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Flickema presents Spirit of BH award

Dr. Thomas Flickema, president of Black Hills State University, presents Megan Wyett with the Spirit of BH award to honor her leadership in a number of student organizations and her participation in volunteer activities throughout the community.

Wyett has been actively involved in a variety of student organizations since she first came to campus as a freshman in the fall of 2001. She is currently president of the Student Senate, a past president and member of the BHSU Student Ambassadors, and vice-president of the University Programming Team. She has co-chaired and chaired the annual Swarm Days homecoming week committee, was elected vice president of awards for the BHSU Reading Council, is currently serving as the president of Chi Theta Xi Sorority and is a member of the search and screen committee for retention. She has also volunteered as a New Student Days group leader and as a student athletic trainer.

The Spirit of BH award is given annually by the BHSU Alumni Association to honor a student who has made significant contributions that reflect favorably on the university and larger community.

It's one of my greatest honors to present awards to exceptional students, faculty and alumni at Black Hills State University. Megan Wyett, who received the Spirit of BH Award this spring, is an excellent example of the talented, creative, hard-working and motivated students on our campus. She and other BHSU students develop time management skills by successfully managing academics, volunteerism and extra-curricular activities. The success of our alumni attest to the fact that these skills are put to use when the students graduate and emerge as leaders in their communities. I'm always pleasantly surprised by the variety of occupations that our alumni pursue.

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Energy businessman

Education advocate

Family man

Tim Penton



Tim Penton

As a high school student, Tim Penton, Class of '80, began working in the oil fields near his hometown of Casper, Wyo. That was the beginning of what would become a long and successful energy career that has included assignments in the western part of the U.S. as well as in several international locations.

It has been a career of dreams with unforeseen opportunities and developments for Tim, who is now country manager for Williams International, an energy business that produces, gathers, processes and transports natural gas across the U.S. as well as in some international locations. Tim oversees the Venezuela, South America, operations.

Energy has been Tim's business; however, he has maintained a strong interest and an active role in education, an occupation he once considered in college. Even as Tim continues to rise in the international energy field, he has stayed active in education on many levels.

When Tim graduated from high school in the fall of 1974, he was in no hurry to begin college.

"I decided to take a year off and explore the world," Tim says. As it turned out, Tim did get the opportunity to explore the world but not until after he completed a business degree from BHSU and began working in the oil industry once again.

On the cover



Tim Penton catches a nice peacock bass at his favorite get-away in Venezuela.

Waiting a year to begin college turned out to be a good decision for Tim because the following year, Gene Schlekeway, who was then head football coach at BHSU, called and asked Tim and a high school teammate to join the Yellow Jacket football team. Tim remembers that call from the football coach and considers it a pivotal point that offered him a positive direction in his life.

"That was a very fortunate call. I was just finishing up a job, and at the time, I thought it sounded better than any other options I had," Tim says. While at BHSU, Tim also participated with the rodeo club and as a member of the track team.

Tim remembers many instrumental and influential professors at BHSU, but one, Fred Heidrich, stands out in particular. Tim remembers that Heidrich, who recently retired as a business instructor, would begin each class with the statement that if at the end of the class the students hadn't learned anything, they should let the instructor know.

"He held himself accountable for what we learned in the classroom. No one ever stepped forward with that complaint in any of my classes," Tim says.

Tim feels that the education he received at BHSU was excellent. Early in his career, just out of college, Tim applied with the fourth-largest energy company in the nation and was successful in being chosen for the job.

"I was competing with applicants from Harvard, Dartmouth, and others like that. The key is how well the school teaches you to develop yourself afterward by implanting the ability to learn," Tim says. "If you think you're done with education when

you're through with college, you're not going to succeed. You continue to learn all of your life."

Tim credits his start in the energy business to growing up in Casper where he gained experience in the industry through summer jobs. He began as a tool mechanic and later moved into a field job as a roustabout for a major oil company. Tim says his college degree made it possible for him to move into an office position which later led to advanced positions in other locations which he decided seemed to be a better option "than staying in the cold Wyoming winters."

Tim and his family soon embarked on a series of assignments which included stays in Kansas, Texas, and eventually Gabon, in west Africa. That was Tim's first overseas job. He was then promoted to administrative manager. He later came back to Houston, where his family stayed, as he took additional job ventures in Mauritania, just south of Morocco, as well as in Congo.

During this time, Tim, who values the importance of lifelong learning, continued to his education through graduate courses in international finance. In the summer of 1995, Tim was offered a job opening a new office in Venezuela. A few years later, he was set to leave the country and return to the U.S. when fate intervened once again and brought a change that would define Tim's career and family life. Tim met a fel-

low American at the U.S. Embassy who asked him to come to work for Williams as the director of finance and administration for their Venezuelan operations.

"It was by sheer coincidence that we met at all," Tim says. "It was a great move for me." A move that he's been happy with despite some trying times at the company, which was at one point within 12 hours of bankruptcy. In what has been called the greatest turnaround in the history of the industry, Williams pulled through, restructured the business and is now contending with growth.

It's obvious that Tim has a strong loyalty for Williams, a Tulsa, Okla., based company, which produces, gathers, processes and transports clean-burning natural gas that is used to heat homes and power elec-

"Although energy has been my career, my passion has been education," Tim says. Tim has long been interested in teaching and says he seriously considered adding teaching as a second major while at BHSU. Tim has used that on-going passion to become involved in the development and advancement of an English-speaking school in Venezuela, Escuela Campo Alegre, which his children attended. He has helped out in many ways and most recently served as president of the board of education and has chaired many committees.

When the school created a mission to "be the best school in the world," Tim says others scoffed at the idea, but the school board and faculty were determined to "see how close we could get to that vision." The school has been very successful and provides innovative education, which focuses on individual students. According to Tim, the school provides the most up-to-date educational methodology and technology and is recognized internationally as an outstanding school.

Tim met his wife, Lisa, while they were both in college. Lisa, who is originally from Sioux Falls, was attending an east river university when she came to the Black Hills for a skiing trip. They were later married and now have two grown children, Molly, who is studying in Madrid, Spain, and Montana, who is currently stationed in Italy with the U.S. Air Force.

When he's not working or helping at the school, Tim enjoys exotic sportsfishing in a huge reservoir, Guri, that flows into prime fishing country.

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Living in Venezuela, Tim Penton's interest in world politics has intensified. Venezuela has endured civil unrest, strikes and massive rallies like this march last year that attracted more than a million people. Penton says observing these types of events firsthand gives him a renewed appreciation for democracy and highlights the need for Americans to evolve with the world.

tric generators across the country. Williams is one of the world's leading integrated natural gas companies.

Tim describes Venezuela as an "interesting place to live with good, fun-loving people, amazing scenic beauty and unbelievable resources." He's proud of the fact that his company focuses on the development of the people who live in the country and offers employment opportunities for many. He noted that of the 250 employees in Venezuela, only four are from the United States.

The three Cs

Tim says he can trace his success in life to his parents, who both challenged him to reach out and do whatever he was interested in.

"My parents let me believe that I could be whatever I wanted to be. That was the biggest catalyst for me. They gave me the confidence I needed," Tim says. Now, as a parent, Tim tries to instill that confidence in his own children. He recently had the honor of speaking to his daughter's graduating high school class. In his address, he outlined the importance and value of three key attributes: commitment, caring and confidence. Tim's philosophy on living and learning is based on these attributes, or what could be termed the three Cs.

Confidence

Tim knows the confidence his parents instilled in him was empowering throughout his education and career. He encourages young people to "set goals you can't achieve because otherwise you won't know what you can do." He also reminds students of all ages that "it's up to you to have the confidence to demonstrate leadership."

Caring

Tim points out the importance of caring with the simple example of asking if the students remembered who won medals or awards in sports 10 years ago. Then he asked the students to think about who has been instrumental in caring about them. Tim says it's these people and the memories you have of these people that matter most in your life.

Commitment

Tim praises the unparalleled commitment of teachers he's known and worked with throughout the years. He also advises that if you can't demonstrate 100 percent commitment to what you are doing, go find something else to do.

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Schopen's study revolutionizes Buddhist history



As a young boy growing up in Deadwood, Gregory Schopen, Class of '70, would often visit the local museum and was fascinated by the Asian artifacts. He also explored Mt. Moriah cemetery, located just above his family home, and remembers wondering what the Chinese inscriptions on the tombstones meant.

Now a leading scholar of Indian Buddhism and department chair of Asian Languages & Cultures at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Gregory, has spent his adult life studying a culture that piqued his interest as a child. The simple wonderment of his childhood has evolved into a life of research, worldwide travel and teaching about Asian religions.

Gregory is an historian of Buddhism who has written numerous articles and books on the subject. A 2004 article published in the *Taipei Times* describes Gregory as a specialist in a very restricted academic world of Indian Buddhist studies and credits him as having revolutionized the study of Indian Buddhism.

Because Gregory studies Buddhism from an archaeological and art-historical perspective as well as studying sacred texts, his research has revealed a detailed picture of early Indian tradition that is far different from previously held beliefs. He says that archaeological findings paint a different picture than the texts do, and he suggests that the artifact findings are more realistic while the texts probably reflect an ideal to live up to rather than actual historical practices. His work overturned the field's long-held beliefs that monks and nuns were free of material possessions and had little or no contact with money. Gregory's writings report that archeological findings of donation records as well as evidence that monks actually minted coins show that monks and nuns were actually active business people.

In high school Gregory was formally introduced to Asia through a World Civilizations class taught by Dorothea (Dottie) Williams, also a BHSU graduate, Class of '58. He notes that Williams' positive influence led him to what has become a lifetime of learning about cultures around the world.

"She encouraged her students to better their lives by learning more about the world," Gregory said. "She promoted the notion that the more you know about the world in which you live, the better off you are."

After high school Gregory chose to attend Black Hills State University because it was close to home and his brother also attended the university. At BH, Gregory majored in English literature because there was not a major in

Asia or religions.

"At the time, I was already interested in Asia and religions, but there was not a degree offered at BH in that area, so I chose to major in English. I did take every history course I could and remember Sever Eubank who was an excellent professor. I was also able to take a World Religions course taught by Dr. Jonas. At the time, I had to make an appointment with him to get permission to take this class as a freshman," Gregory said.

After graduating from BH, Gregory earned a master's degree in Religious Studies at McMaster University in Ontario and a Ph.D. in South Asian and Buddhist Studies at Australian National University. After earning these degrees, his first job was as a night watchman at a sawmill in Newcastle, Wyo. Although Gregory said he enjoyed this job and it allowed his young family to be closer to relatives, he could not pass up an opportunity to do post-doctoral work in Japan at the International Institute for Buddhist Studies in Tokyo. That was the first of many stops around the world as he began a career of research and teaching.

For the next 20 years, Gregory enjoyed his nomadic life of teaching around the world at universities in Europe, Japan, New Zealand and the United States. However, in 1999, he decided to settle down. At that time, both Stanford University and UCLA were recruiting him.

"It was a nice position to be in," said Gregory. "I decided I would spend a year at each place and then decide where I wanted to stay."

Gregory found that the diversity at the public institution of UCLA suited him. He and his wife, who is a researcher in biology at UCLA, have also discovered they like the diversity of Los Angeles itself.

"We both came to Los Angeles prepared to thoroughly dislike it, but we've settled into a neighborhood close to the campus and enjoy being part of this diverse community that offers great

weather and everything we need within walking distance," Gregory says.

Gregory enjoys teaching both undergraduates and graduates, and in fact, one of the conditions of his accepting his current position at UCLA was that he could continue to teach undergraduates.

"Teaching undergraduates gives me a fresh perspective in my teaching,



Gregory Schopen, a leading scholar of Indian Buddhism, works in Royce Hall on the UCLA campus. Modeled after Milan, Italy's, San Ambrogio Church, which was constructed in the tenth and eleventh centuries, the structure was built in 1929 as one of the first campus buildings and its profile is incorporated into the UCLA logo. Its unique Romanesque architecture prompted the California State Historic Preservation Office to select it for restoration to its original design. The building has been used by film studios for exterior shots in several movies.

Undergraduates have open minds and ask interesting questions; sometimes they ask questions that I cannot answer or that I have not thought about," Gregory says.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Gregory is department chair, which he says he finds amazing because he claims he is not good with details.

It's a large and diverse department of 30 professors who teach Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Sanskrit and Hindi. These groups tend to break down into factions. Gregory says he may have been chosen to be department

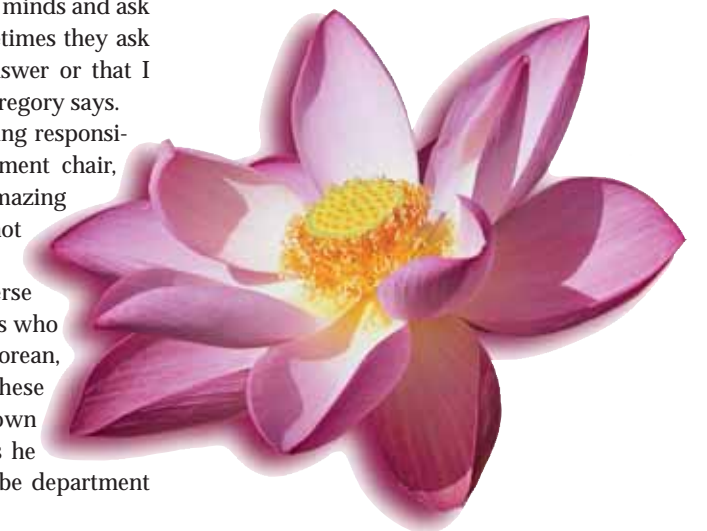
chair because he works largely on the history of Buddhism, which moved out of India, to China, to Japan, and to Korea, so he has an interest in all of these areas.

