

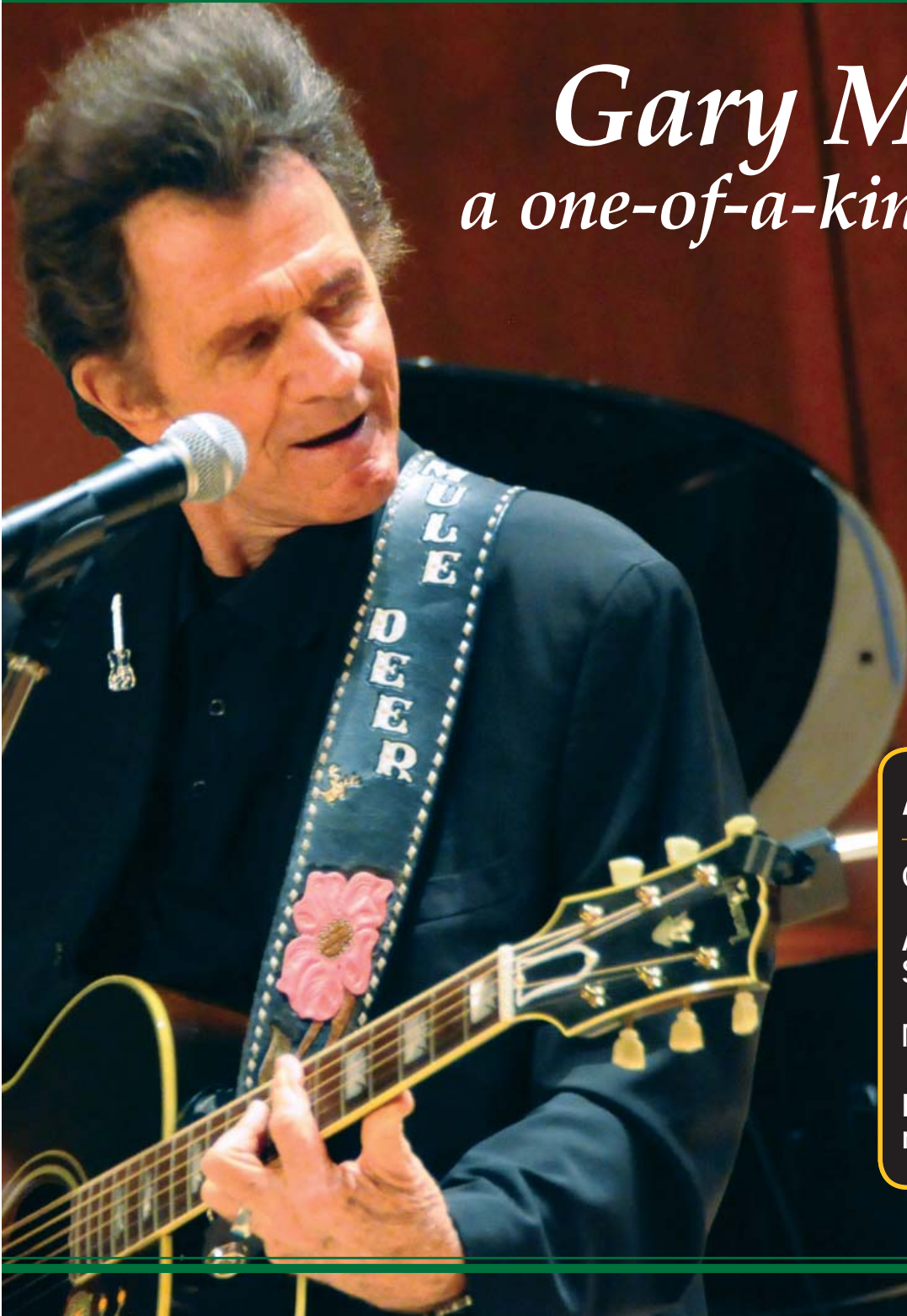


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## *Gary Mule Deer* *a one-of-a-kind entertainer*



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# Greetings to all BHSU alumni



It is rewarding to hear the many national and international success stories from you, our alumni. We want to share these exceptional stories to recognize your service and professional achievements in future issues of our magazine and on our website. One of my goals is to ensure that our alumni grow ever more proud of having earned a BHSU degree. It is my hope that your pride translates into advocacy and support whether that's through participating on an advisory board, serving a mentor to current students, or supporting our fundraising efforts.

BHSU is recognized for transforming the lives of our students. It was an honor for me to present diplomas to the nearly 400 graduates in the Class of 2009 this spring as we celebrated their transformation from student to university graduate. In these uncertain times, it's important to recognize that a degree from BHSU is an investment in the future for the student and the state. BHSU graduates have been challenged to become critical thinkers with an innovative approach to life that will be vital to their success in our dynamic and ever-changing world.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp recently visited with former BHSU presidents, Dr. Clifford Trump (1985-1994), and Dr. Thomas Flickema (1994-2006), about the many changes on campus. They toured the campus and discussed transformations that have taken place during the years each of them served as leaders for the University.

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# BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

## with healthy laughter

**G**ary Mule Deer knows how to make people laugh. He's been doing that since 1957 when he first started performing as a student at Black Hills State and turned to jokes to alleviate his nervousness on stage. Although he always knew he wanted to be on stage, Gary says he never dreamed his career would lead him where it has.

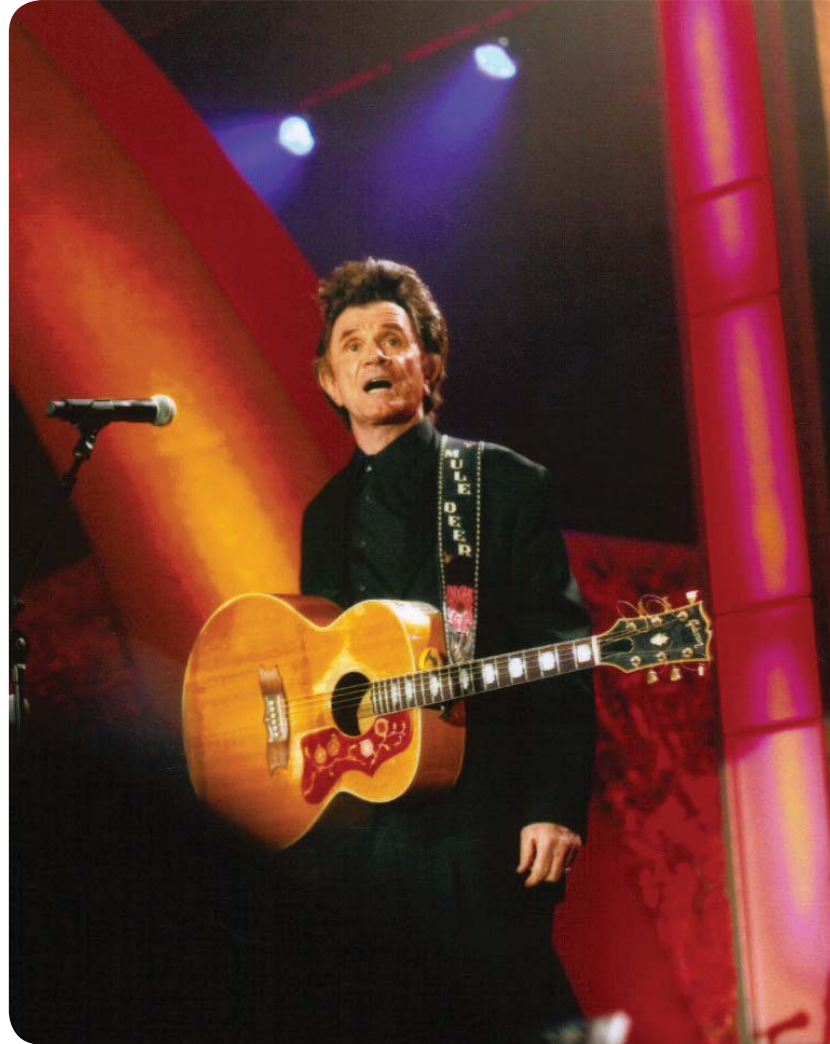
In a time when celebrities' careers are short-lived, Gary Mule Deer sustained a five-decade music and comedy career that has kept him on the edge of celebrity and has given him the opportunity to make people laugh at the absurdity of life while showcasing his musical performance.

A talent contest at Black Hills State set Gary (who then used his original surname Miller) on a path that has included performances on national stages – performing regularly on the *Late Show with David Letterman*, *The Tonight Show* and appearing at Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry. He has had over 350 television appearances and still entertains regularly in Las Vegas, Reno, and Atlantic City. For the past 15 years he has been touring in concert as a special guest with Johnny Mathis.

Gary knows the importance of laughter and is proud that his comedy has stayed true to what he calls healthy laughter; the kind of comedy brings people together and bridges generational gaps. He is recognized for his ability to perform for a wide range of ages.

Gary, who now resides in his hometown of Spearfish, has been “living on the edge of celebrity” for years and is, in fact, writing a book with that phrase as the working title. Gary has maintained friendships with many celebrities through the years. He met Steve Martin early in his career and created a lasting impression that included a mention in Martin's memoir. During his career, Gary has shared the stage with many stars including Ray Charles, Frank Sinatra, Willie Nelson, Vince Gill, Brooks and Dunn, and many others.

He continues to earn high compliments from many celebrities including Will Ferrell who named Gary Mule Deer when asked by ESPN to choose a comedian for this hypothetical situation. “It's the seventh game, ninth inning of the World Series of Comedy. You have to pick a comedian to be out on the mound.” Will's answer was Gary Mule Deer. Perhaps the compliment he most cherishes is a comment from his hero and mentor Jack Benny who once told Gary “you have the potential of my timing.”



excerpt from Steve Martin's book  
***Born Standing Up***

Tommy Smothers came up to me and said directly, "We need an intro for this bit. Can you write it?" This question was put to me with a clear implication that my job was on the line. I said yes but meant no. I went upstairs to my office as if I were on a march to the gallows; my mind was blank. Blanker than blank. I was a tabula rasa. I put paper in the typewriter and impotently stared at it. Finally, a great line occurred to me, except it belonged to my roommate, the comedian Gary Mule Deer. But it was perfect for this intro, so why not call him and ask if i could use it? By a miracle, he was home. I explained that I was stuck. He said sure, use it. I went downstairs, handed in the line, and Dick Smothers read the joke: "It has been proven that more Americans watch television than any other appliance." Two highly experienced writers, Hal Goodman and Al Goldman, with credits extending back to Jack Benny, came up to me and said, "Did you write that joke?" Yes," I said. "Good work," they said. If, at that moment, I had been hooked up to a lie detector, it would have spewed smoke.

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*"This guy has got to be the funniest man on the planet."*

- Bob Goen, Entertainment Tonight

*"He's charming, he's witty, and he's very, very funny!"*

- Johnny Mathis

*"Nobody can be funnier than Gary Mule Deer and watching him receive four standing ovations one night in Las Vegas was something to behold."*

- Joe Delaney, Las Vegas Review-Journal

*"You are a very unusual young man."*

- Frank Sinatra, Golden Nugget Hotel, Las Vegas



Gary Mule Deer on the  
*Late Show with David Letterman*



Gary with The Duck and Cover Band

Gary's connection to Black Hills State goes way back to kindergarten when he attended the "lab" school formerly located on the BHSU campus that matched local school district students with teacher training candidates known as "practice teachers." He returned as a college student in 1957 and often quips that he holds the record as a seven-year freshman. Although his educational career was disrupted by his performing success, he recognizes the importance of a university degree and supports Black Hills State University in many ways. He returned to campus last year for a sold-out performance during the University's Quasquicentennial celebration and joined fellow performers this summer for a scholarship fundraising concert.

