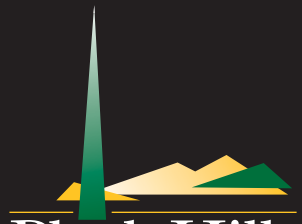


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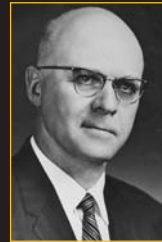
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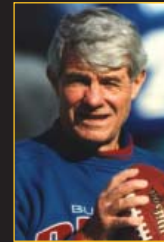
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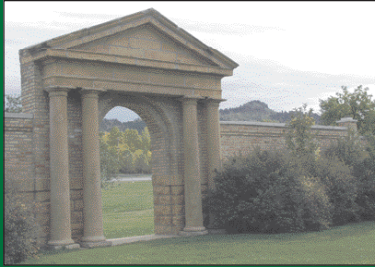


Greetings to all BHSU alumni

It's a historic and momentous year at Black Hills State University as we celebrate our Quasiquicentennial. Celebrating this milestone gives us the opportunity to look back at our legacy and honor those who have brought us to where we are today. BHSU alumni have been successful in their careers. In an effort to demonstrate the depth and breadth of accomplishments, the University will recognize 125 alumni who reflect the remarkable impact BHSU had on their lives (see page 4).

The nation's 42nd president, Bill Clinton, visited the campus this spring and presented to a group of more than 500 people. His visit was one of many events on campus throughout the year that augment the work of our exceptional faculty and staff and enrich students' experiences while providing unique opportunities for community members. I encourage alumni, students, and community members to take part in future BHSU events.

Approximately 500 people were at Black Hills State University for a presentation by former United States President Bill Clinton. The nation's 42nd President addressed the standing-room only crowd for more than an hour.



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Director of Marketing & Communications

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Class of '99
Information Officer

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Class of '03
Information Specialist

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pre-professional programs as well as
three master's degree programs, all on
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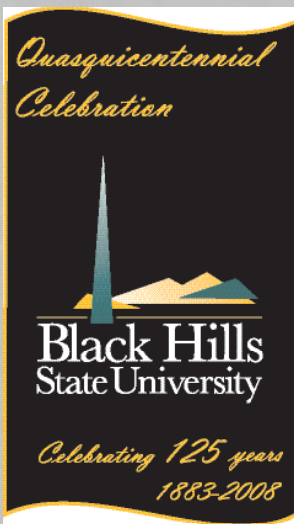
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As part of the Quasquicentennial Celebration at BHSU, 125 Accomplished Alumni who have achieved prominence and distinction in their careers, have been selected to represent the tens of thousands of alumni since our founding in 1883.

For a complete list see page 4.



You're invited to the **Quasquicentennial Celebration**

In appreciation of your support of Black Hills State University, you are cordially invited to attend our 125th anniversary celebration.

Friday, September 19, 2008

125 Accomplished Alumni Luncheon**

Join us for lunch to honor 125 Accomplished Alumni who have achieved prominence and distinction in their careers.

- 11:30 a.m. - Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center Gymnasium
- Tickets are \$15 per person

Hall of Fame Banquet**

Join us to honor the 2008 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame inductees.

- 6:00 p.m. - David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union Jacket Legacy Room
- Tickets are \$20 per person

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Swarm Day Parade

- 10:00 a.m. - Downtown Spearfish

Tailgate Party with Kory and the Fireflies

The tailgate party is open to the public and will feature the music of Kory and the Fireflies. Food and beverages will be available for a minimal fee.

- 11:00 a.m. - Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center Parking Lot

Swarm Day Football Game - BHSU vs. SDSM&T

- 1:00 p.m. - Lyle Hare Stadium

Williams and Ree**

See the Williams and Ree comedy duo perform at BHSU with special guest Brock Finn.

- 7:00 p.m. - Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center Gymnasium
- Tickets are \$20 per person for general floor seating and \$15 per person for general bleacher seating.

Sunday, September 21, 2008

First Annual Yellow Jacket Run/Walk

Lace up your running shoes and help raise money for BHSU scholarships. This is a race for everyone - 5K, 10K, and a competitive mile.

- 6:15 a.m. - Lyle Hare Stadium, registration begins
- Registration fee is \$25 for all races. All participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

For more information on these events contact the BHSU Alumni Office at (605) 642-6385 or email TomWheaton@BHSU.edu.

**Author Paul Higbee and photographer Les Voorhis, creators of the BHSU 125th anniversary book, will be available during this event to sign your copy. Books may also be purchased at this time.

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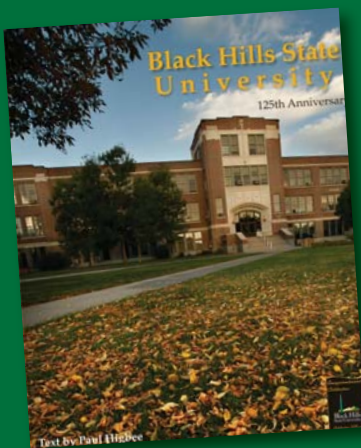
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Tickets may also be ordered online at www.BHSU.edu/Alumni.

A will call booth will be located at the sites for the 125 Accomplished Alumni Luncheon, the Hall of Fame Banquet, and the Williams and Ree concert for your convenience. Tickets will not be mailed out. All sales are final.

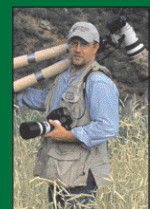
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Black Hills State University

Black Hills State University is transforming lives through high-quality innovative academic programs and a dynamic learning community. We are proud of the powerful influence and accomplishments of our alumni.

As part of the Quasiquicentennial Celebration at BHSU, 125 Accomplished Alumni will be recognized to represent the tens of thousands of alumni since our founding in 1883. Congratulations to these Accomplished Alumni.

Louise Achenbach

Class of 1970
Educator
Woodlake, Calif.

Raymond Adel**

Class of 1943
Judiciary
Brooklyn Center, N.Y.

Bob Albert

Class of 1976
Construction
Firestone, Colo.

Linda Albert

Class of 1982
Construction
Firestone, Colo.

Zac Alcorn

Class of 2006
NFL Athlete
Chadron, Neb.

Lowell Amiotte

Class of 1964
Educator
Rapid City

Keith Anderson

Attended
Entrepreneur
Black Hawk

Gary Andersen

Class of 1968
Entrepreneur
Spearfish

Sharon Andersen

Class of 1967
Entrepreneur
Spearfish

Linda Asheim

Class of 1966
Educator
Belle Fourche

Beth Benning

Class of 1973
Government
Spearfish

Mike Berg

Class of 1972
Coach
Grand Forks, N.D.

Raj Bhathal

Class of 1962
Entrepreneur
Tustin, Calif.

Lionel Bordeaux

Class of 1964
Educator
Mission

Leslie Botos

Class of 1970
Public Relations
Roseville, Calif.

Gene Bovee

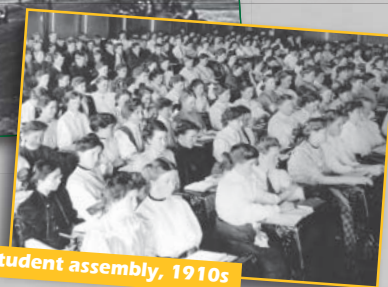
Class of 1959
Banking
Saddlebrooke, Ariz.

Dave Buss

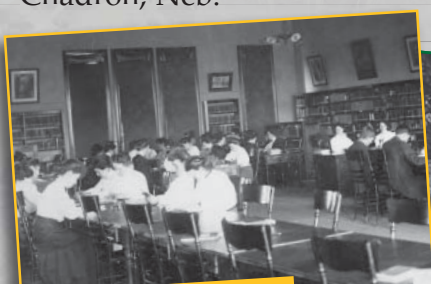
Class of 1966
Educator
Cody, Wyo.



Campus in the fall, 1900s



Student assembly, 1910s



Students in the library, 1920s



Outdoor theatre, 1930s

125 Accomplished Alumni

Carol Byington
Class of 1970
Management
Chesterfield, Mo.

Mona Chancellor
Class of 1960
Entrepreneur
Golden, Colo.

Stephanie Rissler-Christopherson
Class of 1995
Communications
Vermillion

Tony Chytka
Class of 1977
Sculptor
Belle Fourche

Jean Comerford**
Class of 1887
Communications
Deceased

Robert Cook
Class of 1990
Educator
Black Hawk

Vi Cowden
Class of 1936
Aviation
Huntington Beach, Calif.

Sheryl Crofut
Class of 1997
Educator
Rapid City

Von Dahl
Class of 1968
Administrator
Buffalo, Wyo.

Jesse Dana
Class of 1997
Dentistry
Spearfish

Bruce Davis
Class of 1958
Educator
Bainbridge Island, Wash.

Walter Dickey
Class of 1915
Banking
Deceased

Roland Dolly
Class of 1977
Government
Deceased

Priscilla Dressen
Class of 1982
Veterinarian
Fort Collins, Colo.

Dick Dubois
Class of 1964
Educator
Rapid City

Fred DuBray
Class of 1990
Management
Mobridge

Jim Dunn
Class of 1962
Public Relations
Lead

Lloyd Eaton
Class of 1940
Coach
Nampa, Idaho



Lab students, 1950s

Terry Egge
Class of 1961
Management
Rapid City

Charles Emery
Class of 1953
Government
Rapid City

Kathleen Engle
Class of 1980
Educator
Newcastle, Wyo.

Randal Evans
Class of 1976
Engineer
Enumclaw, Wash.

Helen Fahrni
Class of 1955
Real Estate
Aiea, Hawaii

Leonard Fahrni
Class of 1955
Real Estate
Aiea, Hawaii

John Fidler
Class of 1960
Management
Deceased

Thomas Finn
Class of 1966
Management
Deceased



Winter formal dance, 1940s

Alumni News

Maurice Fitzgerald

Class of 1949
Educator
Deceased

Mike Foley

Class of 1967
Entrepreneur
Weston, Wis.

Gregg Forsberg

Class of 1969
Entrepreneur
Watertown

Orina Frost**

Class of 1900
Educator
Deceased

Howard Fryett

Class of 1959
Educator
Spokane, Wash.

Tracy Gawan

Class of 1990
Finance
Phoenix, Ariz.

Hope Glenn

Class of 1939
Management
Spokane, Wash.

Colleen Goldhammer

Class of 1987
Management
Richmond, Va.

Vera Gould**

Class of 1928
Government
Deceased

Seth Gudmunson

Class of 2006
Photographer
Los Angeles, Calif.

James Hansen

Class of 1952
Government
Pierre

Waldemar Hansen**

Class of 1915
Scientist
Deceased

Gordon Hanson

Attended
Communications
Deceased

Lyle Hare

Class of 1907
Doctor
Deceased

Millie Heidepriem**

Class of 1905
Educator
Deceased

Ida Henton**

Class of 1913
Educator
Deceased

Paul Higbee

Class of 1976
Author
Spearfish

VJ Hirsch

Class of 1972
Oncologist
Abilene, Texas

Ronald (McNeil) His Horse is Thunder

Class of 1985
Educator
Ft. Yates, N.D.

Jim Hood

Class of 1969
Attorney
Spearfish

Grace Huck

Class of 1949
Ministry
Spearfish

Jeff Jacobs

Attended
Entrepreneur
Goodyear, Ariz.

John Johnson

Class of 1970
Management
Mahtomedi, Minn.

Kathryn Johnson

Class of 1975
Government
Hill City

Russell Jonas**

Attended
Educator
Deceased

Kay Jorgensen

Class of 1973
Government
Spearfish

Kari Jungclaus

Class of 2000
Educator
Rapid City

John Karinen

Class of 1958
Oceanographer
Auke Bay, Alaska

Craig Katt

Class of 1975
Entrepreneur
Euharlee, Ga.



Harvey Krautschun
Class of 1972
Financial Planner
Spearfish

Robert Lahti
Class of 1951
Educator
Deceased

Dick Lemm
Class of 1969
Management
Story, Wyo.

Russell Lewis
Class of 1991
Toxicologist
Newcastle, Wyo.

Charles Linander
Class of 1940
Dentistry
Deceased

Vincent Lombardi
Class of 1971
Management
Milmont Park, Pa.

Marie Loveland**
Class of 1928
Educator
Deceased

Todd Lowery
Class of 2000
Coach
Rapid City

Lynn McCain**
Class of 1892
Educator
Deceased

Douglas McCalla
Class of 1969
Attorney
Jackson, Wyo.

Ed McLaughlin
Class of 1950
Government
Rapid City

Jennifer Mercer
Class of 1997
Scientist
Laramie, Wyo.

Sandy Michelena
Class of 1960
Coach
Sheridan, Wyo.

Randy Morris
Class of 1974
Government
Spearfish

Gary Mule Deer
Attended
Entertainer
Spearfish

Joe Nelson**
Class of 1927
Inventor
Deceased

Bonnie Omdahl
Class of 1979
Radiologist
Sioux Falls

Dan Patterson
Class of 2002
Communications
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Gary Pechota
Class of 1971
Management
Bethlehem, Pa.

Tim Penton
Class of 1980
Management
Tulsa, Okla.



