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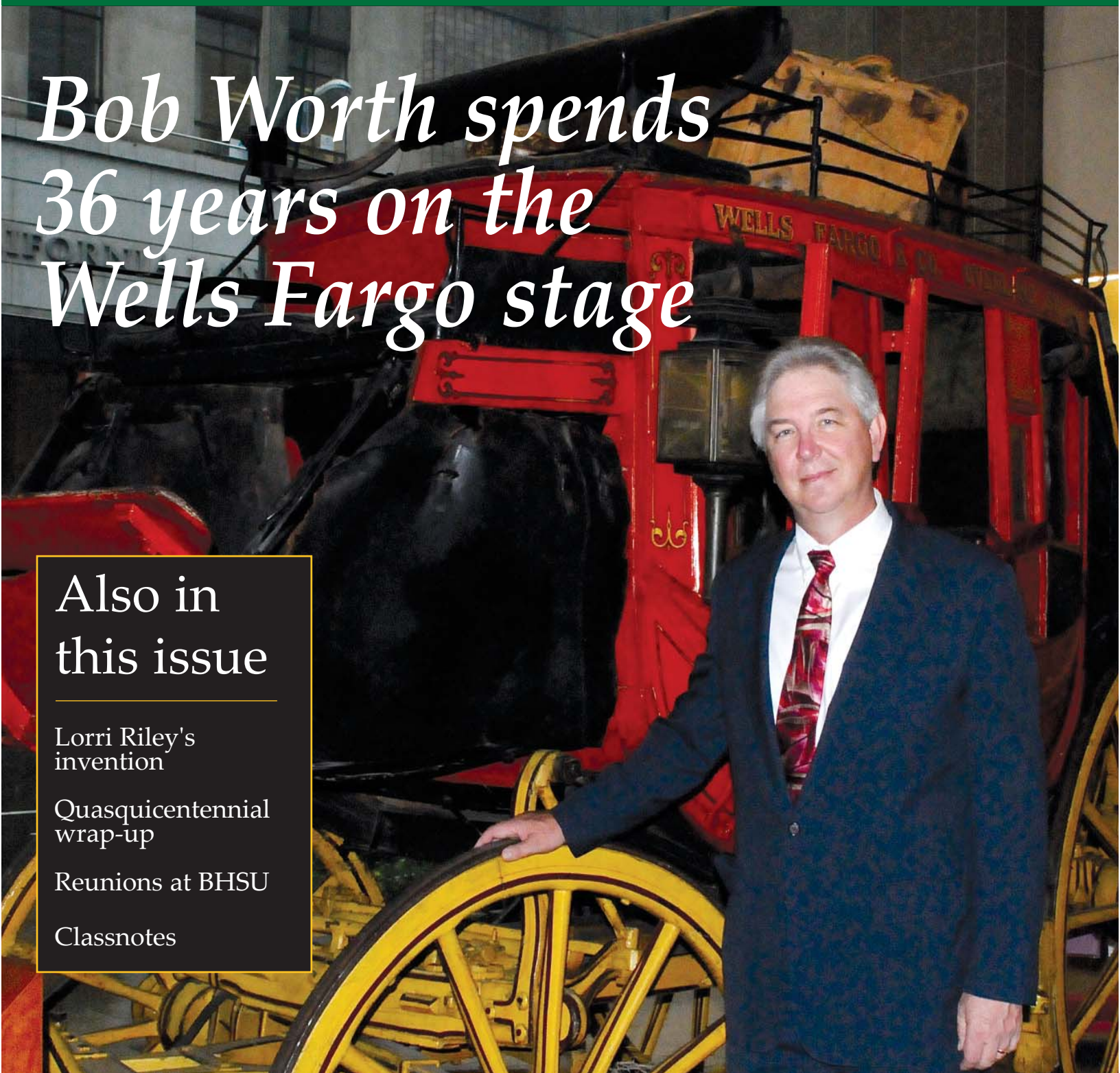
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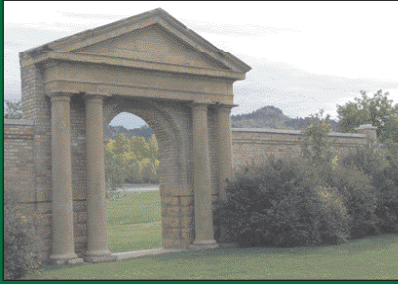
Black Hills State University President Kay Schallenkamp accepts the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Award of Excellence from Dan Green, Class of '64, and Bryan Walker, SEDC representatives. BHSU was chosen for the award to honor its vital contributions to the regional economy. Recent estimates indicate that BHSU has a total economic impact of just over \$100 million annually.

Greetings to all BHSU alumni

I was honored to accept the Award of Excellence from the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation that recognized the University's vital contributions to the regional economy. Dating to our founding in 1883, BHSU has had strong partnerships with the community.

BHSU recently completed a comprehensive Strategic Plan that will further enhance the University's relationship with the community, state, region, and world. The Strategic Plan has been developed by a broad constituency across the campus and represents the direction we will take as we seek to be recognized as an innovative, high-quality university. The plan addresses our goals for the academic mission of the University, our efforts to fulfill our role as a valuable part of the community, and our role in developing students who will be engaged citizens in an ever-changing global society.

I am very proud of Black Hills State University and the outstanding faculty, staff, and students who have chosen to work and learn here. I take great pride in hearing what our alumni are accomplishing. Your achievements are to be applauded.



Dr. Kay Schallenkamp
BHSU President

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Class of '89
BHSU Alumni Association President

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Class of '84
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University Advancement

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Class of '99
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Black Hills State University,
the state's third largest university,
enrolls more than 4,000 students.
BHSU offers 56 bachelor's degree
options, 22 pre-professional programs
as well as three master's degree
programs, all on a spectacular 123-acre
campus in one of the most scenic areas
of the United States. To find out more
visit www.BHSU.edu.

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On the cover:

Bob Worth, Class of '74, executive vice president of Wells Fargo & Company, stands by one of the original Wells Fargo stagecoaches used by the company in the mid-1800s to conduct business in the fastest way possible for their customers. The stagecoach has earned everlasting fame as the company's corporate symbol of its heritage and values.

Worth all the hard work



Bob Worth, Class of '74, is an unassuming man – not the type you'd expect to hold the title of Executive Vice President for Wells Fargo & Company.

Wearing a pink shirt when I met with him – not the power red or calming blue you've come to expect from businessmen and politicians everywhere – Bob is a somewhat of a contradiction. He doesn't radiate arrogance, but he definitely has a quiet confidence, a reassuring calm, and a take charge attitude that commands respect without demanding respect.

And as he talks about his nearly 36 years of experience with Wells Fargo, starting as a trainee and working his way up through nearly every position in the successful financial company, it begins to make sense...this is a man you'd trust with your money.

Bob's extraordinary journey took him from his first banking jobs in small South Dakota towns like Newell and Sturgis to northern California, where he is not only part of the guiding force behind the largest financial institution headquartered in the western United States, he is also actively involved in the future of the entire banking industry through the California Bankers Association and the prestigious Pacific Coast Banking School.

Following in his father's footsteps when he first entered BHSU, Bob majored in education and participated in baseball, basketball, and football. Although he later switched his major to business, it's clear that he still uses the teaching skills he learned in his classes and from his father as he leads his Wells Fargo team.

With a very refreshing outlook on lead-

ership, Bob says the legacy he wants to leave behind him is a successful group of people who he has helped get to where they are.

He focuses on always continuing to learn and providing opportunities for his employees to learn, customizing each employee's professional development in a way that will make them their most successful. And since he has held almost every position in Wells Fargo, Bob says he focuses on using his own experiences to make things simpler for his employees.

A boss that knows how to do your job, who probably did your job better than you when he was in it...something about that might be irritating, even frightening...but, most of all, it's inspiring. That's the type of leader that can make you be your best. That's the type of leader Bob Worth is.

Although he claims he was never the ath-



lete his dad was, it seems that this is just part of the humble attitude Bob says came from his mother, who taught him that everyone is equal and deserves to be treated with respect. He doesn't operate on the pretense that he is smarter or more talented than anyone else; he attributes his success to his background of hard work, dedication, competitive spirit, and a commitment to continuous learning.

Bob says BHSU professors like Dick Cummings, Dale Saunders, and Don Young further fostered this culture of hard work exhibiting great character themselves. They also influenced Bob's leadership style, showing him the importance of letting students find their way, challenging their students' thinking, and promoting self-confidence.

"Black Hills State has helped all of us be successful...not only because of the educational process, but also because of its focus

on students," Worth says.

He said the excellent mentors he had at BHSU and at Wells Fargo helped him make good decisions and showed him the value of dedication and commitment.

Bob's commitment to Wells Fargo has taken him all over the country. He has moved 14 times during his career and currently travels the country extensively meeting with customers and employees, most recently working to ease the transition for all employees involved in Wells Fargo's acquisition of Wachovia. A complex job that he makes sound easy, Bob talks of integrating Wells Fargo's business model into Wachovia's current way of doing business, developing new processes and reconciling the existing technologies and customer offerings of each company all while keeping the customer experience "safe and normal."

With such leadership, it's no wonder Wells Fargo is considered one of the stronger U.S. financial players in the current economy. Bob embodies Wells Fargo's unrelenting adherence to their values – believing people are a competitive advantage and focusing on what's best for both their customers and employees.

Bob's belief that people are capable of doing great things inspires hope...something we all need in the current economic uneasiness that's gripping the country.





Lorri Riley patents first invention - ThinNail®



Lorri Riley, Class of '87, shares information about her new product during a recent trade show. ThinNail, developed and patented by Lorri, is a topical treatment used in thinning toenails. Lorri graduated from Black Hills State University with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. She became familiar with the electron microscope while studying at BHSU. She believes the experience she gained while using the microscope was one of the reasons she was able to patent her first invention.

Order ThinNail at:

www.ThinNail.com

or email info@thinnail.com

Lorri Riley, Class of '87, has developed and patented her first product, ThinNail, a topical treatment used in thinning toenails. Lorri's chemistry background, her experience as a podiatrist, and her utilization of an electron microscope while she was a student at Black Hills State University gave Lorri the edge when she began to work on the product.

Lorri, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in chemistry, says she was "very impressed" with the BHSU Science Department. While attending, she became familiar with the electron microscope, which she used in comparing the crystals of compounds grown under different conditions. She credits her experience using the microscope as one of the reasons she was able to patent her first invention.

"Studying on the microscope while I was at BHSU is what really helped me with this product. It helped me understand how to come up with and patent the product," Lorri says.

After graduating from BHSU

she went on to graduate school, and operated her own podiatry practice in Spearfish for nine years. In 1999, Lorri decided to head south making stops at Iowa, Kansas, and eventually St. Petersburg, Fla., where she lives today.

Lorri is relieved to have finally overcome the obstacles she entailed during the five-year process of patenting this product. She began inventing it in 1996 and is very excited to announce the arrival of ThinNail.

ThinNail is currently being advertised in the Florida area. Getting the product to the market has been one of her biggest hurdles. She feels that this was because she did not "believe in herself." Lorri stated, "Friends encouraged me and told me to go for it, so that is where we are right now." They told her that if "she didn't try, she wouldn't know." Lorri has learned that, "You can have the greatest product, but if you don't have the marketing right, it's just gonna sit there."

Because ThinNail is a chemical, Lorri could have patented the product either cosmetically or as a drug. She first tried going to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to patent it as a drug. The FDA informed her

that it would cost about \$5-\$10 million and take another 5-10 years of testing; therefore, Lorri patented ThinNail cosmetically.

In its final stage, Lorri conducted her own trials at her Florida-based podiatry practice with great results. She said, "I always thought that some other big company would come out with something else that worked because I am just this little fish, but no one ever has."

She is already looking to the future with another product in the works.

Originally from Belle Fourche, Lorri has

made her residence in Florida. She set up her corporation in Spearfish and hopes to return to the area soon to be closer to her family. Her parents own a ranch near Beulah, Wyo., and her brother and BHSU alumnus Roger Riley and his family live in Spearfish.

Lorri was able to visit her alma mater for the Quasquicentennial celebration that took place during the 2008 Swarm Week. This celebration brought alumni back to campus from all over the country. As part of the anniversary, 125 accomplished BHSU alumni were honored during a luncheon that took

place on campus that week. One of the many alumni attending and receiving honors was Lorri.

Roger was also on hand during the Swarm Week celebration to receive his award as a 2008 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame inductee for his outstanding pitching for the Yellow Jacket baseball team during the mid-70s.

Lorri's ThinNail commercial, product information, and order information can be viewed by going to www.ThinNail.com.

What it takes to get a U.S. patent

A patent for an invention is the grant of a property right to the inventor, issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). In order for an invention to obtain a U.S. patent it must fill a need or solve a problem. A patent cannot be obtained upon a mere idea or suggestion. So what does it take? Here is a look at the basic steps of obtaining a patent. The USPTO has specific rules which should be followed to ensure the process is done properly. Visit www.uspto.gov for more information.

