

# Alumni Magazine

Fall 2015



## Snjezana Dojcinovic, '08

*Product Director, Lei Lou*

From the basketball court to clothes, an inside look at an international fashion line



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Greetings BHSU Alumni,

In the last year, I've had the honor of serving as President of your alma mater and I thank you for welcoming me and allowing me to be a part of this great University and the community of alumni.

When you visit campus and at alumni gatherings, I often hear fond memories about faculty and staff and even fellow students who inspired you along the way.

No matter what role or occupation you have chosen since you left the BHSU campus, there's a tie that connects you with other alumni in your acts, deeds and dreams. There remains a commonality and simplicity to our work that reminds us of the great value in our kindness. Like many of you I wake up every day and remember what a gift I have been given. To have the opportunity to inspire others.

Each of us has positively impacted people in ways we may or may not know. That is the joy of our work, and why what we say and how we say it matters so much. The student who attains their degree from BHSU may be the one that saves the planet or a loved one in the future. Our support and genuineness to others does matter.

BHSU is truly a unique place that inspires people to reach out into the world to show others a bit of the "Spirit of the Hills," encouraging us to lead with kindness and make a positive difference in the world.



Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., President,  
Black Hills State University



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# BHSU Alumni Gatherings

## 1974-1978 Football Teams Reunion - Saturday, Oct. 10

The 1974, '75, '76, '77, and '78 football teams are invited back for a reunion in honor of their head football coach Gene Schlekeway. For more information about this reunion, please contact Gene Schlekeway at Normagene52@gmail.com, Tom.Wheaton@BHSU.edu or (605) 642-6385. For a schedule of upcoming alumni events, visit [www.BHSU.edu/Alumni](http://www.BHSU.edu/Alumni).



### Alumni & Friends gather in Sioux Falls

Kory Van Sickle, attended, of Kory & the Fireflies performs during "An Evening with the Yellow Jackets" July 11 in Sioux Falls. The third annual event raised \$15,155 for student-athlete scholarships. The total included a \$5,000 match from First Premier Bank.



### Alumni & Friends Gather in Casper

Nearly 50 BHSU alumni and friends gathered in June at the Hilton Garden Inn in Casper, Wyo. In addition to campus updates from BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr., the gathering took place in conjunction with the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR). The Yellow Jackets men's and women's teams both qualified for the CNFR for the first time in recent years.



### BHSU 50-Year Club inducts members from the Class of 1965

Six graduates from the Class of 1965 gathered on campus during spring commencement to celebrate their induction into the 50-Year Club. Each year, classmates from the 50-year class return to campus to celebrate the anniversary of their graduation. Members from prior graduating classes are also invited to attend a luncheon in honor of the 50-year class. Members from the Class of 1965 in attendance at commencement were (left to right): Chuck Schramm, Sioux Falls; Ruth (Walker) Schmaltz, Rushville, Neb.; Ida Mae (Jones) Rounds, Laramie, Wyo.; Marie I. (Collins) DeKnicker, Cambridge, Idaho; Ruth (Jepson) Wickstrom, Midlothian, Va.; and Everett Hunt, Eagle Butte.

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Jensen



Ramsey

### BHSU faculty receive state research grants

Faculty at BHSU received two of the eight competitive state research grants recently announced by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Dr. Katrina Jensen, assistant professor of chemistry, received a \$22,880 grant for her project “Development of Copper Photoredox Catalysts for the Synthesis of Anti-Microbial Compounds.”

Dr. Justin Ramsey, assistant professor of plant biology, received a \$24,803 grant for “Characteristics of triploid ivies (F1 *Hedera helix* x *H. hibernica*) and potential for development as non-invasive horticultural varieties.”

### BHSU collaborates to improve science, math education

Black Hills State University received \$119,000 in federal grant funding to improve science and mathematics instruction in South Dakota schools.

The Title II grants from the U.S. Department of Education help university science, math and education faculty to work with teachers and administrators from high-need school systems to create professional development activities. The South Dakota Board of Regents administers the federal grant funds.



### BHSU faculty, students work with Sinte Gleska for hands-on biotechnology training

Students from Sinte Gleska Tribal College on the Rosebud Reservation visited BHSU for a biotechnology boot camp as part of a NASA EPSCoR grant. Students worked under the mentorship of BHSU faculty and students learned how to use bioinformatics tools and DNA extraction procedures using water and soil samples collected from the Rosebud Reservation. Pictured at the Sanford Lab, from left, are Mikal Bordeaux, Dakota Young, and Karen Moore from Sinte Gleska Tribal College, and Ida Clarke from BHSU.

### Sanford Lab inspires unique learning at Black Hills State

Black Hills State University students have unique opportunities at Sanford Underground Research Facility located at the former Homestake Gold Mine in Lead.

BHSU is the closest university to Sanford Lab and will offer the use of the BHSU Underground Campus. Currently, BHSU students in mass communication, education, genomics, music and physics participate in activities with Sanford Lab.

“I think one of the most important experiences as a student in college is the opportunity to engage

with research. It’s really easy to get involved with research at BHSU,” said Dr. Brianna Mount, assistant professor of physics research at BHSU.

Adam Gomez, a May graduate, interned with Sanford Lab producing videos for the lab’s new Visitor’s Center.

Anna Hafele, integrative genomics graduate student from Newell, worked as an education intern.

She helped with workshops and educational activities for students connecting the activities with the lab’s experiments.



Watch BHSU students talk about how Sanford Lab inspires them at [www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState](http://www.youtube.com/BlackHillsState).



Johnson

### Student lands traineeship funded by CDC

Shaina Johnson’s grandmother taught her native remedies on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, sowing seeds for Johnson’s future in the medical field.

Johnson, biology major at BHSU and member of the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe from Porcupine, spent the summer at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta (CDC), and Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls as part of a public health initiative.

Throughout the summer program, the Maternal and Child Health Careers/ Research Initiatives for Student Enhancement – Undergraduate Program through the Kennedy Krieger Institute and the CDC, Johnson received training on conducting community-based research to address public health prevention and disease treatment, knowledge she plans to use to improve healthcare.





# New scholarships available at BHSU

## DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

South Dakota high school students that have completed Dual Credit courses through BHSU and enroll at BHSU will earn the Early Scholar Incentive Scholarship, an award of up to \$7,500. The award is based on the number of BHSU college credits completed while in high school. The new scholarship will be awarded beginning this fall.

## NORTHERN HILLS JACKET INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

The Northern Hills Jacket Incentive Scholarship, of up to \$4,000 (over four years), is awarded based on student's involvement in We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution statewide civic education program, high school honors, and/or high school debate.

All students who attend eligible high schools and have been involved with the listed student organizations will be eligible for these scholarships.

**OFFERING STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS IS JUST ONE MORE WAY WE CAN SHOW OUR FUTURE YELLOW JACKETS THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE AT BHSU.**

**- BETH OAKS,  
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS**

## CHILD OF ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Black Hills State University offers in-state tuition for children of alumni.

"At BHSU we have a network of over 17,000 alums. This new program is an excellent opportunity for B-H alumni living outside South Dakota to send their children to BHSU knowing they will have an exceptional educational experience," said BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr.

Alumni are encouraged to share their BHSU experience with their children and apply for the scholarship if they plan to attend BHSU.

## PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIP

The Presidential Medallion Scholarship, ranging between \$4,000 and \$16,000 (over four years) is based on an individual's demonstrated record of exceptional academic ability as well as their service, intellectual curiosity and commitment to community.



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# SPOTLIGHT



Michael Shann, '70, received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree during the BHSU 2015 spring commencement ceremony in May.

This is the 11th honorary doctorate BHSU has presented to its alumni.

Shann built an impressive career over the years, producing large-scale entertainment events around the world, including the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics Closing Ceremony.



Black Hills State University professor Dr. John Glover was one of 23 awarded the prestigious 2015 Bush Fellowship.

Glover teaches American Indian Studies at BHSU and is the executive director of the non-profit organization Native Educational Endeavors, which strives toward creating educational opportunities for American Indians. He plans to use the fellowship to bridge gaps and facilitate understanding between various constituencies in South Dakota.



Dr. Amy Fuqua, professor of humanities who has been serving as chair of the School of Arts and Humanities, was named dean of the College of Liberal Arts at BHSU. Fuqua succeeds Dr. David Wolff who retired this spring after serving 17 years as a history professor and dean at BHSU.

Fuqua, who joined the faculty at BHSU in 1998, previously served as director of the Honors Program in addition to teaching a variety of humanities, literature, poetry and writing courses.



Dr. Nick Wallerstein, professor of English at BHSU, received the 2015 Distinguished Faculty Award. The prestigious Distinguished Faculty Award is given each spring by BHSU to reward exceptional teachers and professional dedication.

Wallerstein, who has been at BHSU for 18 years, was chosen for his outstanding accomplishments including publication in more than a dozen professional literary journals.



## BHSU-RC creates higher education options for Rapid City residents

Black Hills State University increased higher education opportunities in Rapid City with the establishment of BHSU-RC.