Donald E. Young Center, 1990s

Lt. Col. Lloyd Petersen**
Class of 1940
Military
Deceased

Jay Pyle**
Class of 1889
Management
Deceased

Terry Ree
Attended
Entertainer
Hendersonville, Tenn.

Lorri Riley
Class of 1987
Podiatrist
Saint Petersburg, Fla.

Dick Roach
Class of 1958
Coach
Danville, Calif.

Paul Roach
Class of 1952
Educator
Laramie, Wyo.

Clint Roberts
Attended
Government
Fort Pierre

Ryan Robinson
Class of 1993
Accounting
Murrieta, Calif.



Campus in the fall, 1980s

Alumni News

Sharon Robison

Class of 1959
Finance
Santa Rosa, Calif.

Richard Sattgast

Class of 1994
Government
Pierre

Gregory Schopen

Class of 1970
Educator
Los Angeles, Calif.

Michael Shann

Class of 1970
Management
Marina Del Rey, Calif.

Wayne Snoozy

Class of 1963
Educator
Klamath Falls, Ore.

Troy Stende

Class of 1997
Speaker
St. Paul, Minn.

Michael Sullivan

Class of 1969
Management
Sioux Falls

Roger Tellinghuisen

Class of 1975
Attorney
Spearfish

Dick Termes

Class of 1964
Artist
Spearfish

James Toohey

Class of 1964
Management
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Alvin Underhill**

Class of 1927
Attorney
Deceased

Kenneth Usiak

Class of 1970
Educator
Richland, Wash.

David Velte

Attended
Sound Technician
Valencia, Calif.

Steve Vopat

Class of 1982
Surgeon
Wrenshall, Minn.

Dave Weiss

Class of 1979
Management
Portland, Ore.

dee (Denise) Welsch

Class of 1982
Management
Arvada, Colo.

Nancy Wetherill

Class of 1977
Military
Rapid City

Kevin Whalen

Class of 1977
Government
Sioux Falls

Bruce Williams

Attended
Entertainer
Hendersonville, Tenn.



Campus in the fall, 2000s

Richard Williams

Class of 1930
Educator
Deceased

Thomas Williams

Class of 1975
Educator
Fayetteville, Ark.

Roy Wilson

Class of 1986
Management
Lincoln, Neb.

Bob Worth

Class of 1974
Banking
Danville, Calif.

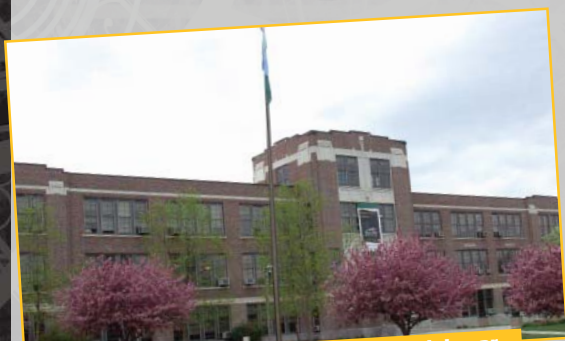
Don Young

Class of 1940
Educator
Deceased

All BHSU Alumni

Class of 1883-2008 who have made significant contributions in their field or area of expertise.

** Unable to locate a living relative. If you have any information please contact Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Relations at BHSU, at (605) 642-6385 or email him at TomWheaton@BHSU.edu.



Campus in spring, 2008 - Quasiquintennial year

Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame inductees named

Black Hills State University will induct five individuals and two teams into the 2008 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the annual Swarm Day activities. Darrell Hardcastle, Kelly Merager, Lance Marr, Roger Riley, and JoEllen (Hofer) Salmon will be inducted as athletes. The 1946-47 men's basketball team and the 1979 women's volleyball team will also be inducted.



Hardcastle



Marr



Merager



Riley



Salmen

Darrell Hardcastle, Class of '79, competed for the Yellow Jackets in baseball from 1975-79 and football in 1974, 1977-78. His achievements include:

- .433 batting average in 1975
- .378 batting average in 1977 (6th in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference [SDIC])
- .439 batting average in 1979
- Fourth in batting average in SDIC play in 1979 with a .438
- All-SDIC in 1975, 1977, 1978, and 1979 as an outfielder
- All-District in 1975, 1977, 1978, and 1979
- 7th in nation in stolen bases (27 steals out of 29 attempts) in 1978

Lance Marr, Class of '94, competed for the Yellow Jacket football team as a wide receiver from 1991-1994. Lance's name appears multiple times in the record books. He holds BHSU career records for receptions and passing yardage and single-season records for receptions and reception yardage. His other accomplishments include:

- BHSU record for receptions in one game – 19
- BHSU record for touchdown receptions in one game – 4 (tied)
- Second-Team All-American in 1993 and 1994
- Academic All-American in 1993 and 1994
- Third in the NAIA with 102 receptions, 16 touchdowns and 10.2 yards per catch in 1994

Kelly Merager, Class of '96, passed his way into the record books as he competed for the Yellow Jacket football team from 1991-1994. Kelly broke the national record with eight touchdown passes in a game vs. Huron College in 1994. He holds BHSU career records for passes attempted, passes completed, passing yardage, touchdown passes, and total offense; and single-season records for passes attempted, passes completed, and touchdown passes. His other accomplishments include:

- BHSU record for passes completed in one game – 38 (twice)
- Second-Team All-American in 1994
- Honorable Mention All-American in 1993
- National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II Offensive Player of the Week in 1994
- Offensive Most Valuable Player in the SDIC in 1992

Roger Riley, Class of '80, was an outstanding pitcher for the Yellow Jacket baseball team during the mid-70s. Roger was named First-Team All-SDIC in 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1978 as a pitcher. His other accomplishments include:

- 7 wins and 0 losses in 1974
- 1.73 Earned Run Average (ERA) in 1974
- All-District in 1974 and 1978
- 7 wins and 4 losses in 1976
- 2.88 ERA in 1976
- 8 wins and 1 loss in 1978
- SDIC ERA leader in 1978 with 1.38

JoEllen (Hofer) Salmon, Class of '99, competed for the Yellow Jacket women's basketball team from 1996-98. JoEllen holds numerous records for the Yellow Jackets. Some of her achievements at BHSU include:

- NAIA First-Team All-American junior and senior year
- First-Team All-SDIC junior and senior year
- BHSU record for single-season steal average – 2.8 (tied)
- BHSU record for single-game steals – 9 (tied)
- First-Team All-Tournament at the NAIA national tournament in 1997
- SDIC Most Valuable Player in 1996-97 season
- 929 career points

The **1946-47 men's basketball team** won the championship of both the SDIC and the newly formed Montana-Dakota Conference. Coach Oliver "Ollie" Olson led what many believe to be the most successful team since the "Big Five" in 1927-28. The Yellow Jackets posted a 13-7 overall record. Team members include: standing, left to right, Coach Ollie Olson, Jack McCarthy, Dale Hardy, Ralph "Ed" McLaughlin, Maurice Fitzgerald, Junior Worth, Glenn Burgess, Bob Fleming and student manager J. Donald Bloedel. Seated, left to right, Arthur Lee Albert, Judd Tarrant, Al Thomas, Stanley Ainsworth, Marvin Evans and Marvin Cathey.



The **1979 women's volleyball team** led by head coach Lea Totton, won the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) South Dakota state volleyball championship. The title was the first in the team's history. The Yellow Jackets posted an impressive 26-8 overall record. Team members include: standing, left to right, Michele (Conger) Schmidt, Lori (Dobyns) Cesar, Maxine Westall, Cindy (Schutt) Painter, Kathy (Porch) Jobgen, Tracey Dalton, Beth (Hopper) Mead, Susie (Seppala) Carr, and head coach Lea Totton. Kneeling, left to right are, Dawn (Taylor) Schwindt, Theresa Ford, Tami (Shirran) Follette, Kathy Harju, Michele (Cliff) Batz, Denise Welsch, Candance Bernard, and Janice (Hanson) Curry.



Kudos & Announcements

The 50s Robert Harvey, Class of '57, Lead, and Glenn Hogen, Class of '51, Spearfish, were inducted into the 2008 Lead-Deadwood High School Hall of Fame.

Carol "Pinky" Schroeder, Class of '58, Sylvania, Ga., retired in 2006 after 30 years as the Peanut Buying Point Manager in Sylvania. Carol spent the previous 16 years (1958-75) teaching in numerous states including: S.D., Vt., Ky., Wis., Ala. and Ga.

The 60s Marianne (Charles) Bieber, Class of '69, Lead, was inducted into the 2008 Lead-Deadwood High School Hall of Fame.

Joe Jorgensen, Class of '67, Spearfish, was recently named the Black Hills Volunteer/Entrepreneur of the Year at the Black Hills Economic Developments annual banquet in Rapid City.

Terry Wanless, Class of '69, Sacramento, Calif., recently received the

Robert Neyland Outstanding Athletic Director of the Year Award from the American Football Foundation. Terry is currently the athletic director at Sacramento State.

Patricia "Pat" (Pratt) Wilson, Class of '69, Aiken, S.C., retired from teaching physical education for 35 years in Eden, N.Y. In retirement she enjoys playing golf, attending volleyball matches, basketball mentoring, and enjoying her family.

James Bockwoldt, Attended, Rapid City, was inducted into the 2008 Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The 70s Susan Barlow, Class of '78, recently joined RREEF Alternative Investments as managing director and head of Global Client Relations. Based in New York, Susan will direct the activities of RREEF's global client

relations organization across the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific.

Rick Burrington, Class of '73, Deadwood, was voted Lead-Deadwood School District Teacher of the Year and High School Teacher of the Year for the 2007-2008 school year. Rick teaches English in the Lead-Deadwood School District.

Greg Calabro, Class of '71, Lead, was a nominee for Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Lead-Deadwood School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mary Caropino, Class of '77, Lead, was named Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Lead-Deadwood School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

Steve Christensen, Class of '72, Spearfish, was named 2008-2009 Exalted Ruler of the Elks B.P.O.E. Deadwood Lodge No. 508. Steve is the owner of Christensen Law Firm in Deadwood.

Walt Dansby, Jr., Class of '79 and '99, Chadron, Neb., was recently promoted to supervisory social services assistant at Pine Ridge Job Corps in Chadron.

50-Year-Club banquet held during commencement



The BHSU Alumni Association hosted the annual 50-Year-Club banquet during spring commencement. Attending the banquet were: (standing, top row, left to right) Harold Baker, Class of '55, Rapid City; Everett Follette, Class of '55, Spearfish; Keith Shostrom, Class of '57, Deadwood; Wes Storm, Class of '58, Rapid City; Guyla (Marchiando) Sturgeon, Class of '57, Rapid City; Marguerite (Mickelson) Kleven, Class of '54, Sturgis; Steve Gomez, Class of '55, Pierre; Bob Temple, Class of '57, Ramona, Calif.; (Standing, middle row, left to right) Alvin Holst, Class of '57 & '58, Vale; Ida (Thorpe) Holst, Class of '55, Vale; Jerry Overgard, Class of '58, Faulkton; Janice (Pollard) Temple, Class of '58, Ramona, Calif.; Irene (Weaver) Morrissey, Class of '58, Oneonta, N.Y.; Bob Pearsall, Class of '58, Lacey, Wash.; Phyllis (Krause) Eastman, Class of '58, Spearfish; Otis Eastman, Class of '58, Spearfish; Lynnell (Johnson) Parrott, Class of '56, Rapid City; (Seated, front row, left to right) John Spencer, Class of '58, Sundance, Wyo.; Don Jacobs, Class of '58, Paso Robles, Calif.; Curt Johnson, Class of '58, Rapid City; Al Veitl, Class of '58, Ashburn, Va.; Shirley (Kappe) Pearsall, Class of '58, Lacey, Wash.; Patricia (Lewis) Ohnemus, Class of '58, Spearfish; William Ohnemus, Class of '58, Spearfish; and Beverly (Olsen) Carr, Class of '55, Spearfish.



Kudos & Announcements

Kirk recognized as the Spirit of BH



Kirk

The Black Hills State University Alumni Association presented the Spirit of BH Award to Kelly Kirk, history major from Beulah, N.D., at the 16th annual Student Volunteer Award celebration. The award, which is given each year at the banquet, is presented to a student who has made significant contributions that reflect positively on the University, as well as the community as a whole.

Kelly maintained a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while remaining involved with various campus activities and organizations. She became a member of the Student Senate in 2004, was elected vice president of the Student Senate in 2006, and was elected president in 2007. Her senate responsibilities included serving on the Activity Allocation Committee, the Presidential Search Committee, and the Student Union Expansion Building Committee, as well as numerous other committees as a student representative. She also carried this responsibility to the state level as an active member of the South Dakota Student Federation, where she met with other student leaders and Board of Regents members to help better higher education for all South Dakota residents.

In addition to Student Senate, Kelly was involved with the Honors Program, Swarm Days Homecoming Committee, and Pangburn Hall Government, and she served as a resident assistant for two years. She has also presented at many events, including the National Collegiate Honors Convention and National Constitution Day.

"I can't say enough about her drive and need to make a difference. She spends countless hours volunteering to make our campus and community a better place to learn, live, and work," Jane Klug, director of Student Services at BHSU, said in her nomination form.