- **Keep a detailed journal of your invention**

Record every step of the invention process - you may also need to build and test a prototype.

- **Make sure your invention is eligible for patent protection**

Since you cannot get a patent on an idea alone, you must show how your invention works and that it is new.

- **Decide if your invention is profitable**

Because this process can be costly, research the market you hope to enter and decide whether it's worth the expense.

- **Perform a comprehensive patent search**

You will need to research the earlier developments in your field to make sure your invention is new. This involves searching through all U.S. (and sometimes foreign) patents, as well as other publications like scientific and technical journals.

- **Prepare and file your application with the USPTO**

When you file with the USPTO, you can complete a regular patent application (RPA) or a provisional patent application (PPA). A PPA is not an actual application for the patent itself; filing a PPA allows you to claim patent pending status for the invention. Filing an RPA starts the examination process at the USPTO.

"You may want to consider getting a trademark for your product at the same time, whether you get a patent or not. This can easily be done at the USPTO website - check first to make sure your name or logo is not trademarked by someone else. Once applied for, your product name or logo will have the trademark symbol (™) beside it until the USPTO confirms it is registered. When your product is registered, it will take on the registered symbol (®)." - Lorri Riley - inventor of ThinNail



Quasquicentennial anniversary culminates

Black Hills State University celebrated its Quasquicentennial in 2008 with a number of events honoring the 125 years the University has been transforming the lives of its students.

BHSU officially began its year-long celebration with the Founders' Day Luncheon in honor of the date the University was founded – Feb. 27, 1883. BHSU alumni Paul Higbee, author, and Les Voorhis, photographer, signed copies of their book, *Black Hills State University - 125th Anniversary*. Les provided a presentation of his photograph of the campus, and Paul gave an overview of the University's history. Spearfish mayor Jerry Krambeck presented the proclamation



from the city of Spearfish, officially naming February 27 Black Hills State University Day. The luncheon concluded with the dedication of a time capsule, which remained opened throughout the year to collect memorabilia. It will be re-opened in 2033 when BHSU celebrates its Sesquicentennial.

Alumnus Gary Mule Deer returned to campus for a performance in March in honor of the celebration. Mule Deer, who was honored later in the year as one of the 125 Accomplished Alumni at BHSU, started performing while he was a student at BHSU and has performed on every major concert stage in the country. He has made over 350 television appearances, including many on *The Tonight Show* and *The Late Show*. He was one of six comedians, along with Jay Leno, to star on the very first *HBO Comedy Special*; was the co-host of Don Kirschner's *Rock Concert* for four years on NBC; and was a regular on *Make Me Laugh*.

Swarm Week 2008 was a historic homecoming celebration. In addition to the annual homecoming festivities, the University hosted several special events to

“honor the past and celebrate the future.”

BHSU welcomed alumni back to campus for the 125 Accomplished Alumni Award Luncheon. Honorees included, among others, an author, entertainer, inventor, oceanographer, oncologist, entrepreneurs, podiatrist, toxicologist, scientists, photographers, attorney, surgeon, managers, government leaders, educators, and an orthodontist.

“It was an honor to have this esteemed group of alumni together on our campus. Their accomplishments demonstrate that BHSU graduates have a profound impact in their fields. Our alumni are transforming lives,” BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp said.

The Swarm Day parade had a great turnout of both spectators and participants. Winning floats in the parade were: best overall float - Campus Apartments; best community organization award - Alumni Association; best community business entry - Hillview Day Care; and best student organization float - Theatre Society and Props and Liners.

Several BHSU alumni also performed



Gary Mule Deer receives congratulations from BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp during the 125 Accomplished Alumni Luncheon. The luncheon was held to honor 125 BHSU alumni who have achieved prominence and distinction in their careers. Gary also performed on campus earlier in the year in honor of the Quasquicentennial celebration.



BHSU alum Kory and the Fireflies performed during the tailgate social before the 2008 Swarm Day football game against long-time rival, the SDSM&T Hardrockers. In addition to the annual homecoming festivities, the University hosted several special events to “honor the past and celebrate the future.”



ates with play on University's history

during the Swarm Day festivities, including Kory and the Fireflies, Brock Finn, and the comedy duo Williams and Ree, who concluded the evening.

Later in the fall, the BHSU Theatre Department presented the final event celebrating the Quasquicentennial year, an original drama about the history of the University. "Letters from the Past – a Celebration of 125 years at BHSU" was written by BHSU theatre student Jessica Juhrend. The story was about a student writing a paper on the history of her school. She discovered old letters from students describing the school. Each decade depicted was accompanied by a musical number.

As we look back at our history, it is obvious that Black Hills State University has transformed the lives of its students while undergoing a major progression in the role the University plays in the community, state, and nation. BHSU is a destination that continues to transform lives through innovative high-quality educational programs and a dynamic learning community.



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The Black Hills State University Alumni Association won the award for best community organization float during the 2008 Swarm Day parade.



BHSU alumni Williams and Ree concluded Swarm Week 2008 with an evening musical performance in the Young Center. The comedy duo, often referred to as "The Indian and the White Guy," also presented a scholarship that evening to Kimberly Ullmen, junior composite instrumental music major from Kadoka.

Kudos & Announcements

The 60s **Raymond Ashley**, Class of '60, attended, Saint Jo, Texas, wrote and published numerous historical feature articles in local area and regional newspapers after retiring from the Air Force as a Lt. Col. He also published a book titled *Old School Scholastics: A History of Education in Saint Jo (1872-1922)*. Today, he is an adjunct professor at Wayland Baptist University.

Avonelle (Anderson) Kelsey, Class of '65, Hot Springs, authored two new books entitled, *Cowboy* and *Iroquois Medicine Woman*. Avonelle has an art gallery in Hot Springs.

Laurel (Kaitfors) Merkwan, Class of '68, Gayville, retired after 35 years of teaching. The last 34 years were spent at Chamberlain Middle School as a seventh-and-eighth grade science teacher.

Millard Merkwan, Class of '69, Gayville, retired after 39 years of teaching at Chamberlain High School. Millard taught biology and advanced biology. He spent the last 16 years as the head wrestling coach.

Michael L. Schroeder, Class of '66, Sioux Falls, recently retired. He taught at Lake Preston, Estelline, and Jasper, Minn., and was an adjunct faculty member at SDSU. For 10 years he

also served as the sales manager for International Multi Foods.

The 70s **Tony Chytka**, Class of '77, Belle Fourche, created bronze sculptures for the top four world trophy awards for the 2008 National Finals Rodeo.

Cal Corey, Class of '71, Sturgis, was inducted into the South Dakota High School Activities Association Hall of Fame last summer.

Linda (Schmeltzer) Corey, Class of '71, Sturgis, retired after 37 years in education.

Paul Higbee, Class of '76, Spearfish, was inducted

into the 2008 Spearfish High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

Kenneth V. McKee, Class of '72, Pearland, Texas, was recently promoted to senior vice president and general auditor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Kenneth is responsible for audit operations throughout the Eleventh Federal Reserve District. He has worked with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for the past 27 years.

Betty (Maxwell) Sowder, Class of '71, was hired last fall as a second-grade teacher by Hot Springs Elementary School.

Robert Spencer, Class of '77, Pierre, retired from Civil Service after 37 years.

Sandra Spencer, Class of '79, Pierre, received her Master of Arts in Christian spirituality from Creighton University.

The 80s **Carla "C.B." Alexander**, Class of '84, Fort Meade, was appointed the Workforce Development Program Manager of the Department of Veterans Affairs Network 23. Carla has worked with the Department for over 19 years.

Four BHSU alumni chosen as 2008 South Dakota Hall of Fame inductees

The South Dakota Hall of Fame board of directors inducted 13 individuals, of which four were alumni of Black Hills State University, into the 2008 class of the South Dakota Hall of Fame.

Clint Roberts, attended, Ft. Pierre, was inducted for his work in governmental affairs/agriculture; **Dr. James O. Hansen**, Class of '52, Spearfish, was inducted for his accomplishments in public education; **Gordon Hanson**, attended, was inducted for communications; and **Evelyn Leite**, Class of '74, Ft. Pierre, was inducted in the professional category.

Clint served as a state senator, one of South Dakota's U.S. Representatives in 1980 with an emphasis on agriculture. He served as an international trade consultant in 1983, was appointed as director of the Office of Energy Policy in 1988 by Governor Mickelson, and was the first director for the South Dakota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), retiring in 2003. He has improved South Dakota's economy through unselfish political contributions, most notably the design of the CREP and indirectly bringing international recognition to South Dakota pheasant hunting.

James has held virtually every job in the South Dakota system of public education. He was a classroom teacher, a principal, and a superintendent. He also served as Governor Janklow's Secretary of Education. Janklow appointed him to the South Dakota Board of Regents in his second term. "There just is no one of whom I am aware that has the breadth of experience in public education that Jim Hansen possesses," according to a quote from Harvey C. Jewett, president of the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Gordon was posthumously inducted for his work in communications and for truly representing the western roots of South Dakota. Gordon was a long-time news reporter, working for many years with the Associated Press (AP). He later worked for the *Rapid City Journal*, from which he retired in 1991. Throughout his life Gordon remained active in his two favorite causes: rodeo and Korean War veteran's issues. Gordon also earned national recognition with a single letter: as media director for the Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA), he's widely credited, most recently by *ESPN Magazine Pro Rodeo Sports News*, as the man who put the "P" in PRCA. The letter signifies "Professional".

In 1989 Evelyn developed Living With Solutions and further enhanced the quality of service to the program in 2007 through her development of Faith-Based Solutions, a program designed to provide counseling to people who need help and have no insurance or money to pay for services. She is also responsible for the development of the comprehensive grief education program: Healing the Hurting Heart Grief Recovery Training Conference. She brings tireless dedication and a faith-based service to each component of her counseling services.



Roberts



Hansen



Hanson



Leite

Kudos & Announcements

Pingrey honored with American Star of Teaching Award

Lisa Pingrey, Class of '95, received the 2008 American Star of Teaching for South Dakota. Lisa is in her 10th year of teaching math and science at Custer Middle School. The national award recognizes and honors teachers with a track record of improving student achievement, using innovative instructional strategies, and making a difference in the lives of their students. Officials from the U.S. Department of Education visit the classes of each American Star to congratulate them on their success. Lisa, who won the Rising Star Award for technology in 2003 and was also the 2005-06 Custer Teacher of the Year, was nominated by Larry Luitjens, retired Custer High School coach. The award was presented to Lisa during a school presentation.



The American Stars of Teaching, which was started in 2004 as part of the U.S. Department of Education Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative, includes regional and district workshops, roundtables for teachers and principals, regular e-mail updates and digital learning.

Lisa Pingrey, Class of '95, received the 2008 American Star of Teaching for South Dakota. The award honors teachers who have made a significant impact on the lives of their students. Lisa is in her tenth year of teaching math and science at Custer Middle School.

Sandra (Doody) Arseneault, Class of '84, Custer, was recently named president of the South Dakota Education Association (SDEA). Sandra is a teacher in Custer.

Marla (Hershey) Barnard, Class of '81, Houston, Texas, was hired as senior vice president of human resources for Personix, a division of FiServ. Marla oversees eight regional HR managers in various cities across the U.S.

Carol (Baxter) Gee, Class of '80, Stone Mountain, Ga., recently received Emory University's highest staff award, the Award of Distinction, which given to staff who consistently

contribute over and above their specific job duties. Carol is employed with Goizueta Business School at Emory University.

Anthony "Tony" Kirchmeier, Class of '89, was recently named chief academic advisor for the College of Business at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Daryl Shryock, Class of '87, Edmond, Okla., was promoted to Lt. Colonel and was recently activated and mobilized. Daryl, a field artillery officer, has served for over 20 years.

Greg Sund, Class of '86, Spearfish, was recently hired as the city administrator for Spearfish.

The 90s **Robert B. Cook**, Class of '90, Summerset, recently met

with President Barack Obama's education team in Washington, D.C., to lay out a course for American Indian Education in the new administration. Robert is the current president of the National Indian Education Association.

Sherry (Hughley) Crofut, Class of '97, Rapid City, recently earned national board certification in teaching. This certification is recognized as one of the highest credentials in the teaching profession. Sherry teaches eighth-grade English and social studies at North Middle School in Rapid City.

Mike DeLancey, Class of '94, Gillette, Wyo., was named principal at Lakeview Elementary in Gillette, Wyo.

Jeff Easton, attended, Rapid City, was recently hired at Black Hills Power as a marketing specialist.

Pat Gainey, Class of '92, Spearfish, and his wife, **Patricia Gainey**, Class of '90, appeared on ABC's *Good Morning America* last fall. The show focused on the couple for their "50 States in 50 Days" feature. The feature, which picks an issue that is important to each state and produces a segment about the issue as an informative piece, focused on teacher salaries in the state of South Dakota.