Music is what initially brought Gary to the stage and he remains a musician while building a name for himself as a comedian. Gary, and his former band, the Vaqueros, were among the first inductees into the South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Hall of Fame. Gary now performs with the Duck and Cover Band and is known for his performances of Johnny Cash music.



# Kudos & Announcements

**The 50s** Beverly (Olsen) Carr, Class of '55, was named the 2009 Auxilian of the Year by the Spearfish Regional Hospital and Dorsett Regional Senior Care Auxiliary. She has been a member of the Auxiliary for more than 35 years.

**The 60s** Thomas Hart, attended, Washington, wrote and directed the world debut of the musical "Tastes Like Chicken."

**Van Lindquist**, Class of '68, Rapid City, retired after 34 years as executive director for the

Black Hills Council of Local Governments.

**Ken Orth**, Class of '68, Mitchell, retired after teaching for 40 years and officiating boys and girls basketball for 41 years.

**Ruth Rosenau**, Class of '69, Meadow, retired from teaching for 56 years.

**The 70s** Dale Brownell, Class of '79, Spearfish, was inducted into the South Dakota chapter of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Hall of Fame for meritorious service during the 2009 Jamboree. Dale is the proprietor of Lucky Strike Lanes in Spearfish.

**Mary (Augspurger) Cooper**, Class of '74, retired after 34 years of teaching. She taught in Spearfish for 24 years. Mary was named the Spearfish School District Teacher of the Year in 1993.

**Madeline Custis**, Class of '79, Spearfish, received the F.I.S.H Award (First in Spearfish Hospitality) by the Spearfish Chamber of Commerce. Madeline is the owner of Canyonside Bed and Breakfast.

**Bob DeMersseman**, Class of '70, Rapid City, retired after 21 years as Rapid City Economic Development Partnership president.

**Sharyl (Walla) Glader**, Class of '72, Rapid City, received the Golden Apple Award. Sharyl teaches physical education at Valley View Elementary in Rapid City.

**Julie (Graham) Glasford**, Class of '79, Rapid City, joined the Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau as office assistant.

**June (Riggs) Harvey**, Class of '74, Creswell, Ore., wrote, "An Incredible Life – True Stories Told by Clarence Riggs." The book chronicles the life of her father who grew up in the northern Black Hills; it is available through the BHSU Bookstore.

**Laurie (Williams) Hayes**, Class of '74, Spearfish, retired after 31 years of teaching. Laurie is a past recipient of the South Dakota Reading Teacher of the Year.

**Michael Wayne Miller**, Class of '72, Casper, Wyo., retired after 37 years in education. Michael spent the last 32 years teaching physical education at Kelly Walsh High School in Casper.

**Thomas Pitlick**, Class of '75, Gillette, Wyo., was hired as the finance director for Gillette.

**Lin Thompson**, Class of '78, Camp Al Taji, Iraq, is a property control specialist

## BHSU Alumni Association inducts members into 50-Year Club



The BHSU Alumni Association hosted the annual 50-Year Club banquet during spring commencement. Attending the banquet were: (standing, left to right) James Hansen, Class of '52, Pierre; Ed Fitzgerald, Class of '59, Rapid City; Steve Gomez, Class of '55, Pierre; Gene Bovee, Class of '59, Tucson, Ariz.; Bill Anthony, Class of '59, Casper, Wyo.; Delbert Harbaugh, Class of '57, Rapid City; Clifford Kenoyer, Class of '56, Sturgis; Mary Ann (Stephenson) Erickson, Class of '54, Spearfish; Conrad Amen, Class of '59, Rapid City; Darwin Dykes, Class of '51, Golden, Colo.; Earl Gray, Class of '59, Sundance, Wyo.; Keith Shostrom, Class of '57, Deadwood; LeRoy Cliff, Class of '59, Ingleside, Ill.; JoAnn (Scheirbeck) Pedersen, Rapid City; Otis Eastman, Class of '58, Spearfish; Marguerite (Mickelson) Kleven, Class of '54, Sturgis; Bob Pearsall, Class of '58, Lacey, Wash.; (Seated, front row, left to right) Rev. Sam Christensen, Class of '59, Dubois, Wyo.; Everett Follette, Class of '55, Spearfish; Beverly (Olsen) Carr, Class of '55, Spearfish; Phyllis (Krause) Eastman, Class of '58, Spearfish; and Shirley (Kappe) Pearsall, Class of '58, Lacey, Washington.

## Kudos & Announcements

for International American Products World Service (IAPWS) in Baghdad, Iraq. Lin is also the owner of Golden Circle Tours in Custer and Affordable Adventures Tours in Rapid City.

**Nancy (Gaffin) Ward**, Class of '71, Rapid City, has been named the Rapid City Teacher of the Year. Nancy, who has taught for 25 years, is a special education math teacher at General Beadle Elementary School.

**The 80s** **Jhett Albers**, Class of '87, Spearfish, was named the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) Athletic Director of the Year. Jhett is the BHSU athletic director, teaches for the physical education department, and is the head volleyball coach for the Yellow Jackets. Last season Jhett guided the BHSU volleyball team to a share of the DAC regular season title, the conference tournament crown, and the school's first ever trip to the national tournament.

**Ed Anderson**, Class of '81, Pierre, has been hired by the South Dakota Rural Electric Association (REA) as general manager of the group that represents the state's electric cooperatives. Ed has been the REA's director of Government Affairs since 2000 and has been serving as interim manager.

**Becky (Peterson) Gropper**, Class of '80, Belle Fourche, an agent for New York Life Insurance and a registered representative for NYLIFE Securities LLC, a licensed insurance agency, has opened an office in Belle Fourche. Becky has been

in the insurance industry since 1996.

**Jeff Herbert**, Class of '80, Sioux Falls, was honored for 25 years of service in the Sioux Falls School District. He began his career in Lead-Deadwood. He coached for 23 years and has been at Sioux Falls Washington High School for the past 15 years.

**Wilma (Kirksey) Keller**, Class of '81, Anchorage, Alaska, had her theatre program at Dimond High School (Anchorage School District) selected - out of 40 high schools - to perform at the Edinburgh, Scotland Theater Festival this summer; over 1,600 high schools applied.

**The 90s** **Ethan Dschaak**, Class of '97, Spearfish, was recently hired as the principal at Piedmont Stagebarn Elementary School. Ethan was previously the assistant principal of Sturgis Elementary School and Sturgis Williams Middle School.

**Mark Gould**, Class of '90, Spearfish, was recently hired as the head coach of the Lead-Deadwood High School boys' basketball team.

**Don Lyon**, Class of '95, Spearfish, was selected as the South Dakota Assistant Principal of the Year by the South Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals. Don is the assistant principal at Sturgis Brown High School.

**Scott Lyon**, Class of '99, Rapid City, is now working at Rapid City Regional Hospital as a programmer analyst.

**Sara (Scheckel) Nelson**, Class of '95, Sturgis, has been chosen (along with two others) as the Meade School District Teacher of the Year for 2009. Sara is a first-grade teacher at Piedmont Elementary, where she has taught for the past five years.

**Elizabeth N. Proudfoot**, Class of '90, Huron, Ohio, graduated from Winebrenner Theological Seminary (Findlay, Ohio) in 2007 with a Master of Divinity. Elizabeth is a designated minister of St. Stephen United Church of Christ in Sandusky, Ohio.

**Jona (Shuck) Schmidt**, Class of '91, Madison, was recently featured in the Business Managers section of the March 2009 issue of *Prairie Business* magazine. Jona is the director of Alumni and Public Relations at Dakota State University.

**DeVonne N. Schuh**, Class of '99, Isabel, recently earned a Masters of Science in Educational Administration for the University of Phoenix Online. DeVonne's site supervisor was **Barry Mann**, Class of '84, Cheyenne River. Barry is the secondary administrator and building manager at Saint Francis Indian School and DeVonne is the music teacher.

**Melissa M. Swearingen**, Class of '94, Surprise, Ariz., successfully passed the July 2008 Arizona Bar Examination and can now practice law in Arizona. She is currently employed by the Arizona Attorney General's Office in Phoenix in the Criminal Appeals and Capital Litigation

Section. Melissa is also licensed to practice law in Wyoming (1999) and Colorado (2007).

**The 00s** **Carly (Divan) Buckman**, Class of '02, Spearfish,

moved back to the area a year ago and currently does the morning show on Eagle County 95.9/96.3 FM as one of the "early birds" in the morning. She is also a professional voice over artist and recently got paid to do a national ad for Google.

**Tara Buehner**, Class of '07, Brookings, has been awarded the highly competitive Gaylord Ph.D. Fellowship from the University of Oklahoma, which pays all tuition, fees, and travel. The fellowship is awarded to one student each year with three or more years of professional experience in journalism and mass communication disciplines.

**Candy Cullum**, Class of '06, Custer, recently joined ISIS Hospitality as the sales and marketing manager for WaTiki Indoor Waterpark Resort, Fairfield Inn and Suites, and the LaQuinta Inn and Suites.

**Matthew Fox**, Class of '03, Norman, Okla., recently passed the clinical exam for social work to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). He is employed at the Oklahoma City Veterans Affairs Medical Center where he lead an interdisciplinary inspection team of state veterans homes and community nursing homes for eligible veterans.

**David Harding**, Class of '09, Spearfish, has been hired

as assistant to the executive director at the Spearfish Arts Center Gallery.

**Casey Hibbert**, Class of '09, Spearfish, has been hired as a professional actor for the Brownsville Theatre in Nebraska.

**Dan Hodgs**, Class of '03, Spearfish and **Brian Butler**, attending, Belle Fourche, are the new owners of Alpine Coffee Company in Spearfish.

**Kelsie Hoffman**, Class of '07, Spearfish, is the owner and operator of the new business, Quick Signs. Kelsie's business offers sign design, full color graphics, lettering, banners and more. Quick Signs is located in Spearfish.

**Jennifer Hoscheid**, Class of '09, Spearfish, accepted a position in accounting with Ketel Thorstenson in Rapid City.

**Jill Kary**, Class of '09, Spearfish, has been hired to oversee sales and marketing for the Spearfish Holiday Inn and Convention Center.

**Lisa (Vail) Katon**, Class of '06, Broomfield, Colo., recently completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. In 2008, Lisa received her master's in human services with an emphasis in health care administration from Capella University. Lisa has been accepted to the University of Arizona College of Nursing, where she will complete her Doctorate of Nurse Practitioner, a four-year program.

**Pamela Koller**, Class of '04, Edgemont, was recently presented with the Post

Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award in the elementary division.

Pamela is a first-grade teacher in Edgemont.

**Bradley Lemmel**, Class of '09, Faith, has accepted a graphic design position with Lawrence and Schiller.

**Jared McDaris**, Class of '07, Macomb, Ill., a theatre graduate, is currently portraying "Einstein" in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, a play written by film star and comedian Steve Martin.

**Air National Guard Capt., Michael Odle**, Class of '02, Billings, Mont., was a participant in the presidential inauguration on Jan. 20, as part of the largest-ever contingent of National Guard members to serve in Washington, D.C. More than 7,000 Army and Air National Guard members participated. Odle was recently appointed as the Regional Public Affairs Officer for the Bureau of Reclamation's Great Plains Region, which includes nine states from Northern Montana and North Dakota to the Texas Gulf Coast. Odle will be based at the regional headquarters in Billings.

**Jodi Oliver**, Class of '09, Spearfish, is serving as coordinator for the YouthWise organization in the Northern Hills.