"However," Gregory said, "I think it's because no one else wanted to be chair."

While Gregory may be understating his abilities, others certainly had confidence in his abilities and accomplishments as evidenced by the fact that he received the McArthur Fellowship Award in 1985. This grant, which provided more than \$600,000 over a five-year period, allowed him to pursue research of any kind. To this day, Gregory does not know who nominated him or why he was chosen for this prestigious fellowship.

"It's an amazing grant with five years of support with no strings attached. Its intentions are to free people to pursue whatever creative interests they want. I did end up teaching for part of the time because I love teaching and it gave me an anchor to the real world," Gregory said.

Reflecting on the course of his life, Gregory said, "I had no idea that I would end up teaching Asian religions. It was the furthest thing from my mind, but I've always followed what interested me, which is what my parents encouraged me to do. The best part of it is that I am paid well to do something I enjoy."



Robinson hits the jackpot as chief financial officer at Pechanga

Ryan Robinson, who earned an accounting degree at BHSU and began working in the gaming business as a college student, is now chief financial officer at Pechanga Resort and Casino in southern California.



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Ryan Robinson, Class of '93, who now is chief financial officer at Pechanga Resort and Casino in southern California, knows what it takes to be successful. He says motivation is the key, and his advice to aspiring business people is to stay motivated and be open to change.

Ryan, who was recruited for his current position while working in a similar position as controller at the First Gold Hotel and Casino in Deadwood, feels that his experience at a smaller casino combined with the knowledge gained from earning a college degree prepared him for his current position.

"Because I was involved in a small operation, I learned about nearly every aspect of the business," Ryan says. He now incorporates that knowledge and experience every day as he oversees the financial department at Pechanga.

Although Ryan says he learned much of his job on the job, he knows he would never have had the opportunity to go into the career without a college diploma.

"It may be just a piece of paper, but that piece of paper got me into the job," Ryan says.

Ryan earned an accounting degree from BHSU and graduated with honors. He said when he began school, he didn't really have a long-term plan.

"I don't think there was a method to my madness then," he laughs. He was serious about his classes and was considering a career as a certified public accountant someday. Looking back he knows that earning a college degree helped him hone some valuable reasoning skills that would become vital to his success in the business world.

"You learn to be analytical and to

write properly. I learned how to read into information, how to interpret information," Ryan says.

As with nearly every business person, Ryan continues to face difficulties in the industry and relies on his experience and knowledge to overcome obstacles.

"I like to think of problems as challenges to overcome," Ryan said. "There are many big challenges with big casinos."

Ryan noted that Pechanga Resort and Casino is on the cutting edge of many new technologies and that other people in the industry look to them to see what the trends are in the business.

"We were completely revolutionizing the industry with new innovative technology. It's very exciting," Ryan says. He noted that Pechanga serves as a beta site for new technology and is

testing many ideas that have the potential to change the face of gaming.

"We are the first casino of our size to be completely coinless," Ryan says. "It's pretty amazing stuff."

Pechanga, which is the largest casino in California, employs more than 4,500 people. Through experience Ryan has found that, perhaps, the most important aspect of running a business is having the right people on your staff. Ryan says his success, and for that matter, the success of any business person, is dependent on having good people on your team. With more than 500 people in his department, Ryan knows the importance of choosing and promoting the right people.

"No matter how knowledgeable or innovative you are, your success depends on the quality of the people working for you. If you don't have the

right people working for you, it's not going to work," Ryan says. "It's because of the people that you become successful."

Ryan continues to recruit employees from the Midwest area and notes that another BHSU graduate, Tom Trump, Class of '93, also works at the casino.

He encourages all business people to look to the future and be ready to speak up for their ideas.

"Change is a good thing. Don't be afraid to step up and voice your ideas and opinions. Your concepts can change how the business is run," Ryan says.

Since relocating to southern California, Ryan has learned to love the climate and recreational opportunities afforded by his location in what has been dubbed "the tourists' secret paradise," is just 20 miles inland from the

Pacific Ocean and in the midst of California wine country. Ryan loves the area and has learned to sail and also spends some time golfing.

"Snow, sand and water, all within an hour," Ryan says of what is his ideal location. "It's an hour from the beach, the mountains and the desert."

"I've sacrificed a lot. Eighty-hour work weeks are common. I don't have weekends or holidays," Ryan says. "I work hard and have been very motivated to get to where I am."

While Ryan enjoys the challenges in his career, the long hours and constant demands have him eyeing early retirement so he can be "sitting on the beach in Mexico before long." Recently, he has developed an interest in the legal aspects of the business and said he may consider attending law school in the future.

Kudos & Announcements

The 60s **Lowell Amiotte**, Class of '65, Rapid City, is the director for the Center for American Indian Studies at BHSU. He held this position earlier in his career, and after gaining a wealth of experience across the state, he returned to BHSU.

Lawrence Larive, attended '65-'75, Spearfish, survived an accident in 1970 in which over 87 percent of his body was

burned. He now talks to people about his burn experience and fire safety. He has spoken to over 680,000 people, including nearly 400,000 kids from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Bill Long, Class of '65, Newberry, S.C., was named the "2005 Professor of the Year" at Newberry College for his dedication to the students and his ability to inspire future leaders. He

previously received this award in 2002. Bill is an associate music professor and the director of bands.

John Oyler, Class of '66, Rapid City, recently met with the president of the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Alumni, who is planning a national CCC reunion in Rapid City in October. Oyler plans to share his stories at the reunion.

Linda (Griffins) Parsons, Class of '68, New Underwood, recently retired after 25 years of teaching at New Underwood High School.

Edna Lois (Haley) Smith, Class of '61, Union Center, is enjoying her retirement. She taught in rural schools in Meade and Lyman counties for six years. She then taught at

Faith Christian School in Foreston, Minn., for 11 years and substituted there for another 11 years before moving back to South Dakota.

Ruth (Johnson) Whisler, Class of '61, Rozet, Wyo., turned 101 years old in May. Ruth, who still lives independently on her ranch, came to Wyoming from Oklahoma on a covered wagon with her parents and five siblings. Ruth now has three children, five grandchildren, seven great and two great, great grandchildren.

The 70s **Michael Berg**, Class of '72, Grand Forks, N.D., has been coaching for 33 years, the last 26 of which he has spent as the head football coach for Grand Forks Central. He is second in longevity among Class AAA coaches in North Dakota. Central has gone to the state playoffs 15 of the last 17 years and was the runner-up team in both the 1996 and 2004 N.D. State Class AAA Championships.

Charita Brunner, Class of '79, Edgemont, served as the deputy county auditor for Butte County in Belle Fourche from 2000-03. She

Kudos & Announcements

BHSU will no longer maintain credential files for graduates

Recent changes in the credential file system at BHSU, have made old paper copies of credential files obsolete so the Career Center at BHSU will be closing out all of those files.

In the fall of 2001, the Career Center converted to a self-managed credential file system. BHSU, with the technical partner ReferenceNow.com, has made credential files available via the internet. Individuals are now responsible for maintaining their own credential files. This policy change was announced in January 2001 and notifications appeared in various BHSU publications, including alumni publications and our web site www.bhsu.edu/careers.

Alumni who would like old files mailed to them should submit a request in writing by Sept. 30. Requests can be mailed to Career Center, 1200 University St., Unit 9002, Spearfish, SD, 57799-9002 or faxed to 605-642-6095. Requests must include a signature authorizing release. There is no cost for the files. Files that are not requested will be shredded.

ReferenceNow, the repository for student and alumni credential files involved in the field of education, is well known and currently serves as the official site for a multitude of universities and state education associations. Expense is minimal and a "lifetime" service is offered. Simply log on to www.ReferenceNow.com directly, or through www.bhsu.edu/careers, and follow the directions.

If you have questions, call the Career Center at 605-642-6277.

now serves as clerk/treasurer for the City of Newcastle, Wyo.

Pete Cappa, Class of '74, Rapid City, and Kitty Kinsman were recently appointed co-chairmen of the Black Hills Air Service Task Force, which helps enhance airline service, increase demand and reduce passenger fares into Rapid City Regional Airport.

Donald Erdahl, Class of '71, Sioux Falls, has retired after a long career in education. He was a teacher, high school principal, and superintendent in Minnesota before moving to San Diego, where he was a college

professor until his retirement. He was recently awarded the "Sports Fan of the Year" by Tri-Valley High School in Colton.

Mike Fitzgerald, Class of '78, Hawthorne, Nev., was named the 2005 Nevada 2A State Golf Coach of the Year. He is a computer

teacher in the Mineral County School System.

Michael Haug, Class of '71, Castlewood, retired from the S.D. Humanities Council in 2001 after 25 years of service--the last six of which he served as executive director. In 2002, he was hired as an adjunct instructor

of English for SDSU. He was then hired as a full time English instructor in 2003.

Jerry Johnson, Class of '76, Rapid City, has been a counselor and coach at Rapid City's South Middle School for the last 13 years. He and his wife, Maria, have four children: Sydney (2½), McKenzie (12), Jared (26), and Jeremy (29).

Kathryn Johnson, Class of '75, Hill City, was appointed to the S.D. Board of Regents by Gov. Mike Rounds. She owns Johnson Environmental Concepts and owns and operates The Pet Pantry in Rapid City.

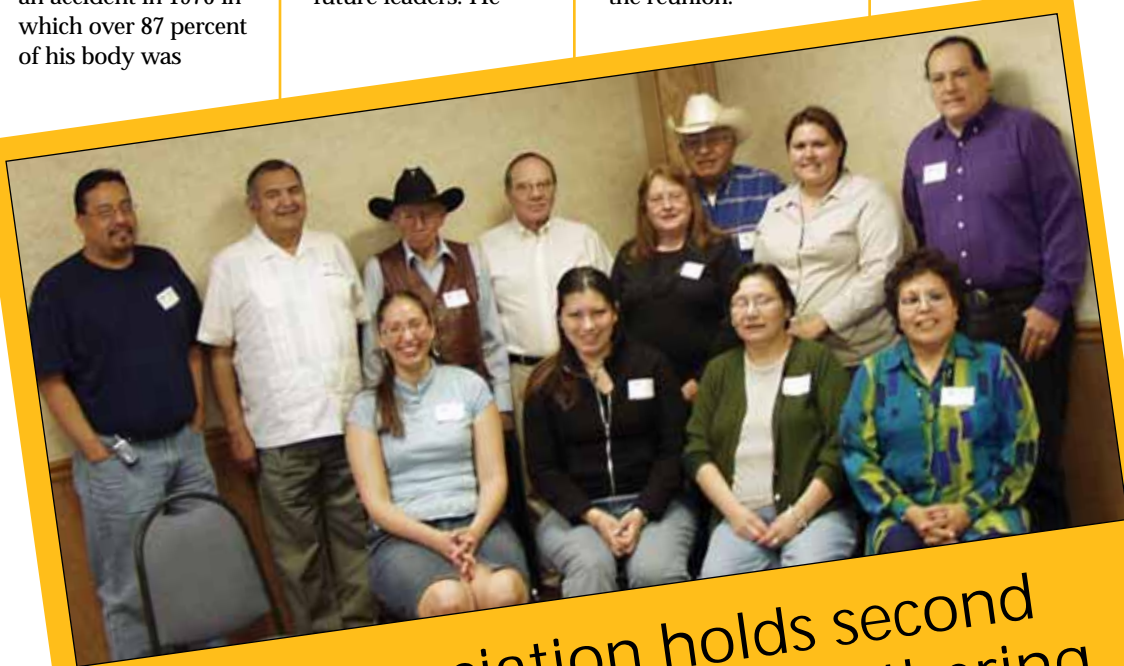
Kathi O'Grady Stonebarger Martin, Class of '78, travels, with her family, to Romania twice a year on missions trips. There they work with orphanages, feeding programs, and homes for unwed mothers. Kathi is currently employed by the Department of

Defense Dependents' Schools in Europe.

James Moore, Class of '76, Aberdeen, has been named the new general manager/ chief executive officer of Northern Electric Cooperative, which has headquarters between Aberdeen and Bath.

Betty Musilek, Class of '79, Sturgis, graduated from the International Tour Management Institute (ITMI) Feb. 14, 2005. She is a tour director and guide.

Priscilla Romkema, Class of '79, Spearfish, associate professor at BHSU, is serving as president-elect of the National Association for Business Teacher Education (NABTE) Board for 2005-07. The following term, 2007-09, she will assume the role of NABTE president. In April, Priscilla and her husband, Fred, competed in the 109th Boston Marathon.



Alumni Association holds second annual Native American gathering

The second annual Native American alumni gathering was held this spring in conjunction with the Lakota Omniciye powwow. Attending were: back row, left to right, Walt Swan, Class of '00, Rapid City; William McCloskey, Class of '71, Mission; Calvin Jumping Bull, Class of '80, Oglala; Lowell Amiotte, Class of '64, Rapid City; Marlis White Hat, attended '74-'83, St. Francis; Rachel Jacobs, Class of '01, Gillette, Wyo.; and Charles Grignon, Class of '96, Spearfish; and front row, left to right, Leona White Hat, Class of '02, Bismarck, N.D.; Kristal Running Wolf, currently attending, Spearfish; Norma Janis-Grignon, Class of '91, Spearfish; and Rosalind Mahto, Class of '90, New Town, N.D.