Dawn Glanc, Class of '98, Bellingham, Wash., was recently honored by the American Mountain Guides Association (AMGA) with the AMGA President's Award. This award recognizes individuals for their commitment and contributions to the profession of mountain guiding.

Cook recalls BHSU memories



Dena Cook, Class of '25, recently visited with Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Relations, about her memories of Black Hills State University, which was called Spearfish Normal when she attended. Wheaton was mailing invitations to the 50-Year-Club for the May commencement and included a "lost list" with names of alumni with whom BHSU had lost contact with. Viola Ala, Class of '48, received her invitation and recognized Dena's name on the list. She called Wheaton and informed him that Dena was residing at Dorsett Regional Senior Care in Spearfish. Wheaton presented Dena with a BHSU blanket, and the two visited about the school and its history.

Kudos & Announcements

BHSU graduate receives 2008 Spirit of Dakota Award

Elaine Doll-Dunn, Class of '79, received the 2008 Spirit of Dakota Award for her contributions to preserving the heritage of women and for her leadership roles, which have made a significant impact on her community and state.

The annual Spirit of Dakota Award is given to an outstanding South Dakota woman who has been successful and admired in her community or state – a woman with roots deep in South Dakota, whose courage and strength of character have helped develop her family and community.

Elaine has shown courage and strength of character throughout her entire life. In high school she received the "I Dare You" Award, which still holds significant meaning in her life. She is a motivational speaker, marathon runner, mentor, risk taker, and author – and if that isn't enough titles, she is also the counselor at Spearfish Middle School.

Among the unique combination of experiences, skills, and knowledge that Elaine possesses, she has placed a South Dakota flag on Mt. Kilimanjaro and a Wall Drug sign in Siberia. Elaine beat cancer at age 56; ran 26 marathons in 2000 – completing one of these with three of her children who were running a marathon for their first time; ran from the Atlantic to the Pacific - 60 miles across Panama to celebrate her 60th birthday; and became Mrs. South Dakota at age 61. She has completed marathons in more than 40 states and the District of Columbia.

Elaine also founded the Leading Ladies' Marathon – an all women's event that takes place in the Black Hills.

At the age of 65, Elaine completed her doctor of philosophy in psychology, researching the self-efficacy of women who begin running marathons after the age of 40. In 2000 she finished her book *Gotta Run...* and has been featured in *Runner's World* magazine for her accomplishments.

Last year Elaine celebrated her 70th birthday and is enjoying life as a devoted wife, mother to seven children, grandmother to 19, and a great-grandmother.



Spirit of Dakota Award winner Elaine Doll-Dunn, Class of '79, stands in front of the statue dedicated to the award and to all South Dakota women.

Jodi (Randall) Neiffer, Class of '99, Rapid City, was named assistant to the president for the distance learning online campus at National American University.

Les Nemec, Class of '92, Newport News, Va., was recently named plant manager at Smithfield Foods in Portsmouth, Va.

John Pfitzer, Class of '96, has relocated from Clara City, Minn., to Huron, and where she works as a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments.

Weston Pleinis, Class of '96, Lead, will serve as general manager of the casino for the new Lodge at Deadwood. The new resort and convention center is scheduled to open its doors in Fall 2009.

Lance Russell, Class of '92, Hot Springs; and **Jacqueline Sly**, Class of '96, Rapid City; were elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives. Lance will represent District 30 (Custer, Fall River and Pennington Counties). Jacqueline will represent District 33 (Meade and Pennington Counties).

Carolyn (Thomson) Schuldies, Class of '92, Spearfish, was named the local Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. Carolyn is a Sturgis Brown High School teacher.

John Sheaff, Class of '99, Moscow, Idaho, was recently named head varsity football coach at Moscow High School. John also teaches eighth-grade physical education

at Moscow Junior High School.

Tracy (Surdez) Vik, Class of '95, Sioux Falls, recently received her specialist's degree in educational administration with superintendent certification from the University of South Dakota. Tracy is an administrator with the Sioux Falls School District.

Dave Waller, Class of '90, Billings, Mont., was recently hired as a private investment banker with Sterling Savings Bank.

The 00s **Melissa Barth**, Class of '02, Spearfish, recently graduated from the Institute for Organization Management (IOM), a four-year non-profit leadership training program at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.

IOM graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their communities. Melissa is the sales and communications director for the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce.

Paul Beagle, Class of '01, Boardman, Ore., was recognized in Who's Who among American Teachers and was inducted into the National Scholars Honor Society. He recently received his master of science degree in education.

Bill Blewett, Class of '05, Sioux Falls, has joined the law firm of Meierhenry Sargent LLP as an associate. Last May, Bill earned a juris doctorate from the University of South Dakota Law School and passed the South Dakota Bar Exam.

Alanna Case, Class of '07, Rapid City, was recently

hired by Casey Peterson & Associates of Rapid City. Alanna joins the audit department as a staff auditor.

Erin Power, Class of '06, Bismarck, N.D., and her teammates in AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) assisted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) with the Hurricane Ike recovery. Erin worked throughout the Texas Gulf Region and Austin to aid FEMA through application services and shelter management.

Kudos & Announcements

Freeburg honored for outstanding coaching career

Glenn Freeburg, Class of '77, was a 2008 inductee into the Wyoming Coaches Hall of Fame. Glenn has coached for over 30 years, beginning his career after he graduated from BHSU in 1977. He is noted for his success in volleyball, basketball, and track with an overall record of 901 wins. His record includes 22 conference championships, 53 regional championships, 16 state runners-up, and nine state championships. He was also recognized for coaching three sports a year for over 30 years; coaching 35 athletes who have continued their athletic careers at the college level; and being awarded Coach of the Year 23 times at the conference and state levels. Glenn currently teaches social science courses and physical education at Guernsey-Sunrise High School in Guernsey, Wyo. He is also the athletic director and continues to coach volleyball, boys and girls track, and girls basketball.



Jeremy Taper-Wagner, Class of '03, Gillette, Wyo., recently graduated from the Wyoming Army National Guard Officer Candidate School. Jeremy is currently a second lieutenant in the Wyoming Army National Guard 1041st Engineer Company.

Megan Wyatt, Class of '06, was recently hired as the assistant director of residential education for Leadership Development and Interest Communities at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y.

Last May, these BHSU alums each earned juris doctorates from the University of South Dakota Law School: **Bill Blewett**, Class of '05; **Jeffrey Erlandson**, Class of '05; **Rebecca L. Mann**, Class of '04; and **Jessica L. Larson**, Class of '05.

Adam Romkema, Class of '02, Dillon, Mont., has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army National Guard. Adam has been assigned to the 650th Regional Support Group, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Brian Shaw, Class of '04, Ft. Lupton, Colo., recently competed in his first World's Strongest Man competition. His performance earned him an invitation as a tester for the events used in the finals of this contest.

Chrystal (Stansbury) Sheaff, Class of '03, Moscow, Idaho, received her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Idaho. She is currently employed by Altruus Analytics Inc.

Amber (Aker) Vogt, Class of '03, Whitewood, was hired as the director for Lawrence County Planning and Zoning located in Deadwood.

Todd A. Russell, Class of '01, Honolulu, Hawaii, received his master's degree from South Dakota State University after graduating from BHSU. He is a wildlife biologist managing 60 acres on a military base for the Department of Defense.

Coy Sasse, Class of '04, Rapid City, competed in the Martial Arts Dojo at Battlequest in Denver, Colo., after August. Battlequest is the amateur event for Ring of Fire.

Bethany Schuh, Class of '07, Hot Springs, was hired last fall as a life skills teacher by Hot Springs Elementary School.

Alumnus creates bronze legacy in the Black Hills area

John Lopez, Class of '97, was one of four honored by the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce with the Rushmore Honoree Award for his bronze sculpture work. Each honoree was given a portrait featuring them in the line of work they are known. John's portrait, taken by local photographer Ed Matuska, features him with his sculpture of the *Triceratops Cowboy* and will hang in the theatre lobby of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City along with the past recipients of this award. John has donated his work over the years to support the Central States Fair and the Boy's Club in Rapid City. He has also sculpted nine of the presidential statues on the street corners in downtown Rapid City.



Engagements & Marriages

Roller receives Milken Educator Award during surprise assembly

Cary Roller, who earned her teaching certificate from Black Hills State University in 2000, was awarded the 2008 Milken Educator Award by the Milken Family Foundation.

Cary currently teaches first grade at Knollwood Heights Elementary School in Rapid City, where she has been teaching for eight years. In a surprise assembly at the school she was told she had been selected for the national award. She received a \$25,000 cash prize to use at her discretion and an all-expense-paid trip to Los Angeles next spring to participate in the annual Milken National Education Conference.

South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds attended the assembly, announcing Cary's name as she sat with her group of first-graders. The event was part of the foundation's 22nd annual National Notifications Tour, which honors educators throughout the country.

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

According to the Milken Family Foundation, Cary has nurtured high student achievements in an innovative, child-centered classroom environment. Cary challenges her students in areas such as vocabulary and provides a wide range of reading and writing opportunities. She also led a successful effort in writing a "Got Books!" proposal through DonorsChoose.org for \$500 to buy books for her classroom library.

Cary has been a member of the Building Leadership Team for over six years, where she works with colleagues to observe the school's test results and provide staff developments to address areas of need. She led a demonstration classroom for several years where she served as an example of effective literacy instruction for colleagues locally and across the region. Among her many leadership roles, Cary is also a member of the Knollwood Mighty Knights Committee, in which she helps to recognize student excellence.

South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds presents Cary Roller with the 2008 Milken Educator Award, which included a \$25,000 cash prize and an all-expense-paid trip to Los Angeles to participate in the annual Milken National Education Conference. Cary, who was surprised with the award during an assembly, teaches first grade at Knollwood Heights Elementary School in Rapid City.



Roller



The 80s Mike Dressler, Class of '86, and Laura Rowedder married Jan. 19, 2008. Mike sells residential real estate for RE/Max Professionals, Inc. The couple lives in Harrisburg.

Becky Lynde, Class of '82, married John Linn June 15, 2008. The couple lives in Rapid City.

The 90s Jerome Imhoff, Class of '92, married Freddie Oaks Sept. 12, 2008. Jerome works as a staffing manager for Talent

Tree. The couple lives in San Francisco, Calif.

Paul D. Jensen, attended, and Shannon Weibley married July 12, 2008. Paul is employed by Simplex Grinnell in Fort Collins, Colo. The couple lives in Fort Collins.

Andrea VanAsperen, Class of '98, married Corey Lewis Nov. 29, 2008. Andrea is the deputy treasurer at the Custer County Treasurer's Office. The couple lives in Custer.

The 00s Laura Beshara, Class of '05, and Joseph Malory were married Dec. 5, 2008. Laura is a donor recruitment representative for United Blood Services.

Kristen Bunker, Class of '06, and **Rory Maynard**, Class of '06, were married Sept. 27, 2008. Rory is the general manager at the Golden Hills Resort in Lead. Kristen is the director of sales at the Golden Hills Resort. The couple lives in Lead.

Kevin Burke, Class of '01, and **Kim Meisner** married Sept. 13, 2008. Kevin is a pharmaceutical representative. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Rachel Collier, Class of '03, and **Jason Materi**, attended, married Jan. 3, 2009. Rachel is a workforce specialist for the

Wyoming Department of Workforce Services in Gillette, Wyo. Jason is employed by Materi Contracting in Sundance, Wyo.

Alesha Culver, Class of '05, and **Brad Limbo**, attended, were married Feb. 28, 2009. Alesha is employed at BHSU in the Office of Admissions. Brad is employed by Precision Surveying and Mapping of Sturgis.

Andrew Curry, Class of '07, and **Nikki Thorson**, attending, married Sept. 6, 2008. Andrew is employed by Beatty Electric. Nikki is employed at Boyds Drug Mart.

Amber Fitzpatrick, Class of '04, and **Max Burgdoerfer** were married

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May 9, 2008. Amber and Max both serve in the military at Schofield Barracks, in Hawaii. The couple lives in Waipahu, Hawaii.

Erin Greene, Class of '08, and Jeffrey Woods was married Aug. 18, 2008. Erin is a teacher at Knollwood Elementary School.

Sarah Griswold, Class of '03, married Jonathan "Joe" Appiah Oct. 25, 2008. Sarah is a preschool teacher for the Campbell County Memorial Hospital Children's Center in Gillette, Wyo. The couple lives in Gillette.

Kara Jenniges, Class of '07, will marry **Jeff Bradeen**, attended, July 18, 2009. Kara is a third-grade teacher at Horace Mann Elementary in Rapid City. Jeff is a lineman for Kainz Power Lines in Custer.

Chandra Kath, Class of '08, will marry **Martin Baca, IV**, April 25, 2009. Chandra is an elementary teacher in Milford, Kan.

