



Black Hills State University

Alumni Magazine

Framed with success

BHSU alumnus Bob Albert
builds a successful construction
company in Colorado



Also in this issue



Alumni mile results

Swarm Day schedule

Alumni classnotes

Meier Hall opens

Black Hills State University
1200 University Unit 9506
Spearfish, SD 57799-9506

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Spearfish, SD 57783
Permit No. 58
Presorted Standard



Welcome

I hope you enjoy this recently redesigned issue of the BHSU Alumni Magazine. The magazine will give you a glimpse of what is going on at your alma mater while providing updates on the many accomplishments and achievements of our alumni. We are proud of BHSU alumni and excited to share new items about recent changes and improvements at the university.

We hope this magazine will renew your interest in BHSU and, perhaps, also rekindle memories of your BHSU experience. Please keep in touch and let us know how BHSU remains a part of who you are today.

Dr. Thomas O. Flickema

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Flickema are shown in front of the BHSU president's residence that is owned by the BHSU Foundation. In 1981 the home and designated furnishings were donated to the foundation by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dickey. Three years later, Dr. & Mrs. J. Hause took up residence in the house and each university president since then has resided there. The Flickema's take great pride in the historic home and host many social gatherings there.



Dr. Thomas O. Flickema
BHSU President

Scott Amundson
Class of '84
BHSU Alumni Association President

Steve Meeker
Class of '84
Vice President for
Institutional Advancement

Terri Wells
Assistant Director for
Institutional Advancement

Corinne Hansen
Class of '85
Director of University Communications
Editor

Kristen Kilmer
Class of '99
Information Specialist
Copy Editor

Black Hills State University, founded in 1883 as a teacher preparatory institution, has grown to become the state's third largest university with nearly 3,700 students. BHSU has expanded its curriculum and now offers more than 80 majors and minors through three colleges - the College of Education, the College of Business and Technology and the College of Arts and Sciences. To find out more see www.bhsu.edu.

BHSU Alumni Magazine Fall 2003

The Alumni Bulletin is published twice a year by the Black Hills State University Alumni Association. 13,300 copies were printed at a cost of 57.4 cents each.

Send address corrections and alumni news to: BHSU, 1200 University, Unit 9506, Spearfish, SD 57799-9506 or call 605-642-6446. Your comments are welcome. Please email alumni@bhsu.edu.

Alumni News

This is the company that Bob and Linda built _____ Page 2

It's a cold, cold world _____ Page 4

Classnotes _____ Page 6

Alumni reunions _____ Page 14

Creating a Legacy

Scholarships established _____ Page 17

\$1 million donation sets the stage _____ Page 18

Keeping up with the Nelsons _____ Page 19

University News

Clare and Josef Meier Hall opens _____ Page 20

Retiring to a new way of life _____ Page 22

BHSU people in the news _____ Page 24

BHSU in the news _____ Page 25

Alumni will be honored at
Swarm Day activities _____ Page 30

Looking ahead _____ Page 33

This is the company that Bob and Linda built



Bob Albert, Class of '76, and his wife Linda, Class of '82, have built a successful and growing home construction business in the Denver, Colo., area, but their roots and their hearts remain in South Dakota.

Bob attributes his success to luck but it's apparent that more than luck has been involved. Throughout the region he is known for his hard work.

"I've been lucky and I've worked hard," Albert said. "I decided a long time ago that I may not be able to out think the others, but I can out work them."

His wife Linda, who as business manager is an integral part of the business, knows there's more to his success than luck and even hard work.

"A lot of people see in him (Bob) what I see. He's a visionary and a hard worker," Linda said. She credits his long-range thinking combined with an exceptional work ethic for his success.

"I saw a need and found a way to make this work," Bob said. His company, which includes Greenleaf Construction and Timberco Manufacturing, is located in Frederick, Colo., just east of Denver.

After graduating from BHSU, Bob taught at Sheridan, Wyo., and Linda finished her BHSU business degree through extension courses. Although Bob enjoyed teaching, he desired more time with his family than teaching and coaching would allow. Bob went to the Denver area to do framing work one summer and that was the



beginning of what would become a successful construction business.

"I've always enjoyed being outside and like to be creating things," he said. "I like building things. It's fun."

In the process of building and creating houses, the Alberts have built a successful construction company that is in great demand in the Denver area. In fact, their company, which employs more than 80 people, had gross sales of \$24 million last year.

Bob said they primarily build homes for first- and second-time home buyers in the Denver front range region. Currently he has about 22 projects going, ranging from the Ft. Collins area, to the Castlerock region and even reaching into the Laramie, Wyo., area.

The Timberco Manufacturing part of the business produces pre-built stairways and walls which are then taken to the jobsite so that houses can be finished quickly.

Family members are directly involved in the business. Their daughter, Nichole, 27, is now an engineer, but has worked with the family business. Their son, Brock, 23, who is now finishing up a communications degree at the University of Northern Colorado, also works in the business. Even their three-year-old grandson, Chase, likes to spend time at the office.

Linda earned a business degree in 1982. After the couple moved to the Denver area, Linda began working as a typist at General Electric and moved up very quickly to the human resources department. She eventually became a part of the esteemed GE Pinnacle Club which included a two-week trip to Spain. After 12 years with GE, Linda joined her husband in their business and that's when the business really began to grow.

"When I convinced her to join us, that's when things really took off," Bob said. He noted that having Linda in charge of the office and personnel side of the business allows him to expand the business into other areas.

The business grew dramatically and continues to be in great demand.

"We went from building 250 houses a year to 1,200 a year," Bob said. Even as the construction industry has slowed down somewhat in the region, Greenleaf Construction continues to grow and Bob says that sales have remained strong.

The couple believes that their college education was vital to their success.

"Earning a degree teaches you the discipline to stay with something," Bob said.

"Employers want to know that you had the discipline to go to school and that you took the time to learn."

He remembers that Dr. David B. Miller (the namesake of the BHSU Student Union) provided the initial spark of interest in history that has had a lasting influence.

"Dr. Miller got me started (with history) and I'll never forgive him," Bob said with a laugh. Bob continues to read historic books and many of the family vacations are planned around visiting historic sites in the region and around the world.

Linda concurs on the importance of an education and notes that "the skills you learn are transferable no matter what you decide to do."

Bob's office at Greenleaf Construction is adorned with photos and artwork representing the region that he still considers his home - the Black Hills. He confided that he keeps photos of his cabin in Spearfish Canyon and other favorite Black Hills scenic sites in his desk drawer.

In fact, when Bob designed and built the current office building and shop two years ago, he deliberately chose siding that is similar to his cabin in the Hills. Even as the shop door frames the Rocky Mountains to the west in a picturesque view, he also enjoys the view from his office window that looks out over a flat area that is similar to the terrain near Winner where Bob grew up. He likes to hear the sound of pheasant calls coming from that open area.

"I still think of myself as a South Dakota person," Bob said. "I like the pace of the Hills and the people there. The Black Hills is a special place and always will be home to us."

Bob and Linda are involved in many community and charitable activities including participating in Habitat for Humanity, the Children's Hospital, BHSU Foundation, the Yellow Jacket Foundation, Volunteers of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and helping out at a construction school in Denver.

Watching Bob in the shop, it's obvious that he loves what he does and that his work continues to be fun for him.

"I didn't do anything for the money. I do it because I like it."



Black Hills State in the family

Black Hills State has been a significant part of the Albert family for many years.

Bob has a number of family members who have attended and earned their degrees from BHSU including his mother and father. A.L. Albert, Bob's father, who grew up in Nisland, earned his degree in '48 and went on to a long successful career as an educator and superintendent. His mother returned to BH to earn a degree in '75 and was also an educator.

Bob's twin brother Bill, who is now director of purchasing at Barrick in Lead, earned an accounting degree in '72.

His brother Al, who is an optometrist in Cheyenne, Wyo., graduated from BHSU in '66. Al's wife Elaine also graduated from BHSU.

His sister, Betty, earned an education degree from BHSU, taught in Wyoming for many years and is now retired.

Linda and Bob Albert, BHSU alumni, at their Colorado construction company.

It's a cold, cold world

Jennifer Mercer, a 1997 graduate of Black Hills State University who recently earned her Ph.D. in earth sciences with a focus in organic geochemistry from Dartmouth, is now doing post-doctoral research in Antarctica.



Her latest travel adventure is one of many far away sites she has visited to do research including the South China Sea and Hawaii, as well as other sites in the United States. She once spent a month on a French vessel collecting ocean sediment along the western Pacific margin (in the areas of Taiwan, Japan, China and Russia).

Mercer, who is originally from Spearfish, spent six weeks in "the frozen continent" studying the dry valleys that are believed to be the one place on Earth that may be most like the planet Mars.

Dr. Steve Anderson, BHSU professor, credits Mercer for her achievements and encourages other students to "think big and make the most of their educations." He remembers that Mercer first came to BH to "learn something about photography," and in the process discovered her interest and passion for science research.

"Jen never limited herself," Anderson said. "Before she knew it, she was a science major and ended up doing ocean research in Hawaii, the South China Sea, and has traveled the world. In the process she was able to not only do the science, but kept her interest in photography and has photographed some of the most interesting landscapes anywhere on Earth."

Anderson said that only a small number of scientists ever make it to Antarctica,

which is a significant place to do research for a number of reasons.

"Antarctica contains over 90 percent of the planet's fresh water, despite being a desert environment," Mercer said. Ironically it is also quite possible to die from dehydration if you don't have the tools to thaw the plentiful water.

Mercer is studying organic compounds in the dry valleys of Antarctica to figure out where the organic carbon that supports the modern-day ecosystems originally comes from.

"At first glance it seems that there is no life anywhere in Antarctica; in fact, the morphology has been compared to that of the planet Mars. However, there is a very interesting microscopic community where a nematode (a microscopic worm) is the king of the food chain. It is unclear where the organic material that supports the ecosystem originated. I can extract the organic compounds from the soils and look for signals from ancient plants that

have been eroded out of rocks by the glaciers, or signals from algae, oceanic material and particles from dust that may have blown over from other continents," Mercer said explaining her work.

She is currently involved in a project which focuses on the collection and study of three species of this microscopic worm. The project is part of a Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) program and is under the direction of Dr. Diana Wall at Colorado State University and Dr. Ross Virginia at Dartmouth College.

"Nematodes are everywhere on the planet, even in all plants and animals. Yes, each of you has nematodes in your body, and you can't deny it...you even have several species," Mercer writes. She explained that one form of nematode that most people recognize is the heartworm, which is a less desirable form.

The nematodes are dormant in the soil until the conditions are warm or moist enough, then they wake up and feed according to Mercer. "So, we just collect big bags of soil and bring them back to the lab. Then we put some water on the soil and wake the worms up. When we put them under the microscope, they are moving around and feeding on whatever they can find! They are quite cute under a microscope," she said.

Mercer started out 2003 near the South Pole, which has been an interesting experience for her already. Besides the actual research, she also made time for other unusual activities there. She "survived" survival school which included a night in a snow

hut, ran in a 4.5-mile road race and participated in a alternative arts gala that featured art pieces and costumes made from trash. A native of South Dakota, Mercer compared the weather during the road race to conditions she remembers in her home state.

"The weather wasn't the greatest because it was snowing and the wind was blowing in our faces for the 2.5 miles of uphill [running]. It was exactly like a winter in South Dakota," Mercer said.

Mercer said sleeping in a snow hut was very cold at first but after changing into dry clothes and eating a "bumper bar," she was nice and toasty the rest of the night. "A 'bumper bar' is some sort of New Zealand concoction like a power bar, but the first ingredient is butter, followed by several types of sugar...it's pure energy. To stay warm you have to eat and drink constantly so that your metabolism has something to burn and so that you're properly hydrated," Mercer explained.

Mercer returned to her alma mater last semester to speak to Anderson's geology students before heading to Antarctica. She has plans to continue this research, eventually extend her studies to the Arctic, and is looking at the possibility of teaching college courses in the near future.

Mercer said she always enjoyed science classes as an elementary student and became especially interested in geology in the eighth grade. However, she started BHSU with

plans for a journalism major.

"It was during the spring of my freshman year when I realized that I should really become a scientist," Mercer said. She was taking Dr. Steve Anderson's physical geology class at the time and after a period of serious consideration, she changed her major and the course of her life.

"I've always felt that my education at BHSU was an integral part of my success. I had professors in the arts and sciences who were phenomenal in the classroom and supportive of students' interests. Faculty at BHSU are among the best professors I've seen anywhere. They far surpass the quality of my Ivy League professors in graduate school," Mercer said.

Mercer also credits the university for providing exceptional research opportunities to undergraduate students. "One of the best things about BHSU is that there is a lot of opportunity for students to get involved in research and hands-on experience. These types of experiences are usually given to graduate students at larger schools, so students from BHSU have a leg up on research experience by the time they graduate," Mercer said.

As Mercer looks back on her educational experience she encourages other students to explore their options, make the most of their experiences and not limit themselves.

"Take every opportunity you have to expand your experiences in life. You'll be amazed at the times when some past experience comes in handy and gives you an advantage," Mercer said.



"I've always felt that my education at BHSU was an integral part of my success. I had professors who were phenomenal in the classroom and supportive of students' interests. Faculty at BHSU are among the best professors I've seen anywhere. They far surpass the quality of my Ivy League professors in graduate school."

Mercer received Young Alumni Award

Jennifer Mercer, who is originally from Spearfish, returned to BHSU to accept the the Young Alumni Achievement Award from the BHSU Alumni Association this spring. Scott Amundson (left), president of the BHSU Alumni Association, and Steve Meeke, vice president for institutional advancement, presented the award to Mercer.

"Seven years ago I attended this banquet as a student," she said. "At that time I didn't think I would ever be back here getting an award but my experiences have made that possible."

The Young Alumni Achievement Award is an annual award to honor alumni who have attended BHSU in the past ten years, and who have distinguished themselves with outstanding achievements, contributions and service to society, the community and Black Hills State University.



Kudos & Announcements

The 40s

Glenn Burgess, Class of '48, Riverton, Wyo., was inducted into the Spearfish High School Hall of Fame in 2003.

The 50s

Paul Roach, Class of '52, physical education, was inducted into the Wyoming Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

Duane Whalen, Class of '58, education, Rapid City, was inducted into the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administration (SDIAAA) Hall of Fame.

The 60s

Sheila (Doolittle) Carlson, Class of '68, elementary education, received the 15-year service award from the Spearfish School District. She is currently a first-grade teacher.