Bill is a high school social studies teacher at Olathe High School.

Karen (Larson) Lawson, Class of '87, Fallon, Nev., recently earned National Board Certification in Mathematics/Adolescence and Young Adulthood. Karen currently teaches high school math at Churchill County High School in Fallon.

Elaine Doll-Dunn, Class of '79, Spearfish, representing Leading Lady Enterprises received the F.I.S.H. award from the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce, which honors Chamber member businesses that advance hospitality, by delivering excellent customer service and/or by contributing support, time, resources, or money to growing events that generate visitors to the community.

Priscilla (Young) Romkema, Class of '79, Spearfish, has been elected to serve as the District 12 governor for Zonta International for the 2008-2010 biennium. District 12 includes western S.D., Wyo., eastern Mont., and Colo. Last April, Priscilla qualified for her 5th Boston Marathon. Priscilla is the president for the National Association for Business Teacher Education (NABTE) and

is currently the dean of the College of Business and Technology at BHSU.

Josh and Coral Sand, Class of '74 and '73 respectively, Spearfish, owners of Sand Creek Printing received the Lifetime Achievement award from the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce. The couple have been chamber members for over 25 years.

Larry Woodle, Class of '75, Deadwood, was named Elementary School Teacher of the Year by the Lead-Deadwood School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

The 80s **Jhett Albers**, Class of '87, Spearfish, was inducted into the 2008 Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Michele (Cliff) Batz, Class of '82, Winthrop Harbor, Ill., recently received her Ph.D in nutrition from Clayton College. Michele is a physical education teacher at Beach Park School District #3 in Zion, Ill.

Lisa (Cudmore) Beagle, Class of '89, Lead, was a nominee for Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Lead-Deadwood School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

Don Beahm, Class of '80, Ridge, N.Y., was elected Executive Chair of the Faculty by the full-time faculty at Dowling College; he started serving his two-year term in September 2007. Don is currently an associate professor of political science at Dowling College in Oakdale, Long Island, N.Y.

Scott Bohall, Attended, Glendale, Ariz., owner of Treasures Jewelers,

recently became the only jeweler in the nation to win its state jewelry design competition four years in a row. The Arizona Jewelers Association gives out 10 awards each year. Treasures Jewelers has won an award in each of the last eight years and won Best of Show four consecutive years.

Dan Daly, Class of '85, Rapid City, recently joined TDG Communications Inc., as the new director of Public Relations.

Cody Fulkerson, Attended, Jefferson City, Mo., was assigned to the Executive Protection Detail where he provides personal protection to the Governor of Missouri and his immediate family.

William "Bill" W. Hamm, Class of '83, Olathe, Colo., was named 2008 Teacher of the Year by the Montrose Education Foundation.

Eldon Marshall, Attended, White River, head coach of the White River boys basketball team, led the Tigers to the State "B" Basketball Tournament. Eldon has compiled a 94-25 record at White River over the last five years.

Ken Mertens, Class of '89, Lead, was named Officer of the Year by the Deadwood Police Department. Ken has been with the department for over two years.

Ted Norman, Class of '88, Rapid City, a financial consultant and certified financial planner professional with A.G. Edwards, recently completed training for the title of executive planning consultant. Ted has been a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards since November 1994.

Gregory Patton, Class of '80, Carmichael, Calif., was hired by Commerce Bank of Folsom as president and chief executive officer.

Kudos & Announcements

Newell receives national coaching award



Dennis Newell (center), Class of '04, is in his second year coaching the distance runners in his role as assistant coach at the University of Mary. Dennis was named the 2008 NCAA Division II North Central Region Women's Assistant Coach of the Year.

Dennis Newell, Class of '04, was named the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II North Central Region Women's Assistant Coach of the Year at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D. He was selected for the award by the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association.

Dennis is in his second year guiding the distance runners as an assistant coach for the Marauders. He was instrumental in the University of Mary claiming its second straight Northern Sun women's outdoor track and field championship. Dennis is also the cross country associate head coach for the University of Mary.

While at BHSU, Dennis was a 10-time All-American, the 2003 and 2004 Dakota Athletic Conference-10 cross country champion, and most valuable player before becoming the assistant track coach at BHSU in 2006. He graduated from BHSU with a bachelor of science degree in Wellness Management in 2004 and received his master's degree from the University of North Dakota.

Rodger Slott, Attended, Rapid City, presented his first professional exhibit at Prairie Berry Winery in Hill City. Rodger is a commercial photographer.

Mark Van Alstyne, Class of '86, Helena, Mont., received the Governor's Award for Excellence last year as part of a system redesign

and implementation team. Mark works as an IT Manager for the Montana Office of the Secretary of State.

Edward Vopat, Class of '82, Bennett, Colo., was named president of the Colorado Academy of Physician Assistants. Edward is a physician assistant with Exempla Healthcare.

The 90s Jeannette Freeman, Class of '94, Tijeras, N.M., is self employed and is the co-director of a counseling and wellness center in Albuquerque. She offers art therapy and other expressive healing modalities.

Annie (Rossow) Heltzel, Class of '96, Spearfish, recently received the "E-squared" Award at East

Elementary School in Spearfish. She was nominated by the members of the student body. Annie is a third grade teacher.

Merritt (Wilkerson) Keehn, Class of '97, Deadwood, was a nominee for Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Lead-Deadwood School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

Barbara (Hayden) O'Malley, Class of '90, Edwardsville, Ill. was recently hired as the associate vice president for communications and chief communications officer at the University of Akron. In this position, Barbara will lead university-wide external and internal communications, marketing and public relations efforts.

Debra (Skibsted) Schwietert, Class of '97 and '02, Rapid City, received her doctorate in elementary

education curriculum and instruction from the University of South Dakota. Debra is currently teaching at South Middle School in Rapid City.

Laura (Raymond) Shuck, Class of '99, Spearfish, was a nominee for Elementary School Teacher of the Year by the Lead-Deadwood School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

Steven Slough, Class of '99, Rapid City, was awarded a Toyota TAPESTRY grant of \$10,000 for excellence and innovation in science education by Toyota and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). Steven was one of 50 U. S. teachers to receive the prestigious grant at the NSTA Conference on Science Education in Boston, Mass., last March. Steven teaches high school anatomy, biology, astronomy, and forensics classes at St. Thomas More in Rapid City.

Travis Traphagen, Class of '99, Sioux Falls, was named head womens basketball coach at the University of Sioux Falls.

Donald Weiland, Class of '96, Custer, was promoted to Command Sergeant Major. Last January, Donald was assigned to the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard in Pierre.

Order BHSU merchandise online

The BHSU Bookstore has many items featuring Sting as well as specialized alumni merchandise.

To view these and other items visit:
www.BHSUbookstore.com.



Kudos & Announcements

The 00s **Chris Albers**, Class of '07, Lynnwood, Wash., recently launched the Trainprolive program. Clients log onto their home page on the site where they can download and print their workouts and nutrition plans as well as communicate with other members. Visit www.trainprolive.com for more information.

Zac Alcorn, Class of '06, Seattle, Wash., signed with the National Football League's Seattle Seahawks practice squad.

Tim Bishop, Class of '03, Spearfish, was awarded the New Professional

of the Year Award at the South Dakota Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (SDAHPERD) annual conference. Tim is the athletic director at Spearfish Middle School.

Katherine (Rankin) Eixenberger, Class of '02, Rapid City, received her nursing degree from the University of South Dakota.

Jennifer Jensen, Class of '07, Belle Fourche, was named the sales and catering manager at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City.

Stuart Larson, Class of '02, Lusk, Wyo., was

recently named the high school principal at Niobrara County High School in Lusk, Wyo.

Trent Mack, Class of '04, Madison, was named the women's track and field and cross country coach at Dakota State University.

James "JJ" Murdoch, Class of '04, San Diego, Calif., recently joined the San Diego Police Department as a police officer. James resides in southern California with his wife, Stephanie, and their two-year-old daughter, Macie.

Heather Murschel, Class of '02, Spearfish, has been named

managing editor of the *Black Hills Pioneer* newspaper. Heather was previously the paper's city editor.

Aletha I. Reshan, Class of '00, Columbus, Ohio, is currently the emergency management planning and education program coordinator for Ohio State University Extension.

Wendy Schamber, Class of '00 and '05, Lead, was a nominee for High School Teacher of the Year by the Lead-Deadwood School District for the 2007-2008 school year.

Jayne Severyn, Class of '00, Custer, was recently

hired as the building engineer at Custer State Park.

Jamie (Hahn) VanDeest, Class of '06, Spearfish, was inducted into the 2008 Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Kimberly (Buck) Van Loan, Class of '03, Rapid City, received her master's degree in occupational therapy from the University of South Dakota School of Medicine.

Don Wolkenhauer, Class of '08, Sturgis, has recently joined Western Dakota Insurers as a licensed insurance agent.

Native American alumni gathering held



During American Indian Awareness Week this spring at BHSU, the fifth annual Native American Alumni Gathering took place in conjunction with the annual Lakota Omniciye Powwow. Those in attendance were: front row: Tom Wheaton, Class of '87, director of Alumni Relations, Spearfish; Lorraine Talks, Class of '89, Nisland; Beverly Running Bear, Class of '00, Rapid City; Marlyce Minor, Class of '70, Rapid City; Jace DeCory, BHSU faculty, Spearfish; Sonny Hare; and John Glover, BHSU faculty, Spearfish. Back row are: Heather Burnette; Gerri (Farmer) LeBeau, Class of '96, Box Elder; Leona White Hat, Class of '02, and her son, Lucas, Mission; Brian Brewer, Class of '86, Grand Junction, Colo.; and Lionel Bordeaux, Class of '64, Mission. Not pictured are: Rocky Mato and Mia Whirlwind Horse. During the gathering, Lionel Bordeaux was named the BHSU Alumni Lakota Omniciye Outstanding Educator of the Year. Lionel is the president of Sinte Gleska University.

Engagements & Marriages

Geer receives Young Alumni Achievement Award



Geer

The Black Hills State University Alumni Association presented Stacy (Lowry) Geer, Class of '98, with the Young Alumni Achievement Award. Stacey is a practicing veterinarian and co-owner of Camelot Pet Castle Kennel, which she operates with her husband, Bryan. The Young Alumni Achievement Award is given to honor an alumnus who attended BHSU within the last 10 years and is noted by outstanding achievements and contributions to society, the community, as well as Black Hills State University.

During her time as a BHSU student, Stacy was a member of the Scientia Club and the Health Sciences Student Organization (HSSO). She was also team manager for the BHSU volleyball team.

After graduating from BHSU with a degree in biology, she continued her education at Colorado State University. Stacy graduated from CSU in 2004 as a doctor of veterinary medicine. As an addition to her veterinary practice, she and her husband opened the Camelot Pet Castle in Gillette, Wyo., in 2005. The Camelot Pet Castle is a kennel that houses both cats and dogs as well as a small area for pet food and supplies. Stacy and her husband plan to transform the kennel into a 3,000-square foot pet store with a full-time groomer.

Department in Pinedale, Wyo., The couple lives in Pinedale.

Angie Case, Class of '02, and Trent Black will marry Aug. 30, 2008. Angie is an event coordinator at the Spearfish Holiday Inn.

Casey Chase,

Class of '06, and Andrea Gillespie married July 19, 2008. Casey works at Lehman Trikes. The couple lives in Spearfish.

Kelsa Christopher, Class of '01, and Gustavo Hernandez married March 17, 2008. Kelsa is a mechanical design engineer at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The couple lives in Elk River, Minn.

Casey Davis, Attended, married Brianna Nelson July 19, 2008. Casey is employed with the United States Postal Service.

The 60s **Reva Hendricks**, Class of '61, married Kenas Brenneise Nov. 24, 2007. Reva is a retired teacher.

The 80s **Mitchell Crawford**, Attended, married Carla Trumbore Feb. 14, 2008. Mitchell works for Integrated Commercial Solutions. The couple lives in Rapid City.

The 90s **Bill Bear**, Class of '98, married Mindy VanDen Hoek, April 12, 2008. Bill is an appraiser with Black Hills Appraisal.

Jennifer Honke, Attended, married Jason Campbell Jan. 1, 2008. Jennifer is a senior retirement specialist for Great-West Life and Annuity.

Valeria M. Johnson, Class of '97, and Anthony Penny married April 28, 2008. Valeria is an educational advisor for Seminole Community College.

Shantell LaMee, Class of '92, and Eric Olson will marry Sept. 12, 2008. Shantell is a second-grade teacher at Valley View Elementary in Rapid City.

Jodi Martin, Class of '95, and Craig Noll married Dec. 8, 2007. Jodi is an assistant director of operations with Financial Planning Association. The couple lives in Commerce City, Colo.

Kristopher Montgomery, Attended, married Courtney Lien Feb. 28, 2008. Kristopher is employed at Dakota Block Company.

Jodi Rembold, Class of '99, married Loren Garcia July 27, 2008. Jodi is a training administrator with PREMIER Bankcard in Spearfish.

The 00s **Melissa Bailey**, Class of '08, and **Daniel Voss**, Class of '07, married Jan. 5, 2008. Daniel is a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The couple lives in Fort Hood, Texas.