Alumni gather in Denver

A group of BHSU alums recently attended a reunion in Denver. Attending were: Jodi Neiffer, Class of '99; Spearfish; Pamela Bell, Class of '91, Thornton; Woody Shelton, Class of '00, Boulder, Colo.; Kelley Kadlecek, Class of '89, Denver, Colo.; Marlene Ketterling Swartz, Class of '87, Arvada, Colo.; Luca Lee, Class of '98, Lakewood, Colo.; Stacey Hess, Class of '93 & '00, Thornton, Colo.; Doug Arithson, Class of '87, Aurora, Colo.; Lee Claymore, Class of '89, Denver, Colo.; Rob Welo, Class of '92, Aurora, Colo.; Jerry Meyers, Class of '71, Littleton, Colo.; Scott Benson, Class of '96, Denver, Colo.; Gary Geis, Class of '86, Boulder, Colo.; Michael Holzer, Class of '95, Thornton, Colo.; Colin Heupel, Class of '85, Arvada, Colo.; and Craig Rozman, Class of '93, Thornton, Colo. Due to technical difficulties, no photo was available.

Kudos & Announcements

Dan Solberg, Class of '70 and '78, Alcester, retired after 28 years in education, the last 21 of which he spent as the elementary principal at Alcester. His wife, Sherry (Soelzer), attended '65-'67, teaches fourth grade at Beresford Elementary. They have three sons and three grandchildren.

Nancy Whitcher, Class of '77, Rapid City, was selected

by the South Dakota Association of Elementary Principals as their National Distinguished Principal for 2005. She is the principal of Corral Drive Elementary School.

The 80s **Jim Anderson**, Class of '85, Glendale, Ariz., is a CPA and business valuation

expert in Phoenix. He is the president of a firm that specializes in business valuation and litigation support services. Jim married Glenda in 2002. He has one daughter, two stepsons, and a granddaughter.

L. Paul Anderson, Class of '89, Custer, is activities director and head girl's basketball

coach at Custer High School (CHS). In 2005, his second year as head coach, CHS won the State A Consolation Championship trophy. This was the second time in history that the CHS girl's basketball team made it to the state tournament, and it was their highest place finish ever.

Kerry Bell, Class of '83, Belle Fourche, was inducted into the 2005 Spearfish High School Hall of Fame. She is also a member of the BHSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Kerry works as a guidance counselor at Spearfish Middle School.

Allen Benoist, Class of '84, Eagle Butte, just completed his 20th year of coaching boy's basketball. In honor of this, he received a 20-year coaching award from the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association. Allen coached three years at Crazy Horse High School in Wanblee and has spent the last 17 years as an assistant and head coach at Cheyenne Eagle Butte High School.

Bill Cissell, Class of '80, Sturgis, was recently named editor of the *Meade County Times-Tribune* and the *Black Hills Press* when Lee Enterprises purchased the two Sturgis papers and several other Northern Hills newspapers.

Cari Frasier, Class of '82, Sturgis, was one of three teachers named 2005 Teacher of

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the Year for the Meade 46-1 School District, where she teaches second grade at Sturgis Elementary.

Carol Gee, Class of '80, Stone Mountain, Ga., recently joined Giozueta Business School at Emory University in Atlanta as editor in the organization and management area. She is also the author of two books and recently sold her first free-lance piece to a national magazine.

Tom Tolo, Class of '86, Sioux Falls, graduated from the University of Sioux Falls in December 2004 with a bachelor of arts in English. He and his wife, Desiree,

have one daughter, Allison (3).

Linda Van Pelt, Class of '87, Council Bluffs, Iowa, recently graduated from Bellevue University with a bachelor of science in human resource management. She is the human resource manager for The Home Depot.

The 90s **Ethan Dschaak**, Class of '97, Spearfish, has been named the new Sturgis Scoopers boy's basketball head coach for the 2005-06 school year. He is also the assistant principal at Sturgis Williams Middle School. Prior to that, he was the

head boy's basketball coach at Belle Fourche.

William (Bill) Hoffman, Class of '96, Aberdeen, was hired as the commercial sheet-fed department manager for Midstates Printing, Inc./Quality Quick Print. He brings more than five years of management experience to the company.

Melanie Hurley, Class of '99, Rapid City, received the 10th annual Teacher of the Year Award from the Rapid City Public School Foundation. She is a Knollwood Elementary literacy teacher. She is also pursuing her master's

degree in reading leadership.

Wade Mackey, Class of '90, Lead, is the new head coach for the Lead-Deadwood American Legion Post 31 baseball team. He has been involved in coaching for 20 years.

Jen (Morris) Moore, Class of '99, Moberly, Mo., received first place at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications national conference for her research paper "Unselling the Cigarette: A Content Analysis of Persuasive Elements of Two Types of National

Anti-Tobacco Advertisements." She was also honored with the Kappa Tau Alpha research award at the conference.

Jason Steinle, attended '94-'96, Evergreen, Colo., recently authored *Upload Experience: Quarterlife Solutions*, which is based, in part, on his uncertainty after graduating college. Jason also hosts his own radio and TV talk show, *The Steinle Show*, and is the director of Health and Harmony Chiropractic and Wellness Center.



Former DJs meet at KBHU reunion

KBHU, Black Hills State University's student-run radio station, hosted a reunion this spring for current and former disc jockeys and staff members. The two-day event included tours of the radio station, a banquet and an all-day music festival at the city park. Cody Oliver, current BHSU student and general manager of KBHU, said more than 50 people attended the banquet and many more attended the music festival, BuzzFest. Former students and instructors who returned to BHSU for the 30th anniversary celebration of the campus radio station included: front row, left to right, Art Prosper, retired professor, Spearfish; Andre Wald, Class of '01, Rapid City; Dave Diamond, BHSU mass communications faculty member; and Jerome Wickersham, Class of '98, Rapid City. Second row: Kim Schubert, Class of '02, Rapid City; Gordon Coates, Class of '88, Webster City, Iowa; Jennifer Walker, Class of '03, Belle Fourche; Jimmy Cypher, Class of '04, Wolsey; and Nate Brown, Class of '04, Spearfish; Back row, Justin Wickhershman, Class of '98, Rapid City; Tom Wheaton, Class of '87, Spearfish; and Dave Thum, Class of '86, Vermillion; and Steve Meeker, Class of '84, Spearfish.

For more information about KBHU visit <bhsu.edu/studentlife/organizations/kbhu>

Hewitt receives Young Alumni Award

Dr. Thomas Flickema, president of Black Hills State University, presents the Young Alumni Achievement Award to Stephanie Hewitt, a 1995 BHSU graduate who now has her own law firm. Hewitt, who attended BHSU on a volleyball scholarship, earned a business administration degree from BHSU and went on to earn a law degree. While at BHSU, Hewitt was involved in various organizations including the student senate and student ambassadors. She is also remembered for her volleyball accomplishments, including once serving seven aces in one match.

After working in the public defender's office in Casper, Wyo., Hewitt began doing contract legal work for various law firms and for the government. She later accepted a position at the public defender's office in Greeley, Colo. "This was a return to doing the type of legal work that I love, criminal defense," Hewitt says. Since then she has established her own law practice in which she specializes in criminal defense. The BHSU Alumni Association annually presents this award to honor alumni who have distinguished themselves with outstanding achievements, contributions and service to society, the community and Black Hills State University.



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Viva Las Vegas



A group of BHSU alumni gathered in Las Vegas this spring. Attendees included: back row, left to right, Chris Eastman, Class of '85, Las Vegas, Nev.; Alan Nagel, Class of '72, Las Vegas, Nev.; Terry Nagel, Class of '64, Las Vegas, Nev.; Dan and Dixie Grantz, Class of '64 Las Vegas, Nev.; Leonard Petoske, Class of '61, Las Vegas, Nev.; and Jodi Neiffer, Class of '99, Spearfish.

Max Wetz, Class of '99, Pierre, has been selected to serve as the executive director of the South Dakota Republican Party. Prior to this, Max was the editor of the Black Hills Pioneer in Spearfish.

Leora Ann (Schneidt) Will, Class of '96, Newcastle, Wyo., was recently awarded the prestigious Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Leora teaches special education courses at Newcastle High School and is the president of the Wyoming Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children.

The Carol Halter, Class of '00, Rapid City, was named one of three Teachers of the Year for 2005 in the Meade 46-1 School District. She teaches third grade at Whitewood School.

Wendy Jarvis, Class of '03, Powell, Wyo., has been accepted into the graduate program at Iowa State University, where she will pursue a master's degree in family and consumer sciences. She is employed as an ECSE teacher at the Children's Resource Center.

Tricia (McCrabb) McCleary, Class of '00, is living in Germany until May 2007 with her husband, Clyde, who is in the military. They have two young daughters. After graduating from BHSU, Tricia attended school for nursing and graduated in 2002. Before moving overseas, she worked in the mother/baby unit at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash.

Nicole (Smith), Class of '02, and **Ryan Ogan**, Class of '03, are living in Pierre, where Nicole works for the Governor's Office of Economic Development and is involved in the

new Made in South Dakota program (www.madein-southdakota.com). Ryan is employed with the South Dakota Board of Regents Information Systems.

Ryan Ryyth, Class of '03, Scottsdale, Ariz., began at High Tech Institute as a Student Services advisor. In less than a year, he was promoted to director of Student Services with a staff of four advisors who oversee more than 850

students. Ryan is responsible for all operations of the Student Services Department.

Melissa Sandy, Class of '04, Rapid City, has been named to the National Dean's List. Only one percent of college graduates are nominated for this award. She is the K-5 literacy leader teacher at Canyon Lake Elementary School and plans to pursue a master's degree in curriculum this fall.

Hunter Schurrer, Class of '04, Spearfish, was named an All-American 2005 Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year by the

National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) for his achievement in the development of improved athletic performance through total conditioning. Hunter is pursuing a master's degree in exercise science at the University of Virginia

Natalie (Daffara-Larose), Class of '03, and **Paul Thares**, Class of '02, currently live in Lancaster, Wis., where Paul works for the University of Wisconsin Extension as a community resource development agent and an assistant professor in the Department of Community Natural Resources and Economic Development.

Former faculty

William Hughes, Class of '89, Spearfish, was named the Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Knight of the Year at the South Dakota state Knights convention in May. This lifetime achievement award was presented to Hughes in recognition of his efforts and accomplishments as a Knight in the community.

Engagements & Marriages

The 90s **Richard Cross**, Class of '97, married YanZhi Liang April 23, 2005. Richard is a facility operations engineer for Green Tree Servicing. The couple resides in Rapid City.

Tim Christofferson, Class of '98, Rapid City, married Tina Jimenez, attending, June 18, 2005. Tim is the retail advertising

manager at the *Rapid City Journal*, and Tina is a classified ad taker at the *Rapid City Journal*.

Monica Dryden, Class of '97, married Jason Nardi April 1, 2005. Monica is an employment specialist for the state of South Dakota. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Brandon Haslip, Class of '98, Rapid City, and Tonia

Payne, were married May 14, 2005. Brandon is a machinist at HS Precision, IRP.

Kristi Knutson, Class of '97, Minneapolis, Minn., will marry Jason Fladages Sept. 4, 2005. Kristi is the office manager at Profile Center.

Misty Reub, Class of '99, Rapid City, married Mark Weishaar May 28,

2005. She is an elementary teacher.

Chad Sayles, Class of '98, Rapid City, married Shannon Barker June 4, 2005. Chad is employed by the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks.

Jason Virtue, Class of '98, Belle Fourche, married Conni Neugebauer June 17, 2005. Jason is a fire budget planner and air tanker base manager for the Black Hills National Forest.

The 00s **Tifanie Barnett**, Class of '04, Rapid City, and Eric Petro were married April 23, 2005. She is a service receptionist at Accurpress America.

Sarah Bonnichsen, Class of '04, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., will marry Lucas Klumper Sept. 24, 2005. Sarah is a high school social studies teacher.

Sean Bradley, Class of '01, married Heather Lillibridge Sept. 5, 2004. Sean is a production director for KEVN Fox 7. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Erin Carr, Class of '03, Tucson, Ariz., will marry Brian Baldwin Aug. 20, 2005. Erin is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Eli Lilly and Company.

Kelli Chytka, Class of '04, Rapid City, married Shane Penfield July 1, 2005. She is an elementary teacher in the Douglas School District.

Amanda Dailey, Class of '05, Belle Fourche, will marry Justin Moser July 2, 2005. Amanda graduated with a degree in elementary and middle school education.

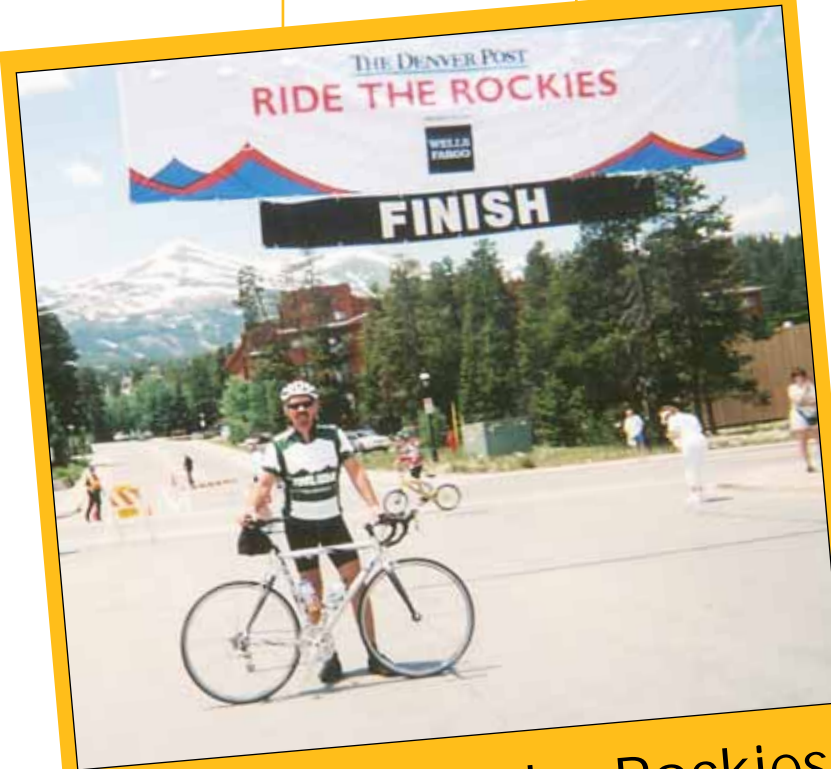
Andrea Farr and **Andrew Foxworthy**, both Class of '04, Wahiawa, Hawaii, were married Nov. 15, 2004. Andrew is an electric bass player for the U.S. Army Band at Schofield Barracks.

