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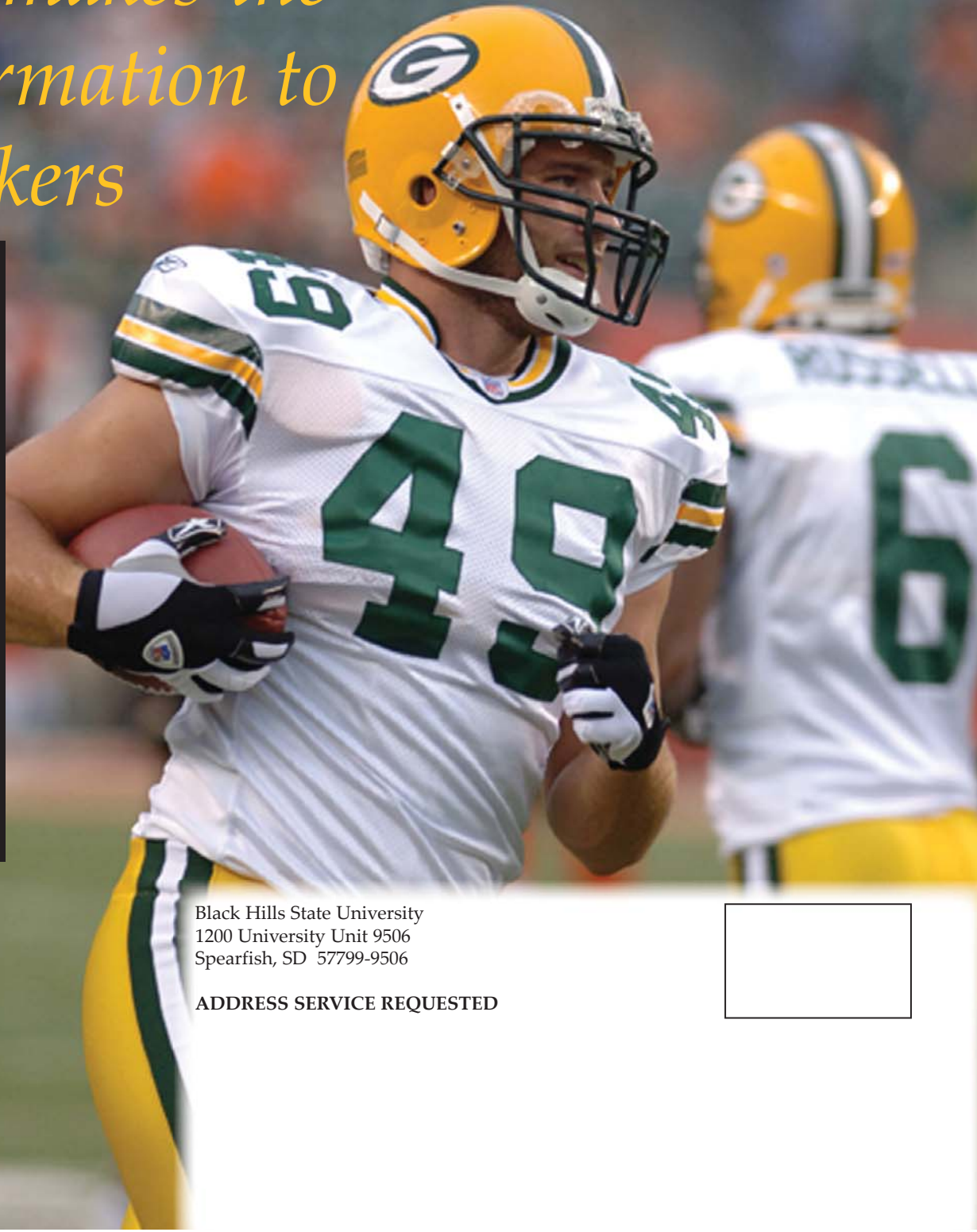
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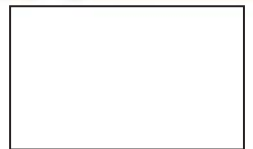
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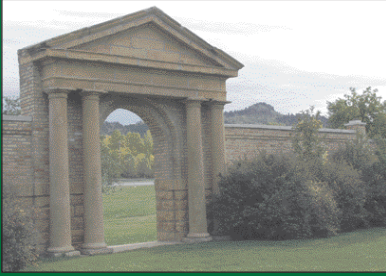
**I**n my first year at BHSU, I've been pleasantly surprised and gratified by the overwhelming welcome we've received from BHSU alumni as well as the entire Black Hills community. This is an amazing university and I'm proud to be a part of it.

I've been very impressed with the students and alumni with whom I've had the opportunity to meet and visit. I've heard many exhilarating and interesting stories about how BHSU has transformed the lives of our graduates. Please continue to send your success stories. As our students make plans for their futures, it's so important for them to hear about the achievements of our alumni.

I invite you to be involved with your alma mater in whatever way works best for you. Visit campus, speak to student groups and provide career insight, help mentor a student, attend an athletic event, enjoy a concert or a play, or simply visit with current students, faculty and staff.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp receives the BHSU medallion from former president Dr. Thomas Flickema during her inauguration ceremony.





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# Schallenkamp inaugurated as BHSU's ninth president



BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp poses with her grandchildren, Tyler and Alyssa during her inauguration reception.

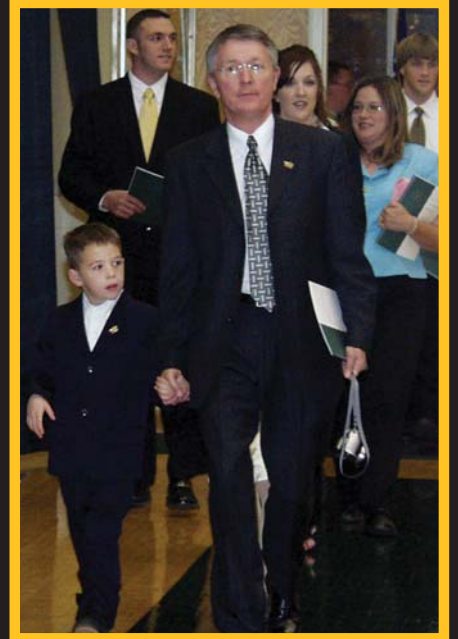




President Kay Schallenkamp was officially inaugurated as the ninth president of Black Hills State University last fall.

Former BHSU president Dr. Thomas Flickema, who retired last year, ceremoniously presented the BHSU medallion to Schallenkamp. Gov. Michael Rounds officially welcomed Schallenkamp and praised BHSU for recent advancements.

Other dignitaries who participated in the ceremony included South Dakota Board of Regents President Harvey Jewett; BOR executive director, Robert "Tad" Perry; Spearfish Mayor Jerry Krambeck; Alumni Association President Larry Vavruska; Vice Provost for Educational Outreach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Richard Lee; and BHSU Student Senate President Lily Bruckner.



Past presidents of BHSU are:

Fayette L. Cook, 1885-1919

Ethel C. Woodburn, 1919-1942

Russell E. Jonas, 1942-1967

Meredith N. Freeman, 1967-1976

Maurice Fitzgerald, 1976-1977

J. Gilbert Hause, 1977-1985

Clifford M. Trump, 1985-1994

Thomas O. Flickema, 1994-2006



# Zac Alcorn is making news as a tight end with the Green Bay Packers

## Zac Alcorn At A Glance

- Was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) All-American honoree and two-time first-team All-Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) selection at BHSU.
- Caught 85 passes for 1,220 yards and 12 touchdowns in 20 games with the BHSU Yellow Jackets.
- Received attention from NFL scouts because of his top speed of 4.6 and his 34-inch vertical leap.
- Was the first player from BHSU to make an active roster in the NFL. Mike Savoy and Jeff Lamb were in NFL training camp, but did not make the active roster for the regular season.
- Signed by the Green Bay Packers as a non-drafted free agent in 2006.
- Played in six games and was inactive once after being signed from the practice squad. Saw most of his action on special teams.
- Green Bay head coach Mike McCarthy took notice, saying of Alcorn: "The guy has the best hands on our team."



Zac Alcorn, Class of '06 and former standout Yellow Jacket football player, made an impressive move this year as he transitioned from wearing green and gold for BHSU to wearing green and gold for the Green Bay Packers.

Selected as a free agent by the Packers, Zac spent 11 weeks on the practice squad before he was chosen to suit up for his first game against the New England Patriots in November.

John Scott, head football coach for the BHSU Yellow Jackets, is understandably proud of Zac's accomplishments and says his success has been good for the team as well.

"It feels good to say that we have a guy in the pros," John says. "Zac has the opportunity to make a name for himself in the National Football League (NFL). The Packers have recognized how good his hands are and that he is a hard worker. Last season he closed the gap on the huge transition he had to make from small college football to the professional ranks."

John praises Zac for his accomplishments, his persistence, and also for his commitment to his family and team.

"What stands out most about Zac is the way in which he achieved his

goals without compromising the team-first attitude," John says. "His goal of getting a shot in the NFL was in place when he got to BHSU, but not at the expense of his family or teammates."

His college coach, a long-time Packer fan himself, had the opportunity to revel in his former student's success last season when he attended the Packer's week 15 game against the Minnesota Vikings.

"It was awesome. The greatest part was watching him come out of the locker room in his Packer uniform for warm-ups; it was one of the most gratifying moments in my coaching career," John says. "He's a Packer and a good guy – it doesn't get much better than that."

Looking back at his first season in the NFL, Zac says being in the huddle with Brett Favre is everything he thought it would be and more.

"It is awesome. I was a little nervous my first few times, but Brett loosens things up. He tells a lot of jokes and makes fun of the linemen, so it eases the worries a little bit," Zac says. "One time when we were warming up, I talked him into doing his John Elway impersonation. It was hilarious."

Playing in Lambeau Field is Zac's favorite place to be. "It is so rich in tradition, and we have fantastic fans," he says.

Zac and his wife, Jennifer, and their two young children, Justus and Jada, are adapting to living in Green Bay and feel that they're in the right place for them.

"While it isn't that big, it's big to us," Zac says. "Wisconsin reminds me a lot of South Dakota and Nebraska. Midwest people for the most part are the same wherever you go. They are hardworking honest people who love football."

That's a sentiment that Zac understands well. He's loved football all of his life and fulfilled a lifelong dream when he was offered the opportunity to play in the NFL.

Zac feels that professional football is a little different from what he had expected.



"It's less physically demanding than I thought, and way more challenging from a mental aspect," he says. "Learning all the plays and going out to perform knowing that if you mess up, it could be the last chance you get."

Zac believes that BHSU was a huge stepping stone for him and his family.

"When I moved to Spearfish, it was the first time we were away from our hometown, and we learned how to rely on one another.

The coaches and the football program played a huge role in my success," Zac says. "I learned a lot from them, and they helped me achieve my lifelong goal – playing in the NFL."

Zac, who has had the opportunity to work with a variety of impressive people, says Aaron Kampman, the All-Pro defensive end he practiced against every day, has earned his admiration.

"On the field Kampman is all about business, giving his best. Off the field he is a kind man who offers advice to teammates," Zac says. "He is also a good family man, but most of all he is a man that has his priorities straight with his relationship with God and his son, Jesus Christ. That is what I admire the most in any individual."

Although being on the practice team was a bit frustrating, it was a great learning opportunity for Zac.

"I learned a ton and got to go against an All-Pro defensive end every day in practice, so it made my game better. It also showed me that I can hang with the big dogs, and sometimes get the best of them," Zac says. "It was a huge thrill to get brought up (to the squad) when it finally happened."



Zac received the 2006 Yellow Jacket Football Offensive Player of the Year Award while at BHSU.



*"What stands out most about Zac is the way in which he achieved his goals without compromising the team-first attitude."*

**John Scott**  
**BHSU head football coach**





## Seth Gudmundson lands his dream job in fashion photography

*"Seth always gave 110%...he saw failure as an opportunity to learn and grow as a photographer and was one of the most tenacious students that I have had in the photography program at Black Hills State University."* **Steve Babbitt, BHSU photography professor**

Through the lens of this recent mass communications graduate, the world is a photograph developing at great speed.

When Seth Gudmundson graduated in the spring of 2006, he saw lots of opportunities but he focused on one primary goal – that of making it in the fashion photography world in one of the most competitive places in the world, Southern California. Seth, who served as editor of the BHSU student newspaper his senior year, set his sights on a photography career in the national fashion and magazine world.

Less than a year later, Seth is beginning what he terms "a dream job" as an assistant to world-renowned photographer Norman Jean Roy, an editorial celebrity portrait photographer who shoots for *Vogue*, *Vanity Fair*, all of the top Conde Nast publications, *Glamour*, *Allure*, and many others. As assistant, Seth accompanies Norman Jean Roy to shoots around the nation and world.

Seth knows his job will involve lots of traveling, and he's excited about that. Recent photo shoots include time in the Florida Keys, New York, and Asia. Although Seth says he can't discuss who is on the schedule to photograph

next (since that's top secret), he notes that he has been involved in shoots with many celebrities including Julia Louis-Dreyfuss, who he says is just like her character Elaine on *Seinfeld*, Will Ferrell, Christina Ricci, and George Clooney, as well as Toby Maguire for movie posters promoting the third *Spiderman* movie.

His life sounds glamorous and exciting, but Seth notes that it wasn't exactly a smooth ride to this point. After an initial trip to California to visit a friend, which he describes as an opportunity to test the water and investigate the possibility of making a more permanent move to California, Seth made the bold decision to pack up all his things and move to Los Angeles.

"I knew if I came out here it would be a struggle but I was willing to take that risk," Seth says.

Less than three months after graduation, Seth found himself in a small furniture-less apartment in downtown L.A.

"I remember sitting on my air mattress thinking I can't even afford this and wondering what was going to happen. Even when I was down to my last 100 dollars and wasn't sure what was

going to happen, I knew I had put in a good effort," Seth says.

Seth spent his days making phone calls and sending emails in an attempt to get started in the highly competitive fashion photography business. Finally Seth's efforts began to pay off and things began to happen for him.

"I went to the library every morning and got contact information from national magazines; then, I came home and made phone calls. I talked to anyone I could in the office just letting photographers know I was willing to assist," Seth says.

Before long, he started getting calls back and got the opportunity to work on a temporary basis on single shoots. He said he used every contact as an opportunity to get more contact information for additional work.

"It's truly a business of who you know. I've never shown a resume here. Everyone asked who I've worked for and who I know. It's so competitive; they just assume you know how to do the photography, the lighting, and the other work," Seth explains. "A reference means more than anything."

He established himself quickly as a reliable, quality assistant as he took



freelance jobs for 17 photographers and became a regular assistant for five of those.

"I was getting phone calls every day, asking me to work," Seth says. "Working this way, scheduling is a nightmare. I had to stay really organized and developed a pretty good system." "You have to have your phone with you at all times. I even had my phone in the shower. The phone is never turned off."

He found that freelance assisting depended on his ability to stand out.

