a manufacturing site in Wiggins, Miss. The multi layered company is comprised of a multi million dollar signage manufacturing facility; an award winning creative design team; an animation/content creation media group; and a video systems integration division for hi tech indoor and outdoor display systems.

Prior to joining Solare, Katt was the national market manager for the international Belgian video display manufacturer Barco after serving 10 years as one of the company market managers for Daktronics.

Katt is recognized as one of the industry experts in LED (light emitting diode) technology and is a frequent contributor of technical articles dealing with the technology. Katt's consultant efforts are manifested in some of the nation's most advanced large screen video designs.

Katt and his wife, Beth, have four daughters.

**Ed and Mary Furois**, are longtime supporters of BHSU and the entire community.

Ed graduated from BHSU in 1959 with a degree in business and economics. Mary earned an elementary education degree in 1960. The couple entered the local retail business

world in 1962 with the purchase of the Spearfish Bootery which they operated together until it was sold in 1999.

Ed and Mary were both active members of the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce and the Spearfish Retail Trade Association. Ed was also a volunteer fireman, a member of the Spearfish School Board and a member of the local hospital board of directors and Norwest Bank board of directors. He is currently serving on three boards. Mary taught school for one year in Lead and served as religious education teacher at St. Joseph's Church for many years. She was also president of the church ladies group and served on the church council. Mary is a charter member of Zonta and a member of the BHSU Alumni Board.



**Furois**

The Furois couple was honored as South Dakota Retail Couple of the Year in 1997 and received the Spirit of Spearfish Award in 1999. They raised four children.



**His Horse is Thunder**

**Ronald (McNeil) His Horse is Thunder**, Class of '85, a member of the Hunkpapa Lakota Oyate, is the tribal chairman for the Standing Rock Reservation and recently served as president of Sitting Bull College from 1996-2005.

In 1988, Ron received his juris doctorate. Since then, Ron has served in several capacities as an attorney, director and grants evaluator for the Rosebud and Standing Rock Reservations. From 1989-1993, he served as president of Standing Rock College. He then went to work for the American Indian College Fund, based in New York, N.Y., where he served as the president from 1993-1995. In 1995, he accepted the position of president at Little Hoop Community College in Fort Totten, N.D.

Among the many other professional positions Ron has held, in 2002, President George W. Bush appointed him as chairman of the President's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities. Ron has served as a commissioner for the Higher Learning Commission for the North Central Accreditation for Schools and Colleges. He has also served on the boards of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and North Dakota Tribal College Association.

His Lakota name, given to him by his grandfather, is Tasunka Wakinyan His Horse is Thunder.

## Livin' It Up in The Wild West

**Saturday, Sept. 16**  
Pre-Swarm Day 6K run  
8 a.m. at Lyle Hare Stadium

**Monday, Sept. 18**  
Homecoming Coronation  
7 p.m. at the Student Union

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**  
Kiddie Carnival, 4-7 p.m.  
Spirit Competition, 7 p.m.  
Dorm Decoration Judging

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**  
Dance Lessons, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Hoe-Down, 7-11 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Hike to the "H", 3:30 p.m.  
BBQ on the Green, 5-6:30 p.m.  
Float Prep, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 22**  
Disc Golf Tournament, 3:30 p.m.  
Float Prep, Throughout the day  
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet  
6 p.m. - Jacket Legacy Room of the Student Union

Float Prep at Field House, 8 p.m.  
Spirit Night for volleyball, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 23**  
Alumni Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.  
Parade, 10:30 a.m.  
Football game, 1:30 p.m.

# Yellow Jacket inductees named

Five individuals and two teams to be inducted into the Hall of Fame Black Hills State University will induct five individuals and two teams into the 2006 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Friday, Sept. 22 during the annual Swarm Week activities. Inductees are Terry Burgess, Jeff Englund, Leslie Deutscher, Ernie Mecca and Jim Alcorn. The 1970 football team and the 1928 men's basketball team will also be honored.