Corey Begeman, Class of '00, married Kristen Eybel May 30, 2008. Corey is an assistant manager at Scheels Sporting Goods in Omaha.

Tami Blewett, Class of '07, and **Eric Schmidt**, Class of '05, married June 14, 2008. Tami is a human resources assistant at PREMIER Bankcard in Spearfish. Eric is an office manager at Spearfish Holiday Inn and Convention Center.

Becky Berndt, Attended, and Gabe Hastings married April 26, 2008. Becky is a photo shop manager.

Shelley Burrell, Class of '04, and **Tyler Goodrich**, Class of '06, married July 26, 2008. Shelley is employed as a certified public accountant at Ketel Thorstenson in Rapid City. Tyler is part owner of Goodrich Motors in Spearfish.

Stephanie Bury, Class of '07, and Todd Ghormley married July 5, 2008. Stephanie is a manager at Icings.

Danielle Casados, Class of '08, and **Richie Kaumo**, Class of '06, married June 14, 2008. Richie is employed as a sergeant for the Sublette County Sheriff's

Lehmann joins Riddle's Jewelry



Antonia (Kucera) Lehmann, Class of '03, is currently working in the marketing department for Riddle's Jewelry in Rapid City.

Antonia (Kucera) Lehmann, Class of '03, recently joined the advertising and marketing department at Riddle's Jewelry in Rapid City. Antonia serves as a marketing director for 17 Riddle's stores, and as a project coordinator, graphic designer and photographer for the company.

Riddle's Jewelry, which is headquartered in Rapid City, has a total of 49 stores in 10 states. Antonia previously worked as a graphic designer for TDG Communications in Deadwood.

Engagements & Marriages

Alum follows in the footsteps of BHSU professors

Jason Eggerman, Class of '04, currently teaches psychology courses at Grossmont Community College and at Palomar Community College in California. He credits Black Hills State University for playing a major role in the development of his success.

He believes the lessons he learned academically and personally by participating in Yellow Jacket football have made him who he is today.

"I still emulate many of the techniques of the professors I had at BHSU while I am in the classroom. As someone who has chosen to make a career of higher education, I could not have asked for better role models. The professors I had at BHSU were second to none when it came to excellence in the classroom, compassion for their students, and dedication," said Jason.

While at graduate school, Jason realized, by mingling with other psychology majors from all over the country, that he was blessed with so many opportunities by attending BHSU that his colleagues had not experienced. "I was able to experience things first-hand that many of my colleagues had only read about in textbooks or heard about in 1,000-plus student lecture classes. I am truly proud to be an alum of Black Hills State University and will always believe that today is a great day to be a Jacket."



Jason Eggerman, Class of '04, is currently teaching psychology courses at Grossmont Community College and at Palomar Community College in California.

teacher at Rapid Valley Elementary in Rapid City.

Kelly Pompy, Class of '04, married Jeremy Fejfar May 17, 2008. Kelly is employed in human resources.

Jessica Partridge, Attended, and **David Czerny**, Attended, married June 23, 2008. They are both enrolling in the Michigan College of Optometry.

Kateri Reub, Class of '06, married Ryan LaRive June 13, 2008. Kateri is a graphic designer at Bernard Marketing and Advertising.

Kayla Sauber, Class of '08, and **Matthew Oliver**, Class of '07, married Aug. 9, 2008. Kayla is employed at Arrowhead Country Club. Matthew is employed in the Rapid City School District.

Kassi Schuetzle, Class of '08, and **Josh Wilson**, Class of '08, married June 7, 2008.

Erica Schultz, Class of '05, is engaged to Jeremy Myers. Erica is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for the Williston Fire Department in Williston, N.D.

Kari Selland, Class of '04, and **Bart Clayton**, Class of '06, married July 25, 2008. Bart is employed at KFMC/KSUM radio in Fairmont, Minn. Kari was most recently employed with the Chamberlain School District. The couple lives in Fairmont, Minn.

Kelley Dodd, Class of '02, and **Lance Halma** married July 12, 2008. Kelley is a secretary at the South Dakota School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls.

Stacey Fero, Class of '02, and **Dave Olenius** married May 31, 2008. Stacey is a corporate claims analyst/safety specialist for US Bank in Minneapolis, Minn.

Shari Furchner, Class of '06, and **Chad Dahlke**, Class of '07, married January 5, 2008. Shari is employed at the *Black Hills Pioneer*. Chad is employed at Donovan Construction.

Katie Halter, Class of '07, and **Robert Harrington**, Class of '07, married July 7, 2008. Katie is a first-grade teacher in Piedmont. Robert is a teacher at Rapid City

Central High School. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Shannon Heilman, Class of '04, and **Dominic Gusso** married June 8, 2008. Shannon is a teacher in the Spearfish School District.

Lacey Huggins, Class of '07, and **Adam Bodensteiner** married June 21, 2008. Lacey is a teacher at Hermosa Middle School.

Sara Gould, Class of '08, and **Paul Eisenbraun**, Class of '07, married May 25, 2008. Paul works at Dorsett Regional Senior Care.

Carin Hensley, Class of '06, and **Christopher Nelson** married June 14, 2008. Carin is a paraprofessional for the Rapid City School District.

Katrina Jensen, Class of '04, and **Nicholas Stadler** married June 21, 2008. Katrina is a graduate student pursuing a Ph.D in organic chemistry from the University of Utah.

Paul Jensen, Attended, married **Shannon Weibley** July 12, 2008. Paul is a fire sprinkler fitter with Simplex Grinnell in Fort Collins, Colo.

Kristeen Larson, Class of '06, and **Aaron Eckert** married July 12, 2008. Kristeen works for the South Dakota Department of Social Services.

Mitch Linster, Attended, married **Angela Williamson**, Attending, June 20, 2008. Mitch is an internet coordinator at White's Queen City Motors in Spearfish.

Judy Locati, Class of '03, and **Brian Sieck** married

June 21, 2008. Judy is currently attending Ross University.

Jennifer Mahlen, Class of '08, married **Alex Calderon** May 21, 2008.

Chelsey Mort, Class of '08, and **Bo Red Bow**, Class of '08, married June 29, 2008. Chelsey is employed as a middle school special education instructor and head volleyball coach in Lander, Wyo. Bo is a middle and high school physical education/health instructor in Arapahoe. The couple lives in Lander.

Theresa Nequette, Class of '06, married **Steve Corey** June 7, 2008. Theresa works for PREMIER Bankcard and the Spearfish School District.

Amanda Novotny, Class of '02, married **Bradley Chaney** June 28, 2008. Amanda is a third-grade

Engagements & Marriages

Hemeyer receives manual therapy certification



Moon (Jarvis) Hemeyer, Class of '99, conducts a physical therapy session to help her patient improve function and decrease pain.

Moon Hemeyer, Class of '99, received manual therapy certification from the University of St. Augustine in Florida in recognition of her demonstrated knowledge and competence in her field.

As a part of her preparation for the certification, Moon attended hands-on training courses in Colorado and Florida. There are only 1,200 therapists in the United States who are certified in manual therapy, and on average, only 50 percent of those taking the test pass. The certification is part of Moon's transitional doctorate degree in physical therapy.

Moon is currently a physical therapist at Lead/Deadwood Regional Hospital. She helps re-establish normal mechanics to improve function and decrease pain in individuals who have had orthopedic trauma, injury or surgery.

Alexia "Lexi" Steffes, Class of '04, will marry Jason Schudt Aug. 23, 2008. Lexi is employed at Financial Benefits, Inc in Spearfish.

Christy Stofferahn, Class of '03, married Jesse Lange June 27,

2008. Christy is a chemical dependency counselor for the State of South Dakota.

Julie Stone, Class of '07, and Kyle Treloar married May 3, 2008. Julie is a teacher at the Belle Fourche After School Connection Program.

Emily Storms, Class of '08, and Blake Tideman married June 7, 2008. Emily will be teaching special education at Rapid City Central High School this fall. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Kira Strauss, Class of '08, married Jason Schmidt May 31, 2008.

Jenny Tollefsrud, Class of '04, and Clint McGinnis married July 4, 2008. Jenny is a literacy teacher in Fort Collins, Colo.

Christina Watson, Class of '08, and **Brett Hayen**, Class of '01 and '02, married July 12, 2008. Christina is a teacher, and Brett works in finance.

Berg named NFL High School Football Coach of the Year



Mike Berg, Class of '72, had the opportunity to attend Super Bowl XLII. Mike was named the NFL High School Coach of the Year, which came with a grant of \$10,000, a trip to the Super Bowl, and \$5,000 cash.

teams went 141-132 with 16 playoff appearances, three state championship appearances and the 2005 state title.

"Much of my pride involved in this deal is my pride in being an alumnus of BHSU," Berg said. "There are a lot of miles and many years between my time in Spearfish and this time in my life, but the highest honor I have received was my induction in the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame at BH. To be recognized by my college in that manner far surpasses any ambition that I ever had, and I will not forget my school."

Mike Berg, Class of '72, was named the National Football League (NFL) High School Coach of the Year. Mike, who is a coach and physical education and social studies teacher at Grand Forks Central High School in North Dakota, was nominated by former Central player and current Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brooks Bollinger. "It kind of puts a topper on a career," Berg said. "Obviously it's very gratifying, but it's very humbling because I'm just some high school teacher and coach in North Dakota who was fortunate with good athletes and good coaches over the years."

The award allowed Mike and his wife, Lorna, to be guests of the NFL at Super Bowl XLII. He also received \$5,000 cash and a \$10,000 grant from the NFL Youth Football Fund, which will be awarded to the Central football program.

The NFL created the Coach of the Year Award in 1995 to honor coaches who profoundly impacted the athletic and personal development of NFL players. In his nomination essay, Bollinger called Berg "a great man (who) taught me a lot about believing in yourself and overcoming adversity... (Coach Berg has) impacted thousands of kids' lives."

Berg spent 28 of his 35 years coaching as Central's head coach. His

Births

BHSU graduate named to National Teacher Hall of Fame

Kathleen Engle, Class of '80, who teaches physical education at the middle school in Newcastle, Wyo., was named to the National Teacher Hall of Fame. Kathleen was one of only five teachers across the nation to be selected for this award. Teachers who have demonstrated commitment and dedication to teaching our nation's children are selected for induction in the National Teacher Hall of Fame.

Kathleen, who was notified in a surprise announcement at school in April, told her students that the award really belongs to them. "It's not about me. You inspire me. I couldn't do this without you. Education is the power of the future. This is for you."

An award plaque will be displayed in the middle school. In addition she received a \$1,000 scholarship for a student in her school district who is planning to pursue a degree in education, \$1,000 in materials for her school district, and a permanent display in the National Teacher Hall of Fame.

Kathleen has been teaching for 26 years and has received numerous teaching awards, including the BHSU Excellence in Education Award (2000); the Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Golden Apple Award (2000); the Milken Foundation National Educator Award (1997); the Disney Salutes the American Teacher Award (1995); and Wyoming Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year (1994).

Kathleen has authored and received several grants totaling more than \$90,000 to integrate academic concepts into the physical education world. In addition she procured \$265,000 for a new fitness center in Newcastle. She notes that the fitness center empowered students to take responsibility for their own lifetime fitness, not only during class, but also before and after school and in the summer.

Dr. Nancy Hall, dean of the College of Education at BHSU, who nominated Kathleen, noted in her nomination form that Kathleen is an exceptional teacher who continues to make a profound difference in the lives of students.

"On a rare occasion a person becomes aware of an individual whose teaching career is truly remarkable, not just an event within their career, but a career built upon a daily commitment to excellence and unparalleled ability to gain students' respect and trust. Kathleen Engle is that individual," Hall wrote.



Kathleen Engle (left), Class of '80, was inducted this summer into the National Teacher Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kansas. Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, BHSU president, attended the ceremony to honor Kathleen for her accomplishments. The Hall of Fame recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of exceptional career teachers and the teaching profession through a recognition program.

The 80s **Marlene (Ketterling) Swartz**, Class of '87, and husband Jeff, Arvada, Colo., had a baby boy, Brady Alan, Oct. 17, 2007. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long. Marlene works for *The Hartford* as a sales/marketing representative.

The 90s **Kim (Campbell) Geelhart**, Class of '98, and husband Ted, Marshalltown, Iowa, welcomed a daughter, Ainsley Katherine, Nov. 21, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 ¼ inches long. She joins her brother Jacob (3). Kim is a fifth grade teacher in Union, Iowa.

Sarah (Fisher), Class of '98, and **Joel Chase**, Class of '96, and '03, Greeley, Colo., had a baby girl, Kendall Grace-Marie, April 21, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21 inches long. Joel is teaching K-12 physical education in Greeley. Sarah is the director of the McNair Scholars Program at the University of Northern Colorado.

Patricia "Patty" (Nickisch) LaMont, Class of '97, and husband Mike, Plain City, Ohio, happily announce the birth of their third daughter, Olivia Kate, March 28, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 ¼ inches long. She joins proud sisters Leah Nicole (5) and Alyssa Grace (2). Patty is a stay-at-home mom.

Kristin (Schamber), Class of '99, and **Tom Wheaton**, Class of '87, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, May 21, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 ¾ inches long. She joins big sister Kylie. Tom is the director of Alumni Relations at BHSU. Kristin is a biology teacher at Sturgis Brown High School.