"When they ask for you, you have to be on top of your game, be ready for anything the photographer wants," Seth says.

From the beginning, Seth identified Roy as one of his primary targets. He got the name and number of one of Roy's top assistants and began "bugging" him with repeated phone calls. Those calls lead to a day shoot of Maria Sharapova (tennis player) for *Vogue*. Following the shoot, Seth immediately sent a thank you note to the studio to let them know he'd like to work with them again. After several more shoots with Roy, Seth received an offer of fulltime employment with

the famous photographer.

It was a dream come true for Seth. He decided to give up the freelance photography assistant work for the fulltime commitment to Roy. When he's not on a set, Seth works in the office doing production, ordering equipment for the next shoot, sending invoices, making plans for future shoots, and cleaning the cameras. He's also always ready for whatever photography shoot comes up and remains ready to travel on a moment's notice.

Seth began his university career at BHSU with a strong interest in graphic design. He later added a photography major and took a variety of communication arts and mass communications courses.

Although Seth has reached one of his goals with his current job as assistant to one of the top fashion photographers in the world, he's set his sights high and would like to be shooting his own work in three years.

Seth says his BHSU classes prepared him to make the transformation from student to professional photographer. He credits his overall knowledge and understanding of photography and lighting, along with an under-

standing of business which he garnered from business classes he took even though they were not required for his major.

While a BHSU student, Seth served as editor of the student newspaper and says that experience gave him valuable skills that were vital as he began working.

"My experience doing interviews with the newspaper clearly helped a lot. Juggling fulltime classes, being editor, along with a list of other things taught me how to manage my time, and organization skills are essential," Seth says.

Seth encourages BHSU students to seek their dreams and remember not to hold back.

"If you want to go somewhere and do something – you should just do it. If you don't, you're going to be disappointed," Seth says. "There are tons of opportunities in the world in all fields – arts, education, business, whatever. There are opportunities if you have the desire, the ambition, and drive to go and do it."

**After watching the models blow fake snow all day during a Fera Clothing ad campaign shoot, Seth decided he should give it a try.**

**Photo by Mark Leibowitz**





# Kudos & Announcements

## Christiansen honored



**Christiansen**

**B**erdelle (Johnson) Christiansen, a 93-year-old former school teacher who attended BHSU in the 30s, was recently presented with an honorary certificate from Washington State University. Berdelle taught school on the Dakota prairie for six years until she was married. She and her family then moved to Seattle and later to Lake Quinault. Christiansen taught at a number of elementary schools. In 1966 she started working with the Headstart Program at Quinault Indian Nation, where she worked for 11 years.

## The 50s

**Dr. James Hansen**, Class of '52, Pierre, was reappointed by Gov. Mike Rounds to the South Dakota Board of Regents through 2013. A former state superintendent of schools and secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education, he was appointed to the Board of Regents in 1995, and served as president in 1998-99.

## The 60s

**Dan Green**, Class of '64, Spearfish, was honored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors for his ongoing pledge to education, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the profession. Dan works for Baer's First Western Insurance.

**Dick Termes**, Spearfish, Class of '64, and **Gary Mule Deer**, Spearfish, attended, were inducted into the Spearfish High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

**Joe Jorgensen**, Class of '67, Spearfish, was recently honored with

the Spirit of Spearfish Award.

**Tom Sprigler**, Class of '67 & '71, Spearfish, was inducted into the Spearfish High School Athletic Hall of Fame. During high school, Sprigler was a three-sport athlete, participating in football, wrestling and track.

**William "Bill" Gipp**, Class of '68, Bismarck, N.D., retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs as the assistant regional director. He serves on the North Dakota Parole Board, Pardon Board, and the Crime Victim's Council.

**Richard "Lance" Picore**, Class of '68 & '70, Worland, Wyo., retired after teaching 27 years in Worland and 11 years in Eagle Butte. He also worked as an Upward Bound counselor and Student Council advisor.

**Michael R. Sullivan**, Class of '69, Jacksonville, Fla., was recently hired by Huyghue's Access Sports & Entertainment as vice president of the firm's developing special events division

**Gene Inhofer**, attended, Sturgis, received the Bill Davis Memorial Award at the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association annual meeting. Gene is a representative for CSC High Plains.

## The 70s

**Bernie "Bernie" Krambeck**, Class of '70, Spearfish, was among 17 South Dakota teachers who earned National Board Certification in 2006.

**James Heinert**, Class of '71, Sturgis, was named outstanding school superintendent by the South Dakota School Superintendents Association. James is superintendent of the Meade School District.

**French Bryan**, Class of '72, Spearfish, owner of the Bay Leaf Café, received the Friend of

the Spearfish Chamber Award.

**Linda (Newbrough) Picore**, Class of '72, Worland, Wyo., retired in May 2006 after teaching 12 years on the Cheyenne River Reservation and 27 years in Worland, Wyo.

**Shirley Schlenker**, Class of '72, Aurora, Neb., retired from the Alliance, Neb., public schools after 34 years as an adaptive physical education teacher and volleyball, basketball, track, softball and tennis coach.

**Dr. Judy Dittman**, Class of '73, Madison, was recently inducted into the Dakota State University Hall of Fame. Judy coached basketball, softball, and track and was the director of athletics for 12 years.

**Peggy (Welch) Howard**,

Class of '73, Sundance, Wyo., is currently the librarian and K-5 music teacher in McLaughlin.

**Paul Mohl**, Class of '75, Box Elder, retired from the Meade School District as an elementary school counselor. He volunteers with the Literacy Council of the Black Hills.

**Barb Peterson**, Class of '75, Spearfish, newly retired guidance counselor from West Elementary in Spearfish, was recently recognized with a national award as an "Unsung Hero" for her work with the "Teammates Mentoring Project."

**Paul Higbee**, Class of '76, Spearfish, and **Les Voorhis**, attended, Spearfish, collaborated on the book "*Spearfish Canyon, A Journey Beyond the Rim.*"

## Rob Schneider visits Latham's class



**Ben Latham with Rob Schneider**

**B**en Latham, Class of '97, who is an instrumental music teacher for the Cabrillo & Vallemar Schools in Pacifica, Calif., recently had the opportunity to meet comedian and actor, Rob Schneider.

"Our district music program is funded solely by the Rob Schneider Music Foundation. This year we are celebrating the tenth anniversary of his foundation and its support of music in our district," Ben says.

He noted that Schneider is a native of Pacifica and played trombone in elementary and high school bands.

Besides teaching, Ben is also active in the California Music Educators Association and is writing music. Ben had his symphonic debut last year with the San Francisco Symphony and has written a couple of marches for school bands. He is currently performing in the Broadway by the Bay production of Show Boat.



# Kudos & Announcements

**Claudia Little**, Class of '78, Spearfish, authored a new book entitled, *"Patches, My Mustang,"* which tells the story of her life growing up on a cattle ranch on the edge of the Badlands.

**John Jasper Riggs**, Class of '78, Miami Beach, Fla., was recently hired as the director of the Christian Dior Boutique in Bal Harbour Shops, Bal Harbour, Fla.

**Elaine Doll-Dunn**, Class of '79, Spearfish, received an Embrace Life Award, honoring her for her ability to persevere after the death of a spouse. She lost her husband unexpectedly when she was only 23 years old. Since that time she has remarried, raised seven kids, and run in more than 100 marathons.

**The 80s** **Darla Crown**, Class of '80, Rapid City, was presented with this year's ATHENA award from the Rapid City Chamber. Darla is the development officer for the Children's Home Society.

**Pat Jones**, Class of '85, Lennox, was named superintendent for schools of the Lennox School District.

**Paula Farley**, Class of '87, Spearfish, was named the Spearfish Wal-Mart teacher of the year. Paula is a Spearfish Middle School teacher.

**Marty Haivala**, Class of '87, Overland Park, Kan., was promoted to vice president of the Commercial Lending Division at Valley View Bank in Overland Park,

Kan. Marty specializes in construction lending.

**Cheryl Holmberg**, Class of '87, Phoenix, Ariz., received the "Construction Team Member of the Year" award at the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona Marketing and Merchandising Excellence awards ceremony. She is currently the purchasing agent for a construction company.

**Eveline Corliss**, Class of '89, Brandon, works for the Wells Fargo operations center in Sioux Falls.

**Eldon Marshall**, attended, White River, head coach of the White River boy's basketball team, led the Tigers to the State "B" Basketball Tournament.

**The 90s** **Robert Cook**, Class of '90, Black Hawk, was named the National Indian Education Association's Teacher of the Year. He taught for 17 years at various tribal schools, and now teaches in a ninth grade transition program for American Indian students in Rapid City.

Spearfish teachers **Patrick Gaaney**, Class of '92; and **Scott Howard**, Class of '96, were inducted into the National Honor Roll's Outstanding American Teachers.

**Lisa Bryan**, Class of '93, accepted a teaching position at the University of South Dakota.

## Disc golf arboretum created

Two BHSU alums who teach at Douglas Middle School combined their passion for teaching earth science and their enthusiasm for disc golf to create a unique arboretum and disc golf course for middle school students. **Brant Miller**, Class of '01, and **Tony Burns**, Class of '94, received national recognition for their project, which was awarded a \$10,000 Toyota Tapestry Grant for Science Teachers.

According to Miller, the unique combination gives students a hands-on approach to learning about South Dakota ecoregions, flora and geology while discovering the benefits of physical fitness and outdoor exercise through the sport of disc golf. Miller, an avid cyclist and former BHSU basketball player, was inspired to try the sport of disc golf while attending BHSU. He had the opportunity to learn disc golf from one of the best, Don Altmyer, BHSU accounting professor and 2005 World Amateur Disc Golf Grandmaster Champion.

**Amy (Simmons) Lee**, Class of '93, Spearfish, received the Presidents Award at First Premier Bankcard. Amy is their human resources officer.

**Michael DeLancey**, Class of '94, Gillette, Wyo., earned his masters degree in administration. He is a physical education teacher at Lakeview Elementary and the summer school principal at Hillcrest Elementary in the Campbell County School District.

**Pat Rotert**, five years, attended; **Jamie Hafner**, five years, Class of '97; **Michelle Wenzel**, five years, Class of '01; **Jeremiah Cano**, five years, Class of '01; and **Tom Paisley**, 10 years, Class of '93; were recently recognized for their years of service to the City of Spearfish.

**Travis Geppert**, Class of '95, Spearfish, was recently named president of the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Tom Shepard**, Class of '95, Gilbert, Ariz., received the Meritorious Citation Medal for providing law enforcement support in New Orleans, La., following Hurricane Katrina. Tom is a Counter Terrorism Officer for U.S. Customs.

**Julie Benedict**, Class of '96, Spearfish, was named the 2006 Human Resource Professional of the Year by the Black Hills Society for Human Resource Management.

## Neiber retires with many records



**Neiber**

**N**ancy Neiber, Class of '69, retired this summer after a long and successful coaching and administrative career.

In 1974, Nancy was hired as the first girl's basketball coach at Mitchell High School and led the Kernels to three state tournament berths, including a runner-up finish in 1977.

As an assistant coach at Dakota State University during the 1983-84 season, she helped lead the Lady T's to a 20-3 overall record, including a 13-1 mark in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference.

Nancy was hired as the women's basketball head coach at South Dakota State University in 1984. Over 16 seasons, she became the winningest basketball coach in the history of the school, compiling a 301-140 career record. In June of 2000, Neiber stepped down from her coaching position to become SDSU's first full-time senior woman administrator for athletics.

Nancy was inducted into the BHSU Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 1995 and the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.

## Kudos & Announcements

**Wes Brown**, Class of '96, Rapid City, is an account executive for KEVN-TV.

**Kelly Merager**, Class of '96, Cody, Wyo., is the principal of Wapiti and Valley Schools and the assistant principal of Eastside Elementary.

**Melissa (Kostenbauer) Zorko**, Class of '96, Henderson, Nev., was named general manager of Hello Las Vegas!, a full-service destination management company.

**Ethan Dschaak**, Class of '97, Spearfish, head coach of the Sturgis boys' basketball team, led the Scoopers to the State Basketball Tournament in Sioux Falls.

**Valeria Johnson**, Class of '97, Orlando, Fla., obtained her master of arts in counseling. She is currently working as an addiction counselor for the Center for Drug Free Living in Orlando, Fla.

**Cory Strasser**, Class of '97, Canton, is the principal at Canton High School.

**Christina (Hiner) Nauta**, Class of '98, Spearfish, and her husband Justin, were awarded the Subway "Franchisee of the Year" for the greater South Dakota and Nebraska region. They are co-owners of four stores.

**The Heather Draine**, Class of '00, Spearfish, was recently hired as the general manager of the Northern Hills Cinema in Spearfish.

**Todd Lowery**, Class of '00, Rapid City, head coach for the volleyball team at National American University, led his team to the NALA Division II National Championship.

**Bonnie Dutton**, Class of '01, Spearfish, recently had her artwork on display at the Dahl Fine Arts Center in Rapid City.

**Michael Stulken**, Class of '01, Green River, Wyo., earned his law degree from the University of Wyoming in 2005. He works in the private sector for Mathey Law Office.

**Allen Godsell**, Class of '02, was promoted to the rank of captain at a ceremony in March at the U.S. Embassy in the capital city of Paramaribo

(Suriname), marking the first time in history that a South Dakota National Guardsman has been promoted abroad by a U.S. Ambassador.

**Heather (Murschel) Ziegenbein**, Class of '02, Spearfish, was recently promoted to her current position as city editor at the *Black Hills Pioneer*. Heather is married to **Shane Ziegenbein**, Class of '07, who is enrolled in the integrative genomics master's program at BHSU.

**Nicole (Prickett) Marney**, Class of '02, Great Bend, Kan., received her master's degree in agency counseling.

**Melanie Shurtz**, Class of '02, Burley, Idaho, is teaching English in Rupert, Idaho.

**Nikki (Underwood) McDaniel**, Class of '03, Rapid City, won the Leading Ladies half marathon.

**Dan Patterson**, Class of '02, is currently serving as United Nations correspondent for Talk Radio News in Washington, D.C. A self-described news junkie and podcaster, Patterson previously worked for Haugo Broadcasting.

**Gabriel Zeigler**, Class of '03, Burnsville, Minn., is currently working for the health and wellness company, eq-life.

**Corrie Ann (Claussen) Campbell**, Class of '06, Pierre, is the Native American Education Coordinator.

**Scott Lindeman**, Class of '06, Rapid City, has

joined ISIS Hospitality, LLC as general manager for the new Fairfield Inn & Suites in Rapid City.

**Elissa (Anderson) Nesheim**, Class of '06, Rapid City, was hired as the new visual arts manager for the Spearfish Arts Center and Matthews Opera House.

Seven BHSU alums were all inducted into the Lead-Deadwood High School inaugural Hall of Fame: **Joan Rachetto**, attended; **Helen Morganti**, Class of '41, deceased; **Glenn Burgess**, Class of '48, deceased; **Bob Phillips**, Class of '61; **Jim Dunn**, Class of '62; **John (Nick) Heinen**, Class of '67; and **Dawn (Batterman) Curl**, Class of '90.