**Anya Olverson**, Class of '02, Rapid City, is the co-host for the morning show on KAT Country 98.7 FM. Anya's on-air name is Kris Killian. She also recently took over the Public Service

Announcement duties.

**Cassandra Rausch**, Class of '09, Spearfish, has accepted a position as an auditor with the South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit.

**April Rosin**, Class of '09, Spearfish, will be working in Colorado as an aquatic nuisance species technician.

**Jill Thomas**, Class of '06, Misenheimer, N.C., was recently named head coach for women's basketball at Pfeiffer University.

**Jared Trask**, Class of '08, Rapid City, was recently hired as the multimedia marketing manager for the Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Ian Vytlačil**, Class of '08, Box Elder, a theatre graduate, is in his second season touring with the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT). Annually, MCT visits nearly 1,200 communities in all 50 states, 4 Canadian Provinces and overseas.

## Young Alumni Achievement Award presented to Rebecca Skinner-Atkinson



Skinner-Atkinson

The Black Hills State University Alumni Association presented the Young Alumni Achievement Award to **Rebecca Skinner-Atkinson**, a 1999 graduate of the University. Rebecca works as an assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science at Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC).

The Young Alumni Achievement Award is given to honor an alumnus who has attended BHSU within the past 10 years and has distinguished him or herself with outstanding achievements, contributions, and service to society, the community, and BHSU.

As a BHSU student, Rebecca was president of the Student Ambassadors and the Health Science Student Organization. She was also a resident assistant at Thomas Hall and later the director of the campus apartments. She also spent two years as a student worker in the Alumni Office.

After graduating in May of 1999 with a bachelor of science degree in biology and chemistry, Rebecca moved to Fort Collins, Colo., and worked for Agilent Technologies for two years. From 2001 to 2003 she was a Graduate Research Assistant at the University of Wyoming while earning her Master of Science in Animal Science. From 2003 to 2006 Rebecca remained at the University of Wyoming as a Graduate Research Assistant and in 2006 obtained her PhD.

In August 2006, Rebecca was hired as an assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science at SIUC. As a beef forage specialist, she is currently a member of the Illinois Forage and Grassland Council, the Society of Rangeland Management, the American Society of Animal Science, and Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture.

## Casey Hibbert receives the Spirit of BH Award



Hibbert

**Casey Hibbert**, speech and communications major from Spearfish, was presented with the Spirit of BH Award by the Black Hills State University Alumni Association at the 2009 Student Volunteer Awards Celebration.

Each year, the Alumni Association presents a BHSU student with the Spirit of BH Award. The award is given to a student who has made significant contributions that reflect positively on the University, as well as the community as a whole. Casey was involved in various campus activities and organizations. He performed in over 25 university or community shows, including the role of "Scrooge" in *A Christmas Carol*, "Wild Bill" in *Deadwood Dick* and "John the Beloved" in the Black Hills *Passion Play*. Casey was a nominee for the Irene Ryan Acting Competition for his performance in *Much Ado About Nothing* and competed for a national acting scholarship award in January at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Last summer he participated in the BHSU Summer Theater Program and also found time to help orient new students during registration by serving as a student leader.

In addition to Casey's acting, he has provided technical support for the BHSU theatre and the Matthews Opera House from 2004 to the present. In 2006, he was voted secretary for Props and Liners and Theatre Society, and in 2007 was voted president for Props and Liners and Theatre Society. Casey served as a Student Technology Fellow at BHSU and has been on the Dean's List. The past five years, he has volunteered at the Spirit of the Hills Animal Sanctuary and in 2008 was the organizer for "Paws and Claws," which is a dance concert held to benefit the Western Hills Humane Society.

## Engagements & Marriages

### The 70s

**Clair Donovan**, attended, and **Betty Vosler** married

July 4, 2009. Clair is owner of Donovan Construction and co-owner of Stadium Sports Grill in Spearfish.

### The 90s

**Tanya Fraser**, Class of '99, married Terry Hundley

April 25, 2009. Tanya is a store manager for Office Depot in Lewisville, Texas.

**Sandra Hunter**, Class of '95, married David Kullbom May 23, 2009. Sandra is a utility accountant with Black Hills Corporation.

**Benjamin "Ben" Latham**, Class of '97, will marry Kathryn Thoennes, July 24, 2010. Ben is the director of bands at Cabrillo and Vallemar

Schools in Pacifica, Calif. and the founder and artistic director of the Why Knot Theatre Company.

**Traci Price**, Class of '94, and **Bobby Stohrer**, Class of '03, married July 11, 2009. Traci is currently employed as a programmer analyst at Rapid Health. Bobby is currently employed at Lantis Enterprises in Spearfish.

### The 00s

**Andrea Beasley**, attended, married

Christopher McCarrick May 2, 2009. The couple lives in Spring Creek, Nev.

**Brandon Bertram**, Class of '07, married Erin Gravalin, June 19, 2009. Brandon and Erin are employed by the

Pendergast School District in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Barbara "Barbie" Boyd**, Class of '03, married David Donat, April 6, 2009. Barbara is employed by the state of South Dakota and the owner of Mediation Matters in Spearfish.

**Brenda Crandell**, Class of '06, and Terry Carroll married Aug. 16, 2008. Brenda is a resource room tutor at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre.

**Jennifer Donnell**, Class of '06, and Thane Roark married June 13, 2009. Jennifer is a spanish teacher at Rapid City Stevens High School.

**Rachel Eddy**, Class of '07, and **Cody Byrum**, Class of '04, will marry Oct. 17, 2009. Rachel is a budget analyst for the

Bureau of Finance and Management in Pierre. Cody is the deputy legislative director for the Governor's office and serves as a 2nd Lt. in the South Dakota Army National Guard.

**Megan Fitzgerald**, Class of '06, will marry Brett Poppen Sept. 12, 2009. Megan graduated from the University of South Dakota (USD) School of Law in 2009.

**Matt Greenwaldt**, Class of '07, married Rachel Dungan May 3, 2009. Matt is an account executive with Denver Outlaws Lacrosse Team.

**Courtney Helmer**, Class of '08, married **TJ Bartell**, Class of '08, Nov. 1, 2008. Courtney is a fifth-grade teacher and TJ

teaches physical education at Moorcroft Elementary in Moorcroft, Wyo.

**Dustin Jensen**, Class of '07, married Rachel Madden May 23, 2009. Dustin is a manager at Dairy Queen in Rapid City.

**Cassie Kimball**, Class of '06, and Grant Mason married May 9, 2009. Cassie is a case manager at Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Rapid City.

**Ryan Koerner**, Class of '06, will marry Heather McGuigan Sept. 4, 2009. Ryan is pursuing a nursing degree at USD. He is employed at Premier Bankcard.

**Katie Lawler**, Class of '08, married Justin Steber July 5, 2008. Katie is

## Let us know what you are doing.

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

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a caseworker with the Wyoming Department of Corrections.

**Lesley Leahy**, Class of '05, and Robert Becker married July 25, 2009. Lesley is a kindergarten teacher in Blythe, Calif.

**Karla McClain**, Class of '07, married TJ Dieterle April 25, 2009. Karla is a teacher.

**Kayla Morrison**, Class of '07, and Josh Davis married July 18, 2009. Kayla is earning her master's degree in special education through Fort Hayes State University and is an early childhood special education teacher at Lakin Grade School in Lakin, Kansas.

**Jesse Mutschelknaus**, attended, will marry Jessica Geiman Oct. 10, 2009. Jesse is a carpenter with Waddell Construction in Rapid City.

**Jared Nies**, Class of '07, and Sarah Hintz married July 11, 2009. Jared is attending Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

**Gerald Ohman**, Class of '07, and **Carrie Fischer**, attending, married June 13, 2009. Gerald is employed at South Dakota STAR Academy in Custer. Carrie is a claims representative for Progressive Insurance in Rapid City.

**Erin Olsen**, Class of '04, will marry Corey Pilot in Sept. 2009. Erin is an account executive at VIRGEN Advertising in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Valerie Reddeman**, Class of '05, and **Nathan Jagim**, Class of '02, married May 23, 2009.

Valerie is employed by the U.S. Forest Service. Nathan is the Meade County weed and pest supervisor.

**Amber Richter**, Class of '09, and Matthew Ogaard married May 23, 2009.

**Mandie Ripple**, Class of '08, married Mike O'Meara July 11, 2009. Mandie is a case manager at the Stepping Stones Program through Lutheran Social Services.

**Savannah Sandberg**, Class of '06, and Jeffrey Williamson married June 13, 2009. Savannah is a purchasing agent for H-S Precision.

**Carrie Schlaak**, Class of '07, and Nathan Barnes married July 3, 2009. Carrie is employed with the Rapid City Area School District.

**Megan Schriever**, attended, married Jason Whittington July 4, 2009.

**Carlie Sukut**, Class of '04, married Ryan Berger June 20, 2009. Carlie is a loan officer at Black Hills Federal Credit Union in Rapid City.

**Stacy Vogt**, Class of '06, and **Matt Huether**, Class of '05, were married July 18, 2009. Stacy is a certified public accountant with Ketel Thorstenson, LLP in Rapid City. Matt is a financial associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Rapid City.

**Nichole Von Eye**, Class of '06, and Victor Gust will marry Sept. 12, 2009. Nichole is a dental apprentice at Dakota Smiles in Rapid City. She also runs her own photography business.

## Monica Mills is recognized by largest publication on Capitol Hill

**Monica Mills**, Class of '82, Washington, D.C., was named one of the top 30 grassroots lobbyists on Capitol Hill by *The Hill* newspaper, which is Capitol Hill's largest publication. Monica is the director of government relations for Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice that urges the nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. The newspaper also praised Bread for the World's grassroots support network.

According to *The Hill*, "running an effective grassroots lobbying campaign is about more than sending emails...the trick is to combine an activated grassroots network with representatives in Washington who can personally explain to members and their staff the real-world consequences of legislation."

Monica has been with Bread for the World since 2006. She has a broad background in public policy and has worked for nongovernmental organizations, political campaigns, and Capitol Hill. At the Peace Corps, she oversaw the recruitment and overseas placement of volunteers. She has worked in senior management for more than 20 years.



Mills

## BHSU alum recognized as Teacher of Distinction at South Canyon Elementary in Rapid City

**Travis Swartz**, Class of '06, Rapid City, was named the *Teacher of Distinction* for the 2008-2009 school year at South Canyon Elementary School in Rapid City. Travis, who is in his second year of teaching fifth-grade at South Canyon, was nominated by his colleagues.

Travis enjoys being a role model and believes the best thing about being a teacher is the adventure that each new day brings. "Every day is an exciting experience that keeps me continually searching for new practices and methods to adapt to the changing environment that fifth-graders challenge you with. I can honestly say there has not been a day that I didn't look forward to going to work," said Travis.

He credits the BHSU Education Department for preparing him so well for his career. According to Travis, the cutting-edge education department at BHSU was consistent to the current trends in education and trained him for the challenges and commitments that the education field requires. "When I came to the Rapid City area schools, I knew exactly what was expected of this career. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to attend BHSU."



Travis Swartz, Class of '06, assists one of his fifth-grade students with a class project. Travis, who is in his second year of teaching at South Canyon Elementary School in Rapid City, was named the *Teacher of Distinction* by his colleagues.

## Births

**The 90s** Treese (Morford), Class of '96, and her husband Shannon DeBoer, Piedmont, had a baby boy, Taylen Lee, April 15, 2009. Taylen is their third child; Trace is 5 and Carlie is 2. Treese runs a birth education and private mental health practice.