Births

Alumni gather to run 16th annual alumni mile



Runners from across the region participated in the 16th annual BHSU Alumni Mile. The event raises money every year for scholarships, with this year bringing the endowment to over \$20,000. Lunch, sponsored by the Stadium Sports Grill, was served in the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center. Kneeling, left to right, are current BHSU students who were awarded the annual Alumni Mile Scholarships: Trent Wagge, senior from Aberdeen; Mike Nekuda, senior physical education major from Hot Springs; Allen Wood, senior physical education major from Maple Valley, Wash; and Alicia Verhulst, junior wellness management major from Ralph. Standing, left to right, are: Scott Walkinshaw, BHSU track and field and cross country coach; Scott Kieper, Class of '95, Rapid City; Lacey Johnson; Gary Dohman, Class of '87, Spearfish; Elaine Doll-Dunn, Class of '79, Spearfish; Scott Horgen, Class of '98, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Steve Hay, Class of '02, Belle Fourche; Valerie Horgen, Cheyenne; Tyler Johnson, Class of '97, Spearfish; Darrell Stewart, Class of '93, Arvada, Colo.; Chelsey Ewald, Class of '06, Spearfish; John Ziegler, Class of '76, Casper, Wyo.; Al Finch, Class of '79, Glenrock, Wyo.; Phil Bjorneberg, Class of '89, Beresford; Brian Harms, Attended, Belle Fourche; Claude McBroom, Class of '94, Rapid City; Jesse Coy, Class of '86, Sioux Falls; Rob Welo, Class of '92, Aurora, Colo.; and Dave Little, former BHSU track and field and cross country coach.

The 00s Kelly (Barnette), Class of '02, and husband,

Mike Daniel, Class of '02, Gillette, Wyo., welcomed their first child, Kody James, Nov. 11, 2007. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 1/2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Mike teaches eighth grade boys physical education at Sage Valley Junior High. Kelly teaches career and technical education at Westwood High School.

April (Kleinschmidt), Class of '06, and husband **Mike Hobert**,

Class of '06, Hoven, had a baby boy, Xavier James, Jan. 14, 2008. He weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mike is a social science teacher at Selby High School. April teaches K-6 special education and does the paperwork for K-12 special education.

Sara (DeGroot), Class of '03, and husband **David Janes**, Class of '03, Cheyenne, Wyo., welcomed their first child Hannah Lynn, Dec. 13, 2007. Sara is employed with the State of Wyoming. David is employed with the City of Cheyenne.

Danielle (Mahlen) Harding, Class of '04, and husband Douglas, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Raeden Prescott, May 18, 2008. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long. Danielle is an eighth grade special educator at North Middle School in Rapid City.

Brock Kising, Class of '04, and wife **Aftann (Hellbaum)**, Class of '05, Riverton, Wyo., had a baby boy, Carson Taylor, Dec. 3, 2007. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Brock and Aftann both teach at Arapahoe School on the Wind River

Indian Reservation near Riverton, Wyo.

Barbara (Iwan) Limbo, Class of '00, and husband **Dana Limbo**, Attended, Sturgis, had a baby girl, Kalyen Jean, March 28, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long. Barbara is a full-time aquatic specialist for the Rapid City Aquatic Division. Dana is a programs & plans supervisor for the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Nancy (Hendricks) Richey, Class of '06, and husband Brad, Rapid City, had a baby girl,

Addisyn Ann, March 11, 2008. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Nancy is a special education teacher at Dakota Middle School in Rapid City.

Brett Theeler, Class of '01, and wife **Stephanie (Trezona)**, Class of '01, DuPont, Wash., had a baby girl, Allison Ann, Dec. 18, 2007. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. She joins a brother, Braden. Brett is a neurology resident at Madigan Army Medical Center, in Ft. Lewis, Wash.

In Memory Of

1883-1940

Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School

Verla E. (Feist) Anderson, Attended, Rapid City
 Edna W. (Rooth) Sawyer, Class of '28, Spearfish
 Helen S. (Manke) Sides, Attended, Hot Springs

1941-1963

Black Hills Teachers College

Wilbur H. Ackermann, Class of '56, Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Harold A. Boint, Class of '51, Bismarck, N.D.
 Margaret (Swenson) Boock, Class of '42, Davis, Calif.
 Mary K. (Regan) Burgess, Attended, Sheridan, Wyo.
 Richard "Jack" Dolph, Class of '51, Vista, Calif.
 Mary L. (Hopkins) Ferguson, Class of '57 and '69, Sturgis
 LaVonne "Vonnie" D. (Gerdon) Foreman, Attended, Kadoka
 Mae K. (Pedersen) Garrett, Class of '49, Sturgis
 Myrna A. (Johnson) Gill, Class of '62, Naples, Fla.
 Avis (Cook) Harrod, Class of '59, Gillette, Wyo.
 Judith "Judy" (Bergen) Hauff, Attended, Rapid City
 Lorin M. Jacobson, Attended, Polson, Mont.
 Max R. Johnson, Class of '60, Norman, Okla.
 Ronald H. LaCroix, Attended, Lead
 Robert "Bob" T. Lang, Class of '53, Braham, Minn.
 Maxine G. Law, Attended, Cushing, Iowa
 Sebastian J. Michelena, Class of '63, Buffalo, Wyo.
 Robert H. Moore, Class of '48, Seminole, Fla.
 Dean B. Morgan, Attended, Bremerton, Wash.
 Isabelle N. (Hamling) Myers, Class of '42, Beresford
 Patricia J. (Moser) Picasso, Attended, Stockton, Calif.
 Dale W. Pullins, Class of '55, Hot Springs
 Howard L. Quisberg, Class of '59, Paynesville, Minn.
 Leah J. (Bailey) Roland, Class of '60, Reno, Nev.
 Donald W. Salmon, Class of '56, Reeder, N.D.
 Eunice G. (Mattson) Scott, Attended, Rapid City
 Jerrold "Jerry" L. Semmons, Class of '57, Cottonwood, Ariz.
 Doris J. (Ritter) Smith, Attended, Rapid City
 Donald G. Strandell, Class of '50, Spearfish
 John Garfield Swanson, Attended, Black Hawk
 Ferne L. (Enloe) Wenckus, Class of '42, Belle Fourche
 Irene (Cummings) Whitford, Attended, Hot Springs

1964-1988

Black Hills State College

Sara J. Arneson, Class of '82, Rapid City
 Roslyn "Roxie" (Thompson) Bangle, Class of '73, Rapid City
 Karen K. (Schrader) Bieber, Class of '69, Aberdeen

Dr. Jerry Miller

Dr. Jerry Miller, Class of '74, passed away at his home Dec. 21, 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer. Jerry, who was a very talented wood worker, grew up outside of Kimball on the family farm and attended the University of South Dakota at Springfield where he received his bachelor's degree. He received his master's degree from Black Hills State University in 1974 and his doctorate from Colorado State University in 1996.

He taught in several locations as an industrial arts instructor before coming to BHSU as a professor of industrial arts in 1975. He served as the chairman of the division of math, science, and technology from 1988-2003 and in 2005 was recognized for 30 years of service and commitment to BHSU. A memorial has been established to a scholarship fund at BHSU.

Douglas B. Blount, Class of '80, Rapid City
 Helen M. (Beck) Bunney, Class of '69, Belle Fourche
 Carol R. (Borud) Christofferson, Class of '69, Spearfish
 Shirley A. (Little Thunder) Dougan, Attended, Rapid City
 Lois H. (Anderson) Fenner, Class of '68, Spearfish
 George B. Ferley, Class of '71, Pierre
 Thomas W. Finn Sr., Class of '66, Spearfish
 Bryan Graham, Attended, Gillette, Wyo.
 Richard "Dick" C. Hanify, Class of '67, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Betty J. Hollaway, Class of '65, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 Bernard "Bud" L. Hunt, Attended, Sturgis
 Arthur "Ralph" Krulik, Attended, Walkerton, Ind.
 Sylvia J. (Carter) Logan, Class of '73, Ekalaka, Mont.
 Leila M. (Buckingham) Loomis, Class of '72, Belle Fourche
 Anne L. (Hasselstrom) Meiners, Class of '69, Hermosa
 Dean F. Nachtigall, Attended, Owanka
 Georgette V. O'Neal, Class of '72, Eagle Butte
 Walter W. Pease, Class of '69, Las Vegas, Nev.
 John J. Petersen, Class of '76, Sturgis
 Raymond J. Ristesund Jr., Attended, Gillette, Wyo.
 Alicia L. (Strain) Rolland, Attended, Valley Lodge, Texas
 Olive "Ollie" A. (Reber) Rounds, Attended, Sturgis
 Agnes (Johnson) Sandall, Class of '70, Kadoka
 Wayne W. Warvi, Attended, Rapid City

1989-Present

Black Hills State University

Nora B. (Smith) Danforth, Class of '02 and '04, Spearfish
 Elizabeth "Jayne" (Allen) Dodson, Class of '89, Sturgis
 James A. Martinson, Attended, Chandler, Ariz.
 Sherry A. (Barton) Volner, Class of '93, Maysville, Ky.

Former Faculty and Staff

Don O. Lyon, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Jimmie D. Morris, Rapid City

Dakota Roots provides opportunities for BHSU students and alumni

Dakota Roots, a web-based program that was started in October 2006 to assist individuals who are interested in career opportunities in South Dakota, has helped over 400 people from 43 states find those opportunities and relocate to the state.

Through www.DakotaRoots.com over 2,000 people from all 50 states, including many Black Hills State University alumni, have shown interest in moving to South Dakota if given the right career opportunity. Nearly 40 businesses have also expressed interest in starting up or expanding into the state.

Once registered with Dakota Roots, individuals receive one-on-one assistance from program representatives who will work with them to match their skill sets and desired field of interest to current job openings. The SDWORKS job database currently has over 10,000 available jobs. Interested participants can pursue the opportunities directly with the business, and their information remains completely confidential throughout the entire process.

Dakota Roots is a joint partnership between the South Dakota Department of Labor, the Office of Governor M. Michael Rounds, and the Governor's Office of Economic Development. More information on other workforce development initiatives can be found at www.Workforce2025.com.



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- Create a trust, using your property, that pays you income for the rest of your life and leaves the principal to the Foundation at a later date.
- You can give your home to the Foundation now, but retain the right to live in it for the rest of your life.

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For more information contact Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU, at (605) 642-6228 or email SteveMeeker@BHSU.edu.

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Wells Fargo donates scholarship funds for business and education majors

Wells Fargo Bank in Spearfish donated \$3,000 to the Black Hills State University Foundation.

According to John Senden, Wells Fargo Bank president in Spearfish, "BHSU is an outstanding institution. It is committed to teaching its students valuable skills and core values such as community involvement, leadership, and service. At Wells Fargo, we believe we're only as successful as the communities we serve, so we're committed to providing the resources that our

communities and educational institutions need to grow and prosper."

The donation will provide scholarships to freshmen education and business majors at BHSU.

In 2007, Wells Fargo donated \$1.2 million to more than 280 nonprofit organizations and schools throughout South Dakota. The company also raised over than \$609,000 for nonprofit organizations during its annual support raising campaign to help local communities.



John Senden (right), Wells Fargo Bank president in Spearfish, and Jeremy Hoven present a check to Steve Meeker (left) vice president of University Advancement at BHSU, and Dr. Nancy Hall, dean of the College of Education at BHSU. The donation will be used to provide scholarships to freshmen education and business majors.

Betty Richey honored with the BHSU 2008 Difference Maker Award



Members of the Richey family accepted the 2008 Difference Maker Award on behalf of the late Betty Richey during the 1883 Recognition Dinner held this spring. Pictured left to right are (front): Ryan Richey, Class of '07; Jamie Richey, Attending; and Nancy (Hendricks) Richey, Class of '06. Back row: Brad Richey; and Russ Richey.

The Difference Maker Award at Black Hills State University is given to a top donor of the given calendar year. This year's recipient was Betty Richey. Betty received three degrees from BHSU: her teaching certificate in 1943, a bachelor of science degree in education in 1951, and a master of science in education in 1964. She also had a master of arts degree from Colorado State College. During her career, she taught school at the elementary level in McLaughlin, Winner, Rapid City and overseas in Japan, France and Germany. She ended her career as principal from 1975-1986 at South Canyon School in Rapid City and in Black Hawk.

Betty received the Distinguished Alumna Award from BHSU in 1995.

That same year, she contacted the University to establish a scholarship. At the time, she had a goal of \$20,000. As she began gifting the money for the endowment and seeing the impact the gift had on students she decided to contribute more than she ever dreamed.

In 2007, Betty passed away at the age of 85. At her death, she left BHSU an additional \$41,000 bringing her total to \$102,773. The Difference Maker Award that was presented posthumously read as follows: "Black Hills State University recognizes the Richey family for Betty's commitment to higher education." Betty was represented by family members Russ, Brad, Nancy, Ryan and Jamie Richey, who is a student at BHSU along with a nephew Jared Linngren.