Katherine M. (Buchanan) Daum, Class of '69, elementary education, Newcastle, Wyo., retired in May 2003 after 34 years of teaching. She taught K-12 vocal music as well as math and English. She is married to **John Daum**, Class of '69, history, who retired six years ago after 28 years of teaching. They have two daughters: Denise (Daum) Byrd, an audiologist in Deadwood and Rapid City, and **Lynette Daum**, Class of '03, vocal/instrumental music.



Class of 1953 celebrates 50 years
 Ten members of the Class of 1953 returned to Black Hills State University during commencement to celebrate their 50-year class reunion. The Class of '53 wore caps and gowns and participated in the May 2003 commencement ceremony on campus. The group was also inducted into the 50-year club, which meets annually in Spearfish in May. Members of the Class of '53 who participated were Daren Terpening, Casper, Wyo.; Gene Bauer, Spearfish; Caroline Libby Hatton, Custer; Myrle Hanson, Spearfish; Gene Cantrell, Dakota City, Neb.; Chuck Emery, Rapid City; Paul Dingeman, Spearfish; Walt Saubers, Sturgis; Herman Boner, Casper, Wyo.; and Jack Ingraham, Amity, Ore.

Doug Klaudt, Class of '66, business, traveled to Melbourne, Australia, in October 2002 to play basketball in the World Masters Games. His team won the gold medal for the 55+ age bracket with a 5-0 record.

Neil Shuck, Class of '69, mathematics, Vale, retired after 34 years of teaching in the Meade School District.

Vicki (Scheib) Strong, Class of '69, elementary education and special education, and Class of '78, masters of science, Rapid City, was appointed to the S.D. Teachers Professional Practices

and Standards Commission. She was nominated by U.S. Senator Tom Daschle and received endorsements from Dr. Walter Higbee, professor emeritus at BHSU, Dr. John Usera, former dean for the College of Education at BHSU, and many other educators.

The 70s
Rosalie (Vance) Aslesen, Class of '78, speech, Spearfish, recently retired as the Spearfish High School librarian after 24 years of service.

Dan Binder, Class of '76, industrial technology, Spearfish, received a long-time service award

from the Spearfish School District for 25 years of service. He is currently the high school art teacher.

The 2003 Chamber of Commerce Leadership Spearfish included five BHSU alumni: **Janet Briggs**, Class of '77, **Calvin Dardis**, Class of '84, **Gary Pummel**, Class of '89, **Travis Geppert**, Class of '95, and **Barb Lessard**, Class of '99.

Bev (Ward) Buchholz, Class of '73, elementary education, Spearfish, retired from the Spearfish School District after 26 years of service. She was a second-grade teacher at West Elementary.

In February 2003, **Col. Ray Carpenter**, Class of '75, business administration, Rapid City, was promoted to brigadier general and assumed the duties of assistant adjutant general for the South Dakota Army National Guard. He is now second in command of the state organization.

Cheyenne (Champion) Conry, Class of '73, elementary education, Belle Fourche, was named the 2003 Teacher of the Year for the Belle Fourche School District.

Mary (Augspurger) Cooper, Class of '74, elementary education, Spearfish, received a 20-year service award from the Spearfish

School District. She is a fifth-grade teacher.

Kenneth DeVries, Class of '74, physical education, Sunburst, Mont., retired in 2002 after 28 years as a teacher and coach. He recently completed federal law enforcement training in Georgia and is employed with the United States Customs Service as an inspector.

Dennis Golz, Class of '71, industrial technology, received a long-time service award for 30 years with the Spearfish School District. He is the high school industrial art instructor.

Oglala Lakota College's East Wakpamni District College Center in Batesland will be renamed for the late **Dorothy (Conray) Gonzalez**, Class of '74, elementary education. She was the former director who was fondly remembered for her kindness to and support of the students. She died Oct. 18, 2002.



Tetreault brings beauty through art

Frances Wood Tetreault, a former BHSU faculty member and Class of '47 BH graduate, was honored at a reception at the Ruddell Gallery where her artwork was on display this summer. Darleen Young, former instructor; Dick DuBois, art professor; and Wanda Bellman, professor emeritus; each spoke in her honor. Jim Knutson, art professor, introduced the speakers. Young said Tetreault has a history of bringing joy and light to others in many ways including gardening, decorating, cooking and serving as a hostess in addition to creating artwork that is so vibrant and colorful. In addition to teaching art at BHSU, Tetreault has taught art as a form of self-improvement in a variety of settings including retirement homes and correctional facilities to "bring beauty into others' lives." The 2003 Alumni Art Show is scheduled for Sept. 29 - Oct. 22. Contact Shannon Alcorn at 605-642-6385 or email shannonalcorn@bhsu.edu for more information.

Kudos & Announcements

Recently re-established Newman Club seeks information from former members

The BHSU Newman Club, which is working to establish the organization, is seeking information from former members. According to Sarah Veskrna, BHSU Newman Club president, club members have developed a constitution, elected officers, formed a core group, hosted campus activities, and developed plans for next year. Since they do not have records of past members they are requesting help from Newman Club alumni. Send information to: Veskrna by email at sveskrna@hotmail.com or contact Doug Dexheimer at 642-2306 (ext 105). Your response and help in locating past Newman Club alumni is greatly appreciated.

Karol Green, Class of '70, masters education, Spearfish, has retired from the Spearfish School District after 32 years of service. She was a second-grade teacher at West Elementary.

Kathy (Gossman) Gusso, Class of '79, math, Class of '02, masters curriculum and instruction, Spearfish, received a 15-year service award from the school district. She is a high school math instructor.

Diane Hines, Class of '74, elementary education, Sturgis, recently

retired after 28 years of teaching in the Meade School District.

Frances (Halter) Jarvis, Class of '73, elementary education, Sturgis, has retired after 34 years of teaching.

Kathy (Lund) Kellogg, Class of '78, communication arts, and Class of '95, elementary education, was recently awarded Wal-Mart's 2003 Spearfish Teacher of the Year Award. She received a \$1,000 check for her school and now qualifies as one of 10 South Dakota teachers to compete for the state Teacher of the Year.

Bob Knapp, Class of '77, Rapid City, business administration, has been promoted to senior vice president of the lending division at Great Western Bank in Spearfish.

Kris LeDuc, Class of '76, social science, Chadron, Neb., and **Jeff Lamb**, attended 1976-80, Onida, were inducted into the South Dakota Amateur Basketball Hall of Fame. They were recognized for their abilities as players and coaches and for promotion of amateur basketball.

Randall L. Macy, Class of '77, physical education, Belle Fourche, took the oath of office as a magistrate judge Nov. 27, 2002.

Randy Morris, Class of '74, masters in education, Spearfish, was recently honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the 2002 South Dakota Outstanding Financial Services Advocate.

Betty Musilek, Class of '77, education, Sturgis, was recently presented the Kids Voting South Dakota 2002 Educator of the Year.

Floyd A. Rummel III, Class of '79, business, Lead, was named 2003 NAJA Shrine Potentate.

Dr. Randy Sachau, Class of '74, biology, Spearfish, was recently elected vice president of the South Dakota Dental Association.

Kudos & Announcements

Darlene (Richardson) Thompson, Class of '70, math, Spearfish, was honored for 10 years of service to the Spearfish School District.

Jim Thomson, Class of '70, biology, Sturgis, retired after 32 years of teaching in the Meade School District.

Renee (Petersen) Trautman, Class of '77, elementary education, Spearfish, received a 25-year long-time service award from the Spearfish School District.

The 80s Kerry Bell, Class of '83, physical education, Belle Fourche, received a 15-year service award from the Spearfish School District. She is a middle school guidance counselor.

Kay Cox, Class of '87, sociology, Spearfish, was recently honored at an awards ceremony hosted by the South Dakota Coalition for Children for her work with the youth. She

has worked with the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program for 15 years. For three years she was a home-based social worker with Child Protection Services in Deadwood. She is an employment specialist at Northern Hills One-Stop Career Center.

Joe Gutierrez, Class of '89, sociology, Sturgis, was recently honored at an awards ceremony hosted by the South Dakota Coalition for Children for his work with the youth. He is the law-related educator for adjudicated and diversionary youth in Meade County. He teaches character and law-related classes to elementary students.

Arcy Holmlund, Class of '86, business, Spearfish, took first place for the best headline in the 2003 South Dakota Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Contest. She works for the Black Hills Press.

Doug Hughes, Class of '87, physical education, Spearfish, was named the National Federation High School Activities Association Active Wrestling Official of the Year for South Dakota.

Mary Maher, Class of '89, elementary education, and '02, masters curriculum and instruction, Sturgis, was honored this spring as a Meade School District Teacher of the Year.

Sandy Matern, Class of '89, business, Spearfish, was presented with the 2003 Spirit of Spearfish Award at the 84th annual Spearfish Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Debra (Shevling) Moncur, Class of '82, business administration, Belle Fourche, has been promoted to trust operations officer at Pioneer Bank and Trust.

Randy Nicholas, Class of '82, elementary education, Belle Fourche, was selected as a finalist for Belle Fourche School District Teacher of the Year.

Ted Norman, Class of '89, business, Rapid City, financial consultant and certified financial planner at A.G. Edwards and Sons in Rapid City, has attained the additional designation of retirement planning consultant.

DiAnne Olson, Class of '82, mass communications, Austin, Texas, recently received a grant for \$100,000 to design and implement a program to teach entrepreneurial skills to at-risk youth in east Austin. She is the executive director for the Texas Center for Women's Business.

Rhonda (Neumiller) Schultz, Class of '81, Belle Fourche, teaching aide, was named the 2003 district employee of the year in the Belle Fourche School District.

Victor Valeski, Class of '80, accounting, Camden, Del., earned a doctorate in education from the University of Delaware. His executive position paper was

"Creating Flexible Middle School Classrooms."

The 90s Carrie (Eberhardt) Bailey, Class of '93, social science, was awarded a professional development grant by Epsilon Sigma Phi to support her pursuit of a masters of educational and professional development. She works for the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension as the Buffalo County 4-H youth development educator. Carrie and her husband, Ron, are the parents of Clayton (8) and Spencer (5).

Pauline (Ravellette) Bendickson, Class of '98, business, Spearfish, was honored for five years of service to the Spearfish School District.

Grete Bodogaard, Class of '97, art, Deadwood, received the Distinction in Creative Achievement Award from the South Dakotans of the Arts in January 2003. She was

Kudos & Announcements

honored for her work in tapestry weaving.

Colleen Charnell, Class of '97, tourism, Spearfish, recently joined the staff of the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial Society as a membership and events coordinator.

Ray Cornford, Class of '97, general studies, Rapid City, has been promoted to lieutenant and assigned to the administrative division of the Rapid City Police Department.

Doug Custis, Class of '91, biology, Spearfish, was a finalist for the 2003 Spearfish School District Students' Choice Teacher of the Year. He is a high school science teacher.

Michele (Steele) Damuth, Class of '91, elementary education, Class of '02, masters curriculum and instruction, was honored for 10 years of service to the Spearfish School District.

Robert Fyles, Class of '97, history, Castle Rock, Colo., recently won the Mr. Northern Colorado heavyweight bodybuilding championship. He works for First Magnus Financial Corporation in Denver.

Jason Glodt, Class of '97, political science, Pierre, assumed the position of executive director of the South Dakota Republican Party. For the past three years he has served as the assistant attorney general for South

Dakota and has recently been elected to the Pierre City Commission.

Danielle (Bartling) Hunt, Class of '97, English, Spearfish, was a finalist for the Belle Fourche School District Teacher of the Year.

Lori Jeffery, Class of '98, Spanish, Spearfish, was honored for five years of service to the Spearfish School District.

Linda (Simons-Crago) Johnson, Class of '94, elementary education, Belle Fourche, took third place for the best color photo in the South Dakota Newspaper Association's 2003 Better Newspapers Contest. She works for the Belle Fourche Post and Bee.

Angie King, Class of '97, communications, Spearfish, was recently named to the Primary Children's Medical Center child trauma treatment team in Salt Lake City, Utah. King is also co-owner of a new business in Spearfish, the Green Apple Learning Center, a supplemental resource in education and counseling in Spearfish.

Kristi (Richardson) McCoy, Class of '95, Belle Fourche, recently received the South Dakota Industrial Technology Program of the Year award. She is an eight-year educator in Spearfish High School and was instrumental in coordinating

BHSU alum has Wild America and politics covered



Stephanie Rissler-Christopherson, a 1995 graduate of BHSU, who is now the current affairs producer for South Dakota Public Broadcasting (SDPB), was recently nominated for two regional Emmy Awards.

Rissler-Christopherson, who has been with SDPB for the past six years, has gained national exposure as several of her broadcasts have been picked up on C-Span. This fall, she is planning to do a national broadcast of a special children's program about Lewis and Clark.

A former BHSU Gold Rush dance team member and campus radio personality, Rissler-Christopherson has found her calling covering statewide political issues. She currently hosts and produces a live public affairs program, State House, that airs every day during the two- to three-month state Legislative session.

In addition, she is a segment editor and helps produce "South Dakota Focus," a magazine program that features live discussions of issues that affect the state. Rissler-Christopherson said she didn't initially think she would enjoy political reporting; however, she has found covering state political news interesting and believes that it keeps her in touch with what is happening in the state. "Covering politics helps me better understand why the laws are the way they are and why people's opinions are the way they are," Rissler-Christopherson said.

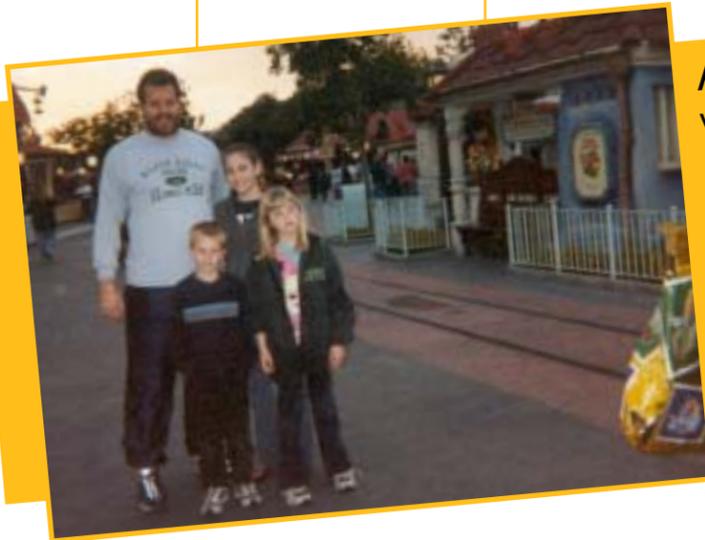
Previously, she was the northern hills correspondent for KOTA news in Rapid City.