"Students from the Rapid City region have expressed their desire for more options and we are committed to meeting those needs and expanding our offerings in Rapid City," BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr., said. "As the state's only comprehensive university in western South Dakota, BHSU has a unique role in the Rapid City region."

New programs were recently announced at BHSU-RC. Students now have the option of choosing from 50 BHSU programs at the Rapid City location. BHSU offers 20 bachelor degrees, two master degrees, 13 associate degrees, eight certificates, two non-credit certificates and five minors.

The former University Center was renamed Black Hills State University - Rapid City in April.

Jackson noted that even as BHSU increases its offerings, BHSU-RC will also maintain and enhance collaborative partnerships with other state universities.

BHSU first began offering classes in the Rapid City area more than 60 years ago when classes were taught on Ellsworth Air Force Base.



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Photo courtesy of Sanford Lab

Black Hills State University student Jesse Dunaway directs his original composition, "Homestake Mine," during a performance at the Homestake Opera House in Lead.

## Award-winning student musician writes one-of-a-kind composition

BHSU music education major Jesse Dunaway conducted his original composition "Homestake Mine" at the Historic Homestake Opera House as a kickoff to Neutrino Day at Sanford Underground Research Facility.

Dunaway wrote the musical piece bringing to life the rich history

of the Homestake Mine and its evolution into the Sanford Lab.

Jim Dunn, a long-time employee at Homestake Mine, as quoted in Deep Thoughts news, said "This young student captured the heart and spirit of the mine's past and what the future holds."

The piece received a

standing ovation from a nearly full house

BHSU faculty, staff and students were also part of the Neutrino Day event.

Dunaway writes nontraditional, vocal and instrumental compositions, filled with unique sounds and instruments. He's written several original compositions for BHSU.

## BHSU President speaks at national gathering

Black Hills State University President Tom Jackson, Jr. was selected to be a featured speaker during the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) national Summer Council of Presidents this summer in Denver.

Jackson shared reflections on his first year as BHSU President during the special session for new college presidents from across the United States. Jackson has also spoke at the Annual Lead Now! Youth Leadership Conference as well as several national educational conferences.

Jackson, who began his tenure as tenth president of BHSU last July, has worked to create new opportunities for students, establish key collaborative partnerships and strategically address higher educational initiatives.

Jackson's strategic outlook led to the statewide expansion of a program offering veterans and military personnel a fully-reimbursable tuition rate, increased study abroad programs and international partnerships, and the designation of a center in Rapid City as a new BHSU location.



Julie Benedict, '96, Alumni Association President, left, presents Mary Mitchell with the 2015 Spirit of BH award.

## Mary Mitchell receives 2015 Spirit of BH award

Since the moment Mary Mitchell stepped foot onto the BHSU campus, she knew she wanted to build a legacy.

"I decided early on that I wanted to be involved," said Mitchell, who graduated with a degree in elementary education in May. "I feel that college is all about meeting new people and having the best experience possible."

Mitchell received the 2015 Spirit of BH award at the BHSU Student Volunteer Awards celebration. The Spirit of BH award honors a student who has made significant contributions to the University and in the community.

Mitchell was a mentor in the Center for American Indian Studies Bridge Program.

She was an active member of the Lakota Omniciye, serving as president for two years.

Mitchell was also president of the Kappa Delta Phi international honor society on campus and has served as an active member of the Presidential Student Ambassadors, interacting with University alumni, donors and the community.

Mitchell will begin her teaching career at Eagle Butte this fall where she will be a junior first grade teacher.





# Where *Anything*



## ***Sean Sherman, Attended***

Buffalo, choke cherries, and wild turnip are a few ingredients Sean Sherman uses in his indigenous cuisine. Last year Sean, Oglala Lakota, opened his business The Sioux Chef, as a caterer and food educator. In cultivating his own concept of Native American and traditional foods, Sean adamantly uses indigenous pieces from tribes throughout the region.

"As a self-taught chef I've learned so many styles and worked with many cuisines. I saw there was a huge hole in the market for Native American foods," said Sean.

Sean studied wild foods, histories of food preparation, and how Native American cultures grow food. In July he opened a food truck, "Tatanka Truck," in Minneapolis/St. Paul and has a cookbook deal featuring Lakota food with modern interpretations.

"Simple foods, few ingredients, really clean food," says Sean. "This cuisine is truly local in preparation and in tradition."

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## ***Joe Feiler, '82 & Jim Feiler, Attended***

Jim Feiler, left, and Joe Feiler, right, helped rescue two individuals in Washakie County recently as part of their volunteer work with the Wyoming Civil Air Patrol. Joe flew the Cessna 182T and his brother Jim served as mission observer and scanner.

Working with the county sheriff and ground search crews, the brothers scanned the snowy, muddy search area from above looking for a couple in a red pickup missing for four days. After spotting the pickup, the brothers coordinated efforts with the sheriff and his ground crew leading to the couple's safe rescue.

Joe, a career and technical education teacher in Natrona County, Wyo., says he finds many connections between his piloting pastime and his career in the classroom.

He incorporated 'stage checks' into his school's welding program, a method he learned during flight training to ensure students meet proficiencies before moving on to the next skill.

"Trainees need additional practice, more takeoffs, more landings," said Joe. "Teaching is the same way. Learn the basic skill and the advanced maneuvers will follow."

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## ***Lindsey Brewer, '07***

Lindsey Brewer received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Brewer, a math teacher at Huron High School, was one of 108 math and science teachers to receive the award. The PAEMST is awarded annually to outstanding kindergarten through 12th grade science and math teachers across the country. Only two educators from each state are chosen to receive the honor.

Brewer received \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation to use at her discretion and was invited to an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"It is truly an honor and I am grateful for this tremendous acknowledgement," Brewer said. "To be recognized among presidential winners is very humbling. I never imagined I could be rewarded in such an awesome way for loving what I do every day – teaching."



# Is Possible

## **Rebecca Linquist, '04**

It took only one clinical rotation for Dr. Rebecca Linquist to choose her medical specialty. Rebecca says she was drawn to the precision of ophthalmology, the medical field focusing on anatomy, physiology, and diseases of the eye.

After graduating from BHSU, Rebecca went to medical school planning on specializing in family medicine. But then, she says, she fell in love with surgery.

"Ophthalmology gives me the opportunity to perform surgery but also have a long term relationship with my patients," says Rebecca.

Rebecca works at Rapid City Medical Center and says the mix of outdoor activities and family in her native Black Hills called her back to the area after her residency. After growing up in Sturgis, Rebecca joined the National Guard and attended BHSU.

She explored many occupations in health care, but says BHSU guided her choice to go into medicine.

"I always knew I wanted to help people in the medical field," said Rebecca. "BHSU did a great job in preparing me for medical school."



## **Dan Patterson, '02**

Dan Patterson enjoys working on the edge. Currently covering the United Nations in New York City as a reporter for Gawker Media, an influential online media group and blog network, Dan is known for his forward-looking perspective in journalism, social media, and human rights issues.

Dan received the Donald Robinson Award for Investigative Journalism from The American Society of Journalists and Authors earlier this year. In his winning article, "Angels of Death" published on Contently.org, Dan dug into the manipulative and lucrative world of gun smuggling.

"Through investigative journalism I find issues that have national or global impact and interview sources who can humanize those issues," said Dan.

A protégé of Dr. Dave Diamond, BHSU professor emeritus, Dan says BHSU faculty inspired him to learn, evolve, and aspire toward a future where anything is possible and where he could make an impact.

Dan's career spans from coast-to-coast having worked for Warner Bros., Capitol Records, ABC News Radio, Duhamel Broadcasting, and overseas.



## **Mike Cronin, '96 and Perry Jewett, '99**

The friendship between Mike Cronin, top, and Perry Jewett, bottom, was inevitable. Both active in rock climbing around the Black Hills, the two finally met at BHSU. They became roommates and continued climbing and biking during and after college.

With day jobs as firefighters, Mike with the City of Rapid City, and Perry with the Department of Veterans Affairs, both make time to support the trails and routes around the Black Hills.

Mike authored a rock climbing guide book, "Spearfish Canyon, the VC and other Black Hills Limestone" and serves as an ambassador with the Access Fund, a non-profit organization protecting the integrity of the nation's climbing areas.

Perry spearheaded the Dakota 5-0, a popular endurance mountain bike race, and leads other adventure sports events throughout the region. He also works with the Ridge Riders of the Black Hills Mountain Bike Club to build trails and coordinate events showcasing the region's terrain and amenities.

"We feel lucky to have a friendship allowing us to share the adventures of life and remind each other of adventures from the past," said Perry.





# FROM THE COURT TO CLOTHES

Black Hills State University alum Snjezana Dojcinovic, left, is the product director for Lei Lou, a high-end, international fashion line in Croatia. Snjezana works with her sister, Aleksandra, right, the founder of the company.

## *BHSU alum builds career with prestigious Croatian fashion line*

Each day Snjezana Dojcinovic makes women feel beautiful.