Brittney Klipfel, Class of '07, and **Shane Phillips**, Class of '03, married Oct. 11, 2008. Shane is employed as a wildland firefighter by the U.S. Forest Service. Brittney is a fifth-grade teacher at Sturgis Elementary.

Callie Larson, Class of '05, and Tom Hills married May 24, 2008. Callie is a second-grade teacher at Kennebec Elementary. The couple lives in Kennebec.

Nate Larson, Class of '00, will marry **Ami Scull** Aug. 22, 2009. Nate is an insurance agent and co-owner of Western Dakota Insurors in Rapid City.

Leroy Lockwood, Jr., Class of '05, married **Jackie Teeslink** Oct. 25, 2008. Leroy is a sleep technician at Black Hills Neurology. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Samantha Lore, Class of '07, married **Aaron Roeber**

July 26, 2008. Samantha is attending the University of South Dakota School of Nursing.

Melissa Magnuson, Class of '08, married **David Mensing** July 5, 2008. Melissa is an elementary teacher. The couple lives in Graettinger, Iowa.

John P. Martin, Class of '07, and **Nicole Rabenberg** married June 7, 2008. John works in security. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Rebecca Meyers, Class of '04, will marry **Michael Nau** March 21, 2009. Rebecca is a sexual assault case manager and children's program

coordinator at Working Against Violence, Inc.

Olivia Norlin, Class of '01, and **Blake Rieger** married Jan. 1, 2009. Olivia is a regional deputy public defender for the state of Montana. The couple lives in Glendive, Mont.

Jamie Olinger, Class of '03, and **Scott Guffey**, Class of '97, are engaged to be married in the fall of 2009. Jamie is employed with Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) as a utility service representative. Scott is employed with Pennington County as the weed and pest director.

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Former BHSU wrestlers gather for reunion



Last summer, the BHSU Alumni Association held a reunion for all former wrestlers. Attending the banquet were: (standing, left to right) Greg Calabro, Class of '71, Lead; John Donovan, Class of '95, Chamberlain; Bill Buchholz, attended, Spearfish; Chris Reimann, Class of '62, Caputa; Rick Mines, Class of '74, Gillette, Wyo.; Bob Young, attended, Spearfish; Harry Smothers, attended, Casper, Wyo.; Rich Eberspecher, attended, Douglas, Wyo.; Loren Knittel, Class of '69, Spearfish; Jerry Christofferson, attended, Black Hawk; Carl Mirich, Class of '63, Moorcroft, Wyo.; Alyce Schavone, Class of '72, Spearfish; widow of Coach Tony Schavone, Spearfish; Tom Sprigler, Class of '67, Laurel, Mont.; Bruce Krug, Class of '76, Gillette, Wyo.; Jim Moore, attended, Casper, Wyo.; Bob Ward, Class of '71, Great Falls, Mont.; Jess Hoese, attended, Sundance, Wyo.; Doug Hughes, Class of '87, Lander, Wyo.; Steve Colling, Class of '89 (and Coach), Hulett, Wyo.; Bill Hughes, Coach, Spearfish; and (kneeling/seated, left to right) Deac Hall, attended, Helena, Mont.; Bill Young, Class of '63, Custer; Dave Campbell, Class of '60, Salem, Ore.; Jay Dooley, Class of '60, Casa Grande, Ariz.; Earl Gray, Class of '59, Sundance, Wyo.; Lionel Bordeaux, Class of '64, Mission; Lanny Swisher, Class of '73, Spearfish; and Shannon Twomey, attended, Rapid City.

Kayla Parsons, Class of '08, and **Eric Bastian**, Class of '08, married May 23, 2008. Eric is employed at Wells Fargo in Pierre. Kayla is employed with the South Dakota Retirement System in Pierre.

Brandy Patterson, Class of '00, married Brad Bentz July 27, 2007. Brandy is a kindergarten teacher. The couple lives in Casper, Wyo.

Amanda Richards, Class of '06, and **Jason Enders** married May 24, 2008. Amanda is an employment specialist with the S.D. Department of Labor. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Sara Schafer, Class of '07, and **Christopher Hornick** married Oct. 11, 2008. Sara is the activities director at Golden Living Center-Prairie Hills.

Kim Schubert, Class of '02, and **Shawn Wenko**, Class of '99, will marry April 19, 2009. Shawn is the workforce development coordinator for the city of Williston, N.D. Kim is the webmaster for the Rapid City Convention & Visitors Bureau. The couple lives in Williston.

Kira Strauss, Class of '08, married **Jason Schmidt** May 31, 2008. Kira is a reach out foster care

program specialist for Panhandle Mental Health Center in Scottsbluff, Neb.

Shawna Walsh, Class of '08, married **Michael Sargent** May 31, 2008. Shawna plans to enroll in a graduate program at Montana State University in Billings. The couple lives in Glendive, Mont.

Angela Williamson, Class of '08, married **Mitch Linster**

June 20, 2008. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Jason Writer, Class of '03, and **Erin Phillips** married Jan. 11, 2008. Jason works for Lawrence County.

Erin is a researcher for the Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources (CCBR) at BHSU. The couple lives in Spearfish.

BHSU honors five former athletes



BHSU inducted five individuals and two teams (see page 31 for teams) into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the 2008 Swarm Day activities. Pictured left to right are the athletes that were inducted: Darrell Hardcastle, Roger Riley, JoEllen (Hofer) Salmen, Lance Marr, and Kelly Merager.

Births

The 90s **CoriAnn (Latham) Battista**, and husband Richard "Rick," Snellville, Ga., had a baby boy, Robert William, Jan. 10, 2009. He weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 ½ inches long. CoriAnn is the office manager for Arco Building Systems, Inc., in Norcross, Ga.

Janis (Bates) Hammond, Class of '95, and husband Michael, Casper, Wyo., had a baby girl, Camille Chanel, May 27, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. She joins brothers Sloan (7), Drue (6) and sister Sydney (3). Janis is the corporate accountant for Mossholders and Audie Jeans Photography.

Melissa (Schofield) Hull, Class of '97, and husband Chris, Pierre, had a baby girl, Charlotte Isabella, March 28, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. Melissa works for the South Dakota Department of Transportation.

Erin (Gillaspie) MacIver, Class of '92, and husband Andy, Nantucket, Mass., had a baby boy, Eli Alexander, Nov. 12, 2008. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. He joins big brother, Iain Andrew (1 ½). Erin teaches middle school music and drama.

Kelly Merager, Class of '96, and wife Annmarie, Cody, Wyo., had a baby girl, Mali Cedar, June 29, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. She joins big brother Mason (7). Kelly is the principal of Wapiti and

Valley Schools and the assistant principal of Eastside Elementary.

Kim (Schmitz) Nida, Class of '97, and **Aaron Nida**, Class of '93, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Reese Caroline, Oct. 9, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. She joins big sister Claire. Aaron teaches geography and government, and coaches football and track at Spearfish High School. Kim is the assistant director of Financial Aid at BHSU.

JoEllen (Hofer) Salmen, Class of '99, and **Tom Salmen**, Class of '99, Fargo, N.D., had a baby boy, Matthew Eldon, Oct. 13, 2008. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 22 inches long. He joins sister Elizabeth (7) and brothers Thomas John (4) and Erik (2). Tom is a police officer for the city of Fargo. JoEllen is a stay-at-home mom.

The 00s **Sarah (Griswold) Appiah**, Class of '03, and husband Jonathan "Joe," Gillette, Wyo., had a baby boy, Drayson Boamah, Sept. 1, 2008. He weighed 6 lbs. 9.1 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches long. Sarah is a preschool teacher for the Campbell County Memorial Hospital Children's Center in Gillette.

Haughian plays for Swedish basketball team



Former Black Hills State University basketball star Lacey Haughian, Class of '08, signed a one-year contract to play professional basketball in Sweden. Lacey joined the Sallen Team in Uppsala, Sweden, whose season began last September and will continue through April. Sallen plays in the second-highest division. Lacey played for four straight seasons at BHSU, where she achieved third on the University's all-time rebounding list with 815 boards and fifth in scoring at 1,417 points. She was a first-team National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II All-American selection and was part of the 2007-08 Yellow Jacket women's basketball team that finished in the Elite 8. Lacey graduated in the spring of 2008 with a wellness management degree and participated in a nine-week internship at the Holy Rosary Health Care Center in Miles City, Mont.

Tara Arsaga, Class of '08, and **Derek Nelson**, Class of '08, Rock Springs, Wyo., had a baby girl, Taylor Jo, Dec. 4, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 10.5 oz and was 19 ¼ inches long. Tara is a graphic designer at Fotos by Jenni. Derek works as the building ground and truancy monitor for Rock Springs High School.

Lillian "Lily" (Van Vlack) Bruckner, Class of '07, and husband Tyler, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Riley James, July 20, 2008. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long. Lily is a stay-at-home mom and is working toward her master's degree.

Lindsey J. (Backes), Class of '08, and **Tyler Foster**, Class of '06, Winner, had a baby boy, Carter Lee, July 16, 2008. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Tyler is an agricultural loan officer at First Fidelity Bank in Winner. Lindsey is teaching Spanish at Winner High School.

Misty (Turner) Holzwarth, Class of '05, and husband Greg, Cedar Rapids, Iowa,

had a baby boy, Dylan Allen, Oct. 11, 2007. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 ¾ inches long. He joins big sister Alexa Dawn (3). Misty is a stay-at-home mom.

Jennifer "Jenn" (Pope) Renner, Class of '00, and husband Nate, Summerset, had a baby girl, Tara Lynne, July 24, 2008. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 18 ½ inches long. She joins big brother Chet (3). Jenn is a stay-at-home mom and a Mary Kay Cosmetics senior consultant.

Tobie (Eveland) Shinkle, Class of '00, and **Jacson Shinkle**, attended, Casper, Wyo., had a baby boy, Garrett Douglas, July 9, 2008. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20 inches long. He joins big sister Alexandria (1 ½). Jacson is a maintenance worker for Arch Coal. Tobie is a stay-at-home mom.

Haylee (Pearson) Swiden, Class of '03, and **Chris Swiden**, Class of '05, Watertown, had a baby boy, Elyk Christopher, Oct. 12, 2008. He weighed

7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 ¼ inches long. He joins big sister Tessa (2). Chris and Haylee are both employed with the Watertown School District. Chris teaches in the science department at the high school, and Haylee teaches kindergarten at Mellette Elementary.

Jamie (Hahn), Class of '06, and **Andy VanDeest**, Class of '04, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Peyton Marie, Nov. 26, 2008. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. Jamie is the sales director for the Silverado Franklin in Deadwood. Andy is a contractor and co-owner of J & A Construction.

Amber (Aker) Vogt, Class of '03, and husband Jay, Whitewood, had a baby girl, Jaysa Jane, Sept. 16, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 inches long. Amber is the director for Lawrence County Planning & Zoning in Deadwood.

In Memory Of

1883-1940

Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School

- Wyoma M. (Cole) Little, Attended, Casper, Wyo.
- Mary E. (Brandsberg) Masek, Attended, Wisner, Neb.
- Doris M. (Hockridge) Nichols, Attended, Torrance, Calif.
- Ruth (Hamilton) Ovitz, Class of '28, Baker, Mont.
- Barbara E. (Beatty) Owens, Class of '40, '68 & '74, Rapid City
- Edythe G. (Alexander) Wood, Attended, Spearfish

1941-1963

Black Hills Teachers College

- Anna L. (O'Bryan) Bear, Class of '60, Tama, Iowa
- Reva M. (Hendricks) Brenneise, Class of '61, Rapid City
- Bryce O. Christensen, Class of '46, Spearfish
- Marjorie E. (Redding) Christiansen, Attended, St. George, Utah
- Amie D. (Rice) Cundy, Class of '62, Newcastle, Wyo.
- Ernest "Ernie" W. Davis, Class of '56, Rapid City
- Dolores H. (Shimer) Dolly, Attended, Pierre
- Charles "Chuck" E. Emery, Class of '53 & '60, Rapid City
- Lois L. (Lambert) Engel, Class of '61, Rapid City
- Arlene Engelsgaard, Attended, Lafayette, Colo.
- Gordon M. Erickson, Class of '61, Grafton, N.D.
- Leonard Fahrni, Class of '55, Aiea, Hawaii
- Virginia (Kroeber) Foltz, Class of '62, Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Lola M. (Rucker) Hall, Class of '51, Spearfish
- Mary (Hanlon) Hanrahan, Class of '43, Merritt Island, Fla.
- Orlene C. (Heesch) Heinbaugh, Attended, Belle Fourche
- Jesse R. Herrick, Class of '54, Rapid City
- Lamont D. Hill, Attended, Rapid City
- Helen I. (Anderson) James, Class of '54, Rapid City
- Gordon Kluksdahl, Class of '50, Billings, Mont.
- Esther A. (Lyons) Kornemann, Attended, Miles City, Mont.
- Paul J. Lienau, Class of '59, Mount Vernon, Wash.

