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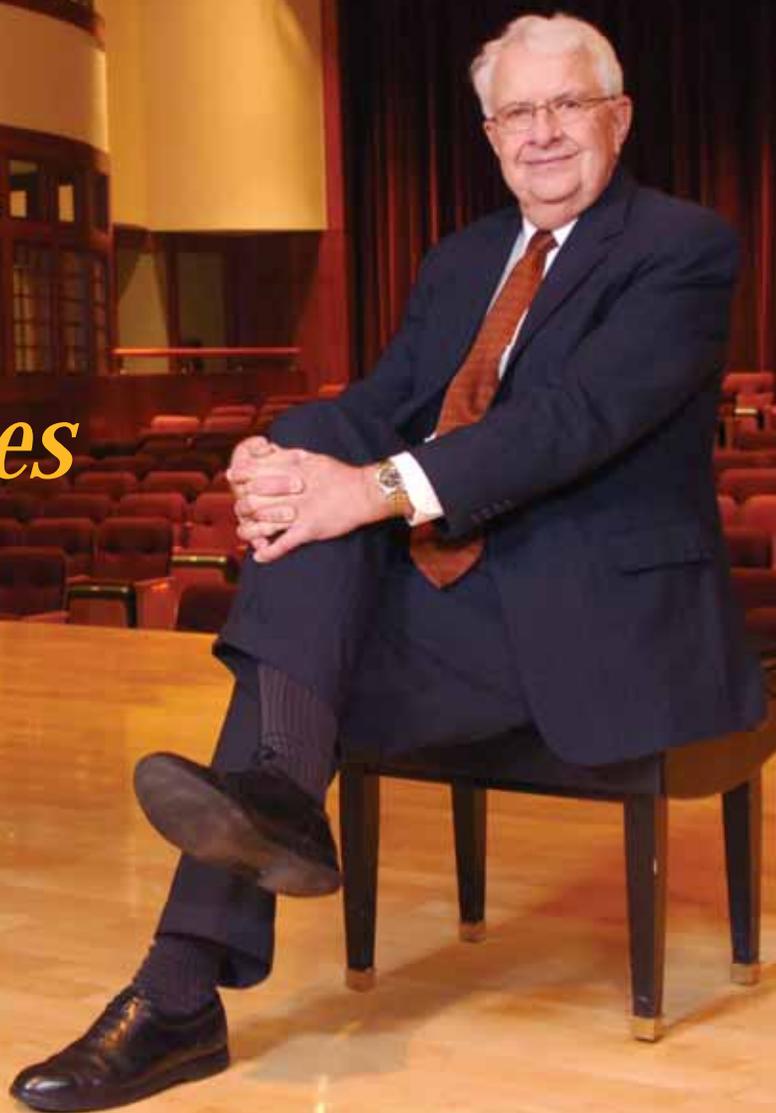
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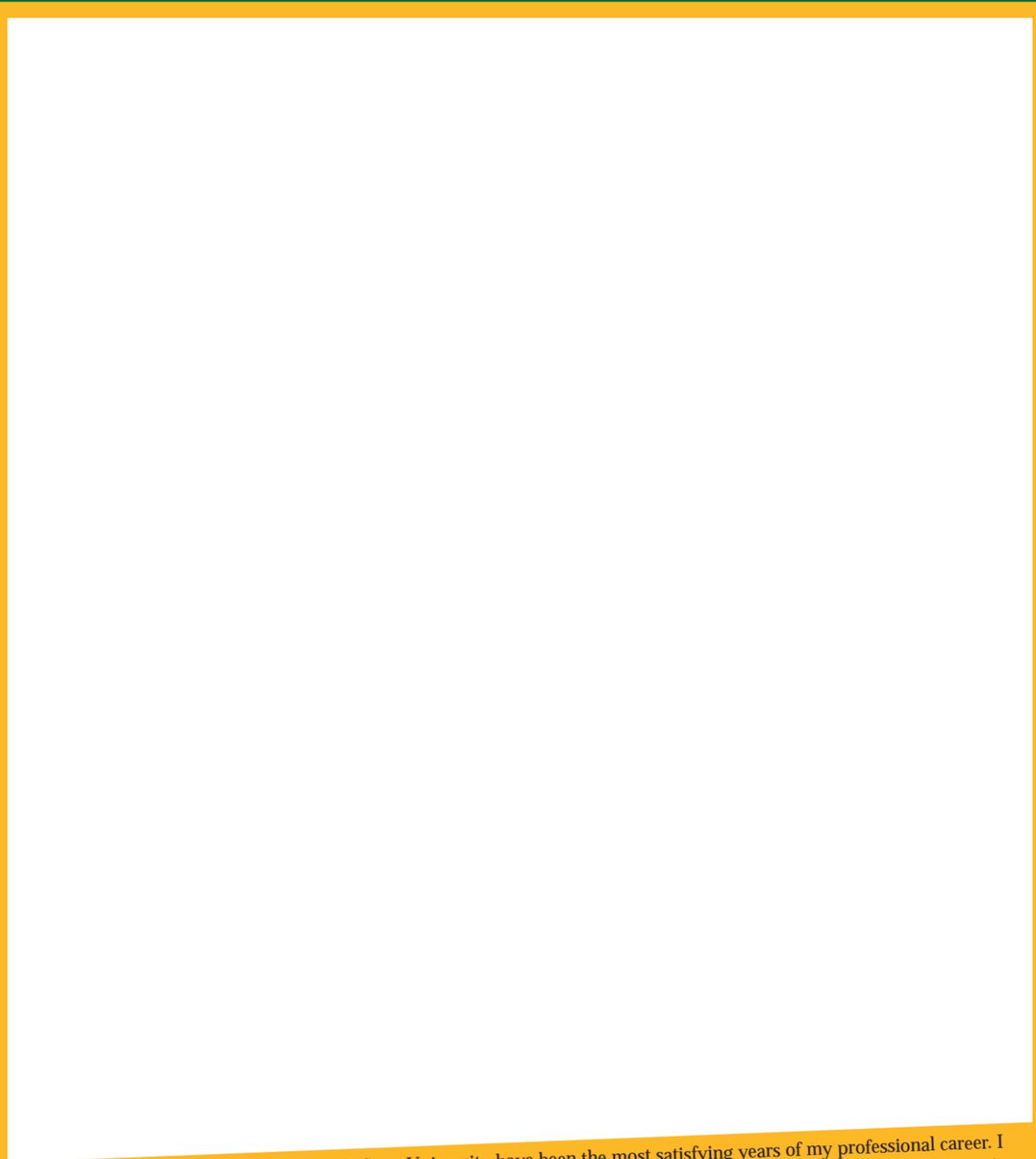
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The 12 years I have spent at Black Hills State University have been the most satisfying years of my professional career. I thank the Board of Regents for extending me the privilege of serving as the president of this vibrant and growing university. In that role I have had the chance to work with remarkably talented faculty and staff. They have proven themselves to be individuals dedicated to providing our students with the finest possible education, support, and guidance. I have also had the pleasure of working with alumni, community members, and friends of BHSU who have done so much to make this university successful.

Indeed, our success at BHSU has been driven by the efforts of countless people who had a vision of what this university could become. To all those people I extend my thanks for their dedication and contributions. Judy and I also say thank you to the university community, to the people of Spearfish and the Black Hills, and to those across the state who have made us feel so much at home. Because of all of you, we have chosen to stay in Spearfish for our retirement and to continue our support for Black Hills State University.

*Dr. Thomas Flickema
BHSU President*



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Black Hills State University, founded in 1883 as a teacher preparatory institution, has grown to become the state's third largest university with nearly 3,900 students. BHSU has expanded its curriculum and now offers more than 80 majors and minors through three colleges - the College of Education, the College of Business and Technology and the College of Arts and Sciences. To find out more see www.bhsu.edu.

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President Flickema leaves a legacy at BHSU

Dr. Thomas Flickema, who is retiring from his position as president of BHSU this summer, says his 45-year career in higher education is the result of some sound advice from his father many years ago.

"My father said 'whatever you do, have a job that you want to do. You spend so many hours at work. Do something that gives you a sense of satisfaction.' I've had the opportunity to earn that sense of satisfaction in my career," Flickema says.

As a faculty member and administrator in higher education for more than four decades, including 12 years as president at BHSU, Flickema has had many opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of students, faculty and staff members as well as the community as a whole. For Flickema it all comes down to what the students accomplish.

"Students. That's what we're all about. When one of them comes back and lets us know what they have accomplished, that's the ultimate satisfaction," Flickema says.

Flickema, who has served as BHSU president since 1994, will retire July 1. Flickema served as the eighth president at BHSU. Under Flickema's leadership, BHSU has established itself as the third largest university in South Dakota and a leader in liberal arts education. Flickema believes the university is poised for unprecedented success in the future.

Flickema began his career as a history

professor and his tenure at BHSU will go down in history as a time of profound accomplishments and great change and improvement for the university. Thirty years ago Flickema was a tenured full professor enjoying teaching and research with no intention of going into administration. He accepted his election as chair of the history department at California State University, Fullerton, as a temporary assignment, little realizing it would lead to a successful and influential career in administration.

At BHSU, Flickema will be remembered for his far-reaching vision for the university and many accomplishments as he led the university through a number of changes and enhancements. Looking back, Flickema says his greatest pride is in the improvement of instruction on campus.

"The driving force in an academic institution is the faculty, and Black Hills State is fortunate in that our faculty are extremely talented, dedicated and hardworking," Flickema says. Faculty research and publications, as well as performance activities, have increased dramatically in the last 10 years. Flickema notes that faculty use of instructional technology has also seen major changes and improvements in that time period.

Flickema has always maintained that the cornerstone of academic achievement rests upon the strength of the faculty and the diversity of the curriculum, and he has

worked to ensure that BHSU has the best of both. Through the years the number of faculty members with the highest available degrees in their fields has increased from 53 percent to more than 77 percent.

"The greatest strength is the people on campus. The Black Hills State University faculty and staff provide the best possible education and services to our students and to the community beyond the campus. These years have been the most satisfying and fulfilling professional experience in my life and I value the rich associations I have had with all of you and thank you for all that you have contributed," Flickema said during his state of the university address this fall.

Under Flickema's watch, outside funding for the university has grown exponentially. He noted that the university will receive more than \$4 million in grant funding this year, an dramatic increase from the \$75,000 received in 1995. He noted that grants have brought more than \$1 million worth of equipment to campus which brings valuable equipment to our campus which provides enhanced learning opportunities for students. Many of these grants have provided much needed equipment for teaching and training.

The university has placed a growing emphasis on research and development. Faculty research has increased dramatically

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I will miss the day-to-day

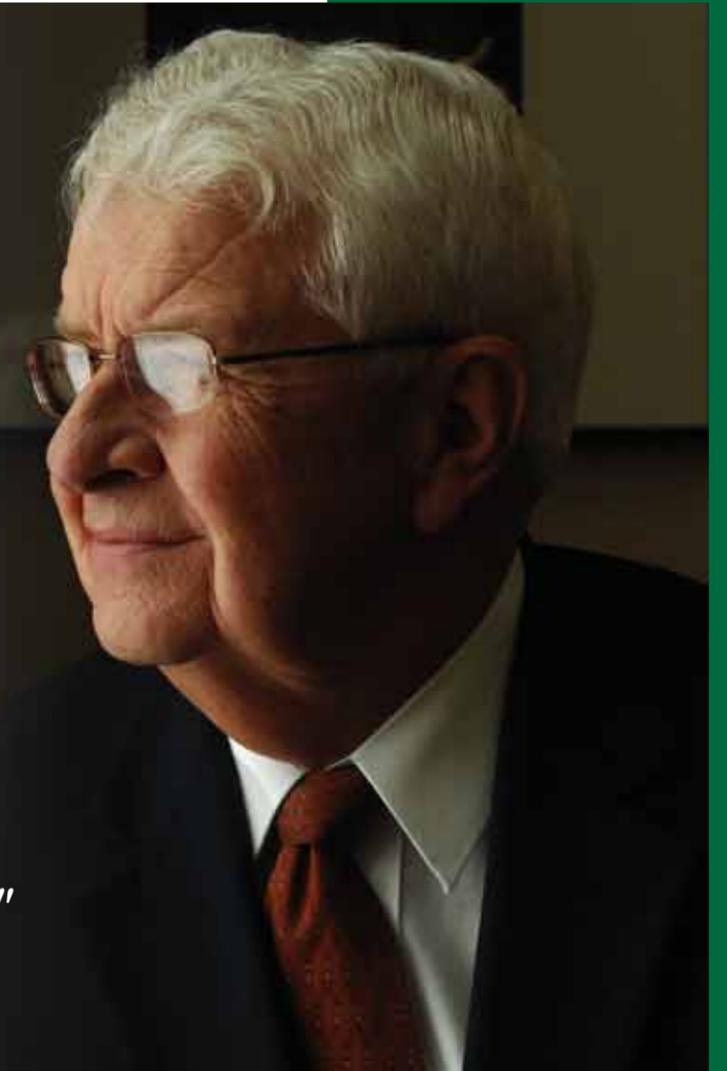
interaction with talented,

creative, dedicated people.

At the same time I'm going to

walk out of here feeling good

about what we've accomplished."



Schallenkamp chosen to lead BHSU

Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, president of Emporia State University at Emporia, Kan., will become the ninth president of Black Hills State University, the South Dakota Board of Regents announced this spring.

Schallenkamp has served as president at Emporia State since 1997. Prior to that, she was provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and provost at Chadron (Neb.) State College. She began her higher education experience in South Dakota as an undergraduate student at Northern State University. She later returned to Northern to begin her academic career, starting as an instructor of communication disorders in 1973 and ending her tenure there as dean of graduate studies and research in 1988.

Throughout her career, Schallenkamp has been professionally active at the state and national lev-

els. She currently serves on the board of directors for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, and The Renaissance Group. She chairs the board of directors of The National Teachers Hall of Fame and has served as chair of the Presidents Council of the NCAA Division II. Additionally, she has been active in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the North Central Association's Higher Learning Commission.

Schallenkamp holds three degrees in communication disorders: a B.S. from Northern State University, a M.A. from the University of South Dakota, and a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado. She and her husband, Ken, have two grown daughters.



Building a dream

For Spearfish businesswoman and chef Leigh Kamstra, Class of '82, it all started when she fell in love with a building.

And it wasn't much of a building at that. The former W.B. Lown Dry Goods and Mercantile

was a dilapidated building that had been empty for 37 years when it caught Leigh's eye. This was some time during the years 1978 to 1982 while she was attending college at Black Hills State University. At the time, Leigh had no clue what she might do with the old stone building. All she knew was that someday, somehow, she and this particular building would forge a relationship.

That relationship eventually became Roma's on the corner of Fifth Street and Illinois in downtown Spearfish. But what happened between the early 80s when Leigh first discovered it - and the year 2000 when Roma's opened its doors - is a history well worth revisiting.

The second to youngest of six children, Leigh grew up in Brookings, where her parents were both professors at South Dakota State University. With a family cabin on Nemo road and grandmother in Sturgis, Leigh considered the Black Hills her second home - which is why she chose BHSU for college.



"I knew one thing. I did not want to go to college where my parents were teaching," Leigh recalls.