## Native American gathering held



This spring, BHSU held its fourth annual Native American gathering along with the annual Lakota Omnicoye Powwow. Attending were: front row: Jessie (Taken Alive) Rencountre, Rapid City; Aubrie C. James, Rapid City; Irene (Bettelyoun) Duke, Allen; Sharon (Wright) Richards; Marlyce Miner, Rapid City; and Jace DeCory, BHSU faculty, Spearfish. Middle row are: Tom Wheaton, Director of Alumni Relations, Spearfish; Sandor Iron Rope, Spearfish; Whitney Rencountre, Rapid City; Roger White Eyes, Pine Ridge; Faith Taken Alive, McLaughlin; Gerri (Farmer) LeBeau, Box Elder; Gina Veo, Eagle Butte; and John Glover, BHSU faculty, Spearfish. Back row are: Brian Brewer, Pine Ridge; Doug Derby, Whitewood; Terrance Veo, Eagle Butte; William H. McCloskey, Rosebud; and Bear Hand Fischer, Spearfish.



# Engagements & Marriages

**The 70s** James Roth, Class of '73, married Joyce McBrayer-Freidel, May 6, 2007. James is in the retail grocery business.

**Pamela Martin-Powlowski**, Class of '78, married Roger Burg, July 1, 2006. Pamela is a sixth-grade teacher in Kemmerer, Wyo.

**The 80s** Keith Kuykendall, Class of '86, married Leslie Warren, June 17, 2006. He teaches physics and math. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill.

**The 90s** Scott Rovere, Class of '91, and Belinda Webster married July 7, 2007. Scott works for the City of Sturgis Engineering Department.

**Sheri Maroney**, Class of '96, married Josh Hardman, Aug. 11, 2006. Sheri is a special education teacher at Mitchell High School. The couple lives in Mitchell.

**Krista Erickson**, Class of '97, and James Buchholz were married March 21, 2007. Krista is a business manager of surgical services at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

**Jeb Hughes**, Class of '99, married **Andrea Bowar**, attended, Sept. 16, 2006. Jeb is a realtor for Western Properties. Andrea is an account manager for Leavitt Recreation and Hospitality.

**Donatta Vanden Bos**, attended, married Kevin Hansen, Sept. 30, 2006. Donatta is a receptionist at Ray Dental Group in Rapid City.

**Grace Thompson**, attended, married Andy Plaggemeyer, June 3, 2006. Grace is employed at Don's Supermarket in Wright, Wyo.

**The 00s** Jennifer Dahme, Class of '00, married Shane Novotny, July 7, 2007. Jennifer is a store manager at Wells Fargo Bank.

**Jason Knapp**, Class of '00, married Stephanie Tveidt, June 24, 2006. Jason is an environmental engineer with Kirk Engineering. The couple lives in Helena, Mont.

**Nastel Sander**, Class of '00, married Jesse Dean July 7, 2007. Nastel is a graphic design artist/photographer.

**Sara Cox**, Class of '01, married James Connolly, June 24, 2006. Sara is a graphic designer. The couple lives in Apopka, Fla.

**Cari Ross**, Class of '01, and Ben Clark married July 21, 2007. Cari is a teacher for Rapid City Area Schools.

**Chad Carlson**, Class of '02, married Tara Liedtke, Feb. 11, 2006. Chad is an operations manager for Haugo Broadcasting. The couple lives in Sturgis.

**Wendy Emerson**, Class of '02, married Leif Jacobsen, June 3, 2006. Wendy is a teacher at Nenana City Public School. She received her master's in special education. The couple lives in Nenana, Alaska.

**Lori Petersen**, Class of '02, married Nathan McQuirk Dec. 30, 2006. Lori is a fifth grade English teacher.

## Maher among several alums serving as state legislators

Ryan Maher, a Class of '00 graduate with a degree in business, served as an intern during the state legislative session when he was a student at BHSU. That experience opened Ryan's eyes to the possibility of serving in politics, and he now serves as a state legislator of District 28 for South Dakota.

Ryan says his legislative internship prepared him so he knew what to expect when he began. He currently serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, which he also served on as a part of his internship.

After graduating from BHSU in 2000, Ryan accepted an auditor position at the Department of Health of Human Services in Omaha, Neb. He later transferred to Denver, Colo. He says two years later he had had his fill of city life and was ready to return to his home state. He worked for the Department of Agriculture with the Farm Service Agency and later for Farmers State Bank in Faith as a loan officer. In 2005, he purchased the café and lounge in Isabel.

Ryan advises students to take learning opportunities, such as his legislative internship, whenever and wherever they are presented.

"Take the opportunity, it will change the way you look at things. An important factor of life is networking and meeting people," Ryan says.

Looking ahead, Ryan says he has no idea what's in his future; although, considering what he's accomplished so far, it's bound to be impressive.

"Ten years ago if you would have told me that I would be serving in the South Dakota State Senate, I would have said you were nuts," Ryan says.



Ryan Maher joins five other BHSU alumni on the South Dakota State Legislature. Shown are: Rep. Mark Kirkeby, Rapid City; Rep. Ed McLaughlin, Rapid City; Rep. Tom Hills, Spearfish; Rep. Tim Rounds, Pierre; Sen. Ryan Maher, Isabel; and Rep. Paul Nelson, Hetland.

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## Worthington climbs Colorado 14ers



**Worthington**

**D**avid Worthington, Class of '05, recently reached his goal of hiking/climbing all 58 of the "fourteeners" (peaks over 14,000 feet) in Colorado, just 54 weeks after climbing his first 14er in August 2005. David's final Colorado 14er was Mount Elbert (14,433 feet), the highest point in Colorado.

After graduating from BHSU with a degree in accounting, David moved to Lakewood, Colo., where he is employed by

the U.S. Department of the Interior as a general ledger accountant. David, who enjoyed getting out "into the hills" as often as possible while attending BHSU, moved to Colorado to accept an employment opportunity with the Department of Defense. The move also provided David with the opportunity to participate in alpine hiking and backpacking challenges.

Not content with this accomplishment David is already setting additional goals.

"Now that I've finished the Colorado 14ers, there is still plenty to do. I plan to hike many Colorado 13ers over the next several years. In addition, next year I will resume my goal of hiking the western continental U.S. state highpoints," David says.

**Janelle Rank**, Class of '02, married Jacob Kleinschmidt July 22, 2006. Janelle is a representative for National American University Online. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Kari Strand**, Class of '02, and Lyndon Bolt married May 25, 2007. Kari is a registered nurse in Rapid City.

**Bridget Whiton**, Class of '02, married Carl Gostola, III, June 2, 2007.

**Sean Crooks**, Class of '03, married Amanda Rosenau Sept. 9, 2006. Sean is a senior programmer-analyst at BHSU.

**Ryan Groll**, Class of '03, Muskegon, Mich., married Sarah Nerheim July 2, 2005. Ryan is the branch office manager for National City Bank.

**Angelia Johnston**, Class

of '03, married Aaron Schultz July 28, 2006. Angelia, who is pursuing a master's degree at Seattle Pacific University, is a global intelligence analyst for the defense department.

**Morgan Miles**, Class of '03, married Matt VonHaden, May 26, 2007. Morgan is an AmeriCorps VISTA coordinator with Volunteers of America in Sioux Falls.

**Angie Prostrollo**, Class of '03, Madison, married Jesse Bruns Aug. 19, 2006. They are Angus cattle producers.

**Molly Dibble**,

Class of '04, will marry Bill Wartenbee Oct. 13, 2007. Molly is a customer care representative.

**Samantha Ganje**, Class

of '04, married Michael Cromie Jan. 13, 2007. Samantha is a corporate education liaison. The couple lives in Phoenix.

**Loretta Herman**, Class of '04, and Bruce Schmidt will marry Sept. 8, 2007. Loretta works in the learning center at Douglas High School.

**Elise Pfefferle**, Class of '04, and **Collin Fowlkes**, Class of '03, married May 26, 2007. Elise is a middle school art teacher in Belle Fourche. Collin is a photographer.

**Laura Snyder**, Class of '04, and **Ryan Heinis**, Class of '04, married June 30, 2007. Laura is pursuing a master's degree. Ryan is employed at Sandia Casino in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Lisa Steever**, Class of '04, and **Dar Haerer**, attended, married

June 16, 2007. Lisa is a first-grade teacher in the Douglas School District. Dar is a general contractor.

**Ryan Walz**, Class of '04, and Megan Metzger, married July 29, 2006. Ryan is a teacher/coach in Boulder, Colo.

**Carrie Albright**, Class of '05, and Matthew Mason married June 16, 2007. Carrie is a teacher in Rapid City.

**Chad Blair**, Class of '05, married Christine Dahl June 30, 2007. Chad is employed at TDG Communications.

**Kortney Keller**, Class of '05, and Gregory Geary will marry April 19, 2008. Kortney is a graphic designer.

**Kristin Kroeger**, Class of '05, and Josh Shroyer, were married Aug. 19, 2006. Kristin is a health

## Freudenberg applies research skills



**H**olly Freudenberg, Class of '02, is currently an acute care and inpatient rehab physical therapist at Benefis Healthcare in Great Falls, Mont. She is beginning work on a North American Institute of Orthopedic Manual Therapy (NAIOMT) certification.

Holly was formerly a physical therapist at Katterbach Health Clinic in Germany where she worked with patients (mainly soldiers but a few family members) on an outpatient orthopedic basis. She also worked at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital in Dothan, Ala., where she focused in neurologic and orthopedic inpatient rehab. Following that, she worked at Katterbach (Germany) Army Health Clinic.

Holly believes that her research experience while attending BHSU was especially beneficial.

"The field of physical therapy is shifting to a doctor of physical therapy degree to support its evidence-based practice (meaning that physical therapist's methods of practice are constantly changing based on current research studies). With that shift, doctoral programs are focusing more on research to support what we do. I was able to apply the research skills that I developed on various projects at BHSU," Holly says.



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care administrative assistant at Westhills Village in Rapid City.

**Katie Lakner**, Class of '05, and **Brent Dill**, Class of '06, were married July 21, 2006. Katie is a third-grade teacher and Brent is a second-grade teacher at Guamani Private School in Guayama, Puerto Rico.

**Katie Lembcke**, Class of '05, and **Nathan Allart** will marry Sept. 1, 2007. Katie is employed with the Spearfish Police Department.

**Jessica Mort**, Class of '05, and **Christopher Carlin**, attended, were married July 29, 2006. Jessica is a science instructor and volleyball coach. Christopher is finishing his bachelor's degree in history at the University of North Texas in Fort Worth. The couple lives in Haltom City, Texas.

**Megan Martin**, Class of '05, and **Bryan Linn**, Class of '06, were married June 24, 2006. Megan is a human resource specialist at Midland National Life in Sioux Falls. Bryan is a social studies teacher.

**Faye Price**, Class of '05,

## Adams-Howard creates promos for Florida sports

Rachel Adams-Howard, Class of '00, is now creative services video editor for FOX Entertainment in Orlando, Fla.

Rachel, who works in the promotions department, spends most of her time creating commercials for the Florida Panthers, Tampa Bay Lightning, Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Florida Marlins, Orlando Magic, Miami Heat, fishing shows and various college sports.

Rachel, who began an internship at KNBN in Rapid City the day after she graduated in 2000, found she was more interested in the behind-the-scenes aspect of television.

The sunshine and change of pace of Florida seemed to be calling her. When fellow BHSU alumni Jen Chrans suggested she make the move to Florida, Rachel jumped at the opportunity. Rachel worked with Jen as an event planner for a major Florida marketing company for about a year and notes that her experience with the University Programming Team (UP) at BHSU and her public relations classes were instrumental in this endeavor. She later accepted her current position at FOX Sports.

Rachel says that BHSU prepared her for the positions she's had and adds that her experience in student activities was helpful. At BHSU Rachel gained experience at the campus radio station, at the campus television station, and through residence hall government. She also dedicated a great deal of time to the UP Team and the Today Newspaper.



Adams-Howard

and **Tim Haggar** were married Dec. 30, 2006. Faye is a third-grade teacher for Rapid City School District. The couple lives in Piedmont.

**Hallie Schofield**, Class of '05, and **Nick Konst** were married Jan. 21, 2006. Hallie is the office manager for Ronald G. Mann, D.D.S. The couple lives in Philip.

**Chelsey Anderson**, Class of '06, and **Brian Ewald**, Class of '03, were married May 28, 2006. Chelsey is attending nursing school. Brian is a system administrator for BHSU.

**Jessica Cahoy**, Class of '06, and **Jeremy Kroon**, Class of '05, married June 30, 2007. The couple currently attend SDSU.

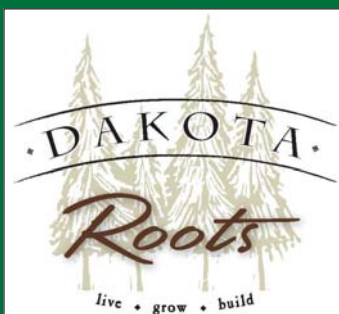
**Lisa Cornelius**, Class of '06, married **Jesse Huschle** Aug. 18, 2006. Lisa is a cellular sales representative.

**Adam DeGroot**, Class of '06, married **Melissa Nichols** May 27, 2007. The couple currently attends Concordia Theological Seminary.

**Eric Elder**, Class of '06, and **Jill Tolsma**, were married May 27, 2006.

Eric is a history teacher at St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City.

**Robin Gregory**, Class of '06, and **Gary Ashley** were married Feb. 24, 2007, in Rapid City with a second ceremony March 3, 2007 in Mazatlan, Mexico. Robin is a secretary/dispatcher.



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**Nancy Hendricks**, Class of '06, and **Brad Richey** were married June 9, 2006. Nancy is a special education teacher at in Rapid City.

**Melissa Janssen**, Class of '06, and **Lanny Culbertson**, were married June 3, 2006. Melissa is employed at Kmart. The couple lives in Rapid City.

**Amber Johansen**, Class of '06, and **Matt Taranto** married June 9, 2007. Amber is a sales and events manager at WaTiki Indoor Waterpark Resort in Rapid City.

**Nicole Krcil**, Class of '06, **Spearfish**, married **Sam Otto**, attending, July 21, 2007. Nicole is currently a substitute teacher in Spearfish.

**Sarah Mangelsen**, Class of '06, and **Matt Gross** were married Aug. 19, 2006. Sarah is a seventh grade teacher. The couple lives in Grand Junction, Colo.

**Anne Koenig**, Class of '06, and **Garrett Stevens**, Class of '05, were married July 21, 2007. Anne and Garrett are both senior computer support

specialists at BHSU.

**Elizabeth Miller**, Class of '06, married **Jeremy Schubert**, attending, Feb. 17, 2007.

**Brandi Jo Neuharth**, Class of '06, **Eureka/Spearfish**, married **Brandon Montgomery**, April 14, 2007. She is pursuing a career in the health care industry.