A passion for fashion, and a determination to excel in every aspect of her life, has proven beneficial to the young businesswoman, who said Black Hills State University prepared her for a successful career in the fashion industry.

Snjezana, who was known as Z when she attended classes and played basketball for BHSU, is the product director for Lei Lou, a high-end, international fashion line in Croatia. The company is owned by Snjezana's sister, Aleksandra Dojcinovic, and since its inception in 2007, the brand is a fashion icon, featured in Croatian fashion magazines and worn by internationally-known actresses, singers and models in Eastern Europe.

Lei Lou's appeal to celebrities and top fashion magazines is something she takes pride in.

"The motto of our brand is to make a woman feel beautiful. When you do something from your heart, you will succeed," Snjezana said.

"It feels amazing," added Snjezana

of the company's success. "You never know how much you will grow and what your potentials are. I always knew my sister's talent was very big and I always knew she was going to be successful."

As a product director, Snjezana handles the planning, coordination and control of the manufacturing process from start to finish. That includes ordering the correct amount of fabric to knowing what the customers want.

Lei Lou offers its brands in two stores in Croatia and one in Germany. The fashion line is also sold at multi brand stores worldwide.

While Snjezana loves fashion, she has always had an interest in the business side of the industry. She has

always held an interest for production, whether it's clothes, candy or restaurants.

"How do you get any kind of product? Every time we go to a restaurant or any business, I always look at it from a business standpoint. How many tables are in the restaurant? How many waitresses are there? I look at a place and I see if it's productive or not."

Snjezana's keen observation is something she applies to the fashion industry. Building a successful business is the result of hard work and persistence, traits that Snjezana cultivated during her time at BHSU, earning her business administration-management degree.

Her day-to-day routine often runs



## TO REALLY HAVE THIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN BUSINESS, AT SUCH A YOUNG AGE, BHSU PREPARED ME.

-SNJEZANA DOJCINOVIC

12 hours, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., filled with production meetings, conference calls and other tasks.

A hectic schedule is one that Snjezana is accustomed to, from balancing athletics, schoolwork and a job while a student at BHSU. In addition to her courses, she played for the Yellow Jacket women's basketball team.

Studying abroad is something Snjezana had always wanted to do, to gain experience and exposure for her future in the international fashion industry.

"I had two passions. One was sports and the other one was fashion," Snjezana said. "I like seeing fashion, and I like the production of clothing, starting with the fabric to seeing the final piece," she said.

Snjezana grew up in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, a country in Eastern Europe. Growing up, she was always close to her sister, Aleksandra; they were best friends.

Aleksandra always knew she would be a fashion designer, Snjezana said. Snjezana, however, took a different path. She played basketball.

"When I started playing I didn't really know what basketball was. I couldn't even dribble. I was just a kid playing on the street," she said.

Snjezana mastered the art of dribbling and was accepted onto the Croatian National Team, in the junior division, which included high school students.

After high school, BHSU women's basketball coach Mark Nore recruited Snjezana for the Yellow Jackets.

Referred to as "the Croatia sensation," Nore said Snjezana was an excellent addition to the team.

"Z was awesome, very hard-headed and very competitive. She had a fiery spirit and lovable personality," Nore said. "She was an awesome teammate and great memory for me as a coach."

The opportunity to study and play basketball in the United States offered many benefits, as she was already

looking toward her future in the fashion industry.

"I wanted to experience something new and something different," she said. "Learning English would help me in my career."

An international student, Snjezana said it took major adjustments, both in balancing athletics and schoolwork and acclimating to a new culture.

"I left my home and I was on my own, taking care of myself. I wouldn't have been able to do it without the help and support of my host family, the Stalders," Snjezana said. "In those four years, I grew up. BHSU helped build me as a person."

Snjezana started her days at 5 a.m. with practice, classes, a second practice and work in the evenings. After her shift as a lifeguard in the Donald E. Young Sports & Fitness Center, she'd go home and study.

"My entire day was very, very busy. I didn't even have one hour for myself," Snjezana said. "It's not easy. But, to really have this successful career in business, at a young age, BHSU prepared me."

Snjezana worked in Chicago for the United Colors of Benetton, a women's clothing brand, for a year before returning to Croatia to work with her sister.

While her schedule doesn't allow time for basketball, Snjezana is content with Lei Lou's direction.

Lei Lou holds three fashion shows a year, and each has to be better than the last, Snjezana said. Snjezana works backstage at Lei Lou fashion shows.

Months are spent preparing for the 15- to 20-minute event. The shows not only showcase Lei Lou's latest fashion line, but help determine sales, public relations and gage customer feedback.

"It's a tough industry. Everyone is able to see your work. And everyone is able to comment on it, whether positively or negatively," Snjezana said. "You have to be able to stay true to yourself and stay dedicated. You just cannot stop."



Snjezana Dojcinovic drives the ball down the court during a Yellow Jacket basketball game.



Models walk the runway at a Lei Lou fashion show. The company holds three shows a year.



Black Hills State University alum Brandon Bentley, '10, shows his support for Snjezana Dojcinovic during a Yellow Jacket basketball game.



# 2015 SWARM DAYS

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## ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS



Hills

**Excellence in Education Award: Dr. Tom Hills, '62**, graduated with his bachelor's degree in business education. After teaching in Alcester and Brookings, Tom traveled west receiving his master's in political science and

doctorate in the politics of education/educational administration from the University of Oregon. Tom returned to BHSU where he built a 29-year career as an educator and leader serving as professor of political science, chair of the division of social science, and dean of the College of Business & Public Affairs before retiring in 1998. Tom was named Best Adviser on Campus by the Vets Club, Student Senate Outstanding Teacher, and Distinguished Faculty. Tom participated in several National Science Foundation Chautauqua Short Courses held in the former Soviet Union and China. Tom was also named a Fulbright Scholar serving in an academic administrator role in Germany. BHSU named Hills Professor Emeritus in political science in 2003. Tom served as a member of the South Dakota's state House of Representatives from 2005-2009.



Green

**Special Service Award: Dan Green, '64**, graduated from BHSU with a bachelor's of education degree in social science. Dan taught social studies in the Vermillion School District. While at Vermillion, Dan started the wrestling program in 1965

and was assistant football coach from 1964-68. He received his master's in secondary education from the University of South Dakota before moving back to Spearfish where he taught at Spearfish High School until 1975. Dan was the head coach for the Spearfish Spartans football team from 1969-74. In 1975 Dan began his career as

an insurance agent in Spearfish and two years later became one of the owners of an independent insurance agency and a real estate office. He was named Agent of the Year by the Professional Insurance Agents of South Dakota before retiring in 2010. In 1992, Dan and colleagues franchised the Spearfish Perkins Restaurant opening other restaurants in Watertown and Scottsbluff, Neb. He currently serves as president of the Yellow Jacket Foundation Board of Directors, is an active member of the Green and Gold Club/Yellow Jacket Club for over 30 years, and serves on the School of Business Advisory Board.



Roberts

**Distinguished Alumnus Award: William A. Roberts, III, '73**, graduated with a bachelor's of science degree. He obtained his juris doctor with honors from the University of Iowa School of Law and his master of laws degree with honors from

The George Washington University Law School. He served as attorney-advisor in the Navy Regional Procurement Center, assistant to the general council of the U.S. Navy, and chief counsel for Wang Laboratories, Inc., Federal Services Division before going into private practice. For over 15 years, Bill has been a senior partner and co-chair of the nation's premier Government Contracts Practice Group at Wiley Rein LLP in Washington, D.C. Bill is an active player in charting the firm's strategy, finances, talent and professional affairs. Bill was named one of D.C.'s "Super Lawyers" for government contracts by *Super Lawyers* magazine. He received the AV Peer Review Rating, Matindale-Hubbell's highest ranking by peers for general ethical standards and legal ability. Bill is an avid skier and golfer and is a member of the Army Navy Country Club's traveling competitive golf team.



House

**Special Achievement Award: Sharon House, '71**, graduated with a bachelor's of science degree. Following graduation, she built a career that combined her aspiration to work for her tribe, Oneida, and serve as an attorney. Sharon

worked for the Oneida Tribe in several different capacities before attending the University of Wisconsin Law School. Sharon's roles as in-house counsel for the Oneida Tribe and contract attorney for the Oneida Gaming Commission led peers to nominate her for selection as one of *Casino Enterprise Management Magazine's* 2010 Great Women of Gaming. Currently serving as judge, Sharon was elected to the Appellate Court of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin in November 2014.