With a head for numbers and natural bookkeeping abilities, she got her degree in business with a

minor in computer science. After graduation, she spent 10 years in the banking industry - three years in California and another seven years in Denver.

And then came the fateful day in 1994 when Leigh was sitting on the couch watching television after a stressful day at the office and saw a commercial for a culinary arts degree program offered through the Colorado Institute of Art.

"It was like a light went off in my head," Leigh says. "I had always loved to cook, though I was never very good at it. I used cooking and baking for stress relief after a long day at work."

It may have been slightly out of character for the shrewd businesswoman to make the spontaneous decision to chuck her successful business career to become a chef, but once Leigh had set her mind to it, she did not look back.

The 18-month culinary arts program was intense, Leigh says, and out of a class of 125 students, only 42 graduated. But she loved every

moment of it. She also excelled at it - finishing first in her class of 1997. She graduated with a 4.0 grade point average, three gold medals and two silvers.

While in school, Leigh honed what would become her special culinary magic sauces. She also secured a special wine and spirits certification, which means she pairs different wines with multi-course meals.

Although she didn't know it at the time, her skill with sauces would become the impetus behind the name Roma's (after the tomatoes she uses in her marinara sauces) and the wine and spirits certification would become the force behind Roma's Wine Dinner (served monthly from October through April), where she treats lucky patrons to a four-course dinner of original, not-on-the-menu dishes made by Leigh herself and paired with carefully selected wines.

After graduation, Leigh started her cooking career in Colorado. For a time, she was happy working in head chef positions at upscale restaurants in Boulder and Cherry Creek. But then she became frustrated with the trend she was seeing. "They were downgrading the quality of the food while they were raising the prices," she explains. "It was my name on the food, and I was not happy about it."

Back home visiting family at Christmastime in Spearfish, Leigh happened upon her favorite building - still there and still empty. But this time, there was a "for sale or lease" sign in the window. For Leigh, this was another sign.

"This is going to sound crazy," Leigh explains, "but I looked in the window and I could see my restaurant."

Even more interesting was discovering that the building's owner was only 10 minutes away from her home in Denver. Another sign.

Putting her business acumen to good use, Leigh negotiated with the owner a deal that would make her dream a reality - even though she could not afford to buy the building. She hired local contractors and started refurbishing the building in earnest in March 2000. In a three-month whirlwind of activity, renovations were completed and Leigh opened Roma's on July 1.

Among the multiple challenges the old building presented, there was

no electricity or water to the building. They stripped paint to reveal beautiful fir woodwork. A good friend and photo stylist from Denver accompanied her on snooping tours of upscale restaurants which eventually resulted in the stunning, eclectic interior design that makes up Roma's atmosphere.

There is an interesting clash of old and new at Roma's, where some of the original features of the building - like stained glass, painted plaster walls, food bins, counter tops and wooden showcases - are juxtaposed with modern touches like metal sculpture and plaster busts. The colors are vivid and inviting.

For artwork to adorn Roma's walls, Leigh momentarily shut off the creative, culinary side of her brain and let her business brain take over.

"Spearfish is a big arts community, and I decided to develop a rotating art gallery on my wall. Local artists get a place to display their work, and I get top-notch art for my walls that changes every month," Leigh explains. She does not charge artists a commission and keeps a pricelist of artwork discreetly hidden behind the counter in case a patron is interested in buying.

For the first two years in business, Leigh never left Roma's kitchen. She now cooks once a week and spends the rest of her time on the multiple management duties associated with the popular restaurant. She is quick to pass herself over when she discusses Roma's success and popularity with patrons from all over the Black Hills. Roma's fans will tell you the atmosphere is stunning, the food outstanding, and the service is over the top. But Leigh refuses to take the credit.

"I have to give a lot of credit to my staff," Leigh insists. "I absolutely would not be where I am today without my staff." She still has the first server she ever hired and says her employees stay with her an average of 2 1/2 years - not bad in an industry known for its high turnover rate.

Now that Roma's has passed its five-year mark, how does Leigh feel about her long-term relationship she's had with the building she spotted over 20 years ago?

"I live and breathe this place," Leigh says. "It is both a blessing and a curse, but my blood pressure is the lowest it has been in years."

She regrets that she takes no vacations, but plans to remedy that in the future when she achieves her next dream of buying a Harley. Right now she is learning to ride a borrowed Harley belonging to a friend who refuses to sell her the bike.

Given Leigh's history of getting what she sets her mind to, I suspect we'll see her cruising Spearfish Canyon on her Harley sometime soon.

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Rodeo clown teaches the importance of education

Duane Reichert, Class of '72, gets ready for work in the mornings sitting on a hay bale in a dirt-floor tent.

He tugs on pink tights over an aging body, flops a carrot-top wig over his graying hair, runs a can of gold spray paint over his cowboy boots and tops the ensemble off with a pink cowboy hat.



Reichert

Reichert is a rodeo clown, cowboy protector and bull fighter rolled into a bundle of funny clothes, laugh-out-loud schtick and uncommon bravado. The bravado comes from being in the bull-riding arena on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association tour for more than 40 years.

Throughout the National Western Stock Show & Rodeo (in Denver, Colo.), he's presented "Backstage With a Rodeo Clown," a program geared to toddlers and school-age kids, three to seven times daily. The program is new to the 100-year-old stock show.

In "Backstage," Reichert describes the life and dangers of being a clown - he has broken his foot and each finger and once required 25 stitches to his face. He throws in some magic, comedy and farm animals, entertaining up to 300 youngsters on bleachers and hay bales in the tent.

After sharing lemonade from a wooden keg with the audience, Reichert puckishly pulled a dog from the same keg.

Even the shy children in the audience grimaced.

He also incorporates three messages: Education is important. Drugs can kill you. Live your dream.

"Walt Disney said if you can dream it, you can do it, and I can attest to that - I've been living my dream for 40 years," Reichert said before the 20-minute performance.

He won't reveal his age, but he's old enough to collect Social Security.

His "Backstage" show has toured in 22 states. He's on the road 279 days a year. His wife of 37 years, Claudette, is a school-curriculum administrator in Sturgis.

"I'm proud to be

tection," distracting the bull while the cowboy picks himself up, he said.

A shy and introverted Reichert began clowning in 1961, two years out of high school.

"When I put on the makeup, it transforms me. It's like a split personality," he said. "When I walk into the arena, I become a totally different person."

He took speech classes in college to help overcome his shyness, and he earned a degree in elementary education from Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

He uses a broken side mirror from a pickup truck to help him dab on colorful makeup stored in a video-cassette case.

Children pour into the tent, and soon he is introducing his purple-headed stick horse "that I don't have to water or feed." He pulls a rabbit not out of his hat but his pants. He pulls a guinea pig from a French horn, to the delight of the children.

"I thought it was very well done, and I liked the way he addressed the issues of education and not doing drugs," said Jacquie Brostrom, of Centennial, who was with her husband, Dave, and two grandchildren, Quincy, 4, and Jade, 3.

At one point in the show, Reichert promised to share candy but instead pulled out yet another small animal.

Quincy's eyes grew

wide at the surprise.

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part of the 100th National Western Stock Show," Reichert said.

Clowning has evolved over the years, he said. "It used to be every rodeo clown did comedy. Now it's more cowboy pro-

Ebbert researches her way to an outdoor career

While growing up in Deadwood, Elaine Ebbert liked being outdoors as much as possible. Today, Elaine's career as a wildlife biologist keeps her outdoors. Elaine had dreamed of this type of a career for years, and after several other endeavors, she took the first step in making that dream come true when she enrolled at BHSU to study biology.

"I have always been an outdoors person. I was the kind of kid that my mother couldn't get to stay in the house. I didn't know how to cook like my sister. I could have cared less," Elaine says.

Like many young people, Elaine wasn't sure what vocation she wanted to pursue, but she enrolled as a commuter student at BHSU and earned a secretarial degree in 1970. She later continued her education in the secretarial field with coursework in medical transcription in California.

When she moved back to Rapid City, she was hired as a medical transcriptionist in the records department at Rapid City Regional Hospital. It didn't take her long to discover that this job wasn't her calling. This realization prompted her to transfer within the hospital to the Cancer Registry department, where she worked nearly 20 years. Her work involved research of patients, their types of cancer, and what treatments were most successful. She

found that she loved doing research. Her job also expanded as she became a consultant to other cancer registry programs and helped them prepare for accreditation.

Although Elaine enjoyed her job at the hospital, she was ready for a change and once again enrolled at BHSU. This time she knew what she wanted to do and was ready to put her experience in research to work with a degree. Her experience with data analysis and research gave Elaine the background that would prove to be useful as she pursued a biology degree and a career as a wildlife biologist.

"I returned to BH because I felt like I needed a change. I had always wanted a biology degree. I didn't know that when I was younger, but as time went on, I began to realize that. I have always been an outdoors person and have friends who are wildlife biologists. I felt a real desire to achieve this goal," Elaine said.

Elaine now works with the Nature Conservancy in Rapid City. The mission of the Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. The organization owns land and works to preserve it in its natural



Dr. Audrey Gabel, professor emeritus at BHSU, and Elaine Ebbert (right) collaborated on several research projects including one that led to a field guide to Black Hills mushrooms.

state.

Her work with "Idea Wild," a group that raised money to fund projects in Central and South America for biologists, introduced her to the Nature Conservancy in Rapid City. She began doing volunteer work for the Nature Conservancy, and after she received her degree she continued on a contract basis. She also coordinates education programs for schools and other groups.

While at BH, Elaine met Audrey and Mark Gabel, emeritus professors, who became mentors and eventually life-long friends.

"Mark and Audrey Gabel have been one of the best influences in my life. We have become close friends. They are the reason that I am able to do this job."

Elaine began helping the Gabels with research projects and says it was a meaningful learning experience for her.

"I wish that every student majoring in science could experience having the Gabels as a professors," Elaine said. "They are incredible. Their enthusiasm is just contagious."

Elaine has high praise for all of her science professors at BHSU and says she sometimes encounters people who don't

The opportunity to spend days outdoors doing this type of research is what led Elaine Ebbert to return to BHSU to earn a biology degree. Elaine now works for the Nature Conservancy in Rapid City.

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The 40s **Grace Huck**, Class of '49, Spearfish, recently published her second book, "God's Amazing Grace, Stories From My Life." For more information, visit gracepublisher.com. Grace retired as a pastor at age 65.

The 50s **Richard "Dick" Ruddell**, Class of '58, Spearfish, recently celebrated his 90th birthday! An open house was held in

his honor at the BHSU Ruddell Gallery July 31, 2005.

The 60s **James Dunn**, Class of '62, Lead, was recently inducted into the Deadwood Hall of Fame. James, a long-time supporter of Deadwood, served in the S.D. House of Representatives and as a state senator for nearly 30 years.

Connie (Morrissey) Erickson, Class of '69,

Tucson, Ariz., was named Arizona's National Distinguished Elementary Principal of 2004-05. Her school, Mesquite Elementary, was also recognized as one of the top three schools in Arizona for "Best Practices."

Richard Greco, Class of '64, Eureka, retired in 2004 after teaching for 40 years. Some of the subjects he covered were biology, world history, Spanish, and geography. He was

also the yearbook advisor. In 1983, he was named the S.D. Conservation Teacher of the Year.

Dennis Howell, Class of '67, Wheatland, Wyo., was recognized in the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" for 2005. He is an art instructor at Wheatland High School.

Robert J. Julius, Class of '60, Sturgis, is in his 40th year as a sports-

caster on both TV and radio. He received the 2004-05 S.D. Basketball Coaches Association "Friend of Basketball" Award. He previously received this award in 1993-94.

Avonelle Kelsey, Class of '65, recently opened her own art gallery in Hot Springs. The gallery features artwork, poems, and much more.

Clarence McGirr, Class of '65, Arizona City, Ariz., recently retired after working for the Belle Fourche School District for 16 years and at Maricopa Community Colleges in Arizona for 16 years.

Roger Merriman, Class of '67, Deadwood, works for Seaton Publishing, parent company of the *Black Hills Pioneer*, as publisher of their newest paper, *Rapid City Weekly News*.

Dennis Schaar, Class of '64, Rapid City, is serving his third term as an elder at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Since retiring in 2001 from his job as a United Airlines captain, Dennis has been traveling and doing community work.

The 70s **Cathy (Birkeland)**, Class of '76, Belle Fourche, and her husband, **Melvin Eaton**, Class of '75, recently purchased

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the Real Estate Center franchise in Belle Fourche and built a new office there.

Bob DeMersseman, Class of '70, Rapid City, received the 2004 S.D. Tech 'Outstanding Public Service Award.' Bob is Rapid City Economic Development partnership president.

Kathleen Dodson-Smith, Class of '72, Maple Grove, Minn., was recently elected to serve a two-year term on the board of directors for WAMSO (Minnesota Symphony Orchestra Association).

Elaine Doll-Dunn, Class of '79, Spearfish, recently started Leading Lady Enterprises to promote books and speaking engagements about her life.

Robin I. (Vanvactor) Henrikson, Class of '74, Rapid City, was named the 2005-06 "Teacher of the Year" for North Middle School, where she has taught for 15 years.

Robert 'Bob' Knapp, Class of '77, Spearfish, recently received the Spearfish Economic Development Corporation Award of Excellence for his strong community support and dedication to economic development.

Randall Macy, Class of '77, Deadwood, was formally sworn

in as a 4th Circuit Court Judge in Deadwood in December 2005.

Carol (Reinhardt) Meyer, Class of '77, Punta Gorda, Fla., has been working as an independent contractor for three and a half years. Most of her work has taken her overseas.

Ernie Nauman, Class of '71, Spearfish, retired in fall 2005 after 31 years with the Forest Department. He continues to operate E & S Custom Cabinets & Furniture Repair, a business he and his wife, Sandi, started years ago.

Thomas Pitlick, Class of '75, Pierre, was recently chosen to be the finance manager for the city of Pierre.

Jennifer (Wilson) Silbaugh, Class of '71, received an H&B Teacher of Excellence regional award and was one of five in Texas to receive a lifetime achievement award. She lives in Harlingen, Texas, with husband **Mike Silbaugh**, Class of '69.

Darlene (Davis) Telkamp, Class of '74, Spearfish, was named "South Dakota's Preserve America History Teacher of the Year" for 2005. She is a teacher at Spearfish Middle School.

Martin Waukazoo, Class of '72, San

Leandro, Calif., was honored with the Champions of Health Professionals Diversity Award in June 2005.

Ken Wetz, Class of '70, Newell, was named the Black Hills Volunteer of the Year by the Black Hills Community Economic Development. Ken has served as the mayor of Newell and in the state legislature.

The 80s **Richard Anderson**, Class of '82, Laramie, Wyo., was named Wyoming Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportswriters Association.

Nancy (Pulliam) Coker, Class of '87, recently completed the criteria necessary to become a National Board Certified Teacher in the field of exceptional needs. She lives and teaches in Georgetown, S.C.

Joan Conroy, Class of '87, Rapid City, was recently featured in the *Black Hills Faces Magazine* for her work in starting the first Native American Lutheran Church in South Dakota. As pastor, Joan leads the Woyatan Lutheran Church in Rapid City.

Betty Coon, Class of '85, Rapid City, received the Wind Beneath our Wings Award from the Rapid City Area Chamber of

Commerce Health and Human Service Committee. Betty has worked as a social worker and volunteer for many years.