**Rachel Parsons**, Class of '06, and **Jordan Kjerstad**, Class of '06, were married July 1, 2006. Rachel teaches school in Philip and Jordan ranches near Quinn and is a basketball coach in Philip.

**Rebecca Stocks**, Class of '06, and **Brady Stone**, attending, married July 14, 2007. Rebecca is a third grade teacher in Rock Springs, Wyo.

## Alumni meet at Colorado Rockies game



A group of enthusiastic BHSU alumni, family & friends met last fall at Coors Field in Denver, Colo. Present at the gathering were: Cathy Adams, Aurora, Colo.; David Adams, Aurora, Colo.; Bob Albert, Firestone, Colo.; Doug Arithson, Aurora, Colo.; Jayne (Nutzman) Arithson, Aurora, Colo.; Jerry Bakanec, Frederick, Colo.; Doug Arithson, Aurora, Colo.; Zach Bell, Thornton, Colo.; Angie (Killough) Braun, Denver, Colo.; Michelle (Schuldt) Caretto, Aurora, Colo.; Julie (Kemerling) Carnahan, Lone Tree, Colo.; Ray Carnahan, Lone Tree, Colo.; Russell Case, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Craig Caviness, Thornton, Colo.; Sarah (Fisher) Chase, Greeley, Colo.; Joel Chase, Greeley, Colo.; Carl Christensen, Northglenn, Colo.; Lorry Christensen, Northglenn, Colo.; Linda (Kemerling) Christensen, Parker, Colo.; Dan Erickson, Denver, Colo.; Shelley (Reller) Erickson, Denver, Colo.; Mark Fisher, Delta, Colo.; Janet Fritz, Littleton, Colo.; Colin Heupel, Arvada, Colo.; Debbie Heupel, Arvada, Colo.; Donna Holwegner, Fort Collins, Colo.; Jim Holwegner, Fort Collins, Colo.; Anne-Rice Johnson, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; David R. Johnson, Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Marilyn (Hill) Karsten, Lakewood, Colo.; Don Karsten, Lakewood, Colo.; Kelley Kadlecek, Denver, Colo.; Darin Kellum, Carbondale, Colo.; Dan Kline, Thornton, Colo.; Kathy Kline, Thornton, Colo.; Justin Koehler, Aurora, Colo.; John Kohl, Arvada, Colo.; Susie Kuntz, Centennial, Colo.; Steve Meeker, Spearfish; Tiffany Meidinger, Denver, Colo.; Jason Mincer, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Helen Olds, Centennial, Colo.; Joe Olds, Centennial, Colo.; Carol Perrett, Parker, Colo.; David Perrett, Parker, Colo.; Dale Pettapiece, Aurora, Colo.; Dianne Pettapiece, Aurora, Colo.; Clay Porter, Lakewood, Colo.; Janette Porter, Lakewood, Colo.; BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp, Spearfish; Bill Schuttler, Evans, Colo.; Dina Schuttler, Evans, Colo.; Woody Shelton, Boulder, Colo.; Karyl (Reed) Smith, Eastlake, Colo.; Rebecca Smith, Eastlake, Colo.; Darrell Stewart, Arvada, Colo.; Norma Stewart, Arvada, Colo.; Marlene (Ketterling) Swartz, Arvada, Colo.; Nicholas Garcia Tellez, Denver, Colo.; Allen Thayer, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Robert Walls, Westminster, Colo.; Lisa Walls, Westminster, Colo.; Hollie Waterman, Aurora, Colo.; Shawn Watermen, Aurora, Colo.; Rob Welo, Aurora, Colo.; Felicia Wendt, Fort Collins, Colo.; Janet Wendt, Fort Collins, Colo.; Lynn Wendt, Fort Collins, Colo.; and Tom Wheaton, Spearfish.

**Teri Dibble**, Class of '07, married **Jonathan Aberle**, attending, June 30, 2007.

**Amy Lefler**, attending, and **Tigh Pfeifle** were married July 8, 2006. Amy is a secretary/treasurer of JWL Incorporated.

**Lindsey Hins**, attending, married **Charles Brewer** June 8, 2007. Lindsey is a mathematics teacher at Huron High School.

**Josh Manke**, attending, and **Meg Kokesh** married June 30, 2007.

**Lindsay Sebbo**, attending, and **Brad Willits** married July 7, 2007. Lindsay is a membership manager for Black Hills Home Builders Association.



# Births

## The 80s

**Rebecca (Herriott) Cronin**, Class of '85, and husband Bob, Rapid City, are celebrating the birth of their first child, Christopher Michael, Oct. 17, 2006.

## The 90s

**(Trish) Patricia (Schaefer)**, Class of '93,

and husband Brian Montgomery, Phoenix, Ariz., had a baby boy,

Leeland Roy, Dec. 22, 2006. Leeland arrived early to make a perfect holiday present. He weighed 2 lbs. 5 oz.

**Michelle (Dorrance) Costabile**, Class of '94, and husband Jeff, Parker, Ariz., had a baby boy, Asher James, Nov. 20, 2005. Michelle is a junior high reading and language teacher.

**Russell "Rusty" Luebchow**, Class of '96,

## Little inducted in state Hall of Fame



Little

**D**ave Little was inducted into the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. Dave was the track and cross country coach at BHSU from 1968 to 1998. He led the Yellow Jackets to 53 South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference titles (21 cross country, 32 track) and 12 NAIA District 12 titles (10 cross country, 2 track). He was named District 12 Coach of the Year 14 times (10 Cross Country, four track). He also served as BHSU athletic director from 1986-90 and 1996-02.

and wife Elizabeth, Albuquerque, N.M., had a baby boy, Kayden Willoughby, April 25, 2007. He weighed 5 lbs.

**Sarahbeth (Reedy) Herz**, Class of '97, and husband **Jon**, attended, Black Hawk, had a baby boy, Jarrett William, Dec. 1, 2006. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

**Molly (Charron) Jackson**, Class of '97, and husband Brain, Sioux Falls, had a baby boy, Cole James, Aug. 26, 2006. He weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. Molly is a loan officer at Deerfield Bank.

**Lonna (Cudmore) Jackson**, Class of '99, and husband Darrin, Murdo, had a baby girl, Breanna Gardell, May 24, 2006.

**Josh McNames**, Class of '99, and wife Brigitte, Midland, Mich., had a baby girl, Gabriella (Ella) Grace, Dec. 28, 2006. She weighed

7 lbs. 13 oz. Josh is a finance analyst for Dow Chemical.

**Mark Nore**, Class of '99, and wife **Melissa (Braegger)**, Class of '02, Belle Fourche, had a baby girl, Lily Markel, April 18, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Mark is the women's basketball coach at BHSU. Melissa teaches in Belle Fourche.

**Dawn (Frantz) Strand**, Class of '00, Evansville, Wyo., and husband **The 00s** Matt, had a baby boy, William Henry, Aug. 30, 2006. Dawn is an eighth grade language arts teacher.

**Mitch Adams**, Class of '01, and wife **Alissa (McGee)**, Class of '00, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Elouise, April 2, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. The couple teach in the Meade School District.

**Tokina (Rossow) McHarry**, Class of '01, Oakes, N.D., and husband Brad, had a baby girl, Samantha Sharee, Oct. 4, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. Tokina is a watershed-conservationist.

**Jeffrey Borchers**, Class of '03, and wife Shelley, Battle Creek, Neb., had a baby boy, Blake Joseph, June 10, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Jeffrey is a wild life biologist for the Nebraska Game and Park Commission.

**Sommerlyn (Mortensen) Naescher**, Class of '03, Gillette, Wyo., and husband Gary, had a baby girl, Malaya Marie, Dec. 21, 2006. Sommerlyn is a staff accountant at Pasek, Howell, Bell & Associates, CPAs, PC.

**Jessie Willard**, Class of '04 and wife **Terra (Paul)**, Class of '01, Fort Collins, Colo., had a baby boy, Miles James, Dec. 28, 2006. Terra is a fourth grade teacher and Jessie is a clinical coordinator at the Medical Center of the Rockies.

**Katie (Babb) Brown**, Class of '04, and husband Brent, Sioux Falls, had a baby girl, Mary Elizabeth, April 26, 2006. Katie works at the circulation desk for the Caille Branch Library.

**Lori (Fuoss) Nemeo**, Class of '04, and husband Tim, Midland, had a baby girl, Rachael Ann, June 26, 2006. Lori coaches volleyball and is a farmer and rancher.

**Zac Alcorn**, Class of '06, and wife Jennifer, DePere, Wis. had a baby girl, Jada Raechelle, Sept. 29, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. Zac is a tight-end for the Green Bay Packers.

## Oren revisits KBHU-FM



**K**eith Oren, Class of '76, who was one of the first disc jockeys to broadcast on the university radio station 89.1, KBHU-FM, when it went on the air in 1974, (left) recently revisited the radio station control room during a return visit to his alma mater (below).

Keith, who is now semi-retired, does contract work editing text for McGraw-Hill Publishing. He also assists with the development of student achievement tests and high school exit exams for several states.

After graduating from BHSU, Keith, worked as an engineer at KULR-TV in Billing, Mont., and later worked at the Sacramento Bee newspaper which won three Pulitzer Prizes while he was employed there. He now spends his summers in Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta, and winters in California; with periodic trips to South Dakota.



# Obituaries

**The 20s** Anna (Necil) **Freiberg**, attended, '20-'21, Casper, Wyo., passed away Dec. 5, 2006. Anna taught two years in rural Meade County. She enjoyed sewing.

**Agnes (Lamberton) Peregrine**, attended, '25-'26, Sturgis, passed away July 14, 2006. Agnes taught 12 years in rural Meade County and 13 years in Sturgis Public Schools. She loved her students and teaching.

**The 30s** **Marjorie (Bullock) Jennewein**, Class of '30, Rapid City, passed away

Nov. 27, 2006. She met her husband Leonard at Spearfish Normal School and was married in 1933. She taught for 35 years in South Dakota.

**Violet Rose (Weaver) Powers**, Class of '30, Spearfish, passed away Jan. 31, 2007. She taught grade school in Hot Springs. She enjoyed working with livestock and tending to her gardens.

**Esther (Ostrander) Carter**, attended '31-'34, Portland, Ore., passed away April 22, 2007. Esther was a homemaker and taught kindergarten for 22 years.

**Alice Farris**, attended, '31-'32, Pierre, passed away Jan. 7, 2007. In 1947, Alice became the youngest county auditor in the state. She was elected treasurer and served 32 years in the Jones County Courthouse offices. She then was a title clerk and bookkeeper for Murdo Ford Mercury.

**Esther H. Paschke**, Class of '32, Rapid City, passed

away April 13, 2007. She taught school for eight years. For nearly 30 years she worked as a supervisory accountant

at Griffiss AFB, N.Y. She retired in 1971 and returned to Rapid City.

**Gertrude B. (Meyer) Weyer**, attended, '33, Sturgis, passed away Aug. 3, 2006. After her five children graduated, she worked for the Ben Franklin store in Sturgis.

**Dorothy M. (Turnquist) Bradeen**, attended, '34, Rapid City, passed away Jan. 19, 2007. Dorothy taught in rural schools.

**Josephine K. Linquist**, Class of '36, Sioux City, Iowa, passed away Dec. 15, 2006. She taught in a one-room county school for 10 years and 12 years in the Sioux City Public School system.

**Lillian (Donohue) Lauenstein**, attended '37-'38, '40, Albany, Ore., passed away Nov. 5, 2006. She loved playing cards with her grandchildren and always seemed to have the aces.

**Josephine (Bainbridge) Will**, Class of '37, Yankton, passed away Sept. 9, 2006. She taught in rural schools and at the state training school. Josephine received her

## Mastrovich shows BHSU pride



Mastrovich

After 69 years, Clara (Hedstrom) Mastrovich, Class of '37, continues to proudly wear her scholarship medal from BHSU. The medal, which was, at that time, normally given to the highest ranking freshman, was also given to Mastrovich for her academic achievements.

Because she had earned the highest grade point average up to that time, the committee felt that she was also deserving of the medal.

Dr. E.C. Woodburn presented the medal to Mastrovich during the 1937 commencement.

## Albert family attends BHSU



These members of the Albert family all have a background at Black Hills State University. Family members are: William Albert, Class of '72, Boise, Idaho; Cindy Albert, attended, Boise, Idaho; Dr. Al Albert, Class of '66, Newcastle, Wyo.; Elaine Albert, Class of '73, Newcastle, Wyo.; Quindrid (Albert) Godden, attended; Betty (Albert) Day, Class of '68, Newcastle, Wyo.; Linda Albert, Class of '82, Firestone, Colo.; Bob Albert, Class of '76, Firestone, Colo.; Quindrid Albert, Class of '75, Newcastle, Wyo.; A.L. (Lee) Albert, Class of '48, Newcastle, Wyo.



# Obituaries

degree in special education and continued teaching for another 10 years.

**William (Bill) Sanford Berry, Jr.**, attended '38-'41, Spearfish, passed away April 24, 2007. In 1944 he joined his brother in a grocery-locker plant before assuming ownership of the Culligan Water Service in Pierre. He served on the Deadwood School Board.

**John T. Jobe, Jr.**, attended '38-'39, Wheatland, Wyo., passed away Feb. 14, 2007. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, he worked at the Geneva Steel Plant in Provo, Utah, then returned to Wyoming where he was employed by the Wyoming Highway Department for 38 years. He was a resident engineer in Wheatland, Rawlins and Buffalo for 18 years.

**Helen A. (Norris) Edlund**, attended '39, Spearfish, passed away Aug. 30, 2006. Helen taught at Hayward until her marriage to Clarence in '41. They operated dairy farms, and retired in 1974.

**The 40s** **Lola (Priebe) Wilson**, Class of '41, Salt

## 50-Year-Club banquet held during commencement



The BHSU Alumni Association recently hosted the annual 50-Year-Club banquet. Attending the banquet were: (standing, left to right) Everett Follette, Class of '55, Spearfish; Alvin Holst, Class of '57, Vale; Robert Temple, Class of '57, Ramona, Calif.; Vern Backens, Class of '57, Spearfish; Edwin Mayberry, Class of '57, Miles City, Mont.; Keith Shostrom, Class of '57, Deadwood; Delbert Harbaugh, Class of '57, Rapid City; Stanley Negaard, Class of '57, Rock Valley, Iowa; Clifton Feist, Class of '57, Whitewood; MaryAnn (Stephenson) Erickson, Class of '54, Spearfish; Guyla (Marchiando) Sturgeon, Class of '57, Rapid City; Dolores(Gioux) Feist, Class of '55, Whitewood; (seated, left to right) Carol (Harvey) Backens, Class of '50, Spearfish; Doris (Anderson) Sorensen, Class of '57, Apache Junction, Ariz.; Ida (Thorpe) Holst, Class of '55, Vale; Marguerite (Mickelson) Kleven, Class of '54, Sturgis; Eunice "Jane" (Bingaman) Carter, Class of '57, Webb City, Mo.; Lynnell (Johnson) Parrott, Class of '56, Rapid City; and Beverly (Olsen) Carr, Class of '55, Spearfish.