SharLa Fowler, Class of '04, Rapid City, married David Enriquez, June 5, 2005. She is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration.

Shelly Gibson, Class of '04, and **Josh Smith**, Class of '03, were married July 24, 2004. Shelly is an Estee Lauder advisor, and Josh is a video editor. The couple lives in Rapid City

Shirley (Medeiros) Hall, Class of '02, Rapid City, became engaged to John Petersen on Jan. 28. No wedding date has been set.

Sara Kaiser, Class of '01, married Quinton



Johnson rides the Rockies

Daryl Johnson, Class of '68, Spearfish, achieved his goal of completing the 2005 Ride the Rockies bicycle tour this summer. The annual bicycle trek takes more than 2,000 cyclists on a week-long ride on paved roads through Colorado's Rocky Mountains including several challenging mountain passes. The ride, which celebrated its 20th anniversary this year, included participants from every state in the union and numerous foreign countries.

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Sherman, attended, Jan. 1, 2005. Sara is a teacher, and Quinton is an auto body technician. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Sandra Leatherwood, Class of '01, and **Tom Trump**, Class of '93, were married Oct. 9, 2004. Sandra works in research at a biotech company and Tom is an executive at Pechanga Resort and Casino. The couple lives in Menifee, Calif.

Jessi Linn and **Eric Westling**, both Class of '04, were married July 9, 2005. The couple recently moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, where Jessi will attend graduate school for her master's degree in public health. Eric will teach English at a private high school.

Erika Miller, Class of '03, Spearfish, will marry Nic Allen Aug. 19, 2005. Erika is a loan secretary at First Western Bank.

Josh Page, Class of '00, Buffalo, married Chrissy Henderson July 9, 2005. Josh is a social science teacher and basketball coach at Harding County High School.

White Hat named to national community service board

Leona White Hat, shown receiving her BHSU diploma in 2002, was recently chosen to serve a five-year term on the national board for the Corporation for National and Community Service. Leona currently teaches English at the United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, N.D.

Leona was nominated for the position by Pres. George W. Bush and approved by the Senate. She is currently the only American Indian to sit on the board of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

In this position, Leona will be involved with approving grants on both the local and national levels. The Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and the Learn and Serve America volunteer programs are all part of the corporation. Leona previously served as assistant director of the Center for Indian Studies at BHSU. She also taught English classes for the Upward Bound Program and served as an English tutor at BHSU.



Angela Petersen, Class of '03, Bayard, Neb., will marry Justin Raber July 29, 2005. Angela is currently working toward her master's degree in marketing.

Jessica Rath, Class of '04, Piedmont, and Tyler Ratchetto were married July 16, 2005. Jessica is attending the University of South Dakota.

Katie Scott, Class of '04, married Marcus Peterson June 18, 2005. Katie is a travel consultant for Abbott Carlson Wagon

Travel. The couple lives in Sioux Falls.

Nathan Steinle, Class of '01, and Val Schettler were married June 4, 2005. Nathan earned his doctor of medicine from the University of South Dakota this spring. After a surgery internship, he will complete an ophthalmology residency at the University of Kentucky. The couple lives in Lexington, Ky.

Nicole Underwood and **Michael McDaniel**, both Class of '03, were married

May 29, 2005. Nicole is an independent sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics. Michael is a Second Lieutenant in the Army National Guard. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Rebecca Welke, Class of '04, and **Scott Linquist**, Class of '98, Vermillion, will marry July 16, 2005. Rebecca will attend the University of South Dakota (USD) Medical School, and Scott is pursuing a master's degree at USD. He is also a computer specialist and helicopter pilot

for the S.D. Army National Guard.

Jami Williams, Class of '05, Sturgis, and Chad Anderson were married July 9, 2005. Jami received her teaching degree this spring.

Jill Wince, Class of '04, McLaughlin, and James Pierce, were married July 8, 2005. Jill is a fourth-grade teacher with the McLaughlin Public School System.

Births

The 70s **Walt Dansby Jr.**, Class of '79, '99, and '04, Rapid City, and his wife, Tiffany, had a son, Gavyn Walker, June 26, 2003. He joins three brothers and three sisters.

Walt was recently promoted to teacher at Mingo Job Corps in Puxico, Mo.

Mary (Stransky), Class of '79, and **Roy Wilson**, Class of '86, Lincoln, Neb., adopted a baby girl, Teresa

Marie. Born May 21, 2005, Teresa weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20½" long. Theresa joins a brother, John Paul. Roy is the president of irrigation for Landscapes Unlimited.

The 90s **Teri (Hudson) Brown**, Class of '96, Piedmont, and her husband, Bill, are the proud parents of a

daughter, Wregan Faith, who was born April 11, 2005, and who weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. She joins big brother Winston and big sister Wacey.

Following in their father's footsteps

Graduation day at Black Hills State University is a family tradition for the Julius family. Robert Julius, Class of '60 and '70, has a family of BHSU graduates. All of his five children have earned degrees at BHSU.

The siblings, Bob Julius, Class of '80, Gillette, Wyo.; Gogie (Julius) Enstad, Class of '86, Rapid City; Tona (Julius) Tribby, Class of '81, Rapid City; Sherry (Julius) Frease, Class of '83, Rapid City; and John Julius, Class of '88, Rapid City, all chose to attend BHSU, the alma mater of their father.

- Bob Julius, who earned a business administration degree in 1980, is currently a foreman with the Burlington Northern Railroad in Gillette, Wyo.
- John Julius, Class of '88, earned a degree in physical science and is now the assistant principal at Stevens High School in Rapid City.
- Tona (Julius) Tribby, Class of '81, earned an elementary education degree and is now a literary teacher at Robinsdale School in Rapid City.
- Gogie Sue (Julius) Enstad, Class of '86, earned a degree in business administration and is now the marketing director for Black Hills Gold by Coleman in Rapid City.
- Sherry (Julius) Frease, Class of '83, has a degree in elementary education and is a literacy teacher at Corral Drive Elementary in Rapid City.

Patriarch Robert, who operates a ranch between Belle Fourche and Spearfish, says he can view the campus from high on the rim rock on the ranch and was pleased that his children all decided to earn their degrees there. According to their father, the children all had the mindset of going to college and BHSU was a natural choice.

"Black Hills State University was the choice for us because it's right here and it offers an excellent education. It's been good. Each of the children has succeeded in their own way after earning their degrees," Robert says. He noted that although the children were active in high school sports and academic activities, while attending BHSU the Julius siblings were expected to work and concentrate on their academic work.



The children of Robert Julius (back right) all earned degrees from Black Hills State University. Pictured are, back, left to right, Bob, John, Bernice (mother) Robert, (father); front, left to right, Tona, Gogie and Sherry.

Their father Robert came to BHSU after serving in the armed forces. He relied on the GI Bill and a job at a local implement shop to finance his education. Robert earned a teaching degree in 1960 with a minor in speech. He later returned to earn a master's degree in 1970. Robert, a longtime sportscaster who was named South Dakota Sportscaster of the Year in 2001 and again in 2003, says his minor in speech was the catalyst for his long and successful broadcasting career.

Robert began his sportscasting career at KDSJ in 1966. He later moved on to KBHB/KRCS in Sturgis where he remained for 27 years. Recently, Robert has broadcast games for KBFS in Belle Fourche. In all, Robert estimates he has broadcast more than 1,400 high school games, some of which were played at BHSU. He has received many awards throughout this broadcasting career, including the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association. His wife, Bernice, who is the mother of the five graduates, has a degree from Auburn University in Alabama, and is now the dietary manager for the Sturgis Community Health Care Center.

Births

Michael DeLancey, Class of '94, Gillette, Wyo., and his wife, Jacque, had a baby boy, Jayce, Dec. 15, 2004. Jayce, who was 8 lbs. 14 oz. and 20½" long, joins sister Kyler (5) and brother Jade (10). Michael recently received his masters in administration from SDSU through the West River Graduate Center.

Monica (Mooney) Denny, Class of '96, Ft. Carson, Colo., and her husband, Les, recently adopted a daughter, Iris Torre. She was born June 20, 2003, and weighed 7 lbs. and was 18½" long. Iris joins two brothers, Anthony and Austin.

Katherine (Walton), Class of '96, and **Joe Divis**, Class of '95, Rapid City, had their fourth child, Andrew Jonathan, March 26, 2005. He joins two brothers, Tyler and Nathan, and one sister, Alisha. Joe works for CompuCom as a desktop support engineer and the telephone site administrator and Katherine does bookkeeping from their home.

Kim (Campbell) Geelhart, Class of '98, Marshalltown, Iowa, and husband, Ted, had their first child,

Jacob Theodore, Jan. 12, 2005. He weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 22" long. Kim is a fifth grade teacher in the Beaman-Conrad-Liscomb-Union-Whitney (BCLUW) Community School District.

Lori (Abbott) Gill, Class of '93, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, and her husband, Thomas, had a baby boy, Carter Thomas, Dec. 30, 2004. Carter joins big brother Cade (4). Lori is a teacher at Sioux City Community School.

Lisa (Box) Hamilton, Class of '96, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and her husband, Jim, welcomed their first child, Kimberly Elizabeth, April 20, 2005. Kimberly arrived three months early at 1 lb. 9 oz. and 13" long. Lisa is a kindergarten teacher for Cedar Rapids School District.

David Mickelson, Class of '94, Sioux Falls, and his wife, Valerie, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Katherine



Class of 2023?

Jeremiah Hohn, the son of Jeremy and Karina Hohn, both from the Class of '02, expresses his BHSU spirit. Just four months old when this photo was taken, Jeremiah looks like a great candidate for the BHSU Class of 2023.

Hall, Oct. 25, 2004. She joins a brother, Max.

Todd Pfitzer, Class of '99, Glenham, and his wife, Becky, had their second child, Turner, Jan. 23, 2005. He joins brother Ashton (1½). Todd is employed by UPS.

Susan (Sander), Class of '96, and **Brian Ruff**, Class of '95, Ft. Collins, Colo., had a baby girl, Ireland Abigayle, June 10, 2005. Ireland weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20½" long. She joins sisters Sydney (6), Morgan (1½), and Austin (4).

Beth (Long), Class of '97, and **Patrick Tisher**, Class of '95,

Sioux City, Iowa, had a son, William Caine, April 5, 2005. He joins a brother, Samuel (2). Patrick works for the Sioux City Police Dept., and Beth is an occupational therapist at the Western Hills Area Education Agency.

Kristin (Schamber), Class of '99, and **Tom Wheaton**, Class of '87, Spearfish, had a baby

girl, Kylie Anne, April 20, 2005. She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20½" long. Tom works in the BHSU Enrollment Center and Kristin teaches high school in Sturgis.

David Wiley, Class of '93, Manderson, Wyo., and his wife, Tracey, had their third child, Lena Mikal, Sept. 20, 2004. She joins two brothers Maclin (5) and Marcus (2).

Ruth (Thompson) Woods, Class of '98, Wright, Wyo., and her husband, Brian, had their second child, Benjamin Brian, March 15, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 18" long. Ruth is a homemaker.

Lindsay (Moser) Schaffner, Class of '00, Basin, Wyo., and her husband, Shane, had a 7 lbs. 3 oz. baby girl, Kendall Danielle, March 13, 2005. Lindsay is an elementary teacher in the Big Horn County School District.

Rebecca (Patocka) Vitek, Class of '00, Scotland, and her husband, Andrew, who were married in July 2002, had their first child, a baby girl, July 4, 2004. Rebecca owns Scribbles N Giggles Daycare.

Calling all BHSU alumni

The Alumni Association relies on student callers to contact BHSU alumni for scholarship gifts. Because the federal government realizes that private giving is essential for campuses to cover unmet tuition costs and other enhancements, universities are exempt from the "Do Not Call Registry."

Obituaries

The 40s **Gloria Rose (Halse) Gannon**, Class of '47, Rapid City, died at her home April 29, 2005. She was active in her community and was instrumental in the building of a new county library in Martin.

Bessie Marjorie (McCain) Gilmore, Class of '41, Yakima, Wash., passed away April 2, 2005. After college, she worked at Northwestern University in Chicago. She then moved to Riverside, Calif., where she taught school while her husband served in the Army.

Esther Grandpre, Class of '43, Osburn, Ind., died April 21, 2005. She received her first-grade teaching certificate and taught at a one-room country school. She also farmed and owned and operated a motel.

The 50s **Lyle Beaudin**, Class of '52, Colorado Springs, Colo., died March 25, 2005. Lyle is survived by his wife, **Gwen (Smith)**, Class of '51. Lyle worked in District 11 for 30 years, the last 17 of which he served as principal of Holmes Middle School.

Edmund (Don) Blewett, Class of '59, Rapid City, passed away Nov. 23, 2003.



Linander

Dr. Charles Linander, Class of '40, Spearfish, died April 18, 2005. He was a superintendent of schools in Morton, Wyo., worked in a machine factory for the war efforts, served in the Marine Corps from 1944-46, and then earned a doctor of dental surgery degree and operated his own dentist office for 33 years.

Linander was actively involved in community and area service. At BHSU, he co-founded the athletic booster club, the Green and Gold Club, and was twice named the Green and Gold Club Man of the Year for his contributions and leadership. He was inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame, led the Alumni Association as president three separate terms, was Outstanding Alumnus in 1973, and served, along with his wife, as a Swarm Day parade marshal in 2003.