Freeman remembered as a visionary leader

Dr. Meredith N. Freeman, 88, who served as president of Black Hills State University in the late 60s and the 70s, died Christmas Day at his home in Athens, W. Va., after a long illness. Freeman served as Black Hills State's president from 1967 to 1976.



Freeman

According to historical records at the University, the Freeman administration was characterized by contrast. A man of conservative stature, Freeman was confronted with the changing social values of the 1960s. The strength of the Freeman presidency lay in his ability to govern and to find new direction in an otherwise adverse situation.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp noted that BHSU was fortunate to have had Freeman serve as president for nine years.

"The University community has lost a great leader who made significant contributions to the development of Black Hills State University," Schallenkamp says.

Freeman, born and educated in Missouri, is remembered as a man who projected a presidential aura and led some major changes that have had long lasting positive influence on the development of the University. During his tenure at BHSU, he established branch campuses on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian Reservations; oversaw the opening of the E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center and a renovation project at Lyle Hare Stadium which included a running track; led a major expansion in the area of business courses; and strengthened the teacher education program.

Before coming to BHSU, Freeman was a Sergeant during World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He then spent 50 years in education, beginning in a one-room rural school in Missouri. Over the years, he worked in several schools and universities throughout the Midwest as a teacher, principal, superintendent of schools, professor, director of Special Services, and an acting academic dean.

After serving at BHSU, Freeman became president of Concord University in Athens, where he later retired.

Freeman had many hobbies. He enjoyed travel, reading, music, painting, wood sculpture, hunting, fishing, camping, and tennis. Freeman always said, "The good Lord never frowns upon anyone who takes time to go fishing."

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, of Athens, four daughters and six grandchildren.

- Raymond M. Linton, Class of '60, Powell, Wyo.
- Edwin "Frank" Lobach, Class of '56, Sheridan, Wyo.
- Gay (Friel) Lynn, Class of '48, Spearfish
- Ralph W. Lushbough, Attended, Beulah, Wyo.
- Henry Meier, Attended, Spearfish
- Madalin C. (Van Epps) Murphy, Class of '61, Mountain Home, Idaho
- Paul A. Scissons, Class of '56, Newcastle, Wyo.
- Earl Vopat, Class of '41, Grangeville, Idaho
- Rosemary T. (Rozum) Yirka, Attended, Peralta, N.M.

In Memory Of

1964-1988

Black Hills State College

- Roy H. Borreson, Class of '75, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Raymond G. Boyd, Jr., Class of '79, Troy, Ohio
- Kathy L. (Schoenfelder) Burkhart, Attended, Piedmont
- Elaine B. (Surdej) Dolin, Class of '70, Rapid City
- Don Eisenreich, Attended, Hot Springs
- Evanlena W. Garrison, Class of '76, Muskogee, Okla.
- Bridget E. (Lane) Hansen, Class of '78, Rapid City
- George E. Martin, Class of '67, Indianola, Iowa
- James H. Merchen, Class of '81, Powder Springs, Ga.
- Jeannie M. (Wiarda) Odenbach, Class of '74, Burke
- Palmer H. Oliver, Class of '76, Satsuma, Ala.
- Beverly M. (Gunnison) Orton, Attended, Rapid City
- Patricia (Gage) Petersen, Class of '69, Rapid City
- Mandilee "Mandy" (Davis) Richerson, Class of '71, Wenatchee, Wash.
- Randel M. Walgamuth, Attended, Denver, Colo.
- Ronald E. Waugh, Class of '88, Hulett, Wyo.

1989-Present

Black Hills State University

- Sarah M. Austin, Attended, Union Center
- James T. Bishop, Attended, Spearfish
- Dennis W. Kennedy, Attended, Casper, Wyo.
- Douglas "Doug" Lefler, Class of '94, Rapid City
- Cassandra Rupe-Pope, Class of '97, Pierre
- Michael S. Stetz, Attended, Casper, Wyo.
- David C. Worthington, Class of '05, Lakewood, Colo.

Former Faculty and Staff

- Besse "Le Roye" (Crain) Carlson, Class of '58 and '66, Spearfish
- Shawn P. Funk, Class of '03, Newell
- John F. Stephens, Class of '49, Fort Myers, Fla.
- Betty D. (Carlson) Nelson, Spearfish

Higbee inspired others through compassion

Walter Higbee, 81, teacher at Black Hills State University for nearly 30 years, passed away Jan. 22, 2009 at his home in Spearfish after a long illness.



Higbee

He joined the BHSU faculty full time in 1966, directing the school's program for preparing special education teachers. Walter remained in that position until his retirement in 1992.

In addition to teaching courses on the Spearfish campus, he taught extension classes every semester for 26 years, across a region extending from Platte to Cody, Wyo. He gained a reputation as a pioneer in the special education field, published dozens of articles in professional journals, and was in demand as a speaker at conferences nationally. In 1973 he was part of an American team that examined special education services in the Soviet Union. In Spearfish, he served on the initial Northern Hills Training Center board of directors from 1976-1990.

Walter was proud of his many former students who accepted positions in schools across the nation, sometimes as the first special education professionals in their school districts. He stayed in touch with many of those students for decades.

Walter was born to Claude and Mabel Higbee Feb. 25, 1927 at Milo, Iowa. He grew up there, and his childhood adventures in Milo are well known to many South Dakotans. He relived them in a popular newspaper column published in the *Rapid City Journal* and the *Black Hills Pioneer* from 1995 to 2008.

At age 17, during World War II, Walter enlisted in the U.S. Army. After completing training in Texas in 1945, he boarded a troop ship and set off for service in the Pacific. A lifelong Chicago Cubs fans, he was stationed in the Philippines the last time his team appeared in a World Series. He assumed he would enjoy several more Cubs appearances in the Series, but it never happened.

An accomplished billiards player, he came home to Iowa after the war and decided he might make a living in the Des Moines pool halls. He credited his older brother, Max, with rescuing him from that life by enrolling him in college without his knowledge, which led to a long career in higher education. Walter earned degrees at Simpson College in Iowa, the University of Iowa, and the University of Minnesota.

He married Marion Winjum Dec. 22, 1951, at Red Wing, Minn. They raised six children. Walter and his family moved to Spearfish in the summer of 1961 when he began teaching summer education courses at Black Hills Teachers College.

He is survived by his wife, Marion, and six adult children: Paul (Janet), Spearfish; Scott (Elizabeth), Roseville, Minnesota; Rand, Hager City, Wisconsin; Susan, Spearfish; Rebecca, Spearfish; and Elizabeth, Spearfish. He is also survived by five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, sister Hazel Persels and her husband, Dwaine, of Oxford Junction, Iowa, and many nieces and nephews. Walter was preceded in death by his parents and five of his six siblings.

Donations are being accepted for education scholarships in Walter Higbee's name. Contact Steve Meeker at 642.6385 for details.



All-Choral Reunion

July 17 & 18, 2009

If you performed with the Men's or Women's Glee Club, BH Normal Chorus, BH Choristers, BH Women's Chorus, BH Concert Choir, BH Singers, BH Gold, or any other choral organization while attending BHSU, this reunion is for you!

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For more information about the reunion or to receive a registration and information packet, contact Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Relations at BHSU, prior to May 15. Packets will be mailed out in early June.

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Plan now to connect with former friends and classmates.

Class of '59 Reunion

May 8-9

Members from the Class of '59 are invited to a gathering May 8-9 as they are inducted into the 50-Year-Club at Black Hills State University.

Each year, classmates from the 50-year class gather at BHSU to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from prior classes are also invited to a banquet in honor of the class celebrating its 50th.



KBHU-FM celebrates 35 years

September 18 & 19

KBHU-FM will celebrate its 35th anniversary in September. In honor of this special occasion the Alumni Association is inviting all former disc jockeys back to campus to celebrate the anniversary and the move of the radio station from the basement of the E.Y. Berry Library to the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union. The reunion will include a banquet and a tour of the new radio station on Friday, Sept. 18; festivities will continue on Saturday - Swarm Day 2009.

Contact Tom Wheaton to receive a registration packet or for more information on the 50-Year-Club or KBHU-FM reunion.

email TomWheaton@BHSU.edu
or call 605.642.6385

Volleyball Reunion

September 18 & 19

The BHSU Alumni Association invites all former players and coaches to an All-Volleyball Reunion. From coach Kay Wilke and her first teams of the 70s to current coach Jhett Albers and his teams of the 21st century, this reunion is for all of you.

The reunion is scheduled during Swarm weekend. Go Yellow Jackets!

Contact Jhett Albers to receive a registration packet or for more information on the volleyball reunion.

email JhettAlbers@BHSU.edu
or call 605.642.6885

Did you know?

Music has been a fundamental part of BHSU since the early days. In November 1903 the first band was started. Later years saw the establishment of a Men's and Women's Glee Club, Pep Band, Marching Band, and Jazz Ensemble. Throughout the last century, music students and faculty have performed many genres of music, from classical to modern in various vocal and instrumental groups. The Music Department is now fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and offers music degrees in education as well as performance.

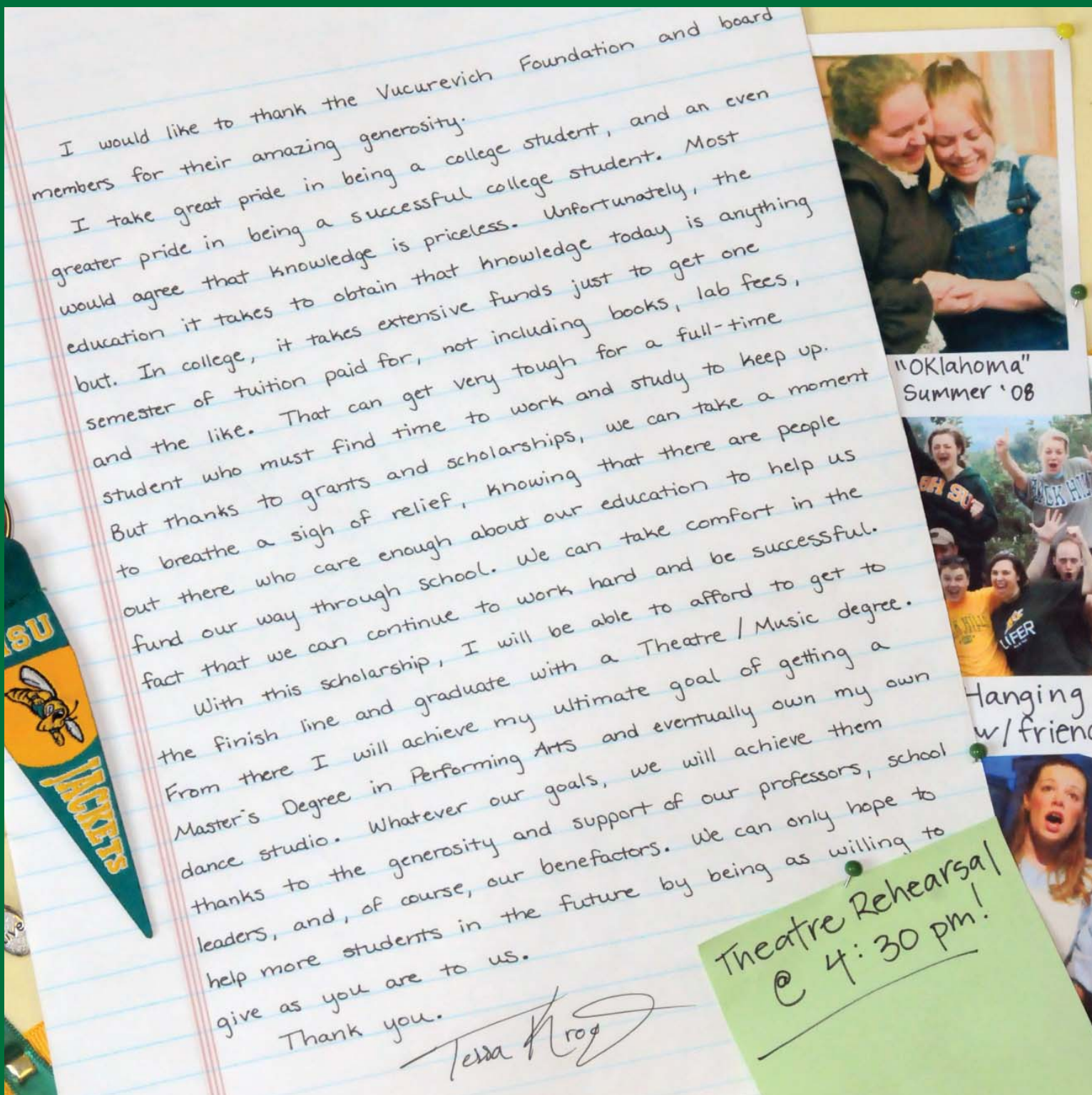
To learn more about music at BHSU or to view upcoming events visit:

www.BHSU.edu/Music

What your support means to BHSU students

"...thanks to grants and scholarships, we can take a moment to breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that there are people out there who care enough about our education to help us fund our way through school..."