Dwight E. Cundy, Class of '84, Lincoln, Neb., retired as the senior auditor with the USDA Office of Inspector General, Great Plains Region, in December 2005 after 25 years of dedicated service to the federal government.

Robert Dohrer, Class of '88, Eden Prairie, Minn., was recently named to the Audit Standards Board by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is the co-director of auditing for McGladery and Pullen, CPAs.

Joe Gutierrez, Class of '89, Sturgis, was recently selected as the West River Juvenile Corrections Agent Supervisor by the S.D. Department of Corrections.

Josh Hall, Class of '89, Sturgis, was named S.D. Technology Teacher of the Year by the International Technology Education Association. Josh is a teacher at North Middle School in Rapid City.

Rosa (Vetter) Herman, Class of '88, Rapid City, was named Social Worker of the Year for Western South Dakota by the Western S.D. Child

Protection Council in April 2005. She has worked as a case manager for the Department of Social Services for the last four years.

Richard J. Martian, Class of '86, Whiting, Iowa, has been a CAD and construction instructor at Sioux City West High School for seven years.

Armond "Red" Olson, Class of '81, Ft. Thompson, is acting superintendent for the Lower Brule Agency. He has 10 grandchildren.

Susan (Rosencranz) Proefrock, Class of '87, Belle Fourche, is serving as president-elect of the S.D. Association of School Business Officials for 2005-06. Next year she will assume the role of president.

Jeanette Scarborough, Class of '86, Aberdeen, was inducted into the Dakota Musicians Association Hall of Fame for North and South Dakota.

Darin Schiller, Class of '89, Belle Fourche, is assistant pipeline superintendent for Belle Fourche Pipeline and Bridger Pipeline LLC. His wife, **Jo Lynn (Christensen)**, Class of '88, works in the Campbell County School System.

Deanna Streeter, Class of '87, Sioux Falls, is teaching



Class of '70 football team meets at BH

A group of former BHSU football players that were part of the 1970 Yellow Jacket team which holds the record as the most successful football team for 35 years, gathered at BHSU recently. The 1970 Yellow Jacket team had an 8-2 record that captivated the school and community. Star players from the team, including Mike Savoy, went on to receive NAIA honors. Those attending the reunion were: front row, left to right, Bob Templeton, Class of '73, Ree Heights; Bill Fleak, Class of '74, Riverton, Wyo.; Kent Waugh, Buffalo, Wyo.; Lanny Swisher, Class of '73, Spearfish; back row, left to right, Bill Hughes, former coach, Spearfish; Mike Murphy, Class of '78, Watertown; Doug Roseth, Ft. Pierre; Jim Holwegner, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Ron Young, Class of '72, Pierre; Paul Georgas, Class of '72, Rapid City; Kent Mauck, Mobridge; Ken Richardt, Winthrop Harbor, Ill.; and Gene Schlekeway, former coach, Spearfish. The group met at the BHSU vs. S.D. Tech football game in Spearfish to watch the Yellow Jackets defeat the Hardrockers 34-17.

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English as a second language to refugees with Lutheran Social Services.

The Christopher Andre, Class of '98, Mission, is in his eighth year of teaching for the Todd County School District. He and wife **Jessie (Bordeaux),** Class of '97, have three daughters.

Dadra (Morris) Avery, Class of '97, Sturgis, was recently hired as a guidance counselor at Sturgis Brown High School.

Vanessa Bernstein, Class of '92, Suches, Ga., completed her master's degree in landscape architecture in 2005.

Kimberly (Burr) Bynote, Class of '98, Omaha, Neb., is studying the effects of estrogen on breast cancer, thymus, and pituitary tissues at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She has also done some cloning.

Michele Carlin, Class of '95, was honored as a Beta Sigma Phi

Woman of the Year for her chapter. Michele lives in Rapid City with husband **Joseph Carlin Jr.,** Class of '91.

Billy Carrillo, Class of '95, Spearfish, is a special education teacher at Southwest Middle School in Rapid City. He previously taught physical education/health in Belle Fourche for nine years.

Wendi (French) Coop, Class of '98, Thornton, Colo., received her master's in education

administration from SDSU via the West River Graduate Center in April 2005. In June 2005, she was married. She teaches music at Westminster Elementary.

David Curington, Class of '98, Rapid City, graduated from the USD School of Law in May 2005. He accepted a position in the Pennington County Public Defender's Office in October.

Doug Custis, Class of '91, Spearfish, was

elected the Spearfish Fire Chief. Doug has served as a biology teacher at Spearfish High School for many years.

Angela King, Class of '97, Spearfish, was recently hired as the drug-free schools coordinator for the Meade County School District.

Lori Linco, Class of '99, Belle Fourche, recently passed her national certified rehabilitation counselor exam. Lori has been employed with the state of South Dakota for six years.

Sean McGary, Class of '93, Billings, Mont., was named interim head softball coach at MSU (Montana State University) in August 2005. Sean has worked with the MSU softball program since it was started five years ago.

Robin (Overweg) Meyerink, Class of '91, recently joined the Spearfish office of Ketel Thorstenson, LLP. Robin and her husband, **Rick Meyerink,** Class of '01, live in Spearfish.

Justin O'Neill, Class of '99, Hot Springs, opened his own private law practice in Hot Springs. He plans to focus on property, estate planning, and corporate law.

Kudos & Announcements

Dorthy Quaal, Class of '95, Sturgis, works for the Black Hills Veterans Administration (VA) in the VA Heath Care System at Fort Meade.

Lycynda (Creighton) Sanders, Class of '97, Spearfish, was recently promoted to director of the Artemis House, a shelter for battered women and children and victims of sexual assault. She has been working with the program for seven years.

Troy Stende, Class of '97, Acworth, Ga., was once again named the "Best Campus Speaker" by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA). This is Troy's third award, making him the APCA's only multi-year winner,

previously winning in '02 and '04. He works with his wife, **Karin (Malkowski) Stende,** Class of '99, who recently graduated from Kennesaw State University with a master of science in conflict management (MSCM) and was named Outstanding Graduate Student for the MSCM program. Troy and Karin recently adopted a son, Elijah Umoja, who was born Jan. 10, 2005.

Randy Vetch, Class of '98, Rapid City, has been nominated twice for Teacher of the Year and has received the Golden Apple Award for his work as a literacy teacher.

Donald Weiland, Class of '96, Custer,

was promoted to First Sergeant in the 842nd Engineer Company of the South Dakota National Guard Sept. 15, 2005.

Janet Wendt, Class of '91, Fort Collins, Colo., has been working as an assistant archivist for the Redemptorists Religious Order since October 2004.

Julie (Bode) Wenger, Class of '91, Lancaster, Ohio, recently received her master of social work from Ohio State University. Previously, she received a master's in counseling and human resource development from SDSU.

Lanette (Cole) Zubrod, Class of '91, Spearfish, recently purchased

Candy Creations, specializing in bouquets and centerpieces made with candy.

The Mitch Adams, Class of '01, Spearfish, was recently hired as a physical science teacher at Sturgis Brown High School.

Heidi Baltezare, Class of '01, Beresford, was hired as a pharmaceutical representative with Pfizer.

Burke Binning, Class of '01, Burke, Va., was named the assistant women's track and field/cross country coach at the NCAA Division I George Mason University.

LaNaya (Durland) Elliott, Class of '05, was recently hired as a part-time vocal music teacher at Sturgis Williams Middle School.

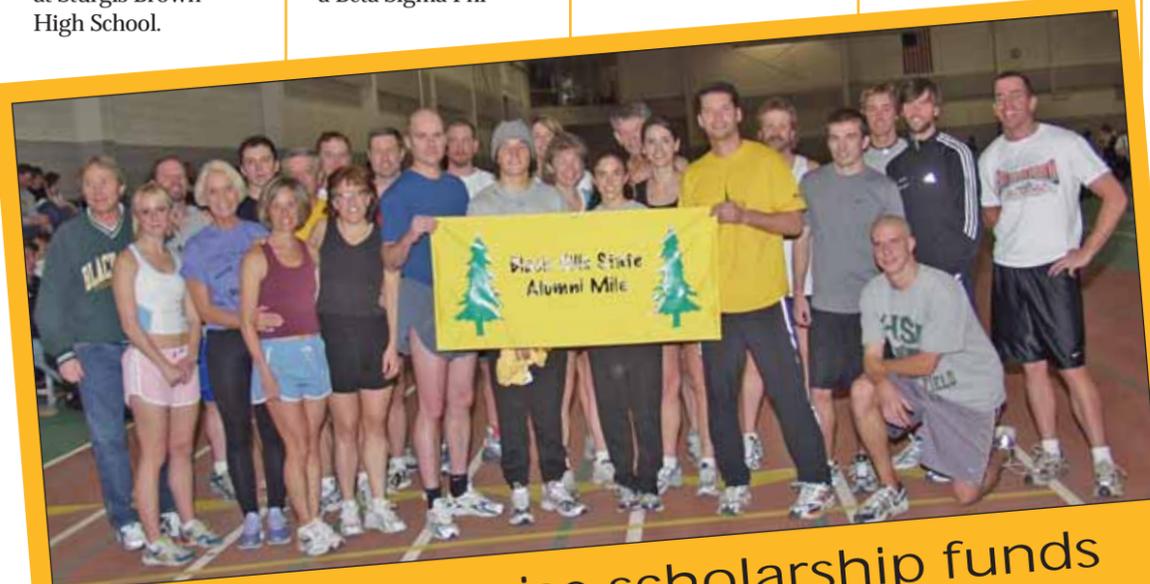
Matthew Fox, Class of '03, Norman, Okla., is attending graduate school at the University of Oklahoma. He will receive his masters in social work in May 2006. He and his wife, Lindsey, have a two-year-old daughter.

Nicholas Horning, Class of '05, Reno, Nev., is working on his Ph.D. in interdisciplinary social psychology at the University of Nevada.

Jeremy Hoven, Class of '05, Spearfish, has been named a Wells Fargo business banking relationship manager. Jeremy provides financial services support to area business customers.

Melanie Hurley, Class of '00, Rapid City, was named the Rapid City School District Teacher of the Year. Melanie is a literacy teacher at Knollwood Heights Elementary School.

Wendell Johnson, Class of '01, Belle Fourche, was hired as an information technology instructor at



Alumni milers raise scholarship funds

Approximately 25 runners from across the U.S. participated in the 14th annual Black Hills State University Alumni Mile in January. The group gathered on Friday evening for a social following the Yellow Jacket men's and women's basketball games. The alumni then participated in a mile run during the David Little Invitational Track at the Young Center on Saturday. After the meet, participants enjoyed food and beverages at the Stadium Sports Grill. The winner of the alumni mile was Tim Bishop, who now serves as the assistant coach for the BHSU cross country and track and field teams. This year, more \$1,000 was raised, bringing the Alumni Mile endowment to over \$17,000. Crystal Hostetter, a senior from Thermopolis, Wyo., and Luke Watkins, a junior from Rapid City, were awarded the annual Alumni Mile scholarships.

BHSU pride in Dubai



Debi and Ric Caskey, and their children, Ian and Halley, enjoy living in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Ric and Debi Caskey live with their family in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Ric, Class of '99, and Debi, Class of '90, both teach at the American School of Dubai. The couple and their children, Ian and Halley, have lived in Dubai for more than six years. Although, that area of the world is quite "exotic, unusual" to most of us, Ric says his family feels right at home there and plans to stay for some time.

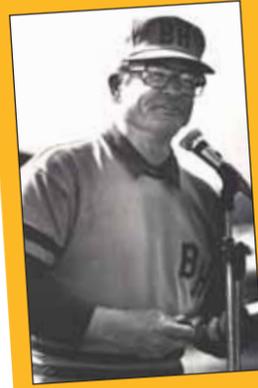
"We have lived here for over six years now so we find this part of the world pretty common by now. The photo was taken on Palace Road in front of the newly built Madinat and the world famous Burj Al Arab," Ric said. "It is an extremely safe place to raise our children. We plan to stay at least until Halley graduates and most likely until Ian graduates."

Ric notes that they have found several South Dakota connections in Dubai.

"We are not the only people over here who have left South Dakota for this sandier, hotter part of the world," Ric said. According to Ric, one of the college presidents is from Rapid City. Also, one of their closest friends in Dubai was a classmate of Ric's in the late 70s when they both were enrolled at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Kudos & Announcements

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Sturgis Williams Middle School.

Michael Jones, Class of '05, Spearfish, was recently hired as a fifth-grade teacher at Whitewood Elementary School.

Justin Kopp, Class of '01, Billings, Mont., will receive his master of science in mental health and rehabilitation from Montana State University in May 2006. He is also pursuing a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis on multi-cultural issues.

Kenneth Krzyzanowski, Class of '00, Rapid City, was recently

elected president of the South Dakota Technology Education Association and was a nominee for Teacher of the Year award from the West Region S.D. Technology Education Association.

Pat Moriarty, Class of '03, joined the Lead-Deadwood High School faculty in August 2005. He teaches social studies.

Michael R. Odle, Class of '02, Redding, Calif., was named the public affairs officer of the 2.1-million-acre STNF (Shasta Trinity National Forest). Michael joined the STNF staff in June 2003 after receiving

his master's degree from the University of Sydney, Australia.

Anya Olverson-Linn, Class of '02, Sturgis, was named a Ten Outstanding Young Award recipient by the S.D. Jaycees. Anya and husband **Derrick Linn**, Class of '02, own and operate the Sturgis Dance Studio.

Dan Patterson, Class of '02, Spearfish, coordinates hundreds of audio blogs, manages two bands from San Francisco, and produces three podcasts.

Shaun Reinhart, Class of '00, Casper, Wyo., graduated in May 2005 with a degree in law. He was admitted to practice in Colorado

and Wyoming in October 2005.

Kyle Smith, Class of '02, Rapid City, recently joined the First Western Bank team as a loan officer.

Mikayla (Tetrault) Graslje, Class of '02, Spearfish, joined the Lead-Deadwood High School teaching staff in August 2005.

Norma Walks, Class of '00, Tucson, Ariz., recently graduated from Minnesota

Medical School. She is now in general surgery residency at the University of Arizona.

Mark Watson, Class of '03, Spearfish, was recently named city editor for the *Black Hills Pioneer*.

Jennifer (Wagner) Williams, Class of '02, Pierre, is working as a law clerk for the South Dakota Supreme Court. She recently moved to Pierre with husband William Williams Jr.

David Worthington, Class of '05, Littleton, Colo., has joined the Department of Defense Contract Audit Agency as a GS-9 auditor at their Lakewood, Colo., branch.

Stacey Yost, Class of '05, Gann Valley, has received an early childhood special education teaching job in the Chamberlain School District.

Christina Haines, attended '80-'83, was recently named the NJCAA 2005 Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators. She is the athletic director for South Mountain Community College in Chandler, Ariz.

Former Faculty & Staff

Merlyn and Shirley Aman celebrated their 50th anniversary July 23, 2005.

Jan Gollither, retired assistant professor and outdoor education coordinator at BHSU, was named the South Dakota Outstanding Environmental Educator for 2004 by the Environmental Education Council. She was also presented with an honorable mention award for the National Environmental Educator in June of 2005.

Engagements & Marriages

The 70s **Claire Johnson-LeDuc**, Class of '73, Spearfish, married Danny O'Neill, May 14, 2005.