Rissler-Christopherson, who grew up in Casper, Wyo., said her interest in BHSU began with a chance encounter with a Yellow Jacket women's basketball player who was wearing a BHSU jacket while traveling in Yellowstone National Park. As the two women began to visit, Rissler-Christopherson became interested in BHSU and eventually decided to enroll. Rissler-Christopherson said she is glad she made that decision. She cites the small class sizes and the support and helpfulness of professors as benefits of attending BHSU.

"Professor Dave Diamond encouraged me. His classroom experiences provided that backbone to go out and try things," Rissler-Christopherson said. "Even if you failed at first, you had the encouragement to go out and try. Because the classes were small I gained the confidence and freedom to speak in class and give my opinion. I became comfortable doing that." She continues to speak out and her voice is now heard statewide and even nationally.

Alum family shows BH spirit while visiting Disneyland

Former BHSU athlete, Scott Bohall, and his children Jessica, Carissa and Blaze, show their BHSU spirit while visiting Disneyland. Bohall, who now owns Treasures, a jewelry store in Glendale, Ariz., returns to Spearfish often for the Alumni Mile Reunion. The BHSU Alumni Magazine is seeking additional photographs of alumni wearing BHSU apparel for possible publication.



Kudos & Announcements

the pilot program in conjunction with representatives from BHSU.

Tonya (Raysor) Mullaney, Class of '97, elementary education and '02 masters curriculum and instruction, Spearfish, was part of a People to People ambassadors group that traveled to China. Members participated in conferences and toured Chinese schools.

Suzanne Phillips, Class of '93, elementary and special education, Spearfish, was named the 2003 Classified Employee of the Year in the Spearfish School District. She currently serves as the learning center coordinator.

Judith (L'Esperance) Pzinski, Class of '90, elementary/special education, Newcastle, Wyo., is one of 10 Wyoming teachers to receive a 2003 Arch Coal Teacher of Achievement Award.

Patty Roadifer, Class of '95, travel, Spearfish, was recently installed as director on the Spearfish Zonta Club board.

Lance Russell, Class of '92, political science, Hot Springs, has been named to the South Dakota Lottery Commission.

Ken Steiner, Class of '94, biology, Box Elder, has joined the staff at Heartland GMAC Real Estate in Rapid City. He has over 27 years of experience in real estate.

Michael Trump, Class of '90, history, Spearfish, accepted a three-year contract as the Butte County public defender in January 2003. He had previously been the Butte County deputy state's attorney.

Kristi (Hansen) Turman, Class of '96, political science, Fort Pierre, is the newly-appointed director of the South Dakota Division of Emergency Management.

Barry Van Sickle, Class of '92, business, Belle Fourche, was honored as the top service advisor in the nation by Ford Motor Co. He works for Scott Peterson Motors.

Stacy (Winter) Wollman, Class of '94, human services, Rapid City, is a community organizer with S.D. Tobacco-Free Kids Network/ American Cancer Society. She graduated from

Leadership Rapid City in 2002.

Nikki (Schulte) Wendt, Class of '95, elementary education, Belle Fourche, has been named an inaugural member of the Rural Trust's Rural Faculty, a select group of rural teachers, administrators, students, and community members who have been trained to teach others about placed-based education and the

use of student portfolios to document learning.

Shawn Wenko, Class of '99, tourism, Spearfish, joined the staff at Black Hills, Badlands and Lakes Association as a sales and service representative in February 2003.

Chris West, Class of '96, physical education, Spearfish, was honored this spring as a Meade School District Teacher of the Year.

Kudos & Announcements

award recognized him for his outstanding service. Odle is now eligible for the National Officer of the Year Award.

Ashley (Chocholousek) Olsen, Class of '02, psychology, Gregory, joined Catholic Social Services in Rapid City as an intern in the Child Welfare Programs.

Third-grade teacher, **Julie (Johnson) Reinert**, Class of '00, masters

curriculum and instruction, Spearfish, was named the 2003 Spearfish Teacher of the Year.

Aletha Reshan, Class of '00, tourism, Columbus, Ohio, is currently a Holmes County community development program assistant with the Ohio State University Extension. She specializes in heritage tourism and city and regional planning.

Kayce Roseth, Class of '02, accounting, recently joined the accounting and auditing departments of Casey Peterson and Associates in Rapid City.

Wendy Schamber, Class of '00, mathematics, Lead, recently completed the Advanced Placement Calculus Institute for high school teachers.

Ryan Speed, Class of '00, business, Black Hawk, is in his fourth

season in the Indoor Football League. He has been on the Red Dogs' roster since the NIFL was founded in 2001 and spent one year with the Black Hills Machine.

Bill Buchholz, attended, Spearfish, was inducted into the Spearfish High School Hall of Fame in 2003.

Chuck Whitlock, attended, Spearfish, was inducted into the

Spearfish High School Hall of Fame in 2003.

Emma (Ruby) Willey, attended, has just had her memoirs, "Prairie Rattlers, Long Johns and Chokecherry Wine," released by PublishAmerica. The book will be available in bookstores and at www.publishamerica.com Sept. 21, 2003.



Rich Sattgast

A penny saved...

Richard Sattgast, Class of '94, is currently serving as the South Dakota state auditor after being elected in the general election last fall 2002. Previously, Sattgast served as director for the South Dakota Association of County Officials for six years.

As state auditor, Sattgast works as the watchdog of the public dollars and, through his experience with the Legislature, he assists all state agencies to better serve the public of South Dakota. Having a fiscally conservative philosophy, Sattgast "watches every penny like it was gold."

Sattgast grew up in Spearfish and returned to his hometown to earn a degree in political science and business administration after spending 18 years in the military. His father, Larry Sattgast, taught at BHSU for many years. His grandfather, Charlie Sattgast, served as president of Sioux Falls College during the Depression years.

Sattgast went on to earn a master's degree in public administration at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. At the age of 30, he made the decision to return to the South Dakota way of life and took a position with the secretary of state.

Sattgast said his interest in politics grew from his family's involvement in the community and a sense of commitment to his country. Sattgast's political experience includes acting as the Association of County Officials' lobbyist, serving in the Legislature as a Legislative intern and later serving as a lobbyist intern.

He is a past member of the College Young Republicans, acted as a military liaison to the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait for the commander of the U.S. Armed Forces in Kuwait, and assisted with President George Bush's election campaign in 1992 as west river coordinator for the campaign. In addition to volunteering for numerous other state and local campaigns, Sattgast has also taken an active role in civic and community activities by being a member of the VFW, the American Legion, and Rotary.

Sattgast and his wife, Donna, reside in Pierre with their four children: Tony, Kim, Ashley and Chase.

The Mindy OOs

Mindy (Gooddale) Capp, Class of '02, curriculum and instruction, Spearfish, was recently presented with the 2003 Students' Choice Teacher of the Year award. She is a math teacher at Spearfish High School.

Jamie (Krautschun) Gibson, Class of '02, education, Spearfish, is a first-grade teacher in the Lead-Deadwood School District.

Susan Hall-Martin, Class of '02, masters curriculum and instruction, Spearfish, was presented with a long-time service award from the Spearfish School District. She has worked in the district for 30 years and is currently a third-grade teacher at East Elementary.

First Lt. **Michael Odle**, Class of '02, tourism, received Civil Air Patrol's North Central Region Officer of the Year Award at the recent South Dakota Wing's annual conference. The



Photo by Bill Cissell, Rapid City Journal

Wetherill commands attention as first woman in charge of National Guard unit

Nancy Wetherill, Class of '77, industrial technology, who became a member of the National Guard while attending BHSU in 1974, has been named commander of the 109th Engineer Group of the South Dakota Army National Guard. She joined "on a whim" with some friends and they were the first women in the Guard in the Northern Hills at that time.

Col. Wetherill is now the first woman to take charge of the 1,270-person unit that includes the 109th and 153rd Engineer Battalions, the 155th Engineer Detachment and the 1085th Medical Co. The duties are in addition to her full-time position with the Guard as the construction facilities-management officer.

Since she joined the 842nd Engineer Co. in Spearfish nearly 30 years ago, Wetherill has seen many changes in the National Guard. She attended basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., where all women went to basic training at that time as a part of the Women's Army Corps. The WACs were later incorporated into the regular Army. Wetherill received advanced training as a truck driver at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Wetherill's father also made a career in the Air Force and has held a variety of Guard leadership positions.



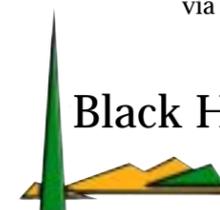
Items with the new bee are available at the bookstore

The Black Hills State University bookstore has items featuring the new Yellow Jacket logo. To view these and other items access the bookstore online from the BHSU homepage at www.bhsu.edu and choose Current Students then bookstore.

Your degree is closer than it appears.

Black Hills State offers a variety courses via distance education. Consider taking an online, teleconference, correspondence, or extension course through BHSU.

BHSU offers master's degrees in business and education. Both of these degrees are available via distance learning options.



Black Hills State University

For more information call 1-877-847-8134.

Engagements & Marriages

The 70s **Pamela Hunt**, Class of '76, secretarial, Hermosa, married Jerry Johnson Dec. 28, 2002. She works for Duhamel Broadcasting.

The 80s **Nila Gasseling**, Class of '86, business, Rapid City, married James McGriff Dec. 7, 2002.

Robin Roberts, Class of '86, communications - journalism, Spearfish, married Rhonda Coleman June 22, 2003, in Chillicothe, Ohio.

The 90s **Michelle (Dorrance) Costabile**, Class of '94, elementary education, Parker, Ariz., married Jeff Costabile Oct. 5, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Rodney Cowling, Class of '99, biology, Rapid City, married Janna Blake July 26, 2003. He is an insurance agent at Western Dakota Insurors.

Kristin DeVries, Class of '95, business, Denver, Colo., plans to marry Andreas Frackowiak Aug. 23, 2003. She is a broker's assistant at AISCO in Denver.

Robert Fyles, Class of '97, history, Castle Rock, Colo., married Kelli Bien Nov. 2, 2002, in Denver.

Michelle Jones, Class of '98, elementary education, Kadoka, is engaged to marry

Aaron Mansfield Dec. 27, 2003. Jones is a teacher in Kadoka.

Angie King, Class of '97, communications, and **Michael Trump**, Class of '90, history, both of Spearfish, are engaged to marry in October 2003.

Mark LaBeau, Class of '96, technology, Rapid City, married Ann Wickersham April 26, 2003.

Annalyn Long, Class of '97, English, Portland, Ore., and Jonathan Guest were married May 24, 2003. Annalyn graduated in May 2003 from Multnomah Seminary with a master of arts in pastoral studies with an emphasis in women's ministry. The couple will make their home in Long Island, N.Y., where her husband teaches at the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Scott Lyon, Class of '99, business, Rapid City, married Beth Kazmer July 27, 2002. He works as an MIS specialist.

Nicole Nachtigal, Class of '98, political science, married Aaron Emerson May 17, 2003. Nachtigal is an associate attorney with the law firm of Lynn, Jackson, Schultz & Lebrun, P.C. The couple will reside in Sioux Falls.

Michelle Pahl-Mason, Class of '97, marketing, Rapid City, married Tobin Mason April 19, 2003.

Patricia Ruth (Trish) Schaefer, Class of '93, communications/art, Houston, Texas, will marry Brian Robert Montgomery April 4, 2004.

Kristi Schuft, Class of '98, communications, Rapid City, will marry Michael Baum Sept. 13, 2003. Schuft owns Gravity Jewelry and is employed at Terry Peak.

Karen (Tarter) Wagner, Class of '92, music/instrumental, Ipswich, married Shane Wagner June 8, 2002. She is an instrumental/choral instructor in the Faulkton School District.

Kevin Weich, Class of '98, IT-drafting, Bozeman, Mont., is engaged to marry Somer Campbell Dec. 27, 2003. Weich is currently enrolled in the mechanical engineering program at Montana State University.

Chelsea Boyd, Class of '03, elementary education, Spearfish, married Jared Lueders June 20, 2003.

Stephanie Clinch, Class of '02, Rapid City, married David Burton July 27, 2002.

Jayne Cole, Class of '00, human resources, Spearfish, married

of '03, human resources, were married June 6, 2003. The couple resides in Aberdeen.

Michelle Fleck, Class of '03, elementary education, and **Beau Vinatieri**, Class of '03, mass communications, were married June 30, 2003 in Rapid City. Michelle is a teacher and Beau is in the S.D. National Guard.

Angie Becker, Class of '00, communications art, and **Scott Duncan**, Class of '01, business, are engaged to marry in August 2003. They are currently employed in and live in Colorado.

Tigh Garr, Class of '02, network administration, Belle Fourche, married Darcie Noziska June 14, 2003. He is currently employed as a computer web designer.

Nicole (Hanson) Christensen, Class of '02, business, Newcastle, Wyo., married Ryan Christensen June 28, 2003. The couple will live in Sheridan, Wyo.

Amber Headrick, Class of '02, elementary education, Flandreau, married Mark Hoffman March 8, 2003. The couple

resides in California where she is an elementary teacher.

Jodi Hill, Class of '03, mass communications, Gillette, Wyo., will marry Matthew Blake May 4, 2004. She works for First Premier Bankcard.

Dennis Hotchkin, Class of '00, entrepreneurial studies, Buffalo, Wyo., married Vicki Wood Aug. 15, 2003. He is employed at First Western Bank in Buffalo, Wyo.

Jessica Anne (Koepke) Boothby, Class of '03, elementary education, Farmington, N.M., married Casey Boothby June 21, 2003, in

Gillette, Wyo. She is employed at Bright Beginnings.

Sommerlyn Mortensen, Class of '03, accounting, Wall, married Gary Naescher May 24, 2003. She is employed with First Administrators in Rapid City.

Amanda Mowry, Class of '03, sociology, Presho, and Chris McKillop were married July 5, 2003. She is employed at First Premier Bankcard in Spearfish.

Joy Patton, Class of '02, elementary and special education, Gillette, Wyo., plans to marry J.R. Fox Sept. 27, 2003. Patton is employed at Belle Ayr Mine. Fox

plans to graduate from BHSU in 2004.

Melanie Griswold, Class of '01, human resources, Casper, Wyo., married Parker Ruby in May 2003. She works in human resources at Hilltop National Bank in Casper.

Daniel Scheurer, Class of '02, business, Rapid City, married Marissa Rostad Aug. 15, 2003. Scheurer is employed by Wells Fargo Bank.