**Leslie Deutscher** competed for the Yellow Jackets in women's basketball from 1992-96. Leslie's name appears multiple times in the Yellow Jacket record book. Her achievements include:

- 1,426 career points (fourth all time)
- 556 career field goals made (fourth all time)
- 837 career rebounds (first all time)
- 7.6 career rebounds per game (fourth all time)
- .732 career free throw percentage
- 314 career free throws made (second all time)
- 143 career blocked shots (first all time)
- 185 career steals (fourth all time)
- 249 single season rebounds (second all time)
- 44 single season blocked shots (first all time)
- 39 single season blocked shots (second all time)
- 36 single season blocked shots (third all time)
- 7 single game blocked shots (tied for second all time)
- 6 single game blocked shots two times (fourth all time)
- 1.000 single game free throw percentage (tied for first all time)

**Jeff Englund** ran his way into the record books as he competed for the Yellow Jackets' football team from 1988-1991. Three times Jeff scored 30 points in a single game. His other accomplishments include:

- 264 career points scored (first all time)
- 39 touchdowns (first all time)
- 2,835 career rushing yards (first all time)
- 1,147 single season rushing yards (first all time set in 1991)
- 1,037 single season rushing yards (second all time set in 1990)
- 117 single season points scored (first all time set in 1990)
- 115 single season points scored (second all time set in 1991)
- NAIA Honorable Mention All American in 1991

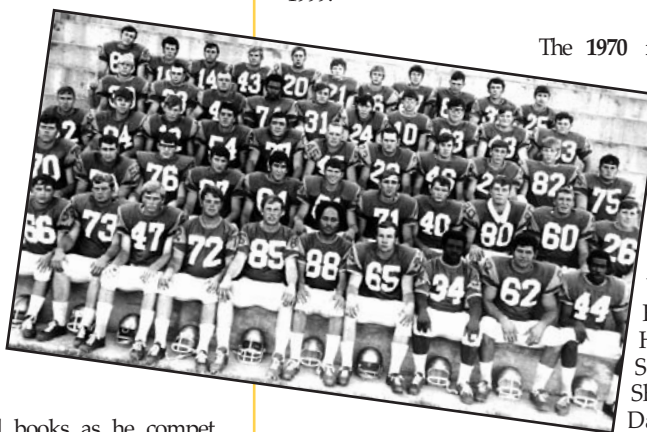
Over the past three decades, **Terry Burgess**, Class of '72, has established himself as one of the most highly respected coaches in the state of Wyoming. Terry was named Wyoming Wrestling Coach of the Year five times. Terry coached a pole vault state champion while in Sheridan, Wyo., and also coached the distance runners and was an assistant football coach at Sheridan High School. He was a member of the football coaching staff that led Sheridan to five state championships.

Terry was inducted into the Wyoming Coaches Hall of Fame in 2006. He also coached football and wrestling at Dickinson State University. At BHSU, Burgess was a multi-sport athlete, playing football, baseball and wrestling for the Yellow Jackets.

**Ernie Mecca**, Class '78, who taught and coached at DuBois, Wyo., guided both track and field as well as bas-

ketball in his coaching career. In 1995, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association awarded him as the Region 7 Coach of the Year Award for girls track. Mecca led the boys track team to five regional championships and three state championships. The girls track team won four regional championships and two state championships under Mecca's direction. Mecca was also an outstanding basketball coach, guiding the boys basketball team to two regional titles, and he was awarded the Class 1A Coach of the Year Award in 1990. He also coached girls basketball and was an assistant football coach.

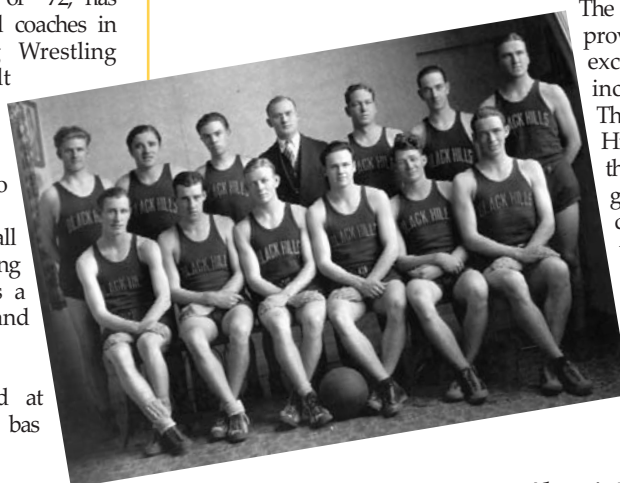
**Jim Alcorn** is being inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame for his contributions to the BHSU athletic program. In the past he served as a president for the Yellow Jacket Foundation and is currently a member of the Yellow Jacket Foundation Board of Directors. Alcorn's loyalty to the Yellow Jackets runs deep. He served as an assistant football coach at Black Hills State in the 80s and was president of the Yellow Jacket Foundation from 1991-1999.