Bell

**Young Alumni Achievement Award: Amber (Moeding) Bell, '06**, graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology. Amber says working as a student technology fellow and in the Center for

Conservation of Biological Resources (CCBR) at BHSU inspired her to study forensic science. She pursued her master's degree in forensic science at Nebraska Wesleyan University and completed an internship at the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office in Miami, Fla. While obtaining her master's she worked at a livestock genetics company, Genesee. Amber now works for the Division of Criminal Investigation's Forensic Laboratory in Pierre. Amber evaluates, examines, and identifies physical evidence from and at crime scenes, prepares reports, and provides expert testimony in criminal courts. Amber became a certified crime scene investigator in 2014.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | WWW.BHSU.EDU/SWARMDAYS

## MONDAY, OCT. 5

4 TO 7 P.M.: SWARM DAYS FAIR & CARNIVAL, FIELD HOUSE

## TUESDAY, OCT. 6

7:30 P.M.: PEP RALLY, BURNING OF THE "BH", LYLE HARE STADIUM

8:15 P.M.: COUNTRY CAMPFIRE, JOY CENTER

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7:

4 TO 6 P.M.: KIDDIE CARNIVAL, CAMPUS GREEN

7 P.M.: COMEDY MAGICIAN, JACKET LEGACY ROOM

## THURSDAY, OCT. 8

7 P.M.: CORONATION, CLARE & JOSEF MEIER RECITAL HALL

## FRIDAY, OCT. 9

12 P.M.: ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON, JOY CENTER

6 P.M.: HALL OF FAME BANQUET, JACKET LEGACY ROOM

## SATURDAY, OCT. 10

10 A.M.: PARADE

11:15 A.M.: TAILGATE SOCIAL, JOY CENTER PATIO

1 P.M.: BHSU FOOTBALL GAME, LYLE HARE STADIUM

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## YELLOW JACKET HALL OF FAME

Three athletes, a coach, contributors and three athletic teams will be inducted into the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame during the 2015 Swarm Days celebration.

### Dennis R. Newell, Jr., '04, cross country & track and field

- 10-Time NAIA All-American
- 14-Time Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) All-Conference
- Held six school records
- Two NAIA Team Runner-Up finishes in cross country and three DAC team titles in cross country
- One NAIA Top-Four finish in indoor track and field
- Six DAC Individual Titles and two DAC records
- National Champion Runner Up in 2002 in cross country and 10,000 meters in 2003 in outdoor track

### Stacy Finkbeiner, '89, men's basketball

- 1,873 points scored in career
- All District in 1987 - 1989 and All

Conference in 1986 - 1989

- BHSU men's basketball All-Century Team Selection
- Scored a career-high 31 points versus Dakota Wesleyan University
- Second in scoring in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference (SDIC) in 1988 averaging 20.8 points per game
- 762 career rebounds; ninth in rebounding in the SDIC in 1988 with 6.1 rebounds per game
- 1987 SDIC Champions; most valuable player 1986-1989

### Anna M. Deaver-Faustino, '95, track and field

- NAIA All-American in shot put, placing fourth in 1993
- NAIA All-American in the discus placing eighth in 1993



Newell



Finkbeiner



Deaver-Faustino



Gunnare



Chris and Belva Anderson

- Set the BHSU record in shot put - 45-4 and in discus - 141-9
- District 12 performance in 1993 in the shot put with a throw of 43-5 1/2
- Qualified for NAIA national meet in 1994
- Named All-American and All District in 1993
- SDIC Champions in 1993

**Dwight Gunnare, '82**, is being inducted as a coach. Gunnare's overall college coaching record in women's basketball is 307 wins and 115 losses for a 73 percent winning percentage. He has coached at Miles Community College and Casper College. His high school overall record in women's basketball is 175-87, completing a 66 percent winning percentage.

His high school teams won two state championships, and in 2010, his Casper College team made it to the final four in the national tournament. He has been named coach of the year 16 times.

### Chris, '69 and '72, and Belva Anderson, '72 and '74, contributor

Chris and Belva Anderson established an endowment for athletic scholarships and have contributed over \$80,000 to BHSU. Chris, a Yellow Jacket Foundation board member, is a past president and helped in the reorganization of the foundation. Chris graduated with a history education degree and Belva with an elementary education degree.



The 1932 Yellow Jacket football team was the first team in BH's history to go undefeated (6-0-1) and was the only team in South Dakota and among the few undefeated teams in the country. Team members include (kneeling left to right): Clarkson Jennerjahn, Louis Day, Donald Kachelhoffer, Howard Christenson, and Lawrence Johnson; (standing left to right): Jake Cope, Harold Ellingson, and Woodrow Sampson; not pictured: Robert Bailey, Robert Calvert, Lawrence Ferguson, Erwin Griffith, Mylo Jackson, Francis Johnson, Ralph Keene, Frank Kucera, Lee Liston, Charles Lown, Elmer Pontius, Francis Quinn, John Scheidt, Robert Schloredt, Marvin Schmoker, Arnold Suiter, and Earl Vopat. The Jackets were coached by Paul Rose.



The 1964-65 men's basketball team compiled a 17-7 record and were co-champions of the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference. Team members include (kneeling left to right): Wayne Ward, Bill Kohn, Cliff Hanson, Ken Knapp, and Doug Stanford; (standing left to right): Rollie Halverson, student manager; Rich Lunderman, Terry Rypkema, Oliver Carter, Terry Swindell, Frank Ward, Skip Larson, and head coach Thurman Wright; not pictured: Ken Alsop and Tony Monaco.



The 1973 men's cross country team was the first team in BH's history to win a cross country conference title winning the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference. Ken Hunter was the individual champion in the meet. Team members include (kneeling left to right): John Ziegler, Paul Ausderan, Ken Hunter, and Bruce Grode; (standing left to right): head coach Dave Little, Roy Borreson, Gary Padgett, and Gerald Collogan; not pictured: John Fisherman, Alvin Grassrope, Brian McMahon, Terry Padgett, Mitch Paulson, and Gene Salmon.



## BHSU adds women's triathlon to lineup

Through a grant from USA Triathlon and in conjunction with the NCAA, BHSU will add the emerging sport of women's triathlon beginning in the fall of 2015.

"We feel this is a unique opportunity to support an up-and-coming sport that is a natural fit in the community of Spearfish and the Black Hills area," BHSU President Tom Jackson, Jr., said. "We are looking forward to seeing this sport grow and foster at our university in the coming years and provide additional opportunities for women who wish to compete at the NCAA Division II level in the sport of triathlon."

Jackson praised Director of Athletics Jhett Albers and his staff for proactively pursuing and obtaining grant funds to establish a women's triathlon program at BHSU.

"We are excited to accept the USA Triathlon Grant to establish a women's triathlon team as an emerging sport at the NCAA Division II level," Albers said. "We feel the area in and around Black Hills State lends very well to the training program required of our student-athletes competing in the sport of triathlon."

Triathlon joins women's soccer as recent additions to the Yellow Jacket athletic department. Women's soccer will begin in the fall of 2016.



The BHSU men's and women's rodeo team competed at this year's College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

## BHSU rodeo competes at CNFR *Jackets round out a successful year in region*

The BHSU men's and women's rodeo teams qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) for the 2014-15 year.

The Yellow Jackets were aided on the men's side by winning four of the 10 rodeos enroute to a second place Great Plains Region title.

The women's team won the Will Lantis Yellow Jacket Stampede and finished second in four other rodeos as they also placed second in the region.

Tate Thybo won the Men's All-Around Cowboy title for the region

while Katie Lensegrav was the Reserve All-Around Cowgirl for the region.

Thybo also won the region title bull riding while the green and gold took home first through fourth place in team roping. Wyatt Treeby won the region title.

At the conclusion of the regular season, 11 individuals traveled to Casper, Wyo. for the CNFR.

"I thought we had a lot of success this year," head coach Glen Lammers said. "We just want to keep improving our team."

## BHSU track and field earns All-American honors

Black Hills State University track and field experienced unprecedented success at the NCAA Division II level during the 2014-15 year. Five individuals and a relay team earned All-American honors.

In March senior Mitch Kraft and junior Alec Baldwin both earned individual success while the

distance medley relay team also garnered All-American Status.

The two were joined by Chris Johnson and Baker Diede on the distance medley relay team, setting the school record in 9:54.56.

During the outdoor season, Kraft followed his indoor success with an eighth place national finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 8:57.24.

Baldwin followed in Kraft's footsteps and earned All-American status individually for the second time when he placed fourth overall in the 1,500-meter run in 3:48.73.

Madison McLaughlin also garnered All-American honors when she placed third in the shot put at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.





# MAKING THE GRADE

## *Yellow Jacket scholar-athletes record impressive grade point averages*

Black Hills State University Yellow Jackets aren't just making an impression on the court. Scholar-athletes at BHSU are recording impressive grade point averages (GPAs).

Jhett Albers, director of athletics, said BHSU scholar-athlete GPA statistics are impressive every year but even more impressive this year because BHSU has increased the number of students participating in the University's athletic programs. For the 2014-2015 academic year, more than 230 students participated in BHSU Yellow Jacket Athletics.

"The coaching staffs at BHSU do an exceptional job recruiting scholar-athletes that fit the University academically as well as athletically," said Albers. "Being successful both in and out of the classroom and earning a degree are the top priorities of our department and that is shown in the success and academic achievements of our scholar-athletes as reflected through their high-achieving GPAs and graduation rates."

The overall total combined GPA for BHSU scholar-athletes is nearly 3.0 for the 2014-2015 academic year. Recently released grade point average data reveals that the scholar-athletes' GPAs not only exceed the academic eligibility requirements set by the NCAA Division II but are also higher than the overall average for BHSU students.