Jeff Schlim, Class of '00, mathematics, Sterling, Colo., married Stacy Kahler in July 2003. He is teaching mathematics and coaching boys' basketball at Caliche

High School near Sterling.

Matt Stewart, Class of '02, business, Rapid City, married Kari Coster June 7, 2003. Stewart is a team-relations leader at Target in Rapid City.

Carolyn (Stratton) Kaiser, Class of '02, accounting, Spearfish, married Matthew Kaiser in June 2003. She is currently a staff accountant at Fred A. Lockwood & Co., PC in Scottsbluff, Neb.

Kylie Thomas, Class of '01, human resources, Spearfish, married **Cody Odell**, Class of '03, mass communications, Camp Crook, May 17, 2003.

Thomas is employed at First Premier Bankcard as a human resources representative. Odell works for the Bureau of Land Management at Ft. Meade.

Births, Engagements, & Marriages

resides in California where she is an elementary teacher.

Jodi Hill, Class of '03, mass communications, Gillette, Wyo., will marry Matthew Blake May 4, 2004. She works for First Premier Bankcard.

Dennis Hotchkin, Class of '00, entrepreneurial studies, Buffalo, Wyo., married Vicki Wood Aug. 15, 2003. He is employed at First Western Bank in Buffalo, Wyo.

Jessica Anne (Koepke) Boothby, Class of '03, elementary education, Farmington, N.M., married Casey Boothby June 21, 2003, in

Gillette, Wyo. She is employed at Bright Beginnings.

Sommerlyn Mortensen, Class of '03, accounting, Wall, married Gary Naescher May 24, 2003. She is employed with First Administrators in Rapid City.

Amanda Mowry, Class of '03, sociology, Presho, and Chris McKillop were married July 5, 2003. She is employed at First Premier Bankcard in Spearfish.

Joy Patton, Class of '02, elementary and special education, Gillette, Wyo., plans to marry J.R. Fox Sept. 27, 2003. Patton is employed at Belle Ayr Mine. Fox

plans to graduate from BHSU in 2004.

Melanie Griswold, Class of '01, human resources, Casper, Wyo., married Parker Ruby in May 2003. She works in human resources at Hilltop National Bank in Casper.

Daniel Scheurer, Class of '02, business, Rapid City, married Marissa Rostad Aug. 15, 2003. Scheurer is employed by Wells Fargo Bank.

Jeff Schlim, Class of '00, mathematics, Sterling, Colo., married Stacy Kahler in July 2003. He is teaching mathematics and coaching boys' basketball at Caliche

High School near Sterling.

Matt Stewart, Class of '02, business, Rapid City, married Kari Coster June 7, 2003. Stewart is a team-relations leader at Target in Rapid City.

Carolyn (Stratton) Kaiser, Class of '02, accounting, Spearfish, married Matthew Kaiser in June 2003. She is currently a staff accountant at Fred A. Lockwood & Co., PC in Scottsbluff, Neb.

Kylie Thomas, Class of '01, human resources, Spearfish, married **Cody Odell**, Class of '03, mass communications, Camp Crook, May 17, 2003.

Thomas is employed at First Premier Bankcard as a human resources representative. Odell works for the Bureau of Land Management at Ft. Meade.

Send us your updates

We'd like to know what you've been doing since you graduated from BHSU. Email your alumni news to TerriWells@bhsu.edu or use the form on page 32 to submit a news item.



Alumni Association presents BHSU Jacket to Governor Rounds

Black Hills State University Alumni Association Board members, Myrle Hanson (left), Carol Backens, and Donna Page (right), present Governor Mike Rounds with a BHSU jacket. In February 2003 the BHSU alumni group traveled to the state Capitol along with the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors to attend business day at the Legislature.

Former faculty and staff news

Lila Cooper, Spearfish, died June 3, 2003. She worked as a custodian at BHSU for a number of years before retiring from the university at age 70.

Bill Hughes was inducted as a coach into the Spearfish High School Hall of Fame in February 2003.

Vera Litschewski, senior secretary in the enrollment center, retired in November 2002 after working at BHSU for more than 22 years.

Ron Wiley died March 8, 2003. At the time of his death Wiley was an adjunct professor at BHSU and instructor of vocal music at Belle Fourche High School.

The late **Tony Schavone**, former BHSU instructor and head wrestling coach, was inducted into the University of Dubuque Athletic Hall of Fame in October 2002. He was a 1951 graduate of the university and played football all four years as a UD student.

Births

The 80s **Jill (Herbert) Andersen**, Class of '87, elementary education, and **Chris Andersen**, Class of '93, physical education, Sioux Falls, announce the birth of their son,

Max, born July 2002. He joins two brothers, Tryg (6) and Jhett (2).

Delton Hanson, Class of '87, political science, Charlottesville, Va., and his wife, Donna, announce the birth of their third child, Allyssa Joy, born on Jan. 18, 2003.

Kathy Harn, Class of '89, elementary education, Hill City, and her husband, Jim, are the parents of a son, Dawson James, born Dec. 1, 2002.

The 90s **Todd Stverak**, Class of '98, technology and IT/drafting, and

Lori (Schuh) Stverak, Class of '98, elementary education, Sioux Falls, announce the birth of their daughter, Katelynn Grace, 20¼ inches, 6 lbs. 11 oz.

David Wiley, Class of '93, business, Manderson, Wyo., and his wife, Tracey, had their second child, Marcus David, Sept.

13, 2002. He joins an older brother, Maclin.

Ruth (Thompson) Woods, Class of '98, marketing, Lake Hughes, Calif., and her husband, Brian, became the parents of a daughter, Helen Diane Woods, Jan. 7, 2003. Their first-born weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz. and was 18½ inches long.

BHSU alumni gather across the nation



Anaheim

Front row, left, Ryan Robinson, Class of '93; Robert Temple, Class of '57; Janice (Pollard) Temple, Class of '93. Standing, left, Steve Meeker, Class of '84; and Michelle Hoffman, Class of '94.



Seattle

Left to right, Gene Farrens, Class of '75; Jeff Planchon, Class of '86; Steve Meeker, Class of '84; and Michelle Hoffman, Class of '94.



Alumni mile

Rob Welo, Aurora, Colo., won the 11th annual Black Hills State University Alumni Mile, with a time of 5:02. This was Welo's sixth win for the event. Twenty-two runners competed in the mile run which was held during the BHSU Winter Invitational at the Donald E. Young Sports and Fitness Center. Alumni Mile competitors included, front row, left to right, the late Dan Crain, Class of '89; Rob Welo, Class of '92; Aaron Nida, Class of '93; Jim Glazer, Class of '96; John Humke, Class of '88; Al Finch, Class of '79; Brian Harms; and Dave Little, former coach. Back row, left to right, Travis Shoults; Keith Moon, Class of '85; Dan Sorensen, Class of '94; Marcia Moon, Steve Hayes, Class of '02; Claude McBroom, Class of '94; Mary Kate Guilfoyle; Travis Thorn, Jack Kirtley, Class of '93; Gerald Collogan, Class of '74; Fred Romkema; Priscilla Romkema, Class of '79; Scott Kieper, Class of '95; and Randy Mink, Class of '70. Not pictured is Scott Underwood.

Las Vegas

Front row, left, Greg Goeken, Class of '88; Debbie (Brimmer) Dartois, Class of '87; Julie (Hessman) Brown, Class of '86; Kristen (Anderson) Boyle, Class of '78; Leon Petoske, Class of '61; and Steve Meeker, Class of '84. Back row, Kevin Porter, Class of '99; Mark Kronschnabel, Class of '85; Todd Booth, Class of '90; Amy (Baldwin) Ashmore, Class of '88; Terry Nagel, Class of '73; Alan Nagel, Class of '72; Dyan (Rothmeyer) Nagel, attended '70s; Dan Paulsen, Class of '89; Michelle Hoffman, Class of '94; and Chris Eastman, Class of '85.



Phoenix

Front row, left to right, Steve Meeker, Class of '84, Mark Graybeal, attended '70s; Loretta Engelhardt, Class of '76; and Paul Vercoor, Class of '61. Back row Michelle Hoffman, Class of '94; Gene Bovee, Class of '59; Bob Dermer, Class of '81; Colleen Arseth, Class of '84; Scott Bohall, attended '80s; and Dan Iversen, Class of '79.



Obituaries

The 20s **Macie (Burch) Tapken** died March 16, 2003, in Sturgis. She received a teaching certificate from Spearfish Normal in the 1920s.

The 40s **Richard William Haley**, Class of '48, education, passed away July 31, 2002. After returning to college as a World War II GI, Haley was active in drama, student affairs and sports. Most of his career years were spent as a teacher and elementary school principal in the Fort Morgan, Colo., School District.

Burton L. Wrede, Class of '49, education, Rapid City, passed away Sept. 19, 2002.

The 50s **Marvin Kluksdahl**, Class of '50, education, Billings, Mont., passed away May 27, 2002. He lived in Anchorage, Alaska, from 1956-2001 and moved to Billings in 2002.

William K. Mahoney, Hulett, Wyo., died Dec. 22, 2002. After serving for four years during WWII, he returned to the area and received his degree in industrial technology in 1951. He taught middle school for 30 years in Powell, Wyo.

Sharon G. (Heinbaugh) Neff died Jan. 14, 2003,

in Rapid City. She attended Black Hills State College in 1949 and 1950.

Kenneth W. Penor, Class of '57, Rapid City, died Feb. 19, 2003. He began school at Black Hills State College until drafted. He returned to BHSC and graduated with a degree in industrial technology.

Verla (Twombly) Sorenson, Class of '52, education, Lovell, Wyo., died Jan. 4, 2003.

The 60s **Dorothy Cooper**, Class of '66, elementary education, Granite Falls, Wash., passed away April 1, 2002.

Mervyn Dodson, Class of '68, Nashville, Tenn., died June 2, 2003. He graduated from BHSU with a degree in English literature.

Abbie S. Lund, Class of '67, Fredericksburg, Va., died March 9, 2003. A native of South Dakota, Lund graduated from Black Hills Teachers College and taught for 25 years until her retirement from the Newell school system.

Helen Hoyle Painter, Class of '61, Spearfish, died April 4, 2003. She received her degree in elementary education and taught at Boulder Canyon School, Sturgis Elementary School and Whitewood Elementary School.

Gladys Naasz Haux, Spearfish, died May 20, 2003. She received her masters of education in 1969 and taught school in Rapid City and Belle Fourche.

The 70s **Patricia (Gregson) Harwood**, Class of '73, Union Center, died April 17, 2003. She graduated with a degree in elementary education and taught school in Whitewood, Enning and Piedmont.

Thomas F. Jennings, Class of '73, social science, died Jan. 20, 2003. He began work with military veterans at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center in 1978 and retired in 2001.

Wayne Pearson, Class of '77, social science, died Feb. 28, 2003, in Lubbock, Texas.

Patricia H. Steffen died Jan. 24, 2003. She received her masters in education from BHSU in 1976. She was also past president of the South Dakota Education Association.

Wilbur "Bud" Stewart, Class of '70, masters degree, passed away Dec. 22, 2002 in Sturgis.

The 80s **Dan Crain**, Class of '89, biology, Spearfish, died Aug. 3, 2003, in a kayaking accident. He owned Global Market in Spearfish and Rapid City.

The 90s **Kay Mateer-DuBois**, Class of '93, art, Rapid City, died July 25, 2003. She taught middle school computer classes in the Rapid City school system and was a founding member and past president of the Northern Plains Watercolor Society.

Georgia Quill, Class of '94, business, Rapid City, passed away Jan. 28, 2003.

Robert Wendt passed away April 13, 2003 in Fort Collins, Colo. He graduated with an associates degree in library science in 1990.

Lawrence Blazek, Sturgis, died Feb. 25, 2003. He attended Spearfish Normal School. He taught at Spearfish Normal and country school in the Marcus area.

Bernice (Johnson) Cundy, St. Onge, died May 29, 2003. She received her teaching certificate from Black

Hills Normal School. In 2001 she established a scholarship at BHSU for junior and senior elementary education students.

Kathryn (Denker) Harwood died Dec. 21, 2002, in Rapid City. She received her teaching certificate from Spearfish Normal School and taught in rural country schools. After raising her family, she returned to the rural Meade County schools as a substitute teacher.

Arthur J. Herder, Jr., died Feb. 27, 2003, in Rapid City. He received his masters degree in education from BHSU and taught at Rapid City Central and Stevens high schools.

Belva Ann Janis-Young, Wanblee, died Feb. 4, 2003. She attended Black Hills State College and Haskell Junior College.

Mary Louise Morris McMaster, Edmond, Okla., died March 10, 2003.

Genevieve Mortensen, 78, died Aug. 27 at Largo, Fla. Born in Hulett, Wyo., she was a graduate accountant who also studied piano and music. She sponsored young musicians and concert series and was a long-time advocate for the disabled. Genevieve and her husband, Jim, dedicated supporters of BHSU, donated funds to establish the Connie (Ollie) Edsall Memorial Fund. This fund honors Genevieve's mother who was an early 20th century piano teacher in the area who taught her students, children and grandchildren to enjoy a lifetime love of music. This fund, established with a \$20,000 gift, is designed to encourage classical and jazz musicians to share their talents with BHSU students and faculty through summer seminars, lectures, workshops and interpretive concerts. The couple also gifted \$9,000 to BHSU for an endowment to help handicapped students. The object of this fund is to assist in the purchase of equipment to further the educational opportunities of handicapped students at BHSU.

New scholarships established

Mann Scholarship

Dick Mann, a 1957 BHSU graduate from Hamilton, Mont., left \$25,400 to his alma mater's scholarship program. The Dick Mann Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at his request to assist deserving BHSU students in their quest to reach their educational goals.

He served in the U. S. Air Force and after graduating from BHSU taught school at Lone Rock, Mont. He later moved to Cape Canaveral, Fla., where he worked in the space program. He also worked in Vietnam. Mann later returned to Montana and worked for the city of Hamilton.

Mann was co-founder of the Hamilton Players, a member of the American Legion and the Hamilton Eagles. He died in 1998 at the age of 68.

"Dick's dedication to education throughout his lifetime will be extended in perpetuity as students at BHSU continue to receive financial assistance to fund their education through this scholarship," said Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement at BHSU. He noted that a gift to the BHSU Foundation through a will is a favorable option for many people, as it does not reduce current income, yet provides substantial future support for the university.

Lynn Scholarship

The Gay Lynn Scholarship was recently established at Black Hills State University by emeritus professor Bill Lynn and his wife Gay.