Lake City, Utah, passed away Jan. 28, 2007. Lola taught in a one-room schoolhouse. During World War II she went to California and worked as a typist for the Department of the Navy, rising to the level of typing pool supervisor.

Lola volunteered at the Salt Lake City airport for 20 years.

**Anna L. (Cleveland) Lown**, Class of '42, Lawrence, Kan., passed away Feb. 27, 2007. Anna enjoyed gardening, playing with her

cats, cooking and writing poetry.

**Clara (Brown) Clement**, attended, '43, Faulkton, passed away July 13, 2006. Clara taught at Hand County country school for several years, and worked at the

Pantry Lunch in Miller. She and her husband farmed in Hand County and later purchased a farm in Faulk County.

**Dora (Waitman) Hassett**, attended, '41-'43, Fort Smith, Ark., passed away, Dec. 21, 2006.

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Dora taught 33 years and held numerous educational affiliations.

**Richard M. Behrens**, Class of '47, Grand Coulee, Wash., passed away Feb. 26, 2007. While attending BHTC, he joined the National Guard. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he participated in the invasion of North Africa in 1943. Richard taught for 30 years. He retired in 1948. He and his wife spent 30 years traveling the world and volunteering.

**Claudia (Crisman) Stensaas**, attended, '48-'55, Rapid City, passed away Aug. 23, 2006. She taught in country schools. After marrying Eugene they moved to a ranch on the Big Horn

River. Later she worked on a ranch in Montana breaking horses. They then moved to Dayton, Wyo., where they bought a motel.

**Harrison Jack Welch**, Class of '49, Omaha, Neb., passed away Jan. 15, 2007. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Harrison was a career teacher and coach.

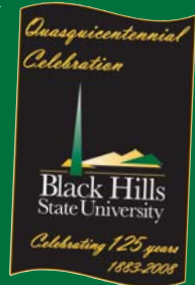
**The 50s** **Richard Dean Goplin**, attended, '56-'57, Hettinger, N.D., passed away Aug. 5, 2006. He worked for a finance company in Reno, Nev., and in Tucson, Ariz. Dick operated two restaurants in

## Help determine top 125 alumni

In 2008, BHSU will be celebrating its 125th anniversary (1883-2008). In conjunction with our year-long celebration, the BHSU Alumni Association will recognize the top 125 alumni of all-time during an all-school reunion on Sept. 19, 2008.

We need your help to identify this distinguished group. We are looking for alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field or area of expertise. Nominees may be deceased.

Nomination forms are available at [www.BHSU.edu/alumni](http://www.BHSU.edu/alumni) and will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2007. You may also mail your nomination to: BHSU, Institutional Advancement office, 1200 University Street Unit 9506, Spearfish, SD 57799-9506, Attn: Tom Wheaton.



Arizona during the late '60s and ran a successful insurance agency. After retiring in 1997, he split his time between Camp Verde, Ariz., and Hettinger.

**John "Jack" Moodie, Jr.**, attended, Spearfish, passed away Oct. 15, 2006. Jack served two years on a tour of duty in Japan. He was a customer service representa-

tive for Black Hills Power and Light Company and later an insurance adjuster for several major insurance companies until he retired in 1983. He was an accomplished pilot and golfer.

**Blesilla "Terry" Rizzi**, attended, Lead, passed away Oct. 20, 2006. Terry worked for J.C. Penny and Hearst

Mercantile in Lead before joining the Homestake Gold Mining Company, as executive administrative assistant.

**William LeRoy Cowan**, Class of '50, Greybull, Wyo., passed away April 12, 2007. William taught school for 28 years.

**Vernon Dick**, Class of '50, Casper, Wyo., passed away Feb. 22, 2007.

## 2007 Alumni mile



Approximately 22 runners from across the U.S. participated in the 15th annual BHSU Alumni Mile. The event raises money every year with this year bringing the endowment to over \$18,000. Liz Woodruff, a senior from Chamberlain; and James Hansen, a senior from Sidney, Neb., were awarded the annual Alumni Mile scholarships. Standing back row: Scott Walkinshaw, BHSU track & field and cross country coach, Spearfish; Gary Dohman, Spearfish; Scott Bohall, Glendale, Ariz.; Claude McBroom, Spearfish; Allen Finch, Glenrock, Wyo.; Tyler Johnson, Spearfish; James Meyers, Spearfish; Mieke Meyers, Spearfish; Patrick Lewellen, Spearfish; Fred Romkema, Spearfish; Aaron Nida, Spearfish; Casey Cheesebrough, Laramie, Wyo.; Jim Glazer, St. Paul, Minn.; and Dave Little, Spearfish. Standing front row: Jack Kirtley, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Brian Harms, Belle Fourche; Priscilla Romkema, Spearfish; John Williams, Spearfish; Liz Woodruff, Chamberlain; James Hansen, Sidney, Neb.; Kristi Knutson, Spearfish; and Callie Ackerman, Hulett, Wyo. Kneeling front row: Brent Stille, Sioux Falls; Scott Horgen, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Chelsey (Anderson) Ewald, Spearfish; and Ashley (Cordell) Pearson, Belle Fourche.



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Vernon served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a decorated veteran and received the Purple Heart. An educator, he retired in the early '80s and moved to Jackson Hole, and later to Casper.

**Elizabeth "Betty" Richey**, Class of '51, Burke, passed away Jan. 28, 2007. She was an educator for 44½ years. The last 11 years of her career were spent as principal.

**Myrle (Newman) Breck**, Class of '55, Groton, passed away April 3, 2007. During World War II, she worked at a radio repair shop. She taught in a one-room school in South Dakota and later taught in Washington,

D.C., Walnut Grove, Calif., and River Falls, Wisc. Returning to Groton, she became the state's first female superintendent of schools in the Andover public school system. In the late 60s, she changed careers to become a contracting officer for the federal government.

**Marlene M. (Nelson) Johnson**, attended, '55, Burbank, passed away Feb. 8, 2007. Marlene taught for seven years in country schools near Spink and also in Lead where she was the principal. She retired in 1997 after 27 years as Clerk of Courts and Magistrate in Union County.

**Nellie (McDermid) Roberts**, attended '56,

## Clare Meier

Clare Meier, widow of Josef Meier, founder of the Black Hills Passion Play, passed away in her home Sunday evening, June 3, 2007 at the conclusion of the season's opening performance. Margery Clare Hume Meier was born Feb. 16, 1914. She began her performing career at the age of 6 and later joined Josef Meier's company of the Luenen Passion Play, playing the role of Mary Magdalene. She continued in that role until 1988, giving some 7,000 performances.

Through the years, she and her family provided generous scholarship support to the Black Hills Summer Institute of the Arts and to the Clare and Josef Meier Young Vocal Artists Competition. She was always very involved in her daughter Johanna's singing career, and traveled frequently across the country and abroad to hear her performances.

In 2003, BHSU named their new music building Clare and Josef Meier Hall, in honor of their years of community support for the Arts. She is survived by her daughter, Johanna Meier, and her son-in-law, Guido Della Vecchia.

BHSU and the Meier family have a long history of partnership and collaboration.



Clare Meier (seated) with her daughter Johanna Meier and son-in-law Guido Della Vecchia at the grand opening ceremony of Clare and Josef Meier Hall.



## Let us know what you are doing.

We'd like to know your news. Send address updates and news items to the Alumni Office so we can update your file. Also we appreciate help locating lost alumni. Check out the lost alumni list at [www.BHSU.edu/alumni](http://www.BHSU.edu/alumni). If you, or someone you know is on the list, please let us know where they are so we can update the files.

### Update alumni news

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Spearfish, passed away July 24, 2006. Nellie, a homemaker and mother, also worked for 18 years as executive secretary and office manager.

**Floyd A. Miller**, attended, '56-'57, Aberdeen, passed away Sept. 30, 2006. During his 35 years as owner and manager of funeral homes in Aberdeen, Bowdle and Selby, Floyd's business expanded to become the second largest in the state. Floyd assisted at many disaster sites including the Rapid City flood in 1972 and the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001.

**Garnet (Aho) Durr**, Class of '57, Belle Fourche, passed away Oct. 19, 2006. She taught a few years in Wyoming and one year in Belle Fourche. She sang with her sisters, for 20 years.

**Carol (Kjelsrud) Haivala**, Class of '57, Spearfish, passed away Oct. 3, 2006. Carol

began her teaching career in California. She later returned to South Dakota to start a day-care center. She also worked as a kindergarten teacher. She was a member of the Black Hills State Faculty Wives.

**Roberta A. (Hook) Queen**, attended, '57-'58, Spearfish, passed away April 30, 2007. She worked as a secretary. In 1980 she moved to Spearfish and began working as a domestic engineer and she managed an apartment complex.

**Willa M. (Brewer) Ritchey**, Class of '58, Hot Springs, passed away Oct. 10, 2006. From 1962 until her retirement in 1977, Willa taught in Hot Springs.

**James Edward Guaze**, Class of '59, Rapid City, passed away Sept. 23, 2006. James attended the National Guard School and became a

helicopter pilot. He and his family moved 21 times in the next 24 years. He returned to Ft. Hood, Texas as a director of logistics. His assignments included two tours in the Vietnam War, a tour to Korea, Germany and Norway. He gave 33 years of service to his country.

**Thomas Carl McAtee**, Class of '59, Casper, Wyo., passed away Dec. 17, 2006. Thomas served in the U.S. Navy from 1948-52. He taught for 36 years.

**Frederick William Herman Thomas**, Class of '59, Rapid City, passed away Jan. 25, 2007. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1945, serving during World War II. He worked as a salesman and business manager for Electrolux. He was also a police officer.

**The 60s Shirley (Mullen) Charles**, Class of '60, Marysville, Calif., passed away, Jan. 25, 2007. She was a teacher at Marysville High School, retiring in 1984.

**Waneta (Brabazon) Kelly**, Class of '60, Pierre, passed away Dec. 31, 2006. Waneta taught at several rural schools in Northwest Parker County and near Gordon, Neb. In 1972 she married Ken Kelly and they lived and

## Lloyd Eaton

**Lloyd W. Eaton**, Class of '40, Boise, Idaho, passed away March 12, 2007. He began his career as the activities coach in Dupree, where he stayed just one year before being inducted into the armed services as World War II was beginning. He served in the infantry, becoming a Captain before he was discharged at the close of the war. Lloyd coached two years at Martin, before going back to school at the University of Michigan for his master's degree. He then coached at Alma College in Michigan for several years, and spent a year coaching at Northern Michigan State College in Marquette, where he was named "Coach of the Year." He joined the coaching staff at the University of Wyoming and was later named head coach. He was honored by the BHSU Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 1984. He had an honorary Doctorate in education bestowed on him from Black Hills State for his contribution to education. Following his coaching years at the college level, he joined the staff of the Green Bay Packers. He finished his work for the Packers by becoming a scout for their organization, viewing hundreds of great games and introducing many college players to the Packers' staff. In retirement time he continued to make his home in the Boise, Idaho.

worked on numerous ranches in northwest South Dakota and northwest Nebraska.

**Jerry C. Simmons**, Class of '60, Clinton, Mont., passed away April 6, 2007. He served in the Marine Corps and then taught for 37 years. He retired from teaching in 1994. He also coached basketball, baseball and track.

**Bill Schell**, attended, '55-'61, Gregory, passed away Oct. 17, 2006. Bill was a member of the Army National Guard, with a rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a high-way patrolman and an independent insurance agent for over 30 years.

**Marion C. (Lynn) Tryon**, Class of '61, Reno, Nev., passed away Dec. 16, 2006. Marion taught in Newcastle, Wyo., for six years before moving to Reno, Nevada, where

she taught for 22 years before retiring in 1985.

**Lucia (Voorhees) Tysdal**, Class of '61 and '70, Rapid City, passed away Jan. 29, 2007. Lucia taught for many years and was one of the first full-time special education teachers in South Dakota.

**Shirley (Smith) Castor**, Class of '63, Spearfish, passed away July 3, 2006. Shirley began her teaching career in 1948 in a one-room school house. She taught for 29 years in Lead, Knoxville, Tenn., and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Thomas Henry Fredrickson**, attended '61-'63, Yankton, passed away Feb. 5, 2007. He was in the South Dakota Human Services Center in Yankton for a number of years. He then transferred to Prairie

## Cundy celebrates 100 years



BHSU hosted a 100th birthday party for Amie Cundy last fall. Among those who attended were Lisa D. Cundy, Amie's granddaughter who is a student at BHSU. Amie first attended BHSU in 1925 and then returned in 1962 to finish her degree and graduate.



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Homes and to Palisade Manor in Garretson.

**Mary E. (Baldwin) Galyardt**, attended '62-'63, Rapid City, passed away April 15, 2007. With the exception of brief residencies in Nebraska and California, Mary lived her entire life in Rapid City. She taught Spanish and English in for 26 years, retiring in 1988.

**Alice M. Sherman**, Class of '63, Rapid City, passed away Jan. 23, 2007. Alice specialized in elementary education and art. She taught on the Pine Ridge Reservation and at Oglala Lakota College.

**Karyl (Wishard) Fish**, Class of '65, Sturgis, passed away Sept. 24, 2006. She taught school for 40 years in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Arizona and South Dakota. She retired in 1989.

**Judy (Bousa) Marcoe**, Class of '65, Rapid City, passed away Jan. 30, 2007.

**William A. Popkes**, attended '64-'66, Sacramento, Calif., passed away April 2, 2007. William taught auto body courses. He worked with the California Department of Education and retired in 2003.

**Jerome M. Drager**, Class of '65, Rapid City, passed away May 4, 2007. Jerome entered the U.S. Army in 1954 and spent time in Korea and Japan. He was a train-

## Boorn earns Young Alumni Achievement Award



Boorn

**L**uther Boorn, Class of '97, received the 2007 Young Alumni Achievement Award. Boorn works as a senior project manager in software development for the world leader in aircraft navigational maps and charts.

After graduating from BHSU in December 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in environmental physical science, Boorn worked as a GIS specialist and programmer for the State of South Dakota. He went on to become a software engineer for Boeing Commercial Aviation Services working with aviation software in Wichita, Kan. He then accepted his current position as senior project manager at Jeppesen Commercial & Military Aviation, a subsidiary of Boeing, in 2004.

At Jeppesen, Boorn oversees PC-based software applications that utilize navigational data for both commercial and military customers.

In addition to his job duties, Boorn remains actively involved in his community. He currently serves on the site counsel at his children's school, assisting with curriculum decisions and presenting to the school board. He also coaches basketball and baseball in various recreational leagues in the Portland, Ore., area.