**Megan (Webster)**, Class of '99, and husband **Robert Buckley**, Class of '99, Rohnert Park, Calif., had a baby boy, Jerrek James, Dec. 19, 2008. He joins big sister Jordan (16) and big brother Kobi (8). Megan

works in health care and Robert is a manager for an armored car company and coaches varsity football for Rancho Cotate High School.

**Jodi (Rembold) Garcia**, Class of '99, and husband Loren, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Christian Tait, April 20, 2009. Jodi is a training administrator for Premier Bankcard.

**Ann (Wince)**, Class of '94, and husband **Don Lyon**, Class of '95, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Caitlin Cecilia, Jan. 23, 2009. Ann is a special education teacher

at Spearfish High School. Don is the assistant principal at Sturgis Brown High School.

**Jennifer (Moyer)**, Class of '98, and husband **Jason Piercy**, Class of '97, Sioux Falls, had a baby boy, Finn William, Jan. 26, 2009. Jennifer works for Sanford Health Clinic. Jason is a special agent for the South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation.

**Beth (Long)**, Class of '97, and husband **Patrick Tisher**, Class of '95, Sgt. Bluff, Iowa, had a baby girl, Madelyn Elizabeth,

March 25, 2009. Beth is an occupational therapist for the Western Hills Area Education Agency. Patrick is a police officer for the Sioux City Police Department.

**The 00s** **Clint Anderson**, Class of '00, and wife

**Ann (Rinas)**, attending, Belle Fourche, had a girl, Elle Marie, April 6, 2009. Clint is the owner of Diversified Drafting in Belle Fourche. Ann is pursuing her master's degree at BHSU.

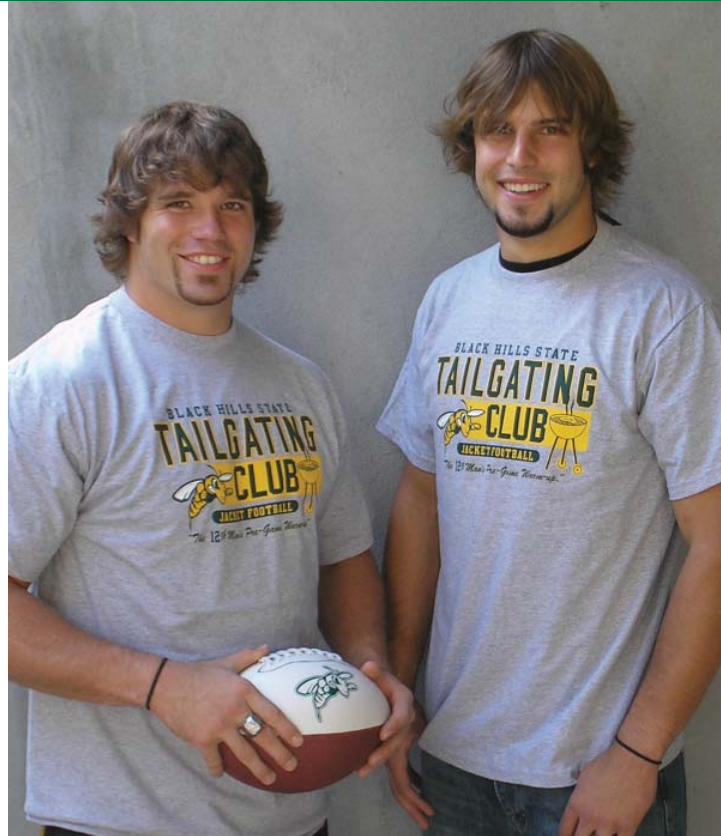
**Rebecca (Jost)**, Class of '05, and husband **Clint Baird**, attended, Sioux Falls, had a baby girl, Joni Raquel, Jan. 22, 2009. Rebecca is a sales manager for Lia Sophia Jewelry. Clint is a chief engineer for SpringHill Suites Marriott/Courtyard.

**Melissa (McGee) Barth**, Class of '02 and husband David, Spearfish, had a baby boy, Brody David, April 23, 2009. Melissa is the marketing coordinator for the Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce.

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**Shawnda (Dukat) Carmichael**, Class of '02, and husband Kyle, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Julia Marie, Feb. 12, 2009. Shawnda is a prevention advisor for Youthwise.

**Sara (Sterrett) Elias**, Class of '05, and husband Paul, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Maggie Jayne, March 8, 2009. Sara is a career counselor at BHSU.

**Jessica (Nedved)**, Class of '07, and husband **Will Gray**, Class of '07, Pine Bluffs, Wyo., had a baby girl, Avery Madison, March 8, 2009. Jessica is a first-grade teacher at Pine Bluffs Elementary. Will teaches social studies at the junior high and high school at Pine Bluffs.

**Joel Hagen**, Class of '07 and wife Kenna, Rapid City, had a baby girl, Talia Yates, Feb. 25, 2009.

**Eric Ligtenberg**, Class of '04, and wife Danielle, Spearfish, had a baby girl, Elise Tietgen, April 2, 2009. Eric teaches at Spearfish High School.

**Tracy (Winjum) Meyers**, Class of '00, and husband Shannon, Columbus, Neb., had a boy, Tanner Jacob, Aug. 22, 2008.

**Nicole (Smith)**, Class of '02, and husband **Ryan Ogan**, Class of '03, Pierre, had a boy, Alex Braderek, March 3, 2009. Nicole and Ryan work for the South Dakota Board of Regents. Nicole is a training development manager and Ryan is a systems administrator.

**Lesley (Hoff) Poper**, Class of '03, and husband Ryan, Sioux Falls, had a girl, Genevieve Noelle,

Nov. 26, 2008. She joins big brother Lane (2). Lesley is a stay-at-home mom.

**Cary (Oyler) Roller**, Class of '00, and husband Zac, Rapid City, had a baby girl, Annabelle Grace, Jan. 10, 2009. Cary teaches first-grade at Knollwood Heights Elementary School in Rapid City.

**Melanie (Griswold)**, Class of '01, and husband **Parker Ruby**, attended, Idaho Falls, Idaho had a baby boy, Connor Keith, March 19, 2009. Melanie is a human resources specialist for North Wind, Inc. Parker is a firefighter for the city of Idaho Falls.

**Christina (Schultes)**, Class of '00, and husband **Thadius Schmit**, Class of '05, Rapid City, had a baby boy, Ezekiel John, Jan. 30, 2009. Christina works with Lifeways. Thadius works with the Juvenile Service Center.

**Michelle (Stensaas)**, Class of '00 and husband **Jason Glodt**, Class of '97, Pierre, had a baby girl, Allison Lee, May 27, 2009. Michelle works for the Stanley County School District and Jason works for the state of South Dakota.

**Dawn (Frantz) Strand**, Class of '00, and husband Matt, Casper, Wyo., had a baby girl, Alaina Grace, June 22, 2008. Dawn is a school teacher in Casper.

**Kimberly (Buck) Van Loan**, Class of '03, and husband Mike, Rapid City, welcomed their first baby, Ella June, May 21, 2009. Kimberly is an occupational therapist with AEGIS Therapies in Rapid City.

## Jensen Moore joins faculty at West Virginia University's Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism



Moore

**Jensen "Jen" (Morris) Moore**, Class of '99, Warren Mich., will join the West Virginia University (WVU) faculty as the director of undergraduate online programs for the Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism. As the director, Jen will help the WVU School of Journalism enhance its online undergraduate program; develop new courses for the advertising, public relations, and mass communication curriculum; and promote the journalism program.

Jen began her journalism career as sports writer/editor and editor-in-chief at BHSU's *Today* newspaper. She worked as a staff writer and photographer for the *Black Hills Pioneer*. Following her undergraduate education, she became the media and public relations director for the Grand Rapids Hoops (Mich.) professional basketball team and later the public/community relations director for the St. Paul Saints (Minn.) professional baseball team. She has also worked as a consultant in the areas of marketing research, public relations, and social media.

Jen received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri School of Journalism, and a master's degree in journalism and mass communication from the University of Minnesota. At BHSU she earned her bachelor's degrees in mass communication, marketing, and business administration.

## Captain Brett Theeler, M.D. completes neurology residency at Madigan Army Medical Center



U.S. Army Medical Corps Captain **Brett J. Theeler, M.D.**, Class of '01, completed his neurology residency at Madigan Army Medical Center in Ft. Lewis, Wash. He and his wife, Stephanie (Trezona), Class of '01 and their children, Braden and Allison, will move to El Paso, Texas, where Brett will serve as the staff neurologist at the Fort Bliss William Beaumont Army Medical Center. While at BHSU, Brett earned his bachelor of science degree in biology and Stephanie earned her degree in marketing.

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## In Memory Of

### Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School 1883-1940

Alice R. (Henriks) Archer, attended, Dalles, Ore.  
Thelma E. (Murray) Delbridge, attended, Tucson, Ariz.  
Howard J. Kennedy, Class of '38, Philip  
Domenica "Minnie" (Rossio) Jenkin, Class of '28, Modesto, Calif.  
Marget C. (Ness) McNenny, attended, Sturgis  
Myra L. (Tanner) Spellman, attended, Spotted Horse, Wyo.  
Doris (Lasotta) Strom, Class of '38, Bowman, N.D.  
Ida Jo (Fowlkes) Tromble, attended, Colorado Springs, Colo.

### Black Hills Teachers College 1941-1963

Charlotte A. (Fetter) Aalseth, Class of '58, Sturgis  
Glada M. (Aye) Abel, attended, Miles City, Mont.  
Gladys (Felton) Bauer, Class of '61, Rapid City  
Beryl "Sheri" N. (Sherin) Blake, Class of '41, San Antonio, Texas  
Robert "Bob" L. Bracewell, attended, Great Falls, Mont.  
Donna L. (Peterson) Bussard, Class of '58, Longmont, Colo.  
Russell A. Craig, attended, Lompoc, Calif.

Maysie E. (Brown) Engel, attended, Winner  
Neil L. Farnsworth, attended, Winner  
Allene (Furois) Foglesong, Class of '56, Montrose, Colo.  
Loretta J. (Hansen) Freed, attended, Belle Fourche  
Roy C. Giles, Class of '53, Salinas, Calif.  
Karen A. (Eggers) Johnson, Class of '63, Spearfish  
Elizabeth M. (Krug) Kumley, attended, Redig  
Arsene J. Martin, Class of '51, Hemet, Calif.  
Velma E. (Wilhelm) McDonald, attended, Aladdin, Wyo.  
Dorothy E. (Miles) Morris, Class of '55, Rapid City  
Barbara J. (Menard) Nelson, Class of '47, Topeka, Kansas  
Myrna M. (Henderson) Nesson, attended, Hooper, Neb.  
Jay F. Pearsall, attended, Wood  
Lois E. (Clausen) Raile, attended, Mellette  
Lenora "Nonie" K. (Goff) Rhoden, attended, Sturgis  
Kathryn L. (Hoffman) Richardson, attended, Murdo  
Eris I. (Johnson) Rund, attended, Marshall, Minn.  
Ruth E. Sealey, Class of '51, Winner  
Marian (Olsen) Sohn, Class of '55, Puyallup, Wash.

## Alumni Association hosts sixth annual American Indian gathering



During American Indian Awareness Week this spring at BHSU, the sixth annual American Indian Alumni gathering took place in conjunction with the annual Lakota Omniciye Powwow. Those in attendance were: left to right: Andrew Elk Shoulder, currently attending, Lame Deer, Mont.; Melissa Fire Cloud, currently attending, Albuquerque, N.M.; John Glover, BHSU faculty, Spearfish; Lowell Amiotte, Class of '64, Rapid City; Kathleen Amiotte, Rapid City; Jace DeCory, BHSU faculty, Spearfish; Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, BHSU president, Spearfish; Lorraine Talks, Class of '89, Nisland; Rilea (Hutchins) Moyer, Class of '06, Spearfish; Lila Mehlhaff, attended, Rapid City; Stewart Mehlhaff, Class of '83, Rapid City; and Tom Wheaton, Class of '87, director of Alumni Relations at BHSU, Spearfish. During the gathering, Lowell Amiotte was named the BHSU Alumni Lakota Omniciye Outstanding Educator of the Year.