The 1970 football team ended their season as SDIC Tri Champions with a 5-1 conference record and an 8-2 overall record. Coach Gene Schlekeway led what is considered by many to be the best football team ever to compete for BHSU. Team members included Bob Langten, Dean Fudge, Jim Falter, Harvey Krautschun, V.J. Hirsch, Kent Waugh, Lanny Swisher, Rich Schlekeway, Ed Sheridan, Pat Lavery, Galen Dannenbring, Sonny Brooks, Dan O'Connor, Randy Langdon,

Norm Anderson, Tom Stewart, Gary Peters, Bob Worth, Terry Danielson, Bob Gibson, Chuck Sisk, Bill Fleak, Mark Berdahl, Mike Murphy, Mike McMahon, Bill Shell, Norb Weisbeck, Mike Stafford, Bob Templeton, Keith Schultz, Craig Leckner, Doug Roseth, Keith Glanzer, Ron Young, Roger Risty, George Kuhler, Jerry Pfieffer, Gary Bereiter, Jon Haberman, Mike Hughes, Ralph Meyer, Kirk Stradinger, Terry Burgess, Eldon McNabb, Kent Mauck, Mike Berg, Jim Holwenger, Jerome Lee, Mike Savoy, Ken Richardt, Al Kelley, Paul Geogas, and Dennis Herndon.

Once hailed as the best college basketball team in South Dakota, the 1928 Yellow Jacket men's basketball team will be honored this year at the 2006 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame banquet.



The Yellow Jacket men provided enthusiasm and excitement during the incredible 1928 season. Then known as the Black Hills Teachers College, the team played in 22 games, winning 17 and dropping only five contests. They lost only three games to collegiate opponents.

# Sports

## Athletes place at national track and field

The BHSU women's track and field team finished 10th with 22 total points at the 2006 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships this spring in Fresno, Calif. The Yellow Jacket men tied for 42nd place with four points. Five BHSU athletes finished in the top 10 in their individual events and one relay placed in the top five at the national meet.

Senior Crystal Hostetter placed fourth for the Yellow Jackets in the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase in 11:10.65, while freshman Kerry Washburn finished third in the finals of the women's 5,000 meter run in a time of 17:30.90. Junior Wesley Jastorff placed eighth in the finals of the women's 800 meter run in a time of 2:14.69. Jastorff's semi final time of 2:12.35 in the 800 meter broke the school record of

2:12.89. Senior Callie Ackerman qualified for the semi finals in the women's 400 meter dash; however, she failed to qualify for the finals.

The BHSU freshmen throwing duo of Amber Brodersen and Lacey Haughian excelled. Brodersen placed seventh with a shot put of 44.825 in the women's event and also placed 11th in the discus after a toss of 137.11. Haughian placed sixth in the women's javelin after posting a mark of 138.6. Brodersen earned All American status in the shot put and Haughian received All American honors in the javelin.

In the women's 4x800 meter relay, Jamie Hahn and Liz Woodruff combined with Hostetter and Jastorff to propel the Yellow Jackets to a fourth place finish in a

time of 9:18.74.

The men also had many success stories in Fresno. Junior James Hansen placed fifth overall in the men's 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:21.20, and sophomore David Czerny tied for 14th in the pole vault after clearing a height of 15.3. Junior Zach Kintzley finished his season in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 3:57.47, and senior John Williams ran a time of 3:56.66 in the 1,500 meter run to wrap up his career as a Yellow Jacket.

Walkinshaw said, "This meet was a good experience for everyone. The seniors were rewarded for their hard work and the underclassmen had a chance to compete with some of the finest athletes in the country."

## Expectations growing for football team

The BHSU football team has experienced tremendous improvement over the past three seasons and is now receiving much deserved respect. The recent success of the Yellow Jacket football program can be correlated with the arrival of head coach John Scott.

Scott, now entering his fourth season at the reign of a once struggling football program, is leading the BHSU team into a 2006 campaign full of expectations. The

Yellow Jackets are coming off a 7-3 (5-2 DAC) season and a third place finish in the Dakota Athletic Conference.

Since Scott has taken charge of the program, the Yellow Jackets record is 16-13, and they enter the fall 2006 season ranked 17th in the Victory Sports Network Preseason Poll.

The preseason ranking really does show how far this program has come, said Scott. Our goal now is to move up in those rankings and reach the playoffs when the season ends.

The Yellow Jackets will not have an easy road ahead as they look forward to the season opener with four time defending national champion, Carroll College.

It will be an awesome chance for us to play the number one team at home. We must come ready to play and be confident that we can win. Carroll (College) is an outstanding team and has shown what they are capable of by winning four straight national titles. They know how to expose a team's weakness and attack it without any hesitation, said Scott.

The Yellow Jackets will be looking to replace an important piece of the puzzle at tight end. The exit of senior Zach Alcorn to the Green Bay Packers leaves a large hole in the Yellow Jackets' offensive attack. Alcorn led the team in receptions (43), receiving yards (689), and receiving touchdowns (7).