The couple donated more than \$17,000 to the BHSU Foundation through the contribution of stocks and cash to establish the scholarship fund. The corpus of this fund will be permanently preserved and the earnings will be used for the management and distribution of the fund.

Recipients of the Gay Lynn Scholarship will be selected by the enrollment center at BHSU beginning in the fall of 2004.

The scholarship is named for Gay (Friel) Lynn who graduated from BHSU in 1948 with an education degree. She then taught physical education at various places including Washington and California. She later taught in Spearfish and Belle Fourche.

Her husband, Bill Lynn, was a BHSU education and psychology faculty member for 20 years. After officially retiring in 1988, Lynn continued to teach extension courses for the university. He is now recognized as an emeritus faculty member.

"Bill and Gay both dedicated their lives to education and their dedication will now be continued in perpetuity as BHSU students benefit from the financial assistance of this scholarship," said Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement at BHSU. He expressed his thanks to the couple for their generous donation.

Rolando-Zucco Fund

A living trust established by a Rapid City couple will provide ongoing financial assistance to Black Hills State University students through the recently established Peter and Ruth Rolando-Zucco Scholarship.

The couple bequeathed a \$6,298 gift to the BHSU Foundation in their will. The scholarship will be awarded to students majoring in education beginning next fall.

Ruth Rolando-Zucco graduated from BHSU in 1955 with a degree in elementary education. She later earned a master's degree from the University of Wyoming and attended an NDEA Geography Institute at Fresno State College. The scholarship is an opportunity for the former teacher, who earned her degree at BHSU, to have a positive influence on the educational careers of potential future teachers.

Ruth taught in rural Haakon County schools for 10 years and was employed by the Lead public school system for 19 years. She was active in many education and community service organizations including the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), and the Lead Chapter of Childhood Education. She was selected as a leader for American Elementary Education.

Ruth Rolando-Zucco died Dec. 16, 2002, in Rapid City. The scholarship was established through her will designation.

CDs coming due? Dividends down? Investing in BHSU may be the answer.

With a Black Hills State University charitable gift annuity you can:

- * Lock in a fixed rate for life
- * Reduce your capital gain
- * Claim a charitable tax deduction
- * Make a gift to Black Hills State University

Example: \$25,000 Charitable Gift Annuity (one annuitant)		
Age	Fixed Rate	Annual Income
70	6.5%	\$1,625
75	7.1%	\$1,775
80	8.0%	\$2,000
85	9.5%	\$2,375

Rates effective July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004. Minimum gift is \$10,000. Rates range from 5.7 percent for age 60 to 11.3 percent for ages 90 and over.

Call Steve Meeker at (605) 642-6228 or email SteveMeeker@bhsu.edu

For classnotes see www.bhsu.edu/alumni/classnotes



Anonymous \$1 million donation sets the stage for a new theatre

An anonymous \$1 million donation to the Black Hills State University Foundation has invigorated the long-standing vision of adding a campus theatre building.

"This major gift by donors who are committed to preserving and expanding the arts is greatly appreciated by the university," said Dr. Thomas Flickema, BHSU president. "This gift is an investment in the arts for the university and the entire region. The educational and cultural environment will be dramatically enhanced with the addition of a theatre building."

The gift comes at a time when the university is in the final stages of construction of the new \$8.25 million Clare and Josef Meier Hall set to open this fall. The new music/academic building and the possibility of a new theatre signify the importance of the arts to BHSU and the entire region. The arts have been an important part of the school's academic tradition since the early years of the 20th century according to Flickema, and he sees the possibility of a new theatre as a way for BHSU to have a positive effect on how the arts are delivered in the future.

"BHSU, which is already well on its way to becoming a regional cultural center, has a vision for an increased presence in the arts," Flickema said. "For thousands of years, the stage has been a forum in which people have examined some of the most profound issues of life. The arts have been instrumental in the history of this area as well. Early performances at BHSU, then known as Spearfish Normal School, the local opera houses, and the nationally known Passion Play have played an integral part in defining the identity and future of this communi-

ty. BHSU is looking forward to taking an active role in continuing that tradition."

Flickema noted the university's involvement in numerous activities including the Black Hills Summer Institute of the Arts, which is held annually on the campus. The summer event features an art education institute, a vocal arts and opera theatre school, dance workshop, lecture series and numerous public performances.

BHSU officials were recently notified of the \$1 million anonymous deferred gift that will be used as seed money to build a new theatre on campus, according to Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement. Meeker described this gift as the impetus for further fund raising to make the dream of a theatre building a reality.

"We have continually sought financial support for this project and in this time of economic uncertainty, it is wonderful to know that friends of the university are continuing to support the goals of Black Hills State University," said Meeker. "This generous gift will initiate a campaign to fund a facility that will benefit the campus as well as the entire community."

Meeker is optimistic that this gift will encourage others to donate funds for a new theatre building on campus that will enhance the educational experience provided at BHSU. A new facility of this stature could range from five to eight million dollars. To make a donation to this fund or to find out more about deferred gifts, contact Meeker at (605) 642-6385 or email SteveMeeker@bhsu.edu.

Keeping up with the Nelsons

The latest recipient of the Joseph F. and Martha P. Nelson Scholarship at BHSU, Nicole Henriksen, joins an elite group of students and graduates who have received the prestigious scholarship, including two recent graduates who have gone on to medical school.

Henriksen, a 2003 graduate of Lyman High School who plans to pursue a biology major and chemistry minor, is excited to begin her academic career at BHSU and has plans to ultimately attend medical school.

Henriksen was selected based on her outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements in high school as well as recommendations from her teachers.

The Nelson scholarship, the largest endowment ever received by the university, was established when Joseph and Martha Nelson bequeathed nearly \$1 million dollars to BHSU.

Current BHSU undergraduate students who are receiving the Nelson scholarship include Kirsten Graslie, a sophomore biology major from Spearfish; Tasha Anderson, a junior chemistry major from Spearfish; Tyler Steinle, a senior math major from Sturgis; and Daniel Miller, a senior pre-medicine major from Parker.

Recent graduates who received the Nelson scholarship to fund their education and graduated with honors from BHSU include Nathan Steinle, a biology major from Sturgis who graduated in 2001, who is now one of the top ranked students at USD medical school; Brett Theeler, a biology major from Mitchell who graduated in 2001, who is now attending medical school at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md.; Brenda Randall, a chemistry major who graduated in 1999; Brooke Klein, who graduated with a degree in biology in 2002; and Kristine Phoenix Maggi, a biology major from Gillette, Wyo., who graduated in 1997.

Theeler and Steinle, who attended BHSU during the same time period, are both now at the halfway point of medical school.

Theeler is currently working at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., doing a rotation in inpatient internal medicine. He was recently awarded the Distinguished Achievement Awards in the neuroscience and gross anatomy courses for having the best grade during his first year of school. He was also named to the dean's list and scored in the top ten percent

in the country for his USMLE board scores.

"Certainly, the academic preparation I received taking your classes and others in science department was a huge part of my success in medical school," Theeler said. "You can assure your students that the bachelor of science education at BH directly correlates with success at the next educational level. My school takes students from all across the country from all types of schools: service academies, Ivy league, large state institutions etc. I felt more than able to compete with these students academically. As a former Nelson scholar, I appreciate all the opportunities I was given at BHSU."

Steinle, who is currently one of the top ranked students at the University of South Dakota medical school, reports that the medical school workload is intense but the subject matter is fascinating. This year, Steinle is planning to do hospital rotations in a variety of clinical specialties. He is interested in pursuing a subspecialty within internal medicine or general surgery. He agrees with his former classmate that his undergraduate degree at BHSU prepared him for medical school.

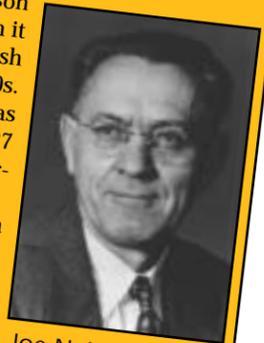
"BHSU provides a balanced foundation on which every graduate can construct a meaningful career. The science department at BHSU is second to none,"

Steinle said. "In retrospect, I have even more appreciation for the multitude of assets BHSU offers students. The professors are extremely approachable and are always willing to assist students. The administration is

About the donors

Joe and Martha Nelson attended BHSU when it was known as Spearfish Normal School in the 20s. Martha was selected as Swarm Day Queen in 1927 and earned a teaching certificate.

Joe earned a degree in education and served as assistant registrar and filled in as registrar during one summer. He taught at Faith High School and



Joe Nelson

served as school superintendent there before going on to earn a master's degree in organic chemistry and a doctorate in chemistry. He then did research, making synthetic rubber, detergents and other chemicals from petroleum, and assisted in starting up the butyl rubber plants at the beginning of World War II. Nelson was the inventor and co-inventor of 81 U.S. patents on chemicals, rubber and detergents made from rubber.

After his death in 1995, at the age of 95, money from his estate was bequeathed to BHSU to establish the scholarship. The Nelsons chose to create the scholarship in honor of former teachers Ida Henton, Evelyn Hesselstine and Mark Richmond.

The Nelson endowment also provides summer research fellowships and other research opportunities for BHSU students. This four-year full-ride scholarship award provides tuition and fees as well as room and board for outstanding science students. The scholarship is awarded each year to an incoming freshman student and is renewable for four years.

progressive. Research opportunities abound. And, most importantly, BHSU is a place where students can feel comfortable (a prerequisite to academic achievement)."



"BHSU provides a balanced foundation on which every graduate can construct a meaningful career. The science department at BHSU is second to none."

Nathan Steinle

Hills are alive with the sound of music from the new Clare and Josef Meier Hall



That was then,



this is now.

The newest building on the BHSU campus has been named the Clare and Josef Meier Hall in honor of the founders of the Black Hills Passion Play. Meier Hall, located in the center of the campus, is an \$8.25 million 44,919 square-foot building which includes a 280-seat recital hall, choir and band rooms, faculty studios, classrooms, soundproof practice rooms, conference rooms, instrument storage areas, keyboard, listening and piano labs and faculty offices.

BHSU President Thomas Flickema praised the Meier family for their arts leadership in the Black Hills, the state and the region.

"What could be more fitting than to name this new building after a couple who played such a powerful role in promoting the arts for six decades," Flickema said. "What better way to preserve the rich heritage of what these two people have accomplished. From this point forward the building will be known as the Clare and Josef Meier Hall, a place of student performances and learning, a place where the public will come to enjoy the continuation of the heritage the Meiers were so instrumental in preserving."

Josef Meier, who was born in

Germany and emigrated to America, brought the Passion Play to the Black Hills in 1932 and it has been in continuous production ever since, giving performances all over the United States and Canada. Six generations of his family participated in the Passion Play that dates to 1242. He began his acting career as a youngster portraying the baby Jesus and later as the adult Christ.

The first local performance of the Passion Play was held in Woodburn Auditorium on the campus during the summer of 1938. The cast included Black Hills area actors including E.C. Woodburn, the college president. The performance, which faithfully reconstructs the dramatic events in the last seven days of the life of Christ, played for five weeks that first summer. Working with Black Hills area businessmen, an outdoor amphitheater was constructed and the Passion Play found a permanent home in Spearfish in 1939 and became a major force in regional tourism development at a time when Mt. Rushmore was being constructed.

"This building provides music faculty, for the first time in the century plus history of this institution, with first-class facilities for instruction and perform-

ance," Flickema said. "This building is a key element in our effort to enhance the role of the fine arts in enriching the cultural life of our region."

Janeen Larsen, music professor and chair of the department of fine and applied arts, is excited about many of the features of the new building. She said that the music faculty have actively participated in the planning process for this building from the size of the stage, to the design of the practice rooms and office studios, right down to the placement of electrical outlets. Larsen cites the recital hall and the soundproof practice rooms as two especially appealing features of the new building.

"The recital hall will be wonderful. It's perfect for senior recitals, faculty recitals and student recitals," she said. She also indicated that the recital hall will be used for performances by other groups, and during the summer, the Summer Institute of the Arts opera workshops will be held there.

Larsen says the building will be an excellent draw to attract additional students interested in majoring in

music to the university. High school students from a five-state area participate in a regional Jazz Festival every year at the university and Larsen expects that as these students see the improved facilities at BHSU, they will be excited about the opportunity to attend classes here.

Members of the College of Business faculty will relocate their office to the upper level of the building. Gary Meek, dean of the College of Business and Technology, said that most of the faculty offices will be located in Meier Hall. Faculty offices from members of the Department of Humanities within the College of Arts and Sciences will also be located the new building.

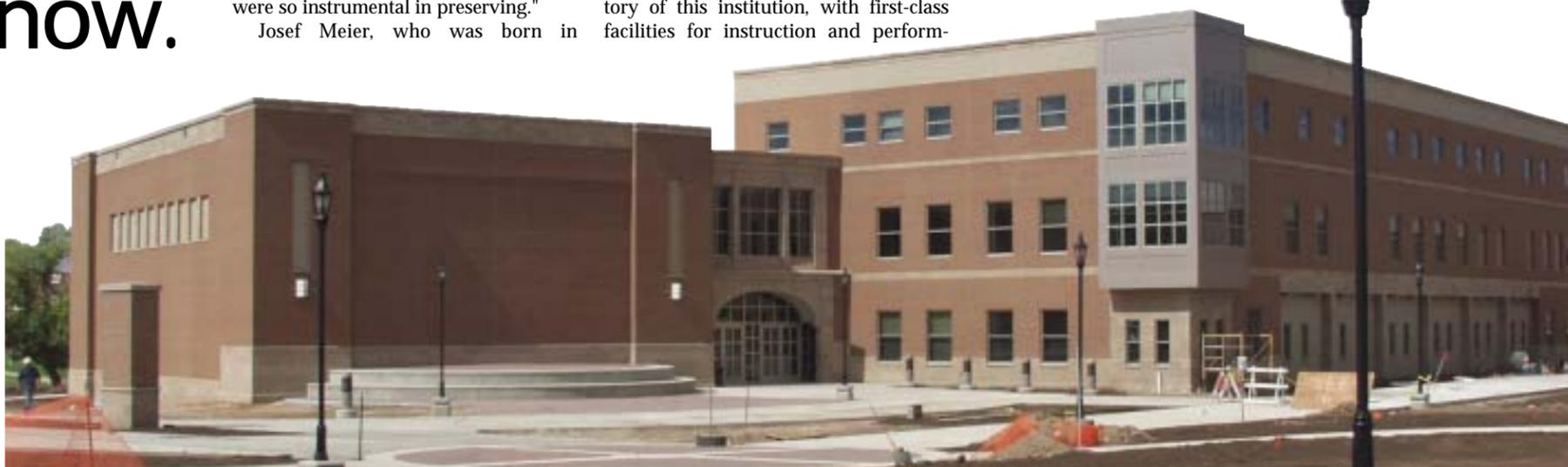
Construction of the the new building in the center of campus is driving other changes as well and will have a dramatic affect on the overall layout of the campus. When construction is complete an enlarged campus green area will emerge. Many landscaping improvements are scheduled for this area that enhance the campus.