The BHSU women's basketball team has the highest average GPA among all the Yellow Jacket teams with a 3.559, followed by women's cross country with a 3.398 and women's outdoor track with a 3.364.

President of BHSU, Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr., said scholar-athletes are performing well both inside and outside the classroom.

"Every scholar-athlete is here to earn a degree at a university with outstanding academic quality," said Jackson. "We're fortunate. At BHSU we have a great athletic family supporting our students."

Cassidy Kotelman, biology major from Brookings who plays forward, said the coaches also contribute to the players' academic success by working with their professors and being flexible when students need time to

prepare for classroom exams.

"The coaches make it known that academics come first and that is always a good reassurance at the end of the day. That perspective is a quality the whole university embodies," said Kotelman.

The education scholar-athletes receive from BHSU benefits both their current and future endeavors.

Among the 411 BHSU graduates this spring were several athletes including Kotelman who will attend graduate school to become a physician's assistant and Brody Brisk, Yellow Jacket men's basketball player, who will begin medical school in the fall.

Many successful professionals and business people throughout the region and world were once stand-out Yellow Jackets including Spearfish orthodontist Jesse Dana, podiatrist Lorri Riley, financial planner Harvey Krautschun, President and CEO of Graham Tire Company David Mickelson who resides in Sioux Falls, winner of the 2015 World's Strongest Man title Brian Shaw, and Snjezana Dojcinovic who works for an international fashion label in Croatia.



Cassidy Kotelman, a biology major from Brookings and forward for the Yellow Jackets women's basketball team, was part of this year's high student-athlete GPA. The women's basketball team scored the highest average GPA of all the athletic teams.

# BHSU Legacy Family honors four generations of teachers in South Dakota and Wyoming

Black Hills State University honored four generations of descendants of Hubert L. and Lucille M. (Larson) Coffield as the 2015 Legacy Family. The Coffield family includes BHSU's volleyball coach, a National Hall of Fame Teacher, and more than 20 other BHSU alumni throughout South Dakota and Wyoming.

Started in 2008, the Legacy Family Award honors families who have a tradition of attending BHSU.

Lucille Coffield, Class of '67, began the family tradition attending summer school at BHSU while teaching in several one-room country schools in northwestern South Dakota. Lucille was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1997 at the age of 97 for her contributions to education.



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Kristin Carmichael, head volleyball coach at BHSU and great-granddaughter of Lucille, said pursuing higher education was very important to her great-grandmother.

"Education was a legacy Lucille Coffield left with our family. Our family truly bleeds BHSU green and gold," said Carmichael.

Hubert and Lucille Coffield's youngest daughter, Marie (Coffield) Packard, accepted the Legacy Family Award on behalf of the family's 23 descendants who have attended or graduated from BHSU. Marie graduated with her bachelor's degree in education from BHSU and then worked

as a school librarian for Campbell County High School in Gillette, Wyo. Marie's daughter Kathleen (Packard) Engle taught middle school physical education in Newcastle, Wyo., for more than 25 years after graduating from BHSU and was named to the 2008 National Teachers Hall of Fame.

Kathleen's two daughters, Kristin (Engle) Carmichael and Kalin (Engle) Chapman, graduated from and played volleyball at BHSU. Kristin now serves as the head coach for the BHSU Yellow Jacket Volleyball Team and Kalin teaches physical education while coaching varsity volleyball in Bison.

"Coincidentally, Kalin lives and teaches just a few miles from the country schools where our Great Grandma Lucille taught 60 years ago," said Kristin.



Prints of a drawing by John Gritts are raising funds for BHSU student scholarships.

## Artwork by John Gritts raises funds for student scholarships

A former BHSU staff member is putting his talents to good use.

John Gritts worked at BHSU for 24 years mentoring students through the Upward Bound, TRIO, and Center for American Indian Studies programs before beginning his work in the BHSU Student Financial Services Office, where he was eventually named director of financial aid.

His presence on campus continues to this day with the recent release of "BHSU Traditional Dancer," a drawing by Gritts available for

purchase benefiting Native American student scholarships.

Prints of the drawing, a colored-pencil piece featuring a Native American dancer in BHSU's green and gold colors, are selling for \$100 each, with all proceeds benefiting American Indian student scholarships at BHSU.

To purchase a print and support American Indian scholarships at BHSU, contact Steve Meeker, at [Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu](mailto:Steve.Meeker@BHSU.edu) or call (605) 642-6385.



## 'This is every piano player's dream'

### BHSU alums, community fund Steinway piano

A new, pristine Steinway & Sons Grand Piano, purchased entirely by donations, now graces the concert stage of BHSU thanks to the generosity of the community.

More than \$90,000 was raised to purchase the piano.

The Steinway will be named in honor of Tad and Sandra Addy who contributed more than half the funds raised for the instrument.

"We saw a dream come true today," said Sandra Addy. "The quality of this instrument matches the quality of the BHSU music faculty and the beautiful Clare & Josef Meier Recital Hall."

Jennifer Loftin, sophomore music education major from Sturgis, said the Steinway's quality of workmanship and materials make it a treasured instrument.



Far left, Dr. Rachel Headley, and far right, Dr. Symeon Waseen, thank Sandra and Tad Addy (center) who contributed more than half the funds raised to purchase BHSU's new Steinway Grand Piano. The piano will be named in honor of the Addys.

"It's hard to put into words what it means to have a Steinway at BHSU," said Loftin. "This is every piano player's dream."

BHSU music faculty traveled to New York to personally select the piano. The Steinway & Sons piano sets the standard for

sound and quality said Dr. Symeon Waseen, assistant professor of music.

"Students at BHSU will play and be accompanied by this high-caliber instrument. This piano makes everything sound more beautiful," said Waseen.

## BHSU alum establishes scholarship in memory of teammate

More than 40 years after they ran track for BHSU, Barry Grossenburg, attended, still keeps a photo of his teammate Roy Borreson, '75, in his office.

Grossenburg established the Roy Borreson Memorial Scholarship recently in honor of Roy who lived courageously with Huntington's disease before passing away in 2008.

The Roy Borreson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a BHSU men's track and field and/or cross country athlete from South Dakota with preference given to middle distance runners.

Dave Little, who coached at BHSU for 30 years, said he considers Roy one of the top athletes he ever coached, both as an athlete and as a person. Little says Roy's positive impact continues today with the scholarship.

## Capital campaign begins to fund Newman Center on BHSU campus

Fundraising efforts are currently underway for a new BHSU Newman Center, south of the Student Union.

The current Newman Center is one mile from campus and has outgrown the facilities. The new center will have more than 16,000 square feet and a chapel. The

center will have study and meeting rooms, a kitchen, student lounge and gathering hall.

Construction will begin in 2017.

To learn more about the BHSU Newman Center Capital Campaign, visit [www.bhsunewman.com](http://www.bhsunewman.com) or contact Tracy Manning-Egge at (605) 484-0757.



Fundraising efforts are currently underway for a new BHSU Newman Center. The new center will be located across from the student union and include a chapel, study and meeting rooms, a kitchen, student lounge and gathering hall.

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## PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT BHSU



## KUDOS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [ The 40s ]

**Grace E. Huck, '49**, Spearfish, was recently honored for her service and dedication to Harris Memorial College in the Philippines. Harris Memorial College awarded her an honorary doctorate degree in the past. Grace taught at the school, which trains mainly females as deaconesses for the United Methodist Church in the Philippines. The college campus includes a dormitory named Grace Huck Hall.

### [ The 60s ]

**James "Jim" Doolittle, '67**, Belle Fourche, was honored with the Excellence in Economic Development Award. Last April, he was presented the award by S.D. Gov. Dennis Daugaard at the Economic Development Annual Conference in Sioux Falls. Jim was celebrated for achievements and contributions to economic development in the Belle Fourche area.

**John Houska, '65**, Rapid City, retired as the Rapid City Central High School track coach

after a successful 50-year coaching career. John began his coaching career in Iowa for one year followed by stints in Gregory and Huron, before finally coming to Rapid City and assuming the reins as head track and field coach at Central. He stepped down from the head coach position in 2002 when he retired from teaching. He was then asked to return to the program as the hurdling coach. Over the years he has produced numerous state champions in the hurdles.

**Dale Lamphere, Attended**, Sturgis, was chosen by S.D. Gov. Dennis Daugaard to



be the state's artist laureate. Dale, who is a sculptor, has his work on display in the Capitol rotunda and other spots on the Capitol complex in Pierre. His appointment runs through July 1, 2019.

**Richard "Dick" Termes, '64**, Spearfish, of Termesphere Gallery was presented the 2015 Tip of the Spear Award by Visit Spearfish. The Tip of the Spear Award is presented annually in recognition of valuable contributions to the Spearfish Tourism Industry.

## [ The 70s ]

**Janice "Jan" (Brozik) Cerney, '70**, Philip, co-authored a book with Roberta "Bobbi" Sago, special collections librarian at BHSU. "Images of America: Black Hills Gold Rush Towns, Volume II," shows a pictorial history of the Black Hills Gold Rush of 1876 and the towns that were affected during the gold rush era in the late 1800s.