The 80s **Tina Farmer**, Class of '89, Midlothian, Va., married Bill Clarke in August 2005. She is an elementary teacher with the Chesterfield County School District.

Kelly Trenary, Class of '83, New Underwood, married Judy Bowman Nov. 18, 2005. Kelly is a corrections officer.

The 90s **Beth Carter**, Class of '99, and Scott Nielsen were married July 30, 2005. Beth is an individual program coordinator at Black Hills Special Services.

Kimberly Foley, Class of '99, Philip, Va., and James Bouman were married June 25, 2005. She is a junior high school science and math teacher.

Shane Hime, Class of '94, Torrington, Wyo., will marry Keri Minnmann June 24, 2006. Shane works for Union Pacific Railroad.

Shannon Scott, Class of '94, Rapid City, and Chris VandeVenter were married Oct. 22, 2005. She works at Arrowhead Country Club as an accountant.

Sona Starkey, Class of '99, Spearfish, married Craig O'Connell Sept. 17, 2005. She is an advertising representative at the *Black Hills Pioneer*.

John Stelljes, Class of '98, Milwaukee, Wis., and Angela Mickelson were married April 23, 2005. John is a theology graduate student at Martin Luther College.

Michelle Thomas, Class of '97, Omaha, Neb., married Brian Smith Jan. 22, 2005.

The 00s **Jeremy Weaver**, Class of '01, Rapid City, married Heather Carpenter Oct. 8, 2005. Jeremy is a compensation and benefits analyst at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

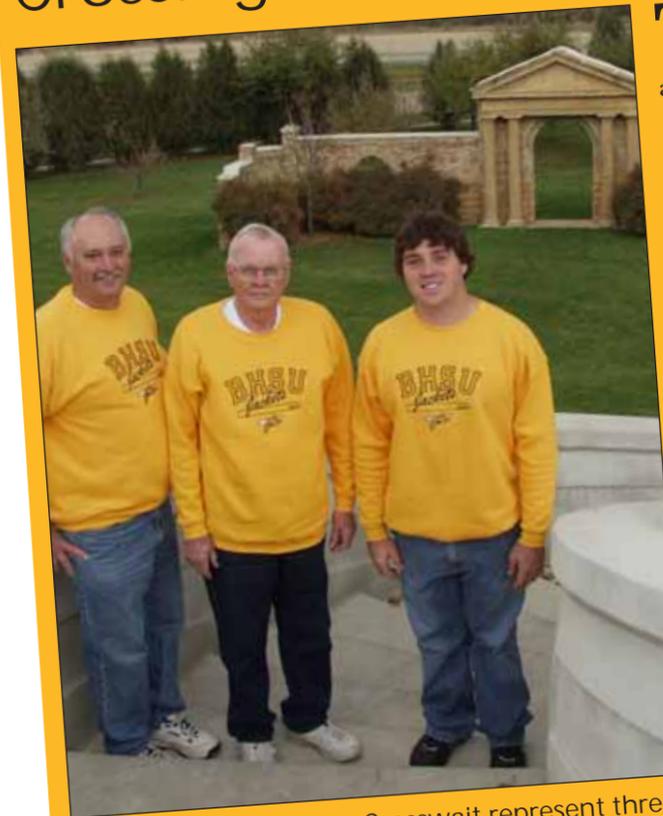
Tina Beguin, Class of '04, and **Nick VanKley**, Class of '05, married June 18, 2005. Tina is a graduate student at Harvard University.

Nick is a graduate student at Brandeis University. The couple lives in Boston.

Adelle Beltman, Class of '01, Berdi, Minn., married Jonathan Kallemeyn June 11, 2005. Adelle is currently finishing a BS in graphics/web design at DSU.

Amanda Benedick, Class of '01, Fort Collins, Colo., married Brent Uhrich July 9, 2005. Amanda is an elementary special education teacher for Poudre School District.

Crossing campus with the Crosswait family



Bob, Bill and Jonathon Crosswait represent three generations of family attendance at BHSU.

The Crosswait family has been attending Black Hills State University for several generations. It all started when Bill Crosswait, Class of '50, enrolled at Black Hills State University after the war.

Bill grew up in Woonsocket, in the eastern part of South Dakota, and came to the Black Hills each summer with his family for a vacation. When he was ready to begin college in 1946, Bill and his brother Bruce both decided to attend BHSU. Bill lived on the second floor of Wenona Cook Hall (where his grandson also lived when he first came to college). Bill remembers teaching at the lab school under the direction of Mrs. Warren. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in science and math. He went on to earn a doctorate degree in school administration and was superintendent of schools for a few years. He later served as director of graduate studies and taught education courses at BHSU from 1969 to 1985. His wife, Mary, also attended BHSU.

Representing the second generation, Bob, Bill and Mary's son, came to BHSU in 1974 to earn a biology degree. He later went on to dentistry school and continues to work as a dentist in Spearfish. Bob's wife, Charlene (Vondra), also attended BHSU and earned teaching certificate. Bob says he was persuaded by his father to attend BHSU.

"He said BHSU was the best place to be. And it is. People seem to do pretty well after they graduate from BHSU," Bob says. Currently, Bob and Charlene's oldest son Jonathon is pursuing a biology degree at BHSU and is considering dentistry school in the future.

Other family members who have the same alumni connection include Craig, Bob's brother. Craig graduated in '81 and is now the business manager for the Spearfish School District. Craig's wife Kimberly (Mickelson), graduated with honors in '94. She is a physical therapist at Ft. Meade. Also, Anne (Crosswait) Degen, Class of '76 and her husband Dave Degen, Class of '78. In addition Katie Degen attended BHSU.

Engagements & Marriages

Candace Brunner, Class of '05, and **Alex Gustafson**, Class of '04, Spearfish, were married July 8, 2005. He works at Pioneer Bank and Trust.

Kimberly Buck, Class of '03, Rapid City, married Mike Van Loan Sept. 24, 2005. Kimberly is pursuing a master's at USD.

Erin Carr, Class of '03, Broomfield, Colo., married Brian Baldwin Aug. 20, 2005. Erin is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Eli Lilly & Company.

Teresa Cooley, Class of '03, was married to William Norwood May 7, 2004. They live in Sioux Falls, where Teresa works as a benefits specialist in the Department of Social Services.

Sara Cox, Class of '01, and James Connolly will marry June 24, 2006. Sara is a graphic designer in Tampa, Fla.

Amber DeSmet, Class of '05, Rapid City, married Richard Hudson May 21, 2005. Amber is a microbiologist for Environmental Laboratories.

Wendy Emerson, Class of '02, Nenana, Alaska, will marry Leif Jacobsen June 3, 2006. She is a special education teacher and coach.

Melody Gossard, Class of '03, married Matt Larson Oct. 29,

2005. She is a benefits specialist with the Department of Social Services. The couple lives in Caputa.

Carol Halter, Class of '00, Rapid City, and Adam Waider were married Oct. 8, 2005. They are both elementary teachers.

Katie Holberg, Class of '05, Rapid City, married Jeremy Casteel July 2, 2005. Katie is a head start teacher in Rapid City.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Holdhusen, Class of '04, married Timothy Stearns March 18, 2006. They live in Prescott, Ariz., where Betsy works as an assistant professional and merchandising manager for Prescott Lakes Golf and Country Club.

Kelsey Hurlburt, Class of '05, Bowman, N.D., married Jon Brosz July 30, 2005. Kelsey is a substitute teacher.

Michelle Janish, Class of '03, Spearfish, married Jeremy Tracy, attended, Sept. 24, 2005. Michelle works in the Graphics and Media Department at BHSU. Jeremy works at Beck's Nursery.

Jason Knapp, Class of '00, Pierre, will marry Stephanie Tveidt June 24, 2006. Jason is an environmental engineer with the Department of

Environment and Natural Resources.

Mary Laudenschlager, Class of '04, Rapid City, married Luke Baker Feb. 18, 2006. Mary is a teacher at West Middle School in Rapid City.

Hope Hauber, Class of '03, Gillette, Wyo., married Whitney Lyon Sept. 17, 2005.

Brandy Miller, Class of '03, married Kyle Vavruska, Spearfish, Aug. 26, 2005. She is a special education teacher with Region Three Development Services.

Erika Miller, Class of '03, married Nic Allen Aug. 19, 2005. Erika works at First Western Bank. The couple lives in Rapid City.

Abby Osberg, Class of '04, Brandon, married Chad Schmidt June 11, 2004.

Nicki Oxford, Class of '02, Rapid City, married Doug Kroeger Sept. 24, 2005. She is a school-age coordinator for Youth and Family Services.

Brandon Pieper, Class of '04, Lincoln, Neb., will marry Afton Olson July 15, 2006. He is a second-year dental student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Dentistry.

Trish Richards, Class of '01, Centennial,

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Nicole Weimer, Class of '05, married **Elliot Moser**, Class of '98, Sept. 24, 2005. They live in Whitewood. Nicole is an entertainment consultant, and Elliot is the owner/operator of Moser General Construction.

Amy Rosacker, Class of '05, Yankton, and Michael Pollard were married June 11, 2005.

Michelle Stensaas, Class of '00, married **Jason Glodt**, Class of '97, Pierre, July 3, 2005. Michelle works with the Stanley County School District as a middle school language arts teacher. Jason is a senior advisor to Governor Rounds in Pierre.

Nicole Weimer, Class of '05, married **Elliot Moser**, Class of '98, Sept. 24, 2005. They live in Whitewood. Nicole is an entertainment consultant, and Elliot is the owner/operator of Moser General Construction.

James Williams, Class of '03, Spearfish, and Amanda Hardin, attending, will marry July 7, 2006. James works at Wal-Mart and Eagle Country. Amanda is majoring in elementary education at BHSU working at Premier BankCard.

Births

The 70s **Catherine (Holland) Hafner**, Class of '73, and husband Mike, Camas, Wash., are proud new grandparents of a baby girl, Sophia Elizabeth, born July 2005.

The 80s **Lila (DeMarrias)**, attended '82-'85, and **Stew Mehlhaff**, Class of '83, Rapid City, recently adopted a baby girl, Aleya Janae. Stew is general manager for Qdoba Mexican Grill, and Lila works for Senator John Thune. They have three other children, Arianne (17), Kalen (15), and Jordan (14).

The 90s **Jodi (Alcorn)**, Class of '99, and Dave Addy, Brooklyn Park, Minn., announce the birth of their son, Logan Thomas, who was born Aug. 25, 2005. Jodi is coordinator for the Sports Cities Connection adult volleyball league.

Melissa (Mettler) Boyer, Class of '98, and husband Justin, Sidney, Mont., announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Olivia, who was born Nov. 1, 2005. She was welcomed home by brother Logan (2). Melissa is a project director for the Richland County Health Department.

Julie (Raad) Chapman, Class of '94, and husband Eric, Billings, Mont., announce the birth of their first child, Cody Patrick, who was born Sept. 1, 2005. Julie works as an account manager for AZ & Company.

Travis Geppert, Class of '95, and his wife, DeYon, Spearfish, announce the birth of daughter Morgan Mae, born June 10, 2005. She joins Daxon (8) and Madelynn (4). Travis was named the October 2005 Spearfish Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Month. He has been an insurance agent at Western Dakota Insurers the past eight years.

Nicole (Tomes) Halligan, Class of '98, and husband Scott, Norfolk, Neb., announce the birth of their second child, Richard Michael, born Jan. 27, 2005. He was welcomed home by brother Garrett (4).

Tara (Pietz), Class of '98, and **James Harmon**, Class of '97, Sugar Land, Texas, announce the birth of their fourth child, Wyatt Samuel, born Sept. 13, 2005. He joins Colton (7), Katie (5), and Cassidy (3). James teaches and coaches and is working on his master's degree in education from the University of



Roundball reunion held

Former BHSU basketball players recently returned to their alma mater for the annual Roundball Reunion, held in conjunction with the beginning of the Yellow Jacket basketball season. Members of the BHSU women's alumni team were, front row, left to right, Courtney Berry, Coleen (Herber) Letellier, Traci (Schenk) Dana, Amanda Schelle, and Sarah Heibult; and back row, left to right, Christa Authier, Jodi (Wherley) VerHey, Annie (Rossow) Heltzel, Kim (Rochlitz) Niemann, Kayla Bolke-Hemmer, Amanda Mortenson, Marla Gustufsen, and Melissa Braegger.



Members of the BHSU men's alumni team were, front row, left to right, Mark Gould, Mark Nore, Chris Rozell, James Mortenson, and Eldon Marshall; and back row, left to right, Aaron Valentine, Eric Thomson, Tory Schwartz, Brad Massman, Devin Gonzalez, and Bryan Heck.

Births

Houston. Tara stays home with the children.

Fred Jackson, Class of '98, and wife Jennifer, Holbrook, Ariz., announce the birth of their first child, Dakota Edward, born July 6, 2005. Fred was honored as the 2004-05 Holbrook School District Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Eric Koster, Class of '97, and wife Heather, Le Mars, Iowa, announce the birth of their first child, Katelyn Jean, born Sept. 1, 2005.

Tommi Jo (Casteel) Krautschun, Class of '98, and husband Bart, Spearfish, announce the birth of their third child, Lane Allen. He was born Sept. 9, 2005. He joins brother Levi (3) and sister Mesa (2).

Patricia (Nickisch) LaMont, Class of '97, and husband Michael, Columbus, Ohio, announce the birth of their baby girl, Alyssa Grace, born May 9, 2005. She joins big sister Leah.

Chad Pickett, Class of '98, and his wife, Tessa, Encampment, Wyo., announce the birth of their son, Kaben Cecil, born April 18, 2005. Chad is an acreage inspec-

tor for the state of Wyoming.

Marcia (Metz) Sexton, Class of '97, and husband David, Baton Rouge, La., announce the birth of their baby boy, Robin Michael. He was born April 27, 2005. Marcia works for the Ramapo College of New Jersey.

Jennifer (Wales), Class of '98, and **Tory Schwartz**, Class of '97, Gering, Neb., announce the birth of their third child, Ashtyn Reece. She was born Aug. 31, 2005. Other children include Tori (6) and Trevor (2).

Natasha (Taylor) Starr, Class of '99, and husband Jayde, Dupree, announce the birth of their son, Haydon Leon, who was born June 16, 2005. Natasha works for First Financial Bank.

Marianne (Palleria) Trandall, Class of '97, and husband Josh, Asuncion, Paraguay, announce the birth of their second child, Abigail. She joins a brother, Jackson (3). Marianne is nearly finished with her MSCI online degree from BHSU. Both Marianne and Josh are teachers at the American School of Asuncion in Paraguay.

Kristi (Hansen) Turman, Class of '96, and husband Chad, attended '90, Fort Pierre, announce the birth of their son, Ty David, who was born June 8, 2003. Kristi is the director of the S.D. Office of Emergency Management.

Kalla (Traversie) Vieth, Class of '98, and husband Paul, Mitchell, announce the birth of their son, Alex, who was born April 7, 2005. He was welcomed home by brother Adam (5).

Jensen (Morris) Moore-Copple, Class of '99, and husband Matthew, Jefferson City, Mo., welcomed their first child, Jocelyn Angeline, Dec. 7, 2005. Jensen is employed by the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

The 00s **Danielle (Mahlen) Harding**, Class of '04, and her husband, Douglas, Rapid City, announce the birth of their baby girl, Felicity Abigail, born June 24, 2005.