- Tessa Krog, junior theatre major from Spearfish



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Lantis endowment established to support the BHSU rodeo team

Mary Ellen Lantis, and her son Travis Lantis, Class of '00, donated \$11,000 to establish the Lantis Endowment Fund.

Ten thousand dollars is to be endowed, and the additional \$1,000 was awarded in the spring and fall of 2008. The fund will be used to support the rodeo team at Black Hills State University.

The recipient must be an active member of the BHSU rodeo team. The fund will be used to offset fuel expenses involved with attending rodeos.

The Lantis family provides the use of their Seven Down Arenas for BHSU rodeo team practice. The arenas are also host to the annual BHSU Will Lantis Yellow Jacket Stampede Rodeo, which was named in honor of Will Lantis, Mary Ellen's late husband.

"Without the support of Mary Ellen and the Lantis family the rodeo program would not be what it is today. The fact that they donate the use of their state-of-the-art practice facility, and with the establishment of the Lantis Foundation Scholarship, proves what a generous family they are. The student athletes and I are appreciative of all they do and are very thankful to have their support," said Glen Lammers, BHSU rodeo coach.

Running establishes scholarship fund for education majors

Ray Running donated \$100,000 to establish the Helen Mahoney Running and Ray Running Scholarship Fund at Black Hills State University.

The recipient must be a female freshman from South Dakota majoring in education. Preference will be given to students from western South Dakota. The recipient must also enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours each semester and have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 in high school and in college. The scholarship is renewable each year.

The Runnings, known for their vegetable stand on Evans Lane, have been longtime residents of Spearfish. The scholarship was established in memory of Helen, who graduated from BHSU in 1943 with a bachelor's degree in education.

BHSU conference room named in honor of Swarts

A conference room in the remodeled David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union will be named to honor longtime BHSU employee Jerry Swarts thanks to the generous donation of Don Endres, CEO of VeraSun Energy.

Endres and his wife, Jill LaPlante, designated \$10,000 to the remodeling project and asked that the conference room be dedicated in honor of Swarts to show their appreciation for his work and commitment to the University. Endres worked with Swarts extensively while instituting an all-card access system at BHSU. Swarts has been employed at the University for nearly 40 years and is

currently the director of University Support Services.

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

The Student Union remodeling is nearing completion, which will more than double the space available for students and provide a location for all the dining services options. This fall the new dining services area will be opened as well as the expanded bookstore. The entire remodeling project is expected to be completed in January 2010.

Lois M. Northrup donates to establish scholarship

Lois Northrup, Class of '62, donated \$15,000 to establish the Lois M. Northrup Scholarship Endowment.

The scholarship is designated for female students majoring or minoring in physical education and/or exercise science and are involved in athletics at Black Hills

State University. They must also maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.75 and be enrolled in a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester.

Lois is a retired principal living in Redman, Ore.

Williams and Ree present scholarship to BHSU music major



Tom Wheaton (far right), director of Alumni Relations at BHSU, presents Kimberly Ullmen, junior instrumental music major from Kadoka, with the Williams and Ree Scholarship this year at their performance during Swarm Week 2008. Ullman was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship, which is funded by an endowment from BHSU alumni Bruce Williams (right) & Terry Ree (left). Williams and Ree have toured the world entertaining crowds with a unique blend of humor. Williams and Ree have entertained thousands, performing over 300 shows every year. They have shared the stage with Garth Brooks, the Oak Ridge Boys and Randy Travis, among others.

BHSU honors descendants of Peter and Kirsten Matthesen as 'Legacy Family'

Black Hills State University honored the descendants of Peter and Kirsten Matthesen as the 2008 Legacy Family.

Over 50 descendants were honored at half-time of a BHSU men's basketball game this fall. Of those descendants, 21 were on hand to accept the award.

The award was presented by BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp, assisted by Steve Meeker, BHSU vice president of University Advancement, and Tom Wheaton, BHSU director of Alumni Relations.

Peter Matthesen first came to the Black Hills in 1884. His family would eventually settle in the area and begin a multi-generational tradition of enrolling at BHSU. Many descendants have earned degrees from BHSU and continue to support the University in many ways.

Through the years, the family has maintained a strong belief in the importance of higher education. The family supported the local University and felt any money spent on education was "money well spent." After several members of the family enrolled at the Spearfish campus, a long relationship with BHSU was begun. As the university changed from a teaching school and began to offer additional area of study more members of the family have also chosen to attend BHSU.

The Legacy Family Award was created to honor families who have attended, graduated, or are currently attending BHSU. For more information about the award or to nominate a deserving family, contact Tom Wheaton at TomWheaton@BHSU.edu or 642-6385.



Descendants of Peter and Kirsten Matthesen were honored as the 2008 BHSU Legacy Family. The award, which was presented during half-time of a BHSU men's basketball game, was accepted by Peter's great, great grandsons. Standing, left to right are: Heidi (Bell) Gease, Betty (Pederson) Bell, Kerry Bell, Deb (Shevling) Moncur, Rachel (Beyersdorf) Fox, Ryan Fox, Robert Shevling, JoAnn Pedersen, Kyle Radtke, Lawrence Radtke, Nadine Radtke, and Gregg Radtke. Seated, left to right, are: Joy (Patton) Fox, James Fox, Darlene (Cummings) Matthesen, and Cathy (Sander) Matthesen.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp shakes the hand of Jacob Matthesen, who accepted the BHSU 2008 Legacy Family Award on behalf of the Matthesen family. Also accepting the award was Michael Matthesen, Darlene (Cummings) Matthesen, and Cathy (Sander) Matthesen, mother of Jacob and Michael.



An evening with Dennis Van Vactor and Williams & Ree

Sever & Ruth Eubank Scholarship Fundraiser

Dennis Van Vactor and Williams & Ree return to Black Hills State University in a special concert performance with proceeds benefiting the Sever Eubank Scholarship program at BHSU.

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Recital Hall of Clare and Josef Meier Hall at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets - \$30 per person

Contact

Dixie Richardson at 605.717.3270
or email dixierandr@rushmore.com

You may also contact the BHSU Alumni Office at 605.642.6385 or email TomWheaton@BHSU.edu.

Tickets can be purchased at the Alumni Office, BHSU campus - Woodburn Hall, room 114; the Bay Leaf Café in Spearfish; or from Dixie Richardson - Sever and Ruth's daughter.

Black Hills Corporation donates for scholarships and AACSB accreditation



Black Hills Corporation representatives Jim Mattern (middle left), senior vice president, Corporate Administration and Compliance; and Barbara Zar (middle right) manager, Governmental and Public Affairs; present a check for \$125,000 to Black Hills State University President Kay Schallenkamp and Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU. The funds donated will establish a Black Hills Corporation Scholarship Fund and will assist the College of Business and Technology with its pursuit to receive accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The funds will also assist new College of Business and Technology faculty in their research efforts. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students, preferably those who are connected to the internship opportunities in business, communications, or marketing at Black Hills Corporation.

BHSU Mass Communication Department receives generous donation

The Black Hills State University photography program recently received cash donations of \$18,000 as well as additional equipment donations with a value of \$9,000.

Dr. Richard Kessel from Iowa City, Iowa, donated the money along with nearly \$3,000 in new digital imaging equipment.

Dr. Dan Tackett from Rapid City donated approximately \$6,000 in professional darkroom and photographic equipment.

According to Steve Babbitt, BHSU professor of photography, these donations have made great improvements and additions to the photography program possible.

"The Mass Communication Department

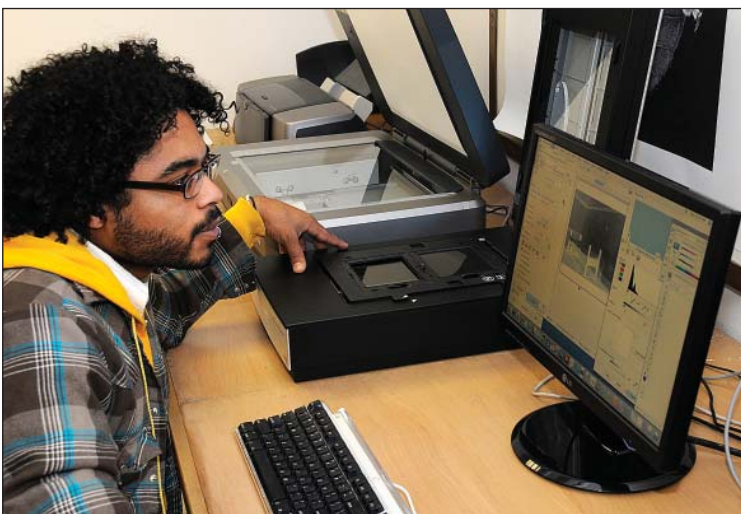
and the photography program are grateful for the donations we have received. These gifts are important for our continued growth," Babbitt says. He noted that over the past decade the photography program has benefited from the generosity of many people who have donated equipment.

The funds will be used to make needed repairs to lighting, darkroom and computer equipment. In addition the funds will

assist in the development of curriculum and equipment for two new photography courses, History of Photography and Studio Lighting. Babbitt also plans to use funds to bring guest lecturers to campus, to encourage student research, to promote student exhibitions on and off campus, and to create traveling student exhibitions.

The money was also used to establish the BHSU Permanent Photographic Collection, which contains approximately 50 pieces to date. Video equipment and accessories were purchased to enhance mass communication and photography curriculum.

Mass communication is one of BHSU's fastest growing programs with a growth of more than 280 percent in the last five years. The photography program at BHSU offers many opportunities to students interested in photojournalism, commercial photography, and many other areas of photography. The program offers both basic and advanced black-and-white photography, color photography, digital imaging, photojournalism, and contemporary issues classes. For photography majors, other courses include studio lighting, the history of photography and alternative processes.



Joshua Cooke, senior Black Hills State University mass communication major from Douglas, uses recently donated photography equipment. The BHSU photography program received cash donations of \$18,000 as well as additional equipment donations with a value of \$9,000.



Nineteenth Annual

Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic



**Black Hills State University
2009 Gold Dust
Yellow Jacket Golf Classic**

**Friday, June 26
Auction**

**Saturday, June 27
Golf Tournament
Spearfish Canyon Country Club**

All proceeds will support the Green and Gold Athletic Scholarship Fund (tournament limited to 144 golfers).

For more information call 605.642.6385 or email JohnKietzmann@BHSU.edu.



BHSU in the news

BHSU awarded \$200,000 grant to research woodland birds

Black Hills State University has been awarded a \$207,229 three-year grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to research the geographic distribution of woodland birds.

The project, "Collaborative Research: Multilocus Comparative Phylogeography of Pine-Oak Woodland Birds in North America," is under the direction of Dr. Garth Spellman, assistant professor of biology. The grant will provide unique opportunities for BHSU students to collaborate with students at two large urban universities: Harvard University and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV).

Spellman is already mentoring three BHSU undergraduate students in preliminary lab work and plans call for the addition of more students to be involved as the research progresses.

"We will look closely at genomic variation in several species and use the genetic variation to tell us about their evolutionary history," Spellman says.

Spellman, along with researchers from the other universities, will travel to the mountain ranges of Mexico to get additional genetic

samples for the research.

"Unique to this collaborative research effort is the ability of these students to work in a multi-institutional and multidisciplinary research effort between the three universities – BHSU, Harvard, and UNLV.

The researchers will also develop a workshop, coordinated by Spellman and the Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education at BHSU, for high school science teachers from the rural and reservation communities of western South Dakota and possibly eastern Wyoming. Several American Indian biology majors at BHSU will be involved in the laboratory research. The workshop will provide teachers with the knowledge and materials to integrate the results of this research into their curriculum and to teach about climate change and its impact on biotic diversity.

Spellman noted that the research and scientific specimens collected will be an integral part of the ongoing documentation of North American biodiversity that will be available as a valued resource for present and future generations of biologists.



Black Hills State University students and faculty are taking part in a three-year research project funded by a \$207,229 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) about the geographic distribution of woodland birds. The students and faculty are now designing genetic markers by sequencing large portions of the genomes of several bird species. Researchers include: Raeann Mettler, research associate; Andrew Elk Shoulder, pre-wildlife management major from Spearfish; Ronald Scott, senior biology major from Rosebud; Dr. Garth Spellman, assistant professor of biology; and Pankaj Mehrotra, an integrative genomics student from Ghaziabad, India.

Young Center provides economic impact of nearly \$3 million to city

Black Hills State University was presented with the Award of Excellence from the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) recently.

This prestigious award, which was established in 1999, recognizes area businesses that exemplify dedication and commitment within the areas of business development, capital investment, and job creation.