## Black Hills State College 1964-1988

Joy M. (Lahman) Cook, Class of '70, Blunt  
 Peter D. DiPirro, Class of '81, Buffalo, N.Y.  
 Linda J. (Lay) Dixon, Class of '74, Cheyenne, Wyo.  
 Emma M. Dugger, Class of '65, Sun Lakes, Ariz.  
 Malcolm "Mac" L. Johnson, attended, Belle Fourche  
 Russell "Bud" D. Mason, Sr., attended, Minot, N.D.  
 Wilma M. (Schell) Moore, Class of '72, Sacramento, Calif.  
 Joan M. Morris, Class of '64, Denver, Colo.  
 Gladys (Burch) Moseley, Class of '71, Baker, Mont.  
 Tom K. Nelson, Class of '64, Des Moines, Iowa  
 Patricia "Pat" L. (Gravis) Pool, Class of '85, Spearfish  
 Ivan J. Stedillie, attended, Belle Fourche  
 Dan A. Tschetter, Class of '72, Moorcroft, Wyo.  
 Floy A. (Dye) Washburn, Class of '75, Spearfish  
 Frances J. (Sears) Wilcox, Class of '83, Norris  
 Zane Zieman, attended, Martin

## Black Hills State University 1989 - Present

Wesley J. Belz Jr., Class of '96, Casper, Wyo.  
 Elaine A. (Meyer) Ebbert, Class of '01, Piedmont  
 Wallace A. Gunderson, attended, Phoenix, Ariz.  
 Carrie Jo Johnson, attended, Spearfish

## Former Faculty/Staff

Diane (Weber) Bishop, Gillette, Wyo.  
 Ardie B. (Tibbs) Cook, Pierre  
 Ethel M. (Ogdahl) Engebretson, Sturgis  
 Stephen L. Henslin, Spicer, Minn.  
 Bernard "Bernie" J. Hickenbotham, Class of '76, Spearfish

## Gerald "Jerry" Junek leaves a legacy at BHSU

Gerald James "Jerry" Junek, 89, Spearfish, longtime supporter of Black Hills State University, died Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

Jerry was born Nov. 18, 1919, in Kimball to James A. and Jocye A. Junek. The family farmed until their livelihood succumbed to the Depression and Dust Bowl. In 1931, the family loaded their Model T truck and moved to Spearfish where his father opened a service station.

The Junek family was very musical. At the age of 12, Jerry played the trumpet in the Black Hills College Band, while his older brother Delmar played baritone and his sister Pearl played cornet. Jerry graduated from Spearfish High School in 1937 and enrolled in Black Hills Teachers College. While at BHTC, Jerry played varsity basketball, majored in business, was a soloist in the chorus, and enrolled in Civil Pilot Training. He also played trumpet in a dance band for tuition money.

When his father died suddenly in 1938, Jerry and his brother Delmar went into partnership to continue operating Junek Service. The business is now Juneks Chrysler Dodge and is owned by Jerry's nephew Ron Junek and his son Ryan.

Jerry was drafted into military service in March 1942 and served as a crew chief with rank of Tech Sergeant during WWII. Upon military discharge in November 1945, he married his college sweetheart, Betty Burgess. Together they returned to Spearfish, where Jerry and his brothers reopened the service station, which had been closed during the war.

Jerry possessed a passionate loyalty for the Spearfish community. He served on numerous boards and was twice elected president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was elected to the Spearfish School Board in 1957, served for 13 years, and was president for four years. In 1978-79 Jerry was a member of a team that testified in both Pierre and Rapid City before the S.D. State Board of Regents against a proposal to limit the growth of Black Hills State College. In 1980 BHSC awarded him the Presidential Award.

From 1989-98 Jerry was president of the Green and Gold Booster Club at BHSU and remained actively involved in raising athletic scholarship funds. He was named Booster of the Year in 1992 and was inducted in the BHSU Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame in 1994.

For 10 years, Jerry sang with the Northern Hills Barbershop Chorus. Betty died in 1996, and the following year Jerry married Carol Davis. Their plans to golf, dance, and travel were starkly altered in February 1998 when Jerry fell on ice, damaged his spinal cord, and became a quadriplegic. For over 11 years, Jerry and Carol managed this challenge with incredible grace, grit and wit. In 2005 they were the BHSU Swarm Day Parade Marshals.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Carol; his three children, Barbara Looney (Don), Spearfish, Bruce Junek (Tass Thacker), Rapid City, and Mark Junek (Dinah), Spearfish; and by two grandchildren, Shane and Brynne Looney. Donations are being accepted for the Jerry and Betty Junek Memorial Athletic Scholarship at BHSU.



Junek



1939 *Eochia* photo at BHTC

## Alumni honored for their achievements during Swarm Week

Several Black Hills State University alumni will be honored during the annual Alumni Awards Luncheon Friday, Sept. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Jacket Legacy Room at the David B. Miller Yellow Jacket Student Union. Kathy Christensen will be presented with the Excellence in Education Award; the Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented to Dr. Michael (Mick) Dana; the Special Achievement Award will be given to Carol Gee; and Howard Owens will receive the Special Service Award.

**Kathy Christensen**, Class of '73, has been teaching for 36 years; currently she is a fourth-grade teacher at East Elementary in Spearfish. One of Kathy's primary goals as an educator is to create an atmosphere of warmth and safety in her classroom.

Kathy has received numerous awards throughout her teaching career including the Excellence in Education Award. She was chosen to receive this award by her students at East Elementary in 2008. Other awards include: the 1996 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science; and the Spearfish Teacher of the Year (1985-86). In the summer of 2000 she had the opportunity to spend six weeks in Japan through the Fulbright Memorial Fund Master Teacher Program.

For over 30 years Kathy has been an active committee member of the K-12 science curriculum group and was instrumental in adopting and using the first hands-on science curriculum in Spearfish.

Kathy helped write a guide for the Spearfish Outdoor Learning Center, which is a three-acre area located along the bike path in the Spearfish city park that provides a place where students can explore, experiment, and discover more about themselves and their world. This area provides for an extension of learning outside the walls of the regular classroom and is open to all learners.

**Dr. Michael (Mick) Dana**, Class of '69, received his bachelor's degree in science and education from Black Hills State College, where he was a member of the baseball and basketball team.

Following graduation, he attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center

College of Dentistry where he graduated in 1974 with a Doctorate of Dental Surgery. He returned to Spearfish where he established his dental practice, Dana Dental Arts and now continues to practice with several of his children.



Christensen



Dana



Gee



Owens

Dr. Dana is a member of the American Dental Association, the South Dakota Dental Association, and the Black Hills District Dental Society where he served as secretary-treasurer for many years.

He has been active in several local organizations including serving on the Board of Directors for the City Recreation Committee and serving on an Education Committee. Dr. Dana has also served on the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry Dean's Advisory Board.

Dr. Dana, his wife, and five of their children received their education at BHSU. He is excited to see the growth and development that continues to transform the University.

**Carol (Braxter) Gee**, Class of '82, is currently the editor in the Organization and Management Area at the Goizueta Business School at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. She performs research in support of teaching, and the writing of business and management journal articles. Carol was recently awarded the 2009 UnSung Heroine Award in the Staff category from the Center for Women at Emory University, for her long-time mentorship of alumni, students, and women at Emory, as well as women in the surrounding Atlanta area. She was also honored for her books and articles that empower women to realize their humanity and their own personal truth.

Carol has 27 years of experience in higher education, including teaching and administration. She was presented with the Award of Distinction at Emory University in 1996 and 2008.

Her writing has been published in several magazines including: *Goizueta Magazine*, *SisterPower*, *Swing Magazine*, *The Emory*

*Report*, and the national magazine, *Romantic Homes*. Books that Carol has published include: *The Venus Chronicles*, and *Diary of a 'Flygirl' Wannabe (Life Lessons of a Cool Girl in Training)*.

**Howard Owens**, Class of '55, earned his degree from Black Hills Teachers College in education. One of his fondest memories is taking one of his first college courses from President Jonas. After graduation he spent some time in the United States Naval Air Corps as an electronic technician.

Howard currently owns and operates Owens Interstate Sales, Inc., in Sturgis with his son. His company specializes in wholesale/retail sales and service of auto parts, home appliances, and electronics.

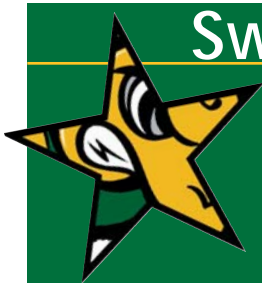
Howard enjoys serving his community. He has served as a leader in numerous organizations including: national and international director of his Jaycees; the Chamber of Commerce director; the Rotary International director, and the president and secretary/treasurer of the Barbershop Chorus.

He is also a member of the Shriners, the Mt. Rushmore Society, Toastmasters, and chairman of the Lawrence County Republicans.

Howard was presented with the South Dakota College Federation - Friend of Education award (1986); was honored by the South Dakota Vocational Association with the Distinguished Service Award; and received the University of South Dakota - T. M. Risk award (1984).

He has served on several educational boards including roles as the South Dakota Board of Regents vice president, secretary, academic affairs chair; BHSU Foundation Board of Directors; and the Northern Hills Training Center Advisory Council.

## Swarm Days 2009...starring Sting



### Monday, September 14

- 1 p.m. - Carnival on the Green
- 5 p.m. - BBQ

### Wednesday, September 16

- 4 p.m. - Kiddie Carnival

### Thursday, September 17

- 7 p.m. - Coronation

### Friday, September 18

- 11:30 a.m. - Alumni Awards Luncheon\*
- 5 p.m. - Float Prep
- 6 p.m. - Hall of Fame Banquet\*
- 6 p.m. - KBHU 35th Reunion
- Disc Golf Tournament
- Spirit Night - Volleyball game

### Saturday, September 19

- 10 a.m. - Parade
- 11 a.m. - Tailgate Social, featuring Kory & the Fireflies
- 1 p.m. - Football game
- 5:30 p.m. - All-Volleyball Reunion

For a complete list of events and locations, visit [www.BHSU.edu/SwarmDays](http://www.BHSU.edu/SwarmDays).

\* Tickets for the Alumni Awards Luncheon and the Hall of Fame Banquet must be purchased in advance. They will not be sold at the door. Please call 605.642.6385 or email [TomWheaton@BHSU.edu](mailto:TomWheaton@BHSU.edu) to purchase tickets.

# BHSU Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame inductees announced

Black Hills State University will induct six individuals and one team into the 2009 Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the annual Swarm Day activities. Steph Kelley, Mark Larscheid, Josh McNames, and Robert (Bob) Templeton will be inducted as athletes, and Louise Achenbach will be inducted as a coach, and Mary Larscheid-Christensen will be recognized as this year's contributor. The 1978 baseball team will also be inducted.



Kelley



Larscheid



McNames



Templeton



Achenbach



Larscheid - Christensen

**Steph Kelley**, Class of '98, will be inducted for her accomplishments as a member of the women's basketball team. Her records include:

- National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-American Scholar Athlete (senior year)
- BHSU record for career steals (203)
- All-Conference selection all four years
- BHSU record for single-game blocked shots (12)
- BHSU record for single-game free throw percentage – 100% (tied with one other)
- 1,632 points scored in a career (third most in history)
- First Team All-Tournament at the NAIA National Tournament in 1997

**Mark Larscheid**, Class of '73, will be inducted posthumously for his achievements in track and football while at BHSU. Mark's accomplishments include:

- Won the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference (SDIC) 120-Yard High Hurdles in 1973 (14.6)
- Second place in SDIC 120-Yard High Hurdles in 1972 behind teammate Randy Graves
- Third place in SDIC 120-Yard High Hurdles in 1971

**Josh McNames**, Class of '99, will be inducted for his athletic accomplishments while playing men's basketball at BHSU. His records include:

- BHSU record for most assists in a single game (15)
- BHSU record for career assists (232)
- NAIA Honorable Mention All-American in 1998
- First Team All-SDIC in 1998 and 1999
- NAIA Second Team All-American in 1999

**Bob Templeton**, Class of '73, will be inducted for his basketball and football achievements at BHSU. His accomplishments include:

- First Team All-Conference as defensive back in 1972
- Lettered in football in 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972
- Started four years as defensive back
- Member of the 1970 SDIC champion football team
- Intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown to win the game and clinch the 1970 SDIC title (first one for BH in 35 years)
- 1970 defense was ranked nationally
- 1972 Honorable Mention All-District 12 as defensive back

**Mary Larscheid-Christensen**, Class of '73, is being recognized for her generous support in coordinating a golf tournament each summer in memory of her late husband Mark. All of the proceeds each year go to a track and field scholarship in Mark's name at BHSU. The annual tournament has raised over \$20,000.

**Louise Achenbach**, Class of '70, earned two teaching degrees from Black Hills Teachers College. Upon graduation, she entered the coaching profession as a tennis coach at a high school in California, although she never played tennis a day in her life. Louise had the students run track the first day for "conditioning exercises," while she read a book on tennis rules and regulations. She spent 32 years coaching tennis, basketball, softball, and volleyball. Her volleyball teams brought home 29 championships. She was the Volleyball League Coach of the Year 17 times. Louise was inducted into the California State Coaches Hall of Fame.

**1978 Baseball Team** – SDIC Champions in 1978 with a 11-5 record (lead conference with a team .344 batting average) - won league by four games. The team's overall record was 29-8. The 29 wins was a single season record for victories. There were seven players from the team that were selected All-Conference and three were selected Honorable Mention All-Conference.



The 1978 Black Hills State baseball team had an overall record of 29-8. In the front row, left to right is Steve Thorn, Roger Riley, Grant Capoferri, Randy Nicholas, Les Gunnare, Dwight Gunnare, and Mark Chapman; middle row, left to right is Kevin Nowotny, Joe Krier, Clark Gusso. Paul Hayashino, Dick Fisher, Darrell Hardcastle, Mark Lawler, Craig Fryman, Craig Crosswait, and Coach Cliff Papik; back row, left to right is T.J. Ringgaard, Terry Hopkin, Matt Henkener, Steve Naasz, Mike West, Dan Adams, Nevin Jacobs, Dennis Gran, and Dann Schwinger.

## Thanks to our supporters

- **First Premier Bankcard/First Premier Bank** contributed an additional \$48,000 to the BHSU scholarship fund. Twenty thousand dollars will be used for athletic scholarships and the additional \$28,000 will provide scholarships for full-time students that work part-time at First Premier Bankcard in Spearfish. First Premier's giving has now totaled nearly \$300,000 to BHSU.
- **Jim Hood**, Class of '69 and **Kathleen (Donahue) Hood**, Class of '77, have donated \$50,000 to establish the Kathleen G. Hood Elementary Education Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a junior or senior elementary education major. Jim is a long-time attorney in Spearfish and Kathleen is an elementary school principal in Sundance, Wyo.
- **David Mickelson**, Class of '94, and Valerie Mickelson, Sioux Falls, along with his mother Linda Mickelson Graham, his brother Mark Mickelson, his sister Amy Brecht, and their families, donated \$50,000 to establish the Mickelson Family Athletic Endowment. David was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Honorable Mention and an All-American Offensive Tackle for the Yellow Jacket football team while attending BHSU.
- **Dan Dryden**, Class of '68 and **Judy (Boydston) Dryden**, Class of '70, have made a commitment of \$25,000 to BHSU. Dan served in the Rapid City School System as an assistant superintendent for Business Affairs. Judy was the director of Special Services for the Rapid City School System. Judy serves on the BHSU Foundation Board.
- The **Cowboys and Candle Light Dinner and Auction**, held in conjunction with the annual Will Lantis Yellow Jacket Stampede Rodeo, had an attendance of over 300 and raised \$13,000. The funds that were raised, which included \$2,000 donated by the Lantis Foundation, will help with travel expenses and scholarships for the rodeo team.

## Booster of the Year awarded to Rapid City Journal



Black Hills State University mascot, Sting; BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp; and president of the Yellow Jacket Foundation, Jim Alcorn; presented the Booster of the Year Award during a basketball game to Hollie Stalder (far right) on behalf of the Rapid City Journal. The Journal donated \$10,000 for BHSU scholarships last year and is an outstanding supporter of BHSU Yellow Jacket athletics.

## Harvey and Joy Krautschun pledge million dollar gift to BHSU

**H**arvey Krautschun, Class of '72 and his wife Joy (Proctor) Krautschun, Class of '73, have announced they are donating one million dollars to BHSU.

In announcing the gift Harvey stated, "Joy and I are both proud alumni of BHSU, and the education we received. The community of Spearfish and the Black Hills area have given to us far more than we ever dreamed. We felt it was time to give back."

Harvey graduated from BHSU in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in social science. Krautschun has been an earnest and enthusiastic contributor to BHSU for many years, both personally and through his numerous business contacts.

He became a chartered life underwriter in 1984. Today he is an insurance and planning specialist with Financial Benefits, Inc. Harvey has been president of Black Hills Life Underwriters and a lecturer for numerous insurance, estate and tax workshops, and seminars throughout the midwestern United States.

He is a member of the Spearfish Lion's Club, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the BHSU Foundation, and the West River Estate Planning Council. Harvey is also a trustee advisor at the Children's Care Hospital and School Outreach. He served in the South Dakota legislature for 12 years as a representative from District 31 and held the position of Speaker of the House his last term.

Joy was instrumental in starting and coaching the University's first varsity women's basketball team.

While attending BHSU, she majored in physical education and music. Joy was very involved in the dance program, a member of the cheerleading squad, and involved in intramural sports. She taught physical education and music at the Lead-Deadwood and Spearfish school districts.

Joy was an active member of the alumni association board of directors for many years. Both Joy and Harvey 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.

Harvey and Joy have two children, Bart Krautschun, Spearfish; and Jamie (Krautschun) Gibson, Class of '02, Indianapolis, Ind.



Joy and Harvey Krautschun



## Former employee donates \$120,000 for BHSU scholarships

Black Hills State University received a \$120,000 pledge for scholarships from Joe and Elaine Floyd from Sioux Falls.

The first scholarship, in the amount of \$12,000, will be awarded for the fall 2009 semester. Criteria for the award specify that the recipient be a female from South Dakota who has a farm/ranch background. The recipient must also have a strong desire to learn and have financial need. The scholarship is renewable as long as the student is making satisfactory progress.

Joe and Elaine Floyd were born and raised in South Dakota. Elaine attended Black Hills Teachers College in 1953 and later worked for Black Hills State College as a recruiter in the 80s. Their travels for employment took them out of state for a time before returning to make an important impact not only on the business community throughout the state and region, but for supporting people that need it most in many ways.

Joe was born in Sioux Falls, the son of Joe L. Floyd one of the original founding partners of Midcontinent Theatre Company and KELO-TV. He worked in engineering

and cable systems in the region. Initially, he established his cable headquarters in very humble surroundings working with Elaine.



Elaine and Joe Floyd

In July 2001, Joe retired from the company as its president but remains as the vice chairman of the board of directors.

Joe and Elaine have shared a life of service to others through their work. The couple is proud of their part in providing direct support to those in need.

The communications industry, the region and the state of South Dakota have all benefited greatly from the vision, passion and success of Joe and Elaine Floyd. They have consistently and quietly improved quality of life for all the right reasons.

## Hess donates to Lois Watts Scholarship

Black Hills State University professor of psychology, Dr. Jim Hess has pledged an additional \$50,000 to the Lois Watts Scholarship for BHSU psychology majors.



Hess

Hess established the scholarship in honor of his grandmother Lois Watts.

"I gave the contribution because I believe strongly something my grandmother taught me as a small child. We all need to give more than we take and this donation was a part of my commitment to honor her message to me," said Hess.

Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU said, "Dr. Hess has been a true leader on campus for many years and is a great example for all employees. This generous gift shows his commitment and passion for psychology students, his colleagues, and BHSU."

## Vucurevich Foundation is committed to providing scholarships

The John T. Vucurevich Foundation recently donated an additional \$72,500 for the scholarship program at Black Hills State University.

Many of the scholarships are for math and science education majors. Scholarship awards are made to students who are not eligible for federal aid and are residents of

South Dakota. The Foundation now awards the John T. Vucurevich Presidential Scholar award that goes to "two of the best and brightest junior students." This is the third academic year BHSU has received the scholarship awards and will bring the total the Vucurevich Foundation has committed for students to \$125,000.

"This is a tremendous investment in our students, the Black Hills region, and the state. There is a great need for math and science teachers. We have the largest teacher education program in the State and region and this wonderful gift will pay us all back for many years to come," said Steve Meeker, vice president of University Advancement at BHSU.

## Williams and Ree, Van Vactor bring reunion performance to BHSU



The Williams and Ree "reunion tour" at BHSU this summer raised nearly \$7,000 for the Ruth and Sever Eubank scholarship program. Taking the stage with the legendary Williams and Ree duo were, Dennis Van Vactor, Gary Mule Deer, Kenny Miller, Jerry Burton, and Jim Roberts. Many of these performers started performing when they were students at BHSU in the 60s and 70s. The nearly sold out performance was a rare opportunity to see the performers all on one stage on the campus where it all began.

## BHSU in the news

### Groundbreaking held for new science and research facility

Black Hills State University celebrated the Year of Science by breaking ground for a new science building this spring. South Dakota Board of Regents Vice President Kathryn Johnson, who earned her bachelor's degree in science from Black Hills State University, noted that the time is right for this new facility on the campus of BHSU.

"Now is the time. This investment will

pay rewards over and over though the years. This is not one of those 'build it and they will come' things. We need to build it because they (science students) are already here. It is the right time, the right investment, and the right place," Johnson said.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held at the site of the new building just west of Jonas Hall. BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp noted that the facility will provide much needed lab and classroom space to accommodate the rapidly growing number of students pursuing science degrees (an increase of over 300 percent in the last decade). Schallenkamp noted that grant funding has grown dramatically as well (from \$500,000 to more than \$6 million).

Dr. Dean Myers, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, who emceed the event noted that science plays a pivotal role for the state, region, nation and world.

"The expansion of our science facilities fits perfectly with our long-term planning objectives and our goals to enhance research opportunities for students and increase the number of graduates ready to teach science. With this new construction we are not only transforming the lives of our students but also transforming the campus," Myers said.



Lennard Hopper, Class of '02, discussed how excited he is to see a new science facility going up on campus. He noted his admiration for the science faculty while he was a student and believes the new building will significantly enhance the program at BHSU.

### BHSU will offer an MBA in Rapid City

Black Hills State University has been authorized by the Board of Regents to offer a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in applied management in Rapid City. This innovative master's degree, which will build on the thriving business program offered at BHSU, will target mid- to upper-level business professionals.

Courses will be taught in Rapid City on a part-time basis in the evenings and on weekends to meet the needs of working business people.

BHSU President Kay Schallenkamp says the MBA program will provide an exceptional educational experience for business people seeking to advance in their careers and will also create the potential for economic development in the Rapid City region.

"This program is good news for business people seeking to advance in their careers. It's also good for western South Dakota because it will meet the unique needs of the business community and strengthen the economic development partnerships through the region, including those affiliated with the Sanford Lab in Lead," Schallenkamp says.

View BHSU campus transformation photos at [www.BHSU.edu/CampusTransformations](http://www.BHSU.edu/CampusTransformations).

## BHSU has a growing number of international experiences



Black Hills State University students and faculty are increasingly pursuing international experiences as a part of their education. BHSU is also establishing a growing number of international exchange programs and expects to enroll 42 international students this fall from 23 countries. This group recently traveled to China. Front row, kneeling, Ben Reiter, Rae Morgan, Jill Kary, Holly Downing, Hillary Wittenhagen, and Tyffani Squires; second row, Aric Bakeberg, Rachel Hobbs, Brian Engler, Andrea Nelson, David Post, and Bobbi Looney; back row, Deaver Traywick, Christian Nsiah, and Jamie Richey.

# BHSU in the news

## Ceremonial mace begins new tradition at BHSU commencement

Black Hills State held its 157th commencement ceremony this spring with more than 350 candidates for graduation.

The University began a new tradition this year with the introduction of the University's ceremonial Mace at the

commencement ceremony. The mace, which was commissioned during BHSU's Quasiquicentennial year, adds to the dignity and grandeur of the commencement ceremony.

Constructed by Lynn Fox, a carpenter and senior building maintenance worker at BHSU, the University Mace is made from the African mahogany wood salvaged from the bleachers in the former Cook Gymnasium that was built in 1953. Cook Gym was previously located south of the Library and was removed in 2003.

The BHSU Mace includes a metal inscription of the BHSU logo on either side. The top is a four-inch flame-shaped glass finial with the green and gold colors of the University.

Fox, who has built many beautiful wood structures for the University, is known for his meticulous attention to detail and his efforts to include historic elements whenever possible.

"We wanted to create a University Mace that would have historical sig-

Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, the 2007 Distinguished Faculty Member who presented this spring's commencement address, carries the University's new ceremonial mace as he leads the procession.

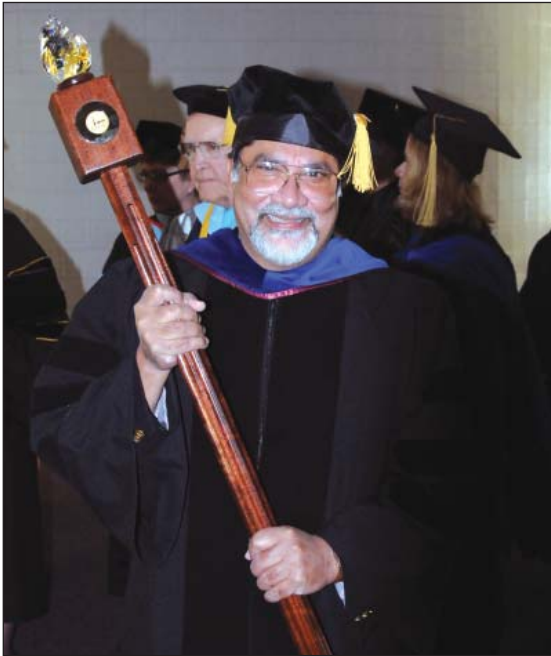
nificance as we commemorated our first 125 years and move into our future," President Kay Schallenkamp says. "The mace, which symbolizes the academic authority of Black Hills State University, will serve as a physical element to remind us of our unified vision and our strategic goals as we continue in our quest to transform lives."

Historically, a mace is a symbol of authority dating from medieval times when knights carried them during processions with their kings. The mace later became a ceremonial symbol of leadership at academic processions.

Dr. Ahrar Ahmad, the 2007 Distinguished Faculty Member who presented the commencement address, carried the mace as he led the procession.

Candidates for the spring 2009 BHSU graduation include 74 master's degree candidates, five bachelor of arts candidates, one bachelor of applied technical science, 12 associate degree candidates, 59 bachelors of science in education candidates, and 243 bachelor of science candidates.

Also new to commencement this year was the option to view it online at no charge. There were more than 300 people who watched commencement live on the internet.



To view photographs from the ceremony or to read Dr. Ahmad's commencement address, visit [www.BHSU.edu/Class2009](http://www.BHSU.edu/Class2009).

## KBHU-FM radio expands coverage

Don't miss KBHU's 35th anniversary. The celebration takes place Sept. 18 and 19, call 605.642.6385 for details.

Black Hills State University, which has had a student-run radio station (KBHU-FM) for nearly 35 years, is expanding its coverage area following a donation from Educational Media Foundation (EMF) Broadcasting of a permit for a non-commercial educational FM radio station on Terry Peak. The expansion increases the coverage area from 10 miles to a 60-mile radius. KBHU is the only student run university radio station in a five-state region.

President Kay Schallenkamp notes that extending the University radio station's reach will greatly enhance the learning opportunities for students.

Scott Clarke, assistant professor of telecommunication and KBHU-FM advisor, worked with EMF to make the expansion possible. BHSU is currently simulcasting KBHU's signal on the new station, now

known as KJKT-FM (K-Jacket). Clarke says that plans are in the works to add regular newscasts, sports broadcasts and a monthly interview program to the station as well.

As a part of the Student Union expansion project at BHSU, the students will have new production and on-air studios for their radio station.

Many broadcasters in the state and region got their initial experience as a student at KBHU Radio, including Stephanie Rissler, who is now a producer at South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

In addition to the radio station, BHSU students also operate KBHU-TV, which is seen locally on channels 5 (Midcontinent) and 18 (Knology). Programming includes a weekly campus newscast. BHSU student reporters also submit their KBHU news stories to KNBN for possible airing. Other

campus television programs include "Spotlight," a community affairs program, and the popular "Cooking with That Dude." KBHU-TV also presents campus speakers and panel discussions throughout the year.

The Mass Communication Department is planning a converged media website in fall 2009.

"Dr. Mary Caton-Rosser and I want the website to offer students the opportunity to produce media content across platforms, and to give the public a one-stop destination for campus news and entertainment," says Clarke.

The website will feature a common homepage for all student campus media, in addition to individual websites for the newspaper, radio stations and television station. The site will provide streaming audio and video, plus graphics and text.

## BHSU in the news

### BHSU is mining for knowledge at the Sanford Underground Lab

Black Hills State University's proximity to the Sanford Laboratory at Homestake, combined with a high level of interest among faculty and staff, has created numerous collaborative projects not only in science but also across the disciplines.



Dr. Kara Keeter and Kristal Running Wolf are among several BHSU faculty and students who are actively involved in research at Sanford Lab at Homestake. BHSU's proximity to the Lab combined with a high level of interest among faculty and staff has created numerous projects not only in science but also in science education and across the disciplines.

Students at BHSU have already had the opportunity to participate in ground-breaking research and will be ready to take part in other activities as the lab develops.

"BHSU is known for transforming the lives of students. The laboratory has the potential to transform not only BHSU, but also the Black Hills region and the entire state," President Kay Schallenkamp said. "What was once a gold mine is now a mine for knowledge with implications that will reach around the world."

BHSU students and faculty recognize the importance of the lab as a research

facility and also as an impetus for teaching others about science.

Science students have the unique opportunity to participate in research involving physics, biology, and other fields.

Microbial research is being performed on water as it is being pumped out of the mine. This research has implication for bio-fuel options and medical considerations including screenings against antibiotics, anti-tumor, and environmental concerns.

BHSU is establishing a nuclear and particle astrophysics program that studies the very smallest

particles in the universe in order to understand stars, supernovae, and even galaxies.

2010 Research Center (CUBED) has been established at Sanford Lab by the state of South Dakota and provides research opportunities in physical science.

**Science Education:** BHSU, which is already recognized as a leader in science and math education, will use this unique opportunity to combine its premier teacher preparation program with cutting-edge research to identify and refine new ways to teach math and science. In addition, the University is taking the lead in the development of the Sanford Center for Science Education.

**Other Initiatives:** History faculty members are working with the Homestake Adams Research and Cultural Center to maintain and enhance historic records. Students in the mass communication program are pursuing options for internships at the lab and creating science photography exhibits. The College of Business and Technology is collaborating on tourism and business plan components. Students will also be assisting in maintaining the information and technology infrastructure at Sanford Lab.

This is just the beginning. Many more opportunities will emerge as the lab is developed, and the BHSU students and faculty will be ready to maximize the opportunities that lie ahead.

## Faculty in the news



**Dr. Cheryl Anagnopoulos**, professor of psychology, was selected to receive the 2009 Distinguished Faculty Award because she epitomizes what it means to be a professor as evidenced by her commitment to students, her ongoing research, and her innovative teaching

methods. Since joining the BHSU faculty in 1993, Anagnopoulos has taught nearly all of the psychology courses offered at the University and is known for her commitment to learning and using technology to enhance these courses.

**Dr. Holly Downing**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has been selected to be a member for the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences standing committee for comprehensive institutions.

Downing will also serve on the Case Study ad hoc committee, which selects case studies for discussion at the annual meeting.

**Dr. Len Austin**, associate professor of education; and **Dr. John Alsup**, professor of education, presented at the World Civic Forum at the United Nations Conference in Seoul, Korea. Austin presented "Teaching People Not Content: Using Higher Education to Develop Humanitarian Skills," and Alsup presented "Teaching Mathematics in Rural Tanzania."

**Dr. Priscilla Romkema**, dean of the College of Business and Technology, ran in the 113th Boston Marathon. Romkema qualified for the Boston Marathon during the Leading Ladies' Marathon and was one of 22 South Dakota residents who participated.

**Daluss Siewert**, associate professor of mathematics, was recently elected

Chairperson of the Rocky Mountain Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) at the section's annual meeting in Golden, Colo.

**Dr. James Hesson**, professor of exercise science, is certified in two NSCA specializations, Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and Certified Personal Trainer (CPT) through the year 2011. Currently Hesson is the only individual in the state of South Dakota that is dual certified with dual distinction.

**Kent Meyers**, associate professor of English, presented at three different writing classes at Loyola College in Baltimore, Md. He discussed fiction and non-fiction writing, and contemporary literature. He has also been invited to write the introductory essay for *The Best of the West: Anthology of Classic Writing from the American West*.

# BHSU in the news

## *Jacket Journal* wins national award

The *Jacket Journal*, Black Hills State University's student newspaper, received a first place overall award in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual newspaper competition.

The newspaper was judged in a series of categories including content, page design, general plan, art/ads/illustrations, editing, and creativity. The newspaper earned the highest rating for content with 350/350 points. The *Jacket Journal* also rated high for general plan and creativity, with a total of 930 points out of 1000 overall.

"We have an excellent, dedicated staff, and committed students that produce *Jacket Journal* each semester from Practicum (MCOM 495) and Basic Newswriting (MCOM 210). They work hard, put in long hours, and have made lots of progress in the past year; they deserve the award," said Mary Caton-Rosser, faculty advisor of the paper and assistant professor of mass communication at BHSU.

All students on campus are welcome to participate in Practicum or *Jacket Journal* as a university organization. Caton-Rosser invites students to visit during production on Monday evenings in the 2009 fall semester in the newsroom (basement of Jonas Hall, 006).

The newspaper also received first place with special merit and tied with the *Sonoma State Star* for the Most Outstanding University Newspaper Award in the 2007.



*Jacket Journal* staff produce the student newspaper Monday evenings during the school year. The newspaper received a first place overall award in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual newspaper competition.

## BHSU students join thousands from across the nation for Power Shift '09



BHSU students (left to right) Brett Kavanaugh, senior biology major; Kristal Running Wolf, senior environmental physical science major; Kelly Smith, sophomore Spanish major; Joshua McDonald, senior sociology major; and Brie Covert, junior history major, demonstrated their commitment to sustainability by joining more than 12,000 college students from across the nation this spring to take part in Power Shift 2009, a national youth summit in Washington, D.C.

# Students in the news



**Keely Krolikowski**, freshman chemistry major from Martin, was awarded with the highly competitive Davis-Bahcall Scholarship. The scholarship is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for South Dakota students interested in science. Recipients study

at the Sanford Lab at Homestake in Lead, the Gran Sasso National Underground Laboratory in Italy, and Princeton University in New Jersey. Ten students were chosen to receive the scholarship that covers tuition, room and board, and travel for the summer-study program.

**Jessica Juhrend**, speech communication major from Spearfish, won the Blank Theatre Company's Nationwide Young Playwright's

Competition. Juhrend's play, *Blood*, was produced with professional actors in Los Angeles in June as a part of the Blank Theatre Company's Young Playwright's Festival.

**Tyler Raad**, junior speech communications major from Spearfish, won first place in the collegiate male division at the South Dakota competition for the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS).

**BHSU business students** won the Idea Creation competition at Launch '09, an entrepreneurship education event which included college participants from across the state. The event also featured a variety of speakers, a roundtable discussion, and several workshops.

**Ashton VandenHoek**, senior vocal music major from Jamestown, Mich., won second place in the collegiate female division at the South Dakota competition for the NATS. VandenHoek also won first place last fall in the South Dakota Music Teachers Association collegiate voice competition.

**Kristin M. Engle**, recent physical education and wellness management graduate, received the Outstanding Major of the Year Award, by the National American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance award (AAHPERD).

**Twenty-two photography students** at BHSU were chosen as finalists for the 29th Annual College Photographers Competition put on by *Photographers Forum* magazine.

## Sports

### Track and field athletes win three national championship titles

**B**HSU won both the men's and women's marathon National Championships this season. Overall the women's outdoor track and field team placed fifth in the nation this spring.

Junior Wendy O'Lexey, Rock Springs, Wyo., earned the National Championship in the marathon with a new BHSU record time of 3:01:49.01. O'Lexey also placed seventh in the 10,000-meter run at the national meet.

The Yellow Jacket men's team was led by senior Trent Waage, Aberdeen, who won the National Championship in the marathon with a time of 2:28:27.00, also a new BHSU record.

Senior Aubrey Baxter, Redfield, won the National Championship for the hammer throw with a toss of 61.48 meters, breaking her previous national record throw. She also placed

second in the shot put with a throw of 50-9.25.

Others on the Yellow Jacket teams who placed in the top 10 were:

- Senior Amber Brodersen, Wolsey, took third place in the discus and fourth in the shot put
- In the 3000-meter steeplechase event junior Shelli Scheffler, Lovell, Wyo., placed seventh and senior Alicia Verhulst, Ralph, finished 10th
- Sophomore Lisa Koch, Elkton, placed seventh in the pole vault
- Thrower Jason Boeding, Caputa, placed fifth in the hammer throw with a toss of 178-00
- Lee Deide, Gillette, Wyo., placed 10th in the pole vault



Trent Waage and Wendy O'Lexey were the 2009 NAIA marathon national champions. Both performances were new school records.

### Men's basketball finishes in the final four

**T**he BHSU men's basketball program had a remarkable run in the 2008-09 season finishing in the final four of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Tournament and a season record of 30-5.

The Yellow Jackets won the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) with a 13-1 conference record and won the DAC tournament by defeating Minot State University. The Yellow Jackets set many records including best overall record at BHSU (30-5); most consecutive wins (15); and the schools first ever men's basketball

final four appearance.

Sophomore Cain Atkinson, Evanston, Wyo., broke two individual records with best free throw percentage in a season (87.7%), and number of free throws in a season (171). Atkinson also went over the 1,000 point mark.

Will Johnson, Whitewood, who is also a sophomore, broke the single season rebound record with 348.

Head Coach Paul Sather was honored by receiving the DAC Coach of the Year for his first time.

### Softball player earns DAC All-Conference

**B**HSU softball finished their 2009 season with a 17-16 overall record and placed fourth in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC).

Freshman outfielder Maria Herber, Kadoka, was named All-Conference for the DAC. She was honored that her efforts at the plate and in the outfield were recognized. Herber batted .429 for the season leading the Yellow Jacket softball team.

### Albers named Conference Athletic Director of the Year

**B**lack Hills State University athletic director and head volleyball coach, Jhett Albers, was recently named Dakota Athletic Conference Athletic Director of the Year.

In the past academic year, the Yellow Jackets shared the conference championship in volleyball and won outright conference titles in men's and women's cross country, men's basketball, women's indoor and outdoor track and field, and women's golf.



Albers

Albers has served as athletic director at BHSU since 2006. He also teaches for the physical education department and is the head volleyball coach. This past volleyball season Albers guided the Yellow Jackets' volleyball team to a share of the DAC regular season title, the conference tournament crown and the school's first ever trip to the national tournament.

### Covey takes over as head track and field coach at BHSU

**T**ravis Covey has been named head coach of the track and field program at Black Hills State University.

Covey previously served as assistant BHSU track and field coach this year. He takes over for Scott Walkinshaw who will continue to serve as head coach of the cross country program.

Covey has regional, national, and international experience coaching track and field. He spent two seasons at Central Michigan University, an NCAA Division I school, coaching the sprinters, jumpers, pole vaulters, and multi-event competitors. Covey worked with one of the top triple jumpers in Israel, who is competing for a spot on the Israeli Olympic Team.

Covey spent five years at Chadron State College as both a student-athlete and coach. He competed four years for the Eagles in both football and track. He was a sprinter for the Eagles and then coached the sprint and pole vault athletes.



Covey

# Sports

## BHSU rodeo team earns fifth at College National Finals Rodeo

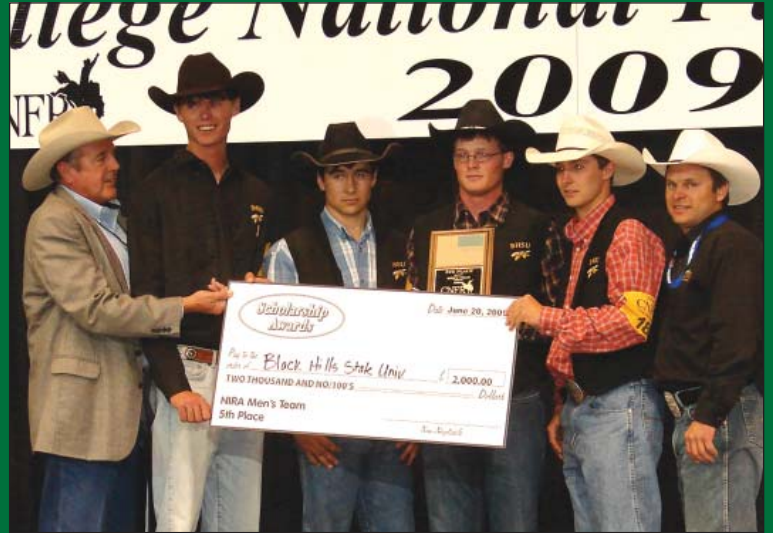
The Yellow Jacket men's rodeo team earned fifth place in the nation at the 2009 College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), in Casper this summer.

The six-member men's team included Marvin Heesacker, senior from Gillette, Wyo.; Tyler Manke, junior from Hermosa; PJ Painter, senior from Buffalo; Chuck Schmidt, junior from Keldron; Jake Smith, junior from Whitewood; and Taylor Williams, freshman from Broadus, Mont.

Amy Holmes, senior from Oregon, Wis., was the only BHSU rodeo team woman to qualify for the national competition.

Glen Lammers, BHSU rodeo coach, noted that the men's team entered the tournament with a sixth place ranking and were able to improve their ranking and earn fifth place. "This was a great accomplishment considering it was our first year sending a full team to the CNFR," Lammers said. In his first year as BHSU rodeo coach, Lammers earned Coach of the Year honors this season.

Painter was recognized for having the third highest grade point average among all of the contestants at the national rodeo. For this outstanding achievement he earned a \$1,000 academic scholarship. Painter currently has a 3.8 grade point average.



Roger Walters (far left) director of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association presents a scholarship check to BHSU Rodeo Team member PJ Painter (second from left) at the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) for his 3.8 grade point average (GPA); he had the third highest GPA of the contestants entered at the CNFR. Accepting with Painter are team members Chuck Schmidt, Jake Smith, Taylor Williams, and BHSU rodeo coach, Glen Lammers.

## BHSU earns DAC Commissioner's Cup

Black Hills State University was the winner of the 2007-2008 Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) Commissioner's Cup All Sports Award. The award is given to the school that collectively has the best performance in their sports. This was the first time BHSU received this honor.

This award comes after a year of unprecedented success for BHSU athletics. The Commissioner's Cup All Sports Award was presented at halftime of the women's basketball playoff game versus Jamestown College, which ended in a BHSU win.

According to John Kietzmann, director of Athletic Development, the Yellow Jackets' success is due in large part to student-athlete scholarship funds provided by the Yellow Jacket Foundation and its supporters.

To learn more, contact Kietzmann at 642-6385 or JohnKietzmann@BHSU.edu.

## Women's basketball again in Elite Eight

Women's basketball finished the 2008-09 season advancing to the Elite Eight of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Tournament for the second consecutive year.

The team finished second in the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) during the regular season. It was a record-breaking season for junior Brittany Fuhrman, Mobridge. She broke the all-time three-pointers made record (256) and concluded her season going over the 1,000 point mark in the final game against Morningside College. Fuhrman averaged 12 points a game this season.

Sophomore Katelynn Lamb, Onida, was named Honorable Mention All-American in the National Tournament. Lamb averaged 14 points a game helping her team to a 26-7 record.

## Golf has first trip to NAIA tournament

The Yellow Jacket golf team finished their 2008-09 season with a trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Golf Tournament for the first time ever in school history. The team also won the Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC).

Senior A.J. (Amanda) Rolfson, Rapid City; and sophomore Katelynn Lamb, Onida, were key players that helped guide the Yellow Jackets to a conference crown and a spot in the National Tournament.

Rolfson was named All-Conference and DAC Most Valuable Player. She finished the season as the number one golfer in the Conference.

Lamb was also named All-Conference, and finished as the third best golfer in the Conference. Head Coach Jamie Bentley was awarded DAC Coach of the Year honors in her first season at the helm.

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## Looking ahead

### Alumni Art Show

August 26 - September 20

### Swarm Week

September 14-19

### KBHU-FM Reunion

September 18 -19

### Alumni Mile

January 30, 2010

### Commencement

December 19

May 8, 2010

### 50-Year Club

and Class of '60 Reunion

May 7-8, 2010

### BHSU events

[www.BHSU.edu/Events](http://www.BHSU.edu/Events)

### Athletic events

[www.BHSU.edu/Athletics](http://www.BHSU.edu/Athletics)



1979 BHSU Volleyball Team - State Champions

## Looking back

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

Contact Jhett Albers to receive a registration packet or for more information.

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