He worked in the Douglas School District from 1959-2003, where he taught physical education and drivers education and was the head coach for track and cross country. Six of his grandchildren now attend BHSU.

Helen (Malcom) Grahek, Class of '50, Morristown, died April 27, 2005. She taught in a rural school for a couple of years and then stayed home to raise her four children. In 1960, Helen and her husband purchased a beach store in California, but they eventually returned to South Dakota.

The 60s **Janet (Norman) Houston**, Class of '65, Northfield, Minn., died March 23, 2005. Janet taught for a year in Brookings and Mankato, Minn., before continuing her education and earning a master of

science in elementary education.

Dorothy (Dobyns) Kosola, Class of '69, Rapid City, passed away April 12, 2005. She taught in Lemmon, Bison, Newell, Edgemont, and Haakon and Shannon Counties. She retired from teaching in 1994.

Mary Lou Taft, Class of '66, Spearfish, died March 13, 2005. She taught school in Rapid City for six years and in Spearfish one year. She then earned her master's degree and taught elementary education for 24 years in Joplin, Mo., retiring in 1992.

Judith (Gullickson) Schopen, Class of '67, Lead, died April 24, 2005. She was an elementary school teacher in the Lead Public School System for a number of years before dedicating herself to raising her sons. She also served on the Lead-Deadwood School Board.

Hazel Ruth Smith, Class of '64, Rapid City, died April 5, 2005. Hazel taught at country schools and then moved to Sturgis and continued to teach there and near Lead-Deadwood. Her career in teaching lasted 20 years.

The 70s

Sarah Sandra (Looks) Twice **Brown**, Class of '74, Pine Ridge, died March 30, 2005. She began her teaching career in Rapid City then moved to Pine Ridge. She finished her career at the Pine Ridge Elementary School after 35 years of teaching.

Former Faculty & Staff

Patricia Clark, Spearfish, died March 15, 2005. She was a cook at BHSU from 1978-1988. Pat worked for many years in the food service area. During the 1972 Rapid City flood, she was a staff/volunteer. She also worked as a cook for OK's Cascade Co. of Monroe, Wash., and Lookout Memorial Hospital in Spearfish.

Ruth (Moore) Sleep, Spearfish, died May 11, 2005. Ruth worked in the Registrar's Office at BHSU. She also worked for the Spearfish Soil Conservation Office and operated the store and campground at Iron Creek Lake.

David Meyers, Class of '77, Laramie, Wyo., died June 12, 2005. David taught industrial arts at Edgemont High School and Laramie Junior High School. He enjoyed teaching kids; wood-working; and playing and coaching baseball.

Correction

Nora Anderson, attended, should have been listed in the obituaries in the Spring 2005 *Alumni Magazine* instead of **Nora (Tidball) Anderson**, Class of '77.

Nora Anderson, attended, died Sept. 2, 2004. After receiving her teaching certificate from Spearfish College, Nora taught in various rural schools. She also served in the Navy during World War II.

Nora (Tidball) Anderson, Class of '77, is alive and well in Lemmon. She is enjoying retirement after years of teaching.

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

Class of '55 meets for reunion



The Class of '55 wore caps and gowns and participated in the May 2005 commencement ceremony on campus. The group was also inducted into the 50-year club, which meets annually in Spearfish during May commencement. Attendees included: back row, left to right, Ida Holst, Vale; Cal Hejde, Belle Fourche; Lorne Rowland, Billings, Mont.; Steve Gomez, Pierre; Harold Baker, Rapid City; Ferne Freilberg, Casper, Wyo.; Charlotte Boner, Casper, Wyo.; Everett Follette, Spearfish; Charles Swanson, Fremont, Calif.; front row, left to right, Forrest Leff, Casper, Wyo.; Howard Owens, Spearfish; Ann Hejde, Belle Fourche; Jane Tanner, Casper, Wyo.; Jose San Nicolas, Hagatna, Guam; and Bev Carr, Spearfish.



Below left: Robert Lang, Class of '53, entertained as a George Burns impersonator.

Bottom center: Jose San Nicolas, from Hagatna, Guam, participates in the magic show presented by Kirk Kokinos.



Charles and his wife, Betty Swanson, make some final touches before the commencement ceremony. Festivities included a banquet and inauguration into the 50-year club. Plans are being made for the Class of '56 reunion next spring. For information contact Jodi at 642-6446.



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Bellman honored for arts patronage

Black Hills State University recently hosted a reception to honor Dr. Wanda Bellman, emeritus professor, for her significant contributions to the university, especially in the area of the arts.

Dick Termes, Spearfish artist and Termesphere creator, described Bellman and her late husband, Stewart, as true patrons of the arts due to their longtime willingness to support art endeavors for others to enjoy. Termes noted that many people purchase art for their own enjoyment, but the Bellmans, as true patrons of the arts, also purchased art to share with others.

Jean Helmer, director of United Ministries at BHSU, said the Bellmans shared a love for mentoring artists. She said they believed that "art is to be enjoyed, performed, and made public - for art exists for and within a community." Living according to that philosophy, Bellman recently donated "The Carousel," a Termesphere from her private collection, to the BHSU Student Union. "The Carousel" is now hanging above the staircase in the Student Union. Others who spoke at the reception were: Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement; Art Prosper, BHSU emeritus professor; and Jane Klug, director of the Student Union.



Dick Termes (left), Spearfish artist and Termesphere creator, and Wanda Bellman (right), emeritus professor for Black Hills State University, stand in front of the Termesphere "The Carousel." Bellman, who recently donated the piece to the BHSU Student Union, was recently honored by BHSU.

Golf tournaments raise scholarships funds

Recent golf tournaments have added nearly \$32,000 to the Yellow Jacket Foundation scholarship fund.

The annual Old Baldy Golf tournament in Saratoga, Wyo., coordinated by the institutional advancement office at BHSU, raised more than \$16,000 that will be designated for Yellow Jacket athletic scholarships. A record number of golfers, 80, participated in the tournament which raised more funds than any of the previous tournaments. The Old Baldy Golf champions were Chris Telkamp, Roger Tellinghuisen, Ken Shultz, and Floyd Rummel, Jr.

The 15th annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic and Sports and Leisure Auction contributed nearly \$16,000 for scholarships. This tournament also had a record number of participants with 144



Gary Mule Deer was one of 144 golfers who took part in the annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic. Golf tournaments this summer have raised more than \$35,000 for scholarships.

designed to raise money to support Yellow Jacket athletics.

"We also sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of the Gold Dust which sponsors the tournament as well as the many local businesses who contribute items for the auction. Their support has made this the great event it is," Meeker said.

people golfing.

"These two golf tournaments are great events. I was extremely pleased to have so many golfers. I'd like to thank all of those who participated in these important fundraising events," Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement, said.

The annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic fundraiser, which is open to the public, featured an 18-hole golf tournament, \$250,000 shoot-out and a sports and leisure auction. Both events were

Golf tourney honors Larscheid

Following a golf tournament held in his memory, the family and friends of Mark Larscheid donated an additional \$3,100 to a scholarship through the Black Hills State University Yellow Jacket Foundation. The fund total is now \$15,671.

To celebrate Larscheid's life and preserve his memory, his family sponsors an annual memorial golf tournament which includes a silent auction, dinner and dance. The proceeds are contributed to a track athlete scholarship fund at BHSU in Larscheid's name.

Larscheid, a former teacher and coach at Williams Middle School in Sturgis for 27 years, died in an automobile accident in 2000. He also taught and coached in Spearfish and Wall.

The Mark Larscheid Golf Tournament will be held again next summer.

The gifted endowment scholarship is presented to a South Dakota male or female track athlete.

It adds up

Durgin endowment will provide funds for future students

Ascholarship established by a former BHSU mathematics professor will provide funds for future students.

Max Durgin, Class of '62, spent 37 years instructing BHSU students as he prepared them for careers that would help better their lives. Although Durgin retired in 2002, his influence on BH students remains through the Durgin Mathematics Scholarship.

Durgin established the scholarship in 2002 and has been making contributions to the fund since. He recently reached the level of funding needed for an endowed scholarship fund and

Schroeder estate supports scholarships

The estate of Freeda Summers Schroeder bequeathed an additional \$30,000 to Black Hills State University in March. This was in addition to a previous \$10,000 certificate of deposit donated to the university through her estate.

Freeda, Class of '45 graduate, worked at BHSU for 30 years retiring in 1978. She had grown up in Spearfish and taught English in Belle Fourche before joining the university staff. Freeda loved books and reading and believed in young people and the power of education. She died Oct. 6, 2004.

In 1996 she created the Freeda Summers Schroeder Scholarship fund for education major. Over the years, she made additional contributions to build the fund and added a second scholarship in 1999 for English majors. With the addition of \$40,000 from her estate, the endowed scholarship fund has grown to nearly \$50,000. Her scholarship and commitment to education will continue in perpetuity as yearly scholarship awards are made from earnings of the fund.

For additional information about creating an endowed scholarship fund at BHSU contact Terri Wells at 605-642-6832 or email TerriWells@bhsu.edu.

the first scholarship will be awarded in 2006.

The Durgin Mathematics Scholarship will be awarded to sophomores, juniors or seniors majoring in mathematics who demonstrate financial need. Other criteria to be met include an ACT composite score of 24 or better and a minimum freshman GPA of 3.0.

Durgin explained that he felt there was a real need for scholarships in the area of

mathematics and science and that's the reason he felt compelled to establish this scholarship.

During his 37 years in the classroom, Durgin witnessed vast changes in teaching-from blackboards and chalk to computers and graphing calculators. His dedication to teaching mathematics will be perpetuated through the Max Durgin Mathematics Scholarship.



Pizza and phonathon

Pizza is part of college life and especially for the student callers during the annual phonathon. Every year BHSU students telephone alumni as part of the Dollars for Scholars program. This year's phonathon will raise money for academic scholarships during the upcoming school year.

Pictured are student ambassadors taking a "pizza break" during the 2005 spring phonathon. Front row from left: Kelly McGoldrick, a senior English major from Wickenburg, Ariz., and Nicole Krcil, a senior elementary education major from Wagner; Back from left: Alexa Redding, a senior education major from Buffalo, Wyo.; Emily Storms, a sophomore education major from Winner; and Joe Herzog, a mass communications major from Ismay, Mont.

Alumni will be honored

Dick DuBois

Dick DuBois, who taught studio art at BHSU for 35 years before retiring, is being honored with the Excellence in Education Award.

Dick earned an art degree from BHSU in 1964. He then attended the University of Wyoming, earning a master of art degree in art. He then continued post graduate study in New England at the University of Massachusetts



of Dick DuBois

in Amherst. Dick maintains a private studio and home in Rapid City. Before joining the faculty at BHSU, DuBois taught high school in Rapid City and Lead.

Dick has influenced many art students throughout the years and said he hopes that he has made a difference in their lives and

helped them be better prepared for a career or future in art.

"I try to inspire the students to be better people as well as better in their craft," Dick said. "I hope I've made a difference in some small way in their future."

A native of the Black Hills, Dick prefers traditional watercolor as his medium. He is the co-founder of the Northern Plains Watercolor Society and has served on the board of directors for the past ten years. In addition to his studio work, Dick participates in and conducts professional workshops in watercolor. He has been in numerous group and solo exhibitions and juried competitions and invitational shows. His work is featured in permanent collections throughout the United States.

Dick has received numerous awards. His most recent awards include the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce Visual Arts Award in 2004.

dee (Denise) Welsch

dee (Denise) Welsch, graphic designer and photographer, is being honored with the Special Achievement Award.

A Torrington, Wyo., native, dee earned a bachelors degree in mass communications/photography from BHSU in 1982. While attending BHSU, dee was on the staff of the campus newspaper and campus year-book serving as both a photographer and photo editor. dee was also a four-year letter winner on the BHSU collegiate volleyball team.

After graduating, dee worked for the *Queen City Mail*, the local newspaper in Spearfish. She later relocated to the west coast and attended Brooks

Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, Calif. While in California, dee worked for Fuji Film during the 1984 Olympics and was employed at a commercial photographic laboratory in Los Angeles as a manager and then in sales. She worked with clients in the aerospace, entertainment, architectural and sporting industries.

For the past 12 years, dee has lived in the greater Denver, Colo., area working in various industries as a graphic designer and photographer. She is presently employed at PENTAX Imaging in Golden, Colo., as a graphic designer, coordinating visual marketing concepts, graphic design, photography and all printed materials. dee is also a freelance photographer for the National Football League and a national stock photography photo agency.



dee (Denise) Welsch

during Swarm Week

Dr. Walter Higbee

Walter Higbee, a longtime education professor at BHSU, is being honored with the Special Service Award.

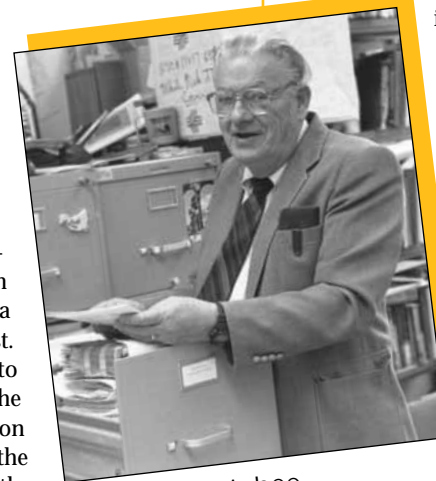
Walter joined the Black Hills State faculty in the fall of 1966.