Dan Green, president elect of the SEDC, noted that since its founding in 1883, BHSU has had a profound impact on the lives of its students, the state, the region, and the Spearfish community.

"Black Hills State University's commitment to education, innovative research and developing business partnerships is an

important part of the Spearfish community. Spearfish Economic Development is pleased to present its highest honor, the Award of Excellence, to Black Hills State University," Green says.

With over 350 full-time employees and 4,000 students, BHSU is a vital component of the regional economy. Recent estimates indicate that BHSU has a total economic impact of just over \$100 million annually.

In 2008, a study completed by the College of Business & Technology estimated that the Donald E. Young Center alone generated an economic impact of \$2.9 million within the Spearfish economy by hosting such events as the State A Girls Basketball Tournament, the Pow Wow and various youth/collegiate sporting events.

The study measured attendance at Young Center events and estimated nonresident attendee spending in Spearfish by conducting surveys at a sample of 29 different public events at the Young Center during 2007.

BHSU was just notified that the Young Center has been selected as the location for the Girls State A Basketball Tournament in March 2012. This event, which BHSU successfully hosted in 2007, brought thousands of visitors to the Black Hills and was noted as the top income generating event of that year.

The economic impact study was conducted by Dr. Christian Nsiah, Dr. Daniel Spencer, and Dr. Ronald DeBeaumont in the College of Business and Technology at Black Hills State University.

BHSU in the news

Educational Outreach planning enrichment programs for teens and children

The Educational Outreach department at Black Hills State University is currently developing summer enrichment programs aimed at younger students who want to explore different career paths. The programs are in the planning stages and the courses are all tentative based on instructor availability.

College for Teens (CFT) is a series of fun and unique enrichment programs for high school students. The summer educational supplement program consists of one and two-week classes taught by BHSU faculty or other highly qualified and experienced instructors. Courses under consideration include: The Apprentice – Become a BHSU Intern!; Online College Applications for Juniors and Seniors; ACT Preparation Courses; and

Work Smarter, Play More!

College for Kids (CFK) is an academic enrichment program for young students who have high academic potential, and an interest in the subject matter. The CFK program will provide participants with a variety of hands-on learning opportunities in computers, math, science, fine arts and humanities. Courses that are being considered are: Creative Writing/Theater Workshop; Wicked Weather; Are you a potential Prada?; Dance Fever; and The Sky's the Limit!

The programs are being designed to allow students to gain valuable experience in a possible career field, develop employability skills, understand how internship experiences relate to careers, post-secondary education and high school classes, and to

learn about BHSU.

Last fall, Educational Outreach brought Scrubs Camp to BHSU. The camp provided South Dakota high school students a chance to discover the health care field by offering them an opportunity to explore and experience various health care industry careers.

The day-long event provided students the opportunity to hear from a variety of health care professionals in the Black Hills area. Students also had a chance to experience many hands-on activities throughout the day and learn about career shadowing opportunities.

For more information contact Cheryl Templeton, coordinator of Educational Outreach at BHSU, at (605) 642-6321 or CherylTempleton@BHSU.edu.



Want to Teach?

Have a degree and interested in teaching? Want to make a difference in a high-needs South Dakota school district? Become a fully certified teacher in a matter of months.

Project SELECT in Pierre or Rapid City - Non-traditional and traditional students who have finished a degree or have completed content for a degree are ideal candidates.

Online Special Education Endorsement - Are you a certified teacher interested in earning a Special Education Endorsement? Earn your endorsement in two years - entirely online!

Scholarships are available for Project SELECT through Dakota ASSETS, a grant administered by TIE in partnership with BHSU, S.D. Teach for America, Sinte Gleska University, Oglala Lakota College, and the Department of Education.

See www.DakotaAssets.TIE.net or contact Nancy at 605-718-5449 or NancyWhitcher@BHSU.edu.



Transform the lives of students

BHSU in the news

Over 50 BHSU students showcase work at the Journey Museum

Black Hills State University students created interactive educational kits in collaboration with the Journey Museum.

With the help of Dr. Mary Jones, assistant professor of education at BHSU, and Diane Melvin, education director of the Journey Museum, BHSU students enrolled in the South Dakota Indian Studies course this fall put together interactive educational kits for the museum. This project was in response to legislation that will eventually require South Dakota Indian Studies courses in grades K-12.

The kits contain resources that address cultural topics such as American Indian dance, games, beadwork, symbols, and the Lakota language. Research papers and lesson plans written by the students will aid educators, as well as outside students and will provide

them details about what they are going to view at the museum.

The kits, which each have a suggested age and grade level, will help provide visitors' with a hands-on historical and interactive learning experience. They will eventually be available for checkout in the museum's education department so teachers may use them during museum visits or within their classrooms.

"These projects and the research will benefit regional classrooms and museum visitors through cultural enrichment and hands on learning. I challenged the students to have the participants leave their projects saying 'I never thought about this before!' and to make the experience so meaningful that the participants will share the knowledge with others," said Jones.



BHSU students (left to right) Clint Nicholes, junior education major from Bedford, Wyo.; Kayla Kennedy, junior education major from Faith; Jaci Etzkorn, sophomore from Sturgis; and Ryan Palmer, sophomore education major from Faith, are among the over 50 students that collaborated with the Journey Museum in Rapid City to create interactive educational kits for museum visitors.

Industrial technology program now offering classes in Yankton

The Industrial Technology (IT) Department at Black Hills State University is once again expanding. Four courses are now offered at the Regional Technical Education Center (RTEC) in Yankton as BHSU makes the associate degree in Industrial Technology available to manufacturing businesses and employees in southeast South Dakota.

According to Tom Termes, BHSU assistant professor of industrial technology, offering these classes east river creates opportunities for the manufacturing industries and BHSU students.

"South Dakota has a great many manufacturing companies and most of these are located along Interstate 29 on the far eastern side of South Dakota.

The manufacturing community's need for technically educated people was the catalyst for the development of RTEC," Termes said. "This is an exciting step for the program."

Termes notes that the city of Yankton and the economic development community are very interested in developing industrial

education in their community with the BHSU Industrial Technology program.

RTEC is a non-profit corporation that is located in the heart of the Yankton Industrial Park. It is housed in a beautiful educational facility that provides both lab and classroom space to students. BHSU will instruct all of the industrial technology programs there.

Josh Svatos, general manager of RTEC, says he is pleased BHSU is making this degree program available in Yankton.

"Having BHSU deliver an Associate's Degree in Industrial Technology is a tremendous opportunity for Yankton and southeast South Dakota," Svatos says. "The classes within this degree will enhance the skills of our local workforce and provide another educational option for area students thus supporting our theme of home growing our workforce."

In a strong show of support for the program, the Yankton Economic Development group has promised a \$1,000 scholarship to the first 20 students to sign up in the new location.

"Especially important to the IT

Department is the fact that local industrial supporters have donated many thousands of dollars worth of high tech laboratory equipment to RTEC," Termes says.

The BHSU Industrial Technology Department now offers courses in four locations: Yankton (digital network and face-to-face), Rapid City (face-to-face), Spearfish (digital network), and in Sioux Falls (digital network).

BHSU, which offers the only Industrial Technology degree in the state, has recently instituted modifications and enhancements to strengthen the program and ensure it is meeting the needs of industries. Last year, BHSU moved its Industrial Technology program to Rapid City and is committed to building a strong relationship with industries in the state and region. The latest move to offer classes in Yankton and Sioux Falls will ensure students in the eastern part of the state have access to the program as well. The industrial technology degree prepares students for careers in construction, management, and manufacturing technology. For more information contact Termes at 642-6498.

BHSU faculty in the news

Spellman selected to represent state at national conference

Dr. Garth Spellman, assistant professor of science at Black Hills State University, has been selected to receive the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Young Investigator Award and will represent South Dakota at a national conference in Washington, D.C.



Spellman

Spellman will meet with researchers from across the nation as well as government officials as one of two South Dakota EPSCoR award recipients. EPSCoR is an organization designed to assist in establishing self-sustaining academic research enterprise with the competitive capability that will con-

tribute to the states' economic viability and development.

According to Dr. Shane Sarver, chief research officer at BHSU, Spellman is an outstanding young scientist, a committed teacher and an exceptional mentor, who has demonstrated his commitment to service.

"The selection of Dr. Spellman to represent BHSU and the state of South Dakota at this prestigious conference is further evidence of the advancement of the standing of BHSU. He will represent us well," said Sarver.

Since Spellman joined the BHSU faculty in 2006, he has published 10 papers, presented 19 posters or talks at conferences, mentored graduate and undergraduate students, and received two National Science Foundation (NSF) grants. Spellman is currently the co-principal investigator for a research project

with recognized scientists at University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV), and Harvard University. He is also a co-principal investigator on a grant to provide scholarships to students (both undergraduate and graduate) from underrepresented groups.

South Dakota EPSCoR seeks to improve South Dakota's research capacity, provide educational opportunities and promote commercialization and economic development. The attendees also travel to Capitol Hill to meet with the state's congressional delegation to showcase the EPSCoR program and its accomplishments.

Spellman earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Carleton College and also has a master's degree in zoology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and a Ph.D., in biological sciences from UNLV.

Black Hills State University faculty and staff accomplishments

•**Dr. Mary Caton-Rosser**, assistant professor of mass communication, was awarded a Chiesman grant to conduct research on news-sites to determine if access and participation in blogging engage citizens in the democratic process, contributing to their civic learning.

•**Dr. Laura Colmenero-Chilberg**, associate professor of sociology, and **Dr. Pam Carriveau**, assistant professor of sociology, recently presented their paper "Voters Reframe the Social Policy Debate: South Dakota Abortion Legislation" at the Great Plains Sociological Society (GPSS) annual conference. At the conference, Colmenero-Chilberg was elected vice president of the GPSS leading to her being president of the society in October 2009.

•**Erin Holmes**, director of institutional research and assessment, was notified that her manuscript "African-American and White Perception of Police Services: The Impact of Diversity on Citizens' Attitudes toward Police Services" will be published in the *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy*.

•**Dr. Andy Johnson**, associate director of the Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education, and **Dr. David Scarborough**, associate professor of business, gave a presentation at the South Dakota International Business Conference.

•**Dr. Sunhwi Kim**, assistant professor of physical education, had a poster session

accepted for the 29th annual North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) conference in Denver, Colo.

•**Dr. Scott Stoltenberg**, associate professor of psychology, recently published a book highlighting great areas around the Black Hills region to ride a motorcycle. The book, "Where to Motorcycle In & Around South Dakota's Black Hills," describes seven motorcycle trips in the region.

•**Laura Turner**, instructor of education, has published several articles over the last two years for techLearning.com, an online resource for education technology professionals.

•**Dr. Ahrar Ahmad**, professor of political science, presented "American Democracy and the Muslim World" as part of the Chiesman Foundation's celebration of the 221st anniversary of the United States Constitution.

•**Dr. David Cremean**, associate professor of English, recently published an introduction for Zane Grey's *The Rainbow Trail*. Cremean will also host the 2009 Western Literature Association conference, which will be held in Spearfish this fall. Cremean is the organization's president for 2009.

•**Terry Hupp**, director of Instructional Technology Services at BHSU, was selected

for the Qwest Blue Ribbon Panel. Hupp, along with other selected panel members, will choose 10 recipients for the Qwest Teachers and Technology Grant totaling \$25,000.

•**Dr. Janeen Larsen**, professor of music, was invited to present a session at the Music Teachers Nationals Association Conference in Atlanta, Ga., next April.

•**Dr. Annette Ryerson**, assistant professor of business, had her article, "Pharmaceutical sales performance: A proposed study measuring behavioral aspects of self-efficacy as compared to general self-efficacy" published in the *International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing*.

•**Kent Meyers**, associate professor in the BHSU Department of Humanities, presented at the 2008 South Dakota Festival of Books in Sioux Falls.

•**Dr. David Wolff**, associate professor of history, was elected vice president of the South Dakota State Historical Society board of trustees.

•**Dr. Lee Pearce**, associate professor of education, and **Dr. Richard Gayle**, associate professor of mathematics, had their article, "Oral reading fluency as a predictor of reading comprehension on a state's measure of adequate yearly progress" recently published in the *International Journal of Psychology: A Biopsychosocial Approach*.

BHSU students in the news

BHSU business student gains global experience in London

An eight-week internship with an advertising agency in London has given Jamie Richey, senior business administration major from Wewela, the opportunity to gain global experience and helped her clarify her career aspirations and goals.

Richey, who was chosen as homecoming queen this fall, spent her summer participating in an internship program at WDAD Communications, a recruitment advertising agency in central London.

"Going into this internship, I knew that I wanted to work in advertising but had no idea what aspect of it I wanted to work in," Richey says. "This internship was exactly what I needed to crystallize my future career plans. I would love a job in production or research."