Under Scott's guidance, the BHSU football program is continuing to grow and expand their goals.

When I first got here, our team had two goals, said Scott. We wanted to finish the season with a .500 record or better and be playing for more than just respect at the end of the season. Those are still important goals for us; however, we now have our sights on being the first football team in the history of Black Hills State to reach the post season playoffs. We want to be the team that got it done.



### Alcorn is playing for the Packers

Former BHSU tight end Zac Alcorn, who is currently playing for the Green Bay Packers, caught a touchdown pass during a pre-season game against Atlanta. Alcorn is attempting to make the Packers' active roster after signing as a free agent earlier this off-season. Alcorn was the Yellow Jackets leading receiver in 2005. He caught 43 passes for 689 yards and seven touchdowns, all team highs. Alcorn is in the running to become the first football player ever from BHSU to make an active NFL roster.



# Sports

## Cross country looking to continue winning tradition

The BHSU cross country teams are looking to repeat last season's exceptional performances. Last year, the Yellow Jacket women earned a second place finish and the men placed eighth overall at the NAIA Championships.

Head Coach Scott Walkinshaw, entering his ninth year with the Yellow Jackets, will lead the Yellow Jacket runners into competition.

The cross country program has achieved many great accomplishments during Walkinshaw's tenure. Both men's and women's cross country teams won Dakota Athletic Conference titles last season. The women have taken home the first place trophy six out of the last seven seasons, and the men have grabbed first place honors five out of the last six years. Last season, both teams also placed first at the Region III Championships. In addition, the Yellow Jackets finished third in the combined team score for men and women. BHSU has finished in the top five in five of the last six years.

The women will return five all conference athletes from a year ago. On the men's side, the Yellow Jackets will return three all conference performers from last season's campaign.

We obviously want to contend for the conference championship and get back to the national meet on both sides, said Walkinshaw. Even though we lost outstanding student athletes, I feel with the experience of the returners and the addition of our newcomers we will be competitive.

## Volleyball team looking for a breakthrough season in 2006

The BHSU volleyball team will have a great mix of experienced upperclassmen and talented freshmen when they take the floor for the first time this season.

As they prepare to enter the 2006 campaign, the Yellow Jackets have eight returnees with experience at the college level and eight freshmen on the 16 person roster. Head Coach Jhett Albers is excited about the opportunity to lead such a diverse team.

Even with the youth that abounds on the floor for BHSU, a core group of juniors will also be returning.

Albers said, "We have a lot of work to do if we want to become an elite team in the region. This team really began to gel in practice this spring. Now we need to transition that to the competition floor this fall."

## Fall BHSU Sports Schedule

### Football schedule

Sept. 2	Carroll	Spearfish	1 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Wisconsin - Eau Claire	Eau Claire, Wisc.	12 noon
Sept. 16	at Minot State	Minot, N.D.	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Dickinson State	Spearfish	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Swarm Day, Homecoming		
Oct. 7	at South Dakota Tech	Rapid City	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Dakota State	Madison	1:30 p.m. CT
Oct. 14	Jamestown	Spearfish	1 p.m.
Oct. 21	Parents' Weekend		
Oct. 28	at Mayville State	Mayville, N.D.	1:30 p.m. CT
Nov. 4	Valley City State	Spearfish	1 p.m.
Nov. 4	Minot State	Spearfish	1 p.m.
November 18	Senior Day		
November 18	NAIA Playoffs - First Round	TBA	TBA

### Cross Country Schedule

Sept. 9	South Dakota Tech Invitational	Rapid City	TBA
Sept. 16	Swarm Days 6K	Spearfish	
Sept. 23	Roy Griak Invitational	St. Paul, Minn.	
Sept. 30	Rocky Mountain Shootout	Boulder, Colo.	
Oct. 6	Yellow Jacket Invitational	Spearfish	
Oct. 14	Mount Marty Invitational	Yankton	
Oct. 20	DAC Championships	Minot, N.D.	
Nov. 4	Region III Championships	Sioux Falls	TBA
Nov. 18	NAIA Championships	Louisville, Ky.	

### Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 19	at Dickinson State (Exhibition)	Dickinson, N.D.	TBA
Aug. 20	Yellow Jacket Scrimmage (Exhibition)	Spearfish	1 p.m. MT
Aug. 26	South Dakota Tech, Miles City Community College, Sheridan College	Spearfish	3 p.m. MT
Sept. 1-2	Haskell Indian Nations Tournament	Columbia, Mo.	7 p.m. MT
Sept. 6 *	at South Dakota Tech	Rapid City	7 p.m. CT
Sept. 8	at Dakota Wesleyan	Mitchell	3 p.m. CT
Sept. 9	at Mount Marty	Yankton	7 p.m. CT
Sept. 15 *	at Mayville State	Mayville, N.D.	7 p.m. CT
Sept. 16 *	at Valley City State	Valley City, N.D.	7 p.m. M
Sept. 22 *	Jamestown	Spearfish	7 p.m. MT
Sept. 23 *	Dakota State	Spearfish	7 p.m. MT
Sept. 29 *	Minot State	Spearfish	3 p.m. MT
Sept. 30 *	Dickinson State	Rapid City	3 p.m. MT
Oct. 1	Dana	Spearfish	7 p.m. MT
Oct. 4 *	South Dakota Tech	Colorado Springs, CO.	7 p.m. MT
Oct. 6-7	at Colorado College Tournament	Rapid City	7 p.m. MT
Oct. 10	at National American	Spearfish	3 p.m. MT
Oct. 20 *	Valley City State	Spearfish	7 p.m. CT
Oct. 21 *	Mayville State	Madison	7 p.m. CT
Oct. 27 *	at Dakota State	Jamestown, N.D.	7 p.m. CT
Oct. 28 *	at Jamestown	Dickinson, N.D.	7 p.m. MT
Nov. 3 *	at Dickinson State	Minot, N.D.	3 p.m. CT
Nov. 4 *	at Minot State	TBA	TBA
Nov. 8-11	at Dakota Athletic Conf. Tournament	TBA	TBA
Nov. 16-18	at Region III Championship	TBA	TBA
Nov. 29-Dec. 2	at NAIA Championship		

\* - Dakota Athletic Conference Games  
All Dates and Times are Subject to Change.  
All times are Mountain Time, unless indicated otherwise

# Hall of Famers attend grand opening

Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame members were honored at the grand opening of the remodeled Hall of Fame Room in the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center.

"This room is a long overdue recognition for all of the individuals inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame," said Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement. "Now there is one location where we can honor the great players, coaches and contributors for Black Hills State athletics throughout the years."

Meeker expressed his thanks to the generous donors who contributed to the remodeling project and noted that it wouldn't have been possible without private donations.

Plaques commemorating all inductees as well as a mural depicting legendary past coaches at BHSU are now on display in the Hall of Fame Room. The mural contains photos of Lyle Hare, Don Young, Bill Hughes, Gene Schlekeway, Robin Schamber, Mike Olson, Lea Totten, Paul Rose, Tony Schavone, Cliff Papik, Bill Jordan and Dave Little.

Future plans for the Hall of Fame Room include the addition of display cases that will house memorabilia from past athletes and sport programs. The display cases will also hold many of the trophies earned by Yellow Jacket teams. For more information or to make a donation, contact the Yellow Jacket Foundation at 642 6385 or [JohnKietzmann@bhsu.edu](mailto:JohnKietzmann@bhsu.edu).



Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame members who attended the grand opening the of the remodeled Hall of Fame room on the BHSU campus were: front row, left to right, Lea Totten, Cliff Papik, Jerry Juneke, Gene Bauer, Tead Weaver, Bill Kohn; back row, left to right, Ed McLaughlin, Jim Rarick, Gene Schlekeway, Dave Little, Bob Albert, Bob Buck, Howard Perry, Kerry Bell, Bill Hughes, Charles Schad, Tom Sprigler, Myles Kennedy, Kim Templeton, Mel Dutton and Dale Hardy. Not pictured is Doug Stanford.

# Looking ahead

## Homecoming Week

Sept. 17-23

Sept. 22 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Banquet

Sept. 23 Alumni Breakfast, Swarm Day parade and football game (see complete schedule on page 28)

## Alumni Art Show

Sept. 21-Oct. 20

## 16th Annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Auction

Nov. 3

## Alumni Mile

Feb. 3

## 100-Years of Basketball Reunion

Feb. 3

## BHSU events

See [www.bhsu.edu](http://www.bhsu.edu) then choose Campus Calendar from the quick links menu for a complete list of campus activities.

For athletic information see [www.bhsu.edu/athletics](http://www.bhsu.edu/athletics).



## Looking back

Black Hills State University will host a reunion commemorating 100 years of basketball at the university. This group of players, known as the "Big Five" played in the 1926-1927 season. Pictured are, left to right, Coach Dan Root, Allan "Fox" Malcolm, Jim Norton, Art Sullivan, Maurice "Merc" Lodge, and Charles "C.P. Brick" Owen.

## Another look



Fall is a perfect time to take a hike up to the Devil's Bathtub area in Spearfish Canyon.