Boorn and his wife, Patty, reside in Sherwood, Ore., with their daughter, Shellby, and son, Kolbe.

master/traveling engineer. He was also a substitute teacher.

**Agnes (Bieberdorf) Schamber**, Class of '66, Charleston, W. Va., passed away Aug. 13, 2006. Agnes taught for many years in Nebraska and South Dakota with the last 33 years primarily in Rapid City.

**Astrid Audrey (Wik) Sigdestad**, Class of '67, Rapid City, passed away July 13, 2006. Audrey taught in Rapid City for 36 years. She also did volunteer work at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

**Bonnie (Kmetyk) Culbertson**, Class of '68, Rapid City, passed away Jan. 23, 2007. She worked for the sheriff's department for 17 years. She worked for the Department of Social Services and became a caseworker supervisor. She retired in 2006.

**Lola (Gowen) Greco**, Class of '68, Spearfish, passed away Nov. 13, 2006. Lola taught third grade for 12 years.

**Fay L. (Savey) Lykken**, Class of '68, Rapid City,

passed away Oct. 31, 2006. Fay attended college after most of her family was raised. She graduated with honors and went on to teach in the Rapid City Schools for 15 years.

**Lillian M. (Koskela) Rantapaa**, Class '69, Spearfish, passed away Aug. 19, 2006. She taught for three years at rural schools and later joined the staff of Lead public schools where she taught fifth grade for 20 years.

**The Douglas Driscoll**, attended, '68-'70, Belle

Fourche, passed away Feb. 18, 2007. Douglas worked at Dave Richards Conoco, and then Pioneer Sporting Goods. He later worked as a dealer at several casinos in Deadwood.

**Evelyn (Krohn) Whirlwind Horse**, attended '69-'70, Martin, passed away Aug. 11, 2006. Evelyn was an

elementary teacher. She implemented the Title 1 Education Program in the BIA Elementary Schools for the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

**John W. Hanson**, Class of '70, Rapid City, passed away Feb. 1, 2007. John taught high school and was head wrestling coach for five years before beginning his 30-year career with Thrivent.

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## BHSU Former Faculty and Staff

**Sever L. Eubank**, Spearfish, died Feb. 18, 2007. He was chairman of the Social Science Department at BHSU. He was a member of the National Historical Society, the Lawrence County Historical Society, member of the State Historical Records Board, and the organization of American Historians. A memorial scholarship has been created through the Black Hills State University Foundation.

**Cecil Paul Haight**, Spearfish, died Nov. 14, 2006. He taught at BHSU for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Lawrence County Soil Conservation Board and a longtime member of Spearfish Kiwanis Club.

**Alice Carolyn (Morrison) McGibney**, Pierre, passed away April 15, 2007. Carolyn was the assistant librarian at BHSC.

**John Arthur Notheis**, Spearfish, died Jan. 27, 2007. He was an associate professor of mathematics education at BHSU from 1991-1999. He was also a volunteer coach at BHSU and enjoyed all sports.

**Richard K. Stanley**, Deadwood, died Sept. 3, 2006. He taught at BHSC for several summers. Richard spent 24 years in public school education. He was elected to the Lead-Deadwood Board of Education.

### BHSU receives anonymous gift for art department

An anonymous donor recently made plans for a significant donation to the art department at BHSU.

The donor is leaving the BHSU Foundation \$250,000 or 10 percent of the entire estate, whichever is greater, to benefit the university art department. According to Steve Meeker, vice president of Institutional Advancement, the donor wants the money to be used to support visual art scholarships and to provide visual art supplies and equipment. In addition, if the donor outlives the other beneficiaries named in the estate planning, the entire estate will go to the BHSU Foundation.

Dr. Holly Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, says the university is incredibly grateful for this gift to the art department.

"The funds will help to build the art program through scholarships to recruit gifted students, through much needed equipment purchases, and through enhancing student opportunities for showcasing student work," Downing said. "Gifts such as these are essential to creating a strong university learning community, which in turn benefits the entire region."

### Waugh donates to scholarship fund

David Waugh donated \$10,000 that will be added with existing funds for the Francis L. Waugh Memorial Scholarship fund. That donation brings the scholarship fund to \$12,050.

Scholarships from this fund will be awarded annually to BHSU students majoring in communications with an emphasis in journalism and/or photography. Preference will be given to students who plan to work for either the South Dakota or the Colorado Game, Fish and Parks department or someone who is planning on a career in wildlife management or photography and/or journalism.

Francis Waugh grew up in Deadwood and graduated from Black Hills State Teacher's College (now BHSU) in the late '40s. After serving overseas in WWII as an aerial photographer he was employed with the state game and fish department in South Dakota and later in Colorado. He loved to hunt and fish, and also loved photography and journalism. According to his family, Francis was always grateful to be able to combine all four of these loves into a career.

### Yellow Jacket golf tournaments garner nearly \$28,000

BHSU generated nearly \$28,000 in scholarship funds from the 17th Annual Yellow Jacket Gold Dust Golf Classic and the 28th Annual Old Baldy Golf Tournament. The Yellow Jacket Foundation coordinates both golf tournaments to raise scholarship funds for BHSU student-athletes.

The Old Baldy Golf Tournament held in June near Saratoga, Wyo., included 76 golfers and generated over \$21,000. The Yellow Jacket Gold Dust Golf Classic, which had 120 golfers compete in Spearfish, generated over \$6,000 for the Yellow Jacket Foundation. The two tournaments brought in \$6,000 more than a year ago.

"The proceeds from the golf tournaments are vital fundraisers for Black Hills State student-athlete scholarships," John Kietzmann, director of development at BHSU, says. He noted that \$471,000 has been awarded to Yellow Jacket student-athletes for the 2007-2008 academic year.

### Gustafson scholarship set

Wilma "Billie" Gustafson recently contributed \$25,000 to establish the Wilma "Billie" Gustafson Scholarship at Black Hills State University. The recipient(s) must be a non-traditional student. It is preferred that the recipient be 25 years old or more and from Lawrence County, or, if not, from the Northern Black Hills. The recipient must also enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester. Wilma "Billie" graduated from Black Hills State University in 1971 as a non-traditional student with a bachelor of science in education degree in history. Billie is a retired teacher.

## PREMIER Bankcard announces scholarship for BHSU students



PREMIER Bankcard announced a major scholarship program for BHSU students who work at PREMIER Bankcard. Left to right: Tom Hanlon, executive vice president of risk services; Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, BHSU president; Amy Lee, human resources officer; Dana Dykhouse, president and CEO of First PREMIER Bankcard; Bob VanLiere, vice president of card services; Monte Bertsch, directing officer, customer service; and Steve Meeker, vice president of Institutional Advancement at BHSU.

In what is being described as "another unexpected premier moment," PREMIER Bankcard announced a new scholarship program for BHSU students. This program combined with a previous agreement by PREMIER Bankcard for student scholarships amounts to more than \$600,000 in scholarship over five years.

PREMIER Bankcard presented a check for \$50,000 for the PREMIER BHSU Student Scholarship Program that offers \$1,000 per year, up to \$5,000 per student, for full-time BHSU students who also work at Premier Bankcard.

"At PREMIER Bankcard, we understand the challenges of balancing school and work schedules," Dana Dykhouse says. "In an effort to encourage higher education and attract and retain some of the area's most talented individuals, we are pleased to offer the BHSU Student Scholarship Program."



## BHSU donors of the year



The James McDaniel family, which recently contributed over \$100,000 to their scholarship at Black Hills State University, was presented with the first-ever Difference Maker Award during the 1883 banquet this spring.

This award will be given yearly to the top donor of the year.

The McDaniel family scholarship fund now totals over \$150,000. Two freshmen recipients will receive \$2,500 per academic year and two sophomores will receive \$3,000 per academic year.

James, a 1963 graduate of BHSU, is a retired bank president at Dakota State Bank.

The 1883 banquet, which will become an annual event, honored 53 donors that contributed \$1,883 (to coincide with our founding year 1883).

## Lipartiti estate scholarship set

Matthias Lipartiti, Riverside, Calif., left Black Hills State University \$175,659 in his estate plan to establish the Matthias and Elena Lipartiti Scholarship fund.

The scholarship recipient(s) must be planning a career in education or a career assisting youth, i.e. juvenile justice or a related field.

Matthias, Class of 1934, later earned a master's degree from the University of Southern California. He served in the United States Air Force and taught. He was also past president of AARP and past president of the California Retired Teachers Association.

## First Western Bank establishes scholarship

First Western Bank recently pledged \$50,000 to establish a scholarship endowment at Black Hills State University. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a BHSU business student from western South Dakota. Interest from the fund will be used for the yearly scholarship.

Bruce Byrum, president of First Western Bank in Spearfish, said the bank is proud to support Black Hills State University and its students.

"We see this as an investment in the university and community," Byrum says. "As the university is successful, so is the rest of the community."

## Richey's add \$41,000 to scholarship

An additional donation of \$41,000 was recently added to the Betty Richey scholarship fund from her estate. Betty established the scholarship endowment for education majors at BHSU in 1994 which now exceeds \$102,700.

Richey earned a teaching certificate at BHSU in 1943, a bachelor's degree in 1951 and a master's degree in 1964. She was an elementary school educator for more than 44 years. She taught school in Tripp County, McLaughlin, Winner, Rapid City and overseas in Japan, France and Germany. She was also a team leader for Teacher Corps.

Richey established the scholarship endowment at BHSU because of many positive associations with the university as a student, teacher and mentor to student teachers.

## Albert's donate to athletic scholarships

Bob and Linda Albert recently donated \$27,500 for general athletic scholarships. The Alberts have been long-time supporters of Yellow Jacket athletics.

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 operated 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, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

## Hasenmueller family establishes education scholarship

Peter and Laurella Hasenmueller, Hayward, Calif., recently contributed \$10,000 to establish the Peter and Laurella Hasenmueller Scholarship Fund at BHSU.

The recipient(s) must be a freshman majoring in elementary education and enrolled in a minimum of 15 credit hours per semester.

Both Peter and Laurella taught school for many years and enjoyed participating in flea markets over the years. Peter graduated from BHSU in 1963 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.



Bruce Byrum, (center) president of First Western Bank, presents a \$50,000 donation to Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, (left) president of BHSU, and Steve Meeker, (right) vice president of institutional advancement at BHSU.

# BHSU in the news

## BHSU professors draw on Olympic experiences

Black Hills State University boasts two Olympic athletes among its faculty ranks. Dr. Christian Nsiah, an economics professor, has competed in Olympic relays and dashes, and Dr. Daniel Durben, a physics professor, has competed in Olympic rifle shooting and is now the head coach for the

## New administrators named at BHSU

Two new administrators began work this summer at Black Hills State University.

Dr. Lois Flagstad, dean of Student Life at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, has been named vice president for Student Life.



Flagstad

Flagstad, who has been at Kearney for the last 15 years, has an extensive background in student affairs leadership.

Dr. Priscilla Romkema was named dean of the College of Business and Technology.



Romkema

Romkema, who joined the BHSU faculty in 1997, is currently chair of the management and marketing department.

"Priscilla's level of enthusiasm and dedication to the university and the College of Business is remarkable. She has a unique ability to motivate others to succeed in the classroom and outside of the classroom," Dr. Dean Myers, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.



Wilson

Warren Wilson was named to a joint appointment as chief information technology officer for BHSU and executive director of the South Dakota Library Network (SDLN).

Wilson has been employed with the Regents' Information Systems in Vermillion since 1990 and is the Regents' representative to the SDLN executive committee. Wilson's time will be divided between BHSU and SDLN.

Paralympics rifle shooting team.

In addition, Dr. James Hesson, exercise science professor, spent nearly a decade teaching and coaching during his summer break at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Hesson worked with leaders in the in sport physiology and sport biomechanics during his time at the Olympic Training Center.

Nsiah competed in three consecutive Olympic games. In the 1996 games he was a finalist in the 4x100-meter relay. In 2000 he competed in the 100-meter dash and 4x100-meter relay, and in 2004 he ran in the 4x100-meter relay. He draws upon his Olympic expertise as a volunteer track coach to the sprinters and says his experiences has shaped how he teaches in the classroom as well.

Durben competed in the 1988 Olympics as a part of the shooting team. He coached

shooting for the 2000 Sydney Olympics. After a change in the Paralympic Game standards by the United States Olympic Committee, a need was created for experienced coaches like Durben. The Paralympics is an international competition for disabled athletes. Durben became the Paralympic head coach for the top disabled athletes in rifle shooting after stepping down from his Olympic head coaching position.

When it comes to teaching physics and coaching athletes, Durben finds little difference. "In both cases, you're dealing with people who are learning, trying to excel and going through successes and failures. Being a coach showed me how to guide people effectively and not tell people how to do it but how to coax them into a better technique."



Dr. Christian Nsiah, an economics professor, has competed in Olympic relays and dashes, and Dr. Daniel Durben, a physics professor, has competed in Olympic rifle shooting. In addition to these two faculty Olympians, Dr. James Hesson, exercise science professor, spent nearly a decade teaching and coaching during his summer break at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Hesson worked with the Olympic Training center again this summer.

## Founders day observed; plans set for 125th celebration



Lois Fitzgerald Doran, widow of the late President Maurice Fitzgerald, and BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp, cut a birthday cake to celebrate 124 years for BHSU during a Founder's Day luncheon. More than 100 people including retired faculty along with faculty, staff and students, gathered for the first-ever Founders Day luncheon. Dr. David Wolff, associate professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at BHSU who is recognized as a Black Hills and Western history specialist, presented briefly about the early days of the university. BHSU is making plans for several major events in 2008 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the university.



# BHSU in the news

## BHSU will play an integral role in lab development

Black Hills State University is looking forward to taking a lead role in the development of a national lab site at Lead. The former Homestake Mining location was chosen as the preferred location for the lab this summer.

"We recognize the transformational effect the Lab will have on the lives of our students and the future of the entire region. We know it brings unlimited possibilities for our students, our citizenry, and our economy.

Located just 17 miles from the Lab

site, BHSU's involvement with the lab transcends the scientific realm. As the only multipurpose state university west river, BHSU will call upon the depth and breadth of our programs from liberal arts and humanities, business, education, and science to meet the vastly increasing needs of the region through enhanced cultural offerings, historic documentation, life long learning, research, and educational outreach. BHSU, which recently began a summer theater program at the Historic Homestake Opera

House in Lead, is a significant resource for the region. The University will serve consultative roles through our centers in Entrepreneurism, Conservation Biological Research, and Tourism. Our students and faculty are already eagerly anticipating spin-off endeavors and businesses opportunities.

BHSU will play a pivotal role in educational outreach and development of a visitor center through the Center for Mathematics and Science Education (CAMSE).

## BHSU joins Renaissance Group

Black Hills State University was recently granted membership in the prestigious Renaissance Group, a national consortium of universities committed to effective leadership in the preparation of educators.

BHSU is one of only 34 institutions across the nation to gain membership in the Renaissance Group and the only one in a five-state region including South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming and Montana.