Martha (Griffith) Johnson, Class of '03, and husband Scott, Pierre, announce the birth of their baby girl, Morgan Lynn, born Sept. 28, 2005.

Hope (Hauber) Lyon, Class of '03, and her husband, Whitney, Gillette, Wyo., announce the birth of their son, Josiah James, who was born Nov. 10, 2005.

Melissa McGee, Class of '02, and Dave Barth, Spearfish, announce the birth of their baby girl, Ellee Marie. She was born Aug. 18, 2005.

Jennifer (Pope) Renner, Class of '99, and husband Nate, Black Hawk, had a baby boy, Chet Jacob, Sept. 3, 2005. Jennifer works as a Mary Kay consultant.

Kylea (Habitzruther) Scott, Class of '05, and her husband, Justin, Douglas, Wyo., announce the birth of their daughter, Jyllian Marie, born June 16, 2005. Kylea is a first-grade teacher at Douglas Primary School.

Stephanie (Trezona) and Brett Theeler, both Class of '01, Dupont, Wash., announce the birth of their first child, Braden James, who was born Sept. 9, 2005. Brett recently received his doctor of medicine from the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences. He is a first-year neurology intern

at Madigan Army Medical Center.

Jennifer (Herbst) Vaughn, Class of '00, and husband Ryan, Rogers, Ark., had a baby boy, Connor Jay. Born Aug. 26, 2005, Connor joins big brother Logan. Jennifer is a seventh-grade reading teacher.

Tessa Anderson-Voyles, Class of '01, and husband Cory, Belle Fourche, are the proud parents of Aiden Alexander. He was born Sept. 23, 2005.

Calling all BHSU alumni

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Obituaries

The 30s **Myrtle (Dusing) Bryan**, attended in the '30s, Spearfish, passed away July 14, 2005. After receiving her teaching certificate, she taught at Ingersall School. She then spent 35 years ranching with her husband, Roland, and raising their five children.

The 40s **Chester (Chet) Worth**, Class of '49, Gillette, Wyo., passed away Aug. 5, 2005. He served the Sturgis School District for many years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and as the athletic director.

The 50s **Elizabeth (DeHaven) Burton**, Class of '52, Denver, Colo., passed away Jan. 20, 2006. She was dedicated to education for many years, retiring from the Belle Fourche School District in 1985.

George Cheshire, Class of '51, Redmond, Ore., died Jan. 6, 2006. He worked as an educator until he retired in 1987.

Kehala 'Kay' (Gilland) Cliff, Class of '59, Zion, Ill., passed away Dec. 12, 2005. She taught for 34 years, 33 of which she spent in Winthrop Harbor, Ill. She also taught swimming lessons.

Marvin Kallenberger, Class of '58, San Antonio, Texas, died Jan. 8, 2006. Marvin worked in education for nearly 15 years, then he worked in the insurance adjustment business.

Georgiana (Giroux) King, Class of '52, Quail Valley, Calif., passed away Oct. 31, 2005. While at BHSU, she was elected Most Representative Woman by the teaching staff. She worked in the medical field for many years.

Madonna (Hill) Reynolds, Class of '59, Thermopolis, Wyo., passed away Nov. 19, 2005. She taught all over the world, including positions in South Dakota, California, Nebraska, and South America.

Charles Swanson, Class of '55, Fremont, Calif., passed away Dec. 3, 2005. Charles taught for many years in South Dakota and in the Fremont area. He also served as a pastor and volunteered as a chaplain at numerous hospices.

Wilfred Ray Tope, attended '57-'58, Belle Fourche, passed away June 18, 2005. Wilfred served in the United States Navy from 1953-57. After an honorable discharge, he returned to Belle Fourche and attended Black Hills State College from 1957-58. He was active in

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the community as a youth coach in many activities.

The 60s **Marvin G. Amiotte**, Class of '61, Kyle, died Sept. 19, 2005. Marvin taught and coached for many years before continuing his education and receiving a juris doctorate from USD. He served as a legal advisor to the Ogalala Sioux Tribe for 29 years.

Louis Bagley, Class of '69, died July 20, 2005. He worked in the mining industry for many years.

Marilyn (Pribble) Fitzgerald, Class of '69, Hermosa, passed away Dec. 30, 2005. She worked for the South Dakota Department of Social Services for over 35 years.

Bill Hannah, Class of '60, Belle Fourche,

passed away Dec. 15, 2005. He was a long-time supporter of the community. After retiring from working full time in the banking business, he continued to drive school bus for area schools.

Carol (Pofert) Merfeld, Class of '68, Rapid City, passed away Nov. 13, 2005. She taught in the Rapid City area from 1968 until 1992 except

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for one year teaching in Geneva, N.Y. She was recognized for her dedication to education by being named one of South Dakota's "Annie Tallent" teachers.

Penny (Horman) O'Dea, attended '69-'71, Spearfish, passed away Sept. 5, 2005. She worked at Pioneer Bank and Trust in the operations department, a position she held for 20 years.

John D. Samuelson, Class of '67, Rapid City, died Nov. 29, 2005. John worked in various positions until he joined his family's company, Highland Beverage, becoming a partner in 1973. He was later part-owner of the Rapid City Thrillers. John served on the BHSU Foundation Board in addition to various community organizations.

Verla (Mollet) Shimp, Class of '67, passed away Jan. 15, 2005. Verla taught high school vocal music in Belle Fourche for over 30 years. She was also an avid supporter of the BHSU Music Department.

V. Eileen (Lambert) Stoddard, Class of '64, Mountain Home, Idaho, died Nov. 5, 2005. She taught school in S.D. for 17 years and in Idaho for 23 years. She was also taught Sunday school for 23 years. After retiring, she was a volunteer at Elmore Memorial Hospital.

Katherine (Brief) Wallace, Class of '64, Belle Fourche, passed away Nov. 28, 2005. She taught at various South Dakota schools and served in many community organizations.

The 70s Florence Bailey, Class of '72, Rapid City, passed away Dec. 29, 2005. She taught for 35 years, 26 of them in Rapid City.

Dakota Lorraine (Threadgold) Hildebrandt-Nelson, Class of '73, Sturgis, passed away April 26, 2005. After retiring from teaching after 25 years, Dakota worked at Wall Drug.

James L. Hoff, Class of '77, Rapid City, passed away Sept. 12, 2005. James spent 24 years teaching first grade for the Douglas School District.

Mary Katherine (Lewton) Island, attended '72-'74, Beulah, Wyo., passed away Oct. 28, 2005. She enjoyed gardening, doll collecting and quilt making in addition to spending time with her family.

Carol "Pohl" Justus, Class of '78, Martin, passed away July 19, 2005. Carol was a teacher for 30 years at the Little Wound School.

Viola (Bright) Mackrell, Class of '76, Sturgis, passed away Sept. 16, 2005.

Pietro Anthony "Pete" Mazzio, Class of '78, Rapid City,

passed away Jan. 23, 2006. He worked in for the U.S. Labor Department and Rapid City Regional Hospital in addition to serving 22 years in the U.S. Air Force.

David Meyers, Class of '77, Laramie, Wyo., passed away June 12, 2005. David taught industrial arts at Edgemont High School and Laramie Junior High School.

Donald Miles, attended '70-'73, Spearfish, passed away Sept. 12, 2005. He attended BHSC for three years then began working at the Homestake Sawmill. He later worked at Pope and Talbot, where he worked until his death.

Carol Ann Nightser, Class of '77, Rapid City, died Nov. 9, 2005. After college she worked for IBM.

Merideth "Dolly" (Kurth) Peterson, Class of '72, Spearfish, died Jan. 2, 2006. She taught second grade for a few years in Moorcroft, Wyo. She also enjoyed sewing and reading.

Mildred "Midge" (Meyer) Vance, Class of '74, Spearfish, died Dec. 27, 2005. After receiving her masters from BHSU, she taught at Deadwood Elementary until she retired in 1985.

The 80s Calvin Jumping Bull, Class of '80, Oglala, passed away at age 75. He served

for 21 years as a respected Lakota educator at the Oglala Lakota College on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Karyl (Reman) King, Class of '82, Fairburn, passed away July 28, 2005. Upon graduation she became an art director for a silk screening business.

Gregory Schumacher, Class of '84, Hot Springs, passed away Jan. 6, 2006. He was a member of the ROTC and was commissioned as a U.S. Army officer upon graduation from BHSU.

The 90s Jerome Grudzinski, Class of '91, Las Cruces, N.M., died July 7, 2005. He served in the Marines and the Air Force, serving tours in Southeast Asia, Italy and the U.S. He then worked for Rapid City before retiring in 2001.

Steven Hopwood, Class of '95, Rapid City, passed away Nov. 19, 2005. He worked as a communications consultant for By Light

Communications.

Norman C. "Sonny" McNall, Class of '93, Lead, died Dec. 27, 2005. He spent a number of years working in institutional food sales.

Rhonda Lynn (Parsons) Thompson, Class of '90, New Underwood, passed away Aug. 11, 2005. She worked as a kitchen manager, co-owner of the Lester Inn steakhouse, dietary manager, and Pampered Chef consultant.

The 00s Charity Saathoff, Class of '00, Sydney, Australia, died Oct. 30, 2005. She moved to Wollongong, Australia, in 2004 to complete her master's degree in strategic human resource management. She worked for the Mynt Group and Bob and Petes 100% Yum.

Richard Wagner, Class of '03, Belle Fourche, died Oct. 19, 2005. He worked in the oil fields in Wyoming and as a heavy equipment operator in Lead.

Former Faculty & Staff

Fred W.W. Anderson, emeritus faculty, Spearfish, passed away Nov. 16, 2005. Fred was a faculty member for 20 years and a dedicated member of the community of Spearfish.

Evelyn Elliott, Spearfish, passed away May 3, 2005. Evelyn came to Black Hills State in June 1945 as acting registrar and continued on as a business teacher. She retired in 1982 as professor emeritus in the division of business after serving at Black Hills State University for 37 years.



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Davis contributes

Arthur Davis, Rapid City, recently donated an additional \$10,000 to the E.W. and H.W. Clarkson scholarship fund.

The latest donation brings the total Clarkson fund to \$192,500. Interest from this fund is used to provide Clarkson Scholarships for BHSU students. The scholarships are currently awarded for three years at \$2,500 annually as long as the students maintain full-time status and meet grade-point average requirements. Each year, another student is added, so there are usually three students attending BHSU on a Clarkson scholarship.

Shipleigh donates to American Indian Studies program

Doris Shipleigh, Class of '65, Spearfish, recently donated \$7,000, which will be used to create the Shipleigh Family Fund Scholarship.

These funds will be used to support American Indian Studies at BHSU. Earnings from the fund are designated to bring American Indian speakers to campus, provide educational equipment, fund seminars for students to learn about graduate school opportunities, conduct research projects in the area of Indian Studies and provide scholarships for American Indian students at BHSU.

Krautschun family donates funds

Harvey and Joy Krautschun, Spearfish, recently donated \$5,000 to the Joy Proctor Krautschun Scholarship Fund at BHSU.

This scholarship fund was originally set up in 1999 by June and the late T.H. Proctor, who donated \$100,000 via a charitable remainder trust. Interest from the deferred scholarship fund will be distributed to female basketball players to honor Joy Krautschun, the first head women's basketball coach at BHSU, who coached in the mid 70s.

Joy is a 1973 graduate of BHSU with a physical education major and a music minor. As a student, she was involved in the dance program at the university, was a cheerleader and was involved in intramural sports. Joy taught high school physical education and music.

Juneks contribute additional scholarship money

Jerry and Carol Junek recently donated an additional \$10,000 to the Betty and Jerry Junek scholarship fund. The Juneks, longtime supporters of the university, established the scholarship in 1997, and it currently has a balance of \$20,625. Interest from this fund is used for athletic scholarships.

Jerry has lived in Spearfish since 1931 when he moved here with his family from eastern South Dakota at the age of 11. He attended Black Hills Teachers College from 1938-40. Jerry was active in many student activities, played basketball and participated in chorus while attending BHSU. Jerry took the Civil Pilot Training course while attending BHSU, which was useful when he joined the Army Air Force in 1942. Jerry received the BHSU Presidential Award and is an honorary member of the Yellow Jacket Hall of Fame.

Jerry and Carol (Davis) were married in December 1997 after both had lost longtime spouses. Carol graduated as a cadet nurse from the Presentation School of Nursing in 1947. She spent most of her professional life working as a librarian, first at the Sturgis Public Library and later as the reference librarian at the Health Sciences Library at Rapid City Regional Hospital. In 1974, Carol was honored as the Librarian of the Year by the South Dakota Library Association, and in 1997, the association presented her with the Distinguished Service Award. Jerry and Carol Junek were chosen as Swarm Day parade marshals this year to recognize their longstanding support of the university and community.

Elliott estate creates business scholarships

The estate of Evelyn Elliott, a former business instructor at Black Hills State University, recently contributed \$77,890 from a charitable remainder trust established in 1998. The gift will create an endowed scholarship fund for business students at the university.

Elliott, who taught business courses at BHSU for nearly 40 years before retiring in 1982, played a key role in the establishment of the business program at BHSU. During her professional career, she taught practically every business class offered at BHSU and even served as interim chairperson for the division of business. Elliott, who has several published works, received the BHSU Special Service award in 1998.

Elliott was instrumental in the development of the business program at BHSU during the early years. What began with one- and two-year secretarial certificates has evolved over the years to a full business program that now offers bachelor's degrees and a master's degree. The business program, which began with Elliott as one of two part-time business instructors in 1945, has expanded throughout the years and now includes 19 full-time instructors. The College of Business and Technology at BHSU currently offers six majors and eight minors for bachelor's degrees as well as a master's degree in business services management. The BHSU business program, which was recently accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), has nearly 800 students enrolled, making it one of the largest university business programs in the state.



Elliott

Elliott began painting when she retired and developed an artistic talent for creating paintings depicting scenes of the Black Hills region. Her artwork is featured throughout the hallways on the third floor of Meier Hall on the campus of BHSU.

She was born Nov. 23, 1916, in Frederick to George and Mary (Christie) Elliott. She died Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at Garden Hills Assisted Living in Spearfish.

Elliott attended elementary and secondary school at Barnard Consolidated School where she graduated from high school as valedictorian. Elliott received a bachelor of science in education degree and later earned a master of arts in business education and business administration. Upon retirement she was a member of the RSVP program through which she did volunteer work for the Grace Balloch Memorial Library and other organizations. She was a member of the Spearfish United Church of Christ and other boards and committees. Elliott was a persistent traveler who visited much of the United States and many continents.

Earnings from the endowment will support \$1,000 scholarships each semester for junior- and senior-level business education and business administration majors at BHSU.

Recent donations create more scholarships



Alberts donate \$140,000 for football athlete scholarships

Bob and Linda Albert, (center) present a \$28,000 check to Yellow Jacket Foundation president Myles Kennedy (left) and Steve Meeker (right), vice president of institutional advancement. This is the first installment of their \$140,000 pledge for football scholarships. Prior to this gift, the Alberts contributed more than \$25,000 for athletic scholarships at BHSU since 1999.