Perkins Restaurant named 2007 Green & Gold Booster of the Year

Pat Doyle (far right) accepts the Black Hills State University 2007 Green & Gold Booster of Year Award on behalf of Perkins Family Restaurant from Jhett Albers (left), BHSU athletic director, and Ray Spellman, Yellow Jacket Foundation president, during half time of a basketball game. Perkins has sponsored many basketball tournaments, provided teams with pre-game meals, has hosted athletic luncheons, and much more. The restaurant is an outstanding supporter of BHSU Yellow Jacket athletics and has been instrumental in helping them achieve their success.



PREMIER Bankcard awards scholarships to BHSU student employees



Each year PREMIER Bankcard gives a \$1,000 scholarship to Black Hills State University students who are employed at PREMIER Bankcard in Spearfish. This semester 55 students have been awarded the scholarship. The scholarship is available for BHSU students who are enrolled as full-time students and are maintaining a work schedule of at least 20 hours per week at PREMIER Bankcard. PREMIER Bankcard donates roughly \$100,000 a year to BHSU for a variety of scholarships and programs on campus.

Former Swarm Day queen donates money for scholarships

The Russell Jonas Memorial Scholarship Fund was recently established at Black Hills State University through a donation from the estate of Donna Gail McLaughlin.

McLaughlin, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from BHSU in 1950, was a retired school teacher at the time of her death. She taught for over 30 years, beginning in Belle Fourche,

then moving to Lewistown, Mont., and to Lead before settling in Rapid City in 1968, where she worked until her retirement in 1989.

As a student at BHSU, McLaughlin was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and was elected Swarm Day queen in 1949. She was involved in several local organizations and enjoyed dancing, skiing, traveling, computers, and helping with the senior center newspaper.

The scholarship will be awarded to an elementary and/or special education major with a middle school emphasis. Recipients must be full-time, with at least a sophomore standing and maintain a 3.0 grade point average.



McLaughlin

Hansen is director of development for University Advancement



Hansen

Dwight Hansen, an accomplished fundraiser with more than a decade of experience, has been named director of development at Black Hills State University. For the past decade, Hansen has been involved in university development and planned giving. Hansen, who was previously major gifts officer for the University of South Dakota Foundation, has a wealth of fundraising experience planning and implementing capital campaigns and planned giving programs. Steve Meeker, vice president for University Advancement, says that BHSU is fortunate to have such an experienced fundraiser join their staff. "We are thrilled that Dwight Hansen is now part of the fundraising team at Black Hills State University," Meeker says. "His skills in strategic planning, grant writing, alumni relations, and working with boards and volunteers will be extremely beneficial to the University."

Hansen earned his bachelor's degree in history education from Wayne State College, Wayne, Neb., and a master's degree in political science/public administration from USD. His early work experience includes time as a bank vice president, a small business owner, budget analyst for the State of South Dakota, teacher and coach.

Bruce Page Hultgren Memorial Music Scholarship established at BHSU



Mike Porter, vice president and trust officer at Pioneer Bank and Trust; Bonnie Harrison, niece of Elnora and Loyd Hultgren; and Louise Chaffee, co-trustee of the Bruce Page Hultgren Music Scholarship present Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, Black Hills State University president, with a check to establish the Bruce Page Hultgren Music Scholarship at BHSU.

The Bruce Page Hultgren Music Scholarship fund was recently established at Black Hills State University through a trust that was originally established by Loyd and Elnora Hultgren. The remaining funds of the Elnora Hultgren trust - totaling \$221,451 - were to be transferred to the Bruce Page Hultgren Music Scholarship upon her death.

Bruce was a member of the National Honor Society and a three-time Iowa all-state member of the band and orchestra at Emmetsburg High School. He graduated from North Texas State University with

a degree in instrumental music. He was a bass trombone player who worked with many big bands. He died of acute leukemia in 1988 at the age of 38.

The Hultgrens established a memorial scholarship fund to assist Black Hills State University students pursuing an instrumental music degree.

For information about the Hultgren scholarship or about gift annuities, contact Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU, at (605) 642-6385 or email SteveMeeker@BHSU.edu.

Newman Club announces building plans

The Black Hills State University Newman Club has announced plans to build a new facility closer to the BHSU campus. The current, temporary center adjacent to St. Joseph's Church in Spearfish has provided opportunities for students, however, as the Newman program has grown, challenges have also surfaced.

Plans are to build a permanent center close to the BHSU campus to better assist students and accommodate the entire Newman program. The new facility will require ongoing support from all Catholic alumni.

The BHSU Newman Club asks that all Catholic graduates and attendees get involved by providing mailing addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses so building plans and current progress can be shared. For convenience, go to the St. Joseph's Newman Center website at www.stjoesnewman.com and click on the capitol campaign link to register as a friend of the project.

Clarkson Memorial Scholarship recipient



Black Hills State University student Jacob Bohimann, business management major from Spearfish, has received the 2008-09 Clarkson Memorial Scholarship. The Clarkson Memorial Scholarship began 50 years ago as an established loan fund to provide short-term loans for college students. Since then it has grown into a three-year renewable scholarship of \$2,500.

Kohn memorial athletic scholarship fund established at BHSU



Black Hills State University alum Bill Kohn, Class of '67, donated \$10,000 to establish the Robert I. & Kathleen Kohn Scholarship Fund for athletic scholarships, to honor his parents who have held long ties to BHSU.

In 1943, Robert was an aviation cadet and an outstanding player for the football team at BHSU. He and Kathleen met during this time and were married Sept. 26, 1943. Robert earned his bachelor's degree from BHSU in 1947 and later attained his master's degree in education from the University of South

Dakota. They had two children, William "Bill" and Robert "Bobby" Kohn Jr.

The Kohns lived in South Dakota for many years while Robert worked as a teacher, later moving to St. Louis, Mo., to work as a high school administrator. In 1964 they moved to Custer, where he was principal of the high school for 21 years until he retired in 1983. One of the couple's two children, Bill, and two of their grandchildren, Tina Trogstad and Ryan Kohn, are graduates of BHSU.

BHSU in the news

BHSU offers master's degree in strategic leadership

Black Hills State University is now offering a new program, a master's degree in Strategic Leadership (MSSL), that has already garnered the attention of business and military people in the region and throughout the nation.

The Strategic Leadership degree is designed to prepare students for executive-level leadership positions. The program meets the graduate education needs of working professionals interested in advancing their careers as well as individuals serving in the military with plans to be employed as civilian leaders upon completing their military service.

To accommodate working adults, the program is designed to be completed in two years. Applications are now being accepted for the first cohort which begins this fall.

"This online degree will prepare executives with the leadership and stra-

tegic vision to transform companies and agencies. The program equips students with the insights necessary to plan for and address future opportunities and challenges," Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, president of BHSU, says. "We know that graduate students, many of whom work full time, desire a convenient way to access courses and earn their advanced degree. This Strategic Leadership degree will create transformational opportunities for our students."

According to Rajeev Bukralia, dean of educational outreach at BHSU, the Strategic Leadership degree consists of a total of 33 credit hours of graduate-level work, which includes 24 credit hours of required core courses and an additional 9 credits of approved electives, offered in an executive, cohort model entirely online. Using a multi-disciplinary approach, the MSSL program incorporates the theories, methodologies, concepts, and mentorship

abilities vital to leading and transforming organizations.

Bukralia espouses the value of this degree for military personnel who wish to transition to leadership positions in businesses and non-profit organizations. The program supports career advancement in government, business, non-profit organizations, and military. He says this degree will also be an attractive option for individuals serving in the military who wish to advance to a higher rank. He noted that the degree, because it is offered entirely online, is garnering attention from people in the military and business people regionally and from across the nation.

For details contact the BHSU Office of Educational Outreach at 605-642-6258 or via e-mail at mssl@BHSU.edu. Information is available online at www.BHSU.edu/StrategicLeadership. Limited enrollment is available for this program.

Schallenkamp named chair of National Teacher Education Board

Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, BHSU president, is the 2008-2009 chair of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Board of Directors. Her term began March 1.

Throughout her career, Schallenkamp has been professionally active at the state and national levels. She has served as chair of the Presidents Council for NCAA Division II and the National Teachers Hall of Fame, as well as a member of the board of directors for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the North Central Association and The Renaissance Group.

AACTE is a national voluntary association of higher education institutions and other organizations and is dedicated to ensuring the highest quality preparation and continuing professional development for teachers and school leaders in order to enhance preschool through high school student learning. The almost 800 institutions holding AACTE membership include private, state, and municipal colleges and universities large and small located in every state, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam. In addition, AACTE has a growing number of affiliate members,

including state departments of education, community colleges, educational laboratories and centers, and foreign institutions and organizations. Collectively, the AACTE membership prepares more than two-thirds of the new teachers entering schools each year in the United States. Schallenkamp serves as chair of the 23-member Board of Directors elected by the membership.

2008-2009 AACTE Board of Directors Chair Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, BHSU president, accepts the gavel of leadership from 2007-2008 Chair Randy Hitz.



BHSU is dedicated to research



Joanna Vandever, 2008 psychology graduate from Spearfish, explains her research poster on dopamine and serotonin levels and how they are related to behavior at the Black Hills Research Symposium. Joanna, who earned first place in the student poster presentations, also attended the 22nd National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at Salisbury University in Salisbury, Md. She was among twenty student presenters from BHSU who also had the opportunity to publish their work in the *Conference Proceedings*, which are distributed across the nation. The students presented research across six general disciplines - biology, business, humanities, social sciences, and psychology.

BHSU in the news

Groundbreaking held for Student Union expansion; other projects planned

Black Hills State University held a groundbreaking this spring for the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union addition.

The festive event included music provided by the BHSU Jazz Band and the BH Gold Singers. Current student leaders and former student leaders who were instrumental in spearheading the Student Union expansion project were also present during the ceremony. Dignitaries, including BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp, representatives from the South Dakota Board of Regents, and Jerry Krambeck, Spearfish mayor, spoke.

The expansion project, which will more than double the space of the Student

Union, includes a new dining services area, a counseling center, health services, an expanded bookstore, and increased student programming space.

The Student Union expansion project is one of several construction projects going on at BHSU.

The next major construction project is a new 20,000-square foot science building. This building will provide much needed space for science labs and research facilities to meet the dramatically growing number of students pursuing science degrees. Construction of the new science building, which is estimated to cost \$8 million, could begin as early as next spring.



Members of the Yellow Jacket Delegates and student senate president, Jill Kary (center), were on hand to highlight the features of the new Student Union expansion

to the crowd that gathered for the official groundbreaking ceremony held on campus this spring.

Zwetzig named director for Center for Business at BHSU

Barbara Zwetzig, new director for the Center for Business, Entrepreneurship, and Tourism Services (CBETS) at BHSU, is looking forward to working with businesses and business development agencies in the state and region.



Zwetzig

The primary purpose of the Center is to provide a responsive and reliable source for quality business and tourism research and analysis. The Center also serves as an information and resource hub for the University, small busi-

nesses and entrepreneurs of the region. It also provides opportunities for real-life experience for students.

"The Center is a uniquely valuable resource for business development services. We will collaborate with the business community and economic development organizations to foster business growth in the region," Zwetzig says.

Zwetzig noted that there are opportunities for the Center to serve the region and believes that the emergence of the Sanford Lab will bring many additional opportunities. The Center recently developed an Online Customer Service Training Module for the S.D. Office of Tourism. The training system was launched this spring

and is currently being used by hundreds of front line employees who come into contact with visitors to South Dakota.

"Barb's leadership abilities will be extremely valuable as the Center addresses new business opportunities and takes current commitments to the next level. She has the skills and experience to develop and manage new projects that will benefit the region. We are delighted and fortunate to have Barb as part of our team," said Dr. Priscilla Romkema, dean of the College of Business and Technology at BHSU.

For more information about the Center call 642-6276.

SUSEL director speaks at tenth annual Black Hills Research Symposium

Black Hills State University hosted the tenth annual Black Hills Research Symposium with keynote speaker, Dr. Jose Alonso, director of the Sanford Undergraduate Science and Engineering Laboratory (SUSEL) at the former site of Homestake Mine in Lead.

The symposium is a conference which showcases the research of undergraduate students at BHSU in a variety of topics from the different academic areas.

Dr. Alonso told the students that the lab will bring a multitude of opportunities for the region. "Deep science is the new frontier. There are lots of opportunities for students to get involved with the lab," Alonso said.

Dr. Alonso, a physicist with experience in establishing new laboratories and operating large user facilities, began his work at SUSEL last year. He is responsible for the startup and overall operation of the Sanford Laboratory.

He started his career at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in 1972, where he participated in heavy element work and management of large accelerator facilities, including the Bevalac, a large accelerator facility with an extensive international user community. In 1994 he served on a three-man senior management team for the Spallation Neutron Source. Dr. Alonso earned a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics from M.I.T. and was a co-discoverer of Element 106, seaborgium.



Dr. Jose Alonso, director of the Sanford Undergraduate Science and Engineering Laboratory (SUSEL) at the former site of Homestake Mine in Lead was the keynote speaker at this year's Black Hills Research Symposium held at BHSU.

BHSU in the news

BHSU teacher education program recognized at Congressional briefing

A highly successful teacher certification program at Black Hills State University, known as Project SELECT, was recognized at the national Day on the Hill, as one of five innovative educational partnerships that are making a positive impact on student learning.