**Connie Craft, '79**, Greybull, Wyo., joined the *Greybull Standard* and its sister publication, the *Basin Republican-Rustler*. Connie is in sales/advertising.

**Judy (Boydston) Dryden, '70 & '76**, Rapid City, received the Diplomat of the Year Award from the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce. Each year the chamber recognizes one of their members that has consistently made a difference with the chamber and the community.

**Gary Johnson, '78**, Fort Pierre, was presented with the Life National Governor Award from the Associated General Contractors of America during the AGC National meeting last March in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Gary is the seventh individual, since 1946, from the Highway-Heavy Utilities Chapter of the AGC of South Dakota to receive this distinction. It is a 12-year commitment to the National AGC of America to achieve this status. Gary was also re-elected to another three-year term to the Stanley County School Board in early June.

**Jan Knispel, '71**, Valentine, Neb., was inducted, last May, into the Nebraska English Language Arts Council's Educators' Hall of Fame. Jan is a former English teacher and language arts department head at Valentine High School. Jan was a member of the National Council of Teachers of

English (NCTE), as well as the Nebraska English Language Arts Council (NELAC) all of her teaching career. In addition, she was a member of the Nebraska Speech Communication and Theater Association and served on that board for seven years. She is currently a board member of the Nebraska Writing Project at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and a member of the Educational Service Unit 17 board for Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, and Rock counties in Nebraska. An adjunct professor at Mid Plains Community College for more than 20 years, Jan is also the Chair of the NeWP Youth Writing Festival.

**Gloria (Shavlik) Landphere, '72**, Belle Fourche, was elected Mayor of the City of Belle Fourche.

**Dennis "Dennie" Mann, '79**, Rapid City, received the South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society's 2015 Professional of the Year Award. His service to the state's wildlife resources include over 16,000 acres of land acquisition in western South Dakota, utilizing a geographic information system (GIS) for habitat and wildlife enforcement operations, and forming partnerships with (among others) the U.S. Forest Service to assist with support and funding for acquisition and habitat enhancement projects. Dennie, who retired in 2012, worked for the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks for 35 years.

**Tom May, '72**, Spearfish, was inducted into the Chamberlain School District Hall of Fame. Tom worked in the Chamberlain School District from 1971-85 as the high school counselor and coach.

**Priscilla (Young) Romkema, '79**, Spearfish, was named president-elect of the National Business Education Association (NBEA) for the 2015-2016 year at the NBEA annual convention in Chicago. The NBEA is the nation's leading professional association devoted to instruction, administration, research, and dissemination of information for and about business. Priscilla is the dean of the College of Business and Natural Sciences at BHSU.

**Kevin Williams, '76**, Casper, Wyo., retired as the longtime girl's track coach at Kelly Walsh High School in Casper. Kevin was the head girls track coach for 38 years, winning three state championships; he also was the

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head football coach for nine years, and the assistant coach for 21 years. He was inducted into the Wyoming Coaches Hall of Fame (2003), the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2010), and the BHSU Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame (2010).

## [ The 80s ]

**Darla J. (Talty) Crown, '80**, Rapid City, recently retired after 42 years of service. In June of 1973, she enlisted into the U.S. Women's Army Corps. In the spring of 2011, Darla became the first female Chief Warrant Officer for the South Dakota National Guard.

**Carla Franklin, '87**, Nash, Texas, retired after teaching 27 years in elementary education. Carla was employed with the Texarkana Independent School District (15 years) and the Liberty-Eylau Independent School District (12 years).

**Joe Gutierrez, '89 & '13**, Sturgis, was recognized last March at the State A boys basketball tournament in Rapid City for 25 years of coaching in South Dakota. Joe started his coaching career at BHSU and was an assistant football coach from 1989 to 2005. Since 2005, he has been the assistant football coach at St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City. Joe also coached middle and high school basketball for 13 years in Sturgis.

**Sheila Kinghorn, '84**, Spearfish, was named the Lead-Deadwood School District Teacher of the Year. Sheila taught fourth grade at Lead-Deadwood Elementary school. She retired, at the end of the school year, after 30 years of teaching.

**Dennis Krejci, '80**, Beatrice, Neb., was named the 2015 National Business Education Association (NBEA) Outstanding secondary Teacher of the Year from the M-PBEA region. The Mountain-Plains Business Education Association (M-PBEA) is an affiliate of the NBEA, the nation's largest professional organization devoted to instruction, administration, research, and dissemination of information for and about business. Dennis teaches at Tri County High School in DeWitt, Neb.

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### [ The 90s ]

**Aaron Carr, '94**, Lusk, Wyo., was hired as the superintendent of schools for the Niobrara County School District #1.

**Shelby (Bennett) Cihak, Attended**, Spearfish, was hired as the property manager for the Real Estate Center in Spearfish.

**Chad Hedderman, '98**, Sturgis, was hired as the new assistant principal at Sturgis Brown High School (SBHS). Chad was previously the career and technical education (CTE) instructor at SBHS.

**Carol (Green) Kjar, '90 & '91**, Garden City, Idaho, retired last summer as a natural resources technical writer/editor for the Bureau of Reclamation. Carol recently published her first suspense romance novel, "The Treasure of Adonis" by C.S. Kjar. She is currently working with an illustrator for her children's book, "The Five Grannies Go to the Ball," that she hopes to release before Christmas.

**Don Lyon, '95**, Spearfish, was hired as the new principal at Spearfish Middle School. Don previously served the past 17 years in the Meade School District; the last 12 years as the assistant principal at Sturgis Brown High School.

**Urla (Charette) Marcus, '99 & '07**, Spearfish, was named to S.D. Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Native American Student Achievement Advisory Council. Urla, who was named a "Champion for American Indian Students" by National Relief Charities, is involved on a national and regional level with Native American organizations. She is the director of the Center for American Indian Studies at BHSU.

**Kelly Merager, '96**, Cody, Wyo., was recently hired as the principal at Eastside Elementary School in Cody. Kelly was previously the assistant principal at Eastside Elementary where he had served since 2006.

**Randy Routier, Attended**, Buffalo, was presented with the ninth annual Shane Drury Keeping the Faith/True Grit Award during the annual Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo in Rapid City.

**Jeff Simmons, '91**, Aberdeen, was hired as

the new president of the Aberdeen Catholic School System. Jeff previously served the past nine years as the principal at Sturgis Brown High School.

**Michelle (Geier) Simmons, '91**, Aberdeen, was hired as the pre-kindergarten director/teacher at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen.

**Justin Speck, '91**, Rapid City, was appointed artistic director of the Black Hills Community Theatre. Justin is responsible for producing five main-stage plays and musicals, an annual dinner theater fundraising production and overseeing the educational and outreach efforts of the organization. He has been teaching theater for over 20 years and has been artistic director of theater at Rapid City Central High School since 2004.

### [ The 00s ]

**Alexa (Redding) Beltz, '07**, Hugoton, Kan., was chosen as the 2016 USD 210 School District Teacher of the Year. Alexa teaches Interrelated Studies at Hugoton High School.

**Angela "Angie" (Becker) Duncan, '00**, Spearfish, was named one of 23 top producing agents in 2014 by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield as part of the annual Promise Awards. The Promise Awards recognize Wellmark agents and agencies for their success during the past year as well as their dedication to serving the needs of Wellmark members. Angie is an agent at First Western Insurance in Spearfish.

**Patrick Fink, '06**, Denver, Colo., accepted a position at Denver University's Daniels College of Business as a program counselor.

**Michelle (Stensaas) Glodt, '00**, Pierre, was named the South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principal's 2015 Instructional Leader of the Year. Michelle received this honor for her dedication and exemplary instructional leadership skills. She serves as principal for the Stanley County Elementary School in Fort Pierre.

**Dan Hodgs, '03**, Spearfish, was elected to the Spearfish City Council. Dan, who will represent Ward 1, will serve on the public works committee.

**Pam (Haugen) Jacobs, '07**, Spearfish, was elected to the Spearfish City Council. Pam, who will represent Ward 3, will serve on the legal, finance, and public safety committee.

**Holly (Misterek) Mortenson, '09**, Whitewood, has accepted a position as a credit analyst with Black Hills Community Bank in Spearfish.

**Jordan Bauer, '09 & '11**, Piedmont, was named the new activities director at Spearfish High School. Jordan was previously the assistant women's basketball coach at BHSU for nine years.

**Anya (Olverson) Mueller, '02**, Rapid City, received the Young Professional of the Year award from the Young Professionals Group during the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting. She was recognized by the South Dakota Jaycees as one of "Ten Outstanding Young South Dakotans." Anya works at KNBN, Rapid City's NBC affiliate, as a morning news reporter and social media director.

**Dirk Remily, '07 & '09**, Denver, Colo., has accepted a clerkship with Denver judge Catherine Lemon, after a successful first year of law school at the University of Denver.

**Bjorg Remmers-Seymour, '01**, Rapid City, received the Rapid City Educator of the Year Award by the Rapid City Public Schools Foundation. Bjorg teaches eight grade math at East Middle School in Rapid City.

**Shannon (Mentzer) Schweitzer, '08**, Fort Pierre, was elected to a three-year term to the Stanley County School Board in early June.

**Dominick J. Vergara, '08**, Billings, Mont., graduated from Rocky Mountain College with a master's degree in Educational Leadership. Dominick serves as the athletic director, assistant principal and physical education teacher at Elder Grove School in Billings.

**Nicole (Woolridge) Ott, '08**, Casper, Wyo., was named to the Top 25 under 35 Editors and Publishers by *E&P magazine*. Within the last two years, Nicole (31) has won a President's Award for Innovation from parent company Lee Enterprises. She was also responsible for redesigning Trib.com, which has been honored by the Wyoming Press Association two years in a row. Nicole



has also helped turn the annual Wyoming Women's Expo into a profitable venture. Nicole is the marketing and digital director for the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

**Jennifer (Wagner) Williams, '02**, Rapid City, received the 2015 Young Lawyer of the Year Award by the Pennington County Bar Association. Jennifer is a lawyer for the South Dakota Supreme Court.

## [ The 10s ]

**Ann (Rinas) Anderson, '10**, Belle Fourche, received the Outstanding Earth Science Teacher award from the National Association of Geoscience Teachers. Ann is a fifth-grade science teacher in Belle Fourche.

**Andrea (Nelson) Bakeberg, '12**, Spearfish, accepted a position as assistant director of the South Dakota Center of Enterprise Opportunity; SD CEO Women's Business Center at BHSU.

**Taylor Guthmiller, '15**, Spearfish, was hired as the department secretary in the College of Business & Natural Sciences.

**Nickolas Ralston, '13**, Denver, Colo., accepted a position as a training specialist with the Denver Public School district.

**Lila (DeMarris) Mehlhaff, '12**, Rapid City, is now the CEO/President at Native Legacy Resources Inc., a consulting and project management company.

**Clay Pottorff, '12**, was hired as the new boys' varsity head basketball coach at Belle Fourche High School. Clay was previously serving as assistant boys' basketball coach at Greeley West High School in Greeley, Colo.

**Corinne Goodman, '12**, Spearfish, the program manager for the Western Resources Adult Day Service in Spearfish, had a ribbon cutting for the Adult Day Service. This non-profit program provides cognitive and physical activities to adults with disabilities.

## [ 1883-2015 ]

The City of Spearfish recognized the following alumni for their years of service: **Melinda "Mindy" (Gooddale) Capp, '02**, (5 years); **William Domagall, '08**, (5 years); **Verla (Nicholas) Little, '93**, (15 years); **Leah (Retzlaff) Rafferty, '99**, (15 years); and

**Myrna J. Sorensen, '99**, (10 years).

Five alumni, in addition to the BHSU Alumni Association, were honored during the 96th annual Spearfish Area Chamber of Commerce banquet and awards ceremony. Honorees include: **French Bryan, '72** and **Taffy (Tucker) Bryan, '72**, Bay Leaf Café, Lifetime Achievement Award; **Kelsie (Hoffman) Darling, '07 & '08**, Quik Signs, Business Beautification Award; **John Steele, '74**, Northern Hills Cinema, Prairie Family Business Excellence Award; **Paul Young, '78**, Spirit of Spearfish; and the **BHSU Alumni Association** received the Micropolitan Award for its commitment to bettering Spearfish.

The following alumni were recognized for their business contributions and success during the sixth annual South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity celebrating Women in Business luncheon: **Lezlie Snoozy-Kaitfors, Attended**, Enterprising Business Woman Award, owner of Comfort Keepers in Spearfish and Belle Estates Living in Belle Fourche; **Megan (Karbowski) Whitman, Attended**, Enterprising Friend of Small Business Award, executive director of Main Street Square in Rapid City; and Midwest Marketing won the Enterprising Business Team Award. Team members include: **Megan (Foster) Batteen, '08**, marketing manager; **Mr. Todd Goetz, '87**, creative director; and **Erika (Forget) Uecker, '14**, interactive web director.

Alumni honored for service by the Belle Fourche School District include: Retirees: **Marlene (Mortellaro) Coyle, '72**, (29 years); **Robert "Bob" Hellevang, '79**, (35 years); and **Randy Nicholas, '82**, (33 years). Employees honored for their years of service include: **Philip "Phil" McNally, '04**, (15 years); and **Nicholas "Nick" Redden, '04**, (10 years). **Rhonda (Neumiller) Schultz, '81**, Belle Fourche High School secretary, was recognized as the employee of the year.

**Julie (Owen) Hatling, '05 & '09**, math teacher at Belle Fourche Middle School, was named Belle Fourche School District Teacher of the Year. She was also named a teaching finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching for the 2014-15 school year.

**Shelly (Brink) Mikkelsen, '96 & '06**, Belle Fourche, was named the Region 7 Teacher

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for the 2015-16 year. She is among the top six teachers chosen in the state to compete for Teacher of the Year. Shelly teaches second grade at South Park Elementary School in Belle Fourche.

Alumni honored by the Meade School District include: Retirees: **Lon Harter, '74**, (36 years); **Sharon (Edlund) Rank, '96**, (15 years); **Joyce (McKee) Schieffer, '82**, (33 years); and **Deb (Murphy) Schnell, '06**, (36 years).

Alumni honored by the Meade School District for their years of service include: **Jerri (Maney) Heggem, '82**, (30 years); **Shari Keffeler, Attended**, (30 years); **Ann (Gallagher) Kling, '79 & '02**, (35 years); **Sharon (Edlund) Rank, '96**, (15 years); **Wanda Russell, '83 & '00**, (15 years); and **Jan (Petersen) Steffes, '79**, (35 years).

Alumni honored as Teachers of the Year by the Meade School District include: **Katie (Halter) Harrington, '07**, Piedmont Valley Elementary School; **Cary (Kling) Johnston, '83**, Rural Schools; **Ann (Gallagher) Kling, '79 & '02**, Whitewood Elementary School; **Debby (Hadden) Neiman, '02**, Sturgis Elementary School; **Carolyn (Thomson) Schuldies, '92**, Sturgis Brown High School; and **Cathie (Doering) Anderson, '80 & '02**, Sturgis Williams Middle School and Meade School District.

Alumni honored for service by the Spearfish School District include: Retirees: **Dawn Edwards, '78**, (19 years); **Kathy (Gossmann) Gusso, '79 & '02**, (27 years); **Tim Gusso, '74**, (30 years); and **Darlene (Davis) Telkamp, '74 & '02**, (30 years).

Alumni honored as Teachers of the Year by the Spearfish School District include: **Kristi (Dykes) Delahoyde, '99**, Mountain View Elementary School; **Betsy (Magnell) Koistinen, '91**, West Elementary School; **Rebecca "Becky" (Thomas) Sukstorf, '83**, Spearfish Middle School; and **Lauren (Foster) Jones, '06**, Creekside Elementary School and Spearfish School District.

## ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES

### [ The 90s ]

**Gwen (McClure), '97**, married **Joseph Martin, Attended**, April 3, 2015. Gwen is the floor supervisor at the Silverado/Franklin in Deadwood. Joseph works at Terry Components in Spearfish. Together they run Black Hills Laser Designs. The couple resides in Deadwood.

### [ The 00s ]

**Jamie (Hermanson), '09**, will marry **Josh Applegarth**, Aug. 29, 2015. Jamie is an attorney/mediator. The couple will reside in Omaha, Neb.

**Cassie (Schaeffer), '09**, married Jeremy Garman, May 24, 2014. The couple resides in Spearfish.

### [ The 10s ]

**Ashley (Paisley), Attending**, will marry **Adam Gomez, '15**, Oct. 10, 2015. Adam is currently employed by the Sanford Underground Research Facility in Lead.

**Roxanne (Gray), '12**, married **Cody Hartl, '09**, June 13, 2015. Roxanne is currently pursuing her master's degree in early childhood special education from UND; she plans to graduate this December. Cody is an accountant for the Fresh Start Convenience Stores corporate office in Spearfish. The couple resides in Spearfish.

**Rebecca (Wasserburger), '13**, married **Aaron Hewgley, '11**, May 30, 2015. Rebecca is a third grade teacher at South Park Elementary School. Aaron is an HR generalist with Green Tree. The couple resides in Rapid City.

**Hillary (Wittenhagen), '11**, will marry Reed Perry, Sept. 9, 2016. The wedding will take place in Breckenridge, Colo. Hillary is a graphic and web designer for Luxury Time in Denver, Colo.

**Sara (Thornberry), '10**, married Nicolaus "Nik" Prather, '10, June 20, 2015. Sara is the marketing project coordinator for Colusa Casino Resort. Nik is the Northwest Territory manager for Kingsbury Inc. Repair & Services. They live in Marysville, Calif.

**Savannah (Williams), '13**, married Austin Rotert, May 30, 2015. Savannah is an administrative assistant at The Lodge at Deadwood Resort.

**Courtney (Hillard), '15**, married Micah Williams, Sept. 19, 2014. Courtney is a business development specialist by Tout Advertising who runs Black Hills Woman Magazine. The couple resides in Rapid City.

## BIRTHS

### [ The 90s ]

**Coy McLaughlin, '99**, and wife Hannah, Clarion, Iowa, had a baby girl, Mara Joy, March 3. She joins big brothers Luke and Bode, and big sister Emory. Coy is the marketing coordinator at Hagie Manufacturing.

### [ The 00s ]

**Christine (Davis), '01**, and husband Scott Gordon, Casper, Wyo., had a baby girl, Cannon Lynn, March 23, 2014. Christine is a physical therapist assistant, personal trainer and fitness instructor.

**Kecia (Rembold), '06**, and husband Joe Beranek, Miller, had a baby boy, Miles McQuade, April 10. Miles joins big brother Lincoln.

**Melissa (Baldwin), '09** and husband Charles "Chas" Ihler, Everett, Wash., had a baby boy, Charles "Charlie" Maxwell Ihler, II, April 24. Melissa is a marriage and family therapist associate in Lynnwood, Wash.

**Shawn "Butter" Travis, '05**, and wife Katie (Fitzgibbons), Sioux Falls, had a baby boy, Jacob Leo, May 8. Jacob joins big sister Lucy (3) and big brother Theodore (1). Butter is a junior third party risk analyst at Meta Payment Systems.

**Janie (Schmeltzer), '08**, and husband **Jeremy Cox, '06**, Williston, N.D., had a baby girl, Halle Jane, Feb. 12. She joins big sister Reese (2). Janie is an elementary technology partner for the Williston Public School District #1. Jeremy is an area manager for the Strata Corporation.

### [ The 10s ]

**Alana (Dykhouse), '11**, and husband **Josh Breske, '10**, Sioux Falls, had a baby girl, Lola Mae, June 15. Alana is currently a fourth grade teacher in the Sioux Falls school district. Josh is the tight ends football coach at the University of Sioux Falls.

**Chad Lamb, '14**, and wife Jenna (Bergum), Belle Fourche, had a baby girl, Elizabeth Faye, April 8. Chad is currently teaching educational technology at Southwest Middle School in Rapid City.

**Angela (Herman), '12** and husband **Trevor Olson, '12**, Sundance, Wyo., had a baby boy, Jhett Wayne, June 10. Angela is a K-6 special education teacher in Moorcroft, Wyo. Trevor is a third- and fourth-grade math and science teacher in Hulett, Wyo. They both work for the Crook County School District.

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## Dakota Territory/Spearfish Normal School 1883-1940

Martha A. (Brandsma) Beck, Attended, Huron  
Clara M. (Hedstrom) Mastrovich, '37, San Diego, Calif.  
Helen M. (Shoop) Montgomery, Attended, Whitewood  
Arline M. (Nelson) Petoske, Attended, Midland  
Lola I. (McAmis) Willey, Attended, Hulett, Wyo.

## Black Hills Teachers College 1941-1963

Raymond J. Black, Attended, Pierre  
Verdine "Dean" N. Boschee, Attended, Denver, Colo.  
Leland M. Bordeaux, '60, Mission  
Cora V. (Stull) Downs, '52, Sebec, Maine  
Terry J. Egge, '61, Aubrey, Texas  
Julia M. Eveleth, Attended, Rapid City  
Elmer "Leroy" Hill, '56, Belle Fourche  
Lois A. (Cunningham) Jackson, Attended, Overbrook, Kan.  
Rosetta E. (Jordan) McIntosh, '41, Rockford, Ill.  
Eileen J. (Wade) Millage, '63, Brookings  
John M. Perceovich, Jr., '60, Deadwood  
Marie K. (Bogner) Piper, '50, Scottsbluff, Neb.  
Joseph "Joe" J. Rajewich, '58, Rapid City  
Lyle Scandrett, '57, Rapid City  
Madeline L. (Pourier) Steen, '50, Rapid City  
Sherman Teigen, '58, Riverside, Calif.  
David H. Von Wald, '60, Arvada, Colo.  
Loretta J. (Furrey) Ward, '63, Sturgis

## Black Hills State College 1964-1988

Dean F. Aschenbrenner, '71, Denver, Colo.  
Arthur "Art" G. Becket, '65, Rapid City  
Bette J. (Percy) Beeman, '69 & '76, Kingman, Ariz.  
Donald F. Bendt, '75, Piedmont  
Marvin L. Brandis, '84, Winner  
William "Butch" J. Cacek, '69, Rapid City  
Norman S. Carrell, '65, Casper, Wyo.  
Harriet A. (Farrell) Dias, '80, Spearfish  
Deborah L. (Anderson) Doll, Attended, Denver, Colo.  
Raymond G. Eide, '71, Custer  
Robert "Bob" G. Fallbeck, '67, Firestone, Colo.  
Virginia "Ginger" Fernen, '81, Belle Fourche  
Trula M. (Horn) Fields, '72, Belle Fourche  
John F. Fillmore, '70, Whitewood  
Diane "Dannie" E. (Matter) Geary-Stone, '72, Rapid City  
Paul Georgas, '72, Rapid City  
Paula M. (Boynton) Gillette, '77, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Nancy A. (Muldoon) Hall, '74, Aurora, Neb.  
Vivian C. (Palmer) Hansen, '66, Philip  
Margaret "Marge" C. (Flatman) Hunt, '68 & '70, Rapid City  
James "Zeke" R. Hylle, Attended, Custer  
Barbara M. (Jones) Karen, '74, Rapid City  
GeorgiaMae (Knochenmuss) Krosschell, Attended, Rapid City  
Marilyn R. (Caauwe) Oyler, '71, Rapid City  
Darrel G. Peterson, Attended, Philip  
Jay A. Purintun, Attended, Sugar Creek, Mo.  
Jerry L. Reid, Attended, Greeley, Colo.

Grace K. (Lewis) Roberts, '69, Rapid City  
Earland "Earl" E. Rose, Attended, Sturgis  
Donley "Don" P. Schell, '67, Sundance, Wyo.  
Mary "Jane" S. (Weber) Schuchardt, '73, Spearfish  
Vera (Watwood) Stahl, '64, Rapid City  
Kathleen "Kathy" P. (Gross) Valnes, '74, Chamberlain  
Donald "Don" O. Wohlhueter, Attended, Lead

## Black Hills State University 1989-Present

Jason I. Crouch, '89, Janesville, Minn.  
Vincent "Vince" A. Hafner, '00 & '02, Spearfish  
Brett I. Johnson, '93, Boise, Idaho  
Gage P. McSpadden, Attending, Rawlins, Wyo.  
Cassie M. (Hatzenbuhler) Shaw, Attended, Bismarck, N.D.  
Robert W. Stivers, '89, Kansas City, Mo.  
Peggy L. (Hansen) Washabaugh, Attended, Rapid City

## Former Faculty/Staff

Lila M. (Anders) Feist, '62 & '67, Rapid City  
Philip "Phil" C. McNally, '04, Belle Fourche  
David B. Moranville, West Des Moines, Iowa  
Gerald D. Shryock, Surprise, Ariz.  
Cleo A. (Aaker) Wood, Newell



Gerald D. Shryock of Surprise, Ariz., died March 18, 2015. Shryock became a member of the science and math faculty at BHSU in 1963. From 1968 to 1989 he served as chair of the BHSU's science and math division. In 1989 he returned full-time to the classroom as a chemistry professor at BHSU. Shryock

was a nominee for the Catalyst Award for excellence in teaching and received the Distinguished Faculty Award at BHSU in 1983. Shryock graduated from Sharon, Oklahoma High School in 1952 (salutatorian), received a bachelor's degree with majors in biology and chemistry from Northwestern State College, Alva, Okla., in 1956, a master's in biochemistry from Oklahoma State University in 1958 and an Honorary Doctorate of Education from the faculty of Imperial Ethiopian College in 1960. In 1965, he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Organic Chemistry from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. He did additional post-doctoral work at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla., in 1971. He is survived by his wife Sara, five children, 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and brother E.L.



Cliff Papik, of Spearfish, died on July 25, 2015, at the age of 98. Papik was a former BHSU athletic director and baseball coach. He is survived by his wife Jeanne Papik, of Spearfish. Due to the print deadline for the 2015 Fall Alumni Magazine, a full obituary will be in the 2016 Spring Alumni Magazine.

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## Looking back

### Boot Scootin' to Swarm Week at BHSU

Left to right, Sarah McEvoy, Ken Miller, Debbie Nordyke, and George Martin enjoy a "Delts and Tekes" hayride during homecoming in 1970. Bring your western wear to this year's Swarm Week and join in the theme "Boot Scootin' Victory." Events throughout the week include a country campfire, old-fashioned hoe-down, and a record-breaking line dance during halftime at the homecoming game. For a full list of events, go to [www.BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek](http://www.BHSU.edu/SwarmWeek).

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