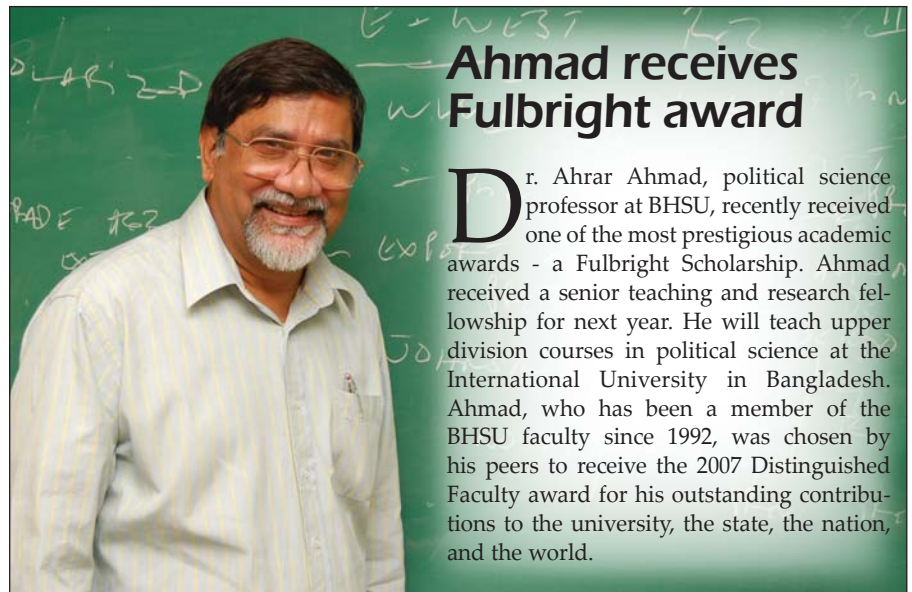
"Membership in the Renaissance Group will bring national recognition," BHSU President, Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, says. "The guiding principles of the group reinforce the concept that preparation of teachers is an all-campus responsibility. This concept is deeply embedded at BHSU."

## China exchange program planned



Romkema visits with the dean at Soochow University in Suzhou to discuss a possible articulation between the Tourism and Hospitality Management at Soochow University and at BHSU.

Dr. Priscilla Romkema, dean of the College of Business and Technology at Black Hills State University, recently participated in a seminar in China to discuss a possible exchange program for students and faculty. Romkema met representatives from various Chinese universities and visited Soochow University in Suzhou and the Institute of Tourism at Shanghai Normal University. In the coming weeks, BHSU faculty members will work with officials from the Chinese universities to develop academic schedules (two-year sequencing of business and tourism courses) and articulation agreements.



## Ahmad receives Fulbright award

Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, political science professor at BHSU, recently received one of the most prestigious academic awards - a Fulbright Scholarship. Ahmad received a senior teaching and research fellowship for next year. He will teach upper division courses in political science at the International University in Bangladesh. Ahmad, who has been a member of the BHSU faculty since 1992, was chosen by his peers to receive the 2007 Distinguished Faculty award for his outstanding contributions to the university, the state, the nation, and the world.

## Retirees honored



Several retiring faculty and staff members were honored this spring at the annual BHSU employee reception. Among those honored were: Stephen Parker, assistant music professor; Susan Hove-Pabst, music professor; Ardean Wessel, assistant to the president; and Dr. George Earley, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

# BHSU students in the news

## BHSU Players perform "Godspell"



BHSU began its first summer theatre season performing "Godspell". The theatre troupe, known as the Black Hills State Players, transformed the Historic Homestake Opera House (Lead) into a vibrant street scene filled with dance and song as they performed the family-friendly 1970s Broadway musical. The cast included 10 student actors and four additional students who worked as costume designers and production technicians.

## Students and mentors present research



Twenty-two Black Hills State University students and their faculty mentors were selected to present at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) in San Rafael, Calif. According to Dr. Holly Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at BHSU, it was quite exceptional to have 22 abstracts accepted from BHSU. The University was one of 250 institutions to send students with accepted research abstracts to the conference. While in California, the students met with BHSU alumni Robert Worth, regional president of Bay Area Wells Fargo, and Steven Hass, vice president of Wells Fargo Financial in Roseville, Calif.

## Students achieve honors across a variety of disciplines at BHSU



Several pieces of artwork created by three Black Hills State University students were recently selected for publication in Creative Quarterly. The students, Michael Baum, Janci Jo Wenner, and Michael Knutson, were among several BHSU students who submitted artwork to the magazine at the encouragement of BHSU assistant professor Dave Wilson.



Clayton Grueb, a BHSU pre-law student, is one of eight students from SD higher education institutions who has been chosen for an internship in the nation's capital under a pilot program established in 2006 by Gov. Mike Rounds.



Joanna Vandever, a BHSU junior psychology major from Spearfish, was one of only 32 psychology students selected from applicants from across the nation to participate in the American Psychological Association's Summer Science Institute.



Jesse Brown Nelson, a senior mass communications major, was awarded the photography internship for the South Dakota Department of Tourism this summer.



# BHSU students in the news

## Student Organizations honored by Regents



BHSU student Peter Schwiesow (center), a member of the Health Services student organization, accepts the Award for Academic Excellence from Dr. Harvey Jewett, president of the S.D. Board of Regents. Schwiesow is a pre-dentistry student from Rapid City. Dr. Charles Lamb, BHSU biology faculty member who advises the student group, is pictured on the left.



Members of the Collegiate Outdoor Leadership Program accept the S.D. Board of Regents Award for Organizational Leadership. Student officers who accepted the award were: (left to right) Josh Roadifer, a senior from Belle Fourche; Brett Rauterkus, a sophomore from Encampment, Wyo.; and Andy Christy, a senior from Worland, Wyo., with Dr. Harvey Jewett, president of the S.D. Board of Regents.



Lily Bruckner accepts the S.D. Board of Regents Community Service Award from Dr. Harvey Jewett, president of the Regents, for the Honors Program, which volunteers for many service activities.

## Bruckner named Spirit of BH



Lily Bruckner, a 2007 graduate with a degree in elementary education from Rapid City, received the Black Hills State University Alumni Association Spirit of BH Award.

While maintaining a grade point average of 3.38, Bruckner was involved in various campus activities and student organizations.

She joined the Student Senate in 2005 and was voted president in 2006. She has also been a PREP Days group leader, New Student Days orientation leader, Student Ambassador, Heide Hall Government vice president, and Swarm Day Committee publicity chair.

She also served on the University Strategic Planning Committee this past year and has served on the Reading Council, the Tobacco Awareness Committee, and the PREP Days Committee.

In fall 2005 Bruckner was appointed by the dean of the College of Education to serve on the College of Education Curriculum Committee and was appointed to the Education Advisory Council in the spring of 2006.

## Students' global experiences enhances their education

Four Black Hills State University education students took part in a pilot program to do their student teaching experience overseas.

This is one of several international programs that BHSU students have the opportunity to take part in as a part of their education.

The students agree that their experience at BHSU has been pivotal in their lives and have affirmed their decisions to become teachers. The students and faculty members have high expectations for this new venture, which they feel will be important to future teachers.

## Honors students present at national conference



Black Hills State University President Kay Schallenkamp (center) pictured with the four BHSU Honors Program students, Amanda Scott, Clint Auguston, Kelly Kirk and Jim Holmes, who recently presented at a national honors conference. The students presented "Creating a Culture of Service" at the National Honors Conference in Philadelphia, Pa. The BHSU students were invited to present at the conference following the submission of their presentation.

# Alumni will be honored during Swarm Days

Several Black Hills State University alumni will be honored during the annual Swarm activities Oct. 1-6. The 2007 Distinguished Alumnae Award will be presented to Mona Chancellor. The 2007 Special Service Award will be awarded to Joy Krautschun. The 2007 Excellence in Education Award will be presented to Janet Hensley. The 2007 Special Achievement Award will be awarded to John Karinen. These alumni will be honored during the Swarm Day luncheon Friday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Jacket Legacy room in the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union.



**Chancellor**

**Mona Chancellor**, Class of '60, began college with the goal of becoming a teacher. She earned her teaching degree and went on to enjoy the challenges and satisfaction of her profession. Mona taught in South Dakota, Texas, Florida and Colorado for 20 years while raising her children. She also earned a master's degree in reading.

She married Charles E. (Chance) Chancellor, a Denver area businessman who followed his father into the oil business. Mona then decided to quit teaching as she became involved in the oil business, and she and her husband took advantage of the opportunity they had to travel around the world.

When her husband died suddenly, Mona was thrust to the forefront of the business and took on the new challenge of running the gas and oil company. Mona is now the president of Chancellor Energy, Inc., an oil and gas exploration business in Golden, Colo.

She is actively involved in many organizations in the Denver area. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, going to the orchestra, and attending the Denver Broncos and Colorado Rockies games.



**Krautschun**

**Joy Krautschun**, Class of '73, was instrumental in starting and coaching the University's first varsity women's basketball team.

While attending BHSU, Joy majored in physical education and music. She was very involved in the

dance program, a member of the cheerleading squad, and involved in intramural sports.

Joy taught physical education and music at the Lead/Deadwood and Spearfish school districts.

She was an active member of the alumni association board of directors for

**Janet Hensley**, Class of '69, is presently an adjunct professor at Black Hills State University, teaching undergraduate classes in educational psychology, pre-admission teaching practicum, and child growth and development. She is also a student teacher supervisor.



**Hensley**

Janet has been involved in education for 34 years. She spent half of those in the classroom and the other half as an elementary principal, which she retired from in 2003.

Since 2003 she has been involved in the Technology and Innovation in Education (TIE) program; an evaluator in the *EveryTeacher* Grant, and co-chair of the state standards and assessment committee in language arts.

She has trained and implemented technology into the curriculum in Douglas Schools, as well as providing leadership in an initiative to effectively implement a guided reading program.

**John Karinen**, Class of '58, is a research oceanographer for the Alaska Fisheries Science Center's Auke Bay Laboratories. He researches Alaska's fish stocks, fish habitats, and the chemistry of marine environments.



**Karinen**

John did part-time work and collected data for the Dingell Johnson Reports for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks while attending BHSU from 1953 to 1958. He went on to work at the U.S.

Army Medical Research Laboratory-Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver and was a research associate at Oregon State University.

John has been program leader and program manager for various projects at Auke Bay Labs and was the task leader for work following the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill.

Karinen is a member of many organizations dedicated to his work including: American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists, and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography.

## Buzzin' Thru the Decades

**Monday, October 1: The Roaring 20s**  
Homecoming Coronation  
7 p.m. Woodburn Hall

**Tuesday, October 2: The Nifty 50s**  
Kiddie Carnival  
4-6 p.m. - Market Place of the Student Union  
Flag Football Tournament - 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 3: The Psychedelic 60s and 70s**  
Disco Dance Lessons  
7-8 p.m. - Market Place of the Student Union  
Disco Dance  
8-11:30 p.m. - Market Place of the Student Union

**Thursday, October 4: The Awesome 80s**  
Hike the "H" on Lookout Mountain  
3 p.m. - meet at the Student Union cul-de-sac  
BBQ on the campus green - 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, October 5: The Noble 90s**  
Alumni Luncheon  
11:30 a.m. - Jacket Legacy room of the Student Union  
Disc Golf Tournament - 3:30 p.m.  
Parade Float Prep  
5 p.m. in the field house at the Young Center  
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet  
6 p.m. in the Jacket Legacy room of the Student Union  
Spirit Night at the Volleyball Game  
7 p.m. in the Young Center

**Saturday, October 6: BHSU Spirit Day!**  
Parade  
10:30 a.m. - line up at the Donald E. Young Center  
Homecoming Football Game  
1 p.m. - Lyle Hare Stadium

many years and her husband, Harvey, was past president of the Alumni Association and is a current member of the BHSU Foundation Board of Directors. The couple are now both emeritus members of the alumni board.

Joy served with the Spearfish Ambassadors for many years and continues to be an active member of the Spearfish community. She volunteers her time by serving at the Food Pantry, and helping as a reading assistant at Spearfish Elementary. Joy loves to bake cookies, celebrate every holiday to the fullest, and spoil her wonderful grandchildren.



# Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame inductees named

**B**lack Hills State University will induct five individuals and two teams into the 2007 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the annual Swarm Day activities. BHSU will also recognize First PREMIER Bankcard/First PREMIER Bank as this year's contributor. Don Blewett, Chris Haines, Gary Bereiter, and Jeff Stevens will be inducted as athletes, and Mike Berg will be inducted as a coach. The 1935 football team and the 1996-97 women's basketball team will also be honored.



**Blewett**



**Haines**



**Bereiter**



**Stevens**



**Berg**

**Don Blewett**, Class of '59, received a sports scholarship to compete in football in 1952. His accomplishments at BHSU include:

- Lettered in four different sports – 2 years in baseball, 3 years in football, 3 years in basketball, and 1 year in track
- Holds the record for the longest kick-off return of 100 yards against Sioux Falls in 1956
- Track and field coach and cross country coach at Douglas High School for over 30 years

**Chris Haines**, Class of '85, proved to be an outstanding athlete in volleyball and softball during her years at BHSU. Her achievements include:

- 35-14 team record her junior year
- First Team All-Conference (junior year)
- First Team All-Conference (senior year)
- 4-0 senior year in the SDIC (conference champs)
- 86 sets her senior year (95% accuracy)
- 411 spikes her senior year (78% accuracy)
- 279 serves her senior year (93% accuracy)
- 69-23 team record her junior and senior year
- First Team All-Conference in volleyball and softball

**Gary Bereiter**, Class of '73, retired in June 2007 after teaching and coaching at Zion Benton High School, Zion, Ill. for 33 years. Gary's athletic accomplishments at BHSU include:

- First Team All-Conference in 1972 as tight end
- First Team All-Conference in 1973 as 1st baseman
- Third place in ERA in 1973 in the SDIC
- Honorable Mention All-Conference in 1972 in baseball

**Jeff Stevens**, Class of '97, earned his place in the record books while playing for the Yellow Jacket's men's basketball team. His records include:

- Scoring the most points in a single game – 46 points
- Most rebounds in a single game – 23 (tied for first place)
- Most rebounds in a single season – 310
- Most rebounds in career – 840
- Scored 1,982 points in career (second most in history)
- Ranked #13 in nation in individual scoring (senior year, 22.03 ppg)
- Ranked #14 in nation in individual rebounding (senior year, 9.67 rpg)

**Mike Berg**, Class of '72, is being inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame for his outstanding coaching career. He currently teaches physical education and social studies at Central High School in Grand Forks, N.D. He was the head football coach for 28 years and the assistant track coach for eight years.

During his years as head football coach he led his team to 15 seasons in the playoffs, three state championship games, and one state title. Berg's accomplishments include:

- Coached Brooks Bollinger, currently with the New York Jets
- 102 of his players have gone on to play college ball
- Overall coaching record of 137-125
- Three times NDHSCA Coach of the Year

**First PREMIER Bankcard/First PREMIER Bank** is being recognized for their generous support of BHSU athletics. They have pledged \$120,000 over the next five years for athletic scholarships at BHSU.