The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) hosted a congressional briefing last week, entitled "Partnerships That Work: Turning Around Low-Performing Schools," which offered examples from around the country of partnerships between colleges of education and K-12 school districts that have had a major impact on student learning. The briefing featured five partnerships that exemplify effective practices in turning around low-performing schools.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp says Project SELECT is an accelerated program dedicated to excellence in teacher preparation at the secondary level, with certification as its final outcome. She gratified that the program is receiving national attention for its success.

"I'm proud that Project SELECT is being recognized on the national level. This is a remarkable program that has

proven its effectiveness and is transforming the lives of the future teachers and their students," Schallenkamp says.



Recent Black Hills State University graduate Rick Hamilton (right) addresses the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) at a congressional briefing during the national Day on the Hill.

"This is one of only five programs in the nation that will be recognized. I'm very proud of the BHSU College of Education for being innovative in their approach to education and responding to needs in the region."

President Schallenkamp, Dr. Nancy Hall, dean of the College of Education,

and Rick Hamilton, a recent BHSU graduate, who prepared as a math teacher through Project SELECT, attended the Congressional briefing.

Hamilton discussed the partnership between the College of Education at BHSU and the Rapid City school district. Hamilton, who was educated as an engineer and later worked in business, explained why the partnership is successful and why it worked so well for him.

"After a career in retail management, where my engineering background truly helped me to think systematically and become outcome-driven, I began to realize that I really enjoyed teaching people. I am now certified in both middle and high school math and am proud to say, I'm a math teacher," Hamilton said.

After spending 30 weeks in a school placement and applying what he learned, Hamilton says he now has the confidence and tools to be an effective teacher.

"Now is the time for us to focus on improving the lives of our children. With a program like Project SELECT, every student is given a fighting chance to succeed in this world. I am a career changer. I am a teacher and I am excited to teach math," Hamilton says.

BHSU's College of Education in South Dakota began offering Project SELECT in the fall of 2004 to meet the needs of individuals who have been in the workforce in other professions and who wanted to teach. From its inception, this program was designed to contribute to school improvement initiatives in high-needs schools according to Dr. Nancy Hall, dean of the College of Education at BHSU.

Project SELECT's partner, the Rapid City Area Schools, includes four professional development school sites. The schools are: North Middle School, South Middle School, Rapid City Central High School and Rapid City Stevens High School.

BHSU kicks off Quasiquicentennial



Black Hills State University officially began its year-long Quasiquicentennial celebration this spring with the Founders' Day Luncheon in honor of the date the University was founded - Feb. 27, 1883. Paul Higbee, author of Black Hills State University - 125th Anniversary, and photographer Les Voorhis, signed copies of the book. Voorhis provided a presentation of his photography of the campus, and Higbee gave an overview of the University's history. The luncheon ended with a dedication of a time capsule,

which will remain open through the year for collection of memorabilia. It will be re-opened in 2033, when BHSU will celebrate its Sesquicentennial. In March, the celebration continued when BHSU alumnus Gary Mule Deer returned to his alma mater and performed his own brand of comedy and music in the recital hall of the Clare and Josef Meier Hall. Gary performed in front of a sold-out crowd.

BHSU in the news

Retirees honored; Theisz receives Distinguished Faculty Award

Black Hills State University recognized several retiring faculty and staff this spring at the annual BHSU employee recognition reception.

Honored were: Lorenzo Bettelyoun, College of Education; Ben Dar, Academic Affairs; David Diamond, College of Arts and Sciences; Charles Folette, College of Arts and Sciences; Tim Johnston, Dining Services; Donna Kloppel, Business Office; Robert Nuttbrock, Facilities Services; Roland Rosedahl, Facilities Services; Dr. Ronnie Theisz, College of Arts and Sciences.

Theisz was also presented with the 2008 Distinguished Faculty Award. He has been with the University since August 1977 and has been instrumental in leading the Department of Humanities with his innovative and thoughtful guidance.

Theisz is also an accomplished author. His works include refereed articles, book chapters, 19 poems, and seven monographs and books. He also served as a consultant for several films and performed with a traditional Lakota singing group. Recognized as a true scholar, Dr. Theisz is held in high esteem by his colleagues and his students.

Dr. Ronnie Theisz, professor emeritus in the College of Arts and Sciences, was honored for his service to BHSU at an employee recognition ceremony this spring. Theisz was also presented with the 2008 Distinguished Faculty Award.



Lammers named BHSU Rodeo Coach and HR assistant

Glen Lammers has been named rodeo coach and human resources assistant at Black Hills State University.

Lammers, a successful Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) competitor who has an impressive record of coaching a college team that qualified for nationals for 12 consecutive years, began his duties at BHSU July 1. In addition to his rodeo coaching experience, Lammers has had extensive experience in fundraising and procuring



Lammers

sponsorships.

"Glen brings a number of years of successful experience as a coach as well as experience in human resources which will comprise part of his job requirements at BHSU," President Kay Schallenkamp says. "We are excited that he will be coaching BHSU rodeo contestants. I look forward to watching our 'rising stars' as we take the rodeo team to a higher level of competitive advantage."

The rodeo coach comes to BHSU at a time when the activity is experiencing a resurgence of interest among competitors. The BHSU rodeo program has a long history at the University and currently has 14 traveling members. The rodeo club recently hosted the annual Will Lantis

Yellow Jacket Stampede at Seven Down Arena.

Chuck Schmidt, a sophomore history major from Keldron, won the 2008 Saddle Bronc Championship at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., this summer. The BHSU rodeo team competes in the Great Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA).

Previously, Lammers was the head coach of the National American University rodeo program in Rapid City. A graduate of NAU, he is a former champion at the high school and college level, and remains highly competitive in the PRCA.

BHSU receives national community service award



Black Hills State University was named to the national President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This is the second consecutive year BHSU has been nationally recognized for its exemplary service efforts. Several groups of BHSU students once again dedicated their Spring Breaks volunteering and learning. One group focused their efforts on environmental issues in the Pacific Northwest, while other students spent their Spring Break in Chile building facilities for disadvantaged children. Another group of BHSU students, including Honors Program students, traveled to London, which was the topic for the spring semester's colloquia in the Honors Program.

BHSU faculty in the news

McCart named Bush Leadership Fellow

Chris McCart, instructor and coordinator of the outdoor education program at BHSU, was selected for a Bush Leadership Fellowship which will have a transformational effect on her career and her sphere of influence in the outdoor education field.

McCart, who oversees one of the fastest growing majors at BHSU, is one of 18 people to be selected for this prestigious leadership program. She plans to use the fellowship to pursue a doctoral degree



Chris McCart (far left), instructor and coordinator of the outdoor education program at BHSU, was recently selected for a Bush Leadership Fellowship. She plans to use the fellowship to pursue a doctoral degree in outdoor education which will enhance her knowledge of outdoor education practices and experiential learning.

in outdoor education which will enhance her knowledge of outdoor education practices and experiential learning. She also sees potential for bolstering the outdoor economy and advancing her knowledge of sustainability education.

McCart is taking a two-year leave from BHSU to continue her studies at the University of New Hampshire. For her doctoral work, McCart is especially interested in exploring the concept of nature deficit, a phenomenon identified in recent years which indicates that our population in general, and especially children, are less connected to the outdoors.

"This is the problem I'm intrigued with and I'm considering for my dissertation. Right now it's a movement in the natural resources field. The data is pretty

stark. Children are spending significantly less time outdoors than their parents did. My research will consider what the consequences are of this change and what other changes it will bring forth," McCart says.

McCart says she was encouraged to apply for the Bush Leadership Fellowship by Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, president of BHSU, who earned her doctorate degree through the program.

"Chris has significant opportunities to make a difference in her career especially in the emerging discipline related to outdoor education and wellness," Schallenkamp says. "I am pleased the Bush Foundation is investing in her future. She is a highly worthy candidate for the Fellowship."

The Bush Foundation Leadership Program supports mid-career educators so they can advance their education and encourages them to return to their community. To be selected, candidates must demonstrate they have the skills and effectiveness to be leaders and must have the potential to expand their sphere of influence.

Black Hills State University faculty and staff accomplishments

• **Micheline Hickenbotham**, assistant education professor, was chosen to be the representative for the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics in the Central Region 2 Caucus.

• **Dr. Ken Schallenkamp**, assistant professor in the College of Business and Technology, will publish an article on "Networking and the Success of Entrepreneurial Ventures" in an upcoming issue of the *International Journal of Management & Enterprise Development (IJMED)*.

• **Dr. John Glover**, director of the BHSU Center for American Indian Studies and associate dean of American Indian law programs at the University of South Dakota, is a contributing author on *Successful Ethical Decision-Making*.

• **Dr. Andrey Reznikov**, associate professor in the department of humanities, recently attended and presented research at the 18th annual Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery (SISSI) conference in Colorado.

• **Dr. David Scarborough**, associate professor business, recently published the article "Does Job Testing Harm Minority Workers? Evidence from Retail Establishments" with Dr. David Autor,

an associate professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

• **Dr. Carol Hess**, professor of education, recently participated in a committee for The Praxis Series assessments to help develop the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching Exam.

• **Steve Babbitt**, professor of mass communication, and **Dr. Randall Royer**, professor of music, are displaying their photography in "Endless Imagination: The South Dakota Governor's Third Biennial Art Exhibition," which will travel throughout South Dakota during the year.

• **Dr. Gregory Cooch**, associate professor of education, was invited to present his special education research at the National Transition Conference in North Carolina.

• **Dr. David Cremean**, associate professor of English and humanities, published a refereed article, titled "A Fistful of Anarchy: Clint Eastwood's Characters in Sergio Leone's Dollars Trilogy and His Four 'Own' Westerns," in the University of Utah Press book *Clint Eastwood: Actor and Director, New Perspectives*, edited by Leonard Engel of Quinnipiac College.

• **Dr. Lee Pearce**, associate professor of education, has been invited to present

the results of his research at the annual Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) Summit in Albuquerque, N.M.

• **Dr. Annette Ryerson**, assistant business professor, and **Christine Coolidge**, staff member for the Center for Business, Entrepreneurship, and Tourism Services (CBETS), recently presented the results of a survey in cooperation with the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau and CBETS.

• **Dr. Garth Spellman**, research faculty, and **Dr. Shane Sarver**, director of the BHSU Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources (CCBR) and Western Dakota DNA Core Facility (WestCore), had their paper, titled "The Complete CDS of the Prion Protein (PrNP) Gene of the African Lion (*Panthera leo*)" accepted for publication in the journal *Virus Genes*.

• **Dr. Scott Stoltenberg**, assistant professor of psychology, recently published an article in the international scientific journal *Addictive Behaviors*.

• **Dr. Warren Wilson**, chief information officer and executive director of the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN), was appointed to the program committee for EDUCAUSE 2009.

BHSU students in the news

BHSU Student wins national scholarship for conference

Megan Allen, Black Hills State University senior from Meeteetse, Wyo., majoring in outdoor education, was recently selected for a competitive national undergraduate scholarship to the National Association of Interpretation's (NAI) workshop this fall in Portland.

The coordinator of the scholarship program noted that there was intense competition for the six available scholarships. Allen joins recipients from California State University, Humboldt State University, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, as those selected for the conference this fall. Megan attended the Region 5 NAI workshop this spring in Minnesota where she and other students presented a session on "Using GPS to Interpret Nature."

Megan, an outstanding and dedicated student, has gained valuable outdoor education experience throughout her col-

legiate career. She has spent her summers as a water safety instructor in the Alaskan bush and as a national park service interpreter at Wind Cave National Park. This summer, Allen is working at Schaeffer's

Fourche and is employed as a work-study student in the BHSU PE/Health Department. Megan also volunteers for numerous service learning activities. She has led snowshoeing outings with the Outdoor Women of South Dakota, participated in the Collegiate Outdoor Leadership Program activities, volunteered to help with "Bug Camp" which teaches kids about nature, and has organized and led an orienteering/team building exercises.

Chris McCart, faculty member and coordinator of the outdoor education program at BHSU, notes that this is the second time a BHSU has earned this national scholarship. Joshua Roadifer, an outdoor education major, was awarded an NAI national scholarship in 2006.

McCart says the successes of these students have helped raise the national awareness and appreciation of the BHSU outdoor education program.



Megan Allen, BHSU senior outdoor education major, teaches a course on boat safety in Chuathbluk, Alaska.

Summer Camp in California.

In addition, Allen has worked several years coaching a volleyball team in Belle

BHSU students are finalists in Photographer's Forum Competition

Black Hills State University photography students were chosen as finalists for the 28th Annual College Photographers Competition sponsored by *Photographers Forum Magazine* and Nikon camera.



by Jen Murray

Finalists include: Jen Murray, senior mass communication major from Rapid City; Bernie Butcher, 2007 communication arts graduate; Jennifer Carr, junior

psychology major from Rapid City; Tara Arsaga, senior mass communication major from Ipswich; Jenna Nagel, sophomore mass communication major from Rapid City; Leah Cleland, senior mass communication major from Oacoma; Jamie Avent, 2007 mass communication major from Rock Springs, Wyo.; Jenna Hillman, senior mass communication major Mitchell; Brianne Bussell, senior mass communication major from Rapid City; Adam Roosa, senior mass communication major from Gillette, Wyo.; Jesse Hanson, senior mass communication major from Huron; Samantha Schmitz, 2007 mass communication graduate; and

Annie Woodlee, 2007 mass communication graduate from Rapid City.