Premier donates a total of \$120,000 for scholarships

Premier Bankcard and First Premier Bank recently pledged an additional \$100,000 donation for scholarships at BHSU. With this pledge, the company's total donation amounts to \$120,000. The five-year pledge of \$20,000 per year will provide academic and athletic scholarships for BHSU students.

Dr. Thomas Flickema, president of BHSU, and Myles Kennedy, president of the Yellow Jacket Foundation, accept a \$100,000 donation from Premier Bankcard. Representatives from Premier Bankcard include Miles Beacom, president and CEO of Premier Bankcard; Monte Bertsch, directing officer, customer service; Amy Lee, human resources officer; Darcy Emme, directing officer, collections; Jerry Krambeck, facilities manager at Premier Bankcard and mayor of Spearfish; and Dana Dykhouse, president and CEO of First Premier Bank, were also on hand for the presentation.

Naming opportunities announced at BHSU

Black Hills State University recently announced that several naming opportunities are available in Clare and Josef Meier Hall for donors who wish to make a lasting impact on the university.

Following a nationwide fundraising trend of naming buildings in honor of donors, BHSU is offering donors the opportunity to name a room in Meier Hall, including the recital hall, which is recognized as the finest facility of its kind in the region, in honor of their financial support of the university. Money raised through this naming effort will be dedicated to creating scholarships for music students.

Meier Hall, a state-of-the-art music and classroom

building, was added to the BHSU campus two years ago. The building, which includes a magnificent recital hall, offers music students some of the best practice and performance halls in the region. The building includes rehearsal rooms, sound-proof practice room facilities, a piano lab, sound studio, classrooms as well as audio recording and electronic keyboarding labs.

According to Dr. Janeen Larsen, music professor and chair of the department of fine and applied arts, there are many reasons that students interested in music should consider attending BHSU, the primary reason being that the university offers an exceptional music program that is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

"BHSU music students have the opportunity to participate in classes with low numbers of students and have access to individual mentoring by experienced, highly educated faculty members. The music building is brand new, with a beautiful and elegant recital hall; spacious ensemble rehearsal rooms; and sound proof, attractive practice room facilities," Larsen says.

Larsen notes that students have a wide variety of performance opportunities, including music theater productions, small wind ensembles, a concert band, a pep band, a large chorus, a jazz band, a jazz choir and a chamber orchestra. BHSU hosts a regular series of student

recitals and faculty concerts, and each year performers from outside the university are invited to campus to provide concerts and master classes. During the summer, the Johanna Meier Opera Theatre Workshop brings in faculty from the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City and other well known opera centers to provide students with unique learning and performance opportunities.

"Many of our music graduates are teaching music in public schools in South Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota, Colorado, Arizona, California, and elsewhere," Larsen says. She adds that others have chosen careers as private piano or voice teachers while other graduates have joined military bands or are involved in music-related businesses. Some students have used their music degree as a springboard to other fields such as law or computer science. Many students combine a music minor with another major, such as English, math, business, or elementary education.

According to Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement at BHSU, naming opportunities have gained popularity in recent years.

"Black Hills State University must do all we can to raise scholarship funds for future students. One approach that is being used successfully by our peers is to offer naming opportunities for new facilities," Meeker said. "An investment in Black Hills State University is truly an investment in the future that will produce significant benefits for students for many years to come."

Meeker noted that donors can use this opportunity to memorialize, honor or remember a friend, colleague, mentor, family member or themselves.

"It's an opportunity to fulfill a dream, to remember a loved one or simply to leave a personal legacy at the university. These gifts are an investment in the future of Black Hills State," Meeker said.

Naming opportunities at Meier Hall include the following: the recital hall for \$250,000; the band room or choir room for \$100,000 each; classrooms for \$50,000 each; audio recording lab or electronic recording lab for \$40,000 each; ensemble practice room for \$35,000 each; practice rooms for \$25,000 each; sound studios for \$25,000 each; piano labs for \$20,000 each; and recital hall chairs for \$300 each.

Williams scholarship supports non-traditional females

The recently established Linda Kay Williams Scholarship will support non-traditional female students pursuing a college degree at BHSU.

The scholarship, established by the family of Linda Kay (Hibbert) Williams, will be awarded annually. An endowment has also been established so this scholarship will continue in perpetuity.

Linda was working toward a degree in business through the Rapid City campus of Black Hills State University prior to being diagnosed with cancer in July of 2003. She passed away from complications related to lymphoma in August 2004. Her wish was that memorial money given in her name be used to help other women attain their goal of earning a college degree.

Family members who helped make this wish a reality include her two sons, Tristen and Trevor; her husband, Gene; her mother, Kathryn Hibbert; her brother, Dewayne Hibbert; and her sisters, Janet Ryan and Nancy Hibbert.

Earlier this year, Linda's grandmother, Marie Stoneall, passed away, and a portion of her memorial was also contributed to the Linda Kay

Williams fund. According to Gene, Linda's life was dedicated to helping others in a variety of ways.

"The main thing Linda tried to do throughout her life was to help others. Whether it was by working with pre-schoolers in a story-hour class to promote interest in reading; working with elected officials through Women Involved in Farm Economics to help them understand the needs of people in agriculture; or helping

adults learn how to use their computers so they could e-mail their grandchildren and keep up on the world around them, Linda tried to help however she could," says Gene. "Her family and friends all recognized this as a very special gift that Linda shared with all of us. This scholarship is intended to help other women who have that same interest in making the world a better place. The scholarship award is a financial recognition for their efforts."

The \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually. Recipients must be a female student age 25 or older. Preference is given to students coming from farm or ranch families.



Nancy Hendricks (center), a senior BHSU education major from Wilmot, is the first recipient of the Linda Kay Williams Scholarship. The scholarship was established by Linda's family members including her sons, Tristen (left) and Trevor (right); and her husband, Gene. Linda was pursuing a business degree from BHSU prior to being diagnosed with cancer.

Railroad materials donated to Case Library at BHSU

The first installment of what promises to be a very significant collection of Black Hills railroad materials arrived at the BHSU Case Library for Western Historical Studies this summer. The donation comes from Joseph R. Douda of Westmont, Ill., and includes more than 35 large format drawings and maps and other written documents relating to area railroads.

According to David Wolff, associate history professor at BHSU, one of the more interesting maps

Chicago and Northwestern (C&NW) narrow gauge lines through the Bald Mountain and Ruby Basin mining districts. Drawn by the railroad company in 1914, the map not only highlights the C&NW rail lines, but also the Burlington's and the area mines.

"This is an invaluable piece for anyone interested in these historic mining regions," Wolff says.

Another fascinating map details the C&NW rail lines in Rapid City. Stretching for 12 feet, this map shows the main line, sidings and businesses served by the railroad.

Among the written documents is the "Register of Enginemen at Deadwood" from 1927-1958. This is a full record of daily train activity in Deadwood, listing what trains came to town and left, their point of origin or destination, the engines used, and the engineers and firemen involved, on a daily basis. From the pages of this register come the intimate details of railroading in Deadwood over a 31-year period.

The donor of this collection, Douda, has been studying Black Hills railroading for over 50 years. In the process he has collected a massive amount of primary documents about the area railroads. This donation is just one part of his collection. Douda has written two manuscripts on Black Hills railroads but has decided not to publish them at this time. Instead, he is beginning to make his collection available to others.



Bobbi Sago, special collections librarian, mends pages of the "Register of Enginemen at Deadwood," one piece of a collection of Black Hills railroad materials recently received by the Case Library at BHSU. The collection was donated by Joseph R. Douda of Westmont, Ill., and includes more than 35 large format drawings and maps and other written documents relating to area railroads.

Phonathon reaches a new record for \$\$\$

Every year, the phonathon utilizes our best asset - our students - to call upon alumni on behalf of Black Hills State University. JoBeth Stenerson was one of the student callers for the 2005 Scholar Dollars phonathon, which raised more than \$74,000 in pledges. The majority of these dollars support the three colleges: Arts & Sciences, Business & Technology, and Education. The donations go directly to the students in the area of study that has been requested. The BHSU Foundation offers our sincere thanks for the continued generous support of alumni who participated, for this was our most successful phonathon ever!

BHSU people in the news

Meyers named writer-in-residence

Kent Meyers, BHSU English professor and accomplished author, has been named a Writer-in-Residence at the university, Dr. Thomas Flickema, president of BHSU, recently announced.

"This appointment recognizes the widespread acclaim

bestowed upon Professor Meyers for his extraordinary achievements in the field of literature," Flickema said. "The Black Hills State University community takes pride in Kent Meyers' achievements."

Meyers, who has been a faculty member at BHSU since 1980, has published many articles and short stories, as well as four books that have earned him well-deserved national recognition.

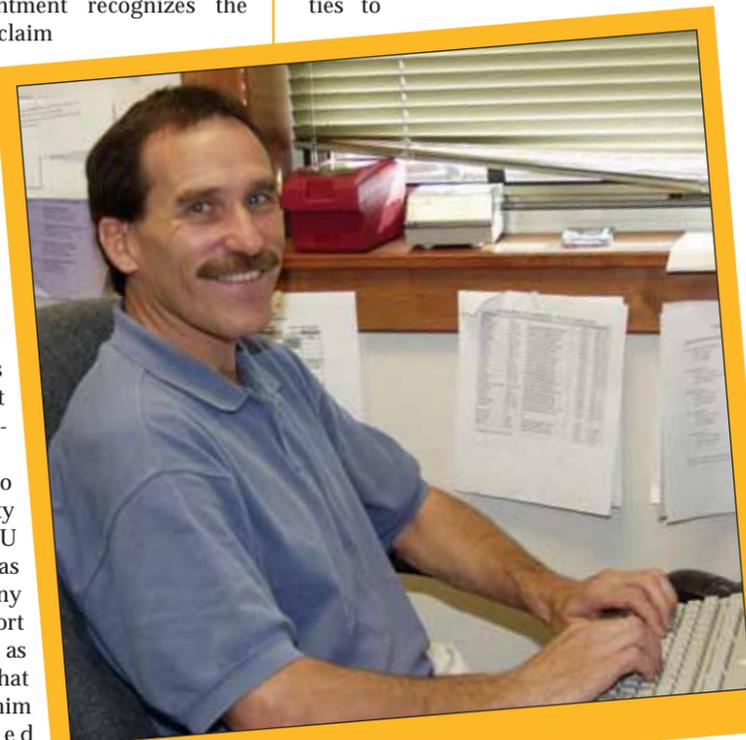
Humble about his achievements, Meyers is honored by the Writer-In-Residence designation. The designation will reduce Meyers' teaching load and provide him with additional writing opportunities as well as more time to do research and present at writing conferences and workshops in the state and nation.

Meyers, a dedicated writer who is working on several new writing projects including another novel, says he is uncertain what the future holds but is confident that this designation will create positive opportunities in the future.

"This will open all sorts of doors for me. What are the possibilities? I'm not sure. It's unknown, highly significant and kind of frightening. It's a remarkable thing; and I know it will lead to things I haven't even imagined yet. It will make a big difference in how much I can write and

what I can write. It will give me the opportunity to explore possibilities," Meyers says.

He notes that once the position takes shape, it will offer increased opportunities to



Kent Meyers

write and be available to assist aspiring student writers in their projects. He says that it may also offer an opportunity to extend the writing program on campus as well as opportunities for writing workshops in the region, state and nation.

On a practical level, the designation means a different day-to-day schedule which will allow the research and writing time necessary to complete additional projects. Meyers has mixed feelings about the fact that the designation will decrease the amount of time he spends in the classroom, but is looking forward to committing more time to writing projects. He is an excellent teacher as evidenced by the fact that he has been chosen as distinguished faculty member by both the faculty senate and the student senate.

"I like to teach. It's always been my career. But once you start to write and do

it well, you find your energy from writing," Meyers says. Meyers will continue to teach several writing courses including an advanced creative writing course, a literature of the American West course, an environment and literature course and a composition course, on a rotating schedule.

A devoted writer for 25 years, Meyers writes daily for three hours before coming to campus. He disciplines himself to write at least two pages every day whether he feels like writing or not. However, finding time for research has been difficult and Meyers is looking forward to a reduced class load that will allow him time to conduct research needed for future writing projects. He noted that a recent sabbatical leave allowed him time to conduct research, including reading 40-50 books and traveling to Germany, needed to write his latest novel, *The Work of Wolves*.

Although writer-in-residence programs are fairly common at other universities in the nation, Meyers' designation as Writer-in-Residence at BHSU is the first of its kind at the university and unique in many ways. According to Dr. Dean Myers, vice president of academic affairs at BHSU, it's quite unusual for an author who has been teaching at a university for many years to receive such designation. Usually the position is reserved for well-known writers who have achieved great writing status in the literary field.

Meyers, who presents at many writing workshops and meetings throughout the year, sees this change as an opportunity to increase the time spent at these types of events. He recently made a class presentation at his alma mater, the University of Minnesota-Morris, and was also a keynote reader and presenter at the University of South Dakota. He also has plans to attend and present at numerous writing conferences throughout the country. In the last year he has made many presentations throughout South Dakota because his latest novel was chosen to receive the state's One-Book designation. He was also a featured speaker at the Bookfest in Deadwood this fall. Meyers was also recently chosen as one of very few authors to serve as a faculty working with master of fine arts students for Pacific Lutheran University.

BHSU people in the news

Meeker returns fulltime to advancement; Albers named athletic director at BHSU

Steve Meeker, vice president for institutional advancement at BHSU, returned fulltime to the advancement office in order to focus all of his efforts on his duties there. Since the fall of 2003, Meeker has also been serving as athletic director. Jhett Albers, associate athletic director, will take over as athletic director.

Dr. Thomas Flickema, president of BHSU, announced the changes and praised both individuals for their dedication and hard work.

"Steve did a marvelous job for us as athletic director," Flickema stated. "He took over the athletic department at a time of uncertainty and confusion and created a positive environment and made a series of decisions that will have a profoundly positive effect on the long-range development of the athletic program. He stepped in at a critical time and handled all challenges superbly."

According to Flickema, Meeker brought the athletic department through a difficult time, including a Title IX review,



Meeker

and now turns the position over to Albers who has shown strong leadership and decision-making skills.

Meeker says he is excited to once again focus all of his attention on leading campus fundraising efforts to raise money for academic scholarships and capital needs.

"It's important to enhance our fundraising efforts for the entire campus and I'm dedicated to doing that," Meeker said. "As vice president of institutional advancement for Black Hills State University, I am entrusted with raising funds for BHSU to support building endeavors, acquire the latest equipment, fund endowed chairs, and most critically, underwrite student scholarships. That is what I'm committed to doing."

Albers will continue to serve as head volleyball coach and is looking forward to taking over the athletic director duties.



Albers

Both Meeker and Albers are graduates of BHSU and have longstanding records of exceptional and dedicated service to the university.

Meeker first began working at BHSU in 1986 as an admissions counselor. He was later named coordinator of enrollment management. In 1990 he was named director of advancement, and in 2001, he was promoted to his current position as vice president for institutional advancement. Meeker is a native South Dakotan who graduated from Britton High School in 1980 and BHSU in 1984.

Albers served as the head varsity volleyball coach at Spearfish High School prior to joining the coaching staff at BHSU in 1999. Albers earned a bachelor's degree in 1987 and a master's degree in 1991 from BHSU.

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understand all of the great things that science professors are doing at BHSU.