He previously had worked in several education capacities in Iowa. Walter spent time as a special education teacher, a special education supervisor, and a school psychologist. When he came to BHSU, he moved the special education coursework from the summer to the academic year. The program was first a collateral field, then known as a special education major and later emerged as a full

special education major. At the height of the program, there were 30 to 35 special education graduates each year.

Walter retired from BHSU in 1992 after 26 years of service. He considers the development of the special education program the highlight of his tenure at BHSU. He is also remembered for training hundreds of special education teachers. Walter was the first recipient of the BHSU distinguished faculty award in 1987.

Walter lives in Spearfish with his wife, Marion, and visits campus regularly.



Dr. Walter Higbee

Roger Risty

Roger Risty, a longtime licensed insurance agent and community advocate, is being honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

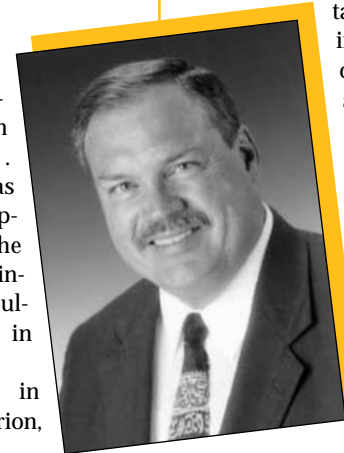
Roger is currently president of Risty Benefits Inc. In addition to being a licensed insurance agent, Roger is a registered investment advisor and a series six licensed securities representative. After 30 years in the insurance business, Roger opened his own agency specializing in employee benefits such as group medical, life, disability and long term care.

Roger is actively involved in the Sioux Falls community. He was a member of the Sioux Falls School Board from 1989-2004, serving as president for eight years and vice president for four years. He also served as president and vice president to the Association of School Boards of South Dakota and served as a delegate for the national school board association.

Roger is a member of the board of directors for the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, the Sioux Falls Community Development Foundation and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He is also a member of the El Riad Shrine Temple, is a member of the Sioux Falls Downtown Kiwanis Club, is on the board of directors for the Volunteers of America organization and has served as vice president of the Pennington County Republican Party.

He is the founder of the President's Bowl, a high school football event that has raised more than a million dollars since its inception. He is also founder and president of Sioux Empire Safety Village, an organization that brings safety related information and support to all aspects of the community.

Roger has received many awards including the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Sioux Falls Chamber and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Sioux Falls PTA.



Roger Risty



Saturday, Sept. 17
2nd Annual 5K Run, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Kiddle Carnival, 4-7 p.m., Student Union

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Student/Alumni/Faculty/Staff Flag Football Tournament, 6-9 p.m., Young Center

Thursday, Sept. 22
Coronation, 7 p.m., Student Union

Friday, Sept. 23
Hall of Fame Banquet, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24
Alumni Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Student Union
Parade, 10:30 p.m.
Football Game, Dickinson State University vs. BHSU, 1:30 p.m., Lyle Hare Stadium

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Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame

Seven individuals are being inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during a banquet Friday, Sept. 23.

- Inducted as athletes are: Michele (Cliff) Batz, Class of '81; Joe Divis, Class of '95; Greg Deville, Class of '77; and Ron Erion, Class of '75.
- John Nicholas, Class of '62, is being inducted as a coach.
- Bob and Linda Albert, Class of '72 and '82, are being inducted as contributors.

Athletes

Michele (Cliff) Batz attended BHSU from 1977-1981 and graduated with a degree in physical education. She was a four-year letter winner in volleyball as well as track and field.



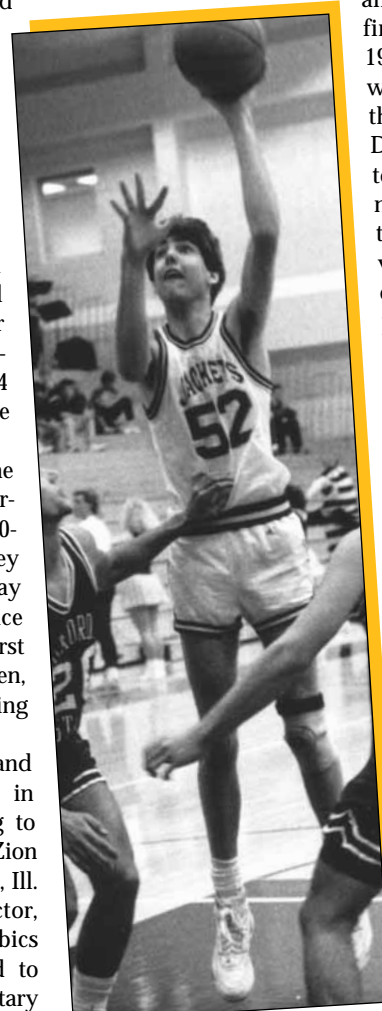
Michele Batz

Michele received all-conference honors all four years in volleyball as a setter and helped her team compiled a team record of 25-1 during her junior year. According to Michele, the highlight that year was being crowned South Dakota State Volleyball Champions in 1980. Her senior year brought a first place finish in the conference tournament, a record of 35-14 and a second place finish in the state tournament.

Michele was a sprinter when she entered BHSU, but she left a quarter-miler. Michele was also part of 400-meter relay team, the 800-meter medley relay team and the 1600-meter relay team that set school and conference records. She was a member of the first conference track meet set for women, right on the BHSU campus in the spring of 1981.

After graduating, Michele taught and coached at Reedsville High School in Wisconsin. In 1987, she left teaching to become the aquatics director for the Zion Park District in her hometown of Zion, Ill. She is a certified aerobics instructor, yogafit instructor and water aerobics instructor. Michele recently returned to teaching physical education to elementary students and has been recognized as an outstanding teacher by the school board. She writes her own weekly fitness column for the News Sun in Waukegan, Ill. A year ago, she wrote her first book.

Joe Divis, Class of '81, had an extraordinary basketball career at BHSU, finishing with 1,590 points, 745 rebounds and 361 blocked shots, an NAIA record for blocks. The NAIA All-American center was named newcomer of the year in 1990-91. He was also named to the all-conference second team his freshman year. The following three years he was named to the all conference first team. In 1992-1993 he was named to the NAIA All District 12 team. He was named the team's most valuable player and SDIC player of the year in 1993-94. He also earned NAIA division two, third team all-American status.



Joe Divis

After graduating from BHSU with a degree in business administration, Joe began working for Green Tree Financial in Rapid City. He is currently working for CompuCom as a desktop support engineer and is the telephone site administrator in Rapid City.



Greg Deville

Greg Deville, Class of '77, was the starting catcher all four years he spent at BHSU. In 1977, Greg earned the top spot in the SDIC in batting average with a .514 batting average. He was the area three NAIA batting champion in 1975 and also received the Rawlings-Adirondack "Big Stick" award and the Stan Musial sportsmanship award that year. He was named to the all-district team in 1976 and the All-SDIC team in 1976 and 1977. He had a .377 batting average and had 29 RBI in 1976. He was named to the honorable mention All-SDIC team in 1974 when he had a .487 batting average in SDIC in 1974. He recorded a fielding percentage of over .990 for all four years.

Greg is now senior vice president of operations support services for Beech Street Corporation in Lake Forest, Calif. Early in his career he coached basketball at Spearfish High School.

Hall of Fame nominations

Every year the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame inducts several new members. The Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame began inducting members in 1983. To nominate someone, contact Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement, at 605-642-6228.

inductees named

Athlete

Ron Erion, Class of '75, is being inducted as a baseball player. He was named to the ALL-SDIC First team in 1973 and 1974 as an outfielder. In 1974 he had 54 hits and 10 doubles. He had a batting average of .365 in 1974. In 1973 he batted .385, which was third in individual batting in the SDIC.



Ron Erion

After graduating from BHSU, Ron stayed in Spearfish for a few years and managed a bowling alley. He then moved to southern Ohio where he coached and taught for four years. He later returned to Spearfish as a high school teacher and coach. He stayed with the Spearfish School district for 14 years and spent the last five years there as athletic director and assistant principal. He also coached the BHSU baseball team in 1982. In 1995, Ron moved to Casper, Wyo., to take a position as associate commissioner for the Wyoming High School Activities Association. In January of this year, Ron resigned from that job and is now working as an independent insurance adjuster.

In addition to his degree from BHSU, Ron also completed a master's degree in education and an athletic administration certificate.

Contributors

Bob and Linda Albert are being inducted as contributors. The couple has been consistent and generous supporters of Yellow Jacket athletics. In the past six years they have contributed more than \$25,000 to athletic scholarships.

Bob and Linda both attended BHSU in the late 60s and early 70s. Bob earned an education degree in 1976 and Linda returned to BHSU to earn her degree in 1982. After teaching and coaching for several years, Bob and Linda relocated to the Denver, Colo., area where they now own and operate Greenleaf Construction and Timberco Manufacturing.

The Alberts are involved in many community and charitable activities including participating in Habitat for Humanity, the Children's Hospital, the BHSU Foundation, Volunteers of America, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and other groups.

Coach

John Nicholas, Class of '62, was a head coach for 26 years at three Wisconsin high schools. All together his teams won 13 regional and seven sectional tournaments and advanced to the state tournament seven times. Coach Nicholas' teams won 442 games and lost 177 for a 71 percent winning average.



John Nicholas

John was a member of the Federation of Wisconsin High School Coaches Association and the National Basketball Coaches Association. He has served on the executive board and as chairman of the player selection committee for the WBCA and hosts the annual Northwest Basketball Clinic. He also chairs the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was chosen as an assistant coach in the all-star game in 1987 and was head coach in the 1988 game.

In the mid-sixties, Nicholas was one of the first coaches in the state to use a match-up zone defense. Though his coaching style changed to meet the challenge of today's game, his philosophy, which was designed to enable team members to achieve their maximum potential, remained constant: "Always be the best person, the best student, and the best player that you can be."

John was inducted into the Wisconsin High School Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993. He retired from coaching in 1992 and worked as a volunteer assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire until 2003.



Linda and Bob Albert

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BHSU people in the news

Pearce named director of enrollment services

Dr. Kristi Pearce, a longtime education professor at Black Hills State University, was recently named dean of enrollment services.

Pearce, who just finished a year of sabbatical leave that was dedicated to research and writing instructional materials, says she's ready for a new challenge and thinks that her appointment as head of the enrollment services department will be a positive change for her and for the university.

Pearce is looking at creative ways to recruit students and says she will use a

"general sense of imagination" to think outside of the box. In a time when the number of high school graduates in the region are declining, Pearce says she will look at several options, including increasing the number of international students and increasing the number of non-traditional students, to bolster enrollment at BHSU.

Pearce joined the BHSU faculty in 1992. She holds a master's degree in counseling



Pearce

and a doctorate in educational psychology from the University of South Dakota. Pearce recently served as president of the faculty senate and is an active member of several other university committees and boards. She is also a member of many professional and academic associations. Pearce served as director of the Bush Grant for faculty development at BHSU from 1993-1997 and coordinated the recent teacher education accreditation renewal. She has also served as coordinator of the master's degree in curriculum and instruction at BHSU.

Hall named dean of the College of Education

Dr. Nancy Hall, former vice president for academic affairs, at Minot State University, has been named the new dean of the College of Education at BHSU.



Hall, who has been at Minot State University (MSU) since 1994, previously served as principal for a Rapid City elementary school and at Douglas High School near Ellsworth Air Force Base.

Hall completed her doctorate in educational administration the University of

South Dakota in 1991. Since then she has continued with formal and informal training in the assessment of learning, accreditation, community leadership and selecting and developing leaders. She recently attended the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota for an immersion program in educational leadership.

Hall has a master's degree in education administration as well as endorsements for elementary principal, reading specialist and gifted education from South Dakota State University. She earned her undergraduate degree in elementary education from the University of Minnesota.

Hall has significant leadership experience in primary through high school education as well as higher education. Before joining the faculty at MSU, Hall served as an elementary teacher, remedial diagnostician, administrator of gifted education, assistant principal and principal.

For the last five years, Hall has served as the chief academic officer at MSU. Her duties included responsibility for the areas of academic policy, planning, curriculum, faculty development, academic personnel administration, library, records, academic budgeting, research and the centers of excellence. She previously served as dean of institutional planning.

Tim Penton Continued from page 3

"It's total peace and quiet and a great stress reliever. No cell phones, no interruptions," says Tim.

He is also a member of the Venezuela American Friendship Association and works with the Venezuela/American Chamber of Commerce. Recently, Tim has taken an active role in the Williams Foundation, which supports education.

Living in Venezuela, where he has an up close look at an ever-evolving political system, Tim's interest in world politics has intensified. Venezuela, which established a democracy fairly recently in 1959, has the oldest democracy in Latin America, but has endured civil unrest, massive rallies and strikes. He says that an opposition protest

march last summer, which included more than one million people, shows the magnitude of passion that exists in the country.

"It is amazing to see. It's a great opportunity to live through and find out firsthand how fragile a democracy is. It's really interesting," Tim says. "We, as Americans, need to be more open to developing the world. We need to look outside our yard and help others. As the world evolves, we have to evolve with it," Tim says.

Tim is looking forward to several more years of international assignments with Williams which will cap off his interesting and successful career. Tim knows that the energy industry is going to change and looks forward to the changes with anticipation and

respect for the unknown.

With a career that has mandated many moves, Tim is looking forward to putting down roots in the Black Hills area, a location he remembers fondly from his college days. Tim and his wife now have a house in Spearfish and plan to be active in the community when they retire here.

"When I was in college, I never would have envisioned this," Tim says looking back. "I always had summer jobs working in oil fields while I figured out what I wanted to do." What he was doing turned out to be what he would continue to do and evolved into a career that has led him to some interesting and faraway places.

BHSU students in the news

Student interns at Mayo Clinic

Sisters Lindsay and Lacy Schaeffer, who say "they couldn't be much more different," have at least one thing in common. They both share an affinity for Black Hills State University.