Richey credits Dr. Priscilla Romkema, dean of the College of

Business and Technology, with assisting her in obtaining the overseas internship opportunity. During the internship, Richey worked on several individual projects and collaborated with another intern on a project which encompassed the majority of the combined services of the agency. Research was one of her favorite aspects of the internship.

"We put together a business presentation that will help sell WDAD to new business customers. I spent one of those weeks working with the new business development aspect of the company," Richey says. "Throughout my eight weeks, I was called upon to do research on everything from potential job fairs in the United Kingdom, to major newspapers in China, and even advertising on social networking websites and search engine optimization."



Jamie Richey, senior business administration major at Black Hills State University, completed an internship in London this summer that provided global experience and helped clarify her career aspirations and goals. Richey also made time to visit historic sites including the Tower Bridge in London.

Students put SAS in their designs

by Becky Fuhrmann, BHSU student writer

There is a new club at BHSU. Swarm Advertising Solutions (SAS) is a group of students with an interest for design and advertising. SAS is a student run organization to fulfill on-campus advertising needs.

The idea for such a club started a few years ago. Some may remember the club as Bullseye Advertising. Bullseye was essentially the same advertising service idea, however, ended a couple of years ago when the faculty advisor moved.

Gina Gibson, assistant professor of digital media and SAS faculty advisor, restarted the advertising program.

SAS gives students hands-on experience in advertising and the opportunity for to gain knowledge in this field. Gibson stated, "I hope that students will look at this as an opportunity to gain some more images for their portfolio and an opportunity to learn how to work with others in a group."

By participating in such a club, its members will discover if advertising is an area of work they would like to pursue. Next semester SAS plans to be accredited through the American Advertising Federation.

For projects, group members divide into smaller "teams", making it easier to work on a design.

Clubs are helpful for students' resumes and portfolios and are a great way for students to get involved in activities they enjoy. Many students will have to have an internship to graduate. When businesses are seeking an intern, they want the most qualified candidate. Along with that, they want a student who was active in their campus and eager to learn and participate. Gibson stated, "Any experience you can get is useful. You may learn something from one of your classmates or one of the assignments. You never know what may help you in an interview or on a future project."

Black Hills State University student accomplishments

•Video production students created public service announcements for the South Dakota Speech-Language-Hearing Association, which were chosen to air on TV stations state-wide. Students involved in the project were: **Randal Iverson**, sophomore mass communication major from Rhame, N.D; **Ben Peck**, senior communication art major from Rapid City; and **Matt Kapust**, sophomore mass communication major from Casper, Wyo.; **Gina Lende**, junior mass communi-

cation major from Jamestown, N.D.; and **Megan Fiala**, junior mass communication major from Redwood Falls, Minn.

•**Mallory Petersen**, junior instrumental music instruction major from Pierre, received the 2008 Family Scholarship from the South Dakota Department of Corrections. Her winning essay, titled "Music Education: Decrease the Youth Population in the South Dakota Court System,"

focuses on encouraging music education.

•**Jodie Massie**, BHSU integrative genomics graduate student, took part in research on 47 female garter snakes that gave birth to over 1200 baby garter snakes. These snakes and their mothers were part of one of the largest research experiments of its kind. The data will form the core of Jodie's master's research.

Sports

BHSU men's and women's rodeo team ranked second in Great Plains Region

The Black Hills State University rodeo team had their best finish this season at the North Dakota State University (NDSU) Bison Stampede Rodeo. The men tied for first place and the women earned a second place finish.

Currently both the BHSU men's and women's teams are ranked second in the Great Plains Region, the top two teams will qualify for the national finals.

At the NDSU Bison Stampede Rodeo Tyler Manke, freshman from Hermosa, won the saddle bronc riding title with 142 points; Chuck Schmidt, sophomore from Keldron, finished fourth.

Jake Smith, junior from Whitewood, earned second place in bareback riding with a total of 140 points.

Manke also earned a second place finish in the bull riding event with a score of 77.

Tye Hale, freshman from White Owl, won the first round in calf roping with a time of 9.3.

P.J. Painter, junior from Buffalo, won second place in the steer wrestling event with a total time of 10.1. Marvin Heesacker, junior from Gillette, Wyo., was the winner of the



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long-round with a time of 4.6 and Hale tied for fourth place with a total time of 10.6.

Painter and Heesacker took second place in team roping with a time of 19.0. Taylor Williams, freshman from Spearfish, earned fourth place in the average team roping event.

Jillian Gropper, sophomore from Spearfish, was awarded fifth place in barrel racing followed by teammate Krystal Marone, freshman from Isabel, with a sixth place finish.

Amy Holmes, freshman from Oregon, Wis., earned third place in breakaway roping with a total time of 7.1; and Lacey Paper, freshman from Stanhope, Iowa, finished with sixth place.

Holmes took third place in goat tying with a total time of 13.3; Annie Goetschel, freshman from Nerstrand, Minn., earned fourth with a time of 13.9; and Marone finished fifth with a total time of 14.4.

Manke earned third place in the all-around standings. His teammates Painter, Heesacker, and Hale finished fourth through sixth respectively.

In the women's all-around standings Holmes earned second place followed by teammate Marone for the third place finish.

Cross country finishes season at nationals

The Black Hills State University men's and women's cross country teams placed eighth and fifteenth respectively at the 2008 National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) cross country national championships.

The men's team was led by Cody Bordewyk, senior from Livermore, Colo., who placed twelfth with a personal best time of 24:47.

Wendy O'Lexey, junior from Rock Springs, Wyo., led the women's team with a personal best time of 17:55 to place nineteenth. Both runners earned All-American honors for the second consecutive year.

The top three scoring runners for the men at the meet included Mark Mazza, junior from Cheyenne, Wyo. - (50th/25:37); Jed Morgan, freshman from Loveland, Colo. - (92nd/25:58); and KC Fiedler, junior from George, Iowa - (104th/26:02).

There were 331 total runners in the men's race.

The top three runners in the women's race was Shelli Scheffler, junior from Lovell, Wyo. - (39th/18:19); Katie Cook, junior from Cheyenne, Wyo. - (158th/19:26); and Alicia Verhulst, senior from Ralph - (168th/19:31). The women's race had a total of 327 runners.

Verhulst; Kerry Nekuda, senior from Cheyenne, Wyo.; Scheffler; Mazza and Birch Haraden, junior from Billings, Mont.; all earned NAIA Academic All-Scholar honors.

Verhulst and Bordewyk were recognized as the Champions of Character representatives for BHSU.

Long named head football coach

Black Hills State University has named Jay Long as head football coach for the Yellow Jackets.

Long has been known for his energetic coaching style while serving the past six years as offensive line coach and offensive coordinator for the Yellow Jackets, under the direction of John Scott, who resigned last December. Long has helped develop one of the top offenses in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC). The past two years the Yellow Jacket offense has been a leader in the DAC, earning recognition as one of the top three in total offense, and number one in rushing with a total of six all-conference offensive linemen.

Jhett Albers, athletic director at BHSU, says the University is fortunate to have someone with Long's abilities to assume leadership for the Yellow Jacket football team.

"We believe that Coach Jay Long provides the leadership, work ethic, respect, and vision to maintain the success of the Yellow Jacket football program into the future," Albers says. "We are excited to name him as the new head football coach at Black Hills State University."



Long

Sports

Volleyball team competes in the NAIA National Championship Tournament

The Yellow Jacket volleyball team finished a successful season going 26-8 and earning their first trip ever to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) National Tournament.

"It was a tremendous honor and achievement for our program to get an opportunity to play in the National Tournament. This

experience proved we could play with the best teams in the nation. We were able to close our season feeling confident and proud of our accomplishments," said Head Coach Jhett Albers.

The Yellow Jackets finished 1-2 in pool play which included a narrow victory by Point Loma Nazarene by two points in a five game set to advance to the championship round of the NAIA National Tournament.

"Even though the Point Loma game was a disappointing loss we were able to gain valuable experience for the years to come. We are extremely close to being one of the top teams in the country," added Coach Albers.

The team will only

lose one senior, Annie Grim, next season and will return six starters in the fall of 2009. Two key recruits will join the team in the fall - Amy O'Neill, the sister to Maggie O'Neill, junior outside hitter from Martin. Kylee Lamb from Sully Buttes High School will also join the team. Kylee is one of the top athletes in the state.

Kristin Engle, junior from Newcastle, Wyo., was awarded 1st Team All-DAC, DAC Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Region, and 2nd Team NAIA All-American. Along with her court accomplishments Engle was also named NAIA/DAC Scholar Athlete.

O'Neill earned 1st Team All-DAC, and 1st Team All-Region. Mandy Brumfield, senior from Dickinson, N.D., was named 1st Team All-DAC, All-Region Honorable Mention, and NAIA/DAC Scholar Athlete. Kayla Haines, junior from Mitchell, was awarded NAIA Champion of Character and NAIA/DAC Scholar Athlete.



The Black Hills State University volleyball team had an exciting season this year, earning their first ever trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) National Tournament. The team finished the tournament ranked 13th in the NAIA.

Former BHSU men's basketball and women's volleyball teams honored

The 1946-47 men's basketball team was one of two teams to be inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the annual Swarm Day activities. Pictured left to right are John Fitzgerald, accepting for Maurice Fitzgerald; Sandy Wilkinson accepting for Stanley Ainsworth; Dale Hardy, Ralph "Ed" McLaughlin, Marvin Evans, Arthur Lee Albert, and Terry Burgess accepting for Glenn Burgess. The 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.



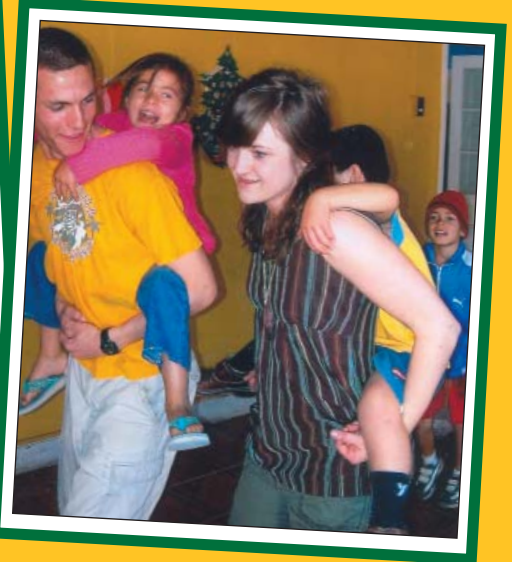
The 1979 women's volleyball team was also inducted this year into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame at BHSU. Pictured left to right are Charley Conger, accepting for Michele (Conger) Schmidt; Cindy (Schutt) Painter, Susie (Seppala) Carr, Dawn (Taylor) Schwindt, Janice (Hanson) Curry, Lea Totton, 1979 head coach; and Denise Welsch. The 1979 volleyball team led by Totton, won the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW) 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.

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Jacqueline Kriebel, Class of '08, is currently studying with the *Youth With A Mission* (YWAM) program in Harpenden, England. The program, whose mission is to know God and to make Him known, encompasses thousands of people and hundreds of ministries in almost every country of the world. Jackie plans to attend graduate school and earn her master's degree and eventually her doctorate in music theory and pedagogy after she finishes her work with YWAM. Her goal is to use music as a source of therapy for orphans, the homeless, or anyone who is struggling to find happiness in their life.



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Looking ahead

Student Volunteer Award Ceremony

March 28

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

May 8 - 9

Commencement

May 9

Old Baldy Golf Classic

Saratoga, Wyo.

May 30-31 & June 1

Annual Gold Dust

Yellow Jacket Auction

& Golf Tournament

June 26-27

All-Choral Reunion

July 17-18

Swarm Week

September 14-19

All-Volleyball Reunion

September 18

KBHU Reunion

September 18

BHSU Events

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Athletic Events

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KBHU-FM celebrates 35 years



Looking back

KBHU-FM first hit the air waves in September 1974. The station, recognized several times as the College Radio Station of the Year, is the only 24-hour student-run college radio station in the five-state region. KBHU-FM continues to be an excellent learning tool for mass communication students.

We invite you back to campus as the station celebrates its 35th anniversary September 18-19. The reunion will be held during Swarm Week 2009 and includes a tour of the station's new location, in the remodeled David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union.

For more information on the reunion or to receive a registration and information packet contact Tom Wheaton, director of Alumni Relations, at TomWheaton@BHSU.edu or call 605.642.6385.

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Another Look



Nearly 300 students, faculty, alumni, and staff members at Black Hills State University gathered on campus for this historic photograph celebrating 125 years since the University was founded in 1883. The University's Quasquicentennial celebration included a number of events honoring the University's history. "We take pride in the fact that Black Hills State has been transforming lives for 125 years," President Kay Schallenkamp says. "We pay tribute to the many ways in which BHSU has positively influenced the lives of our students. As we move forward, we celebrate where we have been and are looking forward to our future."