"Faculty are working on some great things. BHSU has things that no one in the entire area has. Some people just don't realize what an incredible program there is at Black Hills State. It's amazing to me what all they have," Elaine says.

She mentioned the volcano research by Dr. Steve Anderson, research by Dan Durben and the recently established DNA lab under the direction of Dr. Shane Sarver as a few examples.

Elaine says the best part of her current career continues to be the research aspect.

In fact, the research that she did as an undergraduate with Audrey Gabel, entering data, creating charts and graphs, and presentations, gave her the real world experience she needed for her current work as a researcher for the Nature Conservancy, Forest Service, National Turkey Federation, and many other organizations who hire her for her expertise.

Elaine collaborated with her former professor to publish a book about mushrooms in the Black Hills.

Elaine also continues to do contract research. According to Elaine, whenever the Nature Conservancy does a conservation easement, they

need to have an environment assessment and a mechanical survey of the land. These reports are done on property to determine if it has biological value before the Nature Conservancy enters into contracts for land purchases and easements.

Regents announce tuition reduction for out-of-staters

Black Hills State University, as well as the other five state institutions of higher education, will offer lower nonresident tuition rates for first-time freshmen and new transfer students. The new tuition rate, which is 150 percent of in-state tuition, begins this summer. The move seeks to make a South Dakota public university education more attractive to regional and international students.

The South Dakota Board of Regents made the announcement in November in a effort to grow its non-resident enrollments. The new policy will mean significantly lower tuition rates for first-time freshmen and new transfers from 32 states, as well as international students. Those students currently would pay the full non-resident rate of \$242.60 per credit hour, or 317 percent of what residents pay. The new rate will translate to \$114.55 per credit hour. Enrollment is projected to increase by more than that number—particularly from Wisconsin, Illinois, and international countries.

BHSU people in the news

Bukralia named director of the library

Rajeev Bukralia has been named director of the E.Y. Berry Library Learning Center at BHSU. Bukralia has served as systems librarian since 2002.

Bukralia, who has a strong information technology background as well as extensive library experience, has several goals for the library including improving the collections and enhancing and promoting the special collections area.

Bukralia noted that in recent years the BHSU library instituted some rather unorthodox changes including the establishment of a coffee shop in the

library, offering checkout of laptop computers, and providing other services. These changes have resulted in an increase in the number of students who use the library at a time when many libraries are seeing a decline in their numbers.

Bukralia says collection development is one of his priorities and he plans to use technological means, along with personal feedback from faculty and students, to determine the most effective and useful ways to improve the collections.

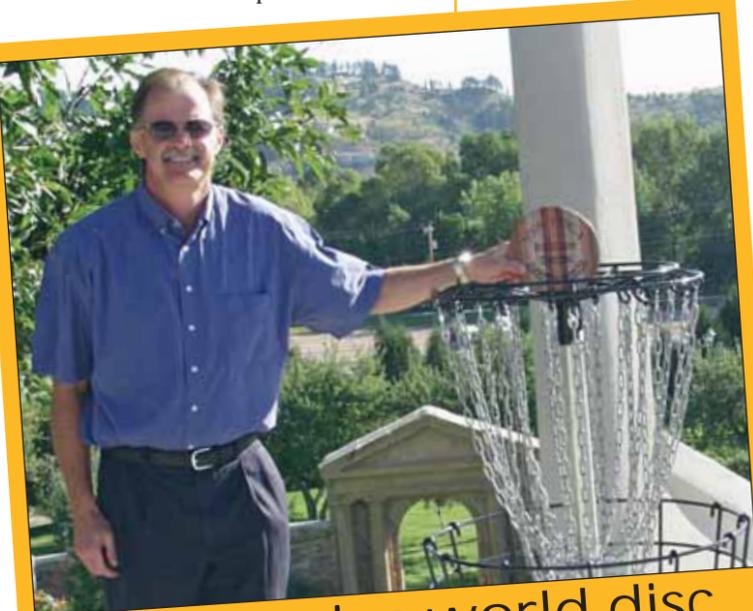
Bukralia plans a strong effort to preserve and catalog the special collections in the library. In the past three years, Bukralia has spearheaded

many technological changes at the library that have set the stage for the university to provide enhanced services for students as well as faculty and staff.

Previously, Bukralia served as a business and technology consultant for business promotion, e-commerce, enterprise resource planning and management information systems. Bukralia earned a master of science degree in information systems from Dakota State University. He has a book publishing post graduate degree from the University of Delhi in India as well as a bachelor of science degree with majors in chemistry, botany and zoology.



Bukralia



Altmyer wins world disc golfing championship

Don Altmyer, Spearfish, won this handcrafted wooden disc and custom-painted portable Mach 5 disc golf basket when he won the Advanced Grandmaster Division at the 2005 Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) Amateur World Disc Golf Championship. Altmyer, a College of Business and Technology associate professor, was instrumental in developing a disc golf course on the BHSU campus in 1995. Since then, students and community members have embraced the sport. The BHSU Bookstore sells disc golfing discs and has a display featuring an aerial map of the course and a mini-basket as well as a custom display rack featuring 100 discs with custom-stamped college logos. To date, the bookstore has sold over 2,000 discs and has supported campus tournaments by sponsoring prizes. Disc golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a flying disc from a tee area to a target.

Kietzmann begins as development director

John Kietzmann, formerly multi-media coordinator at Colorado State University, has been named director of development at Black Hills State University.

Kietzmann, who joined the staff in the BHSU institutional advancement office, now works under the direction of Steve Meeker, vice president of institutional advancement. He is working primarily with athletic development and the Yellow Jacket Foundation Board of Directors. According to Meeker, Kietzmann's duties will be approximately 80 percent athletic fundraising and 20 percent other fundraising duties as needed. Meeker is focusing the majority of his time working on the academic scholarship program.

"John brings significant athletic experience to the position. He's got a lot of energy," Meeker says.

Kietzmann has a bachelor's degree in business and is currently pursuing an MBA from Colorado State University. As multi-media coordinator at CSU, Kietzmann was active in fundraising and friend-raising activities for the university. He maintained the athletic website and served as a primary contact for the CSU former athletes association. He was also responsible for coordinating all printed materials for the athletics department and handling media relations for women's basketball. He has also worked as a sports information intern, sports broadcast producer and assistant athletics coordinator.



Kietzmann

BHSU in the news

BHSU grant assists school districts meet mandate

BHSU, along with Montana State University-Billings and Casper College, received a three-year \$1.5-million grant for a joint effort to address a requirement under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act that all instructional staff meet "highly qualified" criteria by the end of the 2005-06 school year.

School districts in South Dakota and neighboring states are facing a looming deadline to address this requirement. Most rural school districts in western South Dakota, as well as in neighboring states, have severe budget constraints and do not have resources to support the required education and training for paraprofessional staff, according to Dr. David Calhoon, chair of the department of education.

Paraeducators, commonly known as teacher's aids and teacher's assistants, are in great demand. However, they are not well paid and generally cannot afford to further their formal education. Calhoon notes that paraeducators are the lowest paid individuals charged with helping to educate children. He adds that the number of paraeducators has grown at a significant rate in the last decade.

Data from the January 2005 South Dakota Department of Education Consolidated Performance Report indicates that during the 2003-04 school year,

only 59 percent of paraprofessionals met the "highly qualified" requirement. By June 2006, 100 percent must meet this requirement according to the NCLB Act.

This tri-state grant, from the U.S. Department of Education, is collaborative and each state will have a unique approach to provide training opportunities for paraeducators. The overall goal of this grant is to guarantee that participating paraeducators in these rural western states achieve the status of "highly qualified" through a number of activities.

Calhoon and Dr. Pat Simpson at BHSU are coordinating the efforts in South Dakota through a Rural Site-Bound Paraeducator Program recently established through the College of Education at Black Hills State University.

Through this grant, BHSU is working with school districts statewide to offer several options to help current paraeducators complete requirements to become "highly qualified" by the end of the 2005-06 school year. The grant money is being used for tuition support for paraeducators to enroll in classes that will put them on the path to reaching the "highly qualified" criteria. Paraeducators can meet the legislative criteria by earning 48 hours toward a degree in education.

Paraeducators in South Dakota and surrounding states are generally site-

bound, and the distance from their home and workplace to a university makes it difficult to take traditional on-campus classes. BHSU currently collaborates with Northern State University to offer a paraprofessional program. Courses are offered on campus and through distance learning options.

BHSU is also organizing workshops to help the paraprofessionals prepare to take and pass the national Praxis exam by the 2006 deadline, which is another way to reach the "highly qualified" status set by the national legislation. BHSU will contract with DIAL, an educational service organization that has already developed and provided this training, to provide these sessions.

The paraeducator program staff members will also work to establish academic credit for paraeducator experience through the development of modules to demonstrate content knowledge.

Simpson has already begun to recruit paraeducators in school districts throughout the state who wish to become "highly qualified" through the two-year degree option. She will also work with school districts to develop ongoing plans for training, recruitment and retention of paraeducators.

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BHSU students in the news

BHSU student does groundbreaking research on squirrels

A Black Hills State University faculty member and student, in collaboration with the staff members of the U.S. Forest Service, are conducting groundbreaking research on the diets of flying squirrels in the Black Hills.

Callie Ackerman, a senior biology/environmental science major from Hulett, Wyo., spent a major part of the summer working on the research. Dr. Audrey Gabel, emeritus professor of biology at BHSU, and Elizabeth Krueger, U.S. Forest Service, Spearfish ranger district, are co-principal investigators for the project. Dr. Mark Gabel, emeritus professor of biology at BHSU, and Scott Weins, from the U.S. Forest Service, are also participating in the research.

The research is being funded by the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to Audrey Gabel, it has been reported from research in the Pacific Northwest that flying squirrels include hypogeous (underground) fungi in their diet. These fungi, which are sometimes called truffles and false truf-

fles, are much smaller than the species which are highly valued for eating. The BHSU research is the



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research also documents the presence of hypogeous fungi in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The study included digging and recovering fruiting bodies (sporocarps) of the fungi. Ackerman, who is also active on the track team at BHSU, says the research opportunity taught her many things. She says one of the most important things she learned while working on this project is how the research process really works.

"I've always been interested in working in the outdoors and like to work with mammals so this research project was perfect for me," Ackerman said.

At the encouragement of her professors, Ackerman is making plans to attend graduate school after she graduates from BHSU in May.

"I'm from a ranch, and I always liked learning about plants and animals. I've just

kept building on that interest while in college," Ackerman says. She's considering a career in research.

first documentation of the presence of hypogeous fungi in scat (excrement) from flying squirrels captured in the Black Hills. The



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BHSU students in the news

Bachand has the drive for success

Drive. Some people have it, others don't. Drive is what pushes an athlete to continually strive to better themselves. Those student-athletes that compete in track and field are driven to perform not only for their teammates and coaches, but for themselves also. The BHSU record holder in the women's indoor pentathlon has shown that she has this drive.



Bachand

South Dakota native Jenna Bachand was en route to becoming one of the best all around athletes in the history of Black Hills State. As a sophomore, Bachand had already set the school record in the women's indoor pentathlon and was looking to improve on her mark at the 2005 conference championships. However, Bachand would suffer a catastrophic knee injury during an indoor track meet at the University of South

Dakota in January 2005.

"I was running in the 800-meters," said Bachand, "and I stepped on a girl after she cut in front of me. I suffered a hyper-extension and dislocation in my knee."

The injury was extensive. Doctors were concerned about the damage done to Bachand's knee and told her that she only had a slim chance of being able to run again.

"I was devastated," remarked Bachand.

Less than two weeks after her injury, Bachand was under the knife to repair the damaged knee. After surgery, Bachand and her physical therapist focused on her strength and flexibility. During her rehab, Bachand was not progressing as quickly as she should have been. The decision was made to undergo another surgery to manipulate her knee into the right position. Surgeons removed scar tissue that had built up in her knee during the healing from her original surgery. Some might have been discouraged by all of these setbacks and given up. Not Bachand though. She was driven to overcome this injury.

"The physical therapist told me that my injury was one of the five most intense therapies that he ever had to work on,"

said Bachand. "He said that he dreaded coming to see me because it was so hard."

Bachand pushed on. She continued through her rehab, and over time, was able to pedal a bike. Then she was able to jog. And after defying the odds, she was able to run again.

"I was scared," said Bachand. "Originally I was going to wait until the outdoor track season to get back competing because the turns on the indoor track are so tight. After talking with my physical therapist, we decided that I was ready to try it."

So she did. Bachand competed for the Yellow Jackets for the first time in December 2005, less than a year after suffering her devastating injury.

However, the story doesn't end there. For most people, the success of rehabbing a potentially career-ending injury would be enough. Not for Bachand. Less than three months after competing for the first time since her injury, Bachand would win the Dakota Athletic Conference women's indoor pentathlon and set a new Black Hills State school record in the process.



Sports

Cross country teams place at national meet

The women's and men's cross country teams were ranked sixth and tenth going into the nationals. However, the teams finished higher than

expected. The women's team finished in second place and the men earned an eighth place finish at nationals. The Yellow Jackets also finished third in the combined title race and also had two harriers earn All-American honors.

Freshman Kerry Washburn and redshirt freshman Wesleigh Jastorff both qualified for the award by finishing in the top 30.

After an impressive top-20 finish at the NAIA meet in 2004, senior Zach Kintzley finished his 2005 year in 60th place. Kintzley struggled with numerous injuries this season.



The Yellow Jacket women's cross country team takes a break during the national meet. The team finished second in the nation. Members, starting at the top left and going clockwise, are: Jamie Hahn, Kendra Karst, Alicia Verhulst, Liz Woodruff, Wesleigh Jastorff, Crystal Hostetter and Kerry Washburn.

Track team competes at nationals

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams had a successful season this spring, which culminated in a national meet competition with six members winning All-American honors for the women's team.

Amber Brodersen, a freshman from Wolsey, earned All-American honors at the national meet with a fourth-place finish in the shot put competition. The women's 3,200-meter relay also earned a fourth-place finish. Members of the 3,200-meter relay were Jamie Hahn, Crystal Hostetter, Liz Woodruff, and Wesleigh Jastorff. The women's distance medley relay team from BHSU finished fifth. This was the fifth time in six years that the BHSU women's DMR finished in the top six in the nation and were named All-Americans. Members of the medley team were Liz Woodruff, Callie Ackerman, Wesleigh Jastorff, and Crystal Hostetter.

Hostetter, a BHSU senior from Thermopolis, Wyo., finished eighth with a time of 5:06.11, just two seconds from the sixth-place runner. Freshman Kerry Washburn finished 12th in the women's 5,000-meter run. A total of 14 men's and women's indoor track athletes competed at the national meet.

The women's team also won their first-ever Dakota Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship this season.

BB teams miss national tourney by one point

Both the men's and women's basketball teams at Black Hills State University ended their seasons just one point from the national tournament.

The Lady Jackets fell 53-52 to Minot State in the DAC Championship game Feb. 27 in Minot, N.D. It was a heartbreaking way to end a roller-coaster season. The women finished the season 15-16 overall, but the team suffered five losses this season by three points or less. The Lady Jackets will lose two seniors, center Becca Walters and guard Jill Thomas.