Murray was awarded an honorable mention in the black and white category, which places her submission in the top one percent of all images selected. The photographs chosen as finalists will appear in the 2008 *Best of College Photography Annual* to be published in June by *Photographers Forum Magazine*.

Julie Simpson, competition coordinator, stated that BHSU photography students were the only university finalists from South Dakota in this year's competition.

Black Hills State University student accomplishments

•Junior speech communications majors **Michael Hollinger** from Ashland, Nebr., and **Casey Hibbert** from Spearfish, were selected as Irene Ryan Acting Competition nominees for their performance in the BHSU production of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

•Outdoor education students **Megan Allen**, senior from Meeteetse, Wyo.; **Nick Bennett**, junior from Lead; **Jason Hartman**, junior from Rapid City; and **Cassie Schaeffer**, senior from Slayton, Minn., were certified as Instructor/Trainers

by the National Archery in the Schools Program. The certification allows them to certify others as archery instructors.

•Music majors **Devon Strain**, senior from Westminster, Colo., **Amanda Scott**, senior from Custer, **Kim Ulmen**, sophomore from Kadoka, **Jonathon Aberle**, senior from Spearfish, and **Chris Roman**, junior from Rapid City, and history major **Sherri Gueswel**, sophomore from Jay Em, Wyo., were selected to participate in the 2008 South Dakota Intercollegiate Band in Sioux Falls. They had the opportunity to

meet, study, and play music with the best college musicians from across the state.

•**Lacey Waterbury**, sophomore social science major from Belle Fourche, is the recipient of the 2008 Kevin Whirlwind Horse Memorial Scholarship. Each year during the Kevin Whirlwind Horse Memorial Run/Walk, a \$500 scholarship is presented to an American Indian sophomore who demonstrates outstanding academic ability and leadership skills.

Sports

Womens basketball team finishes in Elite 8

The Black Hills State University women's basketball team made it to the Elite 8 at the national tournament in Sioux City, Iowa, setting a school record for the most wins in a season, with a record of 28 wins and 6 losses.

The team was led by senior All-American post Lacey Haughian, Terry, Mont. Lacey was named 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-American and was named to the 2nd All-Tournament Team at the national tournament.

Snjezana Dojcinovic, Spearfish, was also honored on the national level receiving honorable mention All-American. Lindsey Buthe, Chancellor, received an academic All-American award for her

outstanding work in the classroom.

The Yellow Jackets will return 11 key players to last year's national tournament team. With the addition of five outstanding recruits, they look forward to another outstanding season. "Without a senior on our 2008-09 roster, we will look to our sophomore and junior classes to fill necessary holes that were created with the loss of six players from last year's team. We are excited about the recruiting class coming in, but feel our returning players will have to be the driving force if we plan on repeating our Dakota Athletic Conference championship and returning to the national tournament," stated coach Mark Nore.

Volleyball team sets goals for next season

The Yellow Jacket volleyball squad has a bright future returning a good nucleus for the 2008 season despite losing five seniors. "We are losing five incredible seniors including co-captains Mindi Mayer, Spearfish, and Carly Benz, Berthound, Colo., as well as, Jennifer Weitzel, Cheyenne, Wyo., Chelsey Mort, Spearfish, and Victoria Cross, Sundance, Wyo. These seniors have been our backbone for four years helping us to two 20 win seasons and getting this program to where it is today" said coach Jhett Albers.

Sophomore Kristin Engle, Newcastle, Wyo., was recognized as 1st Team All-Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC). She led the conference in blocks and was third in kills and hitting percentage. Sophomore Mandy Brumfield, Dickinson, N.D., was

one of the top setters in assists per game and aces per game earning her 2nd Team All-DAC honors.

Freshman Maggie O'Neill, Tuthill, had a tremendous first season at BHSU as she was named 2nd Team All-DAC for being one of the top hitters in the conference. She was also named Freshman of the Year in the DAC.

Coach Albers was awarded Coach of the Year honors in the conference guiding the team to a 22-5 record. "We return strong leaders and players in the freshmen and sophomore classes. With these players returning stepping into the roles vacated by the seniors along with a strong recruiting class it is our goal to improve from this year and win the DAC championship and be a nationally ranked team," said Albers.

Schmidt wins 2008 saddle bronc title

Chuck Schmidt, BHSU sophomore history major from Keldron, won the 2008 Saddle Bronc Championship at the 60th annual College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, Wyo.

Each year over 400 cowboys and cowgirls from over 100 universities and colleges across the country compete against the best-of-the-best of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Individual event champions are crowned in saddle bronc, bare back, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, and goat tying.

The BHSU Rodeo Program has seen renewed growth and success the last several years. According to Schmidt, he is happy to bring a national championship back to the University. The last national college championships won by BHSU were in 1982 and 1983.

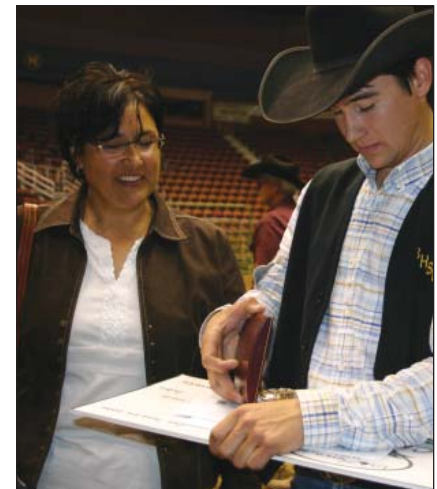


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BHSU officially names the Yellow Jacket mascot - Sting



Black Hills State University officially named the Yellow Jacket mascot Sting. BHSU students chose the name through a vote. Sting makes appearances at games and other events in the community. According to university folklore, BHSU first adopted the Yellow Jacket mascot in the late 1920s, after a fan yelled "go you yellow jackets" at the football team which was wearing yellow jackets to stay warm during an exceptionally cold game.

Sports

BHSU track and field team has record breaking season

The Black Hills State University track and field teams had an exceptionally successful outdoor national championship meet finishing with four individual national titles, three new school records, one national record and nine All-American honors.

National championships were earned by junior Aubrey Baxter, Redfield, in the hammer throw (198-09) and the shot put (51-00.75). Aubrey's hammer throw was a new national meet record. Her shot put win reversed the national indoor results where she finished runner-up. And if that wasn't impressive enough, a shot put of 54-00.50 earned her the opportunity to compete in the 2008 Olympic Trials.

Junior Shannon Hellman, Box Elder, was a repeat winner in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 14.12. Shannon didn't make her seasonal best time of 13.76, which she ran winning the conference 100 meter hurdle title.

Sophomore Eric Flores, Custer, won the shot put in dramatic fashion with a throw of 58-05.25. He was in third place going into the last round of the finals and was bumped to fourth. Eric responded with a throw that catapulted him to taking the individual title, and was a foot and a half personal best for Eric.

School records were also set by the 1600 meter relay team consisting of sopho-



Aubrey Baxter, Black Hills State University junior psychology major from Redfield, competes in the shot put at the BHSU Frostbite Invitational in April 2008. Baxter qualified to compete in the shot put at the Olympic Trials this summer in Eugene, Ore.

more Nicki Shinkle, Rawlins, Wyo.; freshman Ashlee Della Silva, Corvallis, Mont.; sophomore Kayla Ferguson, Eaton, Colo.; and Shannon Hellman. The relay foursome ran 3:54.78 in the semifinals to qualify for the finals and then improved on that time running 3:53.51 in the final to place seventh. Aubrey's record throw of 169-02 in the discus was an 11 foot personal improvement and improved on her school record she set earlier in the season.

Junior Amber Brodersen, Wolsey, earned All-American honors by placing fifth in the shot put with a throw of 45-10.

Amber finished ninth in the discus with a throw of 147-02. Junior Alicia Verhulst, Ralph, finished thirteenth in the final of the steeplechase with a seasonal best 11:28.00.

Along with his national championship in the shot put, Eric Flores placed third in the hammer throw with a mark of 192-04. Senior Tyg Long, Custer, ended his collegiate career by placing sixth in the hammer, earning All-American honors.

Junior Cody Bordewyk, Livermore, Colo., placed fifth in the steeplechase with a personal best time of 9:10.77 which ranks him fourth all-time at BHSU. Cody earned All-American honors this year in cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field.

Seven Yellow Jackets earned academic All-Scholar honors. The men earning honors were: Mark Mazza, Cheyenne, Wyo. and Trent Waage, Aberdeen. The women were: Aubrey Baxter, Amber Brodersen, Shelli Scheffler, Lovell, Wyo., Alicia Verhulst, and Kerry Washburn, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Nicki Shinkle and Jason Boeding, Caputa, were recipient's of the Champions of Character awards recognizing students who go well beyond track and field in areas of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

Yellow Jacket softball places in top three at the DAC

The Yellow Jacket softball team reached their goal of finishing in the top three in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC). They finished in third place during the regular season with a 9-10 league record and 14-21 overall. In only their second season of competition the Jackets went from a sixth place team to a third place team in the DAC.

Going into the DAC tournament the #3 seed Yellow Jackets opened with #6 seed Dakota State University which they won 8-5 behind a strong pitching performance from junior Jessica Clark, Spearfish, and great hitting throughout the lineup. They had 11 hits including back-to-back home runs by sophomore Brittany Montgomery, Spearfish, and freshman Danielle McGrath, Brandon.

In the second game the Jackets took on

the #2 seed Minot State University. BHSU won 4-3 again led by strong pitching from sophomore Karissa Norte, Aurora, Colo., who had a shutout going into the seventh inning.

The next day the Yellow Jackets took on the #1 seed Dickinson State University and lost 5-1. "We gave up three runs in the first inning but after that we pretty much played them even" added, coach Amy Gurney. They then had to take on Minot State who played through the loser's bracket. The winner of this game would move on to face Dickinson State University in the DAC Championship. BHSU fell to Minot 3-2 in extra innings.

"We were extremely happy with our performance throughout the entire season. We achieved our goal of placing in the top three of the Dakota

Athletic Conference. We raised the bar and established a level of play that we will expect from the team in years to come," said coach Gurney.

BHSU softball weekend

Last spring, the BHSU women's softball team held their annual Alumni and Parents' weekend. Alumni, who played from 1976-81, were invited back along with the parents of current players. For more information about upcoming softball alumni events, please contact TomWheaton@BHSU.edu or call (605) 642-6385.

Let us know what you are doing.

BHSU has earned a reputation for transforming the lives and futures of our students. We'd like to know your news. Send news items and address updates to the Alumni Office so we can update your file. We also appreciate help locating lost alumni. Check out the lost alumni list at www.BHSU.edu/Alumni. If you, or someone you know, is on the list, please send us current contact information so we can update our files.



Dr. Reeve Evers (left), Class of '03, discusses a photograph that was taken of the inside of his patient's eye. Reeve is currently one of five practicing optometrists at Northwest Vision Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. He works primarily in the detection, diagnosis, and treatment of ocular disease and other conditions related to vision as well as prescribing glasses and contact lenses. Reeve earned his bachelor of science degree in biology from BHSU and his doctor of optometry from the Illinois College of Optometry.



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Looking ahead

12th Annual Alumni Art Show

August 27 - September 21

BHSU Theatre Production

Letters from the Past - Celebration of 125 years at BHSU

October 16, 17*, 18, and 19

*October 17 - Signature event includes author Paul Higbee and photographer Les Voorhis, creators of the BHSU 125th anniversary book will be available during this time to sign your copy. Books may also be purchased at this time.

Class of '59 Reunion and 50-year-Club Reunion

May 8 - 9

BHSU Events

See www.BHSU.edu/Events for a complete list of campus activities.

Athletic Events

www.BHSU.edu/Athletics

Quasquicentennial Events

www.BHSU.edu/125years

Swarm Day Royalty 1948



Looking back

After several annual homecoming celebrations with various names, Spearfish Normal held its first official Swarm Day in 1928. Pictured are the homecoming royalty from Swarm Day in 1948. We invite you back in September to celebrate Swarm Day 2008 and 125 years of transforming lives. There are many events scheduled including a performance by BHSU alumni, Williams and Ree. Visit www.BHSU.edu/125years.

Another Look



Sting shows his BHSU pride with a Jacket plate

Black Hills State University is offering Yellow Jacket license plate stickers to accompany organizational license plates issued in the State of South Dakota. In the past year, over 100 supporters have purchased the Yellow Jacket license plate stickers. A set of two stickers can be purchased through the Black Hills State University Alumni Association for \$25.

"These stickers are a great way to show your support of Black Hills State University," 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 cost \$10 and can be purchased at any South Dakota county treasurer's office.

To purchase the BHSU stickers, send \$25 to the BHSU Alumni Association, 1200 University Street Unit 9506, Spearfish, SD 57799-9506. For more information contact the BHSU Alumni Association at (605) 642-6385 or email TomWheaton@BHSU.edu.