Lindsay, the older of the siblings, recently completed two years of study at BHSU before transferring to a nursing program in Rapid City. This summer she was selected for an internship at the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Lacy, the younger sister, is looking forward to her second year at BHSU. She is pursuing a degree in mass communications with an emphasis in photography and works part-time in the enrollment center on campus.

Lindsay, who says she always knew she wanted to work in the healthcare field, is excited about her future as a nurse and is pleased she could complete much of the program at BHSU.

"When I was younger, I thought I might want to be a veterinarian. Then I decided to be a nurse. I think it's a good choice for me," Lindsay says.

At Mayo Clinic, Lindsay is participating in a 10-week internship in the orthopedic sports injury department. Lindsay successfully completed an intensive selection process at Mayo Clinic before she was chosen for the internship program. She credits the excellent sci-

ence program at BHSU for her success in being chosen.

"My preparation at BHSU was outstanding. My education gave me the work ethic needed to be selected for this internship. There's an outstanding biology/chemistry program here. Dr. Lamb and other faculty members expect a lot, but in the long run, it's good," Lindsay says.

The sisters, who grew up in Winner, both say once they visited the BHSU campus, they knew they wanted to attend classes here.

"I toured other schools, but when I came to BHSU, I just fell in love with the Hills and the people here. It's been great for me," Lindsay says.

Lindsay plans to return to classes this fall in Rapid City and will graduate with a nursing degree from South Dakota State University in May. Then her options and plans are wide open because she

knows having an internship with the Mayo Clinic has the potential to open other doors for her in the future. She noted that many students who complete internships at the clinic are eventually hired there as well. She is interested in working for one of the satellite clinics operated by Mayo.



Lindsay and Lacy Schaeffer



Glad grad

Venessa Adcock enthusiastically expresses her feelings of exhilaration during the spring commencement ceremony at Black Hills State University with a thumbs up signal and "Thank God!" on her mortarboard. More than 360 students received diplomas at the 149th commencement ceremony. Venessa, a human services major from Albuquerque, N.M. who is planning to go on to law school, and Ian Laber, a political science major from Winner, were honored this spring by the Student Senate as outstanding students of the year.

BHSU in the news



Local students Erin Talsma, Spearfish, and Jonathan Brown, Rapid City, practice during the Vocal Arts and Opera Theatre School.

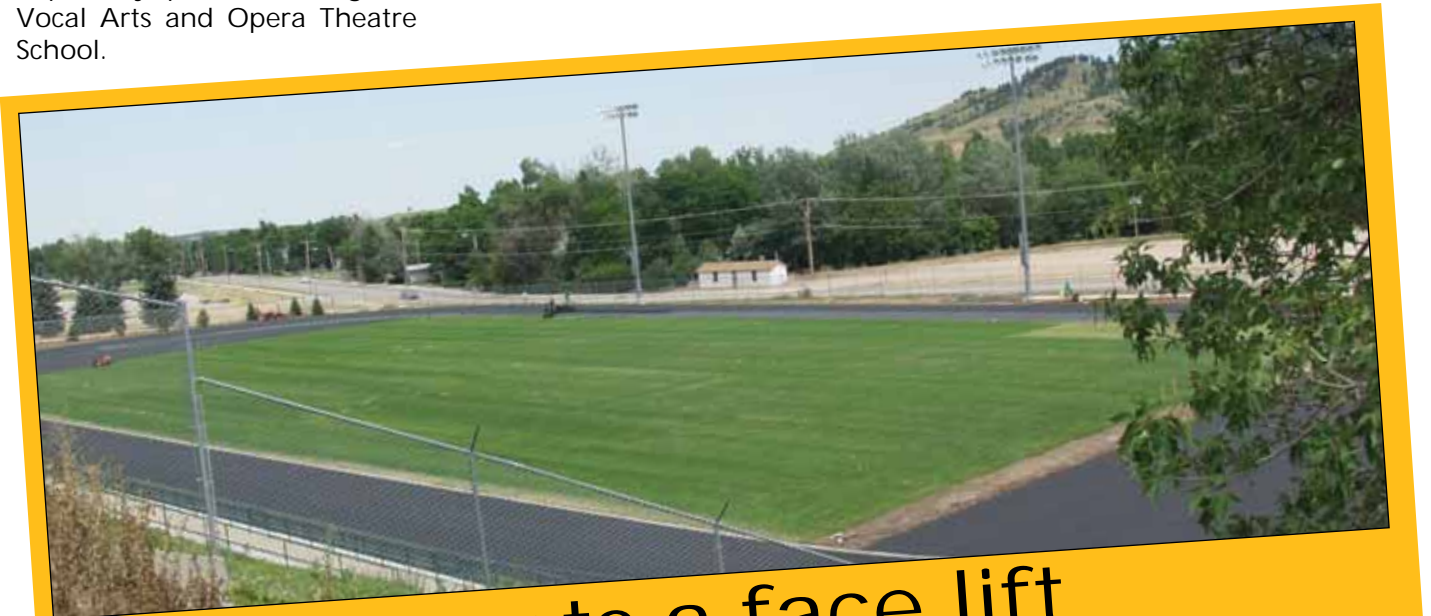
BHSU hosts summer opera program

Nationally-known opera directors and conductors were on the campus of BHSU this summer to teach a vocal arts and opera school as part of the Black Hills Summer Institute of the Arts. The unusual two-week workshop, which is in its seventh year, is the brainchild of world-renowned opera star Johanna Meier. The school brings nationally-known opera conductors and directors to Spearfish to work with participants of the workshop. Several public performances are scheduled every year.

Johanna Meier, who presently resides in Spearfish and runs the Black Hills Passion Play, believes the Vocal Arts and Opera Theatre School is a natural for this area because the beauty of the Black Hills makes it an ideal location for summer arts festivals. Several of Meier's friends in the professional opera world travel to Spearfish to coach aspiring opera singers in opera scenes and other vocal performances.

Bruce Donnell, this year's stage director, is known for his stage direction at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City as well as the Santa Fe Opera. Music director Richard Nechamkin is well known in New York as an opera conductor and vocal coach; he is also music director of the Nachez Music Festival. Experienced vocal coach and accompanist Tony Bellomy also comes from New York. Conductor John Stewart is a former opera star who now teaches voice and opera at the University of St. Louis.

Students from the Vocal Arts and Opera Theatre School presented several public performances. The Vocal Arts and Opera Theatre School resides in the new Clare and Joseph Meier Hall on the BHSU campus. This building is the namesake of Johanna Meier's parents, who were the original founders of the Black Hills Passion Play. Specially selected opera students from all over the United States and Canada participate in the school. This year, students from California, New York, Arizona, and Sweden, as well as a few "home grown" talents, took part in the school.



Stadium gets a face lift

The track and football field in Lyle Hare Stadium on the campus of BHSU is undergoing a major "face lift." The work, which began this spring, includes removing, recrowning, and replacing the field with a new sod surface in time for kickoff of the fall 2005 football season which begins Aug. 27 in Dickinson. The first home game is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. vs. Valley City State University.

The track, which was originally laid down in late 1975, was replaced with a new eight-lane Recotan track surface. Two long jump, triplejump and pole vault runways and a new shot put throw area will accompany the newly surfaced track. Other upgrades and improvements include relocation of the steeplechase to the north end of the track, along with a new irrigation and drainage system, curbing, and sprinkler system.

BHSU people in the news

Hesson honored as distinguished faculty member

Dr. James Hesson, BHSU professor of biokinetics in the division of physical education and health since 1990, was chosen by his peers to receive the prestigious Distinguished Faculty Award. Hesson was recognized during the spring commencement ceremony.



Hesson

Hesson, a lifelong promoter of health and wellness, is a natural at his chosen profession because his goal in life is reflected by what he does everyday. As a health professor, Hesson may have found the perfect outlet for what he describes as his "purpose in life."

"My purpose in life is to motivate and inspire others to achieve success," Hesson says. "What I enjoy most about my position here is the opportunity every day in every class to motivate and inspire students to achieve success."

Hesson makes the most of his ongoing opportunities to motivate and inspire students by not only providing information for the students but also serving as a role model for students by being physically active and health conscious himself.

"What you do speaks louder than what you say. If behaviors don't match words, there's no credibility," Hesson says. "I teach the benefits of exercise; my students see me exercise every day; and they see me enjoying the positive benefits of exercise."

A colleague who nominated Hesson for the award says that he teaches with enthusiasm and enjoyment and that students respond to and appreciate his efforts.

"Dr. Hesson serves as a role model to our students in the classroom and in modeling a healthy lifestyle. He treats everyone with courtesy, respect and dignity. He is always professional and is dedicated to the students and to Black Hills State University," according to the nomination letter.

A member of 10 professional organizations, Hesson has authored, co-authored or contributed to more than 30 textbooks since 1984. He has written several books on weight training and other fitness activities and served as a contributing author and

research resource for *Esquire* magazine in 1996. Hesson averages two publications per year including textbooks, textbook chapters, instructors' manuals and test banks. He also reviews new textbooks for several publishing companies.

Hesson remains humble about his accomplishments noting that the BHSU community has a large number of extremely dedicated and hardworking members.

"The fact that I was chosen for this award at BHSU, where I know there are so many deserving recipients, makes the award an even greater honor," Hesson says.

Through his lifetime, Hesson has seen major shifts in his field and has been at the forefront of several exercise and fitness changes. Hesson, who began advocating weightlifting as a lifetime fitness activity long before it was accepted as such, noted that he has taken a lot of abuse for his recommendations and ideas.

He recalls being on a high school football team which had a rule against weightlifting for team members. It has been gratifying for him to witness the changes and see weightlifting recognized as a valuable part of mainstream exercise guidelines.

"When I played football in high school, if athletes were caught weightlifting, they'd be kicked off the team," Hesson says. By the 70s, Hesson notes that weightlifting had become more acceptable, at least for athletes. By the 80s, Hesson says that many teams required weightlifting which was a complete reversal from earlier years.

"Now team members who don't lift weights face expulsion from the team," Hesson says. "I recognized the benefits of weightlifting and lifetime fitness. That's why I published books on the subject."

Hesson began weight training 20 years before authoring a book on the subject and continues to promote weight training and fitness as a lifetime activity.

Hesson is active in many on-campus and community organizations. He also serves on many campus committees, as many as 14 in one year. Hesson is the only original member of the BHSU strategic planning committee and currently is serving his third three-year term on the faculty senate.

Hesson presents health and fitness information several times a year to local schools, churches and service organizations as well as giving professional presentations at state, regional and national conferences. He is a member of the Spearfish Lions Club and volunteers to help at track meets, cross country meets and many other events.

Hesson worked every summer for 10 years, beginning in 1993, at the United States Olympic Training Center (USOC) in

Colorado Springs, Colo. He worked with world-class athletes and the latest training and conditioning techniques.

Hesson earned his doctoral

degree in scientific basis of human motion from Brigham Young University in 1980 where he graduated as valedictorian. Hesson earned bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education, health, and athletic coaching from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. He has also earned three of the highest and most difficult certifications in his field and is believed to be the only person teaching in South Dakota who has earned all three of these certifications.

Before joining the BHSU faculty, Hesson served as a professor and coach at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss. He also taught and coached at Rice University in Houston, Texas; Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah; Corio Technical School in Australia; the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, and in Lincoln Public Schools.

"The fact that I was chosen for this award at BHSU, where I know there are so many deserving recipients, makes the award an even greater honor."

Dr. James Hesson

Retirees

BHSU faculty and who retired this year were: Dr. Ed Erickson, director of the E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center, who is retiring following 33 years; Dr. Riley Chrisman, history professor, who taught for 26 years; Barbara Chrisman, librarian and associate library science professor, who is retiring after 26 years of service; Ann Chastain, secretary who retired after 32 years; and Dr. Dan Peterson, sociology professor, who is retiring after 28 years.



Barbara Chrisman
Librarian and Associate professor

Retiring librarian Barbara Chrisman says she has the best job in the library and continues to enjoy her job because of the variety of her work and the ever-changing and ongoing contact with library patrons. "Being a reference librarian is an exciting job. I like helping faculty and students. I have different things to do every day and work with different people as I help students and faculty,"

B. Chrisman says. "I get to learn new things all the time too. As I'm looking up information on a variety of topics, it expands my knowledge. I like that."

B. Chrisman taught in elementary schools for five years before earning a master's degree in library science. She worked as a reference librarian while her husband, Riley, finished his doctorate degree.

Through the years, B. Chrisman has seen some major changes both in the library and throughout the campus. She was involved with the re-classification of the library from a Dewey Decimal system to the Library of Congress system. In the early 80s, B. Chrisman worked to help establish the online catalog access and institute a national catalogue database. B. Chrisman says BHSU was on the forefront of a statewide effort to incorporate a collaborative catalog. Recently she, along with several other BHSU librarians, became part of a statewide "virtual librarian" service that answers patrons' questions in real time via the internet.

B. Chrisman predicts that although librarians' tasks continue to change, they will remain in demand in the future.

"Some people may think we don't need libraries because of the internet. Because there is so much information, students need direction," B. Chrisman says. "There are so many options, students need to learn to be more specific as they are conducting searches for term papers and research."

Dr. Riley Chrisman
History professor

Perhaps it will be best to remember Dr. Riley Chrisman, retiring history professor, through the words of his hero, Harry Truman, as someone who has "done his damndest."

Nearly every year on May 8, Truman's birthday, R. Chrisman would gather friends and colleagues to celebrate the life of the Missouri statesman who served as 33rd president of the U.S.

R. Chrisman, who began his education career as a junior high and high school teacher, decided to pursue a career in higher education so he could "spend more time on content than discipline." He began teaching at a community college in his home state of Missouri and then decided to pursue a doctorate degree.