Under first-year head coach, Paul Sather, the men's basketball team ended a tremendous season with a devastating one-point loss, 69-68, at Mayville State in the Dakota Athletic Conference championship game. The men's basketball team finished the season with a 17-14 (10-4 DAC) record. Six seniors will leave the team, including guard Casey Doolan, guard J.J. White, guard/forward Ammon Bemis, forward Levi Memmer, forward Scott Ferguson and forward Hallard Jackson III.

Gurney named softball coach at Black Hills State

Amy Gurney, an assistant softball coach at Northern State University in Aberdeen (NSU), has been named head women's softball coach at BHSU.

Gurney has been an assistant coach at Northern since 2004. Prior to her coaching experience she was a pitcher for the NSU Wolves softball team from 1999-2003. Gurney also served as head softball coach for the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation program and has served as a volunteer softball coach and pitching clinic director at Yankton. She has been involved in a number of professional activities including the South Dakota Counseling Association, South Dakota Education Association and Kappa Mu Epsilon.



Gurney

Gurney is currently a counseling center intern and disability services graduate assistant at NSU. She previously served as a substitute math teacher and residence life program coordinator in Aberdeen.

Originally from Yankton, Gurney graduated from NSU with a bachelor's degree in education with a coaching minor in 2003. She will finish her master's degree in education, guidance and counseling this spring.

In a written coaching philosophy, Gurney says she believes coaching is a matter of creating an environment of expectations and trust.

Sports

Football team ends with a winning season

The Yellow Jacket football program finished the year with a 7-3 record, one of the best seasons the team has had in 30 years. The Jackets, under the direction of head coach John Scott, placed third in the tough Dakota Athletic Conference (DAC) and was ranked 24th in the final NAIA football rankings.

The 2005 season got off to a rough start, after losing to Dickinson State in a non-conference game and falling to Valley City in the DAC opener. In the next four games the Jackets came back with four wins.

A highlight of the season was the fact that the Yellow Jackets defeated three tough North Dakota teams with impressive wins against Dickinson State, the University of Mary and Minot State.



The Yellow Jacket football team earned the honor of displaying the coveted Homestake trophy after beating S.D. Tech.

BHSU had five first-team all-conference selections: tight end Zach Alcorn, defensive lineman Luke Neely, defensive back Tanner Tetrault, kickoff returner Craig Tschetter, and kicker Rocky Stevens.

The Jackets had another eight selections to the second team in running back James Lemke, wide receiver Kyle Gerik, tight end Dale Query, offensive line Jeremy Cox, defensive line John Smit, linebacker Travis Peetz, linebacker Shad Schneider and defensive back Tschetter.

The team is already making plans for an even more successful season next year. The Yellow Jackets will lose 10 seniors, however, there are 11 juniors coming back and Scott is busy recruiting an impressive group of newcomers.

Alcorn keeps it simple and dreams big

God, family and football. It's pretty simple to me." Black Hills State senior Zach Alcorn has his priorities set in life and he is on the brink of making his dreams of playing football professionally a reality.

"I have wanted this since I was a little boy," says Alcorn. "It feels awesome for me to finally have a chance to achieve my dream."

During his past two seasons at BHSU, Alcorn has posted some impressive stats. At 6'3" and 250 pounds, his measurements are that of the prototypical tight end. His 40-yard dash time ranks among the best in the nation for tight ends. His credentials are impeccable. He earned first-team NAIA All-American status in 2005 among numerous other top awards.

"In high school I was told that I had the potential to be pretty good," says Alcorn. "It just happened that the ball bounced my way a couple of times and I got a shot to keep going."

Alcorn started out his college career at Chadron State College in his hometown of Chadron, Neb. Before long, Alcorn realized that Chadron State was not right for him. He took a year off to work out and train for what he hoped would eventually be a shot at the big time.

In the fall of 2003, the possibility of going back to college and finishing his collegiate career became more and more of a reality for Alcorn. BHSU and the community of Spearfish seemed to be a perfect fit for

Alcorn. A former assistant coach from his days in Chadron was now an assistant at BHSU. Alcorn decided to play for the Yellow Jackets and has had a very successful career here.

In 2005, Alcorn competed in the inaugural Magnolia Gridiron All-Star Classic in Mississippi. He earned a spot in the All-Star Game by catching 43 passes for 689 yards and seven touchdowns during the regular season, leading the Yellow Jackets to a 7-3 record.

All of Spearfish and the surrounding area have encouraged Alcorn in his quest.

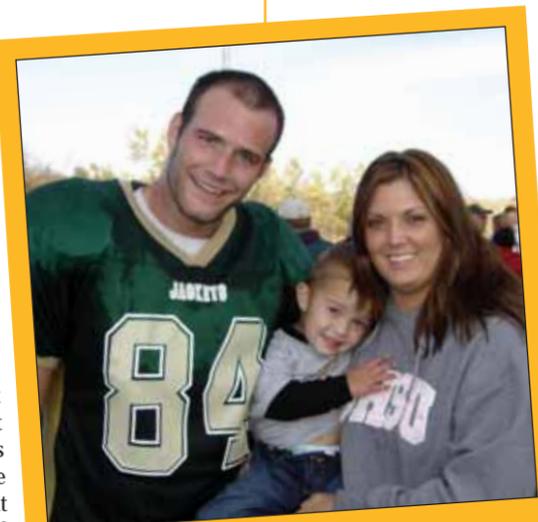
"It feels so awesome to have the support of the community around me," says Alcorn. "People that I have never met will come up to me and wish me luck. Everyone is pulling for me."

The one constant for Alcorn has been his family. Alcorn is married to his high school sweetheart, Jennifer. They have a son, Justus, and are now expecting the birth of their second child.

"We started dating during my sophomore year in high school. My family means so much to me," says Alcorn.

However, not far behind his family, is football. He now knows that no matter what happens in his professional career, he will always be a Yellow Jacket and have loyal fans in Spearfish.

"I guess people just like cheering for an underdog."



Zach Alcorn, shown with his son, Justus, and his wife, Jennifer, is pursuing his dream of becoming a professional football player.

Flickema

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Dr. Thomas Flickema

A Michigan native, Flickema received a Ph.D. from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., in history with a political science minor. He earned a master's degree in history at WSU in 1962. His undergraduate degree in history and education was acquired at Hope College, Holland, Mich., in 1960.

After completing a teaching assistantship and his master's degree in history, Flickema began his professional career in 1962 as a history instructor at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, Mich. Moving to the West Coast in 1966, he accepted a history professorship at California State University-Fullerton. There he served as director of summer sessions in Mexico and Guatemala, and ultimately, as director of Latin American studies from 1973 to 1975. From 1975 to 1979 he was chairman of the history department at the Fullerton campus.

Flickema was appointed dean of graduate studies at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in 1979. He served as dean until 1983 when he was appointed vice president for academic affairs at Northern State University in Aberdeen.

Flickema came to BHSU in August 1994 when he was appointed to serve as interim president. He was named to the post permanently in February 1995 following a nationwide search. His 22-year career in the South Dakota public higher education system also includes serving as vice president for academic affairs at Northern State University from 1983 to 1994. Flickema is BHSU's eighth president.

During retirement, Flickema is looking forward to having more control of his time and planning to spend more time golfing, gardening. He will continue to be involved in community organizations and keep his professional involvements. He also said he's interested in doing some research on the history of this area and may teach a history course or two.

The president and his wife, Judy, have three grown children, Patricia, Todd, and Jan, and seven grandchildren.

during Flickema's tenure at BHSU.

"One of the best ways to keep enthusiasm in the field is to do research in the field. Our faculty are doing that. Research doesn't take away from teaching, it adds another dimension. I take great pride in our faculty research," Flickema says. He adds that faculty are also committed to providing opportunities for undergraduate research to students.

He values undergraduate research and has encouraged more undergraduates to pursue graduate school.

"It's important to get the students to see the bigger picture. A lot of times they don't see their own potential," Flickema says.

Perhaps the most noticeable change is the transformation of the campus with ongoing landscaping and building improvements, and most recently, the addition of Clare and Josef Meier Hall, a magnificent music and classroom building located in the center of campus.

"The physical changes are supplementary to what is going on inside the university. It's important to provide the facilities needed. Overall, we've tried to make facility improvements that enhance the campus and create a learning atmosphere so people feel good about being here," Flickema says.

Clare and Josef Meier Hall is an excellent example of facility improvement. The magnificent music and classroom building boasts the finest recital hall and music practice facilities in the region and is the site of the annual internationally-known Black Hills Summer Institute of the Arts.

Flickema stressed the growing role that BHSU has taken in community and regional affairs. The university has also greatly enhanced economic and educational outreach activities through the addition of several centers including the Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education, the Center for Tourism Research, the Center for the Conservation of Biological Resources, the Center for Business and Entrepreneurship and the Center for Indian Studies. These centers provide a link to the community with services, assistance and development.

BHSU is taking a lead role in the development of the educational outreach component of the DUSEL Lab at Homestake. Members of the faculty are highly involved with Black Hills

Vision, a regional economic development group seeking to add new dimensions to the economy through technology. In addition, the university has several ongoing projects in conjunction with the governor's 2010 initiative to promote economic development in the state.

"The role that BHSU will play in all of these important endeavors is important," Flickema says. "We need to be proactive. There is much we can do. This is a forward-moving institution that makes a profound impact on the community and outlying region."

Flickema's vision for BHSU has included expanding the reach of the university by increasing the number and types of courses offered in the surrounding area. BHSU now offers classes at several sites in the Rapid City region and also makes classes available at other locations and through distance learning options. BHSU now has a full-time presence in Rapid City at the Higher Education Center - West River to assist residents in that area with higher educational needs and goals.

Flickema led the university through a successful national accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission in 2002. The university also received positive accreditation approvals from several discipline-specific organizations.

The BHSU Foundation and the Yellow Jacket Foundation have seen huge increases in the last decade. The assets of the foundations now total more than \$8.5 million. The scholarship programs administered by the BHSU Foundations have grown dramatically, and BHSU was able to award more than \$662,000 in scholarships last year, compared to \$150,000 when Flickema arrived at BHSU in 1994.

"The greatest strength of this campus is the people. Through the years I've learned to rely on people around me," Flickema says.

He noted that because of limited finances, people often get the job done with extra effort and creative thinking - something that happens every day across the BHSU campus.

I have people coming to me all the time with good ideas. What I do as president is encourage people to make their ideas a reality and make suggestions about how their ideas fit together in the big picture to improve our campus. My job is to coordinate and help make things happen," Flickema says.

Looking ahead

Commencement

May 13
50-year class reunion

Old Baldy Golf Classic

June 3-5
Saratoga, Wyo.

Black Hills Summer Institute of the Arts

June 11-24

Baseball Reunion

June 23-24

Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Golf Classic

June 24
Spearfish Country Club

Gold Dust Yellow Jacket Auction

Sept. 8
Spearfish Pavilion

Homecoming Week

Sept. 17-23
BHSU vs. Dickinson State

BHSU events

For a complete list of events at BHSU, see www.bhsu.edu:8085/oncampus or choose About BHSU, then Calendars from the BHSU home page www.bhsu.edu

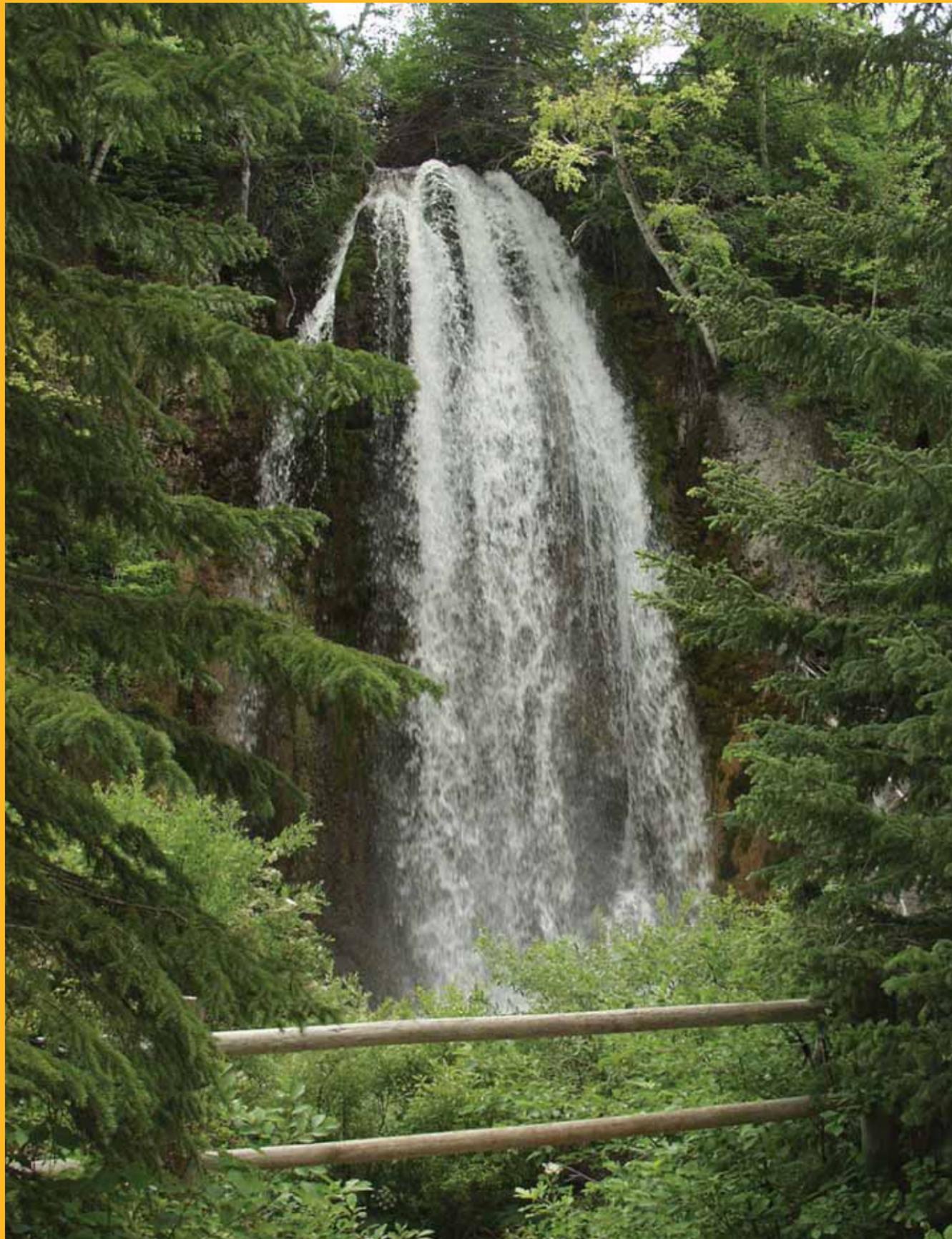
For athletic information see www.bhsu.edu/bh/athletics/



Looking back

Baseball players from the past will meet in Spearfish this summer at the first-ever baseball reunion. The reunion, June 23-24, will include social time and optional participation in a golf tournament and baseball game. Attendees will honor long-time baseball coach, Cliff Papik, second from the right, at the gathering. These players, from the 1957 team are, left to right, Jerome Schatz, Ken Wagner, Terry Bell, Papik, and Wes Storm.

Another look



This view of Spearfish Falls awaits those who take the trail from Savoy in Spearfish Canyon.