Take a tour

Tours of Meier Hall will be given during Swarm weekend Oct. 3 from 2 to 7 p.m. Contact Steve Meeker at 642-6385 for more information. If you are not able to visit the campus, check the BHSU web page (www.bhsu.edu/multimedia) for a future virtual tour of the building.

Musical chairs

You are invited to participate in Black Hills State music history by making a gift to permanently name a seat in the recital hall of the new Clare and Josef Meier Hall. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit the music scholarship fund at BHSU. For a \$300 donation a brass-like plate will be affixed to the chair of your choice. This is a rare opportunity to leave a lasting impact on the future of BHSU's music program and continue a tradition of artistic excellence. Call (605) 642-6228.



Clare Meier (seated), assisted by her daughter Johanna (center) and son-in-law, Guido Della-Vecchia, cuts the ceremonial ribbon to officially open Clare and Josef Meier Hall. President Flickema (right) praised the Meier family for their arts leadership in the Black Hills, the state and the region. Trumpeter and music professor Chris Hahn also performed an original trumpet solo at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Retiring to a new way of life

Black Hills State lost a century and a half of teaching experience when five long-time faculty members retired this spring. The five, Dr. Tom Hills, Mr. Fred Heidrich, Dr. Mark Gabel, Mr. Richard Hicks, Dr. Don Chastain, are all looking forward to retirement with mixed emotions and planning to continue being involved in their teaching area in one way or another.

My heart is with this university." These words, spoken by Dr. Tom Hills, are perhaps the best explanation for the guiding force behind the dedication, loyalty and integrity shown in the actions of the longtime BHSU political science professor.

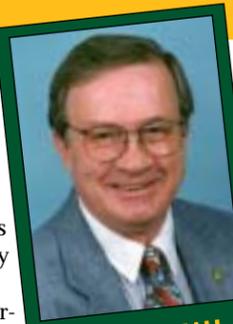
Hills, 63, who is also a graduate of BHSU, was recently honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award and has retired after 34 years at the university.

A dedicated professor, an inspirational and encouraging advisor to students, a trusted colleague and always, as one fellow professor said, "fiercely loyal to South Dakota, Black Hills State University and the students. He has always sought to do what is best to improve BHSU."

With the unique ability to convey both the excitement and seriousness of the academics, Hills has taught, informed and inspired countless numbers of students. His practical insights into the workings of political parties add a valuable dimension in the classroom.

Hills' association with BHSU began as a student. From serving as president of the Student Senate when he attended in the late 50s and 60s, to serving as president of the Faculty Senate, Hills has made the most of his time at BHSU. Through the years he has been active on nearly every committee and influential on practically every issue on this campus. He also was always ready to volunteer and participate in other events such as freshmen orientation and advising.

He also pointed out the dramatic increase in enrollment over the years. As a student, he was one of 600 students; he taught some of the more than 3,600 students enrolled this past year.



Tom Hills

One of the highlights of service for Hills has been involvement with the student Legislative intern program, and he was commemorated last year for his 25 years of serving as coordinator of the program. Hills received a Fulbright Scholar Award for Academic Administrators to go to Germany and Czechoslovakia in 1992. He also spoke at the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Diplomacy at Sarah Lawrence in 1976; presented at the U.S. Department of State Scholar-Diplomat Seminar in 1981; and attended the summer seminar on national elections in Germany in June of 1999.

In the 70s, when Hills served as the Vets' Club advisor, he earned the title of Outstanding Student Advisor. In the 80s students responded to his dedication and chose him as the Student Senate Outstanding Teacher.

Hills enjoyed teaching a variety of politics and government classes and may be best remembered by a generation of students for his world politics class, which was a general education requirement for all graduates for many years. He especially enjoyed the challenge of reaching those general education students who many times were not, at first, especially interested in the subject matter.

"My goal was to make students aware of, and hopefully, interested in what is going on in the world today," Hills said.

Hills' long-term interest in politics and government may move from teaching to actual participation as he is considering some form of political service in the future. He would like to do some international traveling and also plans to put some miles on his new Harley Davidson motorcycle.

As Hills made arrangements to leave the university those who know him well know he will never really leave BHSU.

Research has been the key to Dr. Mark Gabel's teaching success through the years and research will continue to be an important part of Gabel's life as he makes the transition from professor in the classroom to professor emeritus. Gabel retired this spring after 22 years of teaching science classes at BHSU.

Gabel, 52, sees research as a vital component for faculty to stay current in their field and feels that "involving undergraduates in research opportunities is probably the best form of teaching there is."

Gabel should know. He has been providing this ultimate form of teaching for science students at BHSU for decades. Gabel expressed great satisfaction



Mark Gabel

in working with the many quality students who go through the science program and feels a sense of accomplishment when some of these students later come back to thank the faculty for their efforts. One student, Jeremiah Smith, recently expressed his appreciation of Gabel's influence on his education and continuing scientific research.

"Dr. Gabel gave me my first taste of biological research as a junior at BHSU and I have not turned back since. More than anything, Gabel's dedication to biological research and uncompromising commitment to academics influenced me to pursue my graduate education," said Smith. "The lessons learned in Mark's lab guide my research still today. The most important of

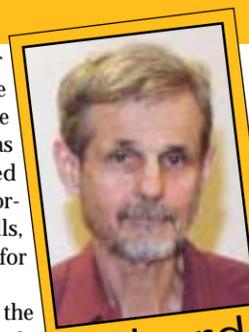
those lessons is that one should take full advantage of their educational opportunities and the necessity for persistence in biological research. These lessons are as true in life as they are in academia."

Although humble about his own contributions, Gabel has been a major force in the on-going improvements in the university science department and is proud of the accomplishments of the entire department, especially in the last 10-15 years. He says that being a part of those changes and seeing the improvements has been the most meaningful part of his career.

Gabel plans to be involved in a variety of research projects in the future and is already making plans for a summer research project with a student. He also plans to work to improve the campus herbarium.

Soft-spoken art professor Richard Hicks has made strong statements in the classroom through the years as he relied on a multi-tiered approach to teaching the importance of fundamentals, skills, creativity and responsibility for students.

"I always tried to present the fundamentals and worked to help students develop artistic skills and encouraged development of creative abilities," Hicks said. At the same time Hicks believes it is important to "hold students responsible" for accomplishing the goals of the class. "Ultimately the students decide if they want to be responsible but I think



Richard Hicks

that's an important part of the learning process."

After 34 years in the classroom, Hicks has seen a multitude of changes both on campus and in the students.

Hicks, 67, said he enjoys teaching many different types of classes, especially art history, and that through the years three-dimensional design evolved as one of his favorite classes and is currently his specialty area.

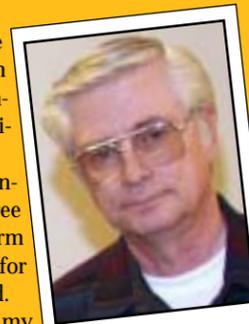
Hicks said one of the best aspects of his job has been the "long-term good working relationship" with fellow longtime BHSU artists and professors Dick DuBois and Jim Knutson. "The three of us get along well and that

Don Chastain, who earned his undergraduate degree at BHSU and then returned as an English faculty member and later began teaching technology classes, retired after 34 years at the university.

Chastain, 63, originally attended BH with the intention of transferring to finish his architectural degree elsewhere. A summer stint with an architectural firm convinced him architecture was not the vocation for him so he focused on something he had always liked.

"I really enjoy sharing what I know so I changed my major to teaching," Chastain said. Since then he has had ample opportunity to share some of what he knows to the hundreds of students in his classrooms. He first joined the BH faculty as an English teacher in 1969 and later moved to teaching technology classes since he had a background in that area and has retained an active interest in the field.

"At first I was a little leery to go from teaching English to technology," Chastain said. "I wasn't sure it would be as challenging and fulfilling as the literature classes were and wondered if it might be a little boring." He soon



Don Chastain

found his new classroom was anything but boring, and his new courses turned out to be an ongoing challenge especially with the advent of computers and constant changes in technology.

"Dr. Edwards brought in a Hewlett Packard computer and said this is how you turn it on; after that, it was up to me to figure out the rest. It has been anything but boring since then. It's a challenge."

Chastain pointed out that the technology staff must learn new software on a regular basis since they change software frequently to keep up with the industry. He noted that many of the programs are quite complex and have a high learning curve.

Chastain noted that he is especially satisfied that a course he developed many years ago, Biblical Literature, is still being taught today.

Retirement might be a misnomer for Chastain as he has already agreed to teach part-time next year and is also coordinating the TTL session on campus this summer. He thinks those activities may help him adjust to retirement. He also has plans for many other activities including helping his wife with her business.



Fred Heidrich

Professor Fred Heidrich, who has been at the front of business classrooms at BHSU for 28 years, in addition to spending four years here as a student, has mixed emotions as he prepares to leave his academic career.

When Heidrich, 54, graduated from BHSU in 1970 with an undergraduate degree in business, he remembers making the statement that he hoped he would have the opportunity to return to his alma mater to "change some things I didn't like." His tenure of nearly three decades of teaching as well as service on many

committees and as interim dean have given him that opportunity, and he is proud of the developments at BHSU.

Heidrich has seen the university, and in particular the College of Business, go through a number of positive changes and has often served in leadership positions to spur those improvements. He has been chair or co-chair of the University Strategic Planning Committee since it was formed and has also served as department chair and interim dean of the College of Business.

Heidrich says he is proud of the way the business programs have evolved and cited the addition of several popular new majors including marketing, business services management and health services administration.

Over the years, Heidrich's teaching philosophy has revolved around his

strong belief "that students learn best by doing." Hicks joined the BHSU staff in 1970. He earned a bachelor's degree in art from Albion College and a master's of fine arts from the University of Iowa.

He is looking forward to retirement as a time to continue doing artwork as well as spend more time participating in the volunteer activities he loves. Last fall, Hicks taught an art class for troubled teens at the Canyon Hills Lutheran Center. That experience has inspired him to look at additional volunteer opportunities when he retires this spring. He has plans to do volunteer work teaching art to special groups and is considering giving tennis lessons for the city. He also plans to take a German class and continue singing with his choir.

strong belief "that students learn best by doing."

The professor pointed out several highlights of his professional career including the opportunity to visit the New York Stock Exchange, the improvements in the business curriculum, his service on the Strategic Planning Committee, and the honor of being named the Distinguished Faculty member by his peers.

Heidrich isn't sure what he is going to be doing once he retires but knows that "given my nature I'm sure I will find another job." He mentioned that he is interested in consulting, writing test banks and several other opportunities. Whatever the future brings, Heidrich knows he will miss the university and is looking forward to the next step of his life with anticipation and nostalgia.

BHSU people in the news

Ochse and Bryan honored by Regents

BHSU professors, Roger Ochse and Lisa Bryan, were among twelve faculty members from South Dakota's public university system who were presented awards for delivering high-quality instruction via technology.

"These awards honor faculty for creative accomplishments on behalf of students, as well as acknowledging the universities' support for faculty development and technology innovation," said Lesta Turchen, the Regents' chief academic officer. "The high quality of the courses submitted for this year's competition attests to the talent and expertise in our public universities."

Ochse and Bryan were honored for their course, Joint Venture Creation/Technical Communication (BADM 316/ENGL 379). Reviewers singled out this course for utilizing various delivery methods, collaborating across disciplines, and interactive syllabus.

Hemmingson named assistant grants director

Sharon Hemmingson, Class of '84, has been named assistant director of the grants and special projects office at BHSU.

"Sharon's experience in working with faculty and students and her success in writing and administering a series of federal TRIO grants will bring important new capabilities to the grants office and help ensure its continued success," Dr. Dan Farrington, director of grants and special projects, said. He also noted that her experience with student success programs would strengthen the external funding efforts in that area.

Hemmingson was previously director of student support services at BHSU. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from BHSU. Hemmingson joined the BHSU staff in 1986.

Farrington named academic affairs VP

Dr. Dan Farrington, director of grants and special projects at Black Hills State University, has been named interim vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Lyle Cook, former vice president for academic affairs, recently resigned to become provost and vice president of academic affairs at Eastern Kentucky University.



Farrington joined the BHSU administrative staff in 1997 after retiring from Merck Research Laboratories where he served as senior director for animal science research. Farrington arrived at BHSU to lead an increased effort on finding and utilizing external funding sources which has netted a dramatic increase in grant funding from \$500,000 in fiscal year 1997 to an expected \$2.6 million in fiscal year 2003.

Farrington, who has a doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM) from Colorado State University (CSU) and a Ph.D. in microbiology and preventive medicine from Iowa State University (ISU), had responsibility for all animal science research manpower and facilities for the conduct and monitoring of clinical trials at Merck.

Farrington spent several years as a tenured associate professor of veterinary microbiology at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, where he conducted research in animal respiratory diseases. Farrington's research has led to three patents for antimicrobial and biological agents.

In 2001 Farrington was called upon by the Department of Agriculture to serve as a consultant in the campaign to eradicate foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom. He has also organized and conducted animal health emergency training courses dealing with animal diseases and the threat of bioterrorism.

Farrington and his wife, Judy, have three grown daughters: Mary, a physician; Jenifer, a pharmacist, and Sarah, a registered dietitian.

Black Hills State in the news

BHSU receives two accreditation approvals

Black Hills State University recently received notification of two important accreditation approvals.

The university received formal notification of continued accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), which is part of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools. In addition the College of Education recently received accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The accreditation approval from HLC indicated that BHSU made great improvements in several areas and is ready to face the challenges in the next decade.

"The accreditation team's comments are a testament to the outstanding accomplishments of the university over the past decade," said Thomas Flickema, BHSU president. "The university has made great strides and looks forward to the future with much optimism."

The HLC accreditation team cited the university's commitment to academic excellence; the university's immersion in the community with service activities; the increase in external funding, which now includes two Congressional earmarks for research centers; and evidence of successful strategic planning. The team members also commented favorably on the physical improvements on campus and the positive comments received from community members concerning the university's role in the community and region. The team suggested that the university continue to improve diversity in faculty, staff and students, seek ways to provide additional support staff and improve retention.