His position at BHSU was his first full-time teaching appointment, and it turned out to be the one that will go down in history for him as he made his career as a history professor at the university. Through the years, R. Chrisman taught a variety of history courses including Western Civilization 1 and 2, all the geography courses, History of the Far East, Latin American History, U.S. History 1 and 2, Historiography, and Recent American History. His favorite courses have been U.S. History 1 and 2, Western Civilization and a Canadian History course that he developed at BHSU.

During his time at BHSU, R. Chrisman served as Faculty Senate president, chair of the department and has spent time on numerous faculty committees including the Case Library Committee, the Facilities and Safety Committee and the Chiesman Committee.

R. Chrisman and his wife, Barbara, moved to Spearfish with their young son, Joe, and since then have made this their home. Although some relatives in Missouri are still waiting for them to "move back home," the Chrisman's consider Spearfish their true home and are looking forward to spending their retirement here. R. Chrisman says that Spearfish was a good choice for them.

R. Chrisman, who is also a master woodworking craftsman, says retirement will afford him time to complete some projects and travel. In the classroom, Riley is known for being a true "craftsman" working to shape the minds and lives of students.



R. Chrisman



Dr. Ed Erickson
Director of the E.Y. Berry Library-Learning Center and education professor

Dr. Ed Erickson decided to become a librarian because he saw that as a way to impact a large number of students and provide enhanced education opportunities.

"A good library is needed to support academics. That has always been my goal," Erickson says.

Erickson, who has bachelor's and master's degrees in music, first began his education career as a band director but decided to become a librarian because he saw it as an opportunity to "improve the quality of instruction for all kids and have a chance to make an impact for students studying a variety of subjects."

Erickson

When Erickson came to BHSU, his first task was to oversee completion of the library building. In the 33 years since then, he has been given many other tasks and, looking back, he feels a sense of accomplishment for his achievements.

He was responsible for bringing the audio visual and computing services into the library setting and was instrumental in establishing the campus radio station, KBHU, which recently celebrated its 30th anniversary this spring.

Erickson is often referred to as "the father of the South Dakota

Library Network (SDLN)" for his work writing a grant proposal that set up the statewide library system. In 1993, Erickson received the honor of being named state librarian of the year by the S.D. Library Association. Just recently the library converted to a new system which Erickson feels will provide enhanced services for library users well into the future.

"It's nice to retire knowing that you've left a new system for others that has tremendous potential for the future," Erickson says.

Erickson says that although ten years ago some people were predicting the end of an era for libraries, he sees a bright future for both libraries and the people who staff them.

"Technology is going to continue to change, and the future of libraries is good. There is a lot of information out there, but someone has to organize that information. Libraries will continue to enhance their services," Erickson says. "People sometimes need assistance to translate information into usable data. It takes trained people to do that."

Erickson is looking forward to retirement as a time to travel and visit his sons as well as other relatives and friends across the country and overseas. He plans to stay involved in several professional organizations including Phi Delta Kappa, for which he currently serves as coordinator. He will also remain active volunteering for Destination Imagination, a creative competition for elementary students that he has been involved with for many years.

Erickson has been active in a variety of community groups as well holding officer positions for the school board, several service groups and his church. Erickson has two sons who are both in the final stages of Ph.D. programs in science.



Dr. Dan Peterson
Sociology professor and chair of the department of social sciences

Peterson

Dr. Dan Peterson, who began teaching economics and social science classes at Black Hills State University in 1977, was described by a colleague as a "free spirit."

"Dan is patient, non-judgmental and a friend," says longtime colleague Dr. George Earley, who shared an office with Peterson for many years. "When describing Dan as a free spirit, I mean someone who is easy-going, slow to anger, and more concerned about content than format."

Earley says that Peterson worked hard to make the sociology major one of the best majors at the university and deserves credit for his effort.

The sociology professor is actively involved in many professional organizations and encourages students to present at national and regional meetings. He has also served as president of the Midwestern Society of Sociologists.

During his tenure at BHSU, Peterson received a Fulbright Scholarship to study in India, received two governor's awards for course redevelopment and participated in a global conditions and world hunger institute in 1994.

Peterson says he "doesn't have a clue" what he'll do when he

retires; however, a brief discussion with him reveals a variety of interests and it's easy to see that he'll rely on his "free spirit personality" to keep life interesting. Dan is a world-wide traveler who has been around the globe before and is ready to go again.

"I figure 28 years is enough. I decided it was time to give someone else an opportunity to teach these classes," Peterson says.

Peterson started teaching as a part-time economist and part-time sociologist. Through the years, his teaching load has evolved into teaching sociology courses full time. Peterson has a list of 22 different classes that he has taught in the nearly three decades he has spent at BHSU. He says he especially enjoyed teaching the social theory and social stratification classes.

Peterson has seen many changes at BHSU and notes that he has seen the campus evolve through the years. He says that facility additions have transformed the campus into "much more of a university environment."

According to Peterson, the highlight for him as a professor is hearing from students after they have graduated and are working in the field.

"We have some really fine people who have come through this institution," Peterson says. "Many have gone on to earn Ph.D.s and are working in interesting and demanding jobs. We should be very proud of our students. It's heartening to know that they are out there doing something interesting."

Peterson's wife, Barb, is an elementary school counselor and their daughter is currently completing a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Track team wins and breaks records at nationals

The BHSU track and field team broke three Yellow Jacket records and two South Dakota collegiate records as well as winning an individual national championship title at the NAIA National Track Meet in Louisville, Ky., this spring.

The BHSU women's 4x800-meter relay team, which included Jamie Hahn, Spearfish; Liz Woodruff, Chamberlain; Wesleigh Hardy, Spearfish; and Angie Axmann, Rutesheim, Germany; earned All-American honors with a fifth-place finish in a time of 9 minutes 2.30 seconds in the finals. The Yellow Jacket squad broke the school record in the preliminary race.

Axmann went on to earn a national championship title in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Axmann's time shattered her own school record and also broke the state record. Axmann won the finals and just missed the national record by a little over a second.

Senior Cassie Knutson from Fort Collins, Colo., also received All-American honors in the marathon with a sixth place finish. Knutson's time was the second best ever for a BHSU athlete, behind Nikki

Underwood's record which won the marathon in 2004.

Senior Kristal Keffler, Faith, claimed All-American recognition in the discus and became a three-time All-American winner in the event. Keffler placed fifth. She also competed in the shot put.

Senior Surrena Davidson, Sheridan, Wyo., placed eighth nationally and broke the school record in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.76.

Hardy, a member of the winning relay team, also placed ninth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:42.46.

Crystal Hostetter competed in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and was able to better her personal best



The BHSU women's 4x800-meter relay team earned All-American honors with a fifth-place finish at the national meet. Relay members Liz Woodruff, Jamie Hahn, Wesleigh Hardy and Angi Axman, also broke a statewide collegiate record by three seconds.

mark by 14 seconds.

The Yellow Jackets also had two men competing at the national meet. Junior Brandon Bertram, from Fargo, N.D., and J.R. Grabinger, a sophomore from Jamestown, N.D., ran the marathon. Bertram placed 14th with a time of 2:35.02 and Grabinger was 17th with a time of 2:37.20.

BHSU to add women's softball

BHSU will add women's softball, not women's soccer as previously announced. According to Steve Meeke, athletic director at BHSU, the university decided to switch sports because recent changes in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) would make scheduling soccer games more difficult.

Last spring when BHSU announced plans to begin a women's soccer program, four other universities, Si Tanka-Huron University, University of Mary, Jamestown University and Mayville State University, in the conference had women's soccer teams. In addition, Dakota State University had plans to add soccer.

Since then, Si Tanka has closed amid financial difficulties, and the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D., left the DAC for the NCAA Division II Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. Dakota State is no longer considering adding women's soccer which would mean only two schools in the current eight-team conference would offer women's soccer.

The addition of women's softball is one of several changes planned following a statewide Title IX review. BHSU will begin their first year of women's golf competition this fall. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 is the landmark legislation that bans sex discrimination in schools both in academics and athletics. Since it was passed, Title IX has influenced athletic programs at the high school and college level.

Sather is men's BB coach

Paul Sather, former assistant coach at the University of Colorado - Boulder and former player and coach at Northern State University, has been named head basketball coach at Black Hills State University.



Sather

Sather has a wealth of coaching experiences at many levels from the high school level through the NCAA Division I and II levels. Sather spent six years as an assistant coach at Northern State University, his alma mater, before taking the job with CU. He served as assistant coach for NSU for three Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) regular season championships and NSU's first ever NSIC Tournament

Championship.

Originally from Princeton, Minn., Sather had a stellar collegiate career with Northern State University as a player from 1990-1994. He was team captain for the NSU Wolves when they earned back-to-back national runner-up finishes in 1993 and 1994.

Sather earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education from NSU in 1995. He then served as physical education teacher and assistant boys' basketball coach at Sidney High School in Nebraska from 1996-1997. The following year, Sather returned to college basketball, serving as a graduate assistant at Wayne State while he earned a master's degree in sports administration.

Looking ahead

Alumni art show

Sept. 1-24

Homecoming week

Sept. 17-24

Sept 23 Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

Sept 24 Alumni Breakfast, Swarm Day, Parade, and Football game vs. Dickinson State (See complete schedule on page 22)

Class of '70 Football reunion

Oct. 8

Roundball Reunion

Nov. 4-5

Graduation

Dec. 17

Alumni Mile

Jan. 28

BHSU events

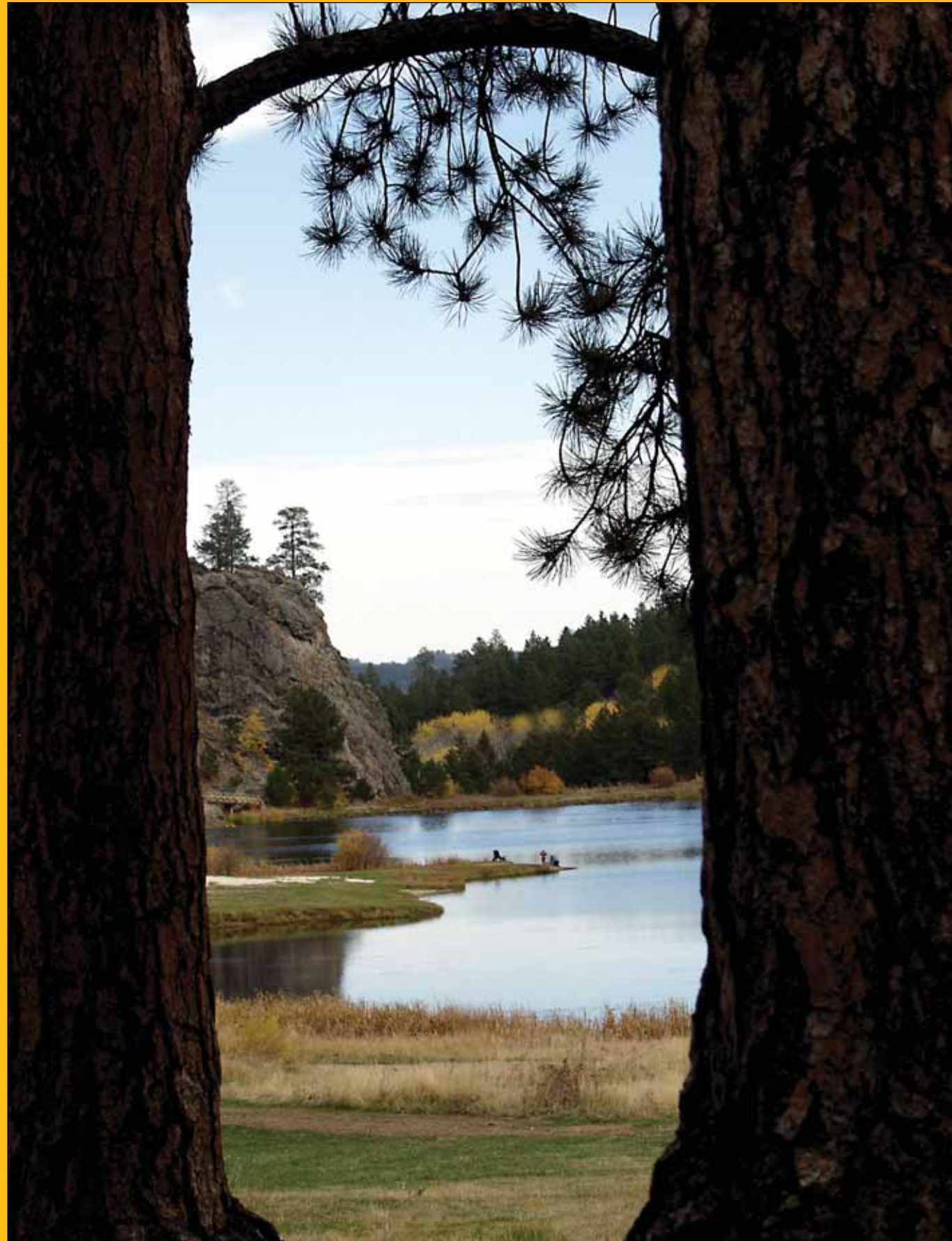
See www.bhsu.edu then choose Campus Calendar from the quick links menu for a complete list of campus activities.

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



Looking back

After a fire destroyed Normal Hall in 1925, workers pulled a safe from the building. The building, located where Woodburn Hall now stands, was nearly completely consumed by the late night fire. The entrance to the building, now referred to as "the arches" were removed and relocated to Ida Henton Park on campus. The caption on the old photo reads: "The records of forty years of ardent toil were saved in this ALL Steel Safe."



Iron Creek Lake, a short drive from campus, is a popular place for BHSU students to enjoy the Black Hills.