PREMIER Bankcard is one of the nation's leading credit card providers to the underserved, yet creditworthy market. They cur-

rently serve over 3.7 million customers nationwide. The company strives to create an environment of teamwork and pride, always working toward the goal of success for customers, partners, and for the PREMIER team.

The **1935 football team**, directed by Coach Paul Rose, held an enviable record. Not only was the squad undefeated in conference play, but it was one of seven undefeated and untied teams in the nation. Team members included, front row: Wilber Thomas, Albert Gorman, Joe Biegler, Bert Dent, Lackie Johnson, George Calvert, and Rex Willard; middle row: Lowell Markus, Conrad Killian, Keith Swanson, Lloyd Peterson, Alfred Thomas, Loren Kemp, and Cecil Todd; back row: Dwight Felton, Dale Baston, Art Waale, Woodrow Sampson, Ellsworth Ollom, Elmer Pontius, Art Lenhart, Jake Billam, and Theodore Suito; not pictured: Bud Clem, Lloyd Petersen, Jess Hendrickson, Donny Young, Tommy Neff, Leif Edman, Jay Gorham, Paul Maxwell, Harold Bauer, Wilferd Atterbury, and Frank Williams.



The **1996-97 women's basketball team** will be honored at the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame banquet this year for their outstanding season. The team, led by head coach Robin Schamber, who received SDIC coach of the year, won second place in the national championship. Team members include: front row: Farrah Patik, Cori (Ringwood) Engelhardt, Beckie (Bunting) Kaczynski, Traci (Schenk) Dana, Kim (Rochlitz) Niemann, and Cindy (Winjum) Riss; middle row: JoEllen (Hofer) Salmen, Melinda Oster, Marcy Myers, Katie Dailey (assistant coach), Coach Robin Schamber, Della Authier (student assistant), Jennifer Pedersen, and Kristi (Dykes) Delahoyde; back row: Michele Artery, Misa Carlson, Steph Kelley, Sara (Wells) Klein, Steph (Anderson) Jibben, and Tracy (Winjum) Meyers.



# Sports

## Football team remembered as 'team that got it done'

The football team at BHSU is looking forward to the 2007 season following a stellar season in 2006 when the Yellow Jackets finished with a Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) Championship and a first-ever trip to the NAIA playoffs. The Jackets finished with an 8-3 overall record and an impressive 7-0 conference record.

The team, ranked 12th in the NAIA pre-season poll, begin their demanding non-conference schedule Sept. 1 on the road against NAIA number four ranked Carroll College. The Jackets then host NCAA Division III opponent the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Sept. 8 at Lyle Hare Stadium. The conference season is expected to be a tough schedule as well.

Head Coach John Scott and his staff are entering their fifth season and are

looking to build on a solid core of returning players on both sides of the ball. As fall practice begins, the Yellow Jackets are bringing in a group of 40 new recruits to join the returning veterans. According to Scott, the team has a great deal of optimism.

Offensively the Jackets return eight starters. Last fall the quarterback position was one of Scott's biggest concerns. This fall the position is in good hands with All Dakota Athletic Conference quarterback Eric Osborne returning for his senior campaign. He finished last season passing for over 1,500 yards and 14 touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball the Jackets return seven starters, but must replace a trio of linebackers who started nearly every game in their four year careers and a four-year starter at cornerback. The

defensive backfield returns Dakota Athletic Player of the Year and All-American safety Tanner Tetrault. Tetrault brings leadership, experience, and a wealth of talent to the defensive backfield.



**Eric Osborne, All Dakota Athletic Conference quarterback, will return to help lead the Yellow Jackets in '07.**

## Track and field team finish successful season

The BHSU track and field team added a number of names and performances to the past successes during the 2007 indoor and outdoor season.

The women's team once again repeated as indoor and outdoor DAC team champions and during the process compiled a list of 14 all conference performers. They finished fifth as a team at the Indoor National Championships and went on to finish 12th to cap off their outdoor season.

The women established seven new school records that included Wesleigh Jastorff in the 600 and 800 indoors and outdoors, Aubrey Baxter in the weight throw and shot put, Wendy O'Lexey in the 3000, and Lynnae Fox in the hammer. Jastorff

also set a new conference record and established herself as the Indoor National Champion in the 800. Baxter also captured two national titles in the shot put and weight throw and set a new national record in the weight throw. Baxter holds the South Dakota Collegiate records in both the shot and weight. These two All-Americans were joined by teammates Amber Brodersen, Lynnae Fox, Wendy O'Lexey, Shelli Scheffler, Kendra Karst, and Liz Woodruff who also received All-American honors at the National Championships in 2007.

The women's team was not alone setting new records as the men's team combined for a total of 13 All-Conference performers and four new school records.

Members of this select group included Eric Flores, Tyg Long, Cody Bordewyk, James Hansen, and Allen Wood who all continued on to earn All-American honors at the NAIA Championships. Flores, a freshman from Custer, was crowned the indoor National Champion in the weight throw with a toss just over 59 feet and then returned to the outdoor season to capture the title in the hammer with a toss of 215 feet. Other school record holders included Trent Waage in the marathon posting a time of 2:31.05 in his debut. The men's team finished runner-up at both the indoor and outdoor conference championships and went on to finish 8th and 16th at the national championships.

### Order BHSU merchandise online

The BHSU bookstore has many items featuring the Yellow Jacket mascot as well as specialized alumni merchandise. To view these and other items visit:

[www.BHSUbookstore.com](http://www.BHSUbookstore.com).



### Softball begins at BHSU

The return of softball to the BHSU campus began on a high note as President Kay Schallenkamp threw out the first pitch in April, and the team went on to win all three double headers that weekend. The team ended the season with an 11-25 record.

Fastpitch softball, which was played at BHSU from 1976 until 1981, is a crowd pleaser and Amy Gurney, head coach, notes that the fan base was terrific in the first season.

"The bleachers were always filled, and people were excited to watch softball games," Gurney says. "It was a good way to start off our program."

Gurney is looking forward to building the team this year and has been recruiting from across the region.



# Sports

## Cross country teams dominate competition

The Yellow Jackets closed out their 2006 cross country season with a reason to hold their heads high as they once again dominated at the Dakota Athletic Conference and Regional Championships winning both races on the men's and women's side. At the national meet, the men's and women's teams scored a combined total of 459 points and finished third place in the combined team scoring. The Yellow Jackets remain the only team to have both the men's and women's team qualify for the national meet continuously since 2000.

Senior James Hanson led the men's team and fin-

ished his final season taking the individual title at the DAC championships, finishing third at the region meet, and earning All-American honors at the NAIA National Championships in Louisville, Ky. At the DAC Championships, juniors Mike Nekuda, Trent Waage, and Allen Wood, along with sophomore Cody Bordewyk joined Hansen to score a combine total of 31 points. These five were also the scoring members that captured the Region title two weeks later in Sioux Falls. The Yellow Jacket men finished seventh at the NAIA Championships, just 28 points off of 3rd place.

The Lady Yellow Jackets, who have now won seven of

the last eight conference titles, took four of the top six places at the meet with Wesleigh Jastorff, Liz Woodruff, and Wendy O'Lexey placing second, third, and fourth, and Alicia Verhulst in sixth place. Teaming up with freshmen Kristen Mohror and Shelli Scheffler, and senior Kendra Karst, the Lady Yellow Jackets went on to finish fourth at the NAIA Championships with Jastorff and Woodruff earning All-American honors for their finishing 17th and 30th places.



Wesleigh Jastorff earned All-American honors at the NAIA Championships

## BHSU All-century men's basketball team honored



The BHSU alumni association hosted a 100 years of men's basketball celebration. To celebrate this milestone, former players and coaches were invited back to campus. The university designated an All-Century basketball team consisting of 100 of the best men's basketball players at BHSU in the last century. Front row: Marv Evans, Mundelein, Ill.; Dale Hardy, Spearfish; Edwin and Rodney Petranek, accepting for Kenneth Leslie, deceased; and John Wilkinson, Spearfish. Second row: Mike West, Philip; Brant Miller, Rapid City; Marv Mirich, Pine Bluffs, Wyo.; Doug Stanford, Deadwood; Lois Fitzgerald Doran, accepting for Maurice Fitzgerald, deceased; and Gene Schlekeway, accepting for Mike Savoy, deceased. Third row: Bill Kohn, Glenham; Cliff Hanson, Lincoln, Neb.; Bob Phillips, Lead; Myrle Hanson Jr., Spearfish; and Joe Divis, Rapid City; Fourth row: Brad Buche, Mitchell; Clancy Roberts, Santa Fe, N.M.; Jesse Dana, Spearfish; Matt Burgess, Gillette, Wyo.; Eldon Marshall, White River; Scott Jaggi, Lyman, Wyo.; and Kurt Fothergill, Fenton, Iowa. Fifth row: Boyd Thorson, Philip; Paul Anderson, Custer; Steve Duncan, Watertown; Mike McCarty, Spearfish; Aaron Valentine, Spearfish; and Jeff Lamb, Onida.

# Obituaries

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**Bernard L. Delancey**, Class of '72, Hulett, Wyo., passed away Oct. 26, 2006. Bernard served overseas in the European Theatre; received the Distinguish Flying Cross. He taught 20 years in Montana and later at Hulett. Bernard had many occupations including: rancher, insurance salesman, Boeing security guard, city police and mayor of Hulett.

**David Patten**, Class of '72, Pierre, passed away Dec. 21, 2006. David taught elementary school and was the assistant principal in Pierre. David enjoyed being a Boy Scout leader.

**Barbara (Biggins) Carson**, Class of '73, Chadron, Neb., passed away May 20, 2006. Barbara was an elementary teacher and school librarian for 14 years. She also served as the Chadron State College curriculum librarian for 21 years.

**Carole (Fitzgerald) Rogers**, attended, '73, Rapid City, passed away Feb. 17, 2007. Carole worked at BHSU as well as Rapid City Central, JC Penny in New Mexico, and McNary Grade School (Arizona).

**Terri (DeBord) Britton**, attended, '75-'76, Rapid City, passed away Aug. 14, 2006. Terri worked as a cook and baker.

**Lu E. (Dennis) Sampson**, Class of '76, Pierre, passed away Aug. 26, 2006. Lu taught for over 20 years. She wrote human interest articles for various publications including *River Life* and *South Dakota Magazine*.

**Barbara A. (Cooper) Snellgrove**, Class of '77, Box Elder, passed away Nov. 27, 2006. Before attending BHSC, Barbara

worked seven years at the Ellsworth AFB in the accounting department. She taught at Douglas High School for 16 years.

**Roseann (Hickey) Leisure**, Class of '79, Rapid City, passed away Oct. 10, 2006. She taught school in Dayton, Ohio, and in the Douglas School System for 20 years.

**Brett Peterson**, attended, '77-'79, Belle Fourche, passed away Oct. 16, 2006. Brett lived in Indianapolis, Ind., where he worked as a refrigeration technician.

**The 80s** **Marlin G. "Moon" Weston**, attended '82, Porcupine, passed away Jan. 1, 2007. His life as a cowboy and rancher took a turn when he was involved in a car accident in 1984, leaving him a quadriplegic.

**Esaja S. Haataja**, Class of '83, Spearfish, passed away March 12, 2007. Esaja joined the Air Force, serving in Japan and Okinawa. He and his wife operated a lodge near Spearfish Canyon. Esaja worked at Homestake Sawmill and was an accountant for many years.

**Steven P. Haataja**, Class of '85, Chadron, Neb., was last seen Dec. 4, 2006 at his office at Chadron State College. His body was found March 9, 2007. He taught two years at Augustana College in Sioux Falls and worked for many years at Gateway, Inc. He began teaching at Chadron State College in Nebraska in the fall of 2006.

**Sheila (Niemi) Osborn**, attended, '84-'85, Hardin,

Mont., passed away Sept. 18, 2006. She worked for W & M Plumbing and Bowman Grain & Seed before beginning a career at Heritage Acres Nursing Home as a CNA for 18 years.

**Robert J. Wallace**, attended, '81-'85, Rapid City, passed away Feb. 9, 2007. Robert was a certified lumber grader.

**Florence Jean McMillan**, Class of '88, Mesa, Ariz., passed away Nov. 14, 2006, after a long and courageous battle with cancer and congestive heart failure. She spent the last seven years of her life working as a substance abuse coordinator.

**Richard "John" Symonds Jr.**, Class of '88, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc., died Aug. 20, 2006, from injuries sustained in a sky diving accident near Tamahawk, Wisc. John was an attorney and partner at Nash Podvin Attorneys at Law.

**Teri V. Powell**, attended, Rapid City, passed away Jan. 7, 2007. She was a Spanish teacher in Rapid City. She chaperoned educational trips to various Spanish-speaking countries and also served as the advisor to the Amnesty International Club. After retiring, she ran two small businesses and participated in geological digs.

**The 90s** **Joyce (Niemi) Tollefson**, Class of '90, Rapid City, passed away March 4, 2007. She lived in Michigan, Alaska, and South Dakota. In later years she lived in Paradise, Calif.

**Sandra (Sorenson) Fisher**, Class of '91, Newcastle, Wyo., passed away Sept. 27, 2006. She taught in Oelrichs and Lead. She worked as a production analyst for Black Hills Exploration and Production.

**Vance Alan Peterson**, Class of '92, Encampment, Wyo., died July 16, 2006. During his student teaching experience, he met his future wife, Janice. He taught and coached from 1992 to 2006.

**The 00s** **Justin John Gunnare**, Class of '06, Miles City, Mont., died Oct. 21, 2006. He did his student teaching at Custer County District High School and was the assistant women's basketball coach with his uncle, Dwight Gunnare, at Miles Community College. He was head coach for the Miles City Colts Baseball team. Justin accepted his first teaching position at Lame Deer Public Schools where he was teaching at the time of his death.

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# Looking ahead

## Homecoming Week

Oct. 1-6

Oct. 5 Alumni Luncheon and Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame Banquet

Oct. 6 Swarm Day parade and football game

## Alumni Art Show

Sept. 15 – Oct. 7

## Annual Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Auction

Oct. 12

## BHSU's 125 Anniversary in 2008

Feb. 27 - 125th anniversary luncheon

April 5 - Volunteer Awards celebration – comedian Gary Mule Deer

Sept. 20 - Swarm Day - All-School Reunion highlighted by Williams & Ree – recognize the Top 125 Alumni

## 50-year Club reunion

May 9-10

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## Looking back

Ida Henton Park was the setting for performances and picnics through the years. Next year, 2008 marks the quasiquicentennial year at BHSU and several major events including an all-school reunion are being planned.

## Another Look



Class of 2007 graduates, Lindsay Bruckner, Lily Bruckner, Cody Winchester, Luke Peterson, Brandy Sickler, celebrate their graduation from Black Hills State University.