BHSU was first granted HLC accreditation in 1928. The next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled in 2012-13.

The College of Education was one of the first South Dakota schools to go through entirely new rigorous standards to receive the NCATE accreditation.

BH hosts Summer Institute of the arts

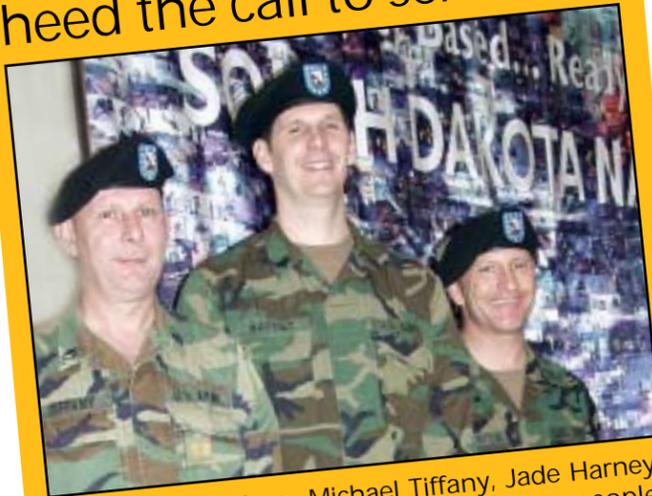
The College of Arts and Sciences at BHSU once again hosted the Summer Institute of the Arts.

The summer institute brings performers and spectators from around the nation together for an art education institute, a vocal arts and opera theatre school, young performers competition, a dance workshop, and lecture series.

According to Holly Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the event was very successful and the students evaluating the program were generally very positive about their experience.

Plans are already underway for the 2004 Summer Institute which will be held June 11-26. For the first time, many of the events will be held in the new Clare and Josef Meier Hall next year.

Staff, students and alumni heed the call to serve



BHSU staff members, Michael Tiffany, Jade Harney and Tim Johnston, were among the people deployed with the 842nd National Guard Unit. The unit remains in Iraq. Another staff member, Cal Crooks, is back at work after serving four months active duty with his public affairs unit. Many students and alumni are also currently serving as part of the Enduring Freedom.

Students present at conference

Two BHSU psychology students recently presented their research at a national research conference for undergraduate students.

Ben Blake, a junior from Spearfish presented research on the trailing ability of rattlesnakes. Tracy Grong, a senior from Brookings presented research on the connotations of sexist language.

Tourism Research Center established at BHSU

A Center for Tourism Research has been established at BHSU which will conduct tourism market research for the entire state. BHSU, which offers masters, bachelors and associate degrees in tourism, sees this as a unique opportunity to have a positive impact on tourism industries throughout the state.

The purpose of the center is to study and promote tourism opportunities in the state by helping the state's tourism industry locate new markets. The center, which will be located on campus, was established with a \$1.4 million Congressional earmark last year through the efforts of Sen. Tom Daschle.

"The center will work with all segments of the state tourism industry including those in rural areas and reservations to provide tourism research and make recommendations," said Thomas Flickema, BHSU president. "Over the long run, the center has the potential to become a major contributor to the South Dakota tourism industry, and as such, have a major impact on economic development in the state."

Tom Dunn, Class of '86, was recently named director of the center. Dunn plans to add a web specialist and a secretary to the center's staff this fall. BHSU faculty members will collaborate with the tourism research center. BHSU students will also be involved in many aspects of the center.

For information contact the center at (605) 642-6435.

Billy Mills visits during powwow



BHSU students Maria Barrera (left) and Erica Littlewolf present a blanket to honor Billy Mills. Mills was one of four people honored at the 18th annual wacipi (pow-wow) sponsored by the BHSU Lakota Omniciye. Mills, the 1964 Olympic winner, participated in the Indian Awareness Week at BHSU this spring. Mills recounted his memories of the gold medal win that is still remembered as one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history and reminded listeners of the continued need for unity through diversity.



Brian Busch and his daughter check out the latest in clothing with the new mascot that Busch designed.



Alum designs a new BHSU mascot

A redesigned Yellow Jacket mascot to represent BHSU athletic teams was unveiled at the BHSU vs. Tech basketball game this winter.

The new look for the Yellow Jacket graphic was designed by Brian Busch, a 1984 BHSU alumnus, now president/CEO of So Square Advertising in Rapid City.

Bud Synhorst, BHSU athletic director, said, "The new Yellow Jacket logo incorporates the traditions synonymous with BHSU athletics and symbolizes the outstanding qualities of our students, athletes and the university."

BHSU changed the mascot after notification by Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) in Atlanta, Ga., that the

Yellow Jacket graphic used by BHSU too closely resembled the copyrighted mascot used at Georgia Tech.

The use of a Yellow Jacket as a mascot has a long tradition at Black Hills State, dating back to the late 1920s. An article in the centennial edition of the BHSU Eochia gives one explanation of the adoption of this name for the BH athletic teams. According to the story the name was first used during an October 1927 football game when one of the fans jumped to her feet and yelled, 'Go you yellow jackets, go!' in reference to the yellow-colored jackets the team wore. The crowd began to repeat the cheer throughout the game and the Yellow Jacket name continued to be used.

Another account in the centennial year-book relates "the football team had been known as the Yellow Jackets, a name that appears to have derived from the horizontally striped socks worn by team members which gave them the appearance of wasp-like yellow jackets."

Over the years, the school has used a variety of graphic representations of the Yellow Jacket. The new design builds on that tradition and looks forward to the next century by strengthening the university's visual identity with a design that captures the essence of Yellow Jacket athletics.

Traveling science lab provides high-tech learning opportunities

Science is on the move at BHSU, literally, with the addition of two semi-trailer traveling science labs that will take high tech science to students across the state. The truck, specially designed and built to hold a traveling science lab with nearly \$100,000 worth of science equipment, is one of two operated under the auspices of the Center for Advancement of Math and Science Education at BHSU.

According to Jerry Opbroek, coordinator of 'Science on the Move', the lab has 12 workstations equipped with state-of-the-art science equipment that very few South Dakota schools have and will provide inquiry-based science learning developed to create more interest and exposure to science for the state's students.

The traveling lab was the brainchild of several university professors in South Dakota who envisioned a way to get high-tech science to students who don't have access to that type of equipment. The entire truck was outfitted in nine months with more than 6,000 hours of inmate labor with a unique science lab that is now being made available to students throughout the state.



Meier, Della-Vecchia receive honorary degrees

Johanna T. Meier and Guido S. Della-Vecchia became the 12th and 13th recipients in the history of BHSU to receive honorary doctorate degrees at the May commencement ceremony.

Della-Vecchia and Meier received the special recognition on the recommendation of the BHSU music faculty, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the commencement/awards committee, the faculty senate, and the vice president for academic affairs. The South Dakota Board of Regents of Education conferred granting the honorary doctorate degrees.

"Mr. Guido Della-Vecchia and Ms. Johanna Meier were chosen for this honor in recognition of the achieved distinction within their profession and the outstanding contributions to the people of South Dakota. The couple's distinguished operatic careers, their contributions to the community of Spearfish, and their dedication to the advancement of the arts make them important and outstanding role models for the people of South Dakota," Thomas Flickema, BHSU president, said. "The two have had an important positive influence on the arts in this community as well as the entire state of South Dakota. These hon-

orary doctorates bestow upon Mr. Della-Vecchia and Ms. Meier the recognition they so richly deserve."

BHSU has awarded only 11 honorary degrees in its history, and this is the

career as a classical singer in 1980, he and Meier made Spearfish their permanent home in 1984. In 1991, the couple assumed ownership of the Passion Play, where Della-Vecchia continues to sing as the official Passion Play soloist. Della-Vecchia also performs frequently in the community and region.

Meier assumed the role of CEO and director of the Black Hills Passion Play in 1991. The play was brought to America from Germany by her father, Josef in 1932 and has been in continuous production ever since, giving performances all over the United States and Canada. The first local performance of the Passion Play was held in Woodburn Auditorium on the BHSU campus during the summer of 1938. The production played for five weeks that first summer. Working with Black Hills area businessmen, an outdoor amphitheater was constructed and the Passion Play found a permanent home in Spearfish in 1939. For years the Passion Play had two perma-

nent amphitheaters, one in Spearfish and one in Lake Wales, Fla. The Passion Play retains a permanent amphitheater in Spearfish, where it is a powerful cultural experience and a major tourist destination.

first time in nearly 20 years that an honorary doctorate has been awarded. Josef Meier, Johanna's father, received an honorary doctorate in 1972.

After Della-Vecchia retired from his



Johanna Meier (center) and Guido Della-Vecchia (right) receive a certificate noting their honorary doctorate of humane letters degrees. Dr. Thomas Flickema (left), president of BHSU, presented the honorary degrees during the 145th commencement ceremony.

Erica Littlewolf receives Spirit of BH award

Erica Littlewolf, a BHSU student, was honored with the Black Hills State University Alumni Association Spirit of BH award at the student volunteer awards banquet this spring. Littlewolf, a senior from Busby, Mont., was chosen to receive the esteemed Spirit of BH award for her activities both on and off campus.

Littlewolf, who was chosen by her peers as 2002 homecoming queen, was cited for her ability to successfully manage academics, volunteerism, extra-curricular activities and work. The BHSU senior with a double major in psychology and American Indian Studies maintains a 3.1 grade point average. Littlewolf is involved in several campus organizations, serves as a member of the retention task force, serves as a university peer educator, and has volunteered through Habitat for Humanity the last two years to help rebuild houses during spring break. Her community involvements include volunteering with the Artemis House, the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, and as a vacation Bible school teacher.

"I have developed a deep sense of respect and admiration for her achievements, her campus involvement, and above all, her leadership. I cannot think of another student who represents the spirit of Black Hills State University better than Erica Littlewolf," said one of the nominators for the award. The Spirit of BH award honors a student who has made significant contributions that reflect favorably on the university and larger community. Other nominees for the Spirit of BH award included Josh Griffeth, Joey Lore, Jessica Hinker, Morgan Miles, John Rounds and Crystal Muglia.

Scott Amundson, president of the BHSU Alumni Association, who presented the Spirit of BH award, said, "As always, the decision is very difficult; there are so many outstanding students who continually go beyond the 'required' and find time in their busy work and school schedules to give unselfishly of their talents," Amundson said.



Littlewolf

BHSU student wins national track championship and makes a run for a broadcasting career

By Antonia Kucera

Nikki Underwood, BHSU senior, is well known in Spearfish. She is the petite blonde often seen running circles on the track field or easily traipsing cross country; she is Candy Dandy on the radio station KBHU the Buzz in the morning and the driving force behind KBHU TV's Sports Talk show. After winning a national track championship this spring, Underwood is once again in the spotlight, with a high profile internship with a show on NBC's sports channel, the "George Michael Sports Machine."

Underwood is one of 14 interns who moved to Washington D.C. to participate in producing a professional weekly television show. Besides acceptance based on her excellent record of achievement and performance during her collegiate career, Underwood heads for the internship on a recommendation from Dave Diamond, BHSU assistant professor of broadcasting, who just happens to know George Michael.

"Nikki Underwood is a winner," said Diamond. "She works hard at every task she undertakes until she masters it. She has a great personality, and everyone I know respects and loves her."

Underwood is no stranger to success. While going to high school in Brookings, she attended some running camps at BHSU with Coach Scott Walkinshaw and made the decision to pursue her college education in Spearfish. She walked on to the BHSU cross country and track and field teams her freshman year, and has since become a scholarship athlete and

has earned the honor of All-American nine times. She was also recently ranked first in the qualifying rounds for a 26.2-mile marathon sponsored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Underwood is pursuing a major in mass communications with an emphasis in broadcasting and a double minor in business and speech communication. She is active in nearly all of the mass communications student organiza-

ethic, determination and positive attitude," Underwood said. Her mother has taught her to take pride in being a strong, successful woman. Underwood is now living up to those ideals.

She also has a reputation to live up to; last summer, BHSU senior Nate Brown was accepted for the same job and left a very good impression. Although Brown is more knowledgeable about the world of sports, Underwood is confident in her ability to excel as an intern.

"My personality will definitely help in [the broadcasting] field," she said. "You can't be shy. You have to be confident in your abilities. You can't be scared to try new things."

Several changes are sure to surface in D.C., such as the difference in technology between BHSU's basement studio and NBC's professional studio. Underwood is eager to work with the cameras and editing equipment and hopefully earn the privilege of doing her own interview with an ath-

lete, an honor Brown was awarded at the end of his internship.

Underwood is, of course, excited at the opportunity she has with this internship to discover first-hand if sports broadcasting is what she wants to do for a career. Her history as a child gymnast and adult runner makes those her favorite sports, but she is interested in all sports. Surprisingly, if she could interview anybody in the world, her first pick would not be an athlete but a television personality. Underwood would choose Leeza Gibbons, whom she has always admired.

"I like to see successful women who are awesome at what they do," she said. "My mom taught me that." Underwood is well along the path of becoming just that type of woman.

countless opportunities for Underwood.

"What I've learned through running - discipline, determination, hard work, confidence, time management - will all help me in my career," she said. "You can do anything you put your mind to is what I've learned. It's amazing what you can do with some hard work."

Most of these values are already deeply ingrained in Underwood's personality from good upbringing. Her parents were her main influence. According to Underwood, her mother has a very positive outlook on life and is very active.

"I admire [my mother] a lot - her work



Letter to the editor - June 5, 2003, *Black Hills Pioneer*

Dear Editor,

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the community of Spearfish for the love and support you have given our daughter, Nikki Underwood. She could not have picked a better place to go to college than Black Hills State University.

Nikki has enjoyed every minute of the four years she has spent in Spearfish. A special thank you to the faculty at the university, the coaching staff in track and cross country and the athletic fans in Spearfish. As some of you know Nikki finished up her track career by winning the marathon at the NAIA National track meet.

You don't win a national championship without the help and support of those around you. So many of you have contributed so much to Nikki's success. I hope the people of Spearfish realize what a special place you have to live. We sure do.

Scott and Diane Underwood
Brookings, S.D.

Yellow Jacket runners win at national tourney

It's been a phenomenal year for cross country and track and field athletes at BHSU.

The track and field team broke school records and brought home many honors, including two first-ever championships, from the national meet this spring.

Nikki Underwood led the way with a win in the marathon at the national track meet in a school record time of 3:05:13.62, making her the first female outdoor national champion in BHSU history. Earlier in the meet Tim Bishop became the first outdoor men's national champion with a win in the 1500-meter in a school record time of 3:49.75

Twenty-four Yellow Jackets, under the leadership of fifth-year track coach Scott Walkinshaw, qualified for

the national meet, which is a record in itself. The Yellow Jackets also returned with two top eight team finishes. The women's team finished sixth overall with 31 points and the men's team finished eighth with 33 points.

Last fall, the cross country teams also placed at the national meet.

The women's cross country team finished third as the Jackets were led by the one two punch of Jessie Palczewski and Underwood, who finished in third and eighth with times of 18:34 and 18:41.

The men's cross country team finished fifth at the NAIA Cross Country championships led by Junior Dennis Newell who placed second with a time of 25:03. Teammate Tim Bishop finished with a time of 25:49 for 15th place.

Nore will lead Lady Jackets

Mark Nore, a former defensive standout for the Yellow Jackets who served as interim coach for the BHSU women's basketball team, is the new head women's basketball coach. Nore takes the place of Kevin Dobbs who resigned in November 2002.

"The Black Hills State community is delighted to welcome Mark Nore, an individual who exemplifies so many of the great things about the campus and about the athletic program," said BHSU President Thomas Flickema.

Nore brings with him a wealth of experience. From 1993-1997 he played basketball at BHSU under former Coach Mike Olson, helping the team record 77 wins and earn two trips to the national tournament. He served as assistant women's basketball coach at Southwest State University in Marshall, Minn., and as assistant coach for the BHSU women's team in 1998-1999 and 1999-2000. As interim women's basketball coach for the 2002-03 season, Nore completed the year with an 11-12 record.

"Mark did an excellent job this year as our interim coach, and we're excited to have him as our head coach. We feel his familiarity with the area and the Yellow Jackets' basketball program will be beneficial to the women's basketball team," Bud Synhorst, athletic director at BHSU, said.



Nore

Scott named football coach

The Yellow Jacket football team is preparing for the fall 2003 season under the new head coach John A. Scott who comes to BHSU from Silver Creek High School in Longmont, Colo.

Previously, Scott was the head football coach in Gillette, Wyo. During his five-year tenure as Campbell County High School varsity coach, Scott's team had a 43-14 record, won the state 4A championship two years and were runner-up champions another year.

Scott served as a graduate assistant and tight ends coach for the University of Wyoming in 1990-1992 under former head football coach and BH alumnus Paul Roach.

Scott played football for Sioux Falls College (1977-1981) where he earned a degree in health and physical education in 1982. He also earned a master's degree in physical education and athletic administration with a minor in counseling from the University of North Dakota in 1988 and later completed non-degree graduate work at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyo.

Originally from Kemmerer, Wyo., Scott returned to his hometown as varsity head coach and athletic director. Led his team to two consecutive state championships in 1993 and 1994 and compiled a 24-5 record. Scott was named high school coach of the year in Wyoming in 1993, 1994, 1998 and 2000 and served as the Wyoming Shrine Bowl All-Star Head Football Coach in 1995 and 2000.



Scott

Assistant coaches

- Defensive Coordinator - Pat Fackrell
- Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator - Jay Long
- Defensive Backs - Jon Vance
- Wide Receivers - Heath Hayes
- Defensive Line - Joe Gutierrez
- Offensive Line - Darrin Douglas
- Running Backs - Dick Tschetter

Men's BB team competes at national tourney

The Yellow Jacket men's basketball team made their second consecutive trip to the national tournament this year, after completing the season with a 19-12 record. The Jackets' season ended in the first round with a loss to Cascade, Ore.



Alumni and friends recognized



B. Benning Fidler McKay J. Benning

The BHSU Alumni Association will recognize four individuals for their service and achievements during an awards breakfast Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8:30 a.m., in the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union Jacket Legacy Room.

Individuals being recognized are Beth (Gallup) Benning, Spearfish, Distinguished Alumni Award; John Fidler, Palmdale, Calif., Special Achievement Award; Linda (Morris) McKay, Belle Fourche, Excellence in Education Award; and Jim Benning, Spearfish, Special Service Award.

Beth Benning, a 1973 summa cum laude graduate with a degree in business administration, was recently named 2003 South Dakota Finance Officer of the Year. In 1973 Beth became the assistant finance officer for the city of Spearfish and was promoted to municipal finance officer in 1979. She has served as District 10 chairman and president for the South Dakota Municipal League, was a member of the Governor's Tax Advisory Commission, and received the Excellence in Municipal Government Award in 1997.

Beth's other honors include being selected Community Woman of Achievement by Business and Professional Women, receiving the BHSU Outstanding Alumni Award for the business division and the Spirit of Spearfish Award in 1989, and being named one of the Argus Leader's "Leaders of Tomorrow."

Beth is a member of many community organizations. She also remains involved with her alma mater as a member of the BHSU Foundation Board of Directors and a member and past president of the Alumni Association. She and her husband, Jim, have four children.

John Fidler, a former hospital administrator who now serves as a senior consultant for M.L. Schwartz and Associates, says BHSU was the right choice to prepare him for success throughout his career in the healthcare field.

John received his degree in chemistry from BHSU in 1960. A four-year letterman in football and all-conference center and middle linebacker who was active in Science Club, Phi Mu Beta, and choir, John was named "Joe College 1959," by BHSU faculty and was one of 13 seniors selected for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Throughout his career as CEO of several major hospitals in California and Missouri, John has been a healthcare leader with expertise in developing new services, resulting in increased market share, higher profits, improved productivity and quality.

Linda McKay, a 1966 graduate with a degree in business education who was recently named Belle Fourche Teacher of the Year and South Dakota Teacher of the Year, is the recipient of the excellence in education award.

Linda taught in Idaho and Oregon before returning to South Dakota, where she has held various teaching positions in the Lead-Deadwood, Meade, and Belle Fourche school districts. Since 1989 she has worked for the Belle Fourche School District, where she teaches business and computers to high school students. She is also involved in career preparation and the school-to-career program and serves as business department chairperson.

Linda has received the South Dakota State Director's Award for Innovation and Excellence from the Office of Adult, Vocational, and Technical Education and is a member of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Jim Benning, owner and manager of Ainsworth-Benning in Spearfish,

will receive the special service award. After managing the commercial side of Ainsworth Builders, Jim purchased the company in 1974. Today the business has approximately \$15-million a year in gross sales and provides employment for 65 to 130 people, including many BHSU students, through its multi-state operations.

Ainsworth-Benning has worked on many prominent projects including Lookout Memorial Hospital, the Spearfish Convention Center, and the Complex Fine Arts Theater in Gillette, Wyo. Their work also includes the BHSU Student Union and current landscaping projects.

Jim, as well as many of his employees, is an active supporter of BHSU.

"Jim Benning and his crew have been incredibly supportive of Black Hills State," said Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement. "Jim works with us each year to construct a parade float, pulls the float in the parade and even provides a trailer for our use."

Recently Jim purchased a restored pickup with a flatbed for the sole purpose of letting the alumni association use it for their float. He donated the labor to install the new flagpole at Lyle Hare Stadium as well as the labor to renovate the Institutional Advancement Office.

Three athletes, a coach and a contributor will be inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during Swarm Day ceremonies Friday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Jacket Legacy Room.

Athletes to be inducted are Kevin Nowotny, Class of '80, Adrian, Minn.; Jylann (Soulek-Barham) Ewer, Class of '92, Olivet; and Tom Olson, Class of '81, Norfolk, Neb. Dave Little, Spearfish, will be inducted as a coach and Myles Kennedy, Spearfish, will be inducted as a contributor.

Kevin Nowotny played four years of baseball for BHSU from 1977 to 1980 during which time he was a member of four consecutive conference championship teams from 1977-80, two District 12 championship teams in 1979 and 1980, and two NAIA area tournament appearances in 1979 and 1980. He was selected South Dakota-Iowa Conference (SDIC) all-conference four years, all-District 12 his sophomore, junior and senior years, and earned honorable mention all-American in 1979. Career highs for Kevin were 61 hits and 58 RBI's in one season, and he held for a while the career home run record at BHSU with 19. In 1980 he became the first winner of the Cliff Papik Scholarship.

During her career at BHSU, Jylann Ewer lettered in basketball one year and claimed the "Hustler" award, but she excelled in track and field.

Jylann competed in indoor track for two years. She was the District 12 champion in the long and triple jumps and holds the BHSU indoor long jump record with an 18'3" jump.

She was a member of the four-time champion SDIC outdoor track team and a three-time SDIC Outstanding Female Athlete. She won individual SDIC championships in long jump four years, triple jump four years, 100-meter hurdles, and high jump. She was also a member of the winning 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relays. She was the District 12 champion in long jump, triple jump, 100-meter hurdles and heptathlon. In addition to the five school records she set and still

Hall of Fame inductees named



Nowotny Ewer Olson Little Kennedy

holds in the 100-meter hurdles, long jump, triple jump, high jump, and heptathlon, Ewer was a four-time all-American with her best performance at the national meet placing sixth in the long jump. She also holds the state record in collegiate long jump.

Tom Olson competed in football, basketball, and track and field during his college career at BHSU. An almost unheard of achievement, he earned 11 letters in three different sports. In football, Tom played defensive end, tight end and offensive tackle during his years on the gridiron. He was honorable mention all-SDIC his senior year at offensive tackle.

In basketball Tom scored a career high 29 points his junior year in a victory over South Dakota Tech. As a junior, he ranked 14th in scoring, averaging 12.3 points per game and seven rebounds per game. As a senior he was named first team all-SDIC, averaging 9.2 rebounds per game and 12 points per game.

In track and field, Tom jumped 6'8" in the high jump, winning the District XII NAIA high jump competition and helping the Jackets win the District XII meet.

Dave Little, a 1965 graduate of Northern State University, began his collegiate coaching and teaching career at BHSU in 1968 and soon established himself as one of the state's most successful collegiate track and field and cross country coaches. His name became synonymous with winning cross country and track titles - 17 cross country titles and 30 track and field titles in men's and women's competition during his tenure as a Yellow Jacket head coach.

During the 70s and early 80s his men's teams dominated the league. He was named NAIA District 12 coach of the year 14 times, South Dakota Sports Writer's coach of the year once, and women's SDIC coach of the year.

Myles Kennedy has been president of the Yellow Jacket Foundation and Green and Gold Booster Club since 1999. Since then the club has raised over three quarters of a million dollars for athletic scholarships at BHSU under Myles' leadership. Scholarships to student athletes have nearly doubled in this short period of time.

Myles has also purchased shirts for the cross country and volleyball teams, travel bags for the basketball teams and has been known to provide watermelon to the football team and spaghetti and lasagna feeds to the volleyball and cross country teams. He is known as the "brat man" as he often cooks the bratwurst at the pre-game tailgate parties for home football games.

Linanders will lead Swarm Day parade

Dr. Charles and Marjorie Linander will lead the Swarm Day parade this year, which is fitting since they have lead so many universities and community activities through the years.

The Linanders, who are both alums, will be honored at the annual parade Oct. 4 in Spearfish. Charles graduated from BHSU in 1940 and Marjorie in 1942. Charles, a retired dentist who practiced in Spearfish for many years, earned a bachelor degree from BHSU and went on to earn a doctor of dental surgery from Creighton University.

Charles and Marjorie have been involved in a decades of Swarm Day celebrations beginning when they were both students in the 1940s through their years as active volunteers with the Alumni Association, the Green and Gold Club as well as the Shrine.

At the Swarm Day parade this year, the Linanders will be in the honored as they are recognized for all their contributions to BHSU and the community.



Marjorie and Charles Linander

Swarmin' in the Jungle Homecoming Schedule

Oct. 3
Hall of Fame Banquet, Jacket Legacy Room, 6 p.m.

Oct. 4
Alumni Awards Breakfast, Jacket Legacy Room, 8:30 a.m.
Swarm Day Parade, Spearfish, 10:30 a.m.
Alumni Tailgate Social, Salem Park, 11:30 a.m.
Swarm Day Football Game, Lyle Hare Stadium, 1:30 p.m.



Update alumni news

Name _____
 Graduation year _____ Major _____
 Spouse's name _____ A BHSU graduate? _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Employment _____
 Note or news items _____

Please help us find lost alumni

Check out the lost alumni list at www.bhsu.edu/alumni.
 If you or someone you know is on the list, please let us know where they are so we can update the files.

Send to: BHSU Alumni Magazine, Unit 9506, 1200 University, Spearfish, SD 57799-9506
 or submit news items online at www.bhsu.edu/alumni.

Looking ahead

Swarm Week Homecoming Activities

Sept. 29 - Oct. 4

Swarm Week activities include honoring distinguished alumni, inducting new Hall of Fame members, the annual parade and football game. This year there will be two special reunions during Swarm Week, the Dale Hardy Reunion and the Cheerleader/Dance Team Reunion. Tours of the Clare and Josef Meier Hall will also be available. See complete schedule on page 30.

2003 Annual Alumni Art Show

Sept. 29 -- Oct. 22

Alumni artwork will be featured at the Ruddell Gallery. For information contact Shannon Alcorn at 642-6385.

Stadium Sports Grill Second Annual Roundball Reunion

Oct. 24 & 25

The weekend begins with a social reception Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Stadium Sports Grill. Men's and women's alumni basketball games will start at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25. Following the men's game, there will be a post-game reception at the Stadium Sports Grill. Money raised during the weekend will support the basketball endowments. Former men's and women's basketball players should contact Terri Wells at 642-6446 or by email at TerriWells@bhsu.edu.

50-year Reunion

May 7 & 8, 2004

Class of 1954 50th Reunion during commencement weekend

Yellow Jacket Golf and Auction

July 10, 2004

Spearfish Canyon Country Club

BHSU events

See www.bhsu.edu then choose Campus Calendar for a complete list of campus activities.

For athletic competition information see www.bhsu.edu/athletics.



Cheers!

Former BHSU cheerleaders and dance team members will hold a reunion as a part of the Swarm Week festivities this year. These 1970 cheerleaders are Betty (Frei) Fahey, Class of '72, physical education major; Sherry (Hicks) Hirsch, Class of '71, speech major; Jan (Jones) Catron, Class of '72, elementary and special education major; Mardell (McCright) Olson, Class of '70, physical education; Lorinda (Vonburg) Plambeck, Class of '72, elementary education major.



Spearfish Creek near Brady Park in Spearfish

The beauty of the Black Hills, unmatched in any season, is a cherished memory of many BHSU alumni. Bob Albert, echoed the sentiments of many others, as he said, "The Black Hills is a special place